



Week 6 – 13 November 2013

Sharing Our News

Another Year- Another Tidy Towns Award!

At Monday morning's assembly, Mrs MacBain and Mrs Fleming from Singleton Tidy Towns made some very exciting presentations to our school. At the recent 'Keep Australia Beautiful Tidy Towns' Awards, Singleton was awarded first place, and King Street Public School received **Highly Commended** honours in the Schools category. This is a remarkable achievement and shows the commitment our school has to maintaining a beautiful and functional environment.

The Singleton Tidy Towns Committee also entered our EWOKS in the 'Young Legends' category, which was recognised with a participation award. Our Grounds assistant Linda was surprised also, with Mrs MacBain presenting her with a special Tidy Towns cap for the hard work she does around our school.

Congratulations to all students and staff for your dedication to keeping our school one of the best in the state.



Mr Upcroft was presented with our award.



Linda was all smiles receiving her cap.

UPCOMING EVENTS'

Term 4

WEEK 6

Wed, 13th Nov Stage 3 to Panto @ S.P.S. 9.30am
Thurs, 14th Nov Kindergarten Orientation

WEEK 7

Mon, 18th Nov Band Rehearsal
School Council Meeting 4pm in Library
Tues, 19th Nov 'Storytime' Pre K 2.30pm
Thurs, 21st – Fri, 22nd Nov Yr 5 Girls Leadership Camp
Fri, 22nd – Sun, 24th Nov Yr 5 Boys Leadership Camp

WEEK 8

Wed, 27th Nov Combined Scripture
Fri, 29th Nov Nursing Home Concerts

WEEK 9

Tues, 3rd Dec Smart Science Show
'Storytime' Pre K 2.30pm
Fri, 6th Dec GOLD/SILVER CARD ASSEMBLY

WEEK 10

Tues, 10th Dec 'Storytime' Pre K 2.30pm
Wed, 11th Dec Presentation Day
Thurs, 12th Dec Concert/Singalong 6pm

WEEK 11

Mon, 16th Dec Year 6 Farewell
Tues, 17th Dec Party Day ES1, S1, S2
S3 Party Day
Wed, 18th Dec Talent/No Talent Quest
Last Day for Students
Thurs, 19th Dec Staff Development Day
Fri, 20th Dec Staff Development Day

School Council Meeting
Monday 18th November 2013
4pm in School Library

School Assemblies

Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

21st Nov KP

Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

14th Nov 4/5B

28th Nov 3/4G

12th Dec 3FM

Stage 3 Friday at 1.45pm – 2.30pm in Hall

15th Nov 5H

29th Nov 5/6H

13th Dec 5G

Nail-Biting Win for Boys Cricket Team

Our boy's cricket team have come away with a stunning victory over Raymond Terrace in their round 5 match. Batting first, the boys reached 109 with Jack T again retiring on 40 runs. Raymond Terrace rose to the challenge, and with 18 balls remaining needed only 12 runs for victory. Our tight bowling and skilful fielding however kept them to a score of 98, which is a great comeback after setting an impressive run chase.

Jack T	retired on 40
Alex H	Not Out on 24
Tom S	1/17 off 5 overs
Jackson S	0/17 off 4 overs
Mitch C	2/15 off 4 overs
Alex H	1/16 off 4 overs
Tristin P	1/13 off 3 overs
Jack T	3/14 off 5 overs

Thank you again to Mr Stacy for umpiring and Mrs Holz for scoring. The next game will be against Ben Venue Public School from Armidale, and we wish the boys further success. **Our team is now one of the final 16 schools in NSW left in this competition!** They continue to show awesome intensity and even better sportsmanship. However, we are not sure if the nerves of Miss Honeysett and Mrs Holz can withstand another close game!

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 6

18/11/13 Tayla Stamp

19/11/13 Sam Morgan

20/11/13 Sheree Constable, Deb Papworth,
Kate Bennett

21/11/13 Mark Holland

22/11/13 Tayla Stamp, Cheryl Holz, Nicky Jones

UNIFORM SHOP

21/11/13 Dawn Knight, Maxine Chesworth

Students join Town Band Celebrations

On Saturday November 2nd members of the King Street School joined other schools to perform at the annual Town Band Concert. This was a very special year as the Town Band was celebrating 135 years of music in Singleton.

Our students attended practice sessions prior to the evening, and the performance on the night was fantastic.

Congratulations to all our students for their dedication.



Representatives of our school band who performed at the combined concert.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Are due back to the school office by Thursday 28th November 2013 by 9am. Please ensure your orders are returned on time.

Thank You Mrs Stewart.



3/4G used their imagination on Remembrance Day to put themselves in a soldier's shoes. They wrote a paragraph of thoughts that might have been running through the heads of these brave men and women. Lest we forget.

Today we all might die, I thought. I could hear the crunching as we were walking up the hill; I could also smell the smoke from the bombs and gunpowder. We got up to the hill and heard a sharp crack; someone had shot at us and missed. They hit the hard, smooth and now crushed rock. I started to worry and think of my family back home. I began to fight with great honour. Boom! It went black. I woke up and I was in a smooth bed with blood on my hands. Blood was on the patches stapled to me. I thought... am I dead?

By Vaun



Running over the hill, my heart thumping with adrenaline, all I can think about is my kids. Right now they're in factories working on jobs that should not be attempted by children. Then I heard a gunshot. The man in front of me falls. My heart skips a beat but I continue to run, determined to fight. I start to fire. We're right up close now, so many men gone.. mothers and fathers all gone. But I am still alive. Then another gun shot. I fall.

By Charlotte.



I'm crawling up the hill. My heart's racing. I'm thinking I could die, but what would my family go through? I go to the top of the hill with my group; we can see the enemy base. I thought 'we can't attack', if my friends die I will be sad, but what if I die? Then they will be sad. I demanded to go back but they would not listen, so we attacked. Only three of us survived. Me and my two friends, Jack and Reggie. By Riley

When I am on this hill it is life or death. There is no turning back. I have no idea if the enemy is waiting. What if I die? I have a family. What happens to them? As I walk up the hill I think to myself, 'is my life as important as the person next to me? Have I done my duty to my country?' My heart is beating fast. We've reached the top of the hill. The enemy is waiting. My friends are more important than me now.

By Grace

5 minutes with.....Jenny Stewart



1. Where were you born and raised? I was born in Blacktown hospital. I have 2 older sisters and 2 younger brothers. Due to my father's work situations we moved about 6 times when I was growing up. We lived in St Marys, Eastern Creek, Camden and Singleton. We moved to Singleton at the end of Year 10.

2. What is your role this year at KSPS? I am on a Kindergarten class this year and they make me smile every single day.

3. What made you decide to want to teach?

Children want to be listened to and being a teacher is the best place to be able to do that.

4. What study have you undertaken and where?

I went to Newcastle University and finished Uni in 1994. I lived in Newcastle while I was going to Uni.

5. What do you like to do when you are not working hard at KSPS?

I really enjoy spending quality time with my own family. Even if it is playing games, drawing pictures, going to the park, swimming etc. Anything to do with my kids and husband.

6. What is your favourite TV show/food/music? The type of TV shows I like are things like Packed To The Rafters, Outnumbered and Rules Of Engagement. I am really lucky as I always enjoy Rick's wonderful tasty cooking. I like all types of music and will listen and sing (if my children let me) to anything. The only type is Opera that I wouldn't listen to.

7. Your football team? I don't follow football but my kids do. Conaugh goes for Newcastle, Riley goes for Bulldogs and Rasharna follows St George.

8. What is something you are really proud of at KSPS?

KSPS is a very caring school. We have a lot of people who are supportive and want the best for our students and school community. I love coming to school and seeing our beautiful gardens and the amount of space we have for our kids to use. We are very lucky.

9. What is the best thing about working in a school environment? I find working in a school environment is extremely rewarding. Every day there is a milestone for different children - it doesn't matter how big or small it is - to the child it is huge! To see a child proud of themselves is very inspirational.

10. If you could pick one place in the world to travel to, where would it be? I would travel anywhere with my family as long as it wasn't too cold. Rick wants to go to Antarctica so he would have to do that on his own. Riley would love to go to Madagascar which is a lot warmer than Antarctica. I would go anywhere as long I was with my family! Riley at the moment would love to visit Madagascar.

5G Continue to Support Younger Students

Last Tuesday 5G had a very busy afternoon inspiring our younger KSPS students. The afternoon began with buddy reading with 1B, with the week's focus on reading plays. They displayed and encouraged them to use animation and hand gestures with their reading, and helped them to project their voices as if they were on stage. It made for some very interesting sounds coming from the quad!

Following the reading session 5G hosted Kindergarten in the hall, leading them in gymnastics activities. Judging by the huge smiles on their faces, it was clear that the smaller children were thoroughly enjoying themselves!

Well done 5G for showing care and support of your fellow students, and for being such fine role models.



Raffle for Year 6 Gift

To support the purchase of their gift to the school, Year 6 are holding an end of year raffle. 2 wonderful prizes are up for grabs- a Fuji Xerox Document Printer, and 2 passes to Tree-Tops Adventure Park (to the value of \$90).

Tickets are 50 cents each, and raffle books will be coming home to each family today with the newsletter. The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday, 28th November**, so we need all books to be returned by **Wednesday the 27th**.

Thank you for your support!

Year 6 students and teachers.

Band and Choir Members to Entertain Nursing Homes

Each year our very talented band and choir members visit Singleton Nursing homes bringing Christmas cheer to residents. The date for this excursion this year will be **Friday, 29th November**.

Students will be travelling by bus, and leave the school at 9.30am. There will be no cost to the children to attend. Mr Kember, Mrs Stewart and Mr Ward will accompany the students. The itinerary for the day is as follows:

9.30am Leave King Street
10.00am Perform at Elizabeth Gates Nursing Home
11.30am Perform at Mercy Nursing Home
12.30pm Eat lunch at OOSH in Civic Avenue
1.30pm Perform at Coinda Nursing Home
2.30pm Return to school.

Students will need to bring a packed lunch, drink bottle and snacks they can eat throughout the day.

They will need also to be in full school uniform, as they will be representing our school.

This is a very exciting day, one that the Nursing Home residents thoroughly enjoy each year.

Mr Upcroft

Bean Bags

We have some new notebooks for the upstairs classes located in 5/6H pod. Thank you so much P&C.

We would like any old bean bags for the pod area as these are a good place to sit when using the notebooks! If you have any can you please send them to Mrs Hovey and we will put them to use in our pod area.

Thank You

5/6H and Mrs Hovey

Selective High Schools

If you would like your child to apply for selective high school placement in Year 7 for 2015, you need to do so soon. For more information go to www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement applications close 18 November 2013.

Infants Assembly Awards

Term 4 Week 5



Merit Cards:

KM: Sabastien C, Holly F, Perry P.
KP: Tori M, Misen N, Kodee B.
K/1G: Shaeleigh T, Eamon C.
1B: Jasmine F, Julian S, Thomas C.
1T: Reid S, Mason T, Naite H.
2I: Tamara S, Jessica L, Rasharna S.
2R: Dylan W, Hannah T, Tayla S.
2/3U: Mikayla E, Shianne H.

Star Cards:

KM: Abby B.
KP: Andrew W.
1B: Riley M.
1T: Bridie B.
2I: Alisha G.
2R: Sarah N.
2/3U: Blaiden R.

We will remember them.



Remembrance Day...

On the 11th hour of the 11th month, 5H's in class Remembrance Day service was conducted by Lleyton our class parliamentarian.

This was an opportunity for 5H to pay respect and honour to those who have lost their lives while serving their country.

Throughout this day 5H completed many activities based on Remembrance Day. We learnt that the poppy was one of the first flowers to bloom on the battlefields of Flanders during World War 1 and that the meaning of the bright red colour symbolised the blood shed during the horrific conflict as well as the hope of new life – the poppy became the symbol of Remembrance Day.

Using the procedure on the following page we then constructed our own red poppies and displayed them as a wreath around John McCrae's 1915 poem 'In Flanders Fields'.



5H's *Poppies*

STEP 1: Cut 2 identical squares from red paper. Then cut from each corner to centre of square.



STEP 2: Dab glue in the centre of each pinwheel and fold corners to centre, pressing into glue.



STEP 3: Trim the pointed edges of each pinwheel to make them curved.

STEP 4: Glue one pinwheel on top of the other, offsetting slightly.

STEP 5: Glue black centre into the middle of your flower.



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.

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 families to carefully consider the danger that others could face if they touch or eat these products.

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

REMINDER At King Street School we have a policy endorsed by the WHS Committee (Work, Health, and Safety) that no animals are to be on school grounds.

The only exception would be if they are brought in for "Show & Tell" and taken home immediately after by parents. It has been noted that some parents are bringing dogs to school with them when dropping and collecting children. We would ask that these parents cease this practice for the safety of the children at our school.

Thank you
K Kermode
WHS Committee

BUS PASSES 2014 (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 2014, please contact the office for an application form.



Keeping Our Kids Safe

Thank you to all those parents and carers who continue to use Sussex Street carefully when dropping off and collecting their children. At King Street it is of high importance to us that we keep all your children safe.

We continue to have a few motorists who appear to be unfamiliar with the RTA signage and laws, so we ask all motorists to be particularly aware of the following:

- There is **no parking** in the School Drop off/Pick up zone during the allocated 'kiss and drop' times.
- 'No Stopping' signs indicate **no stopping at any time**. These are generally in the more high risk areas.
- Motorists **must not leave their car** when stopping in the School Drop off/Pick up zone.
- The area immediately outside the Kindergarten gate **is not to be used to drop off children**. This is a 'No Stopping' area.
- It is **illegal** to drop off or pick up children in the middle of the road.

Thank you for your continued support in keeping our kids road safe.



King Street Public School sincerely thanks the following local businesses for their support of our 009 Leadership Program:

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**FRIDAY 29TH
NOVEMBER
3:00PM - 8:00PM
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On Friday 29th November a Carnival will be held in Rose Point Park to celebrate the Special Olympics 2013 Asia Pacific Games Torch Relay which is passing through town that afternoon.

The Carnival will have a huge range of markets, food vendors and entertainment. There will be a host of **FREE** activities for kids including a **giant Aqua Slide, Jumping Castle, Face Painting and Art & Craft** marquees, and a **Mini Olympics Tournament**.

Live stage entertainment will be held throughout the afternoon, including performances from local and international artists. Roaming entertainment will fill the venue creating a Carnival vibe with **Stilt Walkers, Balloon Artists, Buskers**, and even a visit from **Prime Possum**.

The park will be a vibrant hub of activity with so much to do and see.

It is set to be a great summer afternoon in the park!



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Free Family Event

Sausage sizzle & drink, face painting, jumping castles, bands, entertainment, carols and fireworks

Bring a chair or rug to sit on and enjoy a stress free night

Highlights

- ◆ Singleton Town Band
- ◆ mainly music
- ◆ KAM—Kerryann McKittrick
- ◆ Quiz Worx puppet show
- ◆ Carols by Singleton Baptist Church

Held at Alan Bull Reserve
Crn Bridgman Rd & Acacia Cirt
Huntview

Contact for more info:
Linda Butler 0411113059

If wet will be held at Singleton Baptist Church



Singleton Family Support in conjunction with Advanced Personal Management (APM) will be holding a free workshop on Thursday November 14th 2013 from 10am to 12pm.

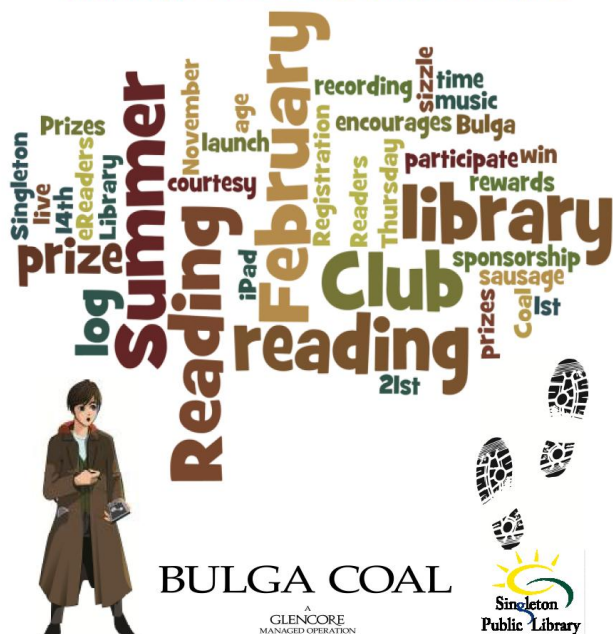
Katie from APM will be delivering tips for returning to the workplace, including assembling resumes, writing cover letters, interview technique and offering personalised follow up support to help overcome any barriers that may inhibit a return to the workforce.

Childcare will be provided. For more information or to book a place please call Singleton Family Support on 0265 72 4288.

SUMMER READING CLUB

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Thursday, 21st November from 6.00pm



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Vacation Care @ Singleton Heights

Activities suitable for ages 5 - 12

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Thurs 19 Dec	Fri 20 Dec	Mon 23 Dec	Tues 24 Dec	
Maniac Sports Day (DC)	Pizza and Movie Madness (DC)	Singleton Master chef (DC)	T'was the night before Christmas crafts!	HOLIDAYS Centre closed 25 December to 5 January
Mon 6 Jan	Tues 7 Jan	Wed 8 Jan	Thurs 9 Jan	Fri 10 Jan
Road Safety Day (DC)	Kidz Choice Tuesday! (DC)	Aqua Golf and Putt-Putt (E)	Zany Scientist (DC)	Bowling Disco! (E)
Mon 13 Jan	Tues 14 Jan	Wed 15 Jan	Thurs 16 Jan	Fri 17 Jan
Explosive Art (DC)	Reptile Man (I)	Garden Club (DC)	Swim-a-Rama! (E)	Singleton's super Ping-Pong Tournament
Mon 20 Jan	Tues 21 Jan	Wed 22 Jan	Thurs 23 Jan	Fri 24 Jan
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