Week 3 | Mon 27—Fri 31 October
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Mon 27—Fri 31 | Kindergarten—Year 2 Swim Program. CISAC
Fri 31 | Book Club payment due for Issue 7

Week 4 | Mon Nov 3—Nov 7
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Mon 3 | Jets Fun Night 5-8pm McDonalds Kippax to support McHappy Day

Mon 3 Nov—7 Nov | Kindergarten—Year 2 Swim Program. CISAC

Thurs Nov 6 | Yr 9 ACTIS program 1.30-3pm

Sat Nov 8 | KSS Jets Call of the Beast event.

SAT NOV 8 | **KSS FETE DAY 10am—2pm**

**Principal's Report**

We have had a busy and positive start to Term 4:

- Yr 9 camp to Broken Bay was a wonderful experience for our forthcoming leaders.

- Our remarkable KSS Jets team have yet again engaged with the community to support the fundraising at Kippax McDonalds for McHappy day to be held Monday, November 3 at 5-8pm.

- The first Belconnen cluster Gifted and Talented forum was hosted at KSS. This exciting opportunity and challenge for our Yrs 3-6 students was coordinated by the Deputies at Macgregor, Latham and KSS. The ambassadors from the ANU and other presenters from the Targeted Support team enthused and opened the students minds to endless possibilities for mathematics, robotics, astronomy, philosophy and music. Our new canteen manager Ruth catered for this forum with yummy healthy food that the students enjoyed.

- The Primary Learning journey last week attracted a record number of families coming to celebrate the learning at KSS. It was great to see students sharing their experiences with parents, carers, grandparents and older and younger siblings.

- Our Yr 10 students are thoroughly enjoying their transition visits to Hawker College. Thank you to our staff who have coordinated this with the staff from Hawker College.

Remember to read our article about the spectacular performance given by our KSS choir at Parliament House this week. Use the link below to view the photos. The children were very excited to know and see themselves featured in several news broadcasts. A senior Political writer emailed the school to say, “it was lovely to hear your school choir today in the great hall of Parliament House”.

[https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/111350964346561438532/albums/6073253395154001361](https://plus.google.com/u/0/photos/111350964346561438532/albums/6073253395154001361)

Our annual school Fete is coming up on Saturday 8th November, we promise a great day for your family and friends to enjoy. Please support this annual event organised by our P & C by coming along and assisting on the day.

Jan

**News from KSS P & C**

We welcome any parents/carers that can offer a helping hand on Fete day, Sat Nov 8. If you can offer support please visit the online sign up sheet and look through the options and times. Although we have listed vacancies in 1 hour sessions please register more than one if you are able. [www.volunteersignup.org/JYDC9](http://www.volunteersignup.org/JYDC9)

It’s a very simple and easy process, but please contact us as we are very willing to assist.

Big thanks to our fete coordinators Danielle and Lisa, who without them we would have no fete!

Thank you!

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**Well done KSS Choir** 😊
News from Kindergarten

Kindergarten has been busy in their investigations. Honeybees, Ladybirds and Dragonflies have made sock puppets for their puppet theatre. Ladybirds have decided to take their fruit break as picnics around the classroom, sharing stories and chatting as they eat. Dragonflies have been making information posters during their investigations. We are always busy learning in the Garden.

News from Years 1 & 2

Term 4 is here, and we have been very busy in all the Year 1 / 2 classes.

All students enjoyed preparing for their Learning Journeys on Wednesday 22nd October. We had many visitors and positive comments about what the students were learning and the quality work displayed. It was wonderful to observe the pride and joy of each student during the experience. The students explained how the Daily 5 activities worked in their Literacy time, including different Word Work activities. They demonstrated their number sense skills by playing some Maths games and using the Maths Think Board. Students showed their visitors the Art gallery walk, and completed a treasure map using mapping skills. We also used our expert knowledge of our Canberra Landmark to tell our visitors interesting facts about the landmark.

Our Inquiry Unit this term is very exciting and hands on, it is all about Kitchen Science. Students will be finding out about the changes that happen in everyday materials. Investigating foods including spagetti, chocolate and popcorn, we will learn about how heating or cooling a food can change its properties and whether the change can be reversed or not.

Swim and Survive swimming lessons begin Week 3, 27 October – 7 November. Children come to school dressed in their swimmers with school uniform on top. Don’t forget to pack dry clothes (socks, shoes underwears) in a labelled plastic carry bag. Children also need to bring: a dry towel, thongs/ crocs to wear to the pool, goggles and a plastic bag to carry belongings safely. If students have long hair, please remember to tie up.

Canteen Volunteers Needed!

Please email ksscanteen@hotmail.com

You can volunteer for 1 day a week or 1 hour :) We appreciate all volunteer work.
News from Years 3, 4 & 5

Learning Journey
Thursday 22nd October was Learning Journeys in Building 2. All classes were full of parents, carers and siblings sharing the learning of our students. It was great to see students explaining the things that they have learnt in 2014 to their guests. Parents enthusiastically asked questions to further investigate the students’ knowledge.

Congratulations
3/4 Iroquois hosted the primary assembly this week. They delivered their speeches with confidence, speaking clearly into the microphone. Each student created their own piece for the assembly. Well done to them!

Unit of Inquiry
The Year 3/4 students are learning about life cycles of animals in Term 4. As a part of this they are observing tadpoles to see what happens as they grow. The students will be writing information reports after they do some research on different animal life cycles.

The year 5s are learning about Natural Disasters in Term 4. The students did an experiment last week called “a tornado in a jar”, and they created a tornado using dishwashing liquid, water, vinegar and food colouring. This was a fantastic experiment that supports the student’s learning about procedures in Literacy.

After school reading club

When: Monday and Thursday afternoons, 3:00 - 3:30
Where: Building 1

All families, parents and carers are welcome to attend.

News from Middle School

A team of presenters from Questacon Technology Learning Centre visited today for two sessions for year 8 and yr 10. Students worked to create a crumple zone on their vehicles for a crash simulation. Students impact tested them with a test rig and accelerometer and filmed the crash to replay and explore the X,Y,Z components of the G force's enacting on each crash charted by the Accelerometer.

Kingsford Smith Students and Teacher’s send a big shout out of appreciation to Dylan and the team for their time and expertise for the day.

News from Senior School

The Year 10 Graduation and Formal will be held on Wednesday 3rd December at Old Parliament House with arrivals from 5:15pm, Graduation ceremony from 6pm and the formal from 7pm.

Year 10 would like to invite parents and family members to join us in celebrating our achievements throughout our time at Kingsford Smith School.

Good Luck to all JETS members who are taking part in the Ben Donohoe Run & Walk For Fun Day at Lake Ginninderra this Sunday 2nd November 2014.

Contact: info@bensrunandwalkforfun.com
Lily is a delightful and mischievous 10-year-old student of Kingsford Smith School. Lily has cerebral palsy and uses a wheelchair for mobility. Donate to Friends of Brain Injured Children (FBIC) to help children like Lily with their therapy! With the help of regular physiotherapy, chiropractic and massage, Lily is gaining strength to use a walking frame and a special tricycle, which gives her a great sense of independence and achievement. Lily finds joy in communicating with others, and regular speech therapy helps her to be understood. We are raising money to help with the costs of these ongoing therapies. [https://give.everydayhero.com/au/lily-19](https://give.everydayhero.com/au/lily-19)

Her dad, Jim organised the FBIC’s 2014 Therapy Walkathon and we would like to invite all KSS community members and families to help the efforts of fundraising for Lily so she can access the therapies she needs to live a full and rewarding life. The walkathon for ‘Friends of Brain Injured Children’ is held on Sunday 9th of November in Canberra. (see flyer below)