Dear Families,

I was able to spend time at the primary carnival this week. House spirit was very much in evidence with colours, cheers and effort. A big thank-you to the staff who worked hard to make this a special day and to the parents who came along to support the children.

On Wednesday I farewelled a bus load of our Year Tens as they set off for Sydney. All reports are that they are very engaged in the activities and having a wonderful time. The instructors at the rock climbing centre said they are the best school group of this age they have ever had through. The Year Fives, who are at Mogo, are learning their Australian History through a range of ‘goldfield’ scenarios. I am interested in seeing who discovered gold.

Fruit Break is an important part of the primary school day at KSS. Research shows that learning can be optimised when stable blood sugar levels are maintained. This can best be achieved with Low GI foods. Remember to send along a piece of fruit or some vegetables for this important break.

As outlined in past newsletters, at KSS we operate as a Professional Learning Community. This means that learning aisthe centre of all we do. This term we are examining the way we intervene when students are having difficulty learning new skills and when students grasp them very quickly.

Jan
Welcome Back to TERM 3!

It has been a very exciting fortnight back in the Koori Preschool, Preschool and Kindergarten. We have been out on excursions to the Primary Athletics Carnival in week 1. In week 2 the Preschool and Kindergarten were lucky enough to head along to the Noteworthy Concert held at the ANU.

The Preschool has started to have some exciting changes with new furniture arriving to make the learning spaces more comfortable. Watch this space for what is happening with the Kindergarten classrooms.

Many children across Preschool and Kindergarten have been celebrating Eid (religious celebration) with family and friends, returning with lots of stories to share.

Just a reminder to ensure your child has warm clothing for outside play times as the weather is very cool and windy lately. All clothing must be labelled with child name please.

Thank you to the Yurri Dance Group performing at our assembly Tuesday 29 July.
If they reach the top of the chart they get a jewel on their peg. When they get five jewels they get put onto our ‘Tree of Triumph’ in the middle of the 1-2 Unit. A new peg will then be given.

NEEDED: margarine, ice-cream and/or take away containers, small cardboard boxes, any old maps, tourist brochures from Australia, landscape or photos of buildings and lots of magazines!!

Cheers from the teachers and students of Year 1-2.

KSS Athletics Carnival

On Friday 25th July our primary students participated in the athletics carnival at the AIS. All students tried their best in track and field events such as long jump, shot put, 70m, 100m and 200m. Everyone who competed earned a point for their house per event, with the winning house being Hinkler. The other three houses were less than 40 points behind, making it a really close competition. Ribbons will be handed to place getters in the next primary assembly. Well done everyone!!

This photo shows Lilly from 3/4 Black Hawks celebrating house spirit with other students in Waters house.

News from KSS Choir

The KSS Year 3-10 Choir will resume rehearsals this term in preparation for our Term 3 Concert, Floriade and other community performances.

General rehearsals are held in the Music Room in Building 3 with Mrs Le Brun every Thursday afternoon from 2pm until 3pm for primary students and on non-assembly weeks for years 6-10, joining the group at 2.15pm.

Any student who wishes to participate in the choir will need to have parental/guardian permission. Please collect a note from the front office “The Choir Flier Term 3 2014” and return the slip to Mrs LeBrun.

Permission slip should not be returned to class teacher. The slip needs to be completed with signature and brought to the front office for Mrs Le Brun.

News from Middle School

Year 6 students have been exploring a range of texts during homework. Recently they were given the chance to present a story as a comic or short film.

In SOSE we will be studying migration and Indigenous stories. Key questions to be investigated are:

- Who were the people who came to Australia? Why did they come?
- How do people’s connections to places affect their perception of them?

We will be looking at stories of groups of people who migrated to Australia and why they migrated.

The Year 6 teachers would love to hear from you or a member of your family if you are willing to come and share your migration story with us.

In Term 3 our focus in SEL will be targeting students ability to demonstrate personal organisation and care for personal property. Through a number of lessons that incorporate cooperative and reflective learning, the Term 3 curriculum will teach students using the following concepts:

- Being organised
- Setting goals
- Tracking achievements

News from Years 3, 4 & 5

Canteen News

On Monday 4 August, KSS Canteen will be closing at 11:45am due to the Senior School Athletics Carnival. We will do lunch orders for Junior School. The Canteen will not open for second break.

We would like to thank all students who contributed items to the Canteen Pantry Drive. We are still accepting items.

If you would still like to make a donation, the Canteen is short of the following items:

- Honey, Margarine, Foil, Dish detergent and Cans of crushed tomato.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Amelia and Canteen Staff
Library News

There is a lot happening in the library this term. **Book Week** will be held from August 17 – 22 and backing straight onto that, Literacy and Numeracy Week August 25 – 31.

Celebrations will include ‘The Great Book Swap’ held on Tuesday 19 August on behalf of the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. The idea is that students select a book from home that they enjoyed reading but are willing to part with. The next step is for students to bring the book along to school and hand it into the library for safe keeping until the day of ‘The Great Book Swap’. The name of the student and the title of the book will be recorded. On the day of ‘The Great Book Swap’, eligible students, that is, those students who have donated a book will be invited to select a new book from those collected for the cost of a gold coin donation. The money collected will then be forwarded to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. So please - encourage your children to get involved and start bringing in their books straight away.

Other activities are also planned so please stand by for more information.

Lyn D Andrews | Teacher Librarian

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ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Consultative Group

**Calls for Expressions of Interest (EOI)**

Members of the ACT Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community are invited to submit an Expression of Interest to join the Consultative Group as either a parent representative or community representative.

The Group consults with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities, parents and caregivers and students on issues affecting student educational outcomes and provides advice to the Australian and ACT Governments.

If you have an interest in and a commitment to improving education outcomes for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, please submit an EOI.

**Expression of Interest**

Your EOI should include a letter or supporting statement and a curriculum vitae (CV). Your EOI should include information about:

- why you would like to join the Consultative Group and why you think the Consultative Group is important
- your involvement with and understanding of ACT schools and /or other education providers
- your understanding of the issues affecting Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families
- your understanding of government processes, and
- your ability to work effectively as a member of a team.

For further details please contact Pat Chapman at the ACT Education and Training Directorate on 6205 0156 or email at patrick.chapman@act.gov.au.

Your EOI must be received by the ACT Education and Training Directorate no later than 5:00 pm, Thursday 7 August 2014. Please email your EOI to Pat Chapman at patrick.chapman@act.gov.au or post to:

Pat Chapman
Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Section
ACT Education & Training Directorate
GPO Box 158
Canberra ACT 2601

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KSSP&C Fundraising meetings:

7pm Wed Aug 6, Raiders Club Kippax &
2pm Wed Aug 13, KSS Community Room.
2014 School Satisfaction Surveys

The 2014 School Satisfaction Surveys will be conducted later this term from 11 to 29 August. Parents and carers, school staff and students (in years 5 to 12) will be asked to participate in these important surveys. The survey results will contribute to the school improvement process, which aims to achieve high standards in student learning, innovation and best practice in ACT public schools. The surveys include nationally agreed parent and student items and our 2014 School Board Report will include a summary of our school survey results for these national items. Although the survey is voluntary, we hope you will want to participate. It won’t take much of your time and it will help us understand areas where we are doing a good job and areas for further development. A letter or email about the parent survey will be sent to you in August. The key results from the 2013 School Satisfaction Surveys have been published in a brochure which is available at www.det.act.gov.au under publications.

On Thursday 14th August, McDonalds will be coming in to talk at the Kingsford Smith School senior school assembly regarding employment opportunities at their local stores. If you are interested in applying for a position at McDonalds there will be interviews taking place at Kingsford Smith School following on from this assembly. Please see Mrs Lisa Johnston for more information regarding these interviews.

Teachers V Student Soccer challenges held House Colours Day

Term 2, Fri July 4th, 2014

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