2015 SPEECH NIGHT

Thank you to Mrs Tracey Reinbott and the large number of staff who organised the 2015 Speech Night. I was very impressed with the number of parents and community members who attended the evening to recognise the outstanding achievements of our students. It was also pleasing to hear from Mr David Ballin – our guest speaker. As I indicated in my report, Mr Ballin’s tenure as Principal of Kingaroy State High School over 25 years is truly a remarkable length of service.

There were a significant number of students who received awards on the evening and they were exceptional role models for our school. I was particularly impressed by our student leaders who delivered wonderful addresses. Another memorable moment was Mrs Debbie Jackson’s efforts as MC and her impeccable dress sense. Mrs Jackson has emceed Speech Night over the past 9 years and I sincerely thank her for this. This was her last Speech Night as MC and she has certainly left some very big shoes to fill.

2015 SCHOOL LEADERS

Congratulations to those students who will undertake leadership roles in 2016. These students received notification on their appointments last Thursday.

School Captains: Ellie Dalton and Callum Tucker.
School Vice Captains: Grace Bredhauer and Matthew Tarlington.
Junior Secondary Captains: Taylah Favier and Liam Hyland
Junior Secondary Vice Captains: Xanthe Walker, Aiden Robe, Campbell Roediger and Brenna Prendergast.

PERFORMING ARTS SHOWCASE

Congratulations to everyone involved in recent performing arts showcase presentations. I thought the Music Extension Concert was fantastic and I have already approached Liam Barton to give me some Karaoke tips for when I travel to Japan in the future! The Dance Showcase was well attended by the school community and included a wide range of genres. There are so many talented dance students in the school and this was evidenced throughout each of the 23 performances. A special mention must go to Mrs Claire Gurnett for her efforts in performing a Hip Hop number with the students. The Art Showcase on Friday 9th October was also well attended. After the official opening, a number of Year 11 and 12 students gave an account of what inspired their artwork pieces. Each of these presentations was fantastic and really reinforced how exceptional our students are.

My sincere thanks to everyone involved in putting these performances together and for allowing our students to have these opportunities.

RELAY FOR LIFE

Thank you to Mrs Jenny Underwood, Mr Sean Wicks, Mr Eric Gray and Miss Racquel Wilson for participating in the Relay for Life event over the weekend and for supervising a number of our students who also participated. Our student groups had raised well over $1400 prior to the event. This is a fantastic effort.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 22 October
Tuesday 29 October, 7:00pm
Wednesday 28 October, 7:00pm
Tuesday 10 November, 2pm

- State Track and Field begins
- P & C Meeting
- Sports Night, Assembly Hall
- Auxiliary Meeting, Community Building

Ashley Roediger, PRINCIPAL

NETBALL EXCELLENCE

If you are interested in applying to enrol in the NETBALL EXCELLENCE PROGRAM IN 2016 please contact Helen Maudsley by next Friday 30 October Year 7, 8 and 9, 2016

After this date NO application will be considered.

Contact Helen: 41600666 or hmaud2@eq.edu.au
YEAR 8 INTO 9 AND YEAR 9 INTO 10 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

This week, students in Year 8 and 9 received their subject selection sheets at the Parent Information evening. Any students who were absent are required to collect a selection sheet from the Front Office in the marked tray.

In early November all Year 8 students will be interviewed by me to go through their selections. Interview times will be posted on notices and form teachers will also have a list of times.

The important thing to remember is that students must read the subject handbook carefully prior to selection. Also, it is advised that over Year 9 and 10, students will not study a subject twice, as they need to try (to rule out or to rule in) as many subjects as possible. However, if necessary, they may double up from Year 9 to Year 10. For example, if they studied Drama and Music in Year 10 they could study one only of these again in Year 10.

Any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL - CURRICULUM

SPORTS NIGHT

The 2015 Kingaroy SHS Sports Awards night is an event where students are recognised for their sporting achievements this year. Students who have attended Wide Bay trials with South Burnett teams, attended state titles with Wide Bay teams or taken part in national titles with state teams are all recognised on the night. We also take the time to acknowledge excellent team sporting achievements and present one of the four houses with the overall point trophy. The most prestigious award on the night is the Bass Blue Sportsperson of the Year award. Nominations have been collected and the selection process has begun to find Kingaroy State High’s 2015 winner.

The guest speaker for this year’s night is Miss Romelda Aiken. Miss Aiken is a current Jamaican Netball star, and Queenland Firebird after the awards.

Night it would be wonderful if every family can bring a plate for supper mentoring the 2016 leaders.

and Piper Whelan. They have been outstanding leaders and we look and Vice Captains Lachlan Hurt, Amy-Louise Kempson, Lize Potgieter.

Secondary leaders this year: Captains Sarah Tarlinton and Lincoln Rabbit and VIVO awards. Additionally, we announced the Junior Secondary leaders for 2016 (see Melissa Kempson’s article for details.) At this time students who also possess these qualities. They are recognised throughout the year in a number of ways including Student of the Month and VIVO awards. Additionally, we announced the Junior Secondary leaders for 2016 (see Melissa Kempson’s article for details.) At this time the year I would also like to acknowledge the great work of our Junior Secondary leaders this year: Captains Sarah Tarlinton and Lincoln Rabbit and Vice Captains Lachlan Hurt, Amy-Louise Kempson, Lize Potgieter and Piper Whelan. They have been outstanding leaders and we look forward to them finishing the year in the same manner as well as mentoring the 2016 leaders.

Krysty Connelly, SPORTS COORDINATOR

JUNIOR SECONDARY

It was wonderful to see our Junior Secondary students receive recognition at Speech Night this year alongside their senior counterparts. They were acknowledged for their academic success, diligence, involvement in extra-curricular activities and their positive attitudes. Whilst Speech Night recognises some of these students, we are very proud of so many students who also possess these qualities. They are recognised throughout the year in a number of ways including Student of the Month and VIVO awards. Additionally, we announced the Junior Secondary leaders for 2016 (see Melissa Kempson’s article for details.) At this time the year I would also like to acknowledge the great work of our Junior Secondary leaders this year: Captains Sarah Tarlinton and Lincoln Rabbit and Vice Captains Lachlan Hurt, Amy-Louise Kempson, Lize Potgieter and Piper Whelan. They have been outstanding leaders and we look forward to them finishing the year in the same manner as well as mentoring the 2016 leaders.

Tracey Reinbott, ASSISTANT TO THE PRINCIPAL – JUNIOR SECONDARY

KINGAROY SHS BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)

As promised at the Kingaroy SHS BYOD information night, more information will be forthcoming in newsletters with critical information around BYO at Kingaroy SHS, as well as frequently asked questions.

The most frequently asked question so far has been what kind of computers will be able to connect to the network. Please see below the ratified specifications for computer/s that will be eligible to be part of BYO at Kingaroy SHS in 2016. As previously mentioned, year 10s will be the first year level who have the option to ‘Opt in’ to BYO.

In addition to this, a protective case is strongly recommended.

Summary of costs for different computer options at KSHS 2016:

- Year 11 & 12:
  - School issued take home device only. $100 p/yr.
  - BYOD information will be advised to Year 11 & 12 students once it becomes available to them.

- Year 10:
  - BYOD option - $70 per year
  - School issued take home device option - $170

The school will have loan devices available for use at school for students who are not part of either take home program. Please note that NO YEAR 11 AND 12 STUDENTS will be part of BYOD until advised by the school.

Damian Nicholson, ICT COORDINATOR

SCIENCE NEWS

Congratulations to Daniel Lawson who, last Wednesday, received a prestigious Peter Doherty Outstanding Senior Science Student” award. Daniel was presented with his award by the minister for education the honourable Kate Jones MP in a ceremony held in Custom House, Brisbane.

If you are a parent of a Year 7, 8 or 9 student and would like to develop some skills to help your child with their science experiment reports, then please join us in the Assembly Hall on the 27th October for a night to remember. You will get to do an experiment to see if you can drink coke faster than lemonade and then learn how to write a report on the experiment. Your child will have received a letter from their science teacher about the night. The letter has a tear off response sheet so we know how many people to cater for on the night. If the letter has not made it home to you, you can pick one up.
from the front office or contact Mr Langton on 41 600 639 to reserve a spot. This is a great chance to participate more in your child’s school life and we look forward to seeing you.

Steven Langton, HOD SCIENCE

YEAR 11 EARTH SCIENCE EXCURSION

Recently, the Year 11 Earth Science class had the privilege of a very instructive tour of Meandu Mine as part of their studies relating to Earth’s resources and human impact on the environment. Meandu Mine’s geologist, David Edwards, coordinated the experience and students learnt about the development of the mine, its geology, uses and processing of the coal, and how the mine minimises its impact on the environment and has rehabilitated the areas which have been mined. Many thanks to the Meandu Mine Community Relations Officer Mr Darren Schmidt for sharing his knowledge and to Mr Romeo Rodriguez, Exploration Geologist, who showed the students how the core samples are taken and how data is processed and recorded.

Many thanks to Meandu Mine for making this a valuable experience for the Earth Science students.

Open Mixed Team

Team: Jack Hourn, Kirby Rubesaame, Max Johnston (Captain), Daniel Favier, Charlie Payne, Adam Geiger, Kaitlin Elliot, Laura Gray, Kate Ferling, Taylah Curley, Grace Bredhauer, Jenna Christansen, Sarah Tarlinton, Alyssa Rea.

John Bunyoung, COACH

YEAR 9 MECHANICS

Year 9 Mechanics students enjoy a great facility and community support. Students are now working on cars and their engines. The students recently received a donated car from the Fairbairn family. The students also enjoy the ongoing support from Kingaroy Wreckers who have donated several cars over the past few months.

We ask that the school community support those who support us.

David Hill, MECHANICS TEACHER

YEAR 10 BIOLOGY

The Year 10 Introduction to Biology class had a heart felt lesson last week when they got their hands dirty dissecting pig hearts in class. The students could identify the four chambers of the heart, the valves, muscle walls and arteries.

Helen Greenslade, SCIENCE OPERATIONS OFFICER

YEAR 7 NEWS

The year is drawing nearer to the pointy end and we encourage all students to stay on track and stay focused on the important task of learning as we move toward assessment and the final reporting period of the year.

We acknowledge all students who participate and compete in not only school extra-curricular activities and it is great to hear of achievements outside school as well. Asha Cooper is a busy young lady who has competed in the school equestrian competition and has also had success in making it to the State Pony Club Dressage Championships this year. Well done, Asha.

We hope to see students working hard, attending school every day possible, and continuing to display their best behaviours, as they work toward earning VIVO’s to be eligible for a fun excursion to Toowoomba at the conclusion of this term, and for a chance to be awarded student of the term or a pizza party.

Matt Davis & Carissa Sempf, YEAR 7 COORDINATORS

YEAR 8 NEWS

Congratulations to all Year 8s who received an award at Speech Night. It was great to see the students being acknowledged for their hard work and success this year. Our Junior leaders were also announced on the night – congratulations to our 2016 Junior Captains Liam Hyland and Taylah Favier and Vice-Captains Brenna Prendergast, Campbell Roediger, Xanthe Walker and Aiden Robe. We look forward to your contributions to the school next year in your various roles.
Sports Night is the next big school event being held on Wednesday 28th October. I am looking forward to seeing students who have excelled in their sporting endeavours receive their award on this night as well.

Front l to r: Brenna Prendergast, Taylah Favier, Liam Hyland, Mr Roediger
Back l to r: Aiden Robe, Xanthe Walker, Campbell Roediger

Melissa Kempson, Year 8 Coordinator

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

The annual Instrumental Music end of year concert is on Friday 6 November at the Kingaroy Town Hall. This year the concert is a Masquerade Ball, so come dressed up with your best mask on. The concert will feature the Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Junior Secondary Ensemble and Stage Band. There will be a sausage sizzle available from 5:30pm with the Stage Band entertaining in the forecourt before moving inside for the main Concert. Tickets can be purchased from the payment office at Kingaroy High School.

Matt Phillips, Instrumental Music Teacher

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

In spectacular fashion, over 50 students took to the stage to share their passion and talent for dance in Dance Showcase 2015. Students from Year 11/12 Dance, Dance Krews, the Youth Dance Project and an extension group of pointe dancers performed in 23 numbers, varying from hip-hop to dance films and modern ballet. Special mention must go to those students who performed their own choreographic works, which truly highlighted the amazing creative talents among Kingaroy State High School students. Following the success of the show, a group of 12 students travelled to Nambour to perform in the extensive Youth Dance Project, Counter World, facilitated by professional choreographer Melissa Lanham. This was an incredible opportunity for students to not only perform in a professional venue but to work with professional dancers and choreographers, gaining an insight into the industry. Of course, these opportunities are only made possible by the generosity and hard work of others, so our sincere thanks goes to Mrs Dowideit-Reiger, Mr Reiger, Melissa Lanham and Ken Mills.

Claire Gurnett, Dance Teacher

KSHS RUNNER-UP AT SPELLING BEE

Last Tuesday night, the 2nd Annual Regional Spelling Bee was held at the Kingaroy SHS Assembly Hall, with five schools nominating two competitors each in the Junior Division (Year 5 and under) and eight schools in the Senior Division (Years 6 to 9). Seven Kingaroy SHS students had earlier expressed an interest in representing the school, and a school Spelling Bee was held to determine who the two best spellers were on the day to go on to the next level.

L to R: Savannah Jeffs (7), Kathleen Gogerly (9), Rhylee Skilton (9), Tayla Barsby (7) & Mark Ellacott (7).

Kathleen Gogerly from Year 9 and Savannah Jeffs from Year 7 were the two who represented Kingaroy SHS on the evening. While both performed well, completing many correct answers in the rounds, Kathleen Gogerly made it through the first 8 rounds to the knock-out part of the competition, and finished as the runner-up of the Senior Division.

Runner-up – Senior Division – Kathleen Gogerly

Nerissa Maudsley, G and T Coordinator

LIBRARY NEWS

On Tuesday, Year 11 students received their Current Loans list so they know what resources are currently out on loan to them. Students have been asked to check their list carefully, ensuring that the barcode matches the item they have borrowed. If there are any discrepancies, they are reminded to see library staff promptly. Year 12 students received their list last week and Year 10 will receive theirs next week.

Students are reminded that they are responsible for every resource that they borrow and that all resources must be returned to the library in good order. Books that are damaged need to be returned and paid for.

On Monday I attended the Creating Future Libraries conference in Brisbane. The key note speaker was Jenny Luca and her topic, “Just what are we preparing our students for?” was thought-provoking, to say the least. She spoke about the rapid progress of technology and highlighted how humans are already competing with machines, and that this is only going to continue, quoting Erik Brynjolfsson and Andrew McAfee:
There’s never been a better time to be a worker with special skills or the right education, because these people can use technology to create and capture value. However, there’s never been a worse time to be a worker with only ‘ordinary’ skills and abilities to offer, because computers, robots and other digital technologies are acquiring these skills and abilities at an extraordinary pace” - The Second Machine Age: Work, Progress and Prosperity in a Time of Brilliant Technologies (2014).

Fortunately, there is hope: “The biggest exception will be jobs that depend upon empathy as a core capacity - schoolteacher, personal service worker, nurse ...” (Jamais Cascio, technology writer and futurist).

One final comment, “In a world that is rapidly changing, we need to help our students see through the superficial to find a deeper engagement with what the Internet can offer.”

Judy Conomos, Teacher-Librarian

ACCELERATED READING

All Year 7, 8 and 9 students are required to read 20 minutes a day as part of the Accelerated Reader Program. Some students are achieving amazing results, not just their time read, but comprehension results. Congratulations! Unfortunately though, some students are not participating fully in the program.

The data confirms that students who are actively involved in the program are showing improvements in their academic results while those who don’t are being ‘left behind’. Your support and promotion of reading is important too.

Judy Conomos, Teacher-Librarian

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

On the weekend Tynan Dugdell completed his Adventurous Journey, learning different stroke technique and rescues and then canoeing on the Albert River and Lake Wyaralong, near Beaudesert. He completed his practise and qualifying journey over the four days. His focus was on the vegetation of the Albert River and the lake. Congratulations Tynan on your great effort and thank you Rivermount College and Mr Knapper for your help. Hopefully Bridge Awards will be presented at assembly next week. Once confirmed, students who are involved will receive more information.

Remember - the Duke of Edinburgh program is available for all students. If you would like more information, please contact me by email jmega1@eq.edu.au or phone 0741600666.

Judy Conomos, D of E Coordinator

CHAPPY NEWS

With the end of the year looming so closely it is very easy for us to get into holiday mode early and stop caring about school work. We often get into the preconception that the year is practically over it's time to relax, however now is as crucial a time to press on as any other time of the year.

Ecclesiastes 7:8 states “Better is the end of a thing than its beginning, and the patient in spirit is better than the proud in spirit.” When we get proud and think we do not need to keep working right till the end, we do not finish well, and often finish half-hearted, and it’s obvious. However when we finish well, by pressing on we can look back and see the final product of all our achievements and find joy in the fact that we did our best right through to the end.

Liz Louther, CHAPPY

P & C NEWS

The October P&C meeting is on 27 October at 7.30pm at the Community Meeting Room. I would really appreciate as many parents as possible to come along and join us. On the agenda will be the ongoing discussion around how to continue operating the Mart Auction into the future with Peter Mortimer exiting his committee and financial management role, as well as Louise and I transitioning out. We welcome anyone to attend.

Debbie Jackson, P & C President

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT AUSTRALIA

During the past ten years, Lions Recycle for Sight Australia has collected close to 4 million pair of spectacles thanks to an Australia Post Reply Paid Facility, one thousand Lions Clubs in Australia and several hundred clubs in Japan. The Centre has shipped close to 3.5 million pair throughout the world to help people who would otherwise be unable to see well. The Lions Recycle for Sight Australia program operates throughout Australia and you can be part of this amazing service by dropping off your old, (even partly broken), spectacles, in the box in the Kingaroy State High School Administration foyer for collection by the local Lions team.

Glenda Hoffmann, Science Teacher

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If you are unable to work on your day, please try and swap with someone and let Lorraine know. If you can’t swap ring Lorraine on 41600676 or a/h 41622264.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• BRAND NEW KSHS JACKET FOR SALE; Never been worn - Size 14 Beare and Ley Brand $50 Phone Sharleane on 0435412372.

• UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 1 x Size 16 School Blazer in excellent condition. $80. Phone Donna 0409 620 923.

• UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 3 x KSHS Jnr shirts size 12 $15 ea; 3 x KSKS Smr shirts size 16 $15 ea; KSHS Girls formal shirt size 16 $10; KSHS Girls formal shirt size 12 $10; KSHS LS Band shirt size 16 $10; KSHS fleecy jumper size 14 $15; 3 x Navy blue sports shorts size 14 $15 ea; KSHS Girls formal skirt size 14 $15; KSHS Girls formal skirt size 16 $15; 2 x Navy track pants (Cougar) size 14 $15 ea; KSHS Navy blue skirt (sits just above knees) size 12 $15; Navy shorts (suitable for KSS) size 14 kids $10; Navy track pants size 16 kids $10. Please phone or SMS Regina 0438 304 988.

KINGAROY KINDERGARTEN

FAMILY BUSH DANCE

Saturday 24 October 2015
(Doors open 5pm)
Kingaroy State School Hall

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