



NEWSLETTER

Week 4 Term 3 - 20 August 2019

Word of the Week: Dedication

Principal's Message

Hi all, once again I had lots of positive feedback about the new look of our newsletter and some further suggestions which will hopefully make this a more effective communication to our families. Keep letting us know what you think.

Week 4 was been production week for our school musical "No Strings Attached". What a great show it has been, showcasing the talents of a range of our students from Year 3 up to Year 10. The students' singing, dancing, acting and in back-stage support roles is a credit to their hard work as much as it is about their talent. Thanks to all the families who supported the show by coming along to the performance nights, bringing their children to rehearsals, as well as encouraging them to perform and enjoy the experience. Lastly, to our huge range of staff who went all out to ensure this was a high quality production with many staff contributing in so many different ways. In particular, I would like to thank Leigh Andreatta, Winnie Sun, Mel Wakeling, Taylor Johnson and Maree Fawke for supporting the students in rehearsals in a myriad of ways. I also want to thank Garth Bradfield and Tom Hansen for the lights and sound, Luke Foran and Ben from Hawker for the band work, Nghi Perrim with the backstage crew and last, but by no means least, the director of the show Beth Way. Beth's dedication and ambition to make this a wonderful show for our community has come through in the quality of our production. Thanks to one and all! Kingsford Smith School's overseas trip to China in 2020 has now been confirmed with enough participants to ensure we do not have to postpone the trip. There are still spots left for those wishing to be part of this trip. Contact the school for more information if you are interested.

Don't forget we are still seeking recyclable drink containers to support the trip. Every container adds 10 cents to the trip funds and you can support us by placing these items in the purple chest near the red gates at the front of the school. Thanks to all those who have donated so far, but we need you, and many more, to continue contributing so that we can reach our goal to support the students attending.

Many of you may know of our close association with Belconnen Community Services and, in particular, one of the managers Bill Caddey. Bill's enthusiasm is infectious and he is passionate about kids involved in sport. As such, he has asked us to promote his charity called **Variety Every Chance to Play**. This charity pays for the sport registrations of kids from vulnerable families. This winter season alone, they paid for 180 kids to join local sporting teams. Sometimes families don't know how to connect with local sporting clubs. The charity is addressing this by collaborating with Westfield Belconnen to host the Belconnen Junior Summer Sport Expo. So, if you are looking to sign up for summer sports, but not sure what to pick, there is an all in one info night with a host of local sporting clubs at the Westfield Belconnen Junior Summer Sport Expo. They'll have all the information and sign up processes ready to go so, when the temps warm up, you're ready to get out onto the field. This event is on Friday 23 August from 4:30pm – 7:30pm at Westfield Belconnen Level 1, centre court. Find out more :

<http://bit.ly/WB-SportsExpo19>

If you know of some families that struggle to get involved with local community sport, you may be interested in referring them to receive a Variety Every Chance to Play Grant to pay for their sport club registrations. You can find out more at

<https://www.variety.org.au/nsw/programs/variety-every-chance-to-play/>

This week is **Science Week**, and we have been having a range of opportunities across our school for kids to engage with Science activities. Next week is **book week**, and you should have a note coming home soon about all the happenings, including the dress up parade. Until next time, have a great week.

Upcoming Events

Book Swap	20/08/2019
Ski Trip	23/08/2019
Book Week Parade	22/08/2019

Deputy Principal Report

This term has already seen some excursions, with year 2 visiting Questacon and a note for the year 3 excursion coming out soon. There are many excursions planned for this term, which is always exciting. Ms Meg is taking a small group to Governor House to partake in Science week activities. Ms Black has taken many groups recently to sporting events, such as Oz-tag and Rugby League days. Students have represented KSS wonderfully at these events.

Next week is Book Week, which is always an exciting time at KSS. The theme this year is 'Reading is my secret power'. A note has been distributed with

details, but in case you missed it, the parade is on Thursday 22 August in the senior gym (located at the bottom of the ramp near the tennis courts). We are aiming to kick off about 9:15am. We love to see students dressed up as their favourite book character and we remind families that we are not expecting you to buy new costumes, rather use what you already have at home.

A gentle reminder that morning lines are designed to allow teachers to provide messages to both students and parents about both that day's, and upcoming events. We ask for your help in keeping all chatting to a minimum once the bell has gone.

Lastly, there is a large amount of lost property, including jumpers at the moment. Please have a look through this to see if you are missing anything.

Kind regards,

Mrs Murray

WHOLE SCHOOL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Book Week 19 – 23 August

Week 5 (19– 23 August) is Book Week. This year's theme is, 'Reading is my Secret Power!' Help celebrate it by participating in the Principal's Reading Challenge and the My Secret Power Competition – see your teacher or the library staff for details.

On display in the library will be a range of the titles short-listed by the Children's Book Council of Australia, and the much loved 'Parade' will be held in the senior Gymnasium on Thursday 22 August at 9.15 am. Come dressed as a character from a book and, if you can, bring the book with you.

More information coming soon.

Lyn Andrews - Teacher Librarian

Variety Every Chance to Play Summer Round open from 1 August to 31 October

The Variety Every Chance to Play Grant helps kids in ACT, aged 5-18, who would otherwise be unable to participate in junior sport to get out on the pitch or the court and enjoy being part of a team and community by providing financial support.

Sports available for the Summer Round are cricket, basketball, softball, baseball and little athletics.

If you would like more information you can contact the KSS senior school Hub, Belconnen Community Service Network, Uniting Care Kippax or West Belconnen Child and Family Centre.

Unique Opportunity to host our new Mandarin Teaching Assistant

We are calling from expressions of interest from our families to host our new Mandarin Teaching Assistant from Taiwan.

Her name is Kitty and she requires a family to billet her from Saturday 28 September until Friday 20 December.

Requirements for approval are the following:

- Must have her own room
- Must have access to internet
- Needs to be provided with transport to and from school, or live close enough to the school to be able to walk
- Needs to be provided with three meals a day
- We would also prefer a family who was willing to include Kitty in their evening or weekend activities such as movies, games, trips away and visits to cultural places of interest like the zoo or the gallery.

*You and your family will be compensated for the expenses of hosting Kitty to the sum of \$520 per fortnight, to be directly deposited into the bank account of your choosing.

If you are interested, or have any questions, please call (61423399) or email (info@kss.act.edu.au) the school.

PRIMARY NEWS

Kindergarten

Literacy

During the last few weeks we have focused on double letters, including '-ll' and '-ff'. The students have brainstormed words, such as 'fill', 'spill', 'bell', 'fell', 'smell', 'pull' which all have the double '-ll' sound, and double '-ff' words, such as 'sniff', 'puff', 'huff', 'office' etc. Students have also been working really hard on their writing. When reading, the teachers have been encouraging students to sound out words and point to each word as they read it. This week is science week. We have been focusing on books about the Moon. Our students are learning lots of new information about the Moon.

We encourage parents and carers to read with your child every night. Encourage them to read some of the words or tell the story using the pictures as clues.

Another way to foster communication is to ask your child questions about their day such as:

- “What were you learning today?”
- “Who did you play with?”
- “What is something you are proud of that happened today?”
- “How did you show respect today?”

Kindergarten students have also been doing some buddy reading with the Year 5s. This has been a great opportunity to develop reading skills for our students and foster relationships with our older students. We are working very closely with Year 3 and 5 as we begin to prepare for our assembly items later this term.

Numeracy

During the last couple of weeks, we are learning about measurement. The children have been measuring various things in our classroom such as a pencil, chair, and ourselves, using a range of materials such as string, blocks, paper, pencils and feet. The students have been using mathematical language, such as “longer than” and “shorter than”, and comparing various objects.



We have also been focusing on subitising, which is being able to say the number of a group of objects just by looking at them. Students have been playing various games including ‘Around the World’ . They say the number of dots on a dice before their partner does. Our students are very keen to be really fast at saying the number of objects up to 10.



Inquiry

This term Kindergarten have been learning about history. We are focusing on questions such as “Who am I and who came before me?” as well as “What is my history and how do I know?”. The students have been looking at how they have changed from when they were a baby to now, as well as what makes them special and unique. We will begin talking about how our families share their history and how we can learn about our own history including where we have come from.

Kindergarten Community Messages

We are very appreciative of the parent support we get, whether it is through reading with our students, or lending a helping hand throughout the year, or by simply checking in with us at the beginning or end of the day. Please keep in mind we are now in Term 3, and we expect the students to unpack their own bags and say goodbye at morning lines. Our goal is to build

independence skills for our students and to settle in to the classroom routine as quick as possible to ensure we begin our learning at 9:00am.

We have also been lucky to have Maggie Hansen work in Kindy Curiosity for the last 4 weeks as part of her university practicum placement. She is completing her teaching degree and has been teaching a range of engaging lessons to the Curiosity class. We have loved having her with us, and wish her all the best for her promising teaching career.

Year 2

Year 2 have had a great start to the term. We have settled into our learning and are excited about our new topics for the different subject areas.

In English, we will be considering ourselves as poets! There is a lot to learn about poetry writing. From the variety of writing styles of poetry, to the different devices we can use to enhance our writing. We also concentrate on word activities and grammar. Mathematics lessons will consist of multiplication, division, fractions, measurement and time. We will start with multiplication, and learn how to group items, using arrays and applying number lines to help us with our math. During Art lessons, we will study some famous artists and appreciate their artistic style. We will create our own masterpieces based on the artists we study. We are also learning the physics strand of Science this term. This involves items that we can 'push' or 'pull' and 'forces' around this. Our Technology unit requires us to design, make and appraise (DMA) a Rube Goldberg inspired invention. This topic has the students thinking outside the box! Literally! PE lessons will consist of dodging movements and striking. We are very lucky to have tennis lessons each Thursday morning for the first 5 weeks of term. The lessons are provided by a qualified tennis coach. The students are engaging in, and learning, new skills.

The Year 2 cohort attended an excursion at Questacon last week. We were able to see, touch, listen and feel many different objects and participated in a range of activities. We went to Questacon as part of our learning for Science and Technology. The visit will help us to understand the



processes of push and pull forces. We all thoroughly enjoyed our excursion to Questacon!

Kind regards
Sharon, Melanie and Kerri

Year 4

Year 4 have been learning about persuasive texts, and the reasons for this style of writing, such as expositions (arguments), discussions, advertisements that promote or recommend something, and reviews. Students have been given different topics such as 'Australia is the greatest country in the world' to argue for or against. In numeracy, students have been reviewing money used in Australia, investigating who is on the notes and coins and the monetary value of coins and notes. Students have used many different strategies to add money together and calculate the change given when buying objects. Year 4 have also been revising time and converting time from seconds to minutes and from minutes to hours. Within Inquiry, students have been comparing the continents of Africa and South America. They have created some wonderful artworks of a sunset and an African animal, and a cheeky toucan made out of paper plates. Students have independently researched some interesting facts on Africa and South America, and have used Google Maps to locate the continents. A great effort already for Term 3.

Shannon, Felicity and Mohanjeet

SECONDARY NEWS

KSS Breakfast Club

Helping our students get ready to learn

Why breakfast?

- Breakfast refuels your energy stores.
- Breakfast kick starts the metabolism.
- Breakfast provides us with the energy to keep us going throughout the day.
- Improves memory and concentration.

<http://www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/resource/breakfast>

A huge thanks to all our staff and volunteers who support breakfast club. It plays a vital role in getting our students ready to learn and supports a positive school community. We would not be able to provide this service

every morning without the ongoing support of Woolworths Kippax and Uniting Care Kippax.

Josh White

Writers Camp

This year's Writers Camp will be held at Warrambui Retreat in Murrumbateman 4 to 6 November (Term 4).

Ms Langridge and Ms Beattie have organised another wonderful line up of guest presenters from Campbell High School, The University of Canberra and from The Spoken Word Society of Canberra.

Notes have already been emailed home to our 6-10 parents and copies are also available at the front office and The HUB.

We are hoping to get between 40 and 50 participants this year, so please consider signing up for this wonderfully educational and fun camp!

Mellissa Beattie

SS Visual Art Students shine at Limelight 2019

The Annual ACT Public Schools Limelight exhibition opened at the ANU School of Art on Tuesday 30 July.

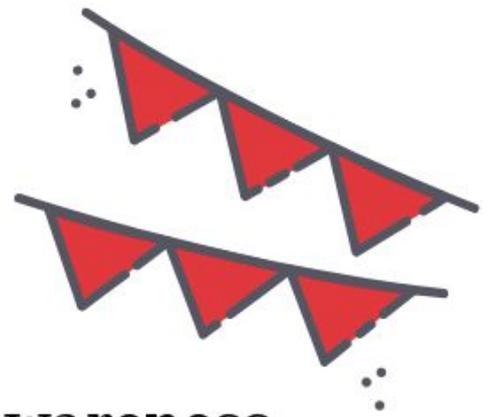
Several of our talented Year 9 and 10 students were selected to have work shown in the week-long exhibition.

The artworks on display included giant pop art, inspired food sculpture, ceramic coil pots, detailed watercolour paintings and Scratch art. I would like to congratulate the students on their selection, and the outstanding artworks they made throughout the year. Well done to Amina Omer, Keely Thompson, Erin Donnelly, Anna Mou, Nikika Harrison, Shaye O'Reilly, Sonija Gooch, Jason Lambert.



Ria Tierney Visual Arts and Textiles Teacher

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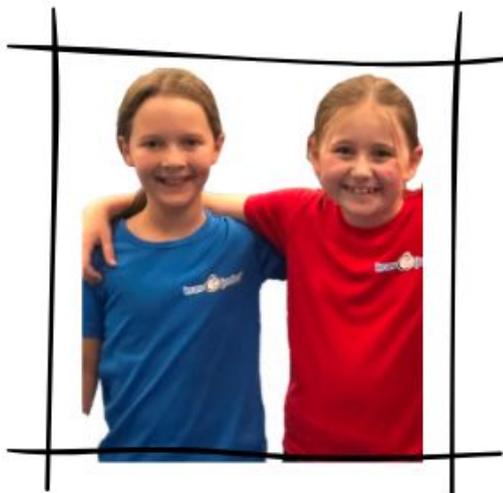
Krav Junior aims to promote awareness, confidence and discipline in kids through a structured syllabus in a fun environment.

**Enrolling now
for term three!**

Monday

4:30 - 5:30

Kingsford Smith School,
Starke St,
Holt



Wednesday

4:00- 5:00

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