KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER
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EVERY DAY COUNTS

STUDENTS
Keeping our focus on what is important now is always a challenge
for all students, staff and parents. I urge students to keep their focus by
attending school every day in correct uniform and working hard
in classes and at home I know it could be easy to lose focus at
this time of the year, with the Year 12 conclusion to the year taking
place, but it is vitally important for all students in Years 8 to 11 to keep
working hard through to their end of the year. I urge parents to
support the school by seeing that they attend every day and meet
their school commitments.

Senior Student Leaders for 2014 have recently been elected and they are:

Boy School Captain and President of the Student Council:
- Daniel Weldon

Girl School Captain and Vice-President of the Student Council:
- Belinda Johnston

Girl Vice-Captain and Secretary of the Student Council:
- Taylor Crossley

Boy Vice-Captain and Treasurer of the Student Council:
- Simon Fairbairn

Cultural Committee Chairperson: Kate McCormack
Environment Committee Chairperson: Amie Mason
Media Committee Chairperson: Danielle Janz
Social Committee Chairperson: Melita Ross
Sports Committee Chairperson: Hayley Hunter
Welfare Committee Chairperson: Mikayla Layt
Sports House Captains for 2014:
Bradfield: Evan Magin & Katrina Parsons
Palmer: Samuel Gangemi & Jessica Tarlinton
Lavarack: Lane Ferling & Kyra O’Sullivan
Youngman: Brayden Clark & Dana Slade.

Congratulations to these students, and thank you to all students who
offered themselves for election. Junior Secondary Student Leaders
will be elected in the last week of the school year.

Best wishes to our current Year 12 students as they complete their
end of semester assessment tests over the coming week. They conclude their assessment with a Maths test next Thursday 14
November before the year 12 Formal and their last day on Friday 15
November.

Sports Night was held last Wednesday with Ms Lisa Shalekar as
Guest Speaker. It was a great night of celebration of the importance of
sport to our school, and the achievements of the students this year.
Year 12 student Jackie Krosch was a worthy Bass Blue
Sportsperson of the Year. Jackie is a fine example of someone who
as a great attitude, always gives of her best and gains the benefits
from a healthy participation in school sport. Well done Jackie!

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Preparations are underway for the Year 8 class of 2014, with visits from
our neighbouring Primary Schools on these dates.
- Tuesday 3 December – Kingaroy SS, Kumbia SS, Coolabunia SS, St Patricks, Nanango plus other students.
- Thursday 5 December – Taabinga SS, Crawford SS, Woooloolin SS, Tingoora SS plus other students.

Families from other schools wishing to bring their students to these
days are asked to have them at the school by 9:15am. Meet at the
Assembly Hall for the welcome to KSHS.

Junior Secondary activity at the moment centres around the
assessing of tenders for our major Year 7 Building, and the
expression of interest from Primary School staff wishing to transfer to
High School from the start of 2015. Planning is underway to have
Junior Secondary catered for in the school leadership team also.

COMING EVENTS
Friday 8 November ▪ Year 12 Tests start
Thursday 14 November, 6:00pm ▪ Year 12 Formal
Friday 15 November ▪ Last day for Year 12 students
Wednesday 20 November, 2:30pm ▪ P & C Auxiliary Meeting
Friday 22 November ▪ Non Uniform Day
Tuesday 26 November, 6:00pm ▪ P & C Meeting at Archookoorra
Friday 29 November ▪ Last day for Years 10 & 11
Tuesday 3 December and Thursday 5 December ▪ Year 7 visits

SENIOR FORMAL
When: Thursday 14 November
Where: Kingaroy Town Hall
5:15pm: Students assemble at Avoca St bus turn-around with formal vehicles and partners.
5:30-6:30pm: Student arrival and photograph at Hall.
6:45pm: Students move into Hall for presentation of Certificates
7:00pm: Official presentation of graduation certificates.
Parents staying for dinner will be seated.
11:00pm: Official finishing time.
Please Note: The school has no connection at all with after-Formal parties and teachers will not be supervising.

David Ballin, PRINCIPAL
SUMMARY OF OFFENCES RELATING TO ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

There are two offences:

- For an adult who is not a responsible adult for the minor, to supply liquor to a minor in a private place
- For a responsible adult for a minor to supply liquor to the minor in a private place, without responsibly supervising the consumption of the liquor.

Definition of responsible adult

A responsible adult is:

- A parent, step-parent or guardian of a minor
- An adult who has parental rights and responsibilities for the minor

Role of the police

The Queensland Police Service has the power to enforce irresponsible supply laws under the Act. A police officer also has the power to seize the liquor if the officer reasonably suspects it is associated with irresponsible supply to a minor. The liquor which is seized under this authority is forfeited to the State immediately.

Penalty

A conviction of an offence of irresponsible supply could result in a maximum fine of $8800.

So what can parents do?

Talk to your kids about the risks and consequences that can occur when drinking. Don’t be afraid to say no when your underage teens ask you for alcohol. You have a legal obligation not to give it to them if you are not able to ensure that it is being responsibly supervised.

Check the information on the website below for useful tips and topics to discuss with your children to help keep them safe and out of trouble. Even if your teenager is over 18 years, talk to them about drinking responsibly. Some tips on how to drink responsibly are also available on this website under responsible drinking.


MOBILE PHONES AND IPODS

An extract from our Prospectus:

Mobile phones and iPods or similar are banned at school. If needed for after school activity, they must be stored at the Student Services office and collected on leaving school.

These devices are not permitted at school. They are a distraction to learning. There is no reason that a student needs a mobile phone while at school. The Office and the Student Services building are the places to go if a call needs to be made. Students may leave their phones safely in Student Services in the morning and they will be available to pick up when the last bell rings.

UNIFORM

See below the extract from our school prospectus.

‘It is not appropriate, for health and safety reasons and for reasons of positive image for the entire school body, for students to have any visible body piercing while they are at school. This includes piercings on the face, mouth, eyebrows, nose, tongue or neck. If a student needs to wear a spacer it must be clear in colour. Reasonable ear piercings are allowable.’

Expect your student to be asked to rectify their uniform if it does not comply to the requirements. High School students need to take responsibility for their uniform requirements. All students know these rules and will be expected to meet them.

CONFLICT

There will always be circumstances of conflict, misunderstandings, hurtful gossip and troubled friendships when dealing with teenagers. If you are aware of situations of worrying conflict occurring at school – tell us about it. If you have concerns about your child’s safety at school then you have a responsibility to inform us of this so we can act on that knowledge. Young people need guidance to rectify their inappropriate behaviours. This can only happen here if we are aware of these issues. Student Services is just that – a place to assist in the welfare of your student. We cannot act if we do not know.

ASSSESSMENT DUE DATES

Have you seen a copy of the assessment planner issued to your student? Do you have that planner so you can assist, guide, remind your student of the times when assessment is due? If for some reason your student is unable to be at school when assessment is due, it is a requirement that you contact the school with that information and make arrangements for the assessment to be delivered to school where at all possible and for exams missed to be done immediately on return.

POSITIVE REWARDS FOR EXPECTED BEHAVIOURS

This week we are proud to announce the beginning of a positive behaviour rewards initiative. All students who are meeting the rules and regulations of our school, have a good attitude and willingly participate, show good manners and excellent behaviour, are consistently punctual, do their homework every night, – the list goes on – will be rewarded by their teachers through an online program called Vivo Miles. Students can accumulate vivos over their years of schooling. They can spend the vivos through purchasing a small gift on line, they can save their vivos and purchase something more substantial, they can donate their vivos to a nominated charity the school is currently supporting or they can just have the satisfaction of knowing their total vivos which reflects their excellent involvement in their school and their learning. All students and parents can log on at home to view the total vivos and why they were awarded. How many vivos has your student earned? Remember ‘every vivo counts’!

Pauline Peters, ATT (ACTING)

ANCIENT HISTORY EXCURSION

On Wednesday, 23 October, the Years 11 and 12 Ancient History classes travelled to Brisbane to see the Queensland Museum’s exhibition Hidden Treasures of Afghanistan. This excursion was a fitting finale to the Year 12’s two year course of study and the Year 11s as they move into Year 12, as it reinforced the significance of archaeology, which in the 21st century, continues to reveal hidden artefacts that shed light on human history and culture.

All students are to be congratulated on their exemplary behaviour while representing our school.

Michele Arnell and Leanne Krosch, ANCIENT HISTORY TEACHERS
FROM THE CHAPLAIN

RE: JC Epidemic came for RE last Wednesday. Their message was
that Greatness is even better than Success. The presentation was
brief, but entertaining.

Chaplaincy Committee: We had our last meeting of the
Chaplaincy Committee last week and it is always exciting but sad to
say goodbye to the amazing Year 12 students who have worked so
hard to support Chaplaincy in the last year or two of their schooling.
We also thanked Mrs Marie Shaw for her tireless work. She has been
a constant support of our school and of Chaplaincy for many years,
and now will embark on some more relaxing adventures.

...but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint. Isaiah 40:31

Ruth Wright, Chaplain 41600 686

LIBRARY NEWS

A display in the library at the moment is highlighting the Top 100 Inspirational Quotes. This is one of the latest additions:

“I’ve missed more than 9000 shots in my career. I’ve lost almost 300 games. Twenty-six times, I have been trusted to take the game- winning shot and missed. I’ve failed over and over and again in my life. And that is why I succeed.” (Michael Jordan)

We can all learn from this observation – we aren’t always going to be successful; we need to keep practising; don’t expect to be able to do anything or everything without trying; we might not get it right the first, second, third or even tenth time, but need to persist. It’s ok to fail; what’s not ok is to stop trying!

Following on from Jordan’s insight, Angela Mollard also made some interesting comments in article “Think Smart” in the Sunday Mail last week about defining success. “There’s more than one way to calibrate success … (she) is drawn to the notion of ‘character’. Grit, self-control, zest, social intelligence, gratitude, optimism and curiosity are the seven elements of success according to Paul Tough (who) argues they’re as attainable by the under-privileged as the affluent.”

Perhaps the most powerful message in her article was advice from a primary school principal: “Don’t ever declare your child is not a reader. It’s their job to learn how to read – even if they don’t love what they’re doing 100% of the time.” In the same paper there was an article on the importance of adult education and how “low literacy and numeracy skills has a negative impact on individuals, the economy and productivity”.

There are so many opportunities for us, here at school and in the community. Make the most of our libraries and get into reading. It’s never too late.

Judy Conomos, Librarian

STRESS AND THE MIND OF YOUNG PEOPLE

Are you feeling stressed? Are you aware that the World Health Organisation estimates that by 2020, stress related deaths will be second only to cardio-vascular disease? You may also be interested in knowing that the impact of stress can be far more damaging to young minds than those of adults.

Research tells us that young people who live in chronically stressful environments develop a variety of disorders as they get older. Furthermore, powerful chemicals designed for our survival in stressful situations can actually impact on the normal growth and development of very important regions of the brain, especially during the early stages of life and through adolescence. It is also important to remember that children today live in a less stable, more stressful environment than decades ago. With higher divorce rates, variations in family structures, instant access to information, increased family mobility, pressure from society to perform and look good, access to globalisation and increasingly easier access to drugs and alcohol.

Why not talk to your children about what they think stress is and what stresses them…you may be surprised by the answers you get.

Annette Montebello, School Based Health Nurse

CANTEEN ROSTER

| MON   | 11/11/13 | Lyn Walters |
| TUES  | 12/11/13 | Jeanene Maher |
| WED   | 13/11/13 | Mandy Blair / Sharon Frohloff |
| THUR  | 14/11/13 | Mandy Blair |
| FRI   | 15/11/13 | Lyn Walters |
| MON   | 18/11/13 | Lyn Walters |
| TUES  | 19/11/13 | Dianne Leonard |
| WED   | 20/11/13 | Vicki Rossi |
| THUR  | 21/11/13 | Janet Schlieger |
| FRI   | 22/11/13 | Julie Boyle |

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

- FOR SALE: Four Size 12 Senior KSHS T-Shirts – hardly worn. $16each. Call Karen 0421 312 261 / 4164 1248.
- FOR SALE: Student Tenor Saxophone "Armstrong" brand $600. Phone: 0402 383 039.
- Artistry is still taking appointments for this year’s Year 12 Formal. Napoleon Perdis makeup and products used. Also now taking appointments for 2014 Formal! Contact - 0402 649 883 or find us on Facebook.
- COPPARDS FORMAL WEAR – IT’S TIME FOR ACTION!
  - Hire or Buy Options
  - Packages Available
  - Hire from $130 – Suit, Shirt and Tie
  - Buy from $130 – Suit, Shirt, Tie & Hank
  - See the team with experience – COPPARDS – Kingaroy Street Phone 41621350
- Kingaroy Junior Soccer Club AGM – Wednesday 27 November, 7pm at the Clubhouse, Oliver Bond St, Kingaroy. All members are encouraged to attend. Nominations for ALL positions close at 5pm on Wednesday 13 November. Nomination forms or more information can be obtained from the Secretary, Cathy on 0408072238.
- COME PLAY SOFTBALL: - Friday afternoons from 4pm. Nanango Sports grounds – Burnett Street. Commences 8 November. Males and Females of all ages and abilities – $2.50 per session. Contact Karen 0422204661 or secretary.burnettsoftball@hotmail.com
- KINGAROY BOWLS CLUB – Queensland COME ’n TRY Family Fun Bowls Day Sunday November 17 1pm. All ages welcome, no experience needed, great atmosphere. $1 from every participant will be donated to the Brighter Future 4 Kids Foundation.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY WORKER REQUIRED BIG W

Big W Kingaroy are seeking students 16 yrs and over to work over the Christmas Holidays in Checkout, Recovery and Fill. Leave your resume at the Courtesy Desk or direct enquiries to Rebecca or Erin.