KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Friday November 14, 2014

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EVERY DAY COUNTS - ACTIVE PARTICIPATION EVERY CLASS

STUDENTS

Congratulations to the 147 Year 12 students who will finish their 12 years of schooling next Friday. The growing maturity, leadership skills, sense of compassion and preparedness to take action of most of this cohort will see any community in which they live, gain valuable members. The Kingaroy High community extends best wishes to every single leaver and we hope that whatever path they choose, whether it be going to university, TAFE, working, completing an apprenticeship or traineeship or travelling that they use the skills they have developed this far to make every step successful.

Throughout October every Year 10 student who wishes to enter Year 11 at Kingaroy High in 2015 has undertaken a SET Plan interview with their parents/caregivers and a member of staff. Aimed at mapping out the best subject and career path, these interviews are crucial in making wise choices to ensure success down the path. Thank you to all students and parents/caregivers for the important role you play in this process.

All Year 8 students last week met with Deputy Principal, Mrs Ferling to ensure wise choices with elective subjects. It was encouraging to see the initiative of this cohort throughout the process in rescheduling their interview if needed and also in the preparation that most students displayed. Great work, Year 8!

At the beginning of this week just under 300 interviews for students commencing Year 7 or 8 in 2015 started. These are very important interviews for students and parents to be able to find out more about what Kingaroy High is about, as well as to ask the questions that are most important for each individual family and their student. It should be noted that every student wanting to enrol at Kingaroy High for 2015 must have one of these interviews, so if you have a student who is hoping to enter Kingaroy high in 2015 please ring to make an appointment today. (Donna – 41600620). We ask that all interviews be completed by the end of November.

This Tuesday to mark Remembrance Day, Mr Don Mengel and the Social Science Department, along with the 2014 Junior School leaders as well as some of the leading students in Year 11 conducted a Remembrance Day service for all staff and students. The sombre ceremony was appropriately conducted by these students and provided all other students with an excellent understanding of what Remembrance Day is about. Thank you to Jayde Hoph, Daniel Lawson, Liana Haak, Charlie Plant, Natalie Krivan, Nicola Ballinger, Matt Champney and Isaac Birchall who conducted the service. A special THANK YOU is extended to departing student, Kyra O’Sullivan, our bugler.

Last Friday the talented instrumental music students from Kingaroy High entertained and wowed a large audience at the Kingaroy Town Hall. The end of year performance, with ‘This is Disney’ theme ensured entertainment for hours. From the excellent Disney costumes to the awesome musical (including some vocal) talents, the audience was enthralled. Congratulations to all students who were involved for their work and enthusiasm, as well as to the staff and parents, particularly the IMPS (Instrumental Music Support) group whose time and efforts were richly rewarded.

STAFF

This week we welcomed the return of Mr Phil Coughtlin, Science Assistant back after a period of leave. Mrs Helen Noble has also returned to the Senior Schooling department after a period of leave. At the same time Mrs Robyn Burton, Mrs Pauline Peters and Mr Jeff Hicks have commenced leave which will see them return in 2015. Commencing part time contracts we welcome Mrs Kerrianne Cullen and Mr Errol Kemp.

CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE

Kingaroy High has always enjoyed having a dedicated and active Chaplaincy Committee. Last week at the final meeting for the years some farewells for very valuable and dedicated members was held. We thanked exiting Year 12 students Annika Hicks and Shenea Kersnovski for their contribution over the past two years. In addition the last 14 years of service of Mrs Karen Barrett, outgoing secretary, was celebrated. We were fortunate to have her husband Mike, as well as a number of past Chaplains and committee members present. The Chaplaincy Committee also took time to appreciate the valuable work of departing Chaplain, Mrs Ruth Wright. We thank each person for their contribution but also ask any parents who might be interested in joining this friendly group to consider volunteering some time in 2015.
CONDUCT ON SCHOOL GROUNDS

There are many reasons why parents and caregivers are on Kingaroy High grounds at different times. I want to make it very clear that at all times there is no place for derogatory comments, verbal abuse nor physical abuse of any staff member nor student. There are clear guidelines about ensuing consequences.

GROUNDS AND FACILITIES

On a large campus such as ours there’s always work being undertaken with facilities. Some of the senior Manual Arts students have gained practical experience in cementing processes of late with the addition of some pathways around the Community Building.

The Junior Secondary building has reached the completion stage and looks fabulous. Ongoing work will continue to ensure landscaping survives our challenging weather.

COMING EVENTS

Friday 21 November
Monday 24 Nov – Fri 28 Nov
Tuesday 25 November
Wednesday 26 November
Friday 28 November
Monday 1 Dec – Fri 5 Dec
Monday 8 December
Thursday 11 December

- Last Day for Year 12
- Year 11 & 10 Blocked Assessment
- Final P & C Meeting at Archkooola – 6pm
- Final day for Year 10 & 11
- Year 8 & 9 Blocked Assessment
- Year 10 Transition Night
- Kingaroy High Aquathlon

Helen Maudsley, A/Principal

LOTE - JAPANESE

Some misinformation has been circulating regarding LOTE – Japanese and links to OPs that I wish to clarify. Students have been told that passing in Year 12 will guarantee them 2 better OP points. THIS IS NOT CORRECT. At this stage it will give you 2 ranks however this may only improve your OP by 1 or not at all. It all depends on many variables one being your OP. It too is only applied by some Universities to enter a course and for only some particular courses in the university. It is applied only for your application to the University and is done so automatically. It may get you into a course you have fallen short of getting but there are no guarantees. The Universities can revoke or change these policies at any time and decisions made now based on this may not come to fruition when the time comes.

Our best advice is you should select subjects for Senior because you enjoy them and do well, not based on what OP you think they will get you.

Robyn Perlig, Deputy Principal - Curriculum 2015

We are currently still working on classes and timetables for 2015. Year 9s will in the next couple of weeks receive their subjects based on their preferences. With regards to the Electives for year 9 and 10s in 2015 we are encouraging students to trial different subjects to then assist with making informed choices for year 11 and 12. Electives are an opportunity to find interests and explore options for Senior. While we try to accommodate this to the best of our ability, resources and staffing can place limitations. Be aware that many of the Core subjects also allow for experiences that link to Senior subjects as well. Continue to work with teachers and applying yourself in class to give yourself the best possible choices for Year 11 and 12. Students not applying themselves in class in Years 9 and 10 find they then have limited choices in subject selections in Year 11 and 12 due to school policies requiring passes in English and Maths to undertake certain senior subjects. This is to ensure students are successful and will be able to work towards receiving their Queensland Certificate of Education. Applying yourself in class guarantees little limitations for your course of study.

Robyn Perlig, Deputy Principal - Curriculum

STUDENT LAPTOP RETURNS AT THE END OF THE 2014 SCHOOL YEAR

After (of before) the completion of their final assessment piece, all students in Years 10, 11 and 12 with a school issued laptop are required to return this device for maintenance and checking. Students will be required to return ALL items issued to them. To specify:

**Dell laptops:**
1. Laptop
2. Case
3. Charger

**Acer tablets:**
1. Tablet
2. Case
3. Carry strap
4. Keyboard charger
5. Laptop charger

Items not returned will result in an invoice being issued for the replacement cost of the missing items. This will need to be paid before any school device is reissued in 2015. This is NOT optional. All items listed above are required back on or before the students last day of school.

- Year 12: 20/11/2014 (return IMMEDIATELY after maths exam).
- Year 11 AND Year 10: 28/11/2014

Please note: Students may return the items listed above to Mr Henderson at any point between now and the end of their school year. Students will be advised via notices and year parade on drop off locations and times.

Damian Nicholson, HOD Business (Acting)

REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY

A very informative Remembrance Day ceremony was held on 11.11.14 for the whole school in the Indoor Sports Hall. The ceremony was ably conducted by Year 11 students Jayde Hopf, Daniel Lawson, Liana Haak, Charlie Plant, Natalie Krivan, Nicola Ballinger, Isaac Birchall and Matt Champney. They were supported by a moving rendition of the Last Post and the Rouse from trumpeter Kyra O’Sullivan and a hymn from the Chamber Choir. All of the participants are to be commended for this contribution to the school’s cultural life.

Don Mengel, HOD Social Science
Acer tablet devices are no longer covered under warranty. When students start having positive results. "Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you'll the Kingaroy SHS Facebook page to keep up-to-date with our progress as key to the success of this is for all staff (teaching and non-teaching) to relationships. them to work with horses as a way of developing trusting and respectful through their problems by getting talked about her life and how she allow them to ride them with while they cracked a whip as Elissa and Sam managed to get go where they wanted. The students were most impressed with how Elissa and Sam got to work with horses as a way of developing trusting and respectful behaviours in schools. SWPBS uses a proactive rather than a reactive approach provide a safe learning environment to focus students on modelling positive, safe behaviours which supports academic and social success of all students. It helps identify "at risk students" early and helps to reduce the recurrence of problem behaviours through ongoing improvement and support strategies. This system takes more stock in rewarding positive behaviours than it does in punishing problem behaviours and its methods are research-based, proven to significantly reduce the occurrence of problem behaviours in schools. If you would like to know more follow SWPBS in every newsletter and on the Kingaroy SHS Facebook page to keep up-to-date with our progress as a school and community. “Once you replace negative thoughts with positive ones, you’ll start having positive results.”  

Willie Nelson. Matt Davis, Teacher RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PRESENTATION FOR YEAR 8 GIRLS

Our Year 8 girls were fortunate to be given a presentation by Elissa Hayward (Yr 10) and Sam Hudson (Yr 12), who showed the students how they work with their horses by developing trust and respect. They used noises and hand signals to get the horses to go where they wanted. The students were most impressed with how Elissa and Sam managed to get the horses to lie down, stand still while they cracked a whip as they were standing on them and allow them to ride them with nothing but a rope! Elyssa talked about her life and how she wants to help young people through their problems by getting them to work with horses as a way of developing trusting and respectful relationships. 

Melissa Kempson & Peter Collins, Year 8 Coordinators YEAR 8 NEWS – STAY STRONG!

With the Year 12s leaving at the end of next week followed by the 10s and 11s leaving two weeks after that it might feel like the year is also winding down for our junior students as well. This is definitely not the case. There is another 4 full weeks left for our Year 8s as from next week. During this time we need all of our students to remain focused to finish the year strongly. There will be many exams and assignments for Year 8s in the next few weeks. It is important that students do not become relaxed about assessment and that they continue to strive to put in 100% effort. It is also not the time to become casual about uniform. Thank you parents for ensuring your student wears the correct uniform each day, including formal uniform on Tuesdays. Keep striving to do your very best Year 8 students. Your efforts will be rewarded. “The price of success is hard work, dedication to the job at hand, and the determination that whether we win or lose, we have applied the best of ourselves to the task at hand.” Vince Lombardi

Melissa Kempson & Peter Collins, Year 8 Coordinators YEAR 9 NEWS – AVOIDING INTERNET SCAMS

Year 9s received practical advice on how to avoid being fleeced by shonky internet operators at a recent QLD Office of Fair Trading presentation. In addition to instruction on avoiding scams, the session also addressed consumer rights and the benefits and pitfalls of internet shopping. KSHS students are fortunate to have government and community organisations visit the school to provide relevant, real-life education that supports topics covered in classes. Year 9s are currently preparing for, or engaged in, assessment in all subjects. We challenge students to earn their upcoming six-week holiday by producing their best efforts over the remaining four weeks of term – every single day.

Michael Stevens & Nerissa Maudsley, Year 9 Coordinators YEAR 10 NEWS

Currently the Year 10s have been focused on preparation for next year. Many have completed the SET Plan interview which is fantastic to see and we’d like to thank all the parents for your involvement and support in this matter. Over the next two weeks students need to remain focused and committed right through to the end as it is a very busy assessment period. Every assessment piece counts and due dates must be met. Don’t forget to follow the assessment policy if your child is sick on the day of an exam or assignment to ensure no problems arise.

We will be celebrating the hard work of Year 10s on December 8 at the Transition Night. Please ensure your student returns the RSVP with the number of attending guest from your family by today, Friday the 14th November so we can begin organising the evening.

Next week we will have some Year 9s visiting from Wondai and joining our Year 10s to experience what school will be like for them next year. Your child may be involved in this as a “buddy” student however we ask all Year 10s to be friendly and considerate of these students. Please encourage your student to communicate with their teachers in regards to assessment, coursework and any other issues to ensure a smooth end to the year. Also remind your students to bring water bottles in this hot weather as students are not to leave the classroom for water or toilet breaks. As Year 10s move into senior we expect them to be role models for the junior school.

Don’t forget that Week 8 will be an exam week for Year 10 and students need to ensure they go to the correct rooms at the correct times. Classes will continue as normal around these exams. We encourage your student to do their best and wish them luck in their final weeks of study this year.

Courtney Turner, Year 10 Coordinators YEAR 11 NEWS

As this year starts to begin the downwards slope to the Christmas holidays, I can now look back and reflect on what a great year it’s been for our Year 11 students. So much has happened this year and I’m so proud of what our Year 11’s have achieved. Well done to every one of you. A big congratulations to all of our students who were successful at gaining School Captains and Committee Chair positions. And a big thank you to everyone who has been involved. Sports House Captain nominee’s speeches and voting took place in much the same way as has been done previously, we had 18 nominees in total for the 4 sporting houses. Well done to Marney Hurt, Lisa Stephens, Nelle Blee, Isaac Birchall, Daniel Reid, Tommy Vukelic, Daniel Lawson, Chloe Sims, Kallan Cross, Chris Hutton, Alex Evans, Charlie Payne, Ashley Kempson, Max Johnston, Shannon Jorgensen, Rhiannon
Herrmann, Damon Landers and Jack Hourn. It was great to hear their speeches and see the talent that we have from these nominees. Again voting took place at lunch time and the following students were elected as the Committee chairs for 2015.

Bradfield – Marney Hurt & Tommy Vukelic
Lavarack – Chloie Sims & Chris Hutton
Palmer – Alex Evans & Ashley Kempson
Youngman – Rhiannon Herman and Jack Hourn

Congratulations to all the nominees and the sports captains who were chosen.

The final run home now begins with the last pieces of assessment being finished and the Exam block fast approaching. I wish you all the best of luck for your exams.

Matt Langford, YEAR 11 COORDINATOR (mlang72@eq.edu.au)

YEAR 12 NEWS
As the end of the year for our Seniors gallops to a close, there are a few important dates and times for students and their families to keep in mind.

• Assessment week begins Friday 14th Nov. Until then, all students should still be in every class, every day.
• From Friday November 14, students need to attend only when they have assessment. They are to be seated in the set room at the commencement of the session and will remain seated until the end of the session. From Friday November 14, students need to attend only when they have assessment. They are to be seated in the set room at the commencement of the session and will remain seated until the end of the session.
• Students are expected to be at school by the start of the school day when rolls will be marked. Students will be able to leave school after Maths exams are finished and once Ms Maudsley has spoken to Year 12 in B9 (approx. 11am). Please do not make any appointments before this time.
• We ask that all accounts be finalised and all text books returned to the school by this date.
• On Friday, Nov 21, the Old Studies Authority requires all Yr 12 students to be in attendance, otherwise they will not receive a Senior Certificate. Students need to report to the Assembly Hall BY 11:15am in complete and correct school uniform. Students not in correct uniform will be required to change. At this time a light lunch will be served and various materials distributed (Noorook, references etc). We ask that all students pay $4 to the Office ASAP to cover lunch costs.
• Student commitments with the school will be finished at approximately 12:15.
• As this will probably be my last newsletter contact, I would like to wish all Year 12 students (and their families) an enjoyable break, and every success finding work or beginning post-secondary schooling options. It has been a pleasure working with you in 2014.

Wendy Corstiaans, YEAR 12 COORDINATOR

FORMAL NEWS
The Kingaroy State High School Graduation and Formal for 2014 will take place next Thursday 20 November at the Town Hall. As in previous years, you are invited to see our students arrive at the Town Hall for this special occasion. Glendon Street between Haley and Alford Street will close from 4pm to ensure the public's safety. Students will start arriving from 5.30pm. All year 12's must meet at Avoca Street in their allocated car park (allocated by number/ order of arrival) by 5pm at the latest. Students and parents are reminded that all photographs must be taken with groups and vehicles before arriving Avoca Street as there will not be time to do so upon arrival at the Town Hall. A big thank you must go to Mikayla Layt and the Welfare Committee for their hard work and careful organisation of what will be a wonderful evening.

Megan Tucker, WELFARE COMMITTEE COORDINATOR

ACCELERATED READING
Accelerated Reading is going strongly across Year 8 and 9. At last Thursday's Year Level Assembly several students were commended for their great reading efforts. A special mention was made of Graham Towells who has read over 1 million words since the holidays and even more pleasing, has passed all 13 tests on the books read. Well done Graham, who has actually read 1,271,984 words!

Other students who have read more than half a million words since September holidays include Caitlin Raabe, Gabrielle Walker, Samantha Kassulke, Isaac Yewdall, Piper Whelan, Kate Cutler, Renae Butsworth, Claire Whiteford, Emily Haak, Elizabeth Hockenhull, Anthony Crawford, Alexia Cutler, Tynan Dugdell, Nicholas Baldwin and Tayla Wall. Well done!

Also announced on the parade was a competition for Year 8 students. A special morning tea is being planned for the form class who achieves the highest reading word average by Week 8. For each class the total number of words will be divided by the number of students in the class. Of course, those who don’t contribute to the class success will miss out on the party, so I am urging all Year 8s to get in and have a go. All they have to do is read and complete their quizzes. A Year 9 competition is still being organised, so more on that later in the term.

In conclusion, congratulations to those students, parents and staff who have been active participants in the Accelerated Reader program. No Year 8 or 9 student should have overdue readers as they are meant to have the books at school every day. The school can only offer the opportunity for students to improve their reading. Ultimately, however, the only person who can take up that challenge is each individual student for themselves. The old adage that you can take a horse to water, but you can’t make it drink is just as true for reading. Deliberate practice is the one strategy that will make the biggest difference to your reading success. Take up the challenge and read.

Judy Cononos, TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

LIBRARY NEWS
There are quite a few housekeeping jobs that need to be attended to in the next few weeks to ensure the library finishes the year on a positive note.

Current loan lists were delivered to all Year 12 classes last week. All students should have reviewed an individual note specifying what resources are still on loan. All items on this list must be returned before school finishes for Year 12 - that is Friday 23 November. Students receive a variety of certificates, Noorook, etc at their last parade and one requirement for receipt is that the student has no outstanding library or textbooks, calculators, computer equipment or any other resources. Regarding returns, every student is responsible for returning all items personally. The barcode on each item must match that on the current loan list. Students and staff are constantly reminded of the correct procedure for returning items. They can’t be left in classrooms, given to teachers or returned to storerooms without following this procedure … all items returned, via the library. For lost items, students need to pay replacement cost at the school payments office and present the receipt to Library staff. Thanks.

Year 10 and 11 students have received their current loans list this week and need to follow the same procedure of returning all library and textbooks to the library before their last day, Friday 30 November. Year 8 and 9 students will receive their lists in the next few weeks. Sometimes students get their books mixed up. If you find any books at home or have items that are not on your current loan list please return them to the library promptly. The chances are some other student is stressing about a lost book!

Stocktake of subject areas needs to be undertaken before the end of the year, so returning any resources no longer required would be really appreciated by HODs and library staff. 416,809 Australians enlisted for service in the First World War; the Australian population 1914-18 was less than 5 million. These enlistments representing 38.7 per cent of the male population aged between 18 and 44. Of these, over 60,000 were killed and 156,000 wounded, gassed or taken prisoner. awm.gov.au

While I was on leave I had the privilege of seeing the Tower of London installation commemorating British involvement in World War 1, called Blood Swept Lands and Seas of Red

In August there was already a sea of poppies, spreading like blood around the Tower. This remarkable tribute to the soldiers who made the
KSHS BOYS BASKETBALL
The KSHS Boys Basketball team travelled to Nanango for a friendly game on Thursday, November 6th. Nine exceptional players made the trip, including some of our school’s junior talent. The boys represented KSHS well, showing good sportsmanship by boosting Nanango’s roster with two of our own players. Nanango maintained a steady lead for the first half of the game, then Kingaroy clawed back to even up the affair. There were some lead changes in the second half but the two teams could not break free of one another. Kingaroy had a chance to go ahead in the final moments of the game but could not convert their efforts to points, leaving the game a draw. Both teams wanted the win, walking away after a good handshake, making plans for our next meeting.

Players who went: Aiden Kelleher, Branden Walters, Ben Reeve, Max Johnston, Seith Romantico, Joseph Toseni, Jiro Prodigalidad, Adam Geiger, and Andrei Martinito (not pictured).

HINTS & TIPS FOR USING SOCIAL MEDIA
- Parental and community feedback is important for schools and the department. If you have a compliment, complaint or enquiry about an issue at school, the best approach is to speak directly to the school about the matter, rather than discussing it in a public forum.
- While many schools use social media to update parents of school notices, the department prefers that parents contact schools directly with a compliment, complaint or enquiry due to privacy considerations. Imagine if your doctor, accountant or banking institution tried to contact you to discuss important matters via Facebook.

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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

UNIFORMS FOR SALE: “Grace” full brim navy school hat – never worn – Size S/M $5; Senior Polo Shirt Size 18 – Good condition - $5; “Cougars” navy trackpants Size 12 (Child) $10 and “Midford” navy trackpants Size Small $10 – both great condition. Call Kerry Mitchell on 0438887272 – Text Only Please.

FOUND: Hearing Aid found in Toomey Street near the school entrance. Enquiries to ladies in the front office.

SOUTHERN STAR ACADEMY OF DANCE
CONCERT
Saturday 29 November, 5:30pm Kingaroy Town Hall
Come along for a great night of entertainment featuring songs from Frozen, the Grinch, Nutcracker & many other Christmas songs
Admission Adults $15 – Child/Concession $10

Thanks to any parents who were able to assist with the school working bee on the weekend.

Farewell and Thanks to Colleen Gunn who has finished up at the South Burnett Mart Auction to prepare for her family’s move to Brisbane. Colleen has been a wonderful parent and supporter of the school. Prior to working at the SB Mart Auction she was Auxiliary President for a number of years. She has made a wonderful contribution over many years and I thank her for her support.

Barbara Bell has been a casual employee at the Auxiliary and will finish her employment with us at the end of the school year. I would like to thank Barbara for the great job she has done over many years and during her time as a parent of the school.

Good luck to the Year 12s as they wind up their final two weeks of their secondary schooling and face the adventures of the next chapter of their lives. I wish each of you the very best for the future and know that your time at Kingaroy State High School and the friendships you have made, the lessons you have learned from your teachers and the inspiration they have provided you with, will stand you in good stead for the future.

Final P&C Meeting for the year is at Archakoora on Tuesday 25 November commencing with a BBQ at 6pm for the meeting at 7pm. It would be lovely to have new parents, particularly those that have Year 7 8 students joining us next year, come along. All the HODs will be in attendance so it is a good opportunity to meet them. That, plus the fact that they keep a score to see who wins the attendance, staff or parents, and we have been copping a flogging for a number of years now. If anyone has any questions or concerns, please contact me on 0429643121.

KINGAROY SHS CANTINE EMPLOYMENT
CASUAL PART-TIME
Expressions of Interest are called for the above position. This is a paid position with varying hours but an average of 15 hours a week. The successful applicant will need to be flexible with days and hours to be worked. The position will commence from the beginning of the 2015 school year, but there may be opportunity to be employed for a few days this year before school finishes. If you are interested, please send your resume with a brief history of previous employment to Wendy McCallum, Business Services Manager, Kingaroy State High School, P O Box 356, Kingaroy, 4610 or email wmcc@eq.edu.au

Wendy McCallum, BUSINESS SERVICES MANAGER