

# King Tidings

## King Street Public School

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*Our Best Always*

## Sharing Our News

### A Fortunate Year

This will be the final newsletter for 2012 although there may be other communication next week if needed. If you are going away on holidays early this information can be accessed on the website [kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://kingstreet-p.schools.nsw.edu.au). It has been, in so many ways, a fortunate year. When we look at the news and listen to the radio we hear so many stories of tragedy around the world that it makes sense to look at the many positive things we have in our school and community. The students come to school each day to a wide variety of opportunities as well as many quality educational programs. They are taught by enthusiastic staff who continually improve their practice to meet differing needs of students heading into unknown (or often uninvented) professions and jobs. They are supported by caring families and a community that values educational progress.

It also makes sense to teach your children to look for the positive aspects of situations. So often people like to talk at length about what is wrong, but often don't recognise all the great things that happen each day both at school and home. We live in a fantastic country with many educational and other opportunities – unlike many other countries in the world.

At Christmas time, enjoy your time with those closest to you. They are very precious. Have a peaceful holiday and we look forward to seeing all our students back in 2013.

### Week 11, 2012 and Week 1, 2013

17/12 – 6.00pm: Year 6 Farewell in School Hall, King Street

18/12: Party Day – all classes. Please see class notes for details

19/12: Final Day – many classes will be moving. Talent/no talent contest - pm. Clap out for Year 6 at 2.45pm approx

20/12/2012: Staff Development Day – Quality Teaching Practices

21/12/2012: Staff Development Day – Strategic Plan and programming

#### 2013

28/1/2013: Public Holiday

29/1/2013: Staff Development Day

30/1/2013: Years 1-6 return. Please line up in 2012 classes. Due to fluctuating numbers and new staff appointments **new classes will not be formed that day.**

1/2/2013: Kindergarten begins (Best Start testing by appointment prior to this date).

Cath Larkman  
Principal

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### WEEK 10

Tuesday, Dec 11 <sup>th</sup>	Storytime 2.30pm Library
Wednesday, Dec 12 <sup>th</sup>	Xmas Concert 6.00pm Reports Sent Home
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



### **Year 6 Farewell 2012**

This year we are having our Year 6 Farewell and Graduation in the hall at KSPS. All year 5 and year 6 students, teaching staff, office staff and SLSO's are invited. It will be on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December. We will start at 6pm and finish around 8:30pm. Year 6 parents are invited to return, after dropping their children off at 6pm, at 8pm, to be part of our final activities of dancing and certificate presentations. We are looking forward to a great night incorporating food, drinks, cake, dancing, games and some formalities of speeches (by our outgoing and incoming captains).

## **CANTEEN ROSTER**

17/12 Jason Gould  
 18/12 Teresa Tanks  
 19/12 Cherie Constable **Last Day of School**  
 20/12 **Pupil Free Day**  
 21/12 **Pupil Free Day**

## **UNIFORM SHOP**

21/12 **CLOSED**

## **Presentation Day Assembly** **9.30am in the Hall**

## **BUS PASSES 2013 (STSS)**



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 2013, please contact the office for an application form.



## **LIBRARY BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED**

As the year's coming to an end all Library books need to be returned for stock take. Prompt returns will be appreciated.

**ALL BOOKS NEED TO BE RETURNED NOW**

Mrs Hawkins

## **Active After School Sports 2012**

During 2012 King Street P.S has been participating in Active Afternoon Community Sport. This program allows students to stay after school two days a week for an hour, to participate in sports and activities that they may have not experienced before. During the year roughly 35 children have been involved in a range of activities that incorporate skills such as catching, throwing, running and hitting. The children also learn good team work skills and are able to interact with others that they might not usually play with at school.

Throughout term 4 we asked sporting clubs from the Singleton Community to attend and coach short training sessions, so that the children were exposed to the sports available in our local area. These sports included netball, soccer, tennis, AFL, little athletics and swimming. The children enjoyed all these sports and learning skills from sports they may not be involved with outside of school.

Active Afternoon Community Sports has been a success in our school and will only continue to be one if the children are involved. It has been a pleasure seeing children smiling, laughing and co-operating so well with one another while being active.



## **Volunteers Morning Tea**

We would like to invite all members of the King Street Community who have volunteered time in any way in 2012 to join us for morning tea after our presentation assembly on Friday. You may have helped out in the canteen or clothing pool, attended working bees, coached sporting teams or joined your children for reading groups. Every minute volunteered helps to make our school the wonderful place of learning that it is. The staff and students sincerely thank you all.

WHERE: Sports Cola

WHEN: After the Presentation assembly,  
 December 14<sup>th</sup> 2012.

## **To Give Away**

We have 8 laying hens to give away. Please contact the office and leave a message for Mrs Forrest. If there are a number of requests for either all or some of the hens, a ballot will be held. Expressions of interest close this Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2012. Hens available to be picked up on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> December 2012.

## Goodbye, Good Luck and Thank you

Next week King Street Public School will farewell 3 much loved faces. Mr John Kember and Mrs Sue Gilmore are retiring, and Mrs Sue Winsor has accepted a teaching position at Singleton Heights Public School. **Between them, they have been at King Street School for a total of 46 years!!** All three will be missed by students, staff and the King Street community. They have been outstanding teachers, role models, mentors, colleagues and friends. We thank them and wish them all the best in the journey's that are before them. We asked some students to think of a word to describe these teachers, here are their responses.....



### Mr Kember

enthusiastic, awesome, **marvellous**, SMART, lovely, cool, fun, nice, funny, good sport, **BEST TEACHER.**

"You are a great singer. You did good at the nursing homes." (Taylar)

"Thanks for the Steve Irwins Cricky Thanks Mate." (Ruby)



### Mrs Gilmore

phenomenal, GREAT, **brilliant**, smiley, great netball coach, great teacher, nice, caring, helpful, supportive, **FRIENDLY**, awesome, fun.

"Thanks for being so great at KSPS . Best wishes for your travel." (Bryanna)



### Mrs Winsor

**cheerful**, sporty, great mummy (from Glenn maybe??), **COOL**, nice, I like her, awesome, FUN, very nice, helpful, kind, supportive, best.

"Thank you for being a great teacher and cricket coach teaching all the new players great skills." (Tristin)

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

## 2012 Lolly Run



Singleton Fire Brigade members are running their 7th annual Santa Lolly Run again this December. Starting Monday the 10th of December Santa will be driving up and down the streets of town tossing lollies to all the good girls and boys on the foot path. Santa will do his best to drive up every street but just to be sure no one misses out he suggests all children go to their nearest corner or intersection when they hear the old fire engine siren.

Santa will be traveling around Singleton between 4.00pm and 8.00pm from the 10th till the 14th of December in the following areas...

### Monday—10th of December

Entire Heights area between the Highway  
and the Pinical

### Tuesday – 11th of December

Huntview and Pioneer Rd and  
Darlington, Dunolly and Glenridding

*Santa is busy on Wednesday*

### Thursday— 13th of December

Queen Street through to Greenwood Avenue.  
and  
Maison Dieu, Gowrie and McDougals Hill

### Friday—14th of December

York Street through to Kelso St and the railway line  
and  
York Street to the Civic Centre (between John and George St)

*Santa asks that all children put safety first and only  
stand on the foot path as he comes past and have a  
VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!!*

Singleton   
EVANGELICAL CHURCH



### SINGLETON ALIVE

**FREE** holiday kids club  
&

**FREE** youth group  
(No booking required)

**When:** Monday 14th-18th & 20th January

**Where:** Singleton Public School  
(Enter via Elizabeth St)

**Time:** 9 am - 12 pm

[www.singletonchurch.org](http://www.singletonchurch.org)  
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## SJR – Ready Rugby Want a holiday hit out?

Singleton Junior Rugby in partnership with Ready Rugby will be conducting holiday skills clinics and registration days for new and existing players for the 2013 season.

Location: Howe Park  
When: 11<sup>th</sup> Jan 13 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
U7s' to U12s'  
Cost: \$20 per person  
18<sup>th</sup> Jan 13 3:30pm to 5:30pm  
U13s' to U18s'  
Cost: \$25 per person

All participants to receive a sausage sandwich and drink on forwarding this flyer.

R.S.V.P. – [samanthaduff1@bigpond.com](mailto:samanthaduff1@bigpond.com) by  
Wednesday January 2, 2013



# 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*

## Dear Santa.....From 1S

DEAR SANTA, CAN I PLEASE HAVE A RUDOLPH TEDDY THAT LOOKS LIKE RUDOLPH AND MORE TEDDYS PLEASE. I STAY IN BOUNDS. I SAID KIND WORDS. CAN I PLEASE HAVE A REAL BABY CHEETAH. I DO JOBS FOR DAD AND KIT.FROM ALISHA .

Dear Santa, Please can have a new motorbike. I have been good. I have been supportive by doing some good things. From Dylan W

*Dear Santa, I would like a stationery set please, I say kind things to people, I do kind things, I PLAY WITH MY FRIENDS KINDLY. THANK YOU.* From Isabelle Rose Gardner.

**Dear Santa, Can I please have a yoshi car and a Mario track race set and a video game. I have been good and kind and friendly. From Joel.**

*Dear Santa, Can I please have a teddy bear. I have been good. I have been good by playing with my brother. I helped my brother by putting up the Christmas tree. From Katesyn*

Dear Santa, Can I please have a Scooby Doo goo monster pack and a Scooby Doo DVD. I have been good because I help mum with the washing. I help my friends and I get my sister the ice pack when she gets hurt. From Jade

Dear Santa, Please can I have a snow white doll please. I have been good and I have been kind to my teacher and to my friends and to my school. Thank you Santa from Grace

Dear Santa, what I want for Christmas. I want an ipad and a gazillion wishes. From Floyd. I am good at reading, sounding and playing.

**DEAR SANTA, I WANT A SONY PLEASE. I DO JOBS FOR MY MUM. FROM DYLAN.**

Dear Santa, I want to have an Ipod and a Rapunzel doll with Eugene and a monster high doll. Because I have been good and I like you please Santa get me those toys. I would like a Scooby Doo goo monster pack and a cat. Love Kyr

Dear Santa, May I have one of those new I pods .I try my best, I do the best work that I can and I feed the reindeers. I wash up the dishes. I do jobs for my mum. I give you carrots and milk. From Liana

Dear Santa, Please may I have a new DS game and a Scooby doo DVD. I have been good by being proud. I can help by playing nice with every one. I have been good and I like you Santa. From Mikayla.