Sharing Our News
Further Tidy Towns Success for King Street

Mrs Stewart and our school leaders proudly attended the Singleton Tidy Towns Garden Competition Awards on Friday evening at the Mechanics Institute. To their delight, our school leaders were able to accept the award for the ‘Community or Educational Facility Garden Winner 2014’ on behalf of our school. This is a well-deserved reward for all the staff, students and community members who take such good care and show such pride in the beautiful grounds we are fortunate to enjoy every day.

Special thanks must go to Linda our Grounds Assistant for her hard work, and to the dedicated EWOKS who maintain our vegetable garden and chickens so well.

Unravelling the anti-bullying process for the KSPS Parent/Carer Community

We have recently reviewed our Anti-Bullying Policy – as you know. Recently we presented a slideshow to the P&C on this topic that they found useful.

I will run this slideshow for interested KSPS school community members on the final Wednesday of term in our school library at 4.00 – 4.45pm. This gives some insight into how we are required to respond to incidents according to DEC policy.

Opportunity to Participate in UNSW Competition

If you would like your child to participate in the University of NSW International Competitions and Assessments for Schools, we encourage you to return the note and payment as soon as possible (payment is due 10th April). There can be no late entries for this competition. Notes are available in this newsletter, and on our website.

Donations of Easter Eggs can be left in the quad each morning from 8.30am. Thank you for your support.
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UNIFORM SHOP

| 1/4/14 | (Tues 2-3pm) | Mel/Tenille |
| 3/4/14 | (Thurs 9-10am) | Dawn Knight |

Clothing Shop Now Open Tuesday (2-3pm) and Thursday (9-10am).

Stage Assemblies

Infants (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)
- 2/7 Apr: 1/2T
- 7th May: Parliamentarians
- 21st May: 1GS
- 4th June: K/1B
- 18th June: 2R

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

Stage 3 (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)
- 4th Apr: S3A
- 9th May: S3H
- 23rd May: S3K
- 6th June: S3G
- 20th June: S3A

EFTPOS Now Available for School Fees

We would like to sincerely thank all the families that have already visited our office to pay for school fees. Very soon we will be sending out invoices to families that have amounts outstanding. It would be appreciated if all fees could be paid by the end of Term 1.

The first visiting performance this year will be on Friday, April 11th, and the option to pay ‘Supercover’ will only be available until this date. ‘Supercover’ is a one off payment of $20 which will cover the 4 visiting performances this year (including the Life education Van). This is a saving for families of $4 per child, and eliminates the need to pay each time the performances come around. Please note you must have paid the voluntary contribution to be eligible for Supercover. Our voluntary contribution remains at $35 for 2014.

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-$50 deposit due 9th May)
Year 5 and Year 6: Canberra (total cost $425-$50 deposit due 7th April)

Infants Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 8

Merit Cards:
- KM: Shayna M, Nathan D, Bree
- KS: Abbey K, Cody B, Jaylen R
- K/1B: Sarah W, Bronty B, Jayden E
- 1GS: Charlie K, Billy S, Meisha H
- 1/2T: Charlie R, Jack F, Tahlia R
- 2F: Krystal P, Mason T, Erica P
- 2R: Nikita E, Charlie M, Bodhi P

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:
- KM: Paige W
- KS: Charlotte R
- K/1B: Frankie D
- 1/2T: Sophie K
- 2F: Chloe D
- 2R: Lotus R

STAR Card Award: Stevie-Lee M, Arlie S
Environment Award: Hopper F, Harrison M

Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 8

Merit Cards:
- S3A: Chris F, Ewan M, Tegan M, Joel C, Logan P
- S3Q: Amiee F, Laura S, Brandon M
- S3H: Cameron M, Matthew D, Sam M
- S3K: Brendan W, Courtney S, Taylor B
- S3M: Harry L, Heath R

K.S.P.S. – P.B.L:
- S3H: Emily K, Lucia S
- S3K: Jorja P, Taylor B, Nic H

Sports Awards: Ella S, Oskar R, Mitch C, Kanisha L

STAR Card Award: Jordan H, Riley W
Best Class at Assembly: S3M
Success for Students at League Trials

Year 6 students Lleyton R, Harrison W, Cooper M and Jackson S were members of the Upper Hunter Rugby League which competed at Raymond Terrace last Friday. The team played 3 games, and won all 3.

We congratulate the boys on their success, and wish Lleyton and Cooper well as they were selected to trial in the ‘possibles and probables’ for the Hunter team.

What can you sell at this year’s Pedlars’ Parade?

Following this year’s Easter Hat Parade our primary students will once again ‘sell their wares’ at the annual Pedlar’s Parade. The Parade will be held during recess, and the proceeds this year will support Stewart House and our World Vision Sponsor Child ‘Onsy’.

Easter Egg Raffle on Again!

The P&C are still collecting donations of Easter Eggs for their Monster Easter Egg Raffle!

All donations can be left in the quad with our volunteers from 8:30am each morning.

The raffle will be drawn on Tuesday, 8th April with the major prize winners being announced at the Easter Hat Parade on April 10th. If you need additional tickets they are available at the office.

Thank you to all families for your support.

KSPS P&C Committee

A Harmonious Day at King Street

Last Friday King Street Public School was a sea of orange, purple and pink as our students and staff recognised Harmony Day and the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence.

Thank you to our students for supporting this day, one that is very important, as it is a day of cultural respect for everyone that calls Australia home. The children also participated in lessons and activities promoting that violence and bullying are not acceptable at school, ever.

King Street Kids promoted Friendship and Harmony last Friday.

What did the Judges say?

We would love to share with you what the judges of the Tidy Towns Garden Competition had to say about your school...

“Impressive. Love the interaction of spaces, good use of sustainable practices. Loved the naming of trees, planting softening the hard lines of buildings and impresses by the growth of native plantings on the boundary and sport oval. Look forward to seeing the sensory garden upgrade. Love the chooks and the very healthy veggie and herb garden and was impressed to see the cuttings and seedlings in their little shed. Wonderful to see the worm farm and composting put to good use. Obvious children, teachers and parents enjoy the benefits from this so congratulations to all.”
**Update on King Street Public School Drought Proofing Plan**

King Street Public School was fortunate in 2013 to be recipients of an AGL grant and the NSW Mining EnviroSmart Award. Funds from these grants have enabled our school to complete Stage 1 of our Drought Proofing Project.

In week 7 of this term we secured the services of Singleton Pump and Water to begin our work. They generously donated machinery to dig the trenches needed, allowing them to lay piping, fittings and install our first pump.

We sincerely thank AGL and NSW Mining. Their generous contribution has allowed the vision of our EWOKS (Environmental Workers Of King Street) to become a reality. We also acknowledge our Grounds Assistant Linda and her staff for their involvement.

![Digging and installing the new piping for our drought proofing.](image)

**Students Benefit from Volunteers**

During Term 1 King Street students have been very fortunate to be visited by a number of parent helpers in many areas of the school. We have volunteers in the canteen, the clothing shop, in our classrooms and even helping out in our gardens. We thank these wonderful people for the time and ‘expertise’ they offer our children.

We would like to remind all parents/carers that they must fill in a ‘Working With Children Check’ form before volunteering. This form is available at the office. For new volunteers only (our Kindergarten parents), a check must be completed through the RTA. Please refer to the following website for information: [http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check](http://www.kids.nsw.gov.au/Working-with-children/New-Working-with-Children-Check).

![Ella enjoys Mrs Stewart’s help with reading in 1/2T.](image)

**Thank you to Valuable Staff Members**

We would like to acknowledge 2 very valuable members of staff that will be leaving us this term. Cherie Thurtell has been carrying out the positions of both District Guidance Officer and School Councillor since the departure of Mrs Rooney. Cherie leaves us today to await the birth of her first child, and we sincerely thank her for the invaluable friendship and guidance she has offered both our staff and students.

We also say thank you and farewell to Maureen Morrissey who is one of our wonderful cleaning staff. Always a friendly face, Maureen is retiring at the end of the term and we wish her all the best for this exciting chapter of her life.

**King Street Selected for Star Struck**

Recently a group of year 6 students at our school submitted an audition tape to those responsible for the casting of Newcastle’s ‘Star Struck’ performers. Mrs Tan was very happy to announce at assembly this week that King Street will once again be part of this exciting event.

Star Struck is a massive production involving schools in our region, and will be held this year on the 13th and 14th June. King Street will be represented by a group of 16 students, who will now start rehearsing regularly at school before joining their fellow performers for joint rehearsals in May.

**Congratulations and Good Luck to the 26 students competing in the Zone Cross Country this Friday at Muswellbrook. Results will be in next week’s newsletter.**
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.**

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.

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.

**REMINDER** At King Street School we have a policy endorsed by the WHS Committee (Work, Health, and Safety) that no animals are to be on school grounds.

The only exception would be if they are brought in for “Show & Tell” and taken home immediately after by parents. It has been noted that some parents are bringing dogs to school with them when dropping and collecting children. We would ask that these parents cease this practice for the safety of the children at our school.

Thank you
K Kermode, WHS Committee

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School Council Parent Representative

Nomination Form

I, .................................................. (print name)
nominate...........................................
for the position of parent representative on the KSPS School Council.
Signed: ............................................
Date: ..............................................

I, .................................................. (print name)
accept the nomination for School Council.
Signed: ............................................
Date: ..............................................

Mobile Devices at King Street

We are aware that many students are now bringing mobile devices such as phones, ipods and ipads to school. We would like to remind students and parents that these devices are not to be used in our classrooms or at lunch and recess. We ask that they are kept in the office for safekeeping throughout the day.

We are, however, receiving many devices each morning, which is creating much work for our office staff. We would like to ask parents/carers to reconsider the need for students to bring such devices to school, and only do so when absolutely necessary. It would also be an idea to have the devices labelled with the child’s name.

Thank you for your support in this matter.

For further information on school events, administration, and to view photos, please visit our school website: www.kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au.
Tennis Coaching

Hotshots 3 to 9 yrs 4:00pm to 4:45pm $11/4w
Hotshots 8 to 14 yrs 4:45pm to 5:45pm $16/4w
Junior Squads 14 to 18 yrs 5:45pm to 7:00pm $15/4w

Hotshots use bigger, softer tennis balls and modified racquets so beginners can rally straight away!

Hunter Tennis Academy
Boundary St, Singleton
6572 3889
info@huntertennisacademy.com.au
www.huntertennisacademy.com.au

Two Events

Become a CHESS HERO

Chess Workshop
Learn cool techniques to outsmart your opponents. Chess Wizard, David Absalom will facilitate the morning sharing his expert knowledge of the game.
9am to 12noon Saturday, 5 April 2014
Singleton Public Library
Gold coin donation

Great prizes

Two Events

Agronomic Advice
Seed & Fertilizer
Chemicals
Spray & Farm Equipment
Electric & Rural Fencing Supplier
Animal Health Products
Animal Feed & Produce
NLIS & Ear Tags

FARMERS
warehouse

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RUTHERFORD 5 Kyle St, Rutherford NSW 2320 Ph: 4932 0855
SINGLETON 8 Ryan Avenue, Singleton NSW 2330 Ph: 6571 5144

www.farmerswarehouse.com.au

Enroll NOW

Fresh Fruit & Vegetables

Mick & Chris’s Fruit & Vegetable Store open Fridays & Saturdays over the Railway Bridge on Glenridding Road.

Harmony Day

29 March 2014
Singleton Public Library 9.30am-11.30am
Storytellers in national costume
Music & crafts
International morning tea

In the park 11.30am -2pm (near Gym & Swim)
Barbecue (paid on entry)
Jumping castle
Games & activities
Performances by local musicians, dancers & singers

For more information contact Wendell Peacock on 02 6578 7215
www.harmony.gov.au

Children’s Eye Examinations

Make their future clear

BULK BILLED

www.kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au

AIE Optical

Prescription Eyewear
**BOXING 4 FITNESS**

Starr Performance Personal Fitness Training
0401241286

**Holiday Fun**

Singleton Strikers Football Clinic

**Singleton Roosters**

Australian Football Club (AFL)

Rose Point Park, Singleton

**2014 Season**

Registrations are still being taken for the 2014 season in ALL grades - Rose Point Park, Thursdays from 4:30

Training for ALL teams, except AUSKICK, take place on Thursdays from 4:30

NAB Auskick - Commencing Thursday 3rd April

An introductory program aimed at 5 to 9 year-old helping them to develop the skills and game play. Auskick operates on a Thursday afternoon from 5pm to 6pm

Youth Grade Teams - Under 9, Under 11, Under13, Under15, Under 17 - Teams train on a Thursday night from 4:30. Games are played on Sundays with most grades playing at the same venue.

Youth Girls - this season sees the launch of a Girls only competition, open to girls aged 12 to 15 Years. Girls will play a reduced season of 10 weeks, with modified rules and a girls only playing strip. Girls will play on Sundays.

For further information please contact - Jason 0448748331
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International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

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.

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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.

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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 10th April 2014

NB: If you have more than one child a separate entry is needed for each child.
Elijah S  S3A

RESPECT ALL TEACHERS

SPORT

SAY NO TO BULLYING

LEARN KSLS

PEACE MAN

FRIENDSHIP FOREVER

BAGS

LOL

KSLS
S2T’s Giggle Worthy Grammar

The pink puppy ran down a small hill. By Samantha

Although we are hungry we will give them some food. By Shianne

The chicken layed an egg when it heard a loud doorbell ring. By Porsha

The cute puppy pounced tall and strong. By Eliza

Although I am hungry I will give Sailor some food. By Emjae

The ugly witch sat tall and strong. By Kyra

The angry teacher ran beside the dog in a big scary house. By Grace

The red faced Miss Mack jumped down a tall building. By Tyler

A giant skull flew and dropped from a tall fire. By Declan

The rabbit jumped up high when it heard a loud dinosaur roar. By John

Jill liked to sing and fly when kicking a ball on a big field. By Stella

A giant boat fell and sank from a tall hose. By Blaiden
The baby kitten purred beside the fire in a small box. By Jemma

The big monster jumped down a tall hill. By Ethan

A giant decepticon dropped and dived from the tall Blaiden. By Shane

The lego brick connected tall and strong. By Joseph

The dog barked up high when it heard a loud mini gun shoot. By Jayden

A giant frog hoped and hoped from a tall lillypad. By Isabelle G

The fluffy chick pecked beside the barn in a warm nest. By Tariya

The adult bounced up high when they say a loud clock vibrate. By Leahni

The glass shattered up high when it heard the horse neigh. By Sailor

A giant bike skidded and jumped from a tall ramp. By Levi

A giant pencil shrunk and escaped from a tall pencil case. By Macy

The puppy pranced up high when it listened to the loud phone vibrate. By Makayla