Week 7 – 12\textsuperscript{th} March 2014

Sharing Our News

Innovation at KSPS

Our students are always taking up a range of opportunities at our school but so do our staff! When this newsletter is distributed I will be in the final day of a 6 day course (3 days last year) around leadership. This course has been outstanding for the 25 principals and executive in our group from across the state and we will take a lot of what we learn into our everyday roles in our school communities.

Mr Upcroft has just returned from 3 days training in Sydney to be our school TOWN (Taking Off With Numeracy) facilitator. Mrs Kermode, Mrs Mills, Mrs Barry, Mrs Hovey and Mr Upcroft will support all our teachers in Stage 2 and 3 with implementing this initiative. You may remember K-2 teachers did their TEN (Targeting Early Numeracy) training in 2013.

Mrs Maher, Ms Garven, Mrs Burgess and Mrs Richardson will train in Accelerated Literacy at Gwandalan Public School on the 1\textsuperscript{st} and 2\textsuperscript{nd} of April. This initiative will be used to target our writing outcomes across the school. These ladies will be trialling this system in their own classrooms at first and sharing with others as the year progresses.

Mrs Barry and Mrs Hawkins will be up skillling in PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) which is the program which drives our values across the school, and Ms Merta will shortly be doing her Health Safety Representative training in Newcastle.

Please be assured that we have a band of high quality casuals who are employed at these times. Our casuals liaise with the class teachers to best serve the students each day.

The skills our teachers bring back to school help our school to continue to move forward in exciting times for education.
CANTEEN ROSTER

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School Fees 2014

School fees this year will remain at $35 per student. ‘Supercover’ will be $20. ‘Supercover’ is a one off payment that covers our 4 visiting performances this year, saving approximately $4 per student. The last day to pay for Supercover will be Friday, April 11th.

Excursions

Parents/carers are welcome to begin paying off major excursions at the office.
The following is a list of major excursions students will be offered in 2014:

Kindergarten: Hunter Valley Gardens/ Hunter Valley Zoo
Year 1 and Year 2: Australian Reptile Park
Year 3 and Year 4: Point Wolstoncroft (Cost $225)
Year 5 and Year 6: Canberra (cost $425)

Movie Tickets Now Available

Thank you to the families who supported the recent canteen fundraiser. Your movie tickets are now available from the canteen.

The Canteen Committee

Book Club

Orders are due back next Monday, 17th March.

Thank you, Mrs Griffiths.

Stage Assemblies

Infants (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)
19th Mar 2F
2nd Apr 1/2T

Stage 2 (Wednesday of odd weeks at 2.20pm in the Hall)
12th Mar S2T
26th Mar S2M (Please note change)
9th Apr S2B

Stage 3 (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)
21st Mar S3G
4th Apr S3A

Infants Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 4

Merit Cards:
KM: James A, Abigail S, Shaie F
KS: Kaila H, Heath F, Briony B
K/1B: Naash H, Lily S, Heath R
1GS: Laisi-Eli H, Every H, Perry P
1/2T: Keegan D, Brandon C, Naite H
2F: Mattisse H, Harry S, Teisha M
2R: Ava N, Hopper F, Jai R

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:
KM: Jesse P
KS: Max M
K/1B: Tiahana W
1GS: Misen N
1/2T: Billie P
2F: Malachai S
2R: Savannah M

STAR Card Award: Dakota E, Mattia M
Enviroment Award: Thomas C, Jessica R

Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 5

Merit Cards:
S3A: Joel C, Taylor P
S3G: Kiram T, Amber P, Jack H, Kristin C
S3H: Piper F, Chloe R, Catherine B
S3K: Christine, Lara P, Casey S
S3M: Blake E, Stevie W, Elena B

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:
S3A: Kayla M
S3G: Jordan H, Chloe K
S3H: Jarred A
S3K: Oskar R, Ella S
S3M: Tilly S, Jacquilyn D

Sports Awards: Josie B, Ethan T, Beau M

STAR Card Award: Sam M, Shakira S
Best Class at Assembly: S3G
Parent Representatives Required for School Council

The KSPS School Council is a representative body that plays an essential role in the strategic planning, management and development of the school. This body consists of staff, parent and P&C representatives. Community members who do not have a direct involvement with the school are also invited to join. This brings together a diverse range of expertise and ideas which is extremely beneficial in supporting our school executive.

Due to maximum terms being served by current members, we are seeking parent representatives to join the School Council. If you are interested, please fill out the following form and return to the school office. Please note that to join the Council you do need to be nominated by another parent/carer. If we receive more nominations than the number of positions that are available, a vote amongst the parent body will be held.

Thank you for your support.

Working Bee

When: This Sunday, 16th March
Time: 8.30am
Activities: General gardening around the school—weeding, trimming things back and removing dead plants.
What to Bring: Gloves, Covered Shoes, Secateurs

After the beautiful rain our gardens are growing very well. Linda and the EWOKS have been working very hard, and we would love to give them a hand. All King Street families are welcome.

Easter Time Fast Approaching

One of the highlights of Term 1 for KSPS students is always our Easter Hat Parade and Peddlars Parade. This exciting day will be on Thursday, 10th April.

The P&C will again be holding an Easter egg raffle. From next Monday, 17th March we will be collecting donations of Easter eggs to contribute to the many prizes that will be handed out. Members of the P&C will be in the COLA from 8.30am each morning. The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 8th March, and tickets will be coming home with your children next week.

We thank everyone for their support and donations.

Opportunity to Participate in UNSW Competition

All students in years 3-6 will have now brought home a note offering them the opportunity to participate in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools.

This note is also in this week’s newsletter. This is a great chance for students to experience and master the skills of external testing.

If you would like your child to participate, we encourage you to return the note and payment as soon as possible, as there can be no late entries for this competition.
Exciting Opportunities at King Street

The last few weeks have seen the students of King Street offered many exciting opportunities.

Intensive Swimming

Year 3 this year were offered the opportunity to undertake a 2 week intensive swimming program. Mrs Mills and Mrs Baxter accompanied the students each day to the Singleton Gym and Swim, where they were assessed and taught by qualified swimming instructors. Their behaviour and participation was excellent. This has been a hugely successful program, and will be offered to year 2 non swimmers later in 2014.

Art Club

Mrs Baxter has once again commenced her popular Art Club. Under her guidance students meet on Wednesday and Thursday at lunch time and enjoy exciting art activities. All students are welcome.

Cricket

Our Cricket team had an exciting second round win against rivals Denman on Monday.

King Street lost the toss and were sent out to bowl. After a quick prep from our captain Tom S the team was ready for the challenge against Denman Public. Our open bowlers Jackson S and Tom S brought the heat and charged in with the ball to scare the opposition. Even with a few too many wide deliveries Denman's score was kept to a good 72 run effort. King Street were impressive in the field although at times it did sound like a library until our boys found their voice and began to talk it up. It wasn’t long until the boys found their intensity again. It was a very good effort overall and we look forward to our next game.

Our next game is still to be advised but this will be an away game for our boys. Again, thank you to our parents who transport the boys, run around after Miss Honeysett, score, umpire and provide endless support for our boys and Miss Honeysett. This is very much appreciated.

Our Bowling Attack:
Jackson S: 2 for 8 off 5
Tom S: 1 for 6 off 5
Mitch C: 2 for 4 off 4
Sam H: 1 for 7 off 4
Cooper M: 1 for 9 off 3
Blake E: 0 for 1 off 2
Riley W: 0 for 2 off 1
Cody R: 0 for 1 off 1

Our Batting Attack:
Tom S: Caught - 17
Cody R: Run Out - 0
Lleyton R: Caught - 12
Jackson S: Not Out - 4
Sam H: Not Out - 2

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EWOKS Busy in the Garden

Our enthusiastic EWOKS (Environmental Workers Of King Street) were recently the recipients of brand new seedlings courtesy McNamara's Fruit and Vegetables. We sincerely thank them for this kind donation, which has allowed our students to begin rejuvenating the vegetable garden.

The EWOKS have also received a generous donation from Bunnings. Last week they dropped off 8 bags of mulch and some Seasol fertilizer to also help with our planting.

King Street students are extremely lucky to have such wonderful support from the community.

The seedlings being planted by Mrs Stewart and the EWOKS

PSSA Trials

This Friday, March 14th, we have a netball and soccer team attending zone PSSA trials. These teams have been regularly training at school, and we thank them for their commitment. Good luck to all students who will be competing on Friday.

Active After School Sports

King Street students are really enjoying their Active after School Sports activities. This is a healthy living program that provides children quality, safe and fun structured physical activities. The sessions run from 3.25-4.25pm each Monday and Thursday in our school grounds. Students are still able to join.

All smiles at Active Afternoon Sports

Road Safety Information

For the safety of our children, we would like to remind motorists of the various RTA signs that surround our school. For your convenience we have included some information from the RTA website:

![Road Safety Signs](image)

To further ensure the safety of our children, the P&C has erected signs on the Sussex Street fences to remind drivers of the drop off/pick up area. These signs indicate the areas where the zone starts and finishes.

If you are stopping in this zone you must remain within 3 metres of your car, and you may only stop for 2 minutes. This means you can pull up, get out and collect school bags from your boot or backseat, kiss your child then depart. We would appreciate it if all motorists could use this zone correctly, as it would maintain smooth traffic flow in Sussex Street, and help to keep our children safe.
**Are you Looking to Join a Netta Team?**

If your child is 7 or 8 and looking to join a Netta team, please see Lorraine at the canteen.

**Medical Notes now on Web**

Students at King Street are very fortunate to have sporting opportunities and educational excursions to attend. When such events are not held on school grounds, it is very important a medical note is filled out and accompanies the students to their location.

To minimise the number of notes parents have to fill out through the year, we will now keep medical notes on file for 2014. This means, you should only have to fill this note out once.

Please ensure however, if your child develops a medical condition, or their current condition changes, it is essential you let the office staff and their teacher know.

Those students who do not have a current medical note on file will receive one from their teacher. The notes are also available in the ‘Admin’ section of our school website: www.kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.

**Mr Kembers Homework Centre**

Open Fridays at 8.30am. All Students Welcome.

**New Working with Children Check**

If you are one of the many parents/carers who regularly volunteer at our school, please ensure you have filled out your Working With Children Check which is available at the school office.

We thank you for your time and support.

**Important Information Regarding the School App**

We are now regularly sending out reminders of school events and information through our school App. To receive these notifications, it is essential to turn on the ‘notification’ setting in your phone. This can generally be done by going into ‘settings’, and turning ‘on’ banners and alerts.

The App can be downloaded by searching ‘King Street Public School’ in your App store.

**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.

**Thank you for Considering the Heath of our Students**

We would like to cordially remind visitors to our school that the DEC policy regarding tobacco states:

“Smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups.”

We thank you for considering the well-being of our students.

**EFTPOS**

NOW AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL OFFICE

**PERMISSION NOTES**

NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We are looking for canteen volunteers to help with recess serve from 1.30pm to 2pm each day. To volunteer please see Brook or Lorraine in the canteen. Any help would be greatly appreciated.
Mick & Chris’s Fruit & Vegetable Store open Fridays & Saturdays over the Railway Bridge on Glenridding Road.
**Poetry Writing Workshop**

Featuring Jean Kent, Hunter poet and Newcastle Poetry Prize judge

Date: Saturday March 15
Time: 9.30am to 3.30pm
Cost: $10 or free to all library members.

RSVP: Bookings essential

This workshop is appropriate for writers of all levels. It has the objective of preparing attendees to enter the Local Award section of the Newcastle Poetry Prize and possible inclusion in the anthology of the best entries.

Ph: 6678 7500  www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au

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**Holiday Fun**

**Singleton Strikers Football Clinic 2014**

Monday to Wednesday 14th to 16th April, 2014.

Cost: $150.00 per child, Second child in a family pays $110.00. Third and subsequent child pays $90.00.

Included in this cost is 9 hours of professional coaching under the direction of Singleton Strikers First Division Team Head Coach, Grant Bollard.

Each player will also receive an Admiral playing shirt & shorts, a Nike football, a cap, a drink bottle, fruit and a lunch pack each day (including a fruit drinks), and chances to win vouchers from local business A A League Membership (including a signed Jets Shirt & Ball).

PLEASE NOTE: NO SOCCER EXPERIENCE IS REQUIRED – IT'S A FUN FILLED THREE DAYS OF FOOTBALL SKILLS, LEARNING AND GAMES

Where: Hoea Park, Boundary St, Singleton.
Time: 9:00am to 12:00pm (please arrive by 8:45am for a warm-up)
Ages: 5 to 17 years

For more details visit
or email us at 2014clinic@singletonstrikers.com

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**What’s happening to our girls and boys?**

A talk by Maggie Hamilton for parents of children and young adults.

Date: Thursday 20th March
Time: 6.30 - 8.00pm
Cost: Free

RSVP: Bookings essential

Maggie Hamilton is a writer and social researcher. Her many books include What’s Happening To Our Girls? and What’s Happening To Our Boys? The books put the lives of young people under the microscope, uncovering the issues they struggle with, how best they can be supported and provide numerous tips for parents and educators on how to create a more promising future for our children.

Books will be available for sale and signing courtesy of Singleton Books Etc.

Ph: 6678 7800  www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au
S3K Who am I?

I like motorbikes
I live on a farm
There are 5 people in my family
I am a 009 leader
I have 4 poddy calves that I ride

I am a boy
I am in Year 5
I have long hair
I have blue eyes
I play lots of computer games

I wear glasses
I like being active
I am a boy
I am in Year 5
I have blue eyes

I have 3 dogs
There are 6 people in my family
I am a 009 leader
I am crazy
I love sport, especially football

I have brown hair
I am a girl
One of my friends is Ella S
I love playing computers
I have a crush on someone

My favourite colour is green
I wear glasses
I have blonde hair
My hair is short

I am a boy
I am 11 years old
There are 4 people in my family
I have a black belt in Tae Kwan Do
I love playing the X Box 360

I have brown eyes & brown hair
I am a girl
I have 1 sister
I like to ride my motor bike
I like playing with my pets

I am 12 years old
I have one sister
I like to play soccer
I like to play with my dogs
I am a 009 leader

I am a 009 leader
I like video games
I turn 12 this year
I have a pet lizard named Lenny
My favourite sport is cricket
I like to play Minecraft

I love the ice-cream at Sizzlers
I live in a house

I am a boy and I like sport
I am fairly tall
I have red hair

I am a girl
I like to play football
I like the song ‘Everything has Changed’
I am a bookworm
I like to ride motorbikes

JP

I like to go fishing with dad
I have brown eyes
I like riding my quad and horse
I like to eat watermelon
I enjoy playing with my friends

LP

I love to sing
I have red hair
I am a girl
I am short
I am annoying

KLK

I love Touch football
I like eating lollies
I am a girl
I like to run
My favourite colours are green & pink

CS

My last name ends in L
I like saying Ha-Ha jokes
I’ve played football for 2 years
I have a white, blue and black pencil case
My favourite moto rider is Ryan Dungey

TA

I have 1 brother
I used to live in QLD
I like the Bush Tucker Man
I love my Nan
I absolutely love Pokemon

LL

I am a social person
I love technology
I hate cats
I have 3 dogs
I am funny

NH

I live in town
I have three sisters
I love science
My favourite animal is a giraffe
My birthday is in October

CP

I like dogs
I am a boy
I am 10 years old
I like cats
I like to build & play with LEGO

ZR

Did You Guess?
Each year King Street Public School offers our students the opportunity to participate in the UNSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS).

Students from Year 3-6 have the opportunity to enter Computer Skills, English, Mathematics, Science and Spelling.

Regardless of students’ results, they get a wonderful opportunity to experience and master the skills of external testing. Sometimes students can have the knowledge but not the confidence when they are put into this sort of environment. As there is more external testing happening right across our educational system, it makes sense to offer them this opportunity if we can.

All students receive a certificate and an individual report.

Please return the attached form for each child to the school office with payment.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW 2014
International Competitions and Assessments for Schools

The papers we offer are Computer Skills, Science, Spelling, English and Mathematics.

Students may choose to do any combination of these tests if they wish.

Name ________________________________  Class ____________ Year ____________
(Use a separate form for each child)

My child wishes to do the following tests, Please circle.

Computer
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5
- Y6
- Test: 20\textsuperscript{th} May  
- Cost $8.00

Science
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5
- Y6
- Test: 4\textsuperscript{th} June  
- Cost $8.00

Spelling
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5
- Y6
- Test: 17\textsuperscript{th} June  
- Cost $11.00

English
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5
- Y6
- Test: 29\textsuperscript{th} July  
- Cost $8.00

Maths
- Y3
- Y4
- Y5
- Y6
- Test: 12\textsuperscript{th} August  
- Cost $8.00

Amount Enclosed $______ NB (Spelling test is $11 as it is hand marked.)

Please note that entries and payment for all tests are due by Thursday 10\textsuperscript{th} April 2014

NB: If you have more than one child a separate entry is needed for each child.
Artwork by Macy B, S2T