**News from KSSP&C**

Family Portraits bookings are now CLOSED. Thank you to all families who have supported the event.

A School Uniform Stall will be open this Saturday at the Kingsford Smith School Carboot Sale.

All items $2

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**Come along to the Book Week Parade dressed as your favourite book character.**

When: Thursday 21st August (Week 5)

Time: 10:00am
**News from Preschool & Kindergarten**

Kingsford Smith School is excited to offer the Royal Life Saving Swim and Survive program at CISAC, Belconnen to our Kindergarten students. Learning to swim is an important life long skill and this program aims to reduce the rate of water related incidents. This program is subsidised by the school and is endorsed by the Education and Training Directorate. Kindergarten children will have received their note this week. Please return this note and monies to the front office or your child’s classroom teacher.

Preschool are celebrating book week by offering a day where your child is encouraged to bring their favourite book. Your child will receive a note to allocate a day to bring their book for sharing. The children are also welcome to dress up as their favourite book character on Tuesday or Friday of Week 5.

**News from Years 1 & 2 ‘The Nest’**

During our Inquiry unit time, 1/2 classes have been learning about natural, manmade and managed landmarks. We have walked around the school to look for these features in our school environment. Natural landmarks are found in nature, manmade landmarks are built and managed landmarks are those that have natural elements that are looked after by people, for example, a park.

- **Manmade**: Our school Library
- **Natural**: Brindabella ranges
- **Managed**: A golf course

We are planning to go for a walk around our local neighbourhood in the next few weeks to find more examples of these features in our environment. We will be recording our findings using different data collection methods such as tallying and making charts.

(Font size enlarged to encourage student reading).

**Writing Competition for Yr 6-10 students**

Write a 50-word story or a Poem in 50 words or less

- See information posters displayed at school
- Deliver entries to the library
- Entries close Wednesday 27th August, 2014
- You could win I-Tunes gift cards or Book Voucher
- Celebrating Book Week, and
- National Literacy and Numeracy Week

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News from Senior Learning Support Unit Autism

Excursion to Questacon.

An absolutely fantastic day we had at Questacon on 5th of August. The students from both autism units had lots of fun watching and participating in ‘Bright Sparks’ show on electricity and activities Questacon offered that day. We were so proud of our student’s manners and knowledge they displayed during their conversations with Questacon staff. Jack and Liam conquered the ‘Giant Drop’ while others attempted, but decided to do next time. All the student particularly liked the ‘Perception Deception’ exhibit where they used their senses to complete the activities. They enjoyed there so much that they can’t wait to go there again.

From SLSUA

Library News

Next week is Book Week (Week 5) August 18-22. The theme is ‘Connect to Reading’.

Week 6 is Literacy and Numeracy Week August 25-29.

So there’s a lot happening in the library and all around KSS!

The Great Book Swap is scheduled for Tuesday 19th August. In order for it to be a success, we need a lot more books, so please, send as many in as you can spare. And don’t forget, students can select a title from those donated for the price of a gold coin on the day.

Book Week Parade / Dress Up Day is scheduled for Thursday 21st August...so come to school dressed as your favourite book character. I’ve got my costume planned already! A parade will be held at 10am and prizes will be awarded.

Calling all writers...get your entries into the 50 word story or poem competition. Entries close Wednesday 27th August. Winners announced during Literacy and Numeracy Week. In addition, the author, Harry Laing, will facilitate a writer’s workshop with students from Grades 6, 7 and 8.

Quizzes will be held during roll call during both weeks.

Check out the displays in the library too!

Lyn D Andrews  | Teacher Librarian

News from Middle & Senior School

SIGNS - Step into the Limelight Art Exhibition 2014

A number of KSS students worked very hard and shared their art pieces at this year’s exhibition. The feedback was very positive from a range of people who viewed the works, such as community members, media, school teaching staff and the ANU. The official launch on Tuesday night was very successful and hundreds of people attended which created a very positive and happy vibe.

It was very impressive to benefit from the wonderful job Alison Moulang from Dickson College did in curating the show, Sue O’Connor and her catering students from Gungahlin College who very ably provided and served tasty hors d’oeuvres at the launch and Eileen Curry and the string ensemble from Canberra High School who played their varied repertoire.

The show finished on Saturday and if you didn’t see it, I encourage that you catch it next year. It’s a great opportunity to experience the high quality work being accomplished by students of all ages in ACT public schools, including the quality teaching that supports it. We were lucky to have had the event in one of the most appropriate venues in the ACT, The Canberra School of Art Gallery, ANU. All the students enjoyed having their works exhibited in a professional gallery space.

We hope that you will be a part of this event in the years to come support the great myriad of visual arts produced by students from various year levels in ACT schools in the future.

Hockey Review:

Last Wednesday Miss Langridge took the 7-10 hockey team out for a gala day. The students had a great day, were very competitive and showed excellent sportsmanship. A special mention must be made of Matt Neeson who helped Miss Langridge get the team organised.

Whilst they didn’t make finals they were competitive in every game and scored some great goals. Even those who had no experience did a great job.

Miss Langridge was very proud.
Cricket ACT is offering an Umpiring and Officiating Course to all high school students in the ACT/NSW region.

This course will provide students with the necessary skills required to be a cricket umpire and also to officiate a game of cricket. By taking part in this course, students will gain leadership qualities, gain experience and also receive a certificate of qualification from Cricket ACT.

As part of this course, students will be required to assist in one of our MILO T20 Blast School Cup days which are held in late term 3, 2014.

This course is ideal for any students currently studying sports development or any students who are keen on becoming a sports leader.

If you have any questions regarding the course please feel free to contact Jake Floros at email: game.development@cricketact.com.au

Community Playgroup Invitation.
Jelly Beans Playgroup is looking for more families!
Monday 9.30am to 11.30am of school Terms
Old Scullin Preschool, Gatty St, Scullin

If you have children aged 0 to 5 years old please come along, you and your child can join in with the fun and meet other families in your community area.

For more information, please phone ACT Playgroups on 1800 171 882

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term from 11 to 29 August. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won’t take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you in August. The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at www.det.act.gov.au under publications.

Yr 7/8 Boys & Girls Outdoor Soccer is Monday Aug 18
Yr 9/10 Boys & Girls Outdoor Soccer is Wednesday Aug 27
Dickson Playing Fields. 9am—3pm. Students must hand in permission note & $5 to front office. Own transport to and from event is necessary for each student attending.

The KSS JETS would like to thank the following sponsors for their contribution to the program.

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