Week 2 – 4th February 2015
Sharing Our News

Welcome back

We hope you have had a good break and that your children are happy to be back at school. We are certainly happy to have all our students - including our new Kinders - on board this week.

Welcome especially to any new families. Our P&C meets on the first Monday of each month in the School Library. Please touch base with the front office for details.

Staff Changes

We farewelled Linda Madden last week as she started a new adventure. We remember Linda for her hard work around our school, her care for our students and her absolute dedication to our school. She will be greatly missed. Eric Ryan has agreed to work for us on a temporary basis during Term 1, 4 days per week: Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. It is possible we will only be entitled to 3 days per week from Term 2 due to enrolment numbers.

We thank Tamara Brown for her fantastic job as School Counsellor and District Guidance Officer (supervising a team of School Counsellors). She has been very highly thought of by our students, staff and community as well as by Principals and Counsellors at the schools she supervises. However, this job was a temporary one and will now go to advertisement.

If you need help or advice...

Your first port of call is your Class Teacher. They will be the ones who get to know your children the best. If they need to refer an issue to their supervisor or the Learning Support Team they will do so. Cindy Judge is employed in the front office in a Community Liaison Role, but please feel free to ask any of our friendly office staff for their assistance. Our website is continually updated with the latest news and newsletters and we will notify you by our school app if needed.

Cath Larkman

UPCOMING EVENTS

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KPS farwelled our GA Linda last Friday. She is pictured here with her right hand man Jye.
**Staff Roles in 2015**

**Principal**- Catherine Larkman

**KB, Early Stage 1 Supervisor**- Kathy Barry (AP Acting)

**RFF, Stage 1 Supervisor**- Jan Hovey (AP)

**S2G, Stage 2 Supervisor** - Rachel Griffiths (AP)

**AP Teaching and Learning, Stage 3 Supervisor**- Cameron Upcroft (AP)

**KF**- Fiona Burgess  
**S2I**- Josh Ingram

**K/1M**- Debbie Mills  
**S2T**- Tabetha Garven

**1M**- Tori McLackland  
**S2S**- Jenny Stewart

**1T**- Wendy Tan  
**S3G**- Adrianne Gay

**2F**- Rosemary Forrest  
**S3H**- Abby Honeysett

**2R**- Helen Richardson  
**S3K**- Kerry Kermode

**Library**- Carmen Hawkins  
**S3M**- Trish Maher

**LST, Reading Recovery**- Angela Stretton

**LST and Aboriginal Resource**- Rebecca Collins

**LST, Positive Behaviour (1.5 days each)**- Deb Newton

**School Administration Manager**- Tony Old

**School Administration Officers**- Lyn Price, Judith Griffiths, Jo Ford

**Community Liaison Officer**- Cindy Judge

**School Learning Support Officers**- Donna Clout (ES1), Heather Philpott (S1), Shelby Fishpool (S1), Michelle Baxter (S2), Olwyn Bower, Penny Stewart, Mel Barber.

**Grounds Assistant**- Eric Ryan

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**Please Return Library Books**

If you have come across any school library books throughout the holidays, could you please return them to school **as soon as possible**. Thank you.

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**Canteen Roster**

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**Uniform Shop Hours:**

Tuesdays 2-3pm, Thursdays 9-10am

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**Canteen News**

**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)

Any time you can donate to the Canteen would be most appreciated. Please see the Canteen Supervisors or the office for details.

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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.**
**Stage Assemblies**

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**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.

**A Chance to Meet your Teacher**

In Week 4 each stage will be holding Parent Information Sessions. This is a wonderful opportunity for you to join other parents of students in your child’s class to meet their teacher, visit their classroom and be informed of what will be happening throughout 2015. The meeting times are:

- **Monday 16th Feb** Kindergarten 4-5pm
- **Tuesday 17th Feb** Stage 1 4-5pm
- **Thursday 19th Feb** Stage 2 4-5pm
- **Monday 23rd Feb** Stage 3 4-5pm

Please refer to notes provided by your teachers for the venues. We strongly encourage parents to attend, ask questions and support your children.

**Book Club begins for 2015**

Once or twice a term students get the opportunity to purchase books and resources from Scholastic Bookclub. The first order forms will come home with your children today.

*The first bookclub orders for 2015 are due on Monday 16th February.*

**Band Lessons to Begin this Week**

Mr Howard Ward will commence lessons for our school band this **Friday, 6th February**.

We are very proud of our talented band at King Street. If your child is interested in joining, please call in at the office for information. Students must be in Year 2 or above.

**Thanks to the Smith Family**

We would like to thank the Smith family for ‘babysitting’ our chooks over the Christmas holidays. They have come back healthy and refreshed after their time away!

**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.
Procedures for Volunteering at KSPS

At King Street Public School we value and welcome parents/carers and other family members who donate time to help the children of our school. Please be aware however that there are legal guidelines that were introduced in 2013 that we must follow.

If you are a new volunteer with our school you are required to apply online or at the RTA for a Working With Children Check. This includes team supervisors, coaches, reading helpers or any unpaid voluntary positions. This check is free.

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, please bring in your green slip and licence to be sighted and copied by our front office staff for 2015 as part of your 100 point check.

We would like to have these lists finalised by the end of Term 1 if possible.

For more information, including a fact sheet, please refer to the following website:

Voluntary Contribution for 2015

This year the Voluntary Contribution (school fees) for each child has remained at $35. This contribution assists us in providing the best possible education for your child.

We are also offering families the opportunity to pay a ‘Visiting Performance’ fee. This $25 cost will cover the cost of the 4 educational visiting performances that come to our school each year. The fee will cover the following:

5/3/15 ‘It’s A Mad World’
2/6/15 ‘One Stop Rock Shop’
14-22/7/15 Life Education Van
20/11/15 ‘The Right Balance’

By paying the Visiting Performance fee you are also giving permission for your child to attend, eliminating the need for additional notes.

We thank all our families in advance for your attention to the Voluntary Contribution.

Option to Receive Newsletter Electronically

In 2014 we were pleased to give parents/carers the option of receiving the school newsletter via email, replacing the hard copy given to students. This environmental initiative has helped to significantly reduce the amount of paper we are using.

If you would like to receive the newsletter via email, please fill out the form below and return to the office.

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:

Parent/Carer

Name:

Signature:
Swimming Carnival

The first of our sporting carnivals will be held on Friday 13th February 2015.

The carnival will be run in two sections.
  • 9.00 – 12.30 Swimming Trials.
  • 12.30 – 2.30 swimming novelty events.

Swimming Trials

The children who nominate to enter an event for the swimming carnival trials will leave at 9.15 and will stay there for the trials as well as the novelty events.

The swimming carnival trials section will give children the opportunity to swim 50m in the different strokes and try to reach the next level to represent the school at zone. The swimming trials will be for children who are turning 8 years or older this year and can competently swim 50m.

Swimming Novelty Events

The children who do not nominate for a trial event will cheer on their house representatives and then participate in novelty events at 12.30 p.m.

The swimming gala events will start at 12:30 p.m. Every child will rotate around fun activities in their house groups.

Students will come to school and then travel to the pool by bus. The cost is $5.50 each. This will cover the cost of the bus and pool entry. Children who are members of the Singleton Swim and Gym Fitness Centre pay $2 only. This is to cover bus costs; you will need to take your membership card on the day.

In the event of inclement weather conditions a decision will be made by 8.30 a.m. Friday as to whether the carnival will go ahead. Parent helpers will be notified on Tuesday of their role during the carnival.

Some rules to be aware of;

STROKE RULES
Breaststroke/Butterfly
  • Both hands must touch simultaneously
Freestyle
  • Remember to touch the wall

REMEMBER
  • Don’t swap lanes that you are put in during the carnival, as this will make the chief timekeeper’s job difficult.
  • Bring all food and drinks as NO canteen facilities will be available.
  • Do not bring crepe paper streamers or balloons.
  • Wear house colours.
  • Bring hats, sunscreen and a T-shirt.
  • If you take your child home early, please notify the teacher in the club house who will mark your child’s name off on their class roll. Thanks!

Year 2 children turning 8 this year are quite welcome to come to the first section, the swimming carnival trials if they can swim 50m competently.

All notes have been given to children, and they must be returned by this Friday 6th February. If there are any concerns please ring the school.

Valuable Staff Development Days

KSPS staff continue to commit to their professional learning. On the last day of term in 2014, a very valuable planning day was held, and ended with a little excitement involving a talk from the local fire brigade on emergency fire procedures, and the opportunity to refresh on how to use a fire extinguisher (see photo of Mrs Larkman below!).

On the first day back for 2015 our teaching staff worked with a consultant on teaching Grammar to students as part of the new English Curriculum.
P&C Welcomes all Parents to AGM

The King Street P&C Committee will be meeting on **Monday, March 2nd** for their Annual General Meeting. The meeting will be held in the school library at 6.00pm.

The King Street P&C Committee has a long tradition of generous volunteers who donate time to support the staff of our school. Over the years the P&C has donated thousands of dollars of classroom resources for the use of our students, as well as many items for our school grounds. Our wonderful school hall, for example, came about from P&C vision and funding. There is also continuous support for technology projects, books for our library, and the funding of the stage 3 interrelate program.

The P&C warmly welcomes new members. We are also asking parents who might be interested in holding an executive roll to please attend the AGM. Being part of the P&C is a great way to meet other parents, and be proactively involved in your child’s education. If you have any inquiries regarding the Committee please contact the school office.

King Street Public School P&C Committee

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**Have you Downloaded our School App Ready for 2015?**

The KSPS App 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 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.

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**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 that you please do not send foods or containers to school that contain nut or fish products.*

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**Bunnings BBQ Fundraiser**

The first P&C fundraiser for 2015 will be a Bunnings BBQ on Saturday 7th March.

Set up will be at 8am, ready to be open and selling by 9am. We finish selling at 4pm.

**WE NEED YOUR HELP!**

It would be ideal to have 4 people per shift or more if possible. If you are able to donate any time throughout the day, it would be much appreciated. Please indicate on the following form when you will be available and return it to the school office.

**KSPS P&C Bunnings BBQ**

Please indicate if you are available to help during the following timeslots on Saturday 7th March:

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At King Street Public School we will be:

Kind

Safe

Proud

Supportive

“Our Best Always”
KING STREET PUBLIC SCHOOL
PARENT AND COMMUNITY HELPER
POLICY

Rationale

Parents and community members are welcome at King Street PS. There are numerous roles that non-school based personnel can be involved in to support the school in its core business of improving learning outcomes for students.

Privacy & Confidentiality Issues

Privacy legislation requires all persons who are involved in situations where sensitive and confidential information is used, to be aware of their responsibilities.

As helpers in the school, there may be times when private and confidential information is open to observation and perusal. It may be that parents are required to record information relating to students’ progress for example. In this situation, a helper would have access to scores or marks of numerous students. It would be totally inappropriate for this information to be used in any way other than for the purposes determined by the teacher.

Information gained from your experiences at this school must not be shared with any other person(s) either personally or via the internet.

Teachers’ decisions must be respected at all times and no reference to the school, classes, students or teachers should be posted on social networking sites.

Organisational Procedures

1. All visitors must sign in at the office before and after attending a classroom as a helper. A “School Visitor” badge should be worn.

2. Activities in which the helper is involved must take place under the direct supervision of the teacher. All matters or concerns regarding the behaviour of a student and associated discipline issues must be reported to and dealt with by the student’s teacher.

3. All information that helpers are privy to as a result of being in a classroom and the wider school, must be kept in the strictest confidence. If confidentiality issues are compromised, the support provided by the volunteer helper(s) will need to be reviewed as there may well be legal implications arising from such a breach. Privacy legislation and confidentiality in the school setting is a very serious matter that cannot be stressed too often.

4. All helpers must refer questions regarding a student’s progress to the child’s teacher.

5. If a volunteer is unable to attend at the negotiated time they should let the classroom teacher know either by phone or a note. Teachers should endeavour to contact the parent volunteer if there is a change in plan.
6. All workers, voluntary or paid who deal directly with children in NSW must complete the New Working with Children Check for Volunteers introduced during 2013. It is possible to apply online or through the RTA (Roads and Traffic Authority). When you have received your approval, please take this evidence to our front office where we maintain a data base of approved volunteers. This is a mandatory requirement of the Department of Education and Training in order for them to meet their obligations under NSW law. It in no way reflects upon you as an individual or the value we at King Street PS place on your contribution to the learning of our students.

7. The volunteer should ensure they are familiar with the school evacuation policy (near sign-in book) and refer to the class teacher in WHS matters.

**Conduct Expectations**

All parents and community members who enter onto any Primary School premises do so in the knowledge that the school community and the Department of Education and Communities expect them to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

**Parents and Volunteers are expected:**

- to be outstanding role models for all students
- to work under the professional direction of staff, following school policies
- to speak in a kind and friendly way to all students at all times
- to keep confidentiality
- to report any issues of concern to teachers (and not directly intervene or contact other parents)
- to keep a safe and professional distance from all students

**As Parents and Community members we expect**

- our children to be respected
- our children to be safe and to feel secure
- our children to be protected from inappropriate behaviours and language

**Students and teachers are expected:**

- to treat volunteers with respect and courtesy
- to respect the commitment of volunteers to assist student learning
- to respect the contribution of volunteers time

*updated February 2014*