Week 9 – 3rd December 2014
Sharing Our News

As the end of the year approaches our school and its students certainly are not slowing down! Our teachers have worked very hard over the past few weeks finalising assessments and reports, as well as preparing lessons to ensure your children are engaged and still learning throughout December. The school is also buzzing with concert preparations, with classes regularly rehearsing in the hall, in their classrooms and also at assembly. Thanks must be extended to our talented teachers who are guiding the students in this production. Please join us next Wednesday at 6pm for what promises to be a very colourful and entertaining event.

King Street Students Proudly Entertaining the Community

We have had fantastic feedback from our Senior Citizens this week regarding the impressive performance of our choir on Monday. It is such a joy for our students to be out in the community, with the infectious smiles on their faces and their enthusiasm certainly spreading to their audience. They are very much in demand this year, having already visited Singleton Pre-School joining the band this Friday at the Nursing Homes.

Thank you to all choir members for being PROUD school representatives and to Mr Kember and Mrs Atkinson for their commitment to this group.

Celebrating Student Achievement

We continue to celebrate the many achievements of our students in 2014. Recently certificates have been presented for the Premier’s School Sporting Challenge, the Premier’s Reading Challenge and the University of NSW tests. Congratulations to all the hard working students who were recipients of these awards.

Cath Larkman
**Canteen Roster**

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**Canteen News**

*New at the Canteen on Mondays!*

**Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps** only $5

**Tuesday Meal Deal**

**Pizza Meal Deal:** Pizza and Juice $3.50
(normally $3.70)

**Nugget Meal Deal:** 6 Nuggets and Juice $4
(normally $4.40)

**Hot Dog Day**

We will be having a Hot Dog Day on Monday the 8/12/14. The Hot Dogs will be $2.50 and there is an order form in this week’s newsletter. Orders are due by 5/12/14 to the office.

**Movie Tickets Now Available**

The movie tickets from our fundraiser have arrived and are now available for pick up at the Canteen. We wish to thank everyone for their support of our fundraisers in 2014.

**Important to Remember...**

As the end of the year approaches we will be letting stock of certain items run down. This may affect the availability of some ice-blocks/chips. Hot food will not be affected. We apologise if this causes any inconvenience.

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**King Street PBL Values**

At King Street we are:

**Kind, Safe, Proud and Supportive.**

In our classrooms we:

- Co-operate...always cooperate with teachers, classmates and visitors
- Listen...be an attentive listener for effective learning
- Attitude...have a positive attitude for successful learning and be proud of our work
- Sensible...move and behave safely in the classroom
- Studious...be studious and enjoy the sharing of knowledge with teachers and classmates.

**At King Street Public school we have CLASS.**

Thank you to the following students for displaying our KSPS values and rules (Term 3, Week 4):

**From Stage 3:** Tyler S, Tom S

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**Where will you be in 2015?**

As planning is about to begin for 2015, we are after an indication of those families who may be leaving the area at the end of the year. It would be appreciated if you could let our office know as soon as possible.

Similarly, if you know any families who will be moving into our school zone, please encourage them to contact our office staff with their details.

**Sausage Sizzle on Concert Night**

The King Street P&C Association invites all family and friends to join us for a sausage sizzle before the end of year concert next **Wednesday at 5pm**.
Outstanding Speeches from School Captain Candidates

King Street Public School students were very fortunate last week to listen to very impressive speeches from the year 5 candidates for 2015 School Captain. They all spoke clearly and confidently, presenting imaginative speeches with content that will surely make the decision on who to vote for very difficult!

The high level of public speaking at King Street Public School is a reflection on the way our students and their families have embraced the ‘talking and listening’ programs that run from Kinder to Year 6 at our school. Activities such as presenting weekly speeches and research assignments to their class help our students to become competent at speaking to an audience. They also become very aware that the content of their presentations must be such that their audience remains engaged!

We once again thank all our candidates and wish them the best of luck.

Indigenous Culture Shared at Storytime

Last week at Storytime, our 2015 Kindergarten students were treated to activities hosted by our Aboriginal Group. After performing a traditional dance, the students guided the pre-schoolers in an Aboriginal art activity. There certainly were smiles all round!

Preparation for 2014 End of Year Concert in Full Swing!

If you find your children unexpectedly humming some 80's tunes at home this week, don't be alarmed-it's concert time! Our students and their teachers are busy rehearsing for what promises to be a very entertaining evening. The concert is on Wednesday evening, 10th December, commencing at 6pm. A full school rehearsal will take place on Monday, 8th December. Teachers will let their students know if they need their costumes on this day.

Prior to the concert the P&C will be holding a sausage sizzle. Sausage sandwiches, drinks and treats will be available from 5pm.

Please mark this date in your diary and let your very talented children entertain you!

BUS PASSES 2015

Parents are reminded that ALL students in Kinder, Yr 1 & Yr 2 are entitled to free bus travel. If your child is starting Yr 3 you need to re-apply for a bus pass. All other students with a current bus pass need not apply, unless the student's address has changed. Students who live outside that 1.6km radius will continue to receive free travel as long as they continue to attend school. Any students inside this radius will need to pay for travel.

**Year 3 students need to reapply for a bus pass if they are eligible, i.e. they live outside the 1.6km radius from school.**

If your child is going to use free travel in 2015, please contact the office for an application form.
School Farewells Mr Kember..again..maybe!

Last Friday was officially Mr Kember's last day for the year and he has announced regretfully that he will not return next year as our Norta Norta teacher. This is obviously a huge loss to our school and our students as Mr Kember will be missed by all. However, as Mr Kember does not walk away from his commitments he has agreed to come to our school to conduct the choir for some of our end of year festivities.

We wish Mr Kember all the best in his retirement and thank him from all the children who have benefitted from his many years at our school.

Choir begins their Christmas Season

On a related topic, Monday this week Mr Kember and Mrs Atkinson took our choir students to perform for the Senior Citizens at the All Saints Church Hall. The students performed 3 very modern versions of old favourites to a very enthusiastic crowd. They sang beautifully and made Mr Kember very proud in one of his last performances with our choir. This kicks off a very busy period for our choir with performances on Friday the 5th of December at Elizabeth Gates, Mercy and Cooinda Nursing Homes as well as the following Friday for our presentation day.

Mrs Stretton Represents Singleton

Mrs Stretton has just had a very exciting weekend in Canberra representing Singleton in the ‘Good Neighbour Games’. The Good Neighbour Games involves 128 teams from Australia's neighbouring countries (such as Fiji) competing in volleyball.

Mrs Stretton and her teammates play regularly together here in Singleton. They travelled to the games hoping to have a lot of fun, but not expecting to be overly competitive! As the weekend progressed they were very excited to win some sets, and were pleasantly surprised to be placed second in their pool.

We are very proud of Mrs Stretton and her team! If anyone would like to play or learn how to play volleyball, she encourages you to join them on Thursday nights at the Singleton Heights Sports Centre.

Christmas Cheer in the Office

Thank you to Hannah, Kirsty and Ella for helping us to bring some Christmas Spirit into the office. The girls worked very well as a team to put up and decorate our tree!

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note there will be no more borrowing this year. Could all books please be returned ASAP.

Thank you to all our students for being great readers in 2014.

Mrs Hawkins.
Holiday Home for our Chooks Please

At the moment we have 6 chooks here at school. It would be greatly appreciated if someone would be able to take the chooks over the holiday and look after them. If you can, please see Mrs Stewart or Linda as soon as possible.

Thank you.

King Street Values the Wellbeing of our Students

Please be aware that we have an immuno-suppressed student in our school.

If your child develops a contagious disease, please let the school know ASAP so we can act accordingly.

Visiting Performance – “Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo”

Our term 4 visiting performance will be held on **Tuesday, 9th December** and is titled: Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo!

Supercover will cover the cost of this performance; otherwise the cost will be $5.00 per student.

Please return the permission note below with payment to ensure your child is able to attend.

Regards,

Mrs Griffiths

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HOT DOG DAY!

**MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER**

Hot Dogs $2.50 each

Name..............................................................

Class..................How Many?.............Sauce Y/N

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Please have orders and money to the office by **Friday 5th December**.
Keeping our Students Safe

Please be aware that students under the age of 13 are not legally able to use Facebook or similar social media sites. King Street Public School staff reinforce this across our school.

Valuable learning time is taken away from other students if these issues come into the school day. If the legal guidelines are followed this problem should not arise in a K-6 school.

Many government websites have tips for parents around effective supervision of internet use.


Thank you for your support and consideration

Cath Larkman

Have you Downloaded our School App Ready for 2015?

We have just marked the 1st anniversary of the King Street Public School App. The App went ‘live’ on the 25th of November 2013, and has proved to be of huge benefit to both staff and parents.

If you haven’t yet downloaded the App to your smartphone or ipad, we encourage you to do so. It is a wonderful and convenient way to keep updated with school events and notify us of absences and changes to contact details. You can also access the calendar and newsletter.

Simply search ‘King Street Public School’ in your app store and download. The App is FREE.

King Street is an Allergy Aware School

This is a reminder for all families that some of our students have serious reactions to products containing nuts and fish.

We ask families to carefully consider the danger that others could face if they touch or eat these products.

We ask that you please do not send foods or containers to school that contain nut or fish products.
Fresh Fruit & Vegetables
Mick & Chris’s Fruit & Vegetable Store open Fridays & Saturdays over the Railway Bridge on Glenridding Road.
King Street Public School sincerely thanks the following local businesses for their support of our 009 Leadership Program:

- One-O-One Coffee House and Homewares
- Topshot Tenpin and Indoor Sports
- Civic Video
- Subway Restaurants

Singleton Sound Solutions
75 John St, Singleton
Tel: 02 65 715 155

CHRISTMAS AT BUNNINGS!

Book Now For this Free Event
4th December 6 - 8pm

*Dora the Explorer
*Interactive Dinosaur Display
*Santa
*Dancers
*Sparkles the Clown
*Jumping Castle
*Craft & More

2014 Lolly Run

Santa will be traveling around Singleton between 4.00pm and 8.00pm from the 8th till the 12th of December in the following areas...

Monday—8th of December
Queen Street through to Greenwood Avenue and Maison Dieu, Gowrie and McDougals Hill

Tuesday—9th of December
Hunterview and Pioneer Rd and Darlington, Dunolly and Glenridding

Thursday—11th of December
York Street through to Kelso St and the railway line and York Street to the Civic Centre (between John and George St)

Friday—12th of December
Entire Heights area between the Highway and the Pinical

Santa asks that all children put safety first and only stand on the foot path as he comes past and have a VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!
Stage 3 have been submitting some excellent writing to their teachers. This is just a small sample.

**The Curse**  
by **Ella S**

A long time ago in the kingdom, Camelot, a baby was born. Blessed by the fairies her parents named her Candice, after the children’s fairy, Candice Bless. The kingdom was ecstatic and threw a party.

Meanwhile, the witches of the Mountain were furious. A witch’s mission is to rid the world of children. They had cursed the queen, but the fairies had gifted her a princess.

"Sssssss... bang...bang...BANG...Sssss!" The cauldron bubbled as the witches laughed, "By day a rose, by night a thorn. This curse goes from me to you; now let's see what it can do."

That night a storm came from the mountain. 'Crack, crash'. A tree fell straight into the princess’s nursery and her cries filled the kingdom along with the sound of a screeching snake. The next morning the princess wasn’t in her bed but on her pillow was a lock of hair and a green snake scale.

The kingdom was torn. "Perhaps it was a dream," said one man. "But the hair and the scale were in her bed," argued another man. "Perhaps it was the witches," said a little girl. She was right.

The princess was in a cave with a witch and a dead snake. Candice’s head was bleeding. A lock of her hair the witch did chop, a snake had appeared. "My curse, my curse!" the witches cried with happiness. "Wait till your mother sees you."

By lunchtime the kingdom, the castle and the people were grey. Another storm came from the mountain and Candice appeared on her bed. The king and queen called for Candice to be checked for magic. But the work of a witch cannot be traced.

An innocent man had died that day, his fingerprints found on the baby's arm. Now Candice is a beautiful young woman, talented and free.

She’ll dance and sing appearing as merry as can be, but only Candice knows what lurks at night. With her door locked and window open as the wind howls, a woman with snakes as hair prowls the streets of a beautiful kingdom.

**Lost Soldier**  
by **Josie B**

I've been here so long. I've seen it all, every type of person, every way you can steal something, all of it. But the only thing I haven't seen is what I'm here for. I'm just a woman, close to extinction, with wrinkles that look painful, waiting for her lost soldier to come home.

It was the start of World War 2. Young men were keen to be heroes for their country and bring home victory. Thoughts rose while the men waited in line for their papers. Peter exhaled when the sergeant gave him his papers. Peter wasn’t sure about fighting in the war, but his good mate, Noel, was abnormally certain about fighting. They were only farm boys who wanted to be known for their bravery and selflessness.

Walking back to the house I see a man-a lost man. A rush of hope fills my body and I start limping towards this stranger. But as I get closer I realise that's not my Peter. I experience a painful stabbing feeling in my stomach, knowing that my soldier is still lost. Hopelessly I walk up the stairs and my daughter is there waiting for me with a solemn look on her face. "Mother you have to stop. He's never coming home." "Who told you that?" I sharply say back. "Mum I think it's time to stop and just... just you have to stop."

It was a humid night, but it didn't bring down anyone's spirit at the local festival. Peter and Noel were both quite the characters - young, handsome and did not have a care in the world about what people thought of them. They both finished school early to work as farm boys, helping plant crops, grooming the horses, the list could go on for days.

We sit eating dinner silently. Aurora has been against me waiting at the pier since I started 20 years ago. She tells me that I need closure and by going down there every day and getting my hopes up, it's bad for my 'Mental Health'. But that's not the only reason I go down. The main reason I go is that it is better than sitting inside where memories come back by the dozen. It's not that the memories are bad, it's just painful to think he's not here to remember them with me.

(10 years later, after dinner...)

The fresh air is nice on my face and there is the warmth of the sun on my back. It feels good to not be in Sunnyside Retirement Home anymore. For ten years I never left that place - too scared of memories. While walking through the park, I stop at the memorial garden. Running my fingers past his name I finally feel closure.
Jasper and the Wolves  by Jackson S

In an old wooden lodge, on a very steep mountain, lives Jasper, an enthusiastic man who, most days, shuffles his cattle to a different paddock with his trustworthy dogs Spot, Jack and Timber. The steep mountain that Jasper lives on is about 135m high and has 108 angle tilt towards the top. Although Jasper has a wonderful life, he works hard to keep his 3 dogs Spot, Jack and Timber away from the bloodhound looking pack of wolves at the top of the mountain that is as white as snow.

In the previous months at Jasper’s lodge, the pack of wolves has been creeping in at dusk to have a blood red feast on his calves, which have little defence against these scary wolves. Last week he lost 4 young brown speckled calves and another 3 orange speckled calves. Also lately he has been losing more than ever, ranging from 2 a week to 7 or more. So, rather than leave his poor defenceless calves outside in the cold at night, he has lately been droving his cattle inside of his overall huge barn, almost full of hay.

“Darn! I’m sick of those wolves that live on my mountain!” yells Jasper, annoyed by the blood thirsty wolves. “We should take a bunch of townspeople up to the top of your mountain and go on a quick shooting spree!” screams the bartender to Jasper, who keeps cursing the wolves. Jasper, obviously not bothering to listen to what the bartender had just screamed, yelled, “Let’s go on a shooting spree after that pack of wolves!” In the background you could hear a bunch of drunken men yelling, “Yes!” as well as all the dogs barking and yelping in agreement to what Jasper had just said aloud.

Soon after everything that happened in the bar, Jasper and all his mates got their hunting season guns to shoot some wild wolves in the mountain ranges for warm jackets from the wolves’ skin, or perhaps even pants or socks. On the drive up to the mountain they passed a small, but very dark, forest area with plenty of wild critters and animals rummaging into the forest, trying to hide from the cars.

As soon as they reached the mountain top the men, very angry about the wolves, hopped out of their cars and slowly ran off into the forest in search of the wolves. Around an hour later, one man spotted a wolf lying down under a fallen tree trunk, sleeping. The man ran quickly, but silently, over towards the sleeping beast. Once he reached the wolf, he smelt blood and quickly turned around. Then he saw it....

The other men, within about 500m, heard a howling sound. They sprinted towards the sound and started hearing screams. Once they reached the sound, they saw a massive pool of blood with something in it, something scary. The men looked around a saw a bushy tail hanging from a trunk. The men thought it was a live wolf, but once they walked there, jumping over fallen trunks with loads of fungi on them, they saw a carving in the trunk that said, ‘Die, wolf, die!’

They realised it was the town butcher that had done this. He had also left a dead wolf at the bottom of the tree. “Well, that’s a nice touch,” laughed Jasper. “Now someone take that back to the car and load it in the back. We only need another male, then we’ll have cut down the breeding for next season.” They continued up the track. The butcher had left for an hour or so. They then spotted the butcher standing with another dead wolf under his foot. The men and Jasper dashed back to town gleefully smiling, with the two wolves in the back of the car.

After a while, the amount of dying calves dropped to about one a month. Jasper was so happy and oh so warm and cosy.
can you make your own opposite poem?

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