Week 7 – 27th August 2014

Sharing Our News

Life-long Learning

Mr Upcroft and I are in Sydney for 2 days at the second part of the Principal Credential Pilot training. As one of many school reforms, this pilot will form the basis of principal and aspiring principal accreditation for the future. At this conference we will work with Professor Helen Wildy who is the Dean of the Faculty of Education at the University of Western Australia. Her specialty area is leadership and school improvement. We both feel very privileged to be part of this pilot both for the future of our profession and for King Street Public School.

Cath Larkman

School Attendance

The King Street Public School Learning Support Team would like to remind all parents/carers of the importance of attending school regularly. Research shows that the pattern for what school attendance will look like in the future can be determined in Year 1. We encourage all parents/carers to ensure your children are at school each morning and on time to start the school day.

“The Education Reform Act 1990 states that all children of compulsory schooling age must be enrolled at a school and attend school each day that instruction is provided. It is the responsibility of the parent or care provider to ensure that these obligations are fulfilled. The Act specifies that parents or care-providers must explain all absences within 7 days of the occurrence.”

Thank you for your support with this matter.

Rachel Griffiths

UPCOMING EVENTS

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P&C Meeting

Next Monday, 1st September
6pm in the Library

KSPS Cracker Night

Next Friday 5th September 2014
Volunteers Needed! If you can help out please fill out the form in this newsletter and return to office ASAP.
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.

Stage Assemblies

Infants (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)

3rd Sept 1GS
17th Sept K/1B

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

10th Sept S2I

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

5th Sept S3M
19th Sept S3H

Infants Assembly Awards – Term 3 Week 6

Merit Cards:

KM: Grace N, Koby F, Bree S
KS: Justen B, Wil S, Kalila H
K/1B: Tiahana W, Tori M, Ashton S
1GS: Jentzen H, Miesha H, Chloe S, Harrison A
1/2T: Seth C, Katy L, Layla K
2F: Milan D, Reuben H, Erica P

Fathers’ Day Stall This Friday

This Friday, 29th August we will be holding our Fathers’ Day Stall. Thank you to everyone who has donated gifts. Prices for gifts will range from $1 to $5.

We would appreciate any volunteers who may be able to help serve at the stall on Friday at 9.30am in the hall.

KSPS P&C Committee

Kindergarten Enrolments for 2015

Just a reminder if you have family or friends with children that will be beginning Kindergarten next year to please remind them to let our office staff know. Our Kindergarten Orientation and ‘Storytime’ sessions will be beginning early in term 4.

Donations of Clothes Appreciated

If you have any pre-loved clothing you could donate to the office it would be greatly appreciated. We are particularly in need of small sizes.

Student Wellbeing Important at King Street

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.
Cracker Night Is Next Week- Can You Help?

The P&C would like to get an indication of volunteers that will be available to help on Cracker Night. Any time that you can offer would be much appreciated, whether you would like to help co-ordinate a stall or help serve for an hour. Donations of cakes and slices are also appreciated to sell at the cake stall, and any helpers during the day to set up will be put to good use!

If you are able to help with Cracker Night in any way, please fill out the following form and return to the office by this Friday, 29th August.

I am able to help at Cracker Night on 5th September.

I am able to:

  Coordinate a stall: Y/N
  Serve: Y/N
  Help set up: Y/N
  Donate Cakes/Slices: Y/N

Time available: ________________________

Name: ________________________________

Phone: ________________________________

Email: ________________________________

Childs Name/Class: _______________________

Any comments/suggestions:
  ________________________________________
  ________________________________________
  ________________________________________

Stage 3 Canberra Adventure

A very tired but happy group of stage 3 students and teachers arrived home on Friday evening after 4 days in Canberra. With fine weather all week, the students visited such sites as the War Memorial, Questacon, and Black Mountain Tower. They also enjoyed the National Museum and a tour of Parliament House. Their experiences at these venues certainly have helped to solidify topics they have been learning in their HSIE curriculum.

As always with a large group, there have been reports of a few misplaced items. We ask that all parents please check their children’s belongings, in particular sleeping bags and pillows, to ensure they have brought the correct items home.

We would like to thank all students for their enthusiasm and behaviour. It was a pleasure to take away such fine representatives of our school. We have taken many photographs and as soon as they are sorted they will be loaded up on to the school website (www.kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) for parents/carers to view.

Stage 3 at the top of Parliament House

Mitchell and Josie at State Championships

While their friends were experiencing Canberra last week, year 6 students Mitchell C and Josie B were representing the Hunter Region at state Championships. Mitchell represented in rugby union, and Josie in touch football.

Travelling to Wollongong, Mitchells team ranked 10th at the end of the week. Josie travelled to Wagga Wagga, with her team making the semi-finals and coming a commendable 4th. Both students agree the best part of the experience was meeting new friends and playing with new people. Congratulations to both for this terrific achievement.
Enjoyable Song Room Experience

As mentioned in last week's newsletter, S2B had a wonderful 2 day experience at the Youth Venue where they joined other Singleton schools in the ‘Song Room'. Throughout the two days they participated in workshops, and finished off the experience with a concert for their families and teachers. It was thoroughly enjoyed by all who attended.

“When my class went to song camp my favourite part of it was when we had a performance for the parents. Group B sang ‘Lorde’.” Jade M

“My favourite part about the Song Room was drumming, because I like the sound.” Floyd F

“My favourite part of the Song Room was hip hop, it showed me how to dance. We were working in groups.” Mikayla E

“When I went to the Song Room I loved it. It was an amazing experience. My favourite bit was the performance. I loved it and will definitely go back.” Lacey F

“I liked the Song Room because it was fun and I got to meet new people from different schools I’ve never seen in my life!” Ruby B

King Street has many families who have a long history in Singleton, with many of our students having parents and even grandparents who attended our school. With so much industry in our town however, we also welcome many new families. For those families who are unaware, the following is a brief history of how and why King Street was established.

“The coal boom hit the Hunter Valley and bus transport began, causing the subsequent closure of many schools in country areas and the large predicted increase in school numbers necessitated a second primary school being established at King Street. This land had been acquired from the Pelerin Estate and buildings were opened on this site in 1964 with further buildings opened in 1970. The two sites were known as Hunter Street Infants School and King Street Primary, although fluctuating enrolments meant that some classes were conducted at King Street and some at Hunter Street.

By 1976 the enrolment at Singleton Public School reached over 1 000 pupils, housed on the two sites. It was the biggest school outside the metropolitan area.

Because of the rapid growth of the town, it was decided to divide Singleton Public School into two separate primary schools. This occurred in 1979 with the establishment of King Street Public School at the King St site.”

1964-Land purchased from Pelerin Estate paved the way for our school. The buildings were considered very modern and unlike anything in the state. The two storey buildings were erected in the early 1970’s. Photo Courtesy of the Robinson Family collection.
Do you have Pre-loved Books or Records?

Mrs Hawkins and Donna will be holding a mega pre-loved stall for Cracker Night. Items they are looking for are:

- Books
- Records
- Puzzles
- Videos and DVD’s.

If you can donate items please leave them at the library. We would appreciate it if you could ensure donations are in good condition. (PLEASE NOTE: WE ARE AFTER THE ABOVE ITEMS ONLY).

Thank You,
Mrs Hawkins and Donna

1GS are pleased to announce due to popular demand, ‘Boomerang Fashions’ will be held again on Cracker Night 2014!

Donations of CLEAN children’s, ladies and men’s clothing and accessories are now being taken!

(Please, no undergarments!!!)

Clothing not sold on the night will be donated to local charities.

Please give your unwanted, clean, second-hand clothing to Mrs Stretton or Mrs Griffiths as soon as possible.

Regards,
1GS

Have you Downloaded our App Yet?

By downloading our school App you are able to:

- Send absentee notes electronically
- Change your details without needing to visit the office
- Access the school website and newsletters
- Access the school calendar for school events
- Receive regular notifications and reminders regarding school events
- Follow ‘google maps’ to sport and excursion locations
- Send to us photos of our students representing our school.

Download our App to your smartphone by going to either the Apple App Store or Android Google Play Market and search for King Street Public School. Once you have found it press install or download.

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.

KSPS NEWSLETTER

I would like to receive the KSPS Newsletter by email each Wednesday instead of a paper copy.

Eldest Student at School:

Students Class:

My email address is:

Confirm email address:

Parent/Carer Name:

Signature:
1/2T and Emily Eyefinger

1/2T have been enjoying stories about Emily Eyefinger. Emily Eyefinger is a very special little girl who was born with an eye on the end of her finger. She is thrown into one adventure after another and, when she is, the eye on the end of her finger always comes in “handy”. We imagined we had an eyefinger . . .

If I had an eyefinger I could see around corners without showing my head.          
Kane

If I had an eyefinger, at football, I could see if someone is running up behind me.   
Naite

If I had an eyefinger I could put my eyefinger near a window and then I could watch TV and look out the window at the same time.       
Katy

If I had an eyefinger I could see a mouse up close.                           
Julian

If I had an eyefinger I would be able to look behind me when we are playing hide and go seek.           
Metti

If I had an eyefinger I could spy on my mum.                                  
Tayeisha

If I had an eyefinger I could scare my sisters by saying boo because I could see if they are coming around the corner.     
Thomas

If I had an eyefinger I could see out high windows.                        
Joseph
If I had an eyefinger I could be asleep and I would open my eyefinger to see if it was morning and not open my other eyes.  
Jessica

If I had an eyefinger I could sleep walk.  
Jacob

If I had an eyefinger I could find my toy Lego dinosaur if it was broken in to pieces behind a heavy couch.  
Hayden

If I had an eyefinger I could see yellow writing properly.  
Baxter

If I had an eyefinger I could look down in the water to see what is down there.  
Bridie

If I had an eyefinger I could be a spy.  
Tahlia

If I had an eyefinger I could scare the teacher and then she would jump up and down.  
Charlie

If I had an eyefinger I could go to bed and if I was still thirsty I could keep my eyefinger open and go and get a drink when my parents go to sleep.  
Brandon

If I had an eyefinger I would be able to see behind heavy furniture without moving it.  
Ivy

If I had an eyefinger I would be able to do my sewing and look under it to make sure that I don’t mess it up.  
Layla

If I had an eyefinger I would be famous.  
Sophie

If I had an eyefinger I could easily see the teeth inside my mouth.  
Jack G

If I had an eyefinger I could be on the bus and look out the high window.  
Seth

If I had an eyefinger I would do nothing.  
Rylie

If I had an eyefinger I would be able to look in boxes on the top shelf.  
Laila
Compulsory school attendance
Information for parents

The compulsory years of schooling

In New South Wales, all children from six years of age are legally required to attend school or be registered for home schooling. After they complete Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age, students then have the following options. They may also be in:

- full-time further education and training (e.g. TAFE, traineeship, apprenticeship);
- full-time, paid employment of an average of 25 hours per week; or
- a combination of both of the above.

Children are expected to attend all school activities, on time. Regular attendance helps your child:

- develop the skills needed to access the world of work and other opportunities
- to learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- make and keep friendships.

What if my child has to be away from school?

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a reason for your child's absence. To explain an absence parents and carers may be required to:

- send a note to the school, or contact the school via electronic means such as SMS text message, fax or email, or
- telephone the school, or
- visit the school.

A small number of absences may be accepted by the principal. For example, if your child:

- has to go to a special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school or has an infectious illness.
What are school Principals responsible for?

Principals help to ensure the safety, welfare and wellbeing of your child. Principals have to keep accurate records of student attendance and the reasons for any absences. Principals are responsible for accepting or not accepting a parent’s explanations for their child’s absences. Principals may request further information from parents for long or frequent absences, even where they are explained by parents as being due to illness.

When absences are unexplained by parents, or the explanations are not accepted by the principal, the school will work with parents to help address the issue. The main aim is to sort out what is preventing the child from getting to school and putting strategies in place to help. Sometimes, the school will ask support staff and other agencies to assist.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department may take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unacceptable absences from school. Some of the following actions may be undertaken.

- Attendance meetings and compulsory attendance conferences

Parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a meeting with school personnel and other regional officers. The aim of the meeting is to help identify strategies to support the child and family. Other agencies may also be invited along to help, if parents agree.

If the school and other regional officers have tried to help improve a child’s attendance, without success, parents (and sometimes their child) can be asked to go to a compulsory attendance conference. The conference will be run by a trained conference convener. The aim of the conference is for the school, parents (and sometimes their child) and other identified agencies (“the parties”) to further identify the issues which are impacting on a child’s attendance.

The outcome of a compulsory attendance conference is for the parties to agree to undertake certain actions to improve the child’s attendance. These actions are written in the form of undertakings.

- Applications to the Children’s Court – A Compulsory Schooling Order

Legal compliance can be sought through an application to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The aim is to assist a family and/or child to address the issues which are preventing satisfactory school attendance but has the added enforcement of a Court’s powers.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

If all attempts by schools and regional support staff fail to improve a student’s attendance, action can be taken in the Local Court and the result can be fines up to a maximum of $11,000.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites

Policy, information and brochures:

The school leaving age:

Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are provided, where possible, for parents/carers who do not speak or understand English well and for Deaf parents/carers who use sign language. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week at the telephone number: 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

See the website address:
CRACKER NIGHT 2014

Cracker Night is only 9 sleeps away! The P&C are very busy preparing and sincerely thank all volunteers, staff and students who are spending a lot of time ensuring the evening is a success.

Gates Open: 5pm

Admission: Families $12  Adults $5  Children $2

Firecrackers 7.30pm

GLOW PRODUCTS

Devil horns $3
Flashing crown $3
Batman mask $5
Hulk mask $5
Iron man mask $5
Spiderman mask $5
Dreadlocks $5
Jester hat $6
Spinning ball wand $6
Bubble gun $6
Star wand $4
Glo sword $4
Mini fan $3
Flashing wristband $2
Cheerleader pompoms $3
Tiara $2

Showbags

$4
Mostly Ghostly
Captain Candy
Novelty BubbleGum
$5
Sam Bluey
Mega Fun Fizz
$6
Aftershock
Alien Zone
Totally Boy
Tricks and Jokes
$7
BBF School
Rockstar

Cracker Night Activities

Glow Products
Boys and Girls Lucky Dip
100 Club
Showbags
Archie Ball Prize
Sandbox Lotto
Army Obstacle Course
Sock Wrestling
Pillow Fights
Wacky Photos
Hairspraying
Balloons
Face Painting
Pick-a-Sock
Toy Races
Boomerang Fashions
Pre Loved Books/Records
Jumping Castles
DJ/Disco
Air Brush Tattoos

To Eat......

Pizza! Hot Dogs! BBQ! Slushies! Popcorn!
Tea/Coffee/Cake! Lolly Shop! Fairy Floss! Drink Stall!
Coffee Man!
Singleton Pre-School Open Mornings

Singleton Preschool will be holding open mornings for families interested in enrolling their child at our centre in 2015. Please feel welcome to visit our centre on Tuesday 26th, Thursday 28th and Saturday 30th August from 9.30am until 12 midday. Children can play safely in our well-appointed playground and stimulating classrooms, whilst parents gather enrolment information and talk to our friendly, experienced educators. For the safety of children please park in the RSC car park adjacent to the centre and enter via the rear laneway.

For any enquiries please call the centre on 65721248.

Singleton District Junior Cricket Association

**2014-2015 Cricket Registrations**
- Thursday 28th August 12pm-6pm
- Saturday 30th August 10am-4pm
- Thursday 4th September 12pm-6pm
- Saturday 6th September 10am-4pm

**WHERE:** Gowrie Street Mall

**COST:**
- Under 13s to under 16s $10
- Under 10s T20 Blast $99
- Milo In2 Cricket $75

Under 10s will play a T20 blast on Fridays 4.30 to 7.30pm

Milo In2 Cricket starts Monday 13th October for 7 weeks 5pm to 6.15pm at Victoria Square

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 Track & Field Club

We invite all returning boys, girls and new athletes, including adults to come and register for the 2014/2015 season.

REGISTRATION DAYS
ALROY OVAL
Tuesday 26 August 2014, 4:30pm-6:00pm
Saturday 30 August 2014, 10am-12pm
Tuesday 02 September 2014, 4:30-6:00pm
Fees: Tiny Tots - $70, U/6 - Seniors $90, Club singlets - $20
Register on these dates and receive a $10 discount on these prices.
Proof of age is required.
www.stfc.com.au

Singleton Junior Touch

Team registration day is 10th September 2014.

At Civic Park/Junior Touch Shelter
4pm -6.30pm
Download forms from:
www.singletonjuniors.touch.asn.au.
NEW players need a copy of their birth certificate and they need to fill out a new player’s form.
Cost $45 per player.
We only have one registration day where you can register teams only, if you are unable to find a team call Julie on 0407 451 149 and leave your name, age and phone number. On registration day there may be teams looking for players.
You can also find us on facebook.

A DAY FOR JACOB

FAMILY FUN DAY

ALL PROCEEDS GO DIRECTLY TO JACOB AND HIS FAMILY.

Come and help raise much-needed funds for Jacob’s ongoing treatment for his battle with cancer over the next 12-18 months.

Where - Singleton Showground
When - Sunday, 14th September 2014
Time - 9 am till 3 pm

On Stage Talent Quest with Local Talents on Show
Dare or Donate to Shave
Colour your Hair
Face Painting by Beeshazzed
Balloon Animals ~ Hair Feathers
 Nail Painting ~ Sausage Sizzle
Cake Stalls
Loads of Markets
Raffles
Jumping Castle
Balloon Bloke

Bring a chair and rug to enjoy the entertainment
Wear Lime Green and Purple to show your support

Consents: Sam Morgan - 0403 771 094 or Karen Patton - 0411 206 991

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

http://www.singletonsoundsolutions.com.au

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