Kingsford Smith School

Principal: Jan Day

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Newsletter, Thurs May 8 2014

KSS House Colours Day—$1 Items for sale

House captains will be selling items made by KSS students in week 10 last term during House Colours Day celebrations. Items include: loom bands, Jedis, pet rocks and photo frames.

A stall located in the corridor entrance at front of Primary Gym will open 8.30am –9am school days in week 3 and 4 (Mon 17—Fri 28 May).

All money raised will be donated to various charities supported by individual houses. Diabetes Aust, Epilepsy Assoc, Heart Foundation & Cancer Council.

The Kingsford Smith School JETS program is now in full swing with plenty of exciting opportunities occurring during the next terms for our members and the school community.

This year the program has formed partnerships with the Raiders Belconnen, McDonalds, Energy Fitness and Luton Kippax which will allow many of our JETS members’ access to some fantastic experiences and financial support.

As a JETS member, students must comply with all school values and wear the correct school uniform at all times. Their JETS shirt is not part of the school uniform policy and should only be worn during JETS training and activity sessions.

We are looking forward to a great year ahead.

Jenna Matheson, Graeme Lamberts, Dzintra Jones, John Harper, Lisa Johnston and Dean Cauvuto.

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

- McDonald's
- Raiders Belconnen
- Luton Kippax
- Elite Meats - Kippax
- Kippax Vet Hospital
Congratulations to the following students on receiving Merit Certificates at the previous primary assembly.

Ladybirds—Seth, Matilda
Dragonflies—Cooper, Kaelee
Honey Bees—Carla, Nico
Blue Birds—Bayar, Kelsey
Kookaburras—Kobe Lee, Indie
Owls—Lachlan, Ella
Toucans—Heath, Logan
Pelicans—Sam, Thomas
Cockatoos—Sarah, Shayde
Hawks—Nicola, Ekam
Sea Kings—Liam, Jason, Ricky
Apache—Jasper, Farnice
Tigers—Edith, Lachlan
Cobras—Zack, Salma
Iroquois—Jessica, Josh, Alicia
Black Hawks—Ebony, Ethan
Discovery—Caleb, Harry
Enterprise—Jade, Hayley
Endeavour—Rowan, Hayden

Kindergarten
This week both Kindergarten and Preschool have had visits from Constable Kenny.

Constable Kenny spoke to Kindergarten about ‘Community Care’.

Keeping our environment clean and tidy, putting our rubbish in the bin.

As the weather gets cooler Kindergarten children will need to wear warmer KSS clothing, teachers would like all jumpers labelled clearly with their name.

This Wednesday the children will be participating in the ‘Cross Country’, check that your child will be dressed appropriately for the weather expected.

News from Preschool & Kindergarten

Koori—Preschool has a new assistant: Katrina, we would like to welcome her and help her settle in.

On Monday we went to the National Museum and saw displays and aboriginal artefacts. The Museum staff were very helpful. The children dressed in Kangaroo skins and held a boomerang at one of the exhibits.


For example; helping the children know who to talk to if they need help or are lost in a shopping centre.

Preschool have a heated floor during the colder months so the educators would like parents to consider dressing children in layers so they can dress up for outdoor learning and then reduce layers when indoors for learning. When it is forecast wet weather, Preschool educators are happy for the children to attend with gumboots on.

Parents take a moment to check out the ‘Parent Library’ that is now available in Preschool, there are ideas on what healthy food can be put into childrens lunch boxes and tips on good parenting.

Library News

Last term I ordered nearly all of the Children’s Book Council of Australia’s short listed titles, including the picture books and novels. Since there were already some short-listed titles in the collection and some of those ordered have already been delivered, they will shortly make for a feature display in the library and be available for borrowing. Indeed, the regular mounting of displays has proven to be a successful marketing devise as you would imagine; the students not only enjoy the atmosphere the displays produce but serve to stimulate their interest and encourage them to borrow.

Other plans are afoot to improve the library as well. I am committed to adding to the Young Adult fiction collection and to providing a Young Adult reading area to encourage its use. These changes will be designed to enhance literacy as well as the enjoyment of reading for its own sake.

Lyn Andrews | Teacher Librarian

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News from Years 1 & 2

On Monday, Year 1/2 had a special visit from Constable Kenny Koala. We talked about safety around strangers and how important it is to know your own address and phone number in case you get lost or there is an emergency. Please check to see if your child can remember their phone number and address.

Welcome to Alison Chesson who will be teaching the 1/2 Bluebirds for the remainder of the year. She brings a wealth of knowledge to our school. If you see her please make her feel welcomed.

We would like to thank those parents who braved the cold and attended the parent helper ‘Drop in and Read’ information session on Wednesday morning. We now have a parent ‘Drop in and read’ box with a variety of support materials such as reading before, during and after questions and prompts to guide parents when listening to a child read. We hope these resources will boost parent confidence and bring more volunteers to this much valued process. Parents can choose to read with our students at a time that suits them. We seek the help of more parents. If you’re interested please contact your child’s teacher.

We have begun our Term 2 Inquiry Unit called “Animal Antics”. We have an exciting project coming up and we would be grateful for your assistance in collecting a variety of materials and equipment. Can you guess the classroom animal we will be studying from the resources we need below?

- ice cream containers/shoe boxes
- Plastic disposable drink bottles
- Packets of bran or oats
- Paper towel
- Apples and carrots
- Own magnifying glass with name (optional)

*An excursion to the National Zoo and Aquarium is currently being organised. Please look out for the important note coming out very soon.

Many thanks,
from 1/2 team

News from Years 3,4 & 5

Welcome to Term 2 2014, students in Year 3/4 have been very busy in the first two weeks continuing their ‘Daily 5’ literacy activities. Students are practising their skills in reading, writing, spelling and listening in different activities each morning. In mathematics, the 3/4 classes are learning about money and area along with lots of practice of times tables. The students are learning about Australia too, especially about the states and territories and their capital cities; ask the children to tell you all about it!

Class 3/4 Tigers have started tennis lessons with Adrian from the ‘Kids Tennis Foundation’ on Tuesdays and they are showing a lot of skill. Each class in Building 2 will participate in 5 weeks of lessons at some point this year.

All students in Building 2 will be presenting a ‘Rostrum’ speech this term, with the year 4 and 5 students competing to represent their classes at the school finals, with the possibility of representing KSS at the regional final. Good luck everyone!

Homework has started again, it should come home on a Thursday and it is due back into class the following Tuesday. If your child is unable to complete the homework please write a little note in their book.

Jump Rope For Heart sponsorship forms have been handed out this week, please have a go at fundraising online to avoid having too much money to look after.

Congratulations to all students who competed in the Cross Country carnival yesterday, the top three from each age will go on to represent KSS at the regional carnival on Monday at Stromlo Forest Park.

Jump Rope for Heart.

Mel and Happy Heart, from Jump Rope for Heart, gave a presentation at our school on Tuesday in regards to KSS hosting their annual ‘Jump Off’ in June. We will be ready to go with our sponsorship forms and skipping skills intact!

Year 5's have had an awesome start to Term 2. They have been busy writing narratives and are beginning to develop interesting characters and the settings are definitely creative. Hopefully students have come home talking about how much they are enjoying learning about division. The confidence increase for students in this topic has been amazing to watch.
News from Years 3,4 & 5 continued...

Belconnen School Rugby Competition. On Monday 5th May, three year 5 students travelled to Phillip Oval where they played 3 games of Rugby League against other Canberra areas. Jade and Caleb won the first 2 games and were defeated in their last game, which was the grand final. Ben Neeson also played 3 games and despite a great effort, was unfortunately defeated in all three games. A great effort to these students, you represented KSS wonderfully.

ACT OZTAG. On Sunday 4th May, Ben and Caleb played 4 OzTag games against Queensland and New South Wales at Deakin oval as part of the ACT State Cup. They were part of the fabulous Cougars team. The boys lost against New South Wales twice and one game against Queensland and were defeated in their last game. They had a great day and should be proud of their effort as the year 5 team is very proud of you.

News from Middle School

Art Competition “Art In, Butt Out 2014”

All Year 8 students are encouraged to enter the annual “Art In, Butt Out 2014”, Art Competition (AMA ACT’s Tobacco Task Force Media Competition 2014). Every KSS Year 8 student is eligible to enter. Students, who have a go and submit an entry in this creative theme, will be acknowledged by KSS for participating in the arts and promoting a healthy lifestyle. There are also two encouragement rewards for the winner: a $250 voucher to spend in the Canberra Centre and the winning design will be displayed on Canberra Milk Cartons next year. This is a great way to promote healthy lifestyles within our school and community.

The “Competition Guidelines and Conditions of Entry” must be read carefully before students begin their designs and complete the entry forms. Entries close at 5 PM on Friday 16 May 2014.

For more information and an entry form please see Mr Fabbo.

Jamie Oliver 'Food Revolution' Day @ KSS.

On Friday the 16th of May, KSS will be participating in the worldwide 'Food Revolution Day'. In the lead up to the day, all Food Technology and Hospitality classes will cook Jamie's 'Rainbow Salad Wraps'; we hope that this recipe becomes a delicious lunch or dinner staple in your family.

Food Revolution Day is a campaign by the Jamie Oliver Food Foundation. It is about celebrating the importance of cooking good food from scratch and raising the awareness of how it impacts upon our health and happiness.

At KSS we believe that everybody should know about food and this starts with getting our students food smart, making cooking fun and inspiring a love of food to last a lifetime.

All classes in Food Technology and Hospitality have been researching and learning about Jamie Oliver. They have been busy creating fact files for the school and are very excited about participating in the Food Revolution Day.

Stay tuned for more recipes and enjoy cooking.

Reading Challenge – It’s time to submit your Reading Log!

It’s been great to see the positive response to the Reading Challenge. Many Reading Logs have been distributed to readers and it’s now time for the completed Logs to be returned to school for counting. These can be delivered to the front office, the library, to the home room teachers in the middle and senior school and to the classroom teachers in the junior school. Please return these by Friday Week 4.

It’s Your Move!

Deakin University, in conjunction with the ACT Department of Education is following up on their original research into childhood health patterns and the impact of targeted programs in schools.

Students in year 9 and 10 at Kingsford Smith who consented and participated in the original surveys in 2012 have been asked to take part in the follow up survey. This involves a 50 minute session at school on Thursday 22 May.

Students who will be attending the survey received a short information note at the end of last term. If you or your child are involved in this survey and you would like further information, please feel free to call me at school on 62074455.

Mr Lambert
Senior School News

Term 2 is going to be a busy time for our senior students. Deposits for students wishing to attend the Year 9 Broken Bay Camp in Term 4 are due by the end of Week 3 (Friday 16th May) and can be paid at the front office. NAPLAN is also taking place during Week 3 on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday for all Year 9 students.

College enrolments for 2015 have opened up for Year 10 students and close 30th May 2014. Students have been shown in Homeroom classes the process of how to apply online but need to complete the process at home with their parents. For more information regarding College enrolments, go to http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/enrolling_in_an_act_public_school.

At the end of this Term all Year 10 students will be visiting Hawker College, where they will have the opportunity to discuss information regarding courses, minors and majors. There are two College Open Nights coming up that will provide further information.

University of Canberra Senior Secondary College Lake Ginninderra—Tuesday 13th May from 6pm—8pm.

Gungahlin College—Thursday 22nd May 6pm—8pm.

There are also a lot of important dates coming up this term regarding Year 10 activities. Second payments for the Year 10 Camp are due by Friday 9th May. A copy of the suggested payment schedule for the camp is below for your reference.

Payments for Year 10 Camp, Graduation and Formal can be made at any time to the front office. Expressions of intent for these activities were due at the end of last term and are now overdue. If your child has not yet returned a note they need to speak to their Homeroom Teacher. Lunch Pass notes were distributed during Homeroom this week and if your child is interested in getting one for Semester 2, the note needs to be returned by Monday 12th May.

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Canberra City Gymnastics Club Inc.
North Canberra Gymnastics
www.canberracity.org.au

Gymnastic classes will run in Term 2 held at senior Gym for students in Kindergarten—Yr 4 only.

This is a program out of school hours and with an external company. Registration fee $60 plus term charges apply: Term Fee per student is $104. Classes conclude Wed July 2, 2014.

Session times are Wednesdays 3.30-4.30pm.

Please contact Jenny on 6251 1131 for payment options and any further enquiries.

**KSS administration WILL NOT ACCEPT MONIES.**

Information sheets available from front office.

ACT Government
Economic Development

Dear Higgins Resident and Community members,

Invitation to attend an Information Session

You are invited to tell us what you think about the existing and possible new development options for the former Higgins School site and the adjoining decommissioned oval. We want to work with you to decide how this space can best serve the Higgins community into the future and are seeking your feedback and ideas.

Dates and Times: 4:30pm-6:30pm Wednesday, 21 May 2014 or 11:00am-1:00pm Saturday, 24 May 2014.

Location: Raiders Club Belconnen, 152 Hardwick Crescent Holt (Raiders Lounge)

For further information please visit www.economicdevelopment.act.gov.au.
You can also email EDDCommunity@act.gov.au or call (02) 6205 0600.
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