



Principal's Word of the Week:

Festive

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WEEK 1	MON 4 FEB - FRI 8 FEB
MON	NEW STUDENTS START
TUES	ALL STUDENTS BACK
WEEK 2	MON 11 FEB - 15 FEB

Principal

Hello for the last time in 2019. Before we head into the festive season I want to thank you all for your commitment to our school. At times there are those that want to hold grudges or be negative about our

school to the community but it is always pleasing to see others step up and make comment that schools try their best for their students and while everyone makes mistakes we are all here to learn, hence our motto "everybody learns".

A case in point was the big splash day. While wet weather is not ideal, unless it is cold and windy, rain is usually not a health concern in itself. When we made the decision to give our students the opportunity to participate in an important part of our school culture of house day at the pool, our only issue was any wild winds or lightning. The forecast had changed a number of times over the week and we knew that we could not postpone as the pool was booked out for the rest of the year. The wilder weather was not predicted till after 12 pm and hence we had students come back early. From my perspective the students who attended had a great time and because there were few others at the pool they had plenty of rides due to short lines, even though they only had half a day. Thank you to all the staff, students and parent helpers on the day. Particularly thanks to Michael Klinkert and Meg Adamson for their thorough organisation of the event.

This week we have had our awards ceremonies for students across our school. It was a real pleasure to see and hear about all the achievements of our school students. I thank the organisers for the day and the student and families for all their hard work that was recognised on the day.

On Wednesday we also had the Year 5 graduation followed that evening by their dinner and disco. In our school this is an important mile stone to mark as students from Year 5 will move into the middle school next year. Thank you to the primary staff and in particularly the year 5 team for putting these events together.

Lastly I want to wish all of you a happy, safe and healthy school break. I hope you can recharge and get ready for another adventure of growth and learning at Kingsford Smith School in 2019.

Paul

P&C Corner

Thanks to your community spirit and participation in P&C fundraising events, we were able to support several school initiatives this year.

To get a full run down of the year's P&C activities come along to our 2019 P&C AGM on Tuesday 19 February (Week 3) at 7pm in the front office.

All positions will be declared vacant on the night. There will be opportunity to submit nominations for roles prior to the meeting. Please see the website for more details. A copy of the agenda can be found [here](#).

Have a happy and safe break.

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

2018 has gone by in the blink of an eye and a lot has happened during this school year. Our HERO values have been a strong theme throughout the year and they represent; Harmony, Excellence, Respect and Optimism.

Harmony- Whilst there were a few hiccups, the high school has been very harmonious this year. The vast majority of students were in their classes doing the right thing at the right time, and most importantly they were getting along with each other. Supporting students in and outside of the classroom has been a big part of 2018 for KSS. An example of this is the increase in staffing and resourcing of the HUB. We have added; an extra Executive teacher, a Social Worker and a School Youth Health Nurse to an already high performing HUB team. The positive atmosphere at the school this year has certainly been contributed to by this great team.

Excellence- There have been numerous examples of excellence at KSS this year, with many outstanding individual and team performances in the sporting and music arenas. Academically, there have been multiple opportunities for students to show their best work and as expected our students showed what they were truly capable of. Our NAPLAN results were fantastic with huge improvement shown across the whole school in multiple areas. The WINGS Gifted and Talented groups challenged themselves to produce quality work and some of the assignments I saw in classes were amazing. We also started 'Artist of the Month' this year with the winner's artwork being professionally framed and displayed in the front office. The results were outstanding and I encourage everyone to go to the front office to see them.

Respect- Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) was also a major focus for us this year, developing whole school expectations of behaviour and installing new systems to acknowledge and reward positive behaviour. Students have taken the PBL expectations of Safe, Respectful, Learner on board and even though the rewards system only started this term we already have multiple students on a Bronze Award (20 awards = A Bronze award). Next year we will continue to build on PBL and the official launch should be in Term One.

Optimism- There has been numerous events such as swimming, athletics and cross country carnivals, the KSS Spectacular, the Summer Exhibition, Open Night, Discos, the school fete and House Days just to name a few. These events emphasised the strong sense of community that is the Kingsford Smith School community and I was very proud to see how

much the students got involved in all of these extra-curricular activities to make them as successful as they were. It's great to see the students having such a strong connection to the school.

Thanks to all the students and staff for making this such a wonderful year. We have come a long way in the past few years and I am excited by the progress we will make in future years. Good luck to the graduating Year Tens and all the best for the future.

Peter Radford

KINDERGARTEN

Kindergarten students have been revising and celebrating all that they have learned this year. Following our visit from the Fire Fighters, they have been writing about what to do in an emergency. They have been reading lots of books, practising all of the strategies they have learned to read unknown words and understand the meaning of the book. Students have been playing a variety of maths games to practise the maths skills they know, such as addition and subtraction skills. We wrapped up our unit of Inquiry by building a waterproof statue for Miss Meg's garden. Students are feeling ready and excited about moving up to year 1!

Preschool children have been enjoying their transitions up to Kindergarten. They have been writing their name, learning about letters, counting and taking a tour of the parts of the school they will use in Kindergarten. We hope you enjoy the preschool portfolios, be sure to ask the children to tell you about the wonderful pieces of art they have created. A reminder for the holidays, don't forget to be sun safe and wear your hat and sunscreen! Our community painting is now finished – what a difference a few dots can make!

We wish all our Kindergarten and Preschool families a safe and happy holidays.

HARLEEN, PETA-MARIE, BRITTANY, ANGELA, MICHELLE, SALLY, TRACEY

YEAR 1

In literacy year 1 have been extending on their writing skills. Our stories are becoming more detailed and interesting every day! All classes have been enjoying sharing their work in different ways, including reading their writing aloud or even publishing in a whole class book!

After the success of our Marvellous Maths Evening, we have been enjoying using various numeracy games in class to review all that we have learned this

year. These numeracy games include addition, subtraction, numeral identification, shapes and more!

We have been continuing with our sustainability Unit of Inquiry 'Reduce, Reuse, Recycle'. We have been busy creating artworks using reused materials and having discussions about how our choices effect our earth and our future.

In week nine we had our Big Splash excursion. Year 1 had the most amazing time swimming and playing at the pool. We were also busy with Moving on Up Day which was Thursday week nine. Year 1 were moved up to year 2 for the day and did an amazing job with their new teachers and routines.

We hope you have a safe and happy holiday and see you next year!

BEC, TAYLOR AND SHANNON

YEAR 2

Hello families,

We have had an absolutely wonderful 2018 in year 2. As the year draws to a close we have been doing a lot of revision of our learning.

In Literacy we have been looking at a wide range of writing styles including writing to recount, persuade and inform and entertain. We have been practicing these writing styles, both in our writing books and on the Chromebooks. We have been continuing with our One Word Spelling which has been one of the most successful parts of our literacy program this year. Students can now accurately spell a whole range of words, both from the Oxford Word list and identified words from their writing. As always we have been reading every day, encourage your child to keep up good reading habits during the holidays.

In maths we have been revising our addition and subtraction strategies and playing lots of games. We have also been looking at fractions and telling the time. Encourage your child to practice reading the time in the holidays. We have also been revising our multiplication and division. Talk to you child about multiplication as being groups of and division as sharing.

We wish you a safe and happy holiday period and look forward to seeing you all next year.

Seasons greetings

MAREE, SHARON, ANIYA, EMILY AND ROYCE

YEAR 3

Dear Families/carers,

Sadly it has come to our last newsletter for 2018.

Firstly, we want to begin by saying thank you for loaning us your child/ren for the year. Like 'seeds' from our Writer's Notebooks we have enjoyed watching them grow. We feel that we have only scratched the surface in teaching them throughout the year.

Students participated positively in their 'Moving on Up' day and we had lots of positive feedback from both parents and students. Please be aware that classes could still change slightly for next year. If you have any concerns or questions do not hesitate to contact an executive as soon as possible.

The Amethysts and Coppers participated in a cultural celebration day on Wednesday of week 9. They thoroughly enjoyed looking at China and New Zealand and by going on their 'flight' to these countries they found out lots of facts, ate traditional foods from these countries and created a number of artworks. Students had a fantastic day and learnt a lot!

A huge THANK YOU to all of our wonderful parents who offered assistance in any way this year. Either, in the classroom, ingredients, treats, helping with resources and so on. We do appreciate your help.

We wish you all a very enjoyable and safe holiday.

All the best for a super 2019.

KATIE, JUDE AND JACK

YEAR 4

What a big year we have had! Congratulations to the Year 4 students for all their hard work and learning this year. We most certainly have had many

highlights, including great inquiry units; from our study of The First Fleet to the manufacturing of natural and processed materials, our learning about poetry in English to multiplication and division in Maths. What a great dinner conversation you could have about your child's memories of this year!

The past two weeks have certainly not seen us slow down. We had a great 'Movin' On Up Day' and had heaps of fun exploring some learning that might happen in Year 5. Big Splash Day was also great fun, despite the weather, and all the year 4 teachers are proud of how the students all showed their HERO values.

Lastly, thank you to all of our the families this year, we have had such an amazing year with your children and we appreciate all the support you have given us. Have a safe holiday and we shall see you in the new year.

BEC NEWTON, MEL KYLE, KERRI INSLEY

YEAR 5

With the end of the year drawing close year 5 are wrapping up the year with a whole bunch of exciting experiences.

Some of the year 5 students engaged in the 'makey makey' program, where they experiment with the different uses of technology and created their own game controllers to connect to some of their favourite games. They incorporated the use of paper, foil and even potatoes to create their masterpieces. The rest of the year 5 students were thrilled to participate in this 'arcade game' style program as the test guinea pigs, engaging with the games and the controllers that were created.

For inquiry, students have been finishing their bushfire brochures they began creating for their natural disasters unit. Students investigated a range of government action plans before creating their very own informational brochures that they could follow if ever faced with 'real life' bushfire.

Last Friday, despite the weather trying its best, our annual Big Splash Day was a success! Students were able to celebrate the end of the year with lots of laughs and smiles at their last Big Splash Day as a part of the primary school.

Year 5 had an amazing time last Thursday on 'Movin' On Up Day' learning how the middle school works with a different timetable and a range of different teachers and classes throughout the day.

The University of Canberra Capitals came and played a game of basketball against year 6 and ran a few clinics which the year 5 students were invited along to attend. Among the free gear and signature opportunities, the students had a great time watching the game and getting an opportunity to watch some amazing basketball players engage with their fans.

This week Mr Stewart has returned and we all want to say a huge thank you to Mrs Pfingst who taught the Year 5 Quartz for the 2 weeks while he was away.

We would like to wish the year 5s all the best in their transitions to the middle school next year and hope you all have a wonderful and safe break.

THANKS, DEAN, NATHANIEL AND NICOLA.

SCHOOL BOARD VACANCIES FOR 2019

These positions are an important facet of the school's structure. Being a part of the School Board is an exciting and formative role. Please take time and consider nominating. Nominations for these positions are open 11am Monday 4 February 2019 and close 11am Monday 18 February 2019. Positions vacant: 2 staff members, 2 Parent /Citizen members and 1 Student member. Nomination forms will be available from the front office during the nomination period.

YEAR 6-8

As the year comes to a end Kingsford Smith is reminded of the commitment and determination of our students.

In classes this week students have been finishing up all the units of work and preparing for the break. In year 6 and 7 they have been busy finishing their projects in Metalwork and Woodwork. They have created some great high quality pot plant holders and money boxes.

On that note the Middle school staff would like to wish you a Happy and safe holidays and look forward to the new and exciting opportunities Kingsford Smith School will have to offer in 2019.



Firstly, thank you to all the students, teachers and sponsors who all boarded the Jets in 2018. Both the Senior and Junior squads have taken off with activity through numerous school sports, cross country, yoga, ClubLime gym sessions, after school fitness, traditional Indigenous games, Steptember and a trip to Jamberoo. We are able to fly at such high altitude thanks to our wonderful sponsors Raiders Belconnen, ClubLime Kippax, McDonalds Kippax and Huru Sport.

In September we checked into Steptember and together we managed to take 23,979,351 steps and raise \$1,212.80 for Cerebral Palsy Alliance. With the Junior squad taking out the title of most steps beating out the teachers, just.. and the senior squad. During term two we had a big focus on a traditional Indigenous game called Buroinjin. Thank you to Graeme Brown for teaching the Jets both how to play and about the history and origins of the game. It was amazing to see our Jets students represent Kingsford Smith School and take this knowledge to Latham Primary where they run and refereed a Buroinjin tournament for the whole school.

Thanks to Gerald Morunga and Daryl Clemson for hosting our senior Jets at Clublime Kippax every Wednesday and to Catherine from Embrace Pilates and Yoga for running morning recovery sessions at school in term 3, The Raiders Belconnen for all your generosity and hosting jets events in 2018, McDonalds Kippax for your ongoing support of the program and to Huru sports for designing and supplying the Jets uniforms.

Congratulations to all the Jets students 2018 and a bit congratulations to our award winners,

- McDonalds Kippax Junior Community Service Award Jack Shephard
- Mcdonalds Kippax Senior Community Service Award Kira Williams
- Huru Sports Junior Sportsperson Lola Fletcher
- ClubLime Senior Sportsperson Jade Schumacher
- Raiders Belconnen Jet of the year Elisha Stevenson

Jets applications are now open for 2019 through the Kingsford Smith School Website, we wish you all happy and safe holiday and we look forward to Jets 2019.

Ben Cook & Josh White



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