



Week 7 – 20 November 2013

Sharing Our News

Caring for our students

We encourage our parents and carers to model correct behaviour while crossing the road by **crossing with your child in marked areas**. Sussex Street can be very busy in the afternoon and it only takes a few extra minutes to walk your child across the crossing. When they are older and taking responsibility for themselves this safe behaviour may save their lives.

Cath Larkman



UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

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

Leadership Camp Cancelled

Due to ongoing rain, the river rising and general wet conditions, we have made the decision to cancel the Leadership Camps for safety reasons.

We apologise for the inconvenience. Refunds are currently being arranged. Thank you to Mr Upcroft and his team for their ongoing work with Leadership within the school.

School Assemblies

Infants Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

21st Nov KP

Stage 2 Thursday at 2.30pm in the Hall

28th Nov 3/4G

12th Dec 3FM

Stage 3 Friday at 1.45pm – 2.30pm in Hall

29th Nov 5/6H

13th Dec 5G

CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 8

25/11/13 Tayla Stamp, Gillian Andrews

26/11/13 Jodie Silke

27/11/13 Ros Kelley, Alison Way

28/11/13 Maxene Chesworth, Merri Pankhurst

29/11/13 Tayla Stamp, Jackie See, Vanessa Ridling

UNIFORM SHOP

28/11/13 Dawn Knight, Paula Hannon

School Uniform

Thank you to the parents who ensure their children are in correct school uniform each day. Our younger students are often impeccably dressed.

Correct uniform shows that our students are **proud of their school** and this is one of our school values or rules. Our younger students also look to our senior students for a good example.

Please help us by ensuring your child (**especially senior students**) are in their correct uniform each day **especially** when they are representing the school or out in the community - also if they are part of special events here at school.

We are preparing our students for High School and the work place where uniform codes are strict as well as supporting the positive reputation of King Street Public School.

Thank you

Cath Larkman

A Busy Time for Stage 3

Term 4 is always a busy one for our year 5 and 6 students, and the end of 2013 is certainly proving to be hectic.

Year 5 have just undertaken the process of selecting captain candidates for 2014. There have been a large number of nominees, and the final 12 candidates have been announced. We commend every student that nominated-it takes much courage to undertake the selection process. It would have not been an easy task for your peers to choose just 12!

The candidates for Captains of King Street Public School in 2014 are:

Girls

Josie B

Kristin C

Aimee F

Piper F

Jude M

Tori N

Boys

Oliver B

Ewan K

Lleyton R

Jackson S

Harrison W

Riley W

Our year 6 students are beginning their exciting transition to high school. We have a number of students attending the weekly 'Jumpstart' programme, and the whole year will be joining the other Singleton Schools at the high school orientation day on December 4th. They also have the year 6 farewell to look forward to (Monday December 16th), the 009 thank you afternoon, and their very special party day on December 17th.

While all this is happening students are also completing assessments and teachers are preparing reports!

For the information of Year 7 2014 parents-

Each year at Singleton High School year 7 attend an Outdoor Education Experience with selected and trained year 10 peer support leaders. The 2014 camp will be held at the Active Education Morriset Centre in **Term 1, Week 6, Monday 3-Wednesday 5 March 2014**. The students will get more information on the camp early next year.

Changes to Child Collection Requirements

On the occasions where your child is arriving late to school, or needs to be collected before the end of the day, it is a requirement that you notify the office. For the safety of our students, children need to be signed in and out if there is a variation to their normal school day.

The procedure at the office has changed slightly. **Following a directive from the Department of Education and Communities, parents/carers must have a valid reason for their child arriving late or being collected early.** For this reason, we now require the person collecting your child to enter the purpose of their early departure. We appreciate the continuous support from all parents/carers regarding this matter.

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 ticket books were sent home last week to each family. The raffle will be drawn on **Thursday, 28th November**, so we need all books to be returned by **Wednesday 27th**.

Thank you for your support!

Year 6 students and teachers.

King Street Public proudly presents:

"Singing in the Seventies"

*a musical concert to be enjoyed by all. To be held on **Thursday 12th December** in the hall.*

The concert will start at 6pm and entry by gold coin donation. All children will be participating so come and support our talented children. Further information will be sent in a note from your child's teacher regarding costumes.

See you on the night!

Volunteers Christmas Dinner

Once again King Street Public School has been the recipient of many hours spent by wonderful volunteers who assist our students and staff in a variety of ways.

The P&C, School Council and Canteen Volunteers will be holding their annual Christmas dinner on **Monday, December 2nd**. The venue will be Carmens Restaurant in John Street.

Could Canteen volunteers please RSVP to Brooke or Lorraine in the Canteen by next Monday, November 25th.

We hope to see you all there.



Picture sketched by Darcie R 5G

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

Outstanding Effort from KSPS Cricket Team

Yesterday the KSPS boy's cricket team competed in their 6th game of the PSSA competition. An early start saw the team and their big band of supporters travel to Quirindi, meeting Ben Venue Public School from Armidale halfway. The result of the toss saw the King Street boys in the field. With some great bowling and enthusiastic teamwork, we managed to keep the very skilled batsmen to 102 runs.

Knowing it would be a tough innings, our opening batsmen Luke and Tristin faced a quick opening pace attack. Luke's wicket fell early, with a large shot in the air being caught, bringing big hitter Jack to the crease. Jack was our top scorer with 25, and was supported beautifully by Tristin making 5, Alex 11, Jackson 17 and Tom 3 runs. Unfortunately we fell short by 22 runs. Special mention must go to Alex and Jackson who handled the pressure very well towards the end of the innings.

Thank you to Mr Stacy, Mrs Holz and Mrs Cullen who were available every game to umpire and score. Special thanks also to the supporters who watched each match, especially those that travelled to Quirindi. Our value of 'Supportive' is certainly reflected in the commitment of parents and families as well as our students.

This cricket team has had a fantastic year under the guidance of 'Supercoach' Miss Honeysett, being one of the last 16 schools in the state left in this competition. They have played with impressive sportsmanship and enthusiasm throughout the tournament. All boys are to be congratulated. (Please visit the school website for photos of the boys in action.)

Our team was: Jack T, Jackson S, Tom S, Alex H, Tristin P, Mitch C, Harlan D, Luke J, Dean S, Harvey C, Abe P, Elliott E.



Cricket Congratulations

I received this email from Mr Bill Stacy, our School Council Chairman, this morning. I would very much like to congratulate our boys, Miss Honeysett and Mr Stacy - but believe I cannot improve on the email he wrote. Boys – you have represented King Street with Pride.

Cath Larkman

I would like to congratulate the boys and Miss Honeysett on a wonderful season playing the PSSA competition.

I was lucky to officiate their games in the centre and I feel that each game they played they represented the school with the upmost respect and with the greatest sportsmanship qualities.

The boys today performed well and even when they knew they were losing they kept their heads held high and displayed the greatest of qualities I have seen.

The boys continued to cheer and encourage their team mates both while fielding and batting at the end, something that I felt was greatly appreciated by all parents there watching from King Street.

Once the game was over they were the first to come and congratulate Ben Venue and presented themselves with a smile and genuine congratulations. This to me showed great dignity and sportsmanship, something the school should be proud of.

Cath, I would like to thank the boys for making my job easier as an umpire with their respect and appreciation towards the principles of the game of cricket - my congratulations to a great bunch and I wish them all the success with their cricket in the future.

Well done guys- you help make King Street a great school.

Bill Stacy

Wearing Our Uniform With Pride

Over the next few weeks there will be opportunities for students to represent our school in the community. Please be aware that only those wearing correct uniform (including black shoes, white socks and hair decorations in school colours only) will be invited to take part. We take great pride with our school image in the wider community. Please be aware we have many second hand items available. Cath Larkman

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

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.

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

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

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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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7th December 2013
5.30pm — 9.00pm

Community Carols @ The Heights

Free Family Event

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entertainment, carols and fireworks

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




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


Contact for more info:
Linda Butler 0411113059

Highlights

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



If wet will be held at Singleton Baptist Church





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