Welcome Back
Welcome to the 2013 school year with a special welcome to all our students (all 401 of them!) and parents and especially our new Preps and their parents. We also have a number of new students commencing their 2013 school year at K.P.S. and we welcome all of them also. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday and listening to students’ stories of their holiday adventures, I know they had a great time.

I would also like to welcome our new teaching staff, together with a number of staff who are returning to K.P.S. We have had a large change in our staffing and I would like to welcome Ms. Tara Young (Year 1 graduate teacher), Ms. Gabby Smith (Music graduate teacher), Ms. Theresa Drewer (Year 4 teacher on exchange from Grand Junction, Colorado, USA) and Mr. Daniel Wells (Year 4 graduate teacher). It is also great to have a number of staff returning to K.P.S. – Mrs. Jacqui Rotthier (Year 3 teacher), Mrs. Fiona Simcock and Ms. Rachel Warren (who will share the Art teaching duties), Mrs. Jessica Stein (Music teacher and program support teacher) and Ms. Mel Hughes (Year 6 class teacher for Term 1 while Mr. Nigel Kilpatrick fills in as Acting Assistant Principal). I hope all our staff have a wonderful time teaching at K.P.S. in 2013.

A special “thankyou” needs to go to all our staff, students and parents for ensuring such a smooth start to the 2013 school year. With many new staff and students to K.P.S., there will always be some teething problems but the support from all of our staff to help make all our students’ start to the school year successful has been very pleasing. Thank you to all of our staff for helping make everyone feel so welcome in their new classes. Many teachers spent a considerable amount of their time over the holiday period in their classrooms preparing for the new year and this level of commitment is part of the reason for our successful start to 2013.

The first day of school for our new Preps is always a challenge for some – not forgetting their parents as well! The Preppies settled in very well with only a few tears. Thank you to our new parents for helping ensure their children made the adjustment to school so well after a long break. We would like to wish all our Prep students the very best of luck for their future education, especially the time they spend here at K.P.S.

Canteen
Our Canteen will again operate this year under the management of one of our Education Support Officer staff Annmarie Clark. Canteen days this year are again Thursday and Friday. Our Canteen offers a wide variety of healthy meal options for lunch as well as yummy snacks for Recess. In the warmer months, the Slurpees are always popular. Our Canteen Menu and Price List are attached with today’s KPS Press. For those after a special early start to the year treat, the Canteen will be open for business commencing tomorrow, Friday 1st February!
Principals' Report Cont.

Library Building Centenary

Don’t forget that on March 16th, we will be celebrating the centenary of the opening of the Library building. There are a number of special events planned for this special day so watch out in future newsletters for details of what promises to be a BIG day in the history of K.P.S.

Holiday Works

To smarten up the appearance of the Library building, a number of jobs were completed in there over the holiday period. Many parts were re-painted including hallways, classroom cupboards and woodwork as well as many walls throughout the building. We have also had the Library workroom, Library upstairs area and stairs together with the Foot Locker (Computer Annexe) all re-carpeted. We also hope to have the Library space re-carpeted before the centenary celebrations on Saturday 16th March.

The project to re-surface the bottom court behind the BER building was also completed over the holiday break when the asphalt was laid and the new netball lines were marked on the court. This project was initiated by our 2012 Year 6 student leaders and we hope to officially “open” the renewed court when they are able to return to K.P.S. on a date to be determined, during Term 1. I would like to thank our School Council for financially supporting this project.

School Leadership

With the retirement our principal of 8 years Mr. Bill Jeffs, the selection of a new principal for K.P.S. will take place during Term 1. The Selection Panel will consist of a number of our School Councillors, a staff representative, a district principal together with our DEECD Regional Network Leader. While this process takes place, I will be in the role of Acting Principal with Mr. Nigel Kilpatrick in the Acting Assistant Principal’s role. During Term 1, I will be taking 3 weeks of Long Service Leave to be part of a special family wedding. During this time, Nigel will move up to be Acting Principal and Mrs. Jacqui Rottier will move up to be Acting Assistant Principal. Congratulations to both Nigel and Jacqui on their leadership roles. Hopefully, the new principal appointed by the Selection Panel will commence in their new role from the start of Term 2.

One of our Prep teachers, Mrs Jenny Cant will be absent for the first few days of school after her husband suffered quite a severe accident when roller blading recently. While Mrs Cant is absent, Mrs Brenda Jones, who is our Reading intervention teacher and very experienced Prep and Junior class teacher, has stepped into Jenny’s classroom. Brenda will make sure that the children have a great start to their time at primary school till Jenny returns. We wish Jenny’s husband Peter, a very speedy recovery!

We will include a complete Staffing List for your information in next week’s KPS Press.

In closing, I would like to wish all the members of our school community a wonderful 2013. I look forward to our school continuing to be a wonderful place for parents to have their children educated and working with you all to ensure that we provide the best possible learning opportunities for our students.

David Gray
Our New Preps
**SCHOOL CANTEEN**

The Canteen will be open on Friday the 1st February.

It will not be open on Thursday the 7th February (School Sports Day).

After this the Canteen will be open every Thursday and Friday.

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**P E News**

**Important dates to remember**

Monday 4th February – House Swimming Trials (Yr 3-6)

Thursday 7th February – House Swimming Sports (Yr 3-6)

Wednesday 27th February – Yr 3-6 Water Safety Program begins

If there are any parents who would be willing to help out with any of the above events, your assistance would be greatly appreciated. Please either send back a note or see me at school.

The permission notes will be going home today so please make sure they are returned promptly, as students will not be able to attend these events if they have not returned the note!

Shelley Snooks
P E Coordinator