



## NEWSLETTER

Date: Friday 5th May 2023

## Principal's Address

Principal's Word of the Week: Potentially

Hello and welcome back to Term two and another great adventure in learning at Kingsford Smith School.

I hope you have rugged up for the cool mornings but also enjoy the beautiful sunny autumn and winter days. This is a good reminder that we recommend student clothing is labelled as students take off layers as the day warms up and we tend to get piles of lost and unclaimed items.

It has been great to get in classes and see the learning progress of our students. I have also had a couple of chances to celebrate student success at assemblies including the Middle and High School assembly where a range of PBL awards, cross country ribbons and even the Handball Competition trophy from last term was awarded.



Next Monday, Niles in Year 6 will be attending a Primary Concert Choir (PCC) performance where students will be performing at Australian Parliament House for the 35<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Congratulations Niles.

On Thursday night we had a Kindergarten Information Evening which supported parents to understand what was happening in class with children learning and things parents can do at home to support this learning. It was also a chance to introduce our newest staff member Tajpreet Gill to the Kindy Team. Thanks to Julia McKay, Yasmin Cusack and Tajpreet for organising and running the evening.

Thanks to the staff and student team for the ANZAC Day assembly to start the term off. It was a solemn occasion and our students were addressed by an active service person as well as having had the last post played by a student during the assembly. The students showed respectful behaviours throughout the assembly and can be proud of their actions.

Lastly a reminder that our Information Evening for prospective Year 7 and indeed any Middle and High School students for 2024 will be held on Monday 15 May starting in our library at 6pm. Prospective students and their families will have a chance to look at the school and see our students at work in a range of areas. If you know of anyone potentially interested in attending or lives in the local area then invite them to come along on the night.

Till next time, stay safe.

Paul

# Deputy Principal

It has been great to see the students return from their break, share some stories, and are energised for the term ahead. Hopefully students had the opportunity to reflect on their efforts in term one and will adjust their learning (if required) this term. For the middle and high school sites, we have the homework club available on Wednesday afternoons in the library. This is a great opportunity for students to complete their tasks with the assistance of teachers (some arrange for their teachers to meet them and provide some individual assistance) and urge students to attend.

Term two is setting up to be quite the busy term! Year 4 camp at Birrigai took place on 1-2 May, secondary regional swimming carnival was on today, the ACT 12 & under swimming carnival on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> May, NAP Science testing for some of our Year 6 students on 10<sup>th</sup> May and the ACT 13 & under swimming carnival on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> May. On Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May, we will be hosting our Middle School information evening from 6-8pm. This is a great opportunity for interested families and prospective students to view and participate in a range of activities that showcase what Kingsford Smith offers. More updates on this in the next newsletter. The flyer is just above.

With the colder months upon us, students would obviously like to keep warm. Students should wear school uniform items (or plain navy tops) throughout the year. If your child needs assistance in acquiring school uniform items, please contact the school on 61423399. In Addition, the ACT Education Directorate offers financial and resources assistance to families that meet the criteria, please click on this link to find out more:

<https://www.education.act.gov.au/support-for-our-students/financial-and-resource-assistance-for-families>



**Kingsford Smith School  
Information Night**

**When:**  
May 15th 6pm-8pm

**Where:**  
KSS Library, entrance off Starke St.

**What:**

- Address from the Principal (Paul Branson)
- Fun interactive activities
- Classroom demonstrations and displays

We will also be displaying a range of programs across the school, including:

- Performing Arts
- Gifted and Talented
- JETS (Sports Development & Community Connection)
- VET programs

**Come and find out what we can offer your child!**

The flyer includes several photographs: a group of students in school uniforms, a student working at a desk, a group of students in blue sports uniforms, and a wide shot of the Kingsford Smith School building.



## **You are invited to Kingsford Smith School's Reconciliation Action Plan (RAP) launch!**

**We are proud to launch our RAP at this event to our school community. The event is an opportunity to recognise the efforts of our working group, share the RAP with members of the community and celebrate Kingsford Smith School's commitment to reconciliation.**

### **Details**

**When:** Wednesday 17th May

**Time:** 8:30am - 9:15am

**Where:** New room (Building 1)

**Light catering will be provided.**

**Please RSVP to Karen Murray by **Friday 12th May**.**

**[karen.murray@ed.act.edu.au](mailto:karen.murray@ed.act.edu.au)**



# Calendar

## Date

## Event

Tuesday 9th May

ACT 12&U Swimming Champs

Thursday 11th May

WINGS Program Hawker College

Monday 15th May

High School Information Session  
6-8pm

Thursday 18th May

National Numeracy Day

Monday 22nd May

Year 6 Combined Band Excursion

Tuesday 23rd May

Year 7 Kippax Excursion



# Kindergarten

Our students have settled back into their second term at school. We welcome our new teacher, Tajpreet Gill to the Kindergarten Silverfish class. They are showing more skills by assisting to keep their classroom tidy and looking after their belongings such as lunch boxes and bags.

During literacy lessons students continue to learn the name and sound of all the letters in the alphabet. They are working on making short sentences using one or two topic words and connecting with some high frequency words, such as 'the', 'a', and 'is'. Students are listening to stories every day and are given opportunities to speak about characters and action of the story. and

During maths lessons they are counting items to 20. We use hand-on approach with counters and other concrete items. The children are counting their days at school are getting excited as they are halfway to being at school for 100 days. They are learning the names of common two-dimensional shapes and looking in the environment to see things that are those shapes.

The inquiry for our kindergarten students is learning to sequence personal experiences in order such as things that happened when they were a baby, toddler, pre-schooler and things that happen during this year at school. To promote healthy eating habits, children are encouraged to eat a piece of fruit during the morning session. Please send in an easy to manage fruit item, such as a banana, grapes or apple every day. Tricky food packaging is difficult for our children. Please assist them by opening the packet at home.

The first school bell happens at 8:55. We begin our learning when we come in from the morning gathering. Please ensure your child is at school in time to be settled and ready for our morning learning.

Kindergarten teachers – Yasmin Cusack, Tajpreet Gill and Julia McKay



# Year 6 Food Elective

We have a new Year 6 class this term and everybody is very excited to start cooking. We will be making a whole range of dishes from pancakes and brownies to hamburgers. We will also study some nutrition, food safety and hygiene and create an advertisement for a food product. We hope to have a Master Chef cook off at the end of the term where every student can compete against each other.



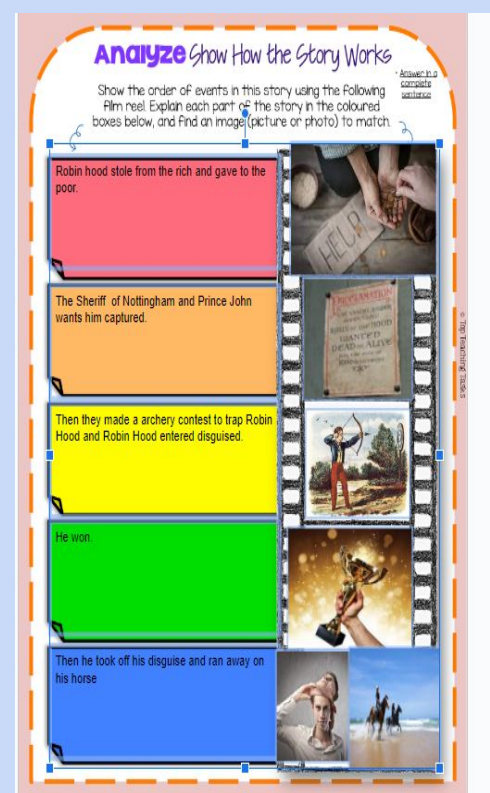
# Year 7 English

This term, we have looked at poems and persuasive texts. At the start of the term, we learnt about poetic techniques such as personification and alliteration. Next, we learnt how to make haiku poems and the format and then we eventually wrote a Haiku poem ourselves. Later, we looked at the other types of poems including slam poetry and free verse. After we learnt all of this, an assignment was handed to us where we had to write a slam poem or a free verse poem with 300 words minimum and write a rationale about the poem written.

Our next unit was persuasive texts and their techniques. For example, we first learnt about three Latin terms known as Pathos, Logos and Ethos. We also looked at more techniques including the rule of three, Rhetorical questions and evidence. Next, we had practice on writing a persuasive text on whether social media is toxic or not. After the practice, we had to choose a topic to persuade someone about that topic. The topic could be advertising an item or brand or persuading someone about an environmental or social issue. Some topic examples that were chosen were racism, the willow project, stereotypes, inequality, why petrol cars are better than electric cars, and why PlayStation is the superior gaming device brand. This assignment had to be presented towards an audience (the class) as a speech. This speech had to be about 3 minutes long.

In term 2, we have been looking at myths and legends. We have been looking at the differences between myths, legends, folktales and fairy tales. We have studied the Legend of Robin Hood and have also gone over some other myths and legends very briefly such as the legend of King Arthur, the myth of Pandora's box and the myth of Persephone and Demeter.

By Ahmed Arslan and Charlie Simon  
Year 7 Navy





# PBL @ KSS

In our school, all students from kindergarten through to year 10 are all taught and encouraged to demonstrate positive behaviours in all areas of the school. Some areas of the school have specific behaviours that are important, such as wearing safety goggles in a laboratory or a workshop. But there are some behaviours that, regardless of where we are around the school, we should always be demonstrating. These are called 'all areas' behaviours and are posted around the school. They include behaviours such as speaking respectfully and looking after school property. Last term we updated our posters so they are easy to see wherever you are around the school.

When students demonstrate positive behaviours, they are recognised by teachers as being safe, respectful learners and are acknowledged by receiving 'highflyers'. Each student's highflyer tally is tracked and once they have accumulated a certain number they will be awarded with different level awards: bronze, silver, gold, platinum etc. All award levels come with some sort of reward. Additionally, students from the high school will also go into a draw when receiving a highflyer to win a prize.



# Library News

Welcome back to Term 2 in the KSS Library. During the holiday break the Library staff and Mr Branson came in and moved the books and shelving to rejuvenate the space, ready for the students at the start of term 2.

The books have now been sorted into similar themes (Genre's) to assist students to choose a book they would like to read.



Anzac Day was commemorated with a display of non-fiction and fiction books about Australia's involvement in war. Some Kingsford Smith School staff also kindly shared photos and stories of their loved ones who served during various war campaigns.



<http://bit.ly/40A2c50>

# If I Ain't Got You - Performance from Term 1

Please click on the link below to access the video of the performance.

[https://drive.google.com/file/d/18sFXhbNkdGfcA7J0vWZ\\_j0oE24qHo7mW/preview](https://drive.google.com/file/d/18sFXhbNkdGfcA7J0vWZ_j0oE24qHo7mW/preview)

# Lost Property

We have a very large number of items in lost property. Jumpers, hats, lunch boxes and any other item brought to school needs to be labelled with first and second name so we can return if lost. Lost items which don't have a name are in the canteen shared space area. Our LSA, Kim May regularly sorts the items, returns any with names and aims to provide unnamed clothing items to students who are missing jumpers, for example, on a cold day. Reminder that KSS hats can be purchased from the front office.





# School Board Notice

## School Board Vacancies for 2023

These positions are an important facet of the school structure.

Being a part of the School Board is an exciting and formative role. Please take time and consider nominating.

We have two vacancies still available and will be holding another nomination period, this will commence Monday 8 May Week 3 and will close on Monday 15 May Week 4 Term 2 2023.

Positions vacant:

- 2 parent members

Nomination forms will be available from the front office during the nomination period.

# KSS P&C UPDATE



**MON 8  
MAY**

## General Meeting

Monday 8 May, 6:30pm to 7:30pm  
KSS Front Office, or online via Google Meet  
(visit our website or Facebook page for more info)

## Fundraising: Why and How?

One of the main roles of a P&C is to Fundraise - raising money through activities, campaigns and sponsorships. But that leads to an important question: What are we fundraising for? We want to hear from you - the KSS Community - what do you want us to fundraise for?

In the past the P&C has supported attendance at representative events, uniforms for specific groups (such as music or sports), and initiatives like the Bike Track. In 2023 what do you need? Email [president@ksspandc.org](mailto:president@ksspandc.org) with your suggestions.



That brings us the “how” part of the fundraising equation. Back in the day, fundraising chocolates were all the rage - not sure if I’m the only one who remembers the toblerone shaped chocolate bars? There was a specific Mint chocolate one that I still have dreams of!

But this is the 21st Century! Now we can hold online raffles, work with businesses to donate a share of their profits to the P&C, or even run an online store. Then there are the more involved and fun activities like Colour-Runs, Fetes, and special nights for parents.

Have you seen something that worked really well, do you have a killer idea, or do you just want to throw coloured powder at your child? Email [contact@ksspandc.org](mailto:contact@ksspandc.org) with your ideas.

A new KSS P&C Committee was elected at the Annual General Meeting on Monday 20 March. The new committee is excited for 2023 to be a bumper year!





# BUDDING BRUMBIES GET INTO RUGBY

FRIDAY NIGHTS, 5PM

AGE: 5-8

**DATES:**

BLOCK 1: 12<sup>TH</sup> MAY - 23<sup>RD</sup> JUN

BLOCK 2: 21<sup>ST</sup> JUL - 18<sup>TH</sup> AUG

**LOCATION:**

NORTH HUB - SOUTHWELL PARK,  
LYNEHAM

SOUTH HUB - CURTIN PLAYING  
FIELDS, CURTIN

**COST:** \$150.00

**INCLUDES:**

- 12 WEEK PROGRAM
- TRAINING SHIRT & HOODIE
- DINNER

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### Your child will learn to:

- Develop an understanding of yoga poses
- Use strategies to reduce stress, anxiety and calm the mind
- Use their senses to bring awareness to their present body
- Connect with their natural environment through sensory play and mindfulness

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# TEEN YOGA CLASSES



## Teen Yoga

This space is for tweens (11-12 years old) and teen boys and girls from Years 7 to college or High School to come together and connect with themselves and one another through yoga in a safe and nurturing digital environment.

Our classes are held via Zoom, so your Teen can join us from anywhere in Australia as long as they have access to a device and an internet connection.

## We do

- Classes via Zoom during the school term
- Online self-development courses
- School holiday yoga and mindfulness workshops

## Your Teen will be empowered to:

- Identify stress and anxiety in the mind and body
- Learn mindfulness skills
- Develop an understanding of yoga poses and their benefits to the mind and body
- Explore various yoga styles
- Learn strategies to reduce stress and calm the mind
- Work with their breath
- Use their senses to be present in their body



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