

# King Tidings

## King Street Public School

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*Our Best Always*

## Sharing Our News

### Uniform Changes

During 2012, the P&C surveyed parents about varying some parts of the school uniform. These results indicated that the majority of parents supported the change to white socks for both boys and girls along with the introduction of girls' navy shorts.

The school parliament consisting of student representatives also supported the change.

This was initiated in response to concerns about the availability and increasing price of red socks for girls and grey striped socks for boys. Parents also expressed a need for girls to have something to wear when undertaking more physical activities.

Please note that the girls' dress and skirt are still expected to be worn on special occasions (such as assemblies, eisteddfods or at any time our students are representing the school) and the shorts are not compulsory, just an option.

The white socks are able to be purchased locally at a reasonable price and can be either anklets or normal style.

Currently the uniform committee are still sourcing a supplier for the navy short. They should be available early in 2013.

Red and grey socks will still be acceptable uniform in 2013 as the students current supplies wear out.

### Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

KSPS staff is stressing these values with our students as we head into the last few weeks. This is a program we have in our school which actively looks at teaching and positively reinforcing positive learning behaviours. Led by Mrs Barry, this team meet weekly to ensure that these strategies are taught across our school.

We ask for your support over the next few weeks as students get a bit 'edgy' and unsure as they think about the changes that happen at the end of each year. Please continue to recognise the positive things your children do at home as positive reinforcement is the best way to ensure positive behaviours. If your child has a bad day, help them to look for the good things that happened and model positive ways to deal with situations for them.

KSPS staff thank you for your help.

### Working Bee

Thank you to the band of staff and partners who worked at KSPS early on Sunday morning to help with the build up of leaves, pruning and other jobs.

We very much appreciate their time as this school has very large grounds and 4 days a week is often not enough time to get all the grounds maintenance done.

I would also like to recognise Jamie Griffiths who has been at the school on quite a regular basis recently supporting our maintenance team.

Cath Larkman  
Principal

### UPCOMING EVENT

#### 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

**CANTEEN ROSTER**

3/12	Ainsley Williams
4/12	Donna Williams
5/12	Robyn Stacy
6/12	Jason Gould
7/12	Melanie Weber, Penny Stewart, Lorraine Evans

**UNIFORM SHOP**

7/12	Donna Williams, Paula Hannan
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**Ice-cream Sundaes**

On Friday at lunchtime in the quad, ice-cream sundaes will be for sale. They will cost \$1.00 and money is going towards the Year 6 farewell. Don't miss out!

Year 6

**BOOK CLUB ORDERS**

Are due back to the school office **by 9am**  
**TOMORROW** Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> November 2012.

**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

**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

29<sup>th</sup> November 3B  
13<sup>th</sup> December 3M

Stage 3 Friday at 2.30pm in Hall

30<sup>th</sup> November 5F  
14<sup>th</sup> December 6G

**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.

**Stage 2 Assembly Awards – Term 4 Week 7****Merit Cards:**

**3B:** Laura S, Diana P, Jayden O.  
**3M:** Rhys S, Brodie F, Jye M, Grace H.  
**3/4K:** Hayley G, Jorja P, Savannah P.  
**4M:** Jude M, Riley W, Bayley S.

**Star Cards:**

**3B:** Sophie R.  
**3M:** Imogen G.  
**3/4K:** Matthew D.  
**4M:** Samuel M.

**Sports Awards:** Tori N, Jacquilyn D, Jye M, Cody R, Harry L, Laura S, Matthew D.

**Star Draw Card:** Brendan 3B, Kalisha 3/4K, Shakira 3/4K, Kristin 4B, Lachlan 3/4K.

## Song Room Music Workshop

On the 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> of November, 50 students walked to the Singleton Youth Centre for a music workshop. This experience was heaven for music and drama lovers. When we got there we were split up into 4 groups, A,B,C and D. This was a great way to make friends from Jerrys Plains, Milbrodale and the Heights. The activities were body percussion with Amy, drama with Jade, singing with Lyn and drums with Isabelle. On day 2 we did a performance for the parents. The drum group played a magnificent song with 'djembé'. The drama group did a series of skits named 'Postcards of the world'. The singing group sang 'Tie me kangaroo down' beautifully, and the body percussion group danced a Tahitian dance and a kiwi haka. On behalf of all the students who went to this workshop I would like to thank Mrs Bowman, Mrs Burgess and all the music workshop teachers for their hard work which made this happen.

Luke J.



Last week on Thursday and Friday, some stage 3's and a few stage 2's walked to the Youth Centre to learn the bongo's, singing, body percussion and drama. The Heights, Milbrodale and Jerry's Plains schools also accompanied us. We were then split into four groups then went into rotation for forty minutes in each activity. On the second day we had to perform a concert to all the parents and the other groups. It was awesome. We hope all the people who went had a wonderful time.

Emily S., Sophie F.

## P & C Update

The P&C would sincerely like to congratulate and thank all staff and students on the recent Tidy Towns success. It is well deserved and a reflection of wonderful teamwork throughout our school community. In conjunction with the school executive and school council, the P&C are participating in a process to further improve our school grounds, signage and facilities so we can look forward to an even more beautiful learning environment for our children in 2013.

Our fundraising work has continued again this year as the P&C held another successful Cracker Night as well as raffles and stalls for Easter, Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day. Combined with the funds raised by the canteen and clothing shop the P&C has made significant contributions to the school. This year we have purchased a trolley for the beautiful new grand piano, additional smartboards for classrooms as well as teaching resources and sporting team equipment. All the fundraising the P&C performs would not be possible without the generous support of so many parents, grandparents and friends of the school who volunteer their time.

Please note our next meeting will be held at Singleton Heights Diggers, at 6.30pm. This short meeting will be followed by dinner.

As always, the P&C would like to thank the many parents and friends who contribute their time to help at the school either by volunteering for canteen and other P&C activities or by directly helping in the classroom. We should be very proud of our vibrant school community.

King Street P&C Committee.

## Uniform Update

Earlier this year a survey regarding school uniform was undertaken. Thank you to all those who took the time to fill out the survey and also those people who added comments. The 4 areas that we looked into were to introduce a white sock for both boys and girls; to introduce a navy short for girls; to introduce a unisex uniform; and to introduce a sports shirt.

Introducing white socks, a girls short and a sports shirt received a clear majority of yes votes. The unisex uniform was less clear in its results. From the results the uniform committee proposed to introduce a white sock and a navy short for girls for 2013, leaving the sports shirt for future discussions. The P&C Committee, school executive and the student parliament approved these changes to our school uniform.

At this point we have not found a suitable girls short due to a supplier dropping the short we had chosen. We will have to keep you all posted on the shorts. The white sock is to be plain white but can include an ankle sock. It is also expected the girls traditional skirt/dress be worn for more formal occasions or when representing the school.

Kerrie Bright  
Uniform Committee/ P& C

## 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.**

### **ROAD SAFETY REMINDER**

STUDENT daily arrivals and departures make the roads around KSPS very busy!  
*Please drive safely around our school!*

## Headlice

Headlice is an ongoing problem in all schools. Children who have headlice are not able to be excluded from school so we rely on parents treating their children straight away so the headlice don't spread to the whole class. Unfortunately some children seem to get headlice more often than others and it becomes very expensive for these parents to keep treatments up. Please check your children's heads.



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

## 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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### Skills for Work & Training

This is a **FREE COURSE FOR WOMEN** thinking of returning to the workforce or pursuing further education. It is designed specifically for people who want to upgrade their skills, establish career goals and develop the confidence to achieve them.

Students will develop computing and job seeking skills, as well as brush up on communication, mathematics and green science in a fun, cooperative and supportive environment. This course also includes one week's Work Placement. A course related charge of \$25 applies.

Classes usually run for 2 ½ days a week within school hours.

An information/enrolment session will be held at 10.00am on 24<sup>th</sup> January, 2013 in L block.

**Ph: Jeanette at Singleton TAFE on**  
**65 787 128 or Maree on 65 787 130**

### 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.....

### **WE HAVE 4 SPOTS LEFT**

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.

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

## 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)



### YOUTH VENUE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY OPERATING HOURS

Singleton Youth Venue is closing at 6.00pm on 20/12/2012 and reopening at 9.00am on 05/01/2013. Business will commence as usual at the start of school term. Youth workers will be available to see young people during the school holiday period.

Phone: (02) 6571 4687

# 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*