Dear Families,

Welcome to what is going to be a wonderful 2015 at Kingsford Smith School for all our families. Tonight from 5-7pm we will celebrate the start of term one with the community at our Welcome BBQ.

Our students in all classes across the school are settled and happy; our new timetable in the Year 6-10 class groups is working well with the new LINK time slot to support all our students with their learning. Buildings one and two are buzzing with eager learners and enthusiastic teachers and helpers in classrooms.

Our new students in various year cohorts have settled in well and are making new friends and renewing friendships with other children from their primary years. There are new teachers in some of our learning teams who have been made to feel very welcome by our students and their colleagues.

We continue to build our Literacy and Numeracy outcomes and strengthen our community partnerships. We will celebrate our achievements throughout the year with families.

While Jan Day, our Principal, is on leave this term our senior executive team, Catherine Le Brun (Principal), Marg Hughes (Primary Deputy) and Aisling Murtagh (6-10 Deputy) encourage you to contact us to discuss the learning and wellbeing of your children.

A few reminders to support us in keeping your children safe and well:

Students should be wearing a hat during breaks and in the interest of safety children should not ride wheeled vehicles in the school grounds. Bike riders should always wear their helmets when riding to and from school.

NAVY is the colour for uniform pants and shorts. Please do not buy black pants, shorts or skirts as they are not part of our school uniform.

For older students - mobile phones should be “off and away” in all classes. If you need to contact your child in any year group through the school day please phone the front office: 6142 3399 and a message will be sent to your child. Your child should ask a teacher if they wish to call home. We can arrange for them to use an office phone in these circumstances.

Catherine, Marg and Aisling hope to see all of you at our community BBQ tonight enjoying the free sausage sizzle and rides.
Congratulations to the following students on receiving Merit Certificates at the previous primary assembly.

Kindy:
Beetles– Jacob, Harry, Jessica
Fireflies– Jodin, Aydn
Bumble Bees– Veronica, Saxen

Year 1:
Kookaburras– Charlotte, Riley
Owls– Sarah, Marcus
Cockatoos– Madalyn, Salwa
Flamingos– Jaxon, Cooper
Hummingbirds– Taara, Melanie
Pelicans– Isobel, Shayde
Toucans– Isla, Zarah
LSUA Skrill– Yasas, Dominick

Year 2:
Griffins– apologies
Phoenix– Owen, Isabelle
Pegasus– Ajang, Mattilda
Hippogriffs– Lauren, Bradley
Perytons– Caiden, Callestra
Gorgoyles– Ebony, Alysha
Thorn– Andrew, Jessica
Wyverns– Shelby, Sam. V

Koori, Pre school, Kinder News

We have had a very settled start to the year for Pre School and Kindergarten. The tears have been few and far between and it has been great to see so many happy smiling faces. Our 3 Year Old Pre started in Week 1 and they have enjoyed their time in Pre School. Koori Pre School has begun for the year, seeing a double in numbers in attendance. Both the 3 Year Old Pre and Koori Pre children have settled well. The Pre Schoolers are enjoying their indoor and outdoor play, with the outdoor play being a favourite with such great weather for the last few weeks.

In Kindergarten, the children have been learning their new school routine and have enjoyed many opportunities to play on the Big Playground. Part of their new routine means that labelled school hats stay at school in their tote trays, that way we make sure school hats are safe and sound.

If you are interested in lending a hand in Kindergarten for a few hours, we have plenty of jobs that would be great to have helpers for. Please let your child’s teacher know when you are available.

Year 1/2 News

We have had a fantastic start to the year in the Nest. The students have settled very nicely into their new routine. We have been learning many things about one another through ‘get to know you’ activities. We made a family tree to show the members of our families. We also made self-portraits using oil pastels and patterned borders. We have begun practising Read to Self during literacy time and how to pick a “good fit” book. Our writing focus has been recounts. We have been using planning pages to help us remember to include who, what, where and when. We started the Envision Maths program. Our focus for the beginning of the term is place value. We are practising counting, writing and ordering numbers.

Reminders: Hats are a must for the playground. If a student does not have a hat they will be sent to the shade. Please make sure every item of your children’s clothing is labelled. If your child has lost an item, please check lost property at the canteen. Home work goes home this week. It will be coming home every Thursday and due back in the following Tuesday.

Library Days:
Wednesday- Pelicans & Cockatoos
Thursday- Toucans & Hummingbirds.
Friday- Owls,
Kookaburras & Flamingos...
Year 3/4 & 5 News

We would like to welcome all our families, new and returning, to KSS. We have had a very busy start and look forward to sharing our learning and achievements with you this year.

Our class names this year are all based on mythical creatures and our students have enjoyed learning about them. These are the classes in building 2 and their Mythical Names:

3MO – Griffins  4CW – Hippogriffs  5IB – Gargoyles
3JP – Phoenix  4EC – Peryton  5SC – Wyvans
3AT – Pegasus  4AH – Mynock  5KT – Thorn

REMINDERS: Please ensure your child/ren swimming carnival permission notes are returned ASAP to the front office or to your child’s classroom teacher.

Please ensure your child comes to school with a hat and water bottle.

Thank you

3/4/5 Team

Administration News:

Do you have our new school phone number in your contact list? KSS 6142 3399

Do you need to update an email or contact number? Please email info@kss.act.edu.au or call 6142 3399

Does your child have medication in sick bay? Please do not send your child to school with medication in their school bag. All medication must be held in sick bay clearly labelled with child name. Panadol is only administered when supplied by parent/carer. A Medication Request Form must be completed.

School Board nominations are drawing to a close. Please consider nominating for this rewarding facet of our school. Forms are available at front office and close Monday February 16 at 11am.

School car park: In light of the problem with parking, please observe the ‘wheelchair access only’ signs in our newly painted car park. These spaces are only for parents and carers who are dropping off /picking up their children in wheelchairs. Respect their entitlement to these designated car spaces please.

Library News

The new school year began smoothly with new students and old ones enjoying what the library has to offer. This term plans are in place for students in Year 6 to visit Kippax Library; and a range of new resources are being purchased. Since Internet Explorer was upgraded late last year, eBooks are even easier to borrow; consequently, a new wave of eBook training will soon take place. A debt of gratitude is due to Mr Hamilton and his 2014 Year 7 Blue SOSE class for providing us with an eye-catching and informative display about Ancient Rome.

Christian Education In Schools (CEIS)

Dear Parents,

Kingsford Smith School in partnership with the ACT Churches’ Council provides the opportunity for students to participate in Christian Education (CE). The Program offers four modern and interactive CE sessions, varied each year, prepared professionally and delivered by trained and endorsed volunteers. The one-hour sessions, held at the end of each term, are designed for groups of students to discuss and explore a range of Christian based topics.

Parent permission is essential for children to attend CEIS. If your child was registered to attend these sessions in 2014 they will continue to participate this year. If you would like your child to join this program from 2015 please complete the form available from front office or email your intentions to info@kss.act.edu.au.

Registration will remain in effect while your child is at the school, but can be changed simply by contacting the front office. Each CEIS session will be advertised in our school newsletter.

For further information please contact the school or visit www.ceis.org.au.
Middle & Senior School News

The beginning of the year has been very exciting and the students have all embraced the new 6-10 timetable and LINK program.

Executive staff of Middle and Senior school are:
- Principal: Catherine Le Brun
- Deputy 6-10: Aisling Murtagh

Middle and Senior Executive:
- John Mantinaos, Executive Teacher Middle School and Mathematics, Science & Physical Education Curriculum Learning Team
- Melissa Beattie, Executive Teacher Senior School and the English, SOSE & Languages Curriculum Learning Team
- Jenny Lambert, Executive Teacher of Year 6 and Professional Practice
- Moira Beverley, Executive Teacher of Special Education Needs (SEN)
- Nghi Perrim, Executive teacher of Pastoral Care
- Marg Klee, Executive Teacher Literacy Field Officer

Transition officers:
- Sandy Rickert – years 5, 6 & 7
- Melissa Traynor—years 8 & 9
- Dzintra Jones – year 10 coordinator

Jets and PE Coordinator
- Jenna Matheson

WEX & Careers advisers
- Lisa Johnston & Sandy Rickert

Homeroom Teacher is to check in with students each morning through roll call and communicate relevant information. They are also the first port of contact and in charge of monitoring and collecting student attendance information. Please feel free to contact your child’s Homeroom Teacher and initiate a line of communication.

The homeroom teachers in the middle & senior school are:

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Mr Harper
Middle & Senior School News continued

In Mathematics, Science and Physical Education learning teams will be participating in some exciting activities in class to support students learning. Students will be studying Chemistry in term 1 participating in discovery learning practical’s with a focus on writing scientific reports. In Mathematics, students will focus on the mathematics curriculum through Mental Computation and Number Theory. During Physical Education students will focus to improve their coordination and transfer these skills to kicking, catching and throwing. Student will also look at improving their personal fitness by utilizing measurements from the beep test.

Students in years 6-10 are all engaged in a range of elective subjects. In years 6 and 7 students rotate each term through the following elective subjects: Art, Food Technology, Textiles, Music and Wood Technology. In years 8, 9 and 10 students have chosen their electives and are enjoying a range of elective subjects including: Art, Music, Food Technology, Hospitality, Building and Construction, Metal Technology, Wood Technology, Textiles, Computer Animated Drawing, Media, Creating Your Own Business, Drama and Robotics.

The traditional year 7 camp at Cooba (sports & Educational centre) will be held from the 18th to 20th March. With all the exciting outdoor activities students will be pushing their boundaries, building resilience, working cooperatively and building relationships. It is not too late for students to join us on camp. The year 7 students are getting really excited about the camp. For further information please contact Mr Mantinaos.

The English and SOSE team are looking forward to another year of exciting and engaging learning. In term 1 SOSE, the year 7 students will have an opportunity to learn about water and the world, while the year 8 students will be learning about medieval history. Year 9s will study biomes and food security and year 10s have a chance to delve into modern history, particularly World War II. In term 1 English, year 7, 8, 9, and 10 students will be engaging in traditional novel studies, persuasive writing and learning how to interpret visual and written texts of all kinds.

New to the school will be the chance for students to participate in The 2015 Australian Geography Competition, Parliamentary Debating and the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Competition. Keep an eye out on the student notices and future newsletters for more information. We can’t wait!

Two languages are being offered to students in years 6-8. They are Spanish and Mandarin. Students will have the opportunity to learn lots of new vocabulary and conversational skills, as well as learning about Chinese, Spanish and Latin American culture. The languages teachers this year are Mrs Ok, Ms Ma, and Ms Burke.

If you would like to discuss an issue please don’t hesitate to contact the school either via phone or email.

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Kingsford Smith School Welcome BBQ
THIS Thursday
12th Feb. 2015
5pm-7pm
FREE
Sausage Sandwiches and Watermelon.
Jumping Castles & Face Painting
Hala & Vegetarian options available. Soft drink, and fruit boxes for sale.

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HOLT ACT 2615 E-Mail: info@kss.act.edu.au Facsimile: (02) 6142 3428
Pastoral Post

Happy 2015; we are excited to be kicking off a range of new and continuing programs! Please find below an overview of headspace Canberra’s upcoming programs and events. Further details and information is available at www.headspace.org.au/canberra, by phone (02) 6201 5343, or by email headspace@canberra.edu.au.

Expression of Interest – Clowning/performance workshop
Melbourne International Comedy Festival is partnering with headspace and we can apply to hold a workshop here. It would:
- Help young people develop their comic writing and performance skills
- Provide recognition and exposure of budding comedy talent
- Enable young people to work with and learn from professional comedians

If you are interested in being involved in this workshop, please complete your details on the sheet at reception before 17 February or phone (02) 6201 5343 or email headspace@canberra.edu.au. Expression of Interest will indicate program being offered.

Tuning in to Teens
Tuning in to Teens supports parents and carers to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence. Research shows that adolescents with higher emotional intelligence may:
- be more aware, assertive and resilient;
- have greater success with making friends and managing peer conflict;
- be more likely to have stable and satisfying relationships as adults.

When: Tuesdays 5pm – 7pm, from 17th February to the 31st March. Taking EOI for future programs
Where: headspace Canberra
Who: Parents and carers
Cost: $150 (half-price for second parent/carer - $225 total per couple). Fees are negotiable if cost is a barrier.

If you are interested in being involved in this program or future programs please contact headspace by phone (02) 6201 5343 or email headspace@canberra.edu.au

Keep an eye out for some headspace Canberra health tips in Fuse Magazine, Canberra’s leading lifestyle publication for the LGBTI community.

ed-space @ headspace – information seminars
What: Free information and education seminars about mental health and wellbeing.
Who: For family and friends of young people between the ages of 12 to 25 years. All welcome.
Where: headspace Canberra
When: On the last Tuesday evening of the month, starts at 5:30pm for 6pm presentation. Each presentation will run for 1 hour. Tea & coffee provided.

Next Topic (24th Feb) - Anxiety
If you are interested in being involved in this program or future programs please contact headspace by phone (02) 6201 5343 or email headspace@canberra.edu.au. For more information, stay up date and check out the full range of our programs at www.headspace.org.au/Canberra or follow us at www.facebook/headspaceCanberra

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