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Week 8 – 26th November 2014 Sharing Our News

Celebrating 50 Years

Celebrations for our 50th Anniversary are already wonderful memories as we move rapidly into Christmas mode. Our Dinner Dance, our commemorative walk and our formal assembly were a tribute to the Year 5 and 6 students, their teachers and Principal who formally marched from Hunter Street to King Street in 1964 to begin learning in their 6 brand new classrooms. Our school has indeed continued to grow into a centre of learning and opportunity for so many as they begin their educational journey. Cindy Judge, Tony Old and Cameron Upcroft worked tirelessly towards these celebrations and we thank them and all the others who contributed in both large and small ways to the success of our events.

Caring for our Students

The end of the year brings a time of upheaval for many of our students. Staff are extremely busy finishing off marking, assessments, reporting. Concerts, parties and swimming school are either happening or being organised and there is a vibe in the air that things are about to change. Some children cope with this and some don't. Some display different behaviours as most children really like routine and are a little fearful of starting a new class or missing their friends. Please be aware that you can help your children by maintaining as much routine as possible, preparing them for changes by talking about what is happening in a positive way and reassuring them that they will cope with the changes ahead.

Enjoy the rest of your week.

Cath Larkman
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 4

WEEK 8

Mon 24th Nov-Fri 4th Dec Intensive Swimming Year 2
Thurs 27th Nov Boys 2015 Captain Speeches-
9.30am in the hall
Fri 28th Nov Movie Ticket Orders Due

WEEK 9

Mon 1st Dec Choir Senior Citizens Visit
Tues 2nd Dec Voting for School Captains 2015
P&C/Canteen Xmas Dinner
Wed 3rd Dec Year 6 High School Orientation
'Storytime' 2.30pm
Thurs 4th Dec Last Active After School Sports
Fri 5th Dec Gold and Silver Card Assembly
Choir Nursing Home Visit

WEEK 10

Mon 8th Dec Concert Dress Rehearsal
Hot Dog Day
Tues 9th Dec Heidi Hodeo Circus Rodeo
Wed 10th Dec End of Year Concert
'Storytime' 2.30pm
Fri 12th Dec Presentation Assembly

WEEK 11

Mon 15th Dec Year 6 Farewell
Tues 16th Dec Party Day
Wed 17th Dec Last Day for Students
Talent/No Talent Quest
Thurs 18th Dec Staff Development Day

Mrs Larkman and former KSPS Principals Jim Porteus and Lyle Gilmore cutting the Anniversary Cake on Monday.



CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9 Term 4

1/12/14	Tayla Stamp
RECESS	Tania Almond, Sarah Graham
2/12/14	Mel Barber
RECESS	Sharee McLoughlin
3/12/14	HELP NEEDED
RECESS	HELP NEEDED
4/12/14	Jackie See
RECESS	HELP NEEDED
5/12/14	Penny Stewart, Vanessa Ridling, Malcolm Fogerty
RECESS	Mel Barber
UNIFORM SHOP	
2/12/14 (Tues 2-3pm)	Mel Barber, Tenielle Rossi
4/12/14 (Thurs 9-10am)	Ros Kelley, Jody McCarthy

Stage Assemblies

<u>Infants</u> (Wednesday of even weeks at 2.30pm in the Hall)	
26 th Nov	Parliamentarians
<u>Stage 2</u> (Wednesday of odd weeks at 2.20pm in the Hall)	
3 rd Dec	S2T
<u>Stage 3</u> (Friday of even weeks at 12.00pm in the Hall)	
28 th Nov	S3H

Canteen News

New at the Canteen on Mondays!

Chicken Caesar Salad Wraps only \$5

Tuesday Meal Deal

Pizza Meal Deal: Pizza and Juice \$3.50
(normally \$3.70)

Nugget Meal Deal: 6 Nuggets and Juice \$4
(normally \$4.40)

Hot Dog Day

We will be having a **Hot Dog Day** on Monday the 8/12/14. The Hot Dogs will be \$2.50 and there is an order form in this week's newsletter. Orders are due by **5/12/14** to the office.

Canteen Fundraiser-Movie Tickets in time for the Holidays!

Orders for Movie Tickets are due by **Friday 28th November**.

Please leave order forms at the Canteen. Thank you for your Support.

King Street PBL Values

At King Street we are:

Kind, Safe, Proud and Supportive.

In our classrooms we:

- ❖ **Co-operate...always cooperate with teachers, classmates and visitors**
- ❖ **Listen...be an attentive listener for effective learning**
- ❖ **Attitude...have a positive attitude for successful learning and be proud of our work**
- ❖ **Sensible...move and behave safely in the classroom**
- ❖ **Studious...be studious and enjoy the sharing of knowledge with teachers and classmates.**

At King Street Public school we have **CLASS**.

Thank you to the following students for displaying our KSPS values and rules (Term 3, Week 4):

S2B: Jade M, Jacelyn M **S2I:** Demi F, William P
S2M: Emillee P, Sophie W **S2T:** Isabelle G, Macy B,
Tariya L

Stage 2 Awards – Term 4 Week 7

Merit Cards:

S2B: Abbott S, Emily P, Emma J, Morgan T

S2I: Hannah T, James B

S2M: Rasharna S, Isabella T, Lily S

S2T: Stella S, Reilly A

Sport Awards:

S2B: Octavian S, Mikayla E

S2I: Kyra R, Ryan E

S2M: Adam S

S2T: Blaiden R, Chloe-Rose F

Star Cards: Sailor, Charlotte, Adam, Holly, Liana

EWOK Awards: Tamara, Porsha

LIBRARY NEWS

Please note there will be no more borrowing this year. **Could all books please be returned ASAP.**

Thank you to our students for being great readers in 2014!

EFTPOS WILL BE UNAVAILABLE AT THE OFFICE THIS THURSDAY AND FRIDAY. WE APOLOGISE FOR THE INCONVENIENCE.

Celebrating 50 Years

We extend our sincere thanks to all those that have attended and supported the 50th Anniversary Celebrations of King Street Public over the past week. The Dinner/Dance was an extremely enjoyable evening which was well attended by many former staff, students and parents. The fabulous entertainment from Howard Ward and his band 'Swing Company' ensured the dance floor was full all night. On Monday morning we again welcomed many former King Street supporters to our 50th Anniversary Assembly. It was a wonderful opportunity for many students, staff and parents to revisit the school and share memories, and it was an honour to host them.

We would like to acknowledge the support of the following companies and individuals for their help over the last few weeks:

- **Singleton Diggers** for allowing us the use of the function room free of charge.
- **KSPS P&C Committee** for the donation of the Anniversary Rose.
- **Mrs Ros Kelley** for nurturing the rose over the last few weeks!
- **Kerry Kermode, Jim Porteus, Joy Poole and Olwyn Bower** for sharing their memories with us.
- **Singleton Public School** for sharing historical photos, and hosting a 'farewell' assembly for us on Monday.
- **SPS captains Andrew, Clare and Mick** for helping to lead our Anniversary Assembly.
- **Members of the SPS School Band** who performed at the assembly.
- **Shae-Lea and Sophie** from S3H for giving up their time to help laminate the many photos.
- **Luke, Lana, Jess, Phoebe and Millie** for helping us set up the hall last Friday.
- **Adrienne Gay and Jenny Stewart** for being there on Saturday to help set up at Diggers.
- **Howard Ward and 'Swing Company'**.
- **Brook, Lorraine, Cheryl and the canteen volunteers** for a fantastic lunch on Monday.
- **Hunter Valley Jewellers** for the rose plaque.
- **Cox's Bakery** for the anniversary cakes.

- **The special guests** who attended Monday's assembly.
- All the former staff, students, parents and community members who have contacted us in the last few months with memories and information.

Cameron Upcroft, Tony Old and Cindy Judge

The History of the Anniversary Rose

In 1964 when years 5 and 6 first began classes on our site, the foresight of Principal David Leithhead saw the trees beginning to grow and the oval starting to grass over. One important addition to the grounds (which Mrs Bower remembers fondly) was a Rose Garden which was donated by year 5. Whilst the Rose Garden is no longer there, the original plaque still remained. It was decided that the P&C would donate a rose, and ask Mrs Olwyn Bower (an original student) and Miss Joy Poole (an original teacher) to re-plant this gift at the site of the original garden. They proudly did so after Monday's assembly, and unveiled a new plaque commemorating the day.



Mrs Bower and Miss Poole planting the Anniversary Rose.

The Walk 50 Years in the Making

On Monday morning, 50 years to the day King Street Public School was officially opened, a number of past King Street students joined Miss Joy Poole in a walk from Singleton Public School in Hunter Street to the gates of KSPS. Miss Poole was one of the original teachers that walked with her students in 1964 to begin classes at the brand new buildings in King Street. Joining the group were Mrs Larkman, Mrs Kermode, Mr Crowe (SPS Principal), our school leaders and nominated leadership candidates for 2015.

After a farewell assembly at Singleton Public School, the group were led by Miss Poole down Hunter Street, Bourke Street and then into King Street where they were led into our 50th Anniversary Assembly by the drum corps. This was a wonderful moment, and we thank Miss Poole and all the former students for braving the heat and joining us for this special occasion.



Leaving Singleton Public School with Miss Poole in the lead.

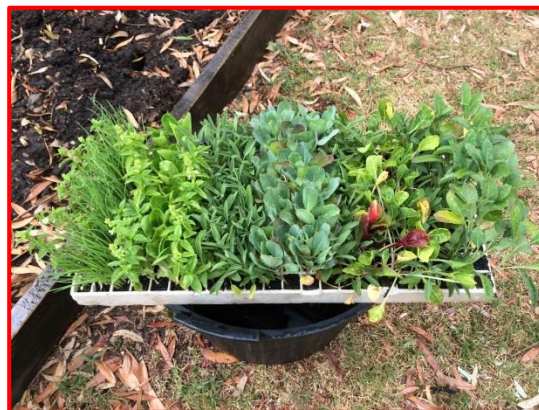


Arriving at the King Street gates 50 years on.

Kind Donation for our Vegie Garden

Once again we would like to thank McNamara's Fruit and Vegetables for their generous donation of seedlings to enhance our vegetable garden ready for summer.

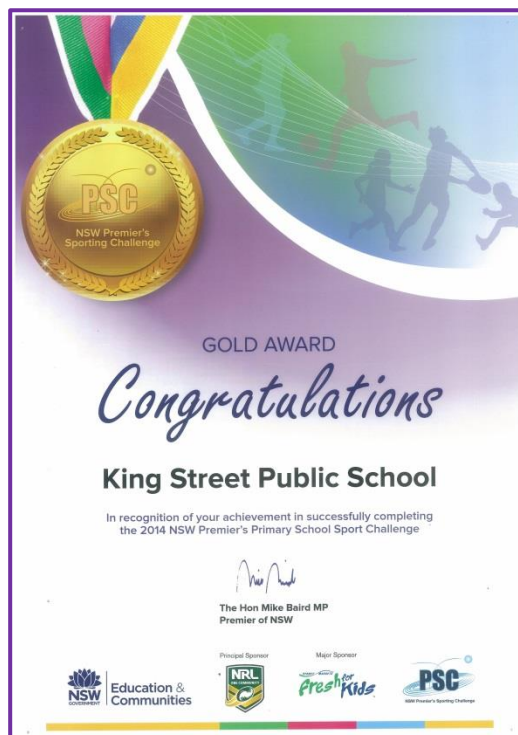
It is wonderful to have such support from local businesses.



Sporting Recognition for King Street

At the morning assembly on Tuesday many of our students and some teachers received certificates acknowledging their completion of the Premier's School Sporting Challenge. As a result our school received a Gold Award.

Well done to our very active kids and staff!



Students to Decide on School Leaders

This week the 12 candidates for School Captain in 2015 will be presenting speeches to their fellow students. The girls will be speaking today (Wednesday) and the boys tomorrow (Thursday) at 9.30am in the school hall.

We wish all the candidates the very best, and are proud of them for nominating for this honour. Voting will take place next Tuesday, 2nd December, and the leaders for 2015 will be announced on Presentation Day.

Feedback from Community Survey

Thank you so much for your feedback via the survey and thank you to the many community members who helped distribute them.

If we narrow down the big picture concepts, this is what you said:

- Everyone was happy about the KSPS experience
- Many commented on school values, citizenship and resilience being important in their child's education for their future
- The point above was also extended to the whole school community in many cases
- Many commented about the need to be aware of, and act on individual student needs, talents and interests. You were also positive of how this was currently handled.
- Some mentioned the need for support in classrooms to cater for students with diverse needs. Many were very positive of teaching and support currently in place.
- The necessity of consistency across all classes and stages was mentioned
- The recognition that change in our system was current and impacting on all schools
- Kinder orientation parents thought highly of the orientation process at our school
- Care and support from individuals on staff was mentioned.

Thank you,
Cath Larkman

BUS PASSES 2015



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 2015, please contact the office for an application form.



School App Celebrating Anniversary Also!

We have just marked the 1st anniversary of the King Street Public School App. The App went 'live' on the 25th of November 2013, and has proved to be of huge benefit to both staff and parents.

If you haven't yet downloaded the App to your smartphone or ipad, we encourage you to do so. It is a wonderful and convenient way to keep updated with school events and notify us of absences and changes to contact details. You can also access the calendar and newsletter.

Simply search 'King Street Public School' in your app store and downloaded. The App is FREE.

Where will you be in 2015?

As planning is about to begin for 2015, we are after an indication of those families who may be leaving the area at the end of the year. It would be appreciated if you could let our office know as soon as possible.

Similarly, if you know any families who will be moving into our school zone, please encourage them to contact our office staff with their details.



HOT DOG DAY!
MONDAY 8TH DECEMBER

Name.....

Class.....How Many?.....Sauce Y/N

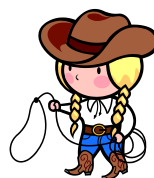
Name.....

Class.....How Many?.....Sauce Y/N

Name.....

Class.....How Many?.....Sauce Y/N

**PLEASE HAVE ORDERS AND MONEY TO
 THE OFFICE BY FRIDAY 5TH DECEMBER.**



**Visiting Performance –
 “Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo”**

Our term 4 visiting performance will be held on **Tuesday, 9th December** and is titled: Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo!

Supercover will cover the cost of this performance; otherwise the cost will be \$5.00 per student.

Please return the permission note below with payment to ensure your child is able to attend.

*Regards,
 Mrs Griffiths*



**Visiting Performance
 Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo**

I give permission for my child/children:

Name.....

Class.....

Name.....

Class.....

Name.....

Class.....

To attend the Visiting Performance “Heidi Hodeo’s Circus Rodeo” on 9/12/14. I have enclosed \$5 per student.

(PLEASE NOTE IF YOU HAVE SUPERCORVER YOU DO NOT NEED TO SEND IN THIS NOTE).

Signed.....

(Parent/Guardian)

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.

King Street Values the Wellbeing of our Students

Please be aware that we have an immuno-suppressed student in our school.

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- OOSH Hours are 5:30am-9am & 3pm-6:30pm Mon-Fri
- Family day care hours are 9am—4pm Mon-Fri
- CCB & CCR Approved – Located at Hunterview
- Please phone Claire on 0424 689 778 or email sfdc@outlook.com.au for an enrolment pack.
- * Casual spots are still available for both OOSH and family day care from now until the end of 2014.

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ORDER FORM

Help raise funds for your school or community group!

Fundraising Ticket <small>(Valid to August/October)</small>	Price <small>(Special Group Fundraising Price)</small>
1 x Fundraising Ticket	E \$8.50

See checklist for full terms and conditions. For a group to be eligible for the Majestic Cinema Fundraising program they must fulfil the minimum requirements of 100 tickets and be a registered not for profit organisation. All prices include GST. Prices are current as at 10/20/11. All Fundraising Tickets have a 12 month validity date from time of purchase by group. Groups are responsible for the distribution and proving of their tickets and all enquiries should be made through your group coordinator for information on these issues.

Please note - 3D charges apply per ticket to all pre-purchased vouchers. Current 3D surcharge is 70p per ticket as at 10/20/11.

Please return to School or Group Coordinator to

(Total cost equals number of tickets ordered multiplied by Price above)

Please send me: Fundraising Tickets for \$ which is enclosed

Purchase Information -

Name _____

Contact Phone Number _____

Payment can be made by: (indicated on left. Please choose one of the indicated methods.)

Cash (Please find enclosed amount as per above)

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TERMS AND CONDITIONS

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3. These tickets cannot be redeemed for cash, must not be on-sold without written permission from Majestic Cinema, are not refundable and are not available for exchange, unless required by law.

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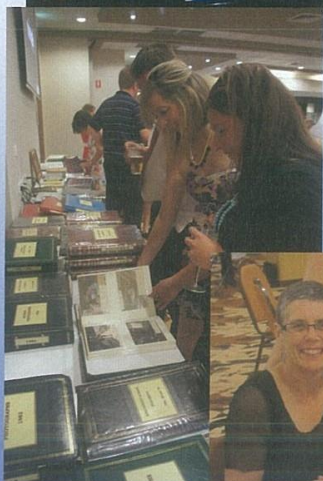
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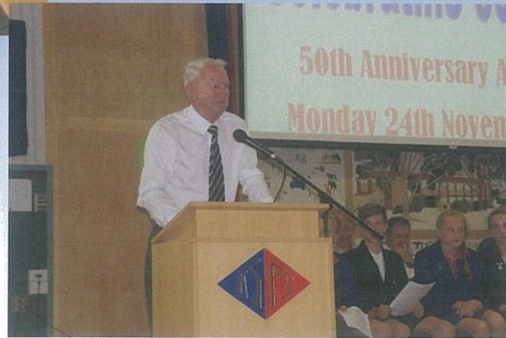
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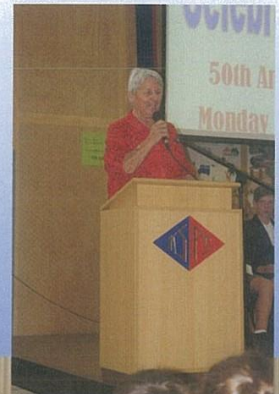


50th Anniversary Dinner Dance





50th Anniversary Assembly



Recollections of King Street Public School 50 Years on...

Probably, when Principal David Leithhead saw me arrive at Singleton Public School as a first year out teacher he couldn't believe his luck, not only because I was the teacher to end all teachers but because I owned a Ford Mainline Utility that he could see immediately was going to help in the set up of the new King Street site. As 1964 approached, when the buildings were to be completed, craft for the boys in my class was cancelled and our time was spent picking up and clearing grass and cat heads from the new site in the trusty Mainline. Mr Leithhead had already embarked on a brilliant plan to grow trees so that there would be plenty of shade. He was a great naturalist and even picked the jacarandas (blue) and the silky oaks (gold) to border Sussex Street in the then Singleton Public School colours, remembering that King Street was originally part of Singleton Primary. I was one of the lucky teachers who came to the King Street site first. My class and I felt very privileged to be in the new buildings after living through the demountables of Hunter Street. From the start King Street was always called King Street, even though it was part of Singleton Public School and the Hunter Street site was always called Hunter Street, so nobody ever called anything 'Singleton'. At the new site we were really like a very exclusive upper primary school with only the 5th and 6th classes there and didn't the children love the new playground with its full size oval! The only downer was the catheads, I hope they have all gone now 'cause a lot of kids spent a lot of time digging them out over a lot of years! The school colour trees were not the only trees and each class was given a plot to look after. My class had the international plot. The seeds for these trees had been gathered from all over the world. Mr Leithhead was particularly proud of the Golden Rain Tree as he had gathered the seed for this tree from the foot of the Himalayas. Oh dear, imagine my distress when a student raced in one morning and said "I think the Golden Rain Tree is dying!" It died! The kids and I didn't know whether to tell Mr Leithhead or whether to just disappear from the face of the earth! I have very fond memories of the children and staff I worked with at King Street. Many of these children are still in Singleton. Originally there was only the six classroom star formation which meant you could look from Sussex Street to King Street. When the double storey blocks came they blocked out the view for the original classrooms. Over the years more and more buildings were added. In 1964 I was very impressed with David Leithhead's foresight in planting the trees, all these years on I haven't changed my mind. When you look at the trees, think of Mr Leithhead's foresight and spare a little thought for all the teachers and kids who watered them. My one regret is we lost the Golden Rain Tree!

Miss Joy Poole



1979-Start of a New Era

1978-79 were busy and exciting times in the life of King Street.

During 1978 the proposal to 'bifurcate' Singleton Public School to accommodate the numbers of primary school students was discussed.

This involved the closing of South Singleton Infants School and the establishment of 2 separate primary schools K-6, one on the King Street site and the other in Hunter Street.

A number of small schools were closed and their students were carried to town by bus. In that same year a large number of students and staff moved to the new school at Singleton Heights.

Eventually, after long discussions with parents and the Education Department, the two schools were established and the names chosen. Singleton Public School in Hunter Street retained that name because it was the site of the original school, first built in 1858. King Street was named after its location, having been built as the primary school site in 1964.

As King Street was the new school changes had to be made.

A new building was built for the infants classes who came to the site for the first time and the administration building was extended. Many of the demountables were removed.

A new badge, motto and uniform was needed. A town competition was held to chose the design for the badge and the school motto.

Robyn Bower designed the red and blue diamond shaped badge with the letters KSPS.

Louise and Jennifer Sneddon thought of the motto "Our Best Always".

The uniform was decided by the P&C Association and the school colours of red and blue were chosen.

These were busy and exciting times but the result years later is worth it all.

J D Porteus (Principal 1978-89)

