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NEWSLETTER

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Principals Report

Principal's Word of the Week: *Palpable*

As I write this report I feel so proud of the staff and students of Kingsford Smith School. There are plenty who are quick to decry a Preschool to Year 10 school model as unsafe with little value for students. Friday's house day demonstrated yet again nothing could be further from the truth. The significant involvement of all our students and staff on the day in celebrating and re-affirming our values (in this case excellence) is a joy to behold. Our senior students have not had much opportunity this year to put into place their learning as leaders because of the interruption due to COVID 19. However on Friday all our leaders, from the school captains down to our youngest members of the primary leadership group, took a role in organising, promoting and celebrating our many talented and excellent students through the house day celebration. What I loved the most was the opportunities I saw where some of our students took their peers from different year groups on a fun learning activity around the school. The connections and joy between students was palpable. Thanks again to all the students who made this such a special day and particularly the organising committee ably led by Kate Langenhorst.



I also want to thank all the sponsors for the continuation of our fundraiser for the leukemia foundation. My shave managed to gain enough support to get \$1000 donated to the foundation and make a real difference for victims of this terrible blood cancer and the supporting families. Thank you personally and from the foundation.



Last newsletter I provided a LINK for parents who want to be part of a focus group on what worked well for them in terms of wellbeing and communication between staff and families during the Learning from Home period. I had a good response and will be running these focus groups early next term. If you would like to be part of one of the groups and have not added your name to the list I have firmed up five times for groups and by clicking on the link you can book into one of these times to add your voice. Thanks to those who have already signed up and in anticipation of others who may wish to join in. Click on this [LINK](#).

You will have received an email regarding further relaxing of restrictions in the community and at school. Many of our regular activities are able to return next term such as camps, excursions, discos and whole school events. Our parents and community members can also access other activities such as parent / teacher interviews, ceremonies like graduation and formals and assemblies. However until a vaccine is widely available it seems likely that measures to keep adults apart will still be in place. This means we will still be asking parents to stay out of classrooms and school buildings, visits to the school for any reason will need to

either be prearranged or there will have to be a sign in with parent details recorded and there will still be limits on numbers of adults in spaces and they must be socially distanced. A good example is when we resume assemblies we will ask that parents who have children receiving awards will be contacted as usual. They will then be given priority to attend. Other parents who wish to attend can then either book in prior to the day or turn up and sign in at the door until we reach the capacity for adults in the assembly building. Hand sanitiser will be provided and seating will be strictly separated to meet the 1.5 m apart rule. More information on arrangements for each event will be provided closer to the event times.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of our school community. Have a restful break and hopefully a more settled remainder of the year

Deputy's Report

We have had another busy few weeks in primary school. All classes have been wrapping up their end of term lessons and teachers have been very busy planning for term 3. Please keep an eye out for notes on excursions next term as these can now resume. Two of our big excursions are for years 3 & 5 who will both be attending camps. This is the first time that a year 3 camp has been held and we are very excited about this. The year 3 students will be attending an overnight camp at Birrigai and the Year 5 student will be attending a two-night camp at Borambola, Wagga Wagga. All notes and permissions, including deposit and payment information should have been received by families. If you require new notes please see the front office.

We have some staffing changes in the primary school for term 3. Sarah Barry is on leave for the remainder of the year and Emily Lawrence will now be teaching the Kindergarten Red Backs. Taylor Johnson will be starting her maternity leave

in term 3, and Royce Vagg and Jenny Kenworthy will be teaching the Year 1 Sugar Gliders from the start of the term. Royce will also continue to teach Mandarin. Peta-Marie Bellew will be teaching as part of the specialist program with all years from Kindergarten to Year 5. Dean Stewart is returning from paternity leave in term 3 and will continue in the executive teacher position for years 3-5. Katrina Sheaves, who has been our preschool-Kindergarten executive is also moving to Ainslie school and will be replaced by Rebecca Newton. Katrina will be missed by both staff and families and we wish her all the best at Ainslie.

I would just like to wish everyone a safe and happy break and I look forward to hearing all your holiday adventures when we return in term 3.

Mrs Murray

Early pickups (Kindy to year 10)

We currently have a high number of students being collected from school early, and we need your help. If you know in advance that you will be picking up a student early, please send them to school with a detailed note for their teacher. This way, teachers can stay informed and send students to the front office at the required time. This will also limit congestion and help us maintain social distancing.

Quick Web

A key part of maintaining the safety of students, parents, carers, and staff, is limiting the amount of cash or card payments we handle in the front office. Quick Web is a secure and easy to use online payment system that you can access via our website: www.kss.act.edu.au. We encourage parents and carers to take advantage of this service if you need to make a payment for an excursion, school event, etc. There is

no minimum payment amount required, and you can use Quick Web from the comfort and safety of your own home.

The main question we get about using Quick Web is: “What is our student key?” It is the first FOUR (4) letters of the student’s SURNAME followed by the FIRST (1st) letter of their given name.

PBL Report

WOW! What a term it has been! The students have been busily receiving ‘High Flyers’ since they returned to school. The numbers are adding up for them to start collecting awards - keep an eye out for our first award winners early next term. The first award is the Bronze Certificate, then Silver, Gold and Platinum Certificates.



A number of students received a special, ‘Learning at Home’ PBL certificate. We wanted to recognise the students that had displayed the PBL qualities of being safe, respectful, learners during this time, even at home!

A huge congratulations to our students.

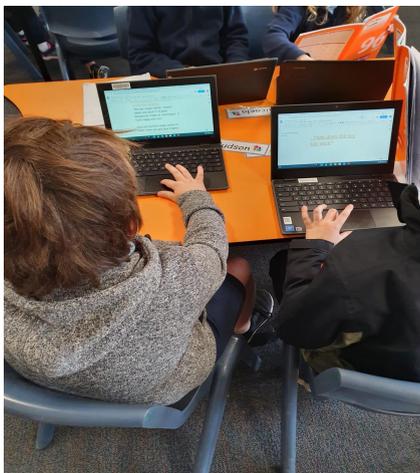
For the next fortnight teachers will be acknowledging and re-teaching the safe and respectful behaviors of keeping our hands and feet to ourselves and following the instructions of teachers.

Year 2

Literacy

Year 2 children have been busy enhancing their literacy throughout term 2. Students have been reading a variety of quality literature books such as 'Lucky and Spike' by Norma MacDonald and 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley Spires to develop their reading strategies such as prediction and develop their vocabulary by finding new words from these books.

Year 2 students have been using their knowledge to write rich texts such as descriptions and explanations. They used their amazing typing skills to publish their written texts using chromebooks.



Tashi

Tashi's brave!
Tashi's bold!
Tashi's the best!



In a village in the middle of nowhere there was a young brave hero called Tashi.

He looks like a regular human being and he has long dark hair. He has bright eyes that look kinda glowing. He wears a dark lava red jacket and bright godly glowing gold earrings.

Tashi is a person who is kind hearted. He is a helpful person the people call him a hero :). He is smart and not selfish. Tashi is always kind and confuses the bad people so he gets away safely.

Tashi is protectful and is always there for people and tells people from his village where to go when they are lost.

HOW DOES A TOY CARGO CARRIER WORK

The toy cargo carrier moves when you push it .It goes forward.Its made of cardboard . It carries luggage and cars.

First you put the cargo carrier in water.Then you put your fingers around the cargo carrier . Next you slowly push the cargo carrier in the water. Finally you hold it and push as hard as you can.

The toy cargo carrier is fast on water and it goes smoothly.

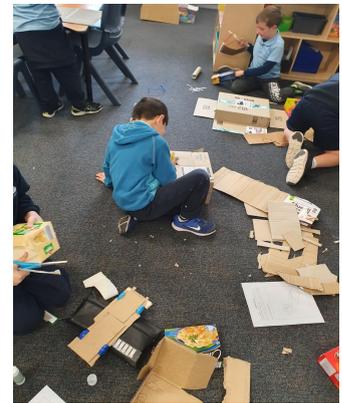
I like going to dubai because it is beautiful.
I also like cotton candy icecream.

Maths

During Maths lessons, year 2 students have been working on subtraction. We have been using strategies such as 'jump strategy' and 'split strategy' to solve double-digit subtraction problems. During our link lessons, students worked in small math groups and looked at different maths word problems and worked on finding the strategies to solve these word problems.

Inquiry

Year 2 students looked at toys from the past and present during the inquiry lessons. They compared these toys to see how toys from the present are different from the toys in the past. Students also noticed how the materials used to make these toys have changed over the years. They have also been busy Designing and Making their own toys that can move. Students used a variety of recyclable materials to make their own toys.



Year 4

Finally, Year 4 had their virtual excursion to Mulligans Flat Woodland Sanctuary online from the comfort of our class. Students were

highly engaged and learnt about the habitat restoration and reintroduction of native animal species which have become locally extinct. Everyone was so excited and motivated that some of them visited the sanctuary with their families on that weekend !!!



In English, we have been learning about writing a procedure. Year 4 had a fun filled day with three different rotation

activities; a science experiment, cooking session and maths game session last week where they wrote a procedure for each activity. Year 4 have been building on their division strategies and moved on to measurement learning about measuring length and perimeter.

In Science, students have been exploring the life cycles of living things and the relationships they have with each other and their environment. We have our very own broad bean seeds for observation that have kept the students busy for the past few weeks !! In our inquiry unit, students have finished writing their information report on their chosen country. Last week we had our 'House Day' of 2020, where students participated in the Scavenger Hunt along with their buddies in groups. The winning team won prizes. The 'House Day' was nicely wrapped up by students playing trivia in the afternoon.

Have a great week!

Sharon, Nicola, Mohanjeet and Maree

8 HaSS

This week in year 8 HaSS, we investigated influential people in Medieval Europe. We gathered information on them, and worked on the following theme:

“_____ was the most influential person in Mediaeval Europe because...”



Joan of Arc was the most important person in medieval Europe because she led the French army in a momentous victory in 1429.

Joan of Arc was born in 1412. Her name is Jeanne d'Arc which means Joan of Arc in English. She was the daughter of a farmer, from the village of Domremy, in

northeastern France. In 1430, King Charles VII ordered Joan of Arc to confront the Burgundians. During the battle Joan got knocked off her horse, and the Burgundians took her captive and held her for several months to negotiate with the English, the English saw Joan as a valuable propaganda prize. They Exchanged Joan for 10,000 francs. Joan of Arc died on May 29, 1431.

- Jade T 8 Red

THE POWER OF THE POPE GREGORY THE FIRST IN MEDIEVAL TIMES!!!



Gregory the first was the pope of the Catholic church and had an influence over the king and had control over the clergy.

Gregory the first organised the first record large-scale mission from Rome: The Gregorian mission to convert the Anglo Saxons in England to Christianity.

How was the pope picked in medieval time?

How the pope was picked was there was an acclamation, someone said I to be bishop, and they were chosen from all bishops. Over time it evolved into a system in which the clergy

of the city had the right to choose the bishop. The problem was that the Holy Roman Empire became more powerful and was able to manipulate the clergy.

How much power did the pope have?

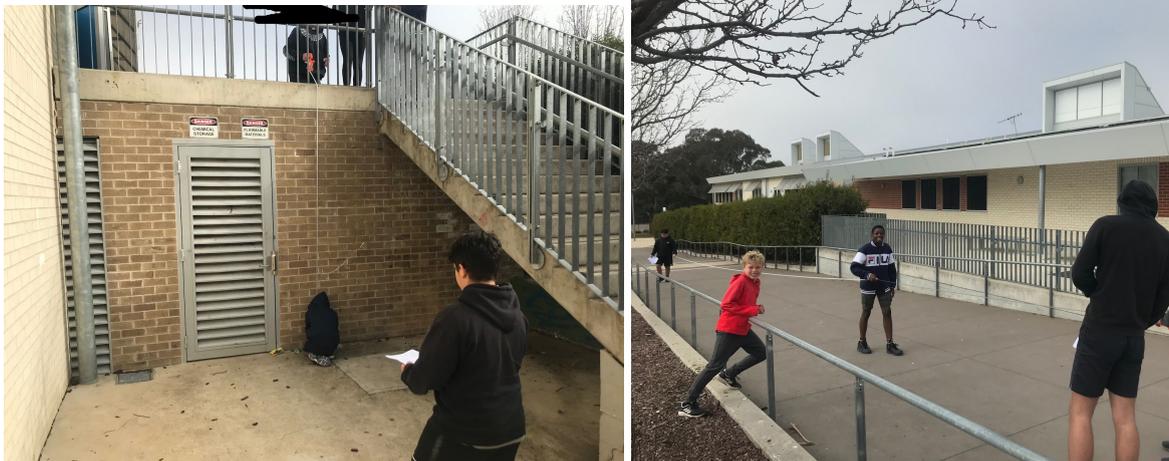
The pope has lots of power and is an influence towards the king and most of the peasants. In Medieval Europe, most people could not read, which made the clergy more powerful.

- Robert E 8 Red

8 Maths

Last week in maths we explored how gradients work in both theory (in linear equations), and in structures around our school!

8 White calculated the gradients of the ramp, the Spanish steps and the staircase near the handball courts.



Many groups found creative ways to find the measurements they required. Awesome work 8 White!

Woodwork

Since being back at school, students in woodwork have been busy finishing their semester projects. Two students this week have demonstrated excellence in designing their projects. Jayden crafted an outstanding fountain pen. Our second student Lachlan constructed a high-quality bird feeder.



Farewell from Tik

Yaama,

KSS Community I just wanted to write my last newsletter article just to say goodbye! I am moving onto my new job so today is my last day.

Thank you so much for making me a part of such an amazing school community I have loved every minute working with this school and with the staff, families and especially the students. I will miss it so very much there is truly nothing like it, but I can't wait to hear about all the amazing things that the kids are doing!

Yerrabi for now and have the best holidays!

Tik

Public Transport

Updated school bus timetables

Starting Term 3, Monday 20 July 2020

Transport Canberra is reminding schools, parents and carers that the updated public transport network starts on the first day of Term 3 (Monday 20 July).



There will be minor changes for all students travelling to and from school. In most cases, this will mean that students will catch the same service from the same stop, but the times that services arrive and leave may change.

Schools will see:

- more services to meet high demand
- adjusted timetables to match bell times
- faster school specials
- changes to bus stops to make it easier to catch a bus from school

All schools, parents and students can find out more by checking the information packs for your school at www.transport.act.gov.au

Holiday Travels

Content for school newsletters - advice about school holiday travel

COVID-19 hotspots to avoid during the school holidays

Are you planning on travelling out of the ACT these school holidays? ACT Health has advised all ACT residents **not to travel to suburbs in Melbourne that have been identified as COVID-19 “hotspots”** (areas with increased risk of community transmission). In addition, ACT Health has advised ACT residents to **reconsider any travel to the greater Melbourne metropolitan area**. This advice has been issued to avoid the risk of bringing COVID-19 into the ACT.

Ten hotspot postcodes in Melbourne, where community transmission is occurring, have been identified by the Victorian Government. Suburbs in these postcodes are under stay at home public health orders until 29 July 2020.

The hotspots suburbs are:

3012 - Brooklyn, Kingsville, Maidstone, Tottenham, West Footscray

3021 - Albanvale, Kealba, Kings Park, St Albans

3032 - Ascot Vale, Highpoint City, Maribyrnong, Travancore

3038 - Keilor Downs, Keilor Lodge, Taylors Lakes, Watergardens

3042 - Airport West, Keilor Park, Niddrie

3046 - Glenroy, Hadfield, Oak Park

3047 - Broadmeadows, Dallas, Jacana

3055 - Brunswick South, Brunswick West, Moonee Vale, Moreland West

3060 - Fawkner

3064 - Craigieburn, Donnybrook, Mickleham, Roxburgh Park, Kalkallo

