Dear Families

Over the last two weeks we have run information sessions for families looking to enrol at Kingsford Smith School. We were very pleased with the attendance, particularly at the evening sessions. We received very positive feedback about our programs and our senior students who assisted at the session for Years 6 to 10. If you know of anyone who missed attending could you please asked them to contact the school to arrange a meeting.

NAPLAN ran very smoothly last week with most of our students completing tasks on the set days. Time was set aside on the Friday so students could complete any they missed. Parents will receive a report later in the year and will be able to make a time with class or home teachers to discuss if needed. The school uses the data to review programs and to make any necessary adjustments to the curriculum.

The Board Homework Working Party is close to completing a review and recommendations should come to families for comment before the end of term. A working party to review the KSS Gifted and Talented Policy will meet in Semester Two. Any parents interested in working on this can contact me at school.

To assist families in making uniform purchases we have had a photograph taken of all KSS uniform items for winter and summer covering the primary, middle and senior school. When the order arrives we will mail a copy to all our families. With the colder weather we are finding many uniform items. If these are named it is much easier to return them to their owners.

The KSS Culture of Giving is really gaining traction. At our assembly yesterday afternoon the students handed over a cheque for $1400 plus to support a family in purchasing a new wheelchair for their child. The Jets organised a raffle with a signed cricket bat as the prize. The announcement was made this morning and congratulations Libby Jenkins. I am constantly impressed by our students.

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**Newsletter, Friday May 23 2014**

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We have implemented a new online payment option through Westpac called Quickweb that allows easy access for payment direct to the school bank account.

Payments can be made using a credit/debit card for financial contributions, any school event and excursion.

Visit [www.kss.act.edu.au](http://www.kss.act.edu.au), scroll across yellow tool bar to ‘payments’ drop down menu and click Westpac’s Quickweb payment system.

The information you complete on the form will enable us to accurately identify the sender, the funds/purpose and correct ledger to receipt. An instant receipt is available via Quickweb and if you require a gift deductible receipt, please contact the school.
News from Preschool & Kindergarten

The Preschool was very lucky to have a visit from Constable Kenny Koala and Stewart. The children learnt about safety when you are out and about with your family and friends. You may have also seen a few extra smiling faces in and around the Pre School. At the moment we have two pre-service teachers visiting from the University of Canberra, Lucy and Cate. If you see them around be sure to say hello! As the weather is getting colder, please ensure your child brings a warm NAMED jacket for play times.

Kenny Koala and Stewart also visited Kindergarten. During their visit the children learnt about Community Care and ways to look after our communities by making sure we pick up rubbish and if we put rubbish in the bin that it goes in the right one. The Garden has also been working hard during our Daily 5 work. The children really enjoy their morning spent learning about word families, constructing sentences, reading to self and reading to someone. All students have been settled during the Daily 5 and it has been great to see the enthusiasm towards the new learning.

Canteen News

KSSP&C Donut Day will be held in Week 6 this term.

Kindy—Year 5: Wednesday 4th June
Year 6—Year 10: Thursday 5th June
$2.50 whole donut
$1.30 half
Jam filled, iced: chocolate, caramel & plain cinnamon

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Newsletter 1/2 News

The Nest has been buzzing with excitement during our inquiry learning. This week they have been planting alfalfa sprouts and broad beans. The students have been ensuring the plants are regularly watered and observing their growth under different conditions, for example in light and darkness. The students have been observing the growth of their meal worms and conducting experiments on them such as the ‘drop test’, ‘blow test’ and ‘torch test’. They have also been drawing the changes they have observed and measuring their growth.

Thank you to our 1-2 Toucan parents who have enthusiastically come in to share home pets and teach us about living things. The Toucans have learnt about stick insects and guinea pigs; where they live, what they eat and how they grow and other interesting facts. Did you know a stick insect sleeps for 10 hours a day? We welcome any other parents to come in and share other interesting living things with our classes.

Unfortunately we still have a large number of lost property items with no names. We have a lost property box in the bag area. Any items not collected will be sent to the canteen lost property area early next week. Please ensure every item of clothing has a name on it. Thank you for your cooperation.

REMINDER – Have you brought in your Zoo and Aquarium excursion note? Notes and money need to be returned no later than Monday, 2nd June, Week 6.

News from Year 3, 4 & 5

Jump Rope for Heart.

Just to let you know some dates regarding Jump Rope. The "Harrison Hoppers" will attend KSS and perform a skipping demonstration on Friday 30 May at 12pm. This is an exciting and a high energy filled event! I'm hoping that all will be able to attend.

A reminder that the actual Jump Rope 'Jump Off' will occur Week 5 Thursday 5 June. I'll send out a more detailed email soon regarding the timetable for the day.

Students in years 3/4 will explore weather in weeks 4-10 of term 2; investigations will include The Water Cycle, Clouds and Temperature. This topic fits in with both science and numeracy.

The writing focus for the remainder of Term 2 in Year 5 will be in creating and presenting explanation reports. Students will be researching a range of topic areas, and from that knowledge they explain a process that occurs in the natural world.

"5 Endeavour—Mrs Clewer class"

The cooler weather is here to stay and we know that the temperature will only go down not up. Children will still need to have drink bottles in the classroom and for after break time. Winter clothing is starting to make an appearance around the school especially in the mornings. Please remember to have all items sent or worn to school clearly labelled with your child's name and year level or building number. This assist with reuniting missing items with the correct owner.
Middle school news

Each classroom in KSS now has a mini recycling bin where each class can monitor their own recycling practices. We would like to encourage all families to adapt these practices at home on a daily basis also. Have fun and recycle!!

Crunchies

Crunchies were two for a penny. Once you’ve opened the crinkly wrapper and put it in your mouth you bite and it crunches. It feels like fireworks in your mouth. Under the wrapper they are yellow with a chocolate coating. The crunchies felt like giant bubbles popping in your mouth. The chocolate melted in your mouth with the pops. It was like a party! They weren’t hard to chew and they tasted better when you closed your eyes. They are a taste sensation for everybody.

-By Ben

News from Senior School

Today Yr 10 Building & construction class completed the final ground works for the Bleacher Project to be completed this year. The brick work, rendering and painting will be finished in term 4.

Congratulations to the Year 10 boys who have worked hard on preparing the ground work. We look forward to using the completed bleachers for students at KSS in the future.

Library News

Reading stories aloud is something I thoroughly enjoy doing; a good thing too as Wednesday 21 May was National Simultaneous Storytime. This means I read the book, Too Many Elephants in This House, to the majority of the Primary School students. An explicitly imaginative book, it describes Eric’s make believe friendship with a herd of affectionate and exuberant elephants that clutter up the house and cause chaos much to his mother’s disdain. While the listener knows the story is preposterous, Eric’s love for his friends and his efforts to cater to them and his mother’s needs, draw the reader into the story and endears him to us. Afterwards, the students enjoyed discussing their favourite parts of the story and expressing their opinions about it, and all this contributes to their ability to understand and use language effectively.
Community disco for school aged kids only. $5 entry
Ph: 6296 1292  Strictly no drug & alcohol policy.

Ginninderra Girl Guide District is growing rapidly and we desperately need more leaders - most of our units have waiting lists and we would love to be able to give more girls the opportunities that Girl Guides offer. These include developing leadership, teamwork, communication, and advocacy skills in a caring, empowering and service-focused environment.

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BOARD VACANCIES

Softball ACT currently has over 2000 registered members, making it one of the largest sports in the ACT. Our members range from 4 years of age, playing diamond ball to our more mature members in their 50s and 60s who play in masters competitions across the country.

In addition to players there are many coaches, administrators, scorers and umpires who make up the Softball ACT membership.

Softball ACT AGM is on Tuesday 24th June at 7pm at Hawker International Softball Centre. The board comprises of 5 directors. If you would like to be considered for one of these positions please contact Softball ACT on 62783000. Closing date is Monday 26th May 2014.

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

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