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NEWSLETTER

Week 6 Term 3 - 30 August 2019

Word of the Week: Scrumptious

Hello! We're conducting a survey to see how many people actually read the newsletter. Please open the link below to help improve our communication with the school community. Happy reading! - Miles and the Team.

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Principals Report

Hello again, and welcome to another week of adventure in learning. There has been lots of activity this week, both in classes and across the school.

Today we were fortunate in welcoming the Canberra Symphony Orchestra who performed for our primary students. If last year's show was anything to go by it should be a fun and engaging time for all the students who have this opportunity. Thanks to Bob Crisp and Sharon Clewer for organising this event. Last week was our annual Book week parade. This was once again bigger and better than ever with many students and staff going the extra mile with their costumes. Even the principal and deputy principals got into it.



I want to thank all the students and families for supporting this event. I also want to mention the Book Week team led by Marg Klee and all the other staff who gave up their teaching space, helped out with the gym setup, organised signs, bookmarks, displays, sent notes out and encouraged students to get involved

We have already had students involved in the limelight artworks displayed this year, but this week we have Lucy Milner representing our school in the Limelight Choir. I wish her all the best in this ACT school showcase of performing arts talent.

There is always a risk when you start thanking those involved in whole school events that you will miss some people. To this end, I want to extend my thanks to a few people and groups who supported our Musical Production that I missed thanking, in the last newsletter, and on the night. Firstly, Taylah Gillespie stepped up to fill quite a main role at the last minute. Taylah as a former student at Kingsford Smith School volunteered to go above and beyond, to support our musical as a main character. She missed days of her college studies, gave up her Sunday's, missed rehearsals for the Hawker College Musical, in which she has a main role and rearranged her work schedule in order to make our rehearsals. I apologise to Taylah for not thanking her on the night, but do appreciate her effort for her old school.



I also want to thank Belinda Whyte and Kaylee Howard for their work behind the scenes with work with our choir of students and choreographing our dancers. I thank both these staff members for their dedication to the students, as the student performances speak volumes to the ground work these ladies did.

Lastly, I want to thank Kate Langenhorst and the hospitality students for the food they provided on the performance nights. Once again, the standard of service and quality of food was above what would be expected for amateur theatre, so I thank the students and staff for making such an effort.

Thanks again for your support of the learning for our community.



On another note, we will now be emailing student progress reports and reports home to you. More information on this will follow but for now be sure you keep your email details as up to date as possible.

Paul

Year 3 Botanic Gardens	02/09/2019
Northside Athletics Carnival	04/09/2019
Pres C & Koori Possum Magic	05/09/2019
Year 5 Camp	11/09/2019
Whole School Colour Walkathon Day	20/09/2019

P&C Report

Thank you for your support of the school by participating in the Family Portrait event. You will be able to pick up the photos from the school on September 16 at the time booked with the photographer. A person from the front office will be able to show you to the room that has been made available.

We will be conducting an Emu Walk to clean the perimeter of the school this weekend Sunday 1 September. Come to the back carpark by the basketball courts at 11 am if you would like to help.

Keep up to date with activities by following our Facebook page www.facebook.com/ksspandc.

The next P&C Meeting will be on Tuesday 10 September at 7pm in Paul Branson's office at the school. If you have any issues you would like discussed, please send them to contact@ksspandc.org and they will be added to the agenda.

Deputy Principal's Report

Term three has been an exceptionally busy term, with the focus so far being on the Musical - No Strings Attached. It was a wonderful showcase of the talent and hard work that our students are capable of, and I'd like to congratulate them on a very professional and thoroughly entertaining performance. I would also like to thank the staff, in particular Beth Way, for coordinating the Musical. All the cast and crew gave up a lot of their spare time, including weekends, to make it so impressive. Well done to you all.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) has been gaining further momentum, with staff increasing the number of High Flyer awards given out each week fivefold. We had our first Bronze award given out in Week 2 and since then there have been 8 more students to reach this milestone, with many more to hopefully come soon. The next step in the PBL journey is to move into classroom settings so we should see positive behaviour in the classroom acknowledged more often in the coming months. PBL signs, displaying the expected behaviours in each area of the school, will also be going up in the near future.

This term, we are focussing on the R for Respect part of our HERO values and whilst this refers to our students, it also refers to the outstanding staff at KSS. Parents and students may remember, at the end of last year, we asked for your feedback on what behaviours you expect from teachers. As a staff, we also came up with what behaviours we expected from each other (they were very similar to what the parents and students came up with). Combining staff, student and parent contributions has culminated in the development of staff values. They

are based under three main headings, with improving student outcomes at the centre: Professionalism, Accountability, and Relationships. We hold ourselves accountable to these values, and the behaviours that underpin them. We won't always get it right, but as a learning community these values provide a basis for all staff to refer back to, and reflect upon, so that they can constantly strive to improve their practice.

Peter Radford

Writers Camp Excursion to Warrambui – Term 4

The Kingsford Smith School Writers' Camp will take place again this year at Warrambui Retreat and Conference Centre.

This excursion is organised for any students from years 6 to 10 who have an interest in, or passion for, creative writing.

Cost for this excursion will be \$200

This includes:

- return travel,
- 2 nights' accommodation,
- all meals (fully cooked), including morning and afternoon teas,
- stationery and supplies for the activities, and the use of all facilities (movie night, bushwalking, basketball courts)

During this camp students will have the opportunity to engage in the following activities:

- Poetry Writing
- Song writing
- Writing to music
- Extended Reading
- Writing Children's Books

If you would like more information or a permission note, please see Ms Beattie/Ms Langridge, or email them at melissa.beattie@ed.act.edu.au katherine.langridge@ed.act.edu.au

Notes are also available for collection from the front office and The Hub.

Preschool

The preschool children had a wonderful time during book week. Both our preschool groups enjoyed their parades at School Gathering on Tuesday, and at the Thursday school parade. The children were very excited to share their characters and books during group learning.

Green room are interested in numbers in the environment. Our families have emailed a picture of their letter boxes with numbers on them for

discussions in group learning. We encourage children to look at numbers and discuss what the purpose of the numbers might be.

Blue room are busy creating pictures with shapes, circles, squares and triangles. The children are finding how many shapes they can find in the environment.

Thank you for the donations of jars for our school fete. Any small indoor plant varieties including succulents are welcome to start our propagation station.

Our preschool is collecting "LIDS FOR KIDS". We have containers ready for your contributions. The lids will be recycled to produce prosthetics for children. We are very excited to support this project.

Year 1

Year 1 have been continuing to engage with quality learning across the range of curriculum areas.

In Mathematics and LINK, we have been looking at addition and subtraction sums and how to solve them using a range of strategies.

Students are also continuing to practise and develop number sequencing.

When reading, we are focusing on using strategies such as predicting and making connections. Students are using their knowledge of the class texts to assist with comprehension. We are writing to socialise with others in the class and with peers from different classes. The students have been exploring the different text structures that we use when socialising with others. These texts include post it note messages, letters, phone messages and postcards.

In our inquiry unit, students are continuing their learning about sources of light and sound. They describe how light and sound are sensed through a range of hands on experiments.

We really enjoyed dressing up for book week as our secret super power and look forward to more exciting learning experiences to come later in the term.

Best regards,

Year 1 Team

Year 3

It has been an exciting few weeks, especially with the lead up to Book Week. The costumes looked amazing and so much effort and creativity was put into them. Year 3 has also been excited about making information texts about mythical creatures. We have worked hard on drafting, editing and publishing our work. In



maths, year 3 have been learning strategies to multiply numbers by 2, 3, 5 and 10. We have also had fun measuring the mass of objects in grams. During inquiry, students have been learning about the impact of the light rail and planning the future of Canberra's transport. In LINK, year 3 were re-learning reading strategies. Our next focus for LINK will be multiplication strategies. We are now looking forward to our excursion to the Botanic Gardens on Monday 2 September. Don't forget to bring your notes back!

Teagan, Aniya and Jack

Year 5

Congratulations to the children who have recently participated in the school musical, oztag gala day and the regional athletics carnival! We are very proud of your efforts and enthusiasm! In our literacy lessons, we have been busy publishing the entertaining poems we have been writing for everyone to share and enjoy. We have written rhyming verse, haiku, kennings and limerick poems. In Maths, we have been learning how to convert 12 hour time to 24 hour time and discussing why we would need to use 24 hour time. We have been continuing with our fitness circuits in PE and learning about the different components of fitness. Year 5 have enjoyed building strength, aerobic capacity, coordination and agility by doing exercises like box jumps, juggling and skipping. We are very excited to be half way through the term, with only three weeks to go until our camp! Medical notes have been emailed to families. Please make sure these are returned so we are up to date on your child's needs while we are away.

Rebecca, Nicola and Nathaniel



Flexischools - We've Updated our Payment Gateway

We have recently changed our payment gateway (which processes PayPal, credit and debit card payments) to Braintree (a service of PayPal Australia Pty Ltd) and are writing to inform you that you may notice a different look and feel to the areas where you enter your payment details.

While the experience may look and feel different, the new payment gateway provides a secure environment for the transfer of your payment details to Braintree using industry standard encryption technology.

As previously, your credit card details are only held by our payment gateway provider and are not provided to, or stored by, Flexischools.

Privacy Policy

Flexischools has updated our privacy policy to incorporate the change to using the Braintree payment gateway.

We encourage you to read the updated privacy policy in full before continuing use of our services.

To review the updated privacy policy, please [click here](#).

Contact Details

Please contact us if you have any questions, or concerns, by using one of the contact options available on our [website](#). If you do not have access to the internet, please call our Customer Service Team on 1300 361 769.



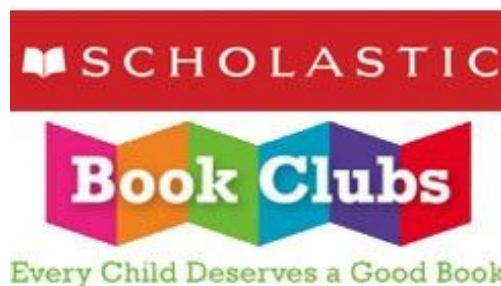
everyone's family

The Smith Family Learning for Life Program Scholarship Program

Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school with:

- ✓ **Financial Support**
A scholarship to help pay for school uniforms, shoes, text books, excursions, book packs, etc.
- ✓ **Education Support**
Access to programs to help improve reading, numeracy, computer and finance skills, as well as mentor programs providing older students with guidance around study options and post-school career paths.
- ✓ **Other Support**
A local Family Partnerships Coordinator to link families into other learning opportunities in their community.

If you are interested in finding our more information please contact Emma from The Smith Family the Family Partnership Coordinator on 0466 941 375 or emma.dryden@thesmithfamily.com.au



Little Athletics

Little Athletics is a cost effective and fun way for children of all ages to develop new skills in an all-inclusive sports environment.

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN




Registrations are now open for the upcoming Little Athletics season. Come and join the fun at the reigning ACT Little Athletics Club of the Year. Athletes are supported in a fun and friendly atmosphere at Charnwood Oval each Saturday morning where they will earn new skills and make new friends. Ginninderra Athletics caters for all ages from 3 year olds (Tiny Tots) through to Opens and Masters with events for all ages and abilities.

SEASON COMMENCES 19 OCTOBER 2019
AT CHARNWOOD OVAL

TINY TOTS TO UNDER 8's - 8.30am
UNDER 9 TO UNDER 11's - 9.30am
UNDER 12 TO OPENS - 10.00am

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER VISIT
GINNINDERRA.COM

 GinninderraAthletics



BANDITS BASEBALL CLUB

REGISTERING NOW

**T-Ball and Baseball
Ages 5 and up**

**Junior, Senior (Open)
and Womens' Teams**

**Come and Try Day – 15 September
Pre-season training on Sundays
See website for details – all welcome!**

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