STUDENTS

Well done to all the Year 8 students and their teachers who have enjoyed the Archookoora camps so far this year. On each visit, I have witnessed some really happy, (if a little tired) well-mannered, and skilled students who are getting into the activities and learning more about themselves and their teachers. After this week’s camp there is only one to go, so we hope that 8P, 8Q & 8R have an equally great time.

Congratulations to Year 12 students Taylor Crossley, Julia Henry & Kate McCormack who represented the school in the Lions Youth of the Year Competition last week. Speaker of Night was Taylor Crossley while Kate McCormack will go on to represent at the District level. All participants were required to speak to both a prepared, as well as impromptu speech. Best wishes to Kate and thank you to Mrs Roberts as well as the Lions Club of Kingaroy for providing this public speaking opportunity for our students.

STAFF

We wish teacher aide, Mr Les Trace well on his Long Service Leave next week. At the same time, we will welcome Mrs Claire Ransley back after some deserved family leave.

CURRICULUM

On Tuesday 11 March under the guidance of Deputy, Mr Lloyd Fairbairn, as well as all HODs, a Parent Evening will be held about the topic of homework. The evening will cover what types of homework your child may get and how parents can assist with the different types of homework. It relates to all year levels, so please consider coming along to find out more information.

I urge all parents / caregivers to attend the first Parent-Teacher Interviews of 2014. These will be held on Monday, March 17 in the Indoor Sports Centre from 3.30pm – 6.30pm. Interim reports (that show how students are progressing, NOT actual achievement) will go home with your student on Thursday 13th, so please bring these along with you on the afternoon. However, also note the following points:
- No appointments necessary
- Tea/coffee and sandwiches provided
- Meet your student’s teacher and discuss important matters about his/her education

You would have heard in the media about the Great Results Guaranteed funding for State Schools in order to improve literacy & numeracy levels. There are a number of actions that Kingaroy High is taking to assist students improve their literacy and numeracy levels.

Aimed primarily at the Year 8 & 9 cohorts, they include working with some attendance. It was good to see the interest from our Year 11 & 12 students, so please bring these along with you on the afternoon.

The Junior Secondary building continues to make good progress and we are improving their literacy and numeracy levels.

The evening will cover what types of homework your child may and their teachers who have enjoyed

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Active Citizens was launched yesterday with many local organisations in attendance. It was good to see the interest from our Year 11 & 12 students, but parents please note that it is never too late for your student to sign up. They can contact Mr Groom in B Block staffroom for further details. It is a great opportunity for students to become involved in a local community in a volunteering capacity. Thank you to the many community groups who take the time to work with our young people to help them learn about volunteering and giving something back.

Apart from the public speaking competitions, Active Citizens and camps that have been going on this week, there are huge numbers of activities in which your student can become involved at school or outside school hours. Please encourage your child to become involved in something that is of interest to them. Each day on Student Notices, the variety of activities that are listed is quite amazing, and allow for students to gain skills, learn to work in teams, provide opportunities for students to develop initiative, keep fit, make new friends, extend their horizons and much more. The focus of school is definitely the academic achievement, but by participating in other events and activities, each student’s wider education is enhanced.

FACILITIES

The Junior Secondary building continues to make good progress and we are nearing the stage where within the next week the first floor concrete will be poured. We therefore ask that on Wednesday 12th March if you can avoid using Avoca Street at all (to park, drop off, pick up etc) we would be most grateful as there will be a continuous convoy of concrete trucks.
RINCIPAL

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of all students through the development of
aware of their achievement levels and work ethic throughout their scholarly
life.

Good planning, organisation and communication are key points for a child
to achieve success. As part of this whole process students will have their Interim Report Cards distributed to them on Thursday 13 March. Parent Teacher interviews will then be held on Monday 17 March from 3:30pm to 6:30pm in the Indoor Sports Centre. Each interview will be 10 minutes in length, no appointments are necessary. It would be great to see as many parents there as possible to enable you to gain valuable feedback.

Our Year 9 students will be participating in the NAPLAN tests on 13, 14 & 15 May. Students will be doing preparation activities from now up to assessment time. I know it can be difficult to arrange specialist and other appointments that require travel, but if it is at all possible to avoid these dates and have your child here at that time it would be greatly appreciated.

I encourage parents to assist in developing literacy and numeracy skills of all students through the development of good study habits. On Tuesday 11 March at 7pm in the Assembly Hall we will have an information session for parents to discuss this topic. All Heads of Department will be there to answer your questions.

Lloyd Fairbairn, Deputy Principal (Acting)

The 213 students in Year 9 have started the year off well, with outstanding students chosen to lead their respective form classes throughout 2014. Most students are sticking to the uniform policy well, although black shoes and correct socks every day need more attention.
Year 9s have been enthusiastically joining extra-curricular activities such as the pegboard challenge at lunchtime, BP Shield teams, Debating and the upcoming Spelling Bee. Please encourage your child to take advantage of the many opportunities offered for these diverse activities. Upcoming assessment for the next two weeks, according to the Assessment Planner which should have been delivered to all parents / caregivers by now, is in Science, Dance, Business Studies, Health and Nutrition, Mechanics, Drama, Japanese, and BSDE German.

At 928 points, Mr Rieger's 9D form class is leading the VIVO points, while Ms Charlton's 9I form class, is not far behind on 835 points. All students are able to receive points from all teachers for positive expected behaviours, and students can also log onto their VIVO rewards at home as well as at school.

Helen Maudsley, Principal (Acting)

COMING EVENTS

Friday 7 March, 7:00pm
• School Social – theme Movie Characters
Saturday 8 March
• Band playing at Food & Wine Festival
Monday 10 March
• International Women's Day Breakfast at RSL (Senior Girls)
Tuesday 11 March
• Year 8P, 8Q, 8R at the final Year 8 Camp at Archookoor
Tuesday 11 March, 7pm
• Homework – what and how parents can help – Evening in Assembly Hall
Wednesday 12 March
• SB Winter Trials 2pm-4pm
Monday 17 March, 3:30 – 6:30pm
• Parent-Teacher Interviews in Sports Hall

YEAR 11 COORDINATOR NEWS

As I stood on parade this week I was quite impressed with the standard of our student uniforms. The wearing of black socks has decreased but still isn't quite fixed yet. Please be aware that black socks are not part of our school uniform. Another issue that I am concerned about is hair colour; there are a few students who have bright red or coloured hair. I remind parents that this is not acceptable; students should not have any colours that may draw any unnecessary attention to themselves.

There have been lots of opportunities for students to see me about an application package for overseas exchange which has been received very well by students. I have had numerous students come and see me about this and take a package home. Although Foreign Exchange may be expensive in some circumstances, it may be a very exciting and fulfilling opportunity for students to study and travel abroad.

This week students would have received a small package for a free driving test. This is a government incentive where students can have their first driving lesson free. As you know driving tests can be expensive so this is a great little starter pack for our new drivers. I hope that the students use these to their advantage and get a foot in the door in learning how to drive.

On a final note we are heading into assessment territory. Assignment drafts and other assessment items will be due soon. Please make sure that your student is completing homework and study that may be necessary for any upcoming assessment. Please let me know if your student needs extra assistance with study or is under pressure from any subject and I will be glad to help out. Work hard & study hard!

Matt Langford, Year 11 Coordinator (mlang72@eq.edu.au)

YEAR 8 NEWS

Year 8s have settled well into the school routine and are now confidently finding their way around the campus. Four out of the six groups have already had their camp with forms MN and O going out this week. From all accounts students have enjoyed themselves immensely out at Archookoor. Form teachers have not only been very pleased with the level of participation of students but also with their excellent behaviour. Great effort campers! We hope you have met many new friends and now know your teachers a little better as well.

The wearing of correct uniform is generally excellent across Year 8. Please continue to support us and remind your student of the correct uniform for each and every day –
• blue/grey socks each Tuesday
• white socks every other day
• black shoes with impervious uppers (no flouro laces, ticks)

For further clarification about hair, make-up, headwear etc please refer to page 13 of your student’s diary. It spells out very clearly what is permitted and what is not. All in all Year 8s have made an excellent start to the year. We look forward to seeing a continuation of high standards across all aspects of school throughout 2014.

Melissa Kempson & Peter Collins, Year 8 Coordinators

BELL SHOW

On Friday 28 February and Saturday 1 March Mr Steve Carige and I had the pleasure of taking 13 students to the Bell Show.

For some this was a whole new experience as they had very little experience with cattle, never mind all the work and long hours that come with preparing the animals. The school was successful in the Murray Grey classes winning Reserve Junior Female and received a 2nd and 3rd in two other classes.

Students prepared and led their own cattle and also competed in the Junior Handling and Junior Judging. Congratulations must go to Mitchell Hunter who won the Junior Judging and Mitchell Jackson who was Runner Up.

Well done everybody and best of luck in Murgon on 14th and 15th March.
YEAR 12 STUDENTS
This Thursday 6 March, all Year 12 students will receive a note that they all need to return signed by Thursday 13th March please. It pertains to the QCS test and whether the student intends to sit the test or not. The note needs to be signed by a parent/caregiver and returned to the Year 12 form teacher or to Mrs Tessmann (B-Block staffroom).

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is a state-wide test undertaken by Year 12 students for the purpose of assisting with the calculation of Overall Positions (OPs) used for entry into tertiary institutions. Every student has a right to sit for the QCS test in the year they exit Year 12. If the student is eligible to receive an OP, they must sit the QCS test. If they are not eligible for an OP, they may sit the test. This year, the QCS tests will be held on Tuesday 2nd and Wednesday 3rd September, 2014. The note issued this week, will highlight important dates/times involved in our preparation schedule.

MATHLETICS
As mentioned in a newsletter last year, Mathletics (www.mathletics.com) is one of the most popular Mathematical websites used by over 10,000 schools globally. We have been fortunate to have subscribed from Term 3 last year. Our school is sponsoring another 12 months subscription so that every student can potentially have access 24 hours a day, 7 days a week....internet connection/availability withstanding!! Mathletics has a multitude of benefits – reinforces mental computation and numeracy skills; has tasks (including easier and harder ones) that are appropriate to the curriculum; individual teachers can set activities that suit a student’s ability; has inbuilt “rewards” (eg. “medals”; competition in “Live Mathematics”) and many more benefits.

Each student should already have his/her username and password (supplied by their Maths teacher). You are encouraged to sit beside your child/ward and let them give you a “tour around Mathletics” or when those words ring out, “I haven’t got any homework tonight Mum/Dad”, you will be able to reply…….”Then go and complete 2-3 activities from Mathletics and show me your great results when you are finished!” Jenny Tessmann, ACTING HOD CURRICULUM - EXPPLICIT TEACHING

LIBRARY NEWS
All borrower details should be on the school library system thanks to Mr Henderson’s persistence. This Tuesday we printed and distributed our first overdue notices for the year. Students who received reminders about books from 2013 should have been to see Mrs Oliphant in Period 2 form lessons. To the majority of families who have done the right thing and returned all resources on time, THANK YOU!

As most students have now borrowed out their textbooks, it is timely to remind everyone that they are responsible for every item borrowed in their name. Don’t leave books in classrooms unless there is safe and secure storage. Keep books clean and dry. Report any problems to library staff promptly. Don’t leave issues till the end of the year!

Finally, it has been great to see the number of students using our school library facilities before and after school and during lunch breaks. Some are doing quiet reading, others are researching or working on assignments. The library usually has extended opening hours, usually open well before the bell in the mornings and after school. Please take advantage of our facilities and services. Mrs Oliphant, Mrs Ahnon and I are always willing to help if we can. Unfortunately, I haven’t had a chance to do any recreational reading since the holidays, but if you’ve read any great books lately, please let us know so we can share the joy. My email is jmega1@eq.edu.au. Thanks for your support.

Judy Conomos, TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

DUKE OF EDINBURGH UPDATE
Congratulations to the following students on the confirmation of their Bridge Awards from the State Awards Committee:

Brittany Lakin – Bridge 1 & 1
Robbie Ryan – Bridge 1 & 2
Courtney Sonter – Bridge 1 & 2
Brayden Cannford – Bridge 1 & 2
Lara-Maree Boyle – Bridge 1 & 2
Adelaide Hockenhull – Bridge 1 & 2
Courtney Burrows – Bridge 1
Andrew Champney – Bridge 1

Also, congratulations to the students who have signed up for the Awards this year. Jessica Blanch, Emily Hutton, Todd Atkinson, Claire Whiteford, Lydia Want, Mia Whyte, Ben Veivers, Lara-Maree Boyle, Lindsay Cotter and Abigail Blanch. Best wishes on your challenge of completing Service, Fitness, Skill and Adventurous Journeys. If you would like more information about the Award or want to join either as participant or an assessor please contact me at school or by email jmega1@eq.edu.au.

Judy Conomos, D O F E COORDINATOR

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Chocolate Drive: The Chocolate Drive has been going really well. We now ask that any students who are having trouble selling chocolates would return them with the money for the ones already sold, so that others can sell them.

SPARCS: Our SPARCS group is now meeting at lunch times on Friday instead of Tuesday in the Community Building.

SU CAMPS: We have a new Scripture Union camp: Bunya Bush which is especially for students from grades 8 to 10 at schools in the South Burnett. It will be held at the Bunya Mountains from 5th to 7th April at a cost of $85, and the campers will have lots of fun with bush walks, ultimate disc, spotlighting, campfire etc, while exploring what God means to them. Contact me if you would like more information.

Live a good, honourable life. Then when you get older and think back, you’ll get to enjoy it a second time. Ruth Wright, CHAPLAIN 41 600 686

WHAT IS SELF-HARM & WHY DO PEOPLE DO IT
Deliberately inflicting pain or injury by cutting oneself or some other form of self-mutilation seems incomprehensible to many people. But it’s a common, typically secretive, experience for about 8% of adolescents and young adults. Research into self-harm suggests a variety of motivations, triggers and circumstances of those who deliberately injure themselves.

Common explanations include self-harm being a way:
• to release tension or frustration, or express anger,
• to substitute emotional for physical pain,
• to be able to “feel something” when feeling emotionally disconnected (or dissociated), or
• to induce dissociation to avoid aversive emotion as is common in the case of abuse or trauma.

Most often, cutting or burning or hurting yourself in some other way is best understood as a form of coping, albeit not an ideal or lasting way of doing so. Still, it’s something that can give a person a sense of control over their mental or emotional state when they feel they have none.

The biggest challenge for parents and teachers is the detection of self-harm. The next step is to work out how best to engage the person to get help, which can be quite difficult. The best way to do this is to share your concern about the person’s psychological well-being in a way that avoids stigma and realistically inspires confidence about the benefits of professional support.

Annette Montebello, SCHOOL BASED HEALTH NURSE

P & C NEWS
P&C AGM: I would like to sincerely apologise to all parents and staff for needing to postpone the P&C AGM at the last minute, unfortunately work commitments of the Executive made it impossible to meet constitutional requirements for the meeting to proceed. The AGM will now be held on Tuesday 25 March at 7.30 pm in the School Community Building. Debbie Sheppard has served as Treasurer for the past couple of years and I would like to thank her for her service. As she has not had a child at the school for the past year, she will not be restanding. I would really like parents to consider if they could take on this role. As we have sub-committees for the Auxiliary and Mart Auction there is not a huge amount of activity for the P&C treasurer other than managing the bank deposits. Please contact the school office (41600666) or myself (0429643121) if interested. We really need to get more parents involved in P&C, it is a great way to know what is going on in the school and a school can only be highly successful where a strong partnership exists between parents, community and the school.

Mart Auction Roster: I will be drawing up the new Mart Auction Roster in the next couple of weeks. Our Saturday mornings are run by volunteers from 8.30 – 11.30am. The time flies by, it is a great way to help the school and we have more than a few laughs through the day. You are never left on your own and it is also a good way to do an activity with your children. For the students it is a good way to learn customer service and retail skills and can assist with finding part time/medical employment during school or post school whilst studying. If you can assist please either contact myself or the school office to put your name down. Generally you will only be required to do one Saturday morning every 2-3 months which isn’t a huge commitment.

Debbie Jackson, P & C PRESIDENT
AUXILIARY COMMITTEE NEWS

The AGM was held on 19 February. 9 ladies attended the meeting and all positions on the committee were filled.

President – Jo Weldon

Vice-President – Deb Litzow

Secretary – Lynelle Cross

To keep the Auxiliary running smoothly we would like to see new faces join positions on the committee were filled.

Secretary – Lynelle Cross

Vice-President – Deb Litzow

The Qld government is conducting its annual state wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Qld school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Qld Govt. Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with the updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014. For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/
or telephone 1800068576.

FOR SALE – Hospitality Shirt Size S (never been worn). $25. Contact Kathryn 0427691425

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Band Blazer Size 12 $30; Skirt Size 12 or Midford Shirt SS Size 12 Free, Stubbies LS Band Shirt Size 12 $10; Berelle Long Band Skirt Size 14 $20; Berelle Long Band Skirt Size 12 $20; School Tie $5; Stage Band Tie $5; Black Hospitality Polo Small $10; Black Hospitality Apron $5; White LS Shirt Size 14 $5. Email Wendy Krosch on kmcpools@hotmail.com or phone 41622274 / 0428622740.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 1 Spray jacket $25; 2 x Size 16 short skirts $10 each. Phone Marilyn on 41636107 / 045884959.

ARMY CADET EXPO – SATURDAY 31 MAY Nanango SHS. 10:00am Parade from NSHS down Drayton St to War Memorial

11:30am: BB Lunch, tea, coffee & cold drinks

Activities include First Aid Scenarios, Fieldcraft, Drill, Obstacle Course, Recruiting Stands and lots more. Contact Liane Kerr: 0448 840 751

PLAYTIME every Thursday 10am-11:30am during term SB Presbyterian Church, 48 Alford St, Kingaroy. Playtime is a fun, social time for parents and children to meet and enjoy time together. Phone Kathryn on 41621021 for further information or email sburnettpc@bigpond.com

Sunday School Kingaroy Presbyterian Church 48 Alford Street 9:30am Sunday mornings during school terms. Call Jenny on 41622829 for further information.

FREE ENGLISH SPEAKING LESSONS every Saturday at Presbyterian Church Hall, 48 Alford Street Kingaroy. 9:30am to 10:30am. Beginners to Advanced. Contact Jenny on 41622829.

Private Science and Maths Tuition: Contact Luli Faber PhD on 41641192 or l.faber@iinet.net.au

Kingaroy Junior Soccer Club: We are pleased to advise that training starts this Thursday: Times as follows:

Thursday afternoons 6th, 13th, 20th & 27th March; Under 9, 10 and 11’s
4.30pm – 5.30pm rotations and small games for Under 6, 7 and 8’s
5.30pm – 6.30pm rotations and small games for Under 9, 10 and 11’s
6.30pm – 7.30pm fitness and small games for Under 12/13’s and Cadets (14, 15 & 16’s) Teams will be announced on the 27th March. Training from 24th April onwards will be in teams at a time set by your team coach.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 5 Size 16 KSHS polo shirts in excellent condition. $40 for all five. Phone 41625632.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Band Uniforms 1 x Size 22 Slammers Blue Long Sleeve Shirt; 1 x 39cm Lowes Long Sleeve white shirt; 2 x 39cm Lowes Long Sleeve Black Shirt; 1 x Size 22 or 117cm KSHS Concert Band/Formal Jacket; 1 x Size 18 or 102cm KSHS Concert Band/Formal Jacket; 1 x KSHS Tie. All in excellent condition, jackets have been dry-cleaned. Shirts $10 each; Jackets $12 each; Tie $5. Contact 41642380.

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Size 16 School Blazer (has old logo) - suit show team or student leader. Very Good Condition. Price $50. Call 0427685797

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Three Size 22 Junior Shirts; One Size 18 Sweat Shirt – hardly worn. Call 04227816524

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Blazer Size 12 82cm $99 (Blazer bought new); Long Skirt Size 16 $25 (Skirt bought new); Spray Jacket (Small) $40; Spray Jacket (Medium) $40; Formal Shirt Girls Size 10 $15. All in good condition. Contact: 0409275375.
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- $100 application fee reimbursement

Join us at our Information evening on

Tuesday 25 March
5pm, Take 2, Tivoli Hotel or the University of the Sunshine Coast
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Register your attendance or find out more at: www.usc.edu.au/headstart

or telephone or email us.

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Student Work Experience Program 2014

Are you a year 11 student who is interested in becoming a Doctor? Want to know what it's like to be a medical student for a day? Then this program may be for you.

The University of Queensland, Rural Clinical School, Tannasanta invites you to apply to participate in our Student Work Experience Program (SWEP).

For more information speak with your Careers Advisor OR complete a Request to Participate_form and fax or email to: 07 46330701 OR d.praeger@uq.edu.au