

# King Tidings

## King Street Public School

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*Our Best Always*

### Sharing Our News

#### King Street Celebrates

Last week was very exciting for our school as we celebrated our NSW Tidy Towns win. This win is indeed record breaking as no other school has won 4 years in a row. At Thursday morning's assembly we were joined by Mrs Lyn McBain and members of Singleton Tidy Towns who presented us with our first place plaque. She told a very excited assembly that the judge was very impressed with not only the advancements our school had made environmentally but also the knowledge that our students had. They also displayed to us the winning plaques from other areas of the Singleton community. We are very fortunate to live in such an environmentally progressive town!

To further celebrate our win, our wonderful Grounds Assistant Linda suggested a BBQ for all students as a thank you for helping to keep our school so beautiful. On Friday she was joined by Brad and Nathan from Transfield Services in cooking a sausage sizzle. Transfield are great supporters of our EWOKS program. This lunch (and the free ice-block!) was much appreciated and enjoyed by all students and staff (*see photos attached*)..

#### Minerals Council Grant

On Friday we were the recipients of yet another environmental award, the *Envirosmart Award* sponsored by the Minerals Council. \$500 was presented to our school. In previous years we have used this money to form the garden outside the library and purchase fruit trees. This year we will be looking at solar power initiatives throughout the school.

#### Can you help?

On **Sunday November 25<sup>th</sup>** we will be holding a working bee to prepare our grounds for the upcoming Christmas break. If you can join us anytime from **8am-11am** we would love to have you. Jobs will include pruning, hedge trimming, raking, weeding and clearing away rubbish. So if you are free at this time and can bring along a trailer, secateurs, rake, or outdoor broom you would be most welcome.

Cath Larkman

Principal

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### WEEK 6

Thursday, Nov 15<sup>th</sup> Kinder Orientation  
9.30am – 11.30am

#### WEEK 7

Monday, Nov 19<sup>th</sup> Speeches for School Leaders Boys  
9.30am - Hall  
Tuesday, Nov 20<sup>th</sup> Speeches for School Leaders Girls  
9.30am - Hall  
Storytime 2.30pm Library  
Wednesday Nov 21<sup>st</sup> GATS Writing Workshop - Library

#### WEEK 8

Sunday, Nov 25<sup>th</sup> Working Bee 8am-11am  
Tuesday, Nov 27<sup>th</sup> Storytime 2.30pm Library

#### WEEK 9

Tuesday, Dec 4<sup>th</sup> Storytime 2.30pm Library  
Friday, Dec 7<sup>th</sup> Gold/Silver Card Assembly 9.30am

#### WEEK 10

Tuesday, Dec 11<sup>th</sup> Storytime 2.30pm Library  
Wednesday, Dec 12<sup>th</sup> Xmas Concert 6.00pm  
Friday, Dec 14<sup>th</sup> Presentation Day-9.30am

#### WEEK 11

Monday, Dec 17<sup>th</sup> Year 6 Farewell  
Tuesday, Dec 18<sup>th</sup> Class Party Day  
Wednesday, Dec 19<sup>th</sup> Last Day for Students  
Thurs – Friday, Dec 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Staff Development Days

### How are we doing?

Every year each school completes an Annual School Report. One of the components of these reports are surveys of current issues and to see how we are travelling. We really need your feedback.

Two surveys, Homework Review and Quality Learning Environment, can be found on our school website. I plan to leave them open for 2 weeks.

Just go to our school website [www.kingstreetp.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.kingstreetp.schools.nsw.edu.au). From there click the Community tab and scroll down to the bottom of the page. Follow the hyperlinks to the surveys. It should take you about 10 minutes.

#### Misprint in Last Weeks Newsletter!

Mr Beh will be off on sick leave till the end of this year 2012 *not* 2013. We apologise for the wrong date that was in last weeks newsletter.

## School Assemblies

Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

15<sup>th</sup> November

1F

29<sup>th</sup> November

Parliamentarians

Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the CAPA Room

15<sup>th</sup> November

3/4K

29<sup>th</sup> November

3M

13<sup>th</sup> December

3B

Stage 3 Friday at 2.30pm in Hall

16<sup>th</sup> November

5/6H

30<sup>th</sup> November

5F

14<sup>th</sup> December

6G

## **BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Are due back to the school office

**by 9am** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

## Kindergarten Orientation

We look forward to seeing you at Kindergarten Orientation. Parents and their children are invited to attend Orientation days in preparation for Kindergarten 2013. Our final Orientation Day will be held on the 15th of November at 9.15am.



## Storytime

Additionally, there will be Storytime and Play sessions in our brand new Library. These sessions are for parents and their children and will take place each Tuesday afternoon commencing at 2.30pm from October 9<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## CANTEEN ROSTER

19/11 Jason Gould

20/11 Teresa Tanks

21/11 Cherie Constable

22/11 Jason Gould

23/11 Cheryl Holz, Nicky Jones

## UNIFORM SHOP

23/11 Donna Williams, Dawn Knight

## Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 5



### Merit Cards:

**3B:** Madison B, Sam R, Marcus J.  
**3M:** Grace H, Imogen G, Jackson T.  
**3/4K:** Maria T, Hayley G, Ashlee C.  
**4B:** Tyson A, Amber P, Karla R.  
**4M:** Ella S, Jude M, Kayla M.

### Star Cards:

**3B:** Marcus J.  
**3M:** Vaun T.  
**3/4K:** Shakira S.  
**4B:** Darien S.  
**4M:** Jordan P.

### Sports Awards:

Mitch C. 4B, Jye M. 3M, Sam H. 3B, Lucia S. 3M,  
 Joel C. 4M, Karla R. 4B, Kirsten R. 3M, Jayden H. 4B.


### Star Draw Card:

Shakira S. 3/4K, Lachlan P. 3/4K,  
 Jack H. 3/4K, Jack R. 3/4K

## **Parking Signs**

As you are aware we have new signs in Sussex Street to cater for the safety of our children. For your convenience we have included some information from the RTA website:

**NO PARKING**




You must not stop for more than two minutes in a No Parking area. You must remain in or within three metres of the vehicle.

Hours of operations may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

Mobility Parking Permit holders are allowed to park for up to five minutes.

Road Users' Handbook

**NO STOPPING/NO STANDING**



These signs mean that in the area in the direction of the arrow you must not stop your vehicle at any point on the road or kerb, unless there is a medical or other emergency.

Sometimes a no stopping area is indicated by a solid yellow edge line.

Hours of operation may apply to some signs. This means restrictions apply for those times only.

## TOY DONATION

If your children have some toys that they no longer play with we would really appreciate it if they could be donated to the school. These would be used for the infants children during recess and lunch breaks. Toys such as cars, blocks, dolls etc. would be ideal. All donations can be taken to Mrs Stretton's classroom.

Thankyou

KSPS Welfare Committee.





# King Street Celebrates Tidy Towns Success



## STUDENT INVOICES

### Handwriting book

Each year Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 are given a handwriting book at school to learn and develop their handwriting skills.

The children are able to use the books from early in the year before they have been paid for, however, we do ask that families pay for their child's handwriting book. At this stage we still have a considerable number who have not yet paid. Last week invoices were mailed home to those families who still have outstanding monies. The handwriting book cost is \$12.00.

It would be appreciated, if you have received an invoice that you give this matter your immediate attention. Thank you.

Tony Old  
School Administrative Manager

## Saturday Morning Storytime



### Storytime now also on Saturdays!

Come to the library Saturday morning and enjoy half an hour of fun as children's stories are read aloud.



**Date:** Every Saturday  
**Time:** 10am to 10.30am  
**Cost:** FREE  
**Venue:** Singleton Public Library  
**No age limit.**

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**Triple P.**  
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These free workshops will give you information & ideas about the power of positive parenting. PPP is for all parents/carers with children under 12.

This program aims to:

- \*Encourage healthy relationships with children.
- \*Understand how to better communicate with your family.
- \*Strengthen connection & family bonds.
- \*Support you to enjoy parenting and build your parenting confidence.
- \*Provide Practical strategies to help with day to day issues.
- \*Create a positive sense of hope for the future.

Singleton Family Support  
6572 4288

Dates: 7th November– 28th November 2012  
Wednesdays 10-12. Childcare available.

### Try-a-Tri at Singleton Triathlon Club

Do you want to have a go at a triathlon? Not sure about signing up to a club? Then come along to Singleton Triathlon Club's **FREE** try-a-tri day.

**When:** Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> November

**Time:** 9am start

**Where:** Singleton Pool

**Distance:** 7-9 years 100m swim/2km ride/250m run  
10-13 years 150m swim/4km ride/500m run

Not ready to do the whole thing? Bring a team of 2 or 3 to complete the course and cheer each other on.

For more information email Scott Kime on [scottkime8@bigpond.com](mailto:scottkime8@bigpond.com) or call into Singleton Bike Rack.

**Normal Club races will be held for 14 years and up, starting at 7.30am.**



### Sahasra's Hope Yoga Studio

Family yoga – come along & have fun with your kids

Kid's Yoga

Kid's Karate

Women's Self Defence

Yoga & Meditation

At Sahasra's Hope Studio

120a John St (behind the chemist)

Contact Sarah Hope 042 7777 611

[www.sahasras.hope.com.au](http://www.sahasras.hope.com.au)



You are invited to: an Exhibition of young people's artwork  
produced through the Love Bites Program

Come along and celebrate our successes of the Love Bites program across the Hunter Region.



**Hunter headspace**  
73 Elgin Street, Maitland  
Friday 30 November 2012  
5.30pm until 8pm  
Guest speakers from 6pm  
RSVP by 27/11/12: Kelly.lambourne@sigpond.com

The exhibition will be running throughout the 16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence from the 25th November to the 10th December 2012.

**Speaking Out Against Domestic Violence and Sexual Assault**

Logos: NSW Health, Love Bites, Samaritans, Singleton Council, headspace

## Mobile phones and ipods

We have an increasing number of these devices coming into the school each day. Because they are such a distraction to student learning we don't allow them in the school during the day and they are locked in the strong room.

Just a reminder that we take no responsibility for mobile phones and ipods as they are not required at school for educational purposes.

Thanks

Cath Larkman

## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP



GET YOUR FRIENDS TOGETHER AND GRAB SOME XMAS BARGAINS.....

**LAST DAYS SO MISS OUT.....**

Parents and their families are invited to join King Street staff on a Christmas Shopping Trip to Sydney on Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> December.

There are 24 seats available on the bus and seats will be allocated on a first-in-first-served basis.

The bus will depart King Street at 7.00am and return at approximately 7pm. Cost per person will be \$30.00 which includes travel as well as tickets for lucky draws.

We will spend half a day at the DFO (Direct Factory Outlets) at Homebush, and the other half day at Birkenhead Point Shopping Centre. We will stop at the twin service stations on the Central Coast, both on the way down and on the way home.

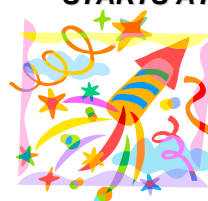
If you would like to join the staff on this wonderful pre-Xmas shopping experience, please indicate below. Send your payment and the note below back to Mrs Griffiths as soon as possible. Seats will disappear quickly!

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs Griffiths on 65722281.

NAME	NUMBER OF SEATS	PAYMENT ENCLOSED

## COMMUNITY CAROLS @ the HEIGHTS

**SATURDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER**  
**AT ALLAN BULL RESERVE**  
**STARTS AT 5.30PM**



**CAROLS AT 8PM**  
**FREE JUMPING CASTLES**



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**MUSIC**  
**& FAMILY FUN**

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# 'HOLES' by 5/6H

In 5/6H, we are reading the book 'Holes' by Louis Sachar. We have created models of some of the buildings in Camp Green Lake.



**'Holes' is a book about a boy that is accused of stealing shoes. Our model represents the Wardens cabin. It is mainly made of paddle pop sticks and glue.**

**By Ashleigh, Olivia, Chloe and Cameron**



'Holes' is a book about a boy named Stanley Yelnats. He is accused of a crime and is sent to Camp Green Lake, but... what is Stanley in for?

We created a model of the Wardens Cabin.

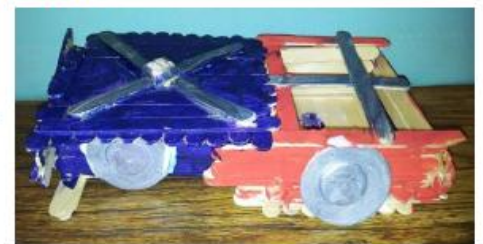
By Nick and Nathan



**'Holes' is about when boys go to a camp for crimes. They are bullied into digging holes.**

**We built a model of the canteen and the water truck.**

**By Liam, Dylan, Abe, Cooper and Glenn**



This is the Wardens cabin. This is where she lives and sleeps at Camp Green Lake while all of the other people sleep in tents.

By Harvey and Phoebe.







**Holes' is about Stanley, who was walking down the street when an expensive pair of shoes dropped on him. The police started chasing him. Now, he is stuck in Camp Green Lake, digging holes.**

**Our model is the Wardens house. We think our model is a bit messy, but we tried really hard. The inside walls were made pretty, as the warden is a lady.**

**By Zoe, Lynsey, Taneesha and Marley.**

'Holes' is a story of a young, poor boy who was wrongly accused of stealing shoes. He then goes to court and has to go to either Prison or Camp Green Lake, of which he chooses Camp Green Lake.

We have chosen the Wardens house. The warden wears cowgirl type clothing and is attacked by a yellow spotted lizard. Her name is Lou Walker.

By Connor, Noel, Joel, Thomas and Kyal.



**We created the Wardens house.**

**"Mr Sir was scratched on his cheek by the wardens nails, which had red poison on them".**

**By Lana, Maddi and Sarah.**



'Holes' is about Stanley has a choice to go to Camp Green Lake or Prison. He thought it would be like a big lake, but, it was all dry and all they did was dig holes.

We created one of the tents that the boys live in.

By Madison, Carly, Kate and Tahlia.



# Canteen Volunteers

## New Volunteers!!!

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Mobile:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Work on:**                      Monday   Tuesday   Wednesday   Thursday   Friday  
(Please Circle)

**How Often:**                      Weekly   Fortnightly   Monthly  
(Please Circle)

**Shift:**                              Breakfast   Lunch   Recess  
(Please Circle)

As little or as often as you like will be greatly appreciated, we need volunteers to keep the doors open. The canteen opens for breakfast from 8.45 with lunch finishing at around 11.45am; recess is finished by 1.20pm.

All proceeds from the canteen directly benefit the children of KSPS. The canteen is currently funding the computers in the library. Please drop completed form to the canteen.

Regards,

**Brook Harris and Lorraine Evans**  
**Canteen Supervisors**