Week 6 – 5th March 2014

Sharing Our News

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.”

MARGARET MEAD

On Monday evening the dedicated King Street Public School P&C Committee held their Annual General Meeting. At the meeting all positions were declared vacant, and the following office bearers elected:

President: Position Not Filled
Vice-President: Sharee McLoughlin and Cheryl Holz
Secretary: Dawn Knight (assistant required)
Treasurer: Rebecca Monk, assisted by Rashmi Kulkarni
Clothing Pool: Dawn Knight and Belinda Richards

We would sincerely like to thank Kylie Nash who has vacated the position of President after 2 years. Our P&C is a very active, generous group who offer much in the way of time and resources to our school. The Committee is very keen to fill the role vacated by Kylie, and also welcome any new parents or carers. Joining the P&C is a very rewarding way to support your school.

Our Canteen Committee also met last Friday, with office bearers being:

President: Cheryl Holz
Vice-President: Nicky Jones
Secretary: Penny Stewart
Treasurer: TBA
Committee Members: Karen Earnshaw, Belinda Richards.

We thank these wonderful volunteers for their commitment.

Cross Country

Our school Cross Country carnival will take place next Tuesday, 11th March. This is a compulsory event for all students in years 3-6, and students in year 2 who turn 8 this year are also invited to attend. Students will walk down to Rose Point Park, and return to school in time for buses. Please ensure your child carries their asthma puffer if they need to, and they may carry a bottle of water. We look forward to cheering the students on! Thank you Miss McLackland for organising this event.

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.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 1

WEEK 6
Mon 24th Feb- 7th Mar Intensive Swimming
Thurs 6th Mar Regional Swimming Carnival

WEEK 7
Mon 10th Mar Boys Cricket vs Denman
Tues 11th Mar KSPS Cross Country
Fri 14th Mar Netball/Soccer PSSA Trials

WEEK 8
Mon 17th Mar School Council Meeting 4pm

WEEK 9
Fri 28th Mar Zone Cross Country

WEEK 10
Fri 4th Apr Gold Card Assembly 9.30 Hall

WEEK 11
Mon 7th Apr P&C Meeting 5.30pm Library
Wed 9th Apr Combined Scripture
Fri 11th Apr “Lets Stamp Out Bullying”
**Canteen Roster**

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**Uniform Shop**

- 11/3/14 (Tues 2-3pm) Sharee, Jody
- 13/3/14 (Thurs 9-10am) Belinda Richards

**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.

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

**Students Join Singleton Clean Up**

Thank you to the King Street students and families who joined Singleton’s ‘Clean Up Australia’ contribution over the weekend. King Street will hold its own ‘Clean Up’ in the coming weeks.

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**Stage Assemblies**

**Stage 2 (Wednesday of odd weeks at 2.20pm in the Hall)**

- 12th Mar: S2M
- 26th Mar: S2T
- 9th Apr: S2B

**Stage 3 (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)**

- 7th Mar: S3K
- 21st Mar: S3G
- 4th Apr: S3A

**Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 5**

- **Merit Cards**:
  - S3A: Josh D, Kanisha F
  - S3G: Jordan H, Riley W, Beau M
  - S3H: Kirsten R, Jude M, Kipp H
  - S3K: Ella S, Zachary R, Nic H
  - S3M: Harry L, Elena B, Charlotte W

- **K.S.P.S. – P.B.L.**
  - S3A: Olivia E, Olivia M, Tayla P, Hannah W
  - S3G: Diana P, Kristin C
  - S3H: Riley H, Shae-Lea T
  - S3K: Hannah S, Christine P
  - S3M: Bayley S, Lleyton R


- **STAR Card Award**: Hannah S, Elena B

- **Best Class at Assembly**: S3A

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**Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 1 Week 5**

- **Merit Cards**:
  - S2B: Octavian S, Caleb H, Thomas D
  - S2I: Denzel S, Ebony R, Samuel R
  - S2M: Billie M, Chris W, Dylan P
  - S2T: Levi L, Tyler C

- **K.S.P.S. – P.B.L.**
  - S2B: Emma J, Morgan T
  - S2I: Liana C
  - S2M: Cliah P
  - S2T: Isabel S, Samantha S

- **Sports Awards**:
  - S2B: Abbott S, Emma J
  - S2I: Jack T
  - S2M: Lexi B
  - S2T: Blaiden R

- **STAR Card Award**: Darcie M, Kyra R, Josie S

- **Environment Award**: Isabelle S, Blayden B
New Band Members Show Their Talent

At the beginning of each year our Band Co-ordinator Mr Ward welcomes a number of new students. Last Friday, during some free time, some of these students used it to practice skills learnt during their first few lessons. We hope they keep up this dedication to our wonderful band.

Sophie, Sam, Luke, Alisha and Tayla making the best of the wet weather on Friday.

NEWSFLASH…….It’s S2I

Last week Stage 2 were treated to an informative assembly item last Wednesday as S2I reported on the first 4 school weeks of 2014. Supporting their newscasters where an enthusiastic group of ‘actors’ re-inacting events of the term so far. We look forward to the next edition…….

Great Support for Kinder in Computers

Last week our Kindergarten classes participated in computer lessons for the first time. KS were lucky to have some extra support, with stage 3 students lending a hand. This enabled each student to have some one-on-one help with what can be a very daunting first lesson!
Well done stage 3 for being great role models and great support for Miss Gay.

James and Kyra studying their script before going ‘on air’…


All smiles as stage 3 help KS

Book Club

Book Club catalogues are being distributed with today’s newsletter. Orders are due back by Monday, 17th March.

Thank you, Mrs Griffiths.
S3A Enjoys Ice Cream Challenge

As part of this week’s science lesson with Miss Gay this week, S3A took on the challenge of making their own ice cream. Given their ingredients and an outline of the procedure, they accepted the challenge with enthusiasm. There were varying ‘styles’ of ice cream presented as a result!

**ICE-CREAM**

IF YOU FOLLOW THESE STEPS YOU WILL MAKE ICE-CREAM.

Materials:
- Milk
- Ice
- Salt
- Small zip lock bag
- Regular zip lock bag
- Spoon

Steps:
1. Fill the small zip-lock bag with milk and lock tightly.
2. Place the small zip-lock bag inside the regular zip-lock bag.
3. Fill the rest of the space in the regular zip-lock bag with ice leaving some room for movement.
4. Sprinkle some salt in with the ice.
5. Seal the regular zip-lock bag and shake.
6. Continue to shake and add ice until the milk hardens and turns to ice-cream.

By Kalisha F

Oskar, Nic and Jorja enjoy the result

Working Bee

Do you have a spare hour or two on the weekend? On Sunday 9th and Sunday 16th we will be having a working bee here at King Street School. After all of this wonderful rain our gardens are growing well. Linda has been working hard mowing, cutting hedges, setting up our vege garden and other maintenance work. It would be fantastic if we could help by doing some general gardening around the school—weeding, trimming things back and removing dead plants. You are welcome to come any time after 8:30am on either of the Sundays in the next 2 weeks. Please bring gloves and wear covered in shoes.

Thank you and hope to see you then

KSPS EWOKS

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

Thank You for Canteen Fundraiser Support

The Canteen Committee would like to thank all the families who bought movie tickets in our fundraiser. We will notify you through the newsletter and the school website when the tickets arrive at school.

Happy Viewing!

KSPS Canteen Committee

Mr Kembers Homework Centre

Open Fridays at 8.30am. All Students Welcome.
**Fun to be had At Active Afternoon Sports**

The Active After School Communities Sports Program has begun for 2014, and will break in week 10. Children from our school who are in year 2 or higher are able to access this program. Active After School Sports is a healthy living program that provides children quality, safe and fun structured physical activities.

Students are still able to join this program. The sessions run from 3.25-4.25pm each Monday and Thursday. Please refer to the permission notes that were sent home for more details, or call the school office. The notes are also available on the school website.

**New Working with Children Check**

Thank you to all the volunteers who have contacted our school office regarding the new Working with Children Checks.

Just a reminder, if you are a new volunteer with our school you are required to apply online or at the RTA for a volunteer’s check. A volunteer’s check will not cost you any money but will involve a short wait at the RTA. When you receive your approval number, please bring it to the front office where it will be recorded on a data base.

Existing volunteers are required to bring 100 points of identification to the front office and fill in a short form.

If you intend transporting students other than your own throughout the year to team sports etc, you will need to bring your green slip and licence in to be sited and copied by our front office staff.

We would like to have this list finalised by the end of Term 1 if possible.


*Cath Larkman*

**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.

**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.**

**Thank you for Considering the Health 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.

**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.

**PERMISSION NOTES**

NOW AVAILABLE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE.
**Children's Eye Examinations**

**Clear Bulked Billed**

Prescription Eyewear

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**Fresh Fruit & Vegetables**

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

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**Doctor Dolittle Junior**

Friday Feb 21 – 7:30pm
Saturday Feb 22 – 10am and 2pm
Sunday Feb 23 – 2pm
Friday Feb 28 – 7:30pm
Saturday Mar 1 – 10am and 2pm
Sunday Mar 2 – 2pm
Friday Mar 7 – 7:30pm
Saturday Mar 8 – 10am and 2pm

Singleton Civic Centre - Opens February 21

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**Autumn Village Fair**

Broke Hall, Adair St, Broke

Free 10am to 2pm Friday, 21 March 2014

Fully catered
Pamper stations
Market Stalls
Live entertainment
Historical Tours
Displays and activities

Further Information Cynthia Mulholland on 6578 7217

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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

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 7500 www.library.singleton.nsw.gov.au
Learning Japanese

The Japanese don't use an alphabet like we do. The Japanese use three types of scripts for writing: kanji, hiragana and katakana.

Katakana is most often used for translating words in foreign languages. It is used to represent sounds, technical and scientific terms. We found the Japanese language is very hard to understand but we had fun when translating our names.

We have also mastered counting to 10 in Japanese.

What does your name look like translated into KATAKANA???
Use this web link below to translate your name...

www.sljfaq.org/cgi/e2k.cgi

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Counting to 10 in Japanese

1 - *Ichī* ー
2 - *Ni* 二
3 - *San* 三
4 - *Shi* 四
5 - *Go* 五
6 - *Roku* 六
7 - *Saichi* 七
8 - *Hachi* 八
9 - *Ku* 九
10 - *Ju* 十
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: 20th May  Cost $8.00
Science  Y3  Y4  Y5  Y6  Test: 4th June  Cost $8.00
Spelling  Y3  Y4  Y5  Y6  Test: 17th June  Cost $11.00
English  Y3  Y4  Y5  Y6  Test: 29th July  Cost $8.00
Maths  Y3  Y4  Y5  Y6  Test: 12th 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 10th April 2014

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