



KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

STUDENTS

I have recently been **interviewing all of the Year 12 students**, as these young people move closer to their end of year commitments, and then prepare to move on to the next stage of their life. They are a fine group of students who have great aspirations and plans for their future, and I encourage them to continue to work hard over the next 12 weeks, and to finish the year as strongly as possible. **Attendance every day** will help that, as will a good positive relationship with form teachers and subject teachers.

STAFFING

Best wishes to our Business Services Manager **Mrs Wendy McCallum** who will be on some long service leave after this week. While Mrs McCallum is on leave, **Mrs Tracey Fleischfresser** will be Acting BSM, and Mrs Linda Sonter will work in the school's Front Office.

CURRICULUM

Planning is well under way for the Curriculum for 2014, and there are some important opportunities for students and parents to prepare for the courses of study for next year. Specific nights to be held are:

- Year 7 to 8 Parent Night - Monday 26 August, 7:00pm
- Year 10 to 11 Parent Night - Wednesday 28 August, 7:00pm
- Year 8 to 9 Parent Night - Wednesday 11 September, 7:00pm

I encourage you to keep these nights free and to be involved.

FACILITIES



The **Performing Arts Teaching Block** was officially opened by Mrs Lesley Case last Tuesday 6 August, and it was a great celebration of the achievements of the school community in completing this magnificent facility. Our

students demonstrated their ample skills and talents in the Arts for those present and their performances were outstanding. Congratulations to the students and staff responsible for that, and thank you to our P & C Association for their great support of the school and for building the Performing Arts Teaching Block.

Planning continues for the **Year 7 Building**. New Workshops are being built for Automotive Studies, and the Grounds Staff, and the designing of the Year 7 Building is progressing well. It will be a 3 storey building with two floors of classroom and about 14 classrooms. It will be located on the western end of E and L Blocks and will include a Staffroom for 17 teaching staff.

COMING EVENTS

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| Friday 16- Sunday 18 August | ▪ 40 Hour Famine participation organised by Student Council |
| Wednesday 21 August | ▪ RE Day |
| Friday 23 August | ▪ Student Council Non Uniform Day |
| Monday 26 August, 7:00pm | ▪ Yr 7 to 8 Parent Night |
| Tuesday 27 August, 7:30pm | ▪ P & C Meeting |
| Wednesday 28 August, 7:00pm | ▪ Yr 10 to 11 Parent Night |
| Friday 30 August | ▪ South Burnett Athletics at Kingaroy |
| Tuesday 3 and Wed 4 Sept | ▪ Yr 12 QCS Test |
| Wednesday 4 Sept, 6:00pm | ▪ Indigenous Parents' Meeting |

David Ballin, PRINCIPAL

INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

The Queensland Studies Authority that guides all things curriculum for education in Queensland now has a new parent section. There is information about all levels of schooling and we have provided a screen shot of what you might look for. The address is: <http://www.qsa.qld.edu.au/>



YEAR 10 SUBJECT SELECTION FOR YR 11

This week students in Year 10 will receive the subject information handbook which has information about all the subjects on offer next year for Year 11 students. It is **ABSOLUTELY IMPERATIVE** that every Year 10 student reads this booklet multiple times to understand what each subject is about. After that, they will be asked to go online (instructions will be given at school) to indicate what their preferences for subjects would be if they could choose any 6 subjects. This smorgasbord of subjects will then be used to help determine the lines that subjects are put on, for the final student selection. Year 10 students will need to listen to notices carefully every day in order to know what is happening in their subject selection & SET Plan Interview (with a parent) process.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

QCS PREPARATION

This week, on Wednesday 14th Aug, the Yr 12 QCS sat their final full-day practice. The "real" QCS test is in Week 9 – **Tuesday and Wednesday, 3rd and 4th September.**

Equipment that MUST be brought along by **each** student: **BOTH sessions** - *Black pens; 2B pencils; eraser; sharpener; correcting fluid/tape; highlighters; ruler; transparent container (eg, slip-seal bag).* In addition, for the afternoon session (SR): *protractor; drawing compass; coloured pencils; approved calculator.* It is advised that students check the batteries in their calculator to ensure they are adequate. It is *imperative* that each student is fully prepared because the only equipment available to borrow on the day are pens, pencils, erasers, sharpeners and highlighters. Additionally, students are NOT permitted to share equipment.

On the morning of Tuesday 3rd there will be a "prayer of support" which will be led by our Chaplain, Ruth Wright. All students /parents/ teachers/ caregivers/ relatives are invited to be a part of the short prayer session (from approximately 8:10am). Similarly, if you would like to show your support to our QCS students on either morning, you are **most welcome to come along (about 8:00am) and help serve students a light breakfast and share "a cuppa"**. If you would like to contribute some baking (in advance) for the breakfast, it would be appreciated – please contact Jenny Tessmann at jtess2@eq.edu.au ASAP if you can help please (*anything baked in advance can be brought in to school and frozen beforehand*).

Jenny Tessmann, ACTING HOD – CURRICULUM-EXPLICIT TEACHING

MATHLETICS

Have you heard the words lately....."*I haven't got any Maths homework tonight Mum/Dad???*"..... As mentioned in a previous newsletter, Mathletics (www.mathletics.com) is one of the most popular Mathematical websites used by over 10 000 schools globally. It was *briefly* shown at our evening forum last Thursday.

Our school is sponsoring 18 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 have his/her username and password already (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 again (*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-EXPLICIT TEACHING

MATHS TEAM CHALLENGE

Question: "A six-sided die is replaced with the first six prime numbers and rolled twice. What is the probability that the sum is an even number?" This was merely **one** of 20 relay questions posed to our Yr 10 team who attended the **Maths Team Challenge in Toowoomba on Thursday 8th August.** Members of the Yr 10 team were Miyu, Georgia, Caleb, James and Brandon. In addition we were able to field 2 senior teams comprising a Yr 12 team - Caitlin, Karl, Clancy, Reuben, Tom - and a Yr 11 team – Brooke, Jenna, Ethan, Cas and Soul.

Each team experienced 10 VERY challenging *Team Event* questions (over 45 mins) and 20 *timed Relay questions* (answered in pairs). Our teams competed *admirably* against Toowoomba SHS, Glennie, St Ursula's, Pittsworth SHS, Downlands etc. The senior teams were placed 10th and 11th out of 22 teams whilst the Junior team was placed 8th from a field of 16 teams. Our 15 students certainly "*did us*

proud" in terms of achievement and behaviour - I was *exceptionally proud* of them!

Participation in such events cannot occur without the support of others, including fellow teacher, *Mr Martin Mearns*, who accompanied us. A huge vote of gratitude is extended to all 5 parents who were willing to assist with transportation of students, and especially to **Mr Lyle Humphreys** and **Mrs Jacqui Irwin** who were our enthusiastic chauffeurs/supervisor on the day. **Ken Mills Toyota** also kindly provided the courtesy bus in which many team members travelled – thank you for your unwavering support Mr Mills! *By the way....the answer to the question posed above?.....26/36 or 13/18 or 0.7222.*

Jenny Tessmann, ACTING HOD – CURRICULUM-EXPLICIT TEACHING

ROYAL QUEENSLAND SHOW

Brooke, Corey, Nathan, Chelsea, Amie and Reece represented Kingaroy SHS at the Royal Queensland Show from Saturday 3rd through to Wednesday 7th August. Not only did the students prepare and show the two school steers, they also competed in the McDonald's School Paraders', Steer Judging and the Interschool Team Steer Judging events. All students conducted themselves in an



exceptional manner and should be very proud. Particular mention must be made of Nathan who made the top 10 in the McDonald's Steer Judging (12-14 Yrs) competition against 90 other students and Corey who competed against 137 other (14-16 Yrs) school students from Queensland and New South Wales and won 4th place in the McDonald's School Paraders' competition.

Amanda Lane, AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR

INTER-HOUSE ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The school's annual Inter-house Athletics Carnival has been underway for several weeks with field events and distance runs completed during lunchtimes and has culminated with the main track events day held last Friday 9th August. Students participated enthusiastically for their houses and it was good to see many students dressing up and competing in their house colours.

The event was won by Youngman house on 1584 points, narrowly defeating Palmer on 1326 points. Close behind was Lavarack on 1246 points, with fourth place going to Bradfield on 985 points.

Congratulations to the following age champions:

13/U	Laura	Daniel
14 Yrs	Taylah	Jayden
15 Yrs	Katinka	Ashley
16 Yrs	Belinda	Simon
17 Yrs	Jasmine	Brodie
19/U	Jackie	Lester

The first three placegetters in each event in each age group have been selected in the school team and are actively preparing to contest the South Burnett Athletics Carnival, also held at Kingaroy State High School on Friday 30th August.

Thank you to all staff and student officials, Mr McCormack and Mr Couchman for setting up, and all others that contributed to ensuring a successful carnival day.

Robyn Ferling, SPORTS COORDINATOR

CAREER HUNTER APP - *New smartphone app helps young people with jobs and career opportunities*

The Career Hunter App, developed from a young person's perspective, is a simple way for young people and their parents to explore career opportunities. Believed to be the first career exploration app of its kind, it provides information about occupations and industries, job descriptions, training and qualification requirements, and job vacancies. It makes tangible links from school to the world of work and highlights the industries where skills are most needed.

Learn more at: <http://deta.qld.gov.au/about/app/index.html>

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations to the Concert Band on a wonderful performance at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod on Tuesday 30 July. The band performed very well against some very fine ensembles and while not placing received a very high score.

Saturday 31 August sees our school Jazz Ensembles performing at the Noosa Jazz Festival. This is a great event for these talented students to showcase our school.

Matt Phillips, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC INSTRUCTOR

INTER-SCHOOL FUTSAL



Last Thursday saw the 2nd round of the Inter-School Futsal Shield between Kingaroy SHS and St Mary's Catholic College. Kingaroy SHS were leading the best of 3 series 1-0 going into this round.

The first 2 games were between the two Year 8 teams; of which both schools recorded a win.

KSHS Blue won 6-4 to SMCC Maroon with Aiden scoring the majority of the goals, and KSHS Navy lost 8-3 to SMCC Green. The Year 9 team narrowly lost 5-4 after coming back from 4-1 down at half-time. After drawing 4 All in round 1 this was another close game between two evenly matched teams. The girls match saw Kingaroy come from 2-0 down late in the game to finish up with a 2-1 loss. It was a very tense last 5 minutes where Kingaroy almost pulled back a second goal to force a draw. The Open Boys game again saw the Kingaroy team out play SMCC, even with many of Kingaroy's senior players out. The final score was 5-3 with Sam scoring 4 goals and taking control of the match for Kingaroy. The series is now evenly poised at 1-1, which will see round 3 and the decider round played next term. Further coverage and pictures can be seen in this Friday's South Burnett Times.

Peter Collins, FUTSAL COACH

LIBRARY NEWS

In the weekend paper there was an article about creating our own village – not necessarily the local streets – but the places we visit in our day-to-day lives. A group of us meet regularly – we have a coffee and chat about books, TV, movies and lots more. I always come away refreshed and with a new title to check out. This is an important part of my personal 'village'.

On Saturday it was National Bookshop Day and what better place to have as a centre for our own 'village'. Bookshops and libraries are more than just a place for buying or borrowing books – they are where we can learn new skills, go on adventures, experience a different life and share. I hope libraries are part of your 'village'!

The countdown is on for Book Week and this year's theme is 'Read across the Universe'. Winners of the 2013 awards will be announced at noon on Friday. For more information visit the CBCA website. Shortlisted titles are available for loan from our school library.

Judy Conomos, LIBRARIAN

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

RE: RE day for this term will be next Wednesday 21st August. The presenters will be *MnB Entertainment*, a Christian group who do Hip Hop dancing and give an inspiring message. Students who do not do RE will go to the Library to work on some school work.

Careers Market: The Chaplaincy Committee catered for morning and afternoon tea at the recent Careers Market. A fabulous group of students worked hard all day, taking orders and taking around food and tea and coffee as well as the lunch that was prepared by the canteen ladies. Feedback from exhibitors on the day was so complimentary: In a summary of the feedback forms one comment was that: "All of the exhibitors had only positive remarks to make about the catering and the helpfulness of the students there on the day". Parents and guardians, you should be so proud of your students - they are truly amazing!

FLAIR Concert: The FLAIR concert was an incredible success again this year - we just could not fit in any more seating. Thanks to the awesome students, staff and parents who worked so hard to make it such a great night. We also had so much support from people donating to the Cent Auction and from local businesses donating Raffle Prizes. Thank you to Able Bicycles for the scooter, t-bars, pump, stickers, wristbands, headlight and repair kits; to Chrissy's Caring Hands for the massage voucher; Harvey Norman for the hair curler and multiblender; to IGA for the coffee maker; to Mitre 10 for donating the outdoor setting; Office Central for 2 coloured pencil sets; to Pharmacy Essentials for the make-up set; to Rendez-vous for the voucher; and to Target for the voucher. Your support is really appreciated.

"Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty heavens, Praise him for his acts of power; praise him for his surpassing greatness." Psalm 150: 1-2

Ruth Wright, CHAPLAIN 41 600 686

P & C NEWS

P & C Meeting: The next P & C Meeting will be held on Tuesday 27 August at 7:30pm in the Community Building. All parents are welcome to attend.

School Working Bee: Thank you to all the parents, students and staff who attended the Working Bee on Saturday 3 August. It was pleasing to see so many willing volunteers working together to maintain the school grounds and gardens.

Debbie Jackson, P & C PRESIDENT

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON	19/08/2013	Linda Wearne
TUES	20/08/2013	Christine Teakle / Debbie Litzow
WED	21/08/2013	Colleen Gunn
THUR	22/08/2013	Joni Mullins
FRI	23/08/2013	Jacki Irwin
MON	26/08/2013	Lynelle Cross
TUES	27/08/2013	Sonja Love
WED	28/08/2013	Vicki Rossi / Jan Lamborn
THUR	29/08/2013	Linda Newman
FRI	30/08/2013	Gaylene Schultz / Leanne Rubesaame
<p>Extra volunteers are required on FRIDAY 30 AUGUST for SB Athletics Carnival. Please contact Lorraine if you can assist.</p> <p>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.</p>		

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **FOR SALE:** Kingaroy SHS Spray Jacket. Size Small. Good Condition. \$40. Call 0439 886 963
- **FOR SALE:** Student Tenor Saxophone "Armstrong" brand \$600. Phone: 0402 383 039
- **FOR SALE:** 2 Shitzu Maltese Female Puppies tan/offwhite and caramel/white. \$300 ono Ph: 0434300025
- **FOR SALE:** 3 formal dresses sizes range from 14-20. 2x Purple, 1 x pink. \$80 o.n.o. Great condition only 1 year old. Pickup in Kingaroy. Phone 0432508026 – Paige for more details.
- **ORANA HILLTOP MARKETS:** Saturday 14 September at Orana Lutheran Complex, 24 MacDiarmid St, Kingaroy. 7am to 12pm. Giftware, Clothing, Décor, Handmade Accessories, Gardening, Entertainment, local produce, amusement and activities for the whole family.
- **GARAGE SALE:** 24 August 8:00am Raising money for *Thailand Orphanage* (Group going in September). Car wash, sausage sizzle, bric-a-brac, toys, clothes, plants and much more. **Murgon AOG Church Bunya Highway, Murgon.**
- **Mr "B's" Professional Tennis** is looking for more students. Classes are available every week day from 3.15pm til late. Based at the Kingaroy Tennis Courts. For more details check out our Facebook page. www.facebook.com/mrbprofessionaltennis or call Brad Boynton on 0409 895 527.

VIETNAM VETERAN'S DAY COMMEMORATIVE SERVICE
Memorial Park Kingaroy - Sunday 18 August 2013
Guest Speaker Mr Keith Payne VC OAM
 Interesting activity from 10am (when veterans gather and prepare to march)
 until 11:10am, when service will conclude.

