



# KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### EVERY DAY COUNTS

#### STUDENTS

Congratulations to our Year 12 students who graduated last Friday. The **Year 12 Formal** was an outstanding success with the students conducting themselves with great dignity. **Thank you** to everyone involved, including our parents and organisers **Clare Bisley** and **Ms Jessica Boyle** and their committee. Our **Year 11 students**, led by **Mikayla Layt** did a great job in serving and cleaning up after the meal. Well done students.

**Noorook 2013** is a very high quality school magazine, so congratulations to Media Chair **Jessica Elford**, her committee, **Mr Michael Stevens** and **Ms Kirrin Timbs** who worked so hard to produce it. It is a great record of the school year to have and important to us in preserving the history of the school.

#### STAFFING

Best wishes to our Head of Special Services **Mr Lloyd Fairbairn** who is taking three weeks of long service leave after this week. The Acting HOSES will be **Mr Dale Warren**, so please contact him if you have specific enquiries.

Best wishes to **Mrs Sandy Walker** and **Ms June Littlewood** who will be on long service leave for the last two weeks of the school year.

#### CURRICULUM

Parents are asked to note the following important dates for the distribution of end of Semester II Reports:

- **Year 12 EXIT CERTIFICATES** - Available at the School Office on **Friday 29 November**
- **Year 10 & 11 SEMESTER II REPORTS** - Available at the School Office on **Monday 9 December**
- **Year 8 & 9 END OF SEMESTER II REPORTS** - Distributed to students on **Thursday 12 December**

**Year 10 and 11 students** have end of semester tests from **Friday 22 November** to **Friday 29 November**, and then will have normal lessons until their conclusion at 3:15pm on Friday 29 November.

**Year 8 and 9 students** will have end of semester tests from **2 December** to **6 December**, and then normal lessons until Tuesday 10 December. On Wednesday 11 December and Thursday 12 December the students will participate in a range of educational lessons including sports, swimming, craft and various other activities. I urge parents of Year 8 and 9 students to ensure the students attend school for all of these, and to not start holidays until this program is completed.

#### COMING EVENTS

- Friday 22 November
  - Student Council Non Uniform Day
- Tuesday 26 November, 6:00pm
  - P & C BBQ & Meeting at Archookoorra
- Thursday 28 November, 6:00pm
  - Year 12 Indigenous Students' Graduation at Murgon
- Friday 29 November
  - Last day for Years 10 & 11
- Tuesday 3 December and Thursday 5 December
  - Year 7 transition visits to KSHS
- Tuesday 28 January, 2014
  - School resumes for all students.

*David Ballin*, PRINCIPAL

#### MISSED IMMUNISATIONS

If your child has missed a vaccine this year through the school immunisation program they have until the end of 2014 to receive this vaccine for **free** through their Doctor (excluding consult fee). The Nation Immunisation Schedule can be found at [www.immunise.health.gov.au](http://www.immunise.health.gov.au) or by phoning: 1800 671 811. To find out if your child has received all of their scheduled vaccines phone the council on: 41 899 100

*Annette Montebello*, SCHOOL BASED HEALTH NURSE

#### 2014 SUBJECT SELECTIONS (2014 – YR 9,10 & 11)

Thank you to all the families who have met deadlines with regards to returning subject selection forms and the associated questions, interviews and other processes. We are working on trying to allocate as many students as possible into their top preferences as we can. However, we do need to remind students that sometimes they may be allocated into some of their later preferences which is why we ask for more than just one or two options. It is important that decisions are made with good background information hence the amount of time and information giving that occurred. Once these allocations are done, students will be committed to these subjects for 2014. It is hoped that students will be informed of their final subjects prior to leaving school this year, but we are still chasing a number of forms in each year level before final decisions can be made. So, if your son/daughter in Year 8 or 9 has not handed their form in / Year 10 had a SET plan interview, then we ask that you rectify this situation this week if possible.

## MAKING THE MOST OF AN EDUCATION

I regularly have conversations with students about how they are progressing in class, what is challenging, and what is working in various subjects. Frequently students are willing to 'write off' a class because in most cases they don't find the work or a style of learning straight forward or in a growing number of cases, something which is spoon fed to them. It is really interesting then after a longer conversation/s about what is really going on in the class to see how nearly every student is willing to think differently about what they, as individuals, are doing in the class. If together teachers as well as parents can challenge our students to think about what they are doing to enhance or even make a learning situation work, then it has a big impact on their future. It also provides real life strategies that will be invaluable outside the protected school environment. It may just take conversations based around questions like, - 'have you ever tried to see the teacher out of class time to get help with that work that you are finding challenging?' or - 'have you thought about actually talking to your teacher to explain that even though they are trying to help you by going through the work one-on-one, you still don't really know how to do this task?' or - 'how much homework do you do each night for that subject?' - 'do you ever give yourself mini-tests' - 'have you emailed the teacher a draft 2 days earlier than you normally would so that you have an extra couple of days to fix up the corrections and get the teacher to have another quick look at it?' - 'have you tried to move yourself away from those who disrupt you in your learning?' - 'what do you actually do when you say that you revise for your science test?'

Obviously the questions above can't just be asked by themselves but require some reflection and discussion with the student. Any time we can encourage our students to think in different ways or to improve themselves and their skills is valuable.

### YEAR 8 - 2014

At present we have staff conducting interviews for students hoping to enrol in Year 8 at Kingaroy SHS. If you know of someone (even if they are at a local state primary school) who has a current Year 7 student and who is wanting to join us in Year 8, please let them know that enrolment packs were sent to all primary schools but they can pick one up at the High School. Also, interviews are being done until next Tuesday, 26<sup>th</sup> November. Ring Tracey on 41 600 620 to make an appointment.

*Helen Maudsley* DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

### UNIFORM

These past weeks you may have been made aware of Year Level coordinators and Form Teachers making a concerted effort to ensure that students are following the school policy regarding uniform. The school believes that following school uniform policy encourages identification with the school and fosters a sense of belonging. It develops mutual respect among students through minimising visible evidence of economic, class or social differences. Your support in this matter is appreciated. Your student should NEVER wear black socks to school. They know this and your insistence on the correct uniform helps us to promote the research that supports the positive link between dress standards, school discipline and school spirit.



### MAKE EVERY DAY COUNT

As we near the end of the school year, it's important to remember that all students are required to attend school every day until the end of term: Year 10 and 11 Friday 29 November, Year 8 and 9 - 13 December. Not only is attendance at school a legal requirement, but being at school helps students to achieve more and builds social and emotional skills such as communication, teamwork and resilience.

For more information, visit <http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts>

## VIVO POSITIVE REWARDS



Students want to be recognised for their hard work and positive behaviour. We have incorporated this vivo positive rewards program focus into our culture and it is now clearly visible. This week the focus may be 'excellent effort at all homework tasks'. Next week it may be 'excellent participation during lessons'. The whole school is clearly focussed on this and it has a positive impact embedding these goals into the culture of the school. Have you checked on line to see your student's vivos? How many have they earned to date? Do they have enough yet to go to the vivo shop and buy, or are they saving them for something more special? These vivos will rollover to next year. They do not expire. Please be involved in celebrating with us the recognition of expected behaviours of your student.

*Pauline Peters*, ACTING ATTP

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH – CANOE TRIP

This year's Duke of Edinburgh Canoe Trip is going ahead from **Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December** at Somerset Dam. The trip is open to students in Years 8 to 11 no prior experience necessary. Cost of the trip is currently being finalised but will be less than \$100 for the 5 day trip. Students will need to make their own way to and from Somerset

Dam. It is recommended that students and parents car pool to and from the camp. It will be a fun five days. Students will learn skills in navigation, first aid, leadership, camping and



canoeing. Students will be required to attend lunchtime and after school training sessions prior to the trip. Mrs Young, Mr Mearns and Mr Moore look forward to sharing a fun week away with the Duke of Edinburgh students. For more information see Mrs Young in B Block staffroom.

*Melissa Young*, COORDINATOR

### DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Year 12 students Leah Noll, Hannah Noll, Kirsten Canniford and Lauren Cross received their official Silver Awards on last Friday and Sinead Horne was presented with her Bronze Award. Several other students – Prue Ogden, Tim Bjelke-Petersen and Michael Coward - are just waiting for State Approval and printing of their official awards. That just leaves 11 seniors who have to complete their Adventurous Journey reports or recording activity for Service, Skill and Fitness. I encourage these students and all past students to continue their awards. Graduates have until 25 years of age to complete Bronze, Silver or Gold and have points credited to their QCE.

The annual canoe trip planning is in progress, under the competent management of Mrs Young. If you have any questions about the canoe trip, please ask.

Bridge Awardees, there are still some students who have not presented their books to Mrs Conomos. Please do so as soon as possible, so they can be signed off before the end of the year. New participants are welcome any time. If you would like to join, check out the website for more information, pay your \$57 to Mrs Freeman at the accounts window and give your completed paperwork to Mrs Conomos. Check out [www.dukeofed.com.au/Queensland.html](http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Queensland.html)

*Judy Conomos*, DUKE OF EDINBURGH COORDINATOR

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Scripture Union QLD Camps: There are a number of Scripture Union Camps during the Christmas holidays. Camps being held are: **16/12/13 – 20/12/13 Camp Wild** – Grades 7-10, CoEd, \$250 – adventure camp located in the Atherton Tablelands, so students would need to get to Cairns or Townsville.

**Disciples Without Borders** – Grades 9-12, CoEd, \$215 – dealing with social justice issues at Boulder Creek Holiday Centre.

**The Quest** – Grades 6-8, CoEd, \$195 – for followers of Jesus to further explore their faith at Camp Tamborine.

**Echo** – Grades 8-10, Girls only, \$295 – fun activities at the Sunshine Coast.

**03/01/14 – 07/01/14 Father/Son Gents** – Grades 5-9, boys and their fathers, \$260 – fun times building relationships.

**04/01/14 – 08/01/14 Camp 6 2 8** – Grades 6-8, CoEd, \$250 – fun at the Sunshine Coast.

**05/01/14 – 10/01/14 Summer SMADD** – Grades 8-12, CoEd, \$385 – music, art, singing, dancing at Alexandra Headlands.

**12/01/14 – 17/01/14 Surf Camp** – Grades 8-12, CoEd, \$315 – surfing at Currumbundi. **Ubertweak Summer** – Grades 7-12, CoEd, \$225 – technological skills and games at Windaroo Valley State High School.

I have several brochures available or call 1300 478 753 or go to <http://www.sucamps.org.au/> for more information.

**Kingaroy Christmas Carols:** The Kingaroy Christmas Carols will be held in the Kingaroy Town Hall Forecourt on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December, starting at 6.30pm with food and drink for sale at 5pm and Entertainment from 5.45 pm. Come along and enjoy!

*The Lord your God is with you, He is mighty to save. He will take great delight in you, He will quiet you with His love, He will rejoice over you with singing. Zephaniah 3:17*

*Ruth Wright*, CHAPLAIN 41600 686

## LIBRARY NEWS

Congratulations to the Year 12s on completion of your schooling. Only 15 library resources are outstanding and hopefully by the end of the week, this statistic will be even lower. Some Year 12 students still need to return their laptop, charger, case, etc. Please do so promptly.

Year 10 and 11 students received their current loans list last week. It lists the books that are out in each student's name with the barcode being the important piece of information. Students are reminded to check this list and ensure the book they return is the one listed, that is, the correct barcode.

Year 8 and 9 students will receive their current loan list later in the term. These items must be returned before Last week activities.

Each individual note clearly states the barcode and an important message. "Congratulations. Year 8/9/10/11 is nearly finished. Please return these books and any other resources you may have to the library **once you have finished with them for the term**. Thanks." We understand that some resources will be required until the last day, but are encouraging students to return any items no longer required sooner, rather than later.

Returning to Year 12, my English Comm class were asked to create posters of advice for younger students in their last lesson. I didn't realise I taught such a philosophical group of students. "Do or do not. There is no try" (from Star Wars) was a popular choice. While some students made original observations, others chose famous lines. Here's a sample: "Yesterday is history, tomorrow is a mystery, but today is a gift. That is why it is called the 'present ... Be confident. Too many days are wasted comparing ourselves to others and wishing to be something we aren't ... Don't hesitate. If you see an opportunity, take it ... A high school education is a great thing, just as long as you are willing to learn something after you graduate ... You are what you make of yourself and what you set your mind to achieve ... Seems silly now, but to wear the senior uniform was a huge deal at the time ... There are no short cuts to places worth going ... Trial and error is a badly thought out process ...

*Don't judge each day by the harvest that you reap, but by the seeds that you plant ... A journey of a thousand miles begins with a single step ... The end is nothing but an opportunity for a new beginning."*

To all the graduating class of 2013, have a great future and don't forget to read!

*Judy Conomos*, LIBRARIAN

## CANTEEN ROSTER

MON	25/11/13	Janine Hockenhull
TUES	26/11/13	Christine Teakle / Debbie Litzow
WED	27/11/13	Colleen Gunn / Mandy Blair
THUR	28/11/13	Joni Mullins
FRI	29/11/13	Leanne Rubesaame
MON	2/12/13	Lyn Walters
TUES	3/12/13	Sonja Love
WED	4/12/13	Vicki Rossi / Jan Lamborn
THUR	5/12/13	Lyn Walters
FRI	6/12/13	Gaylene Schultz
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 – Bar Fridge 7 months old \$100; Sofa Bed, white, 3 seater, converts to large single bed, very good condition - \$50.** Phone Lynda on 0413139017
- **YEAR 12 FORMAL GIRLS 2014** – Year 12 Formal make-up appointments are filling up quickly! **Sharon Favier – NAPOLEON PERDIS DIPLOMA OF MAKE-UP, Sydney Academy.** Phone 0431116666
- **KINGAROY EMBROIDERY – SCHOOL SHIRT DISCOUNT FOR 2014** Pre-order shirts before 30 November 2013 for delivery 1<sup>st</sup> week of January 2014 and receive **10% Discount.** Kingaroy Embroidery – Located at **Rendezvous Design, 201 Kingaroy Street, Kingaroy.**
- **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.
- **KINGAROY BLUE LIGHT DISCO- Kingaroy Town Hall, Friday 29 November Prep to 14 Years. Start: 6:00pm; Finish 8:30pm.** Parents must collect their children from inside the hall.
- **KINGAROY CHRISTMAS CARNIVAL 12 December 5pm to 9pm** Free Entertainment – See Santa at 6:15pm! Rides, slides, Pony Rides, Food, Craft and Free Animal Farm.
- **Come Play Softball for a day!!** Burnett Softball Association invites interested players to form a mixed team for a day to play some social softball.  
**Softball Carnival Commences: 23rd November 2013**  
**When: Saturday from 9am – 3pm**  
**Where: Nanango Sports grounds – Burnett Street**  
**Who: Males & Females of all ages & abilities – 14years and up**  
**Cost: \$20pp Special Appearance:** Queensland's Open Men's team – Patriots – clinic with the kids, followed by an Exhibition game with some of our local sportsman. **Contact:** Brett 0457498084 or [secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com](mailto:secretaryburnettsoftball@hotmail.com) to register your team now!!
- **SUSAN DOWDLE SCHOOL OF DANCE PRESENTS 'SHREK' & TV Themes** – Sunday 24 November 2:30pm and Saturday 30 November 6:30pm. Murgon Town Hall. Tickets on sale at Murgon Trendsetter Boutique.