

# King Tidings

## King Street Public School

*Our Best Always*

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## Sharing Our News

### Changing Times

As you are very aware there are a lot of changes currently taking place in our education system. This is the biggest overhaul I have seen for a long time however I believe there will be a lot of opportunities as more responsibility gets devolved to schools. In the meantime we are all trying to take in the information as it comes to light. I have been out of the school a bit attending meetings and taking part in consultation. I believe that *now* is the time that principals should make sure they are heard *before* all the final decisions are put into place.

So - thank you for your patience at this very busy time. Our staff are also in the midst of assessment and reporting times as well as planning for next year. At this point in time I cannot guarantee how classes will look as our numbers are changing from day to day. Whether we have grades/composites or stages will depend very much on this. I would like to reassure parents that, regardless of our class structure, students learn. Our teachers are very well equipped to cater for a range of abilities in their classrooms and we find the range of abilities is no different in a composite class than a 'straight' one. The only difference is a wider age range. Children in small schools where there are K-6 students in one small class learn also - we are prepared for these situations when we are trained. I will continue to keep you informed of our planning for next year.

### Survey Returns

Thank you so much to those who returned surveys on our webpage. Our staff and students also participated by email link.

I have briefly gone through the responses and there are no real discrepancies between the 3 groups. In fact I had an amusing couple of hours on the weekend reading our stage 3 responses. Apart from a few groans about homework, they gave me some really useful suggestions.

Our final conclusions will be summed up in our Annual School Report.

Cath Larkman  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENT

### WEEK 7

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 Assembly 9.30am Hall

### 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

## Sporting Success

### NSW Touch Footy

On the 27<sup>th</sup> October I flew up to Brisbane to represent NSW for Touch Footy. We stayed there for one week but only played for 4 days. Over the week I had a blast!

In the end NSW 12's girls came 2<sup>nd</sup>  
(NSW 12's girls 2<sup>nd</sup>, 12's boys 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15's girls 2<sup>nd</sup>, 15's boys 1<sup>st</sup>).

Mikayla Matthews

### Storytime



Storytime and Play sessions will continue in our new Library. These sessions are for parents and their children who will start Kindergarten in 2013. They will take place each Tuesday afternoon commencing at 2.30pm till the end of the year.

## School Assemblies

Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

29<sup>th</sup> November                      Parliamentarians

Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the CAPA Room

22<sup>nd</sup> November                      3/4K

29<sup>th</sup> November                      3M

13<sup>th</sup> December                      3B

Stage 3 Friday at 2.30pm in Hall

30<sup>th</sup> November                      5F

14<sup>th</sup> December                      6G

## CANTEEN ROSTER

26/11 Gillian Andrews, Belinda Richards

27/11 Ainsley Williams

28/11 **HELP NEEDED**

29/11 Mark Holland

30/11 Penny Stewart, **HELP NEEDED**

## UNIFORM SHOP

30/11 Donna Williams, Alison Way

## 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

## BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Are due back to the school office

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

## Infants Assembly Awards Term 4 Week 6



### Merit Cards:

**KB:** Chloe D, Jack P, Paris F.  
**KP:** Ava N, Jessica F, Malachai S.  
**KR:** Shaeleigh T, Hayden H, Riley M.  
**1F:** Abbott S, Sarah N, Porscha C.  
**1S:** Nell S, Stephen P, Isabelle G.  
**1T:** Morgan T, Reilly A, Georgia S.  
**2G:** Sam R, Danika G, Jacelyn M.  
**2K:** Declan S, Dylan D, John W.

### Star Cards:

**KB:** Naite H.  
**KP:** Jude M.  
**KR:** Cobie H.  
**1F:** Emjae M, Darcie M.  
**1S:** Grace K.  
**1T:** Tamara S.  
**2G:** Ainsley H.  
**2K:** Leahni A.

## Stage 3 Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 6



### Merit Cards:

**6W:** Calista G, Jarred Q, Isabelle L.  
**6G:** Luke M, Mitch K, Ethan L.  
**5/6H:** Sarah N, Noel W, Glenn W.  
**5B:** Travis W, Slayter H, Hannah D.  
**5F:** Nicole D, Dean S, Bryanna R.

### Star Cards:

**6W:** Mikayla M.  
**6G:** Alyse C.  
**5/6H:** Joel R.  
**5B:** Alex H.  
**5F:** Tia S.


**Star Cards:** Nicole D, Zac H.

**Sports Awards:** Chloe C, Izabella J, Emily S, Erin C.

## 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.

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### 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

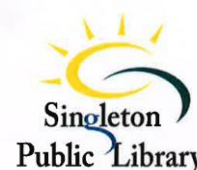
[www.sahasras.hope.com.au](http://www.sahasras.hope.com.au)

## King Street is a Nut & Fish Free 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.

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

## 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.

Ph: 6578 7500 [www.singleton.nsw.gov.au](http://www.singleton.nsw.gov.au)

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## ROAD SAFETY REMINDER

STUDENT daily arrivals and departures make the roads around KSPS very busy!

*Please drive safely around our school!*

## COMMUNITY CAROLS @ the HEIGHTS

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



**CAROLS AT 8PM  
FREE JUMPING  
CASTLES**



**FIREWORKS,  
MUSIC  
& FAMILY FUN**

**FREE SAUSAGE SIZZLE & DRINK**

**IF WET – HELD AT SINGLETON  
BAPTIST CHURCH**

## WHEELING & ABLE *making kids mobile* **Celebrating 80 years**

Come & join Wheeling & Able on our annual shopping trip in Singleton. All proceeds help buy equipment and services for children with physical disabilities in our local area.

Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> December 2012 from 9.30am – 1.00pm

A \$25 ticket enables you to get discounts at the following shops.

30% off at:

Evidence, Just Mum & Me, Runaway Clothing, Sports Power, Singleton Gifts & Homewares, Hunter Jewellers, Johnston Shoes, Lotus, Sports Galore, PD Bags, Worn Out Wares, One O One Coffee House, Redbournberry Clothing.

Join us from 1pm for a get together at the Albion Hotel for a complimentary coffee, glass of wine or soft drinks and lucky door prizes.

Tickets available at One O One Coffee House  
(cnr. John and Castlereagh Streets)

Further info is available from Jeannie Hicks 6573 3893.  
Come & help us support our local businesses and a great charity which has been helping local kids for 80 years.



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## CHRISTMAS SHOPPING TRIP



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

**HURRY ONLY 2 SPOTS LEFT DON'T 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



## End of Year Reports by 6G

### A note from Ms Garven...

As I'm sure most people are aware, all teachers have been working night and day writing end of year student reports. I must have been looking particularly frazzled because the **wonderfully humorous** students in my class kindly offered to write their own...

#### *Olivia Cleaver 6G*

*Olivia Cleaver is the most terrible student I have ever had. She is constantly getting into trouble and is well known by the principal. Olivia has been in the consequence room countless times. She is banned from all school excursions and activities. Olivia is not trusted outside of the classroom alone. She has set such a low standard for herself and never tries to raise it. Olivia is loud and annoying to all other students and myself. I constantly have to send her outside for disrupting the class. Olivia is in the lowest group for everything and never tries to raise the standards. She is the most obnoxious little girl I have ever met. Olivia is always fiddling instead of listening. I will be glad when Olivia goes off to high school next year.*

*PS I am truly disappointed in Olivia  
Signed Tabettha Garven (by Olivia)*



#### **Connie Yeomans**

Connie is the worst child that I have ever had in my whole career of teaching at King Street Public School. When I looked at my class roll for 2012 I fainted as soon as I read the last name on the list - "Connie Yeomans". I was out for 2 hours knowing that I was going to have Connie in my class this year. At the end of previous years the teachers have always complained about her. She is always yelling, being rude and is so very noisy. I'll be glad when the little brat goes off to high school. Good luck to her next teacher.

Sincerely, Ms Garven (by Connie)

#### Mitch Kelly

*Mitch is a disgrace to the whole classroom. He is clearly the worst kid in all of school. All he does is go to the toilets and stays there until the lunch bell goes. Whenever he's in the class room he is teaching other students tricks like putting thumb tacks on my chair or showing them every way to get out of work and now everyone is starting to copy him. I don't know what your son hasn't done wrong. The worst thing is that you (his mother) work at this school and you don't find out about everything he does. All the teachers are having a party on the last day of school this year because your son is leaving for high school. The bad thing is Mitch's younger brother is in stage 3 next year. God bless those high school teachers. Ms Garven (by Mitch)*

#### *Abbie Stewart*

Abbie is very irresponsible and never listens in class. She is most disrespectful and rude to other students and teachers. She never completes set tasks that I have made for the class and always disobeys me. Instead of writing using her wrist she will hold the pen in her mouth and write like that which makes it extremely hard for me to read as it looks horrible.

I am sick and tired of telling her what to do. She should already know the classroom rules as SHE IS IN YEAR 6. From what I have heard, her behaviour in the playground is atrocious too. In class she is absolutely horrible but on the other hand, she is the only reason I come to work each day; she is so beautiful and I wish I had her looks.

Thank you and kind regards Tabettha Garven  
(by Abbie)

#### *Ethan Lawrence-Bright*

*Ethan is a disgrace to our class. Ethan likes to spend the whole day in the toilet. He will ask if he can quickly go to the toilet then doesn't return till the afternoon. When he does stay in the class he makes disgusting noises and spits ball guns. In math time I will ask him questions and he just sits there looking at me like I am an alien. At lunch and recess he is always in the consequence room for being rude and naughty. He will put thumbtacks on substitute teachers' desks or write on the smart board in permanent marker. I really enjoy the days he stays in the toilet.*

Mrs Garven (by Ethan)

#### **Candice Gardiner**

**There is absolutely no doubt about it that Candice is truly the best student there ever was! She is supercalafragalistic at everything she attempts. Candice always accomplishes 101% in all tests. She represents the school in all contests and hands her homework in a week before it's due. Candice is like the World Wide Web. She contains all the secrets and facts in life. In fact she is so great next year when she is in year 7 I am going to quit teaching and become her student.**

Sincerely, Ms Garven (by Candice)

# **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***