



KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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David Ballin
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EVERY DAY COUNTS

STUDENTS

Congratulations to our three Instrumental Music Students who received Musically Outstanding student scholarships for this year. They are **Dean, Fraser** and **Sam**, all of who will go to Brisbane for the MOST program in June.

Students are encouraged to take part in ANZAC Day Parades tomorrow. Where possible, staff will accompany students to support them. Our **Concert Band** will play at Kumbia, as well as Kingaroy this year.

STAFFING

Mrs Pauline Peters is currently on four weeks of long service leave and is being replaced as Assistant to the Principal by **Ms Leanne Krosch**.

It's great to have **Mrs Jenny Tessmann** and **Mr Steven Langton** back at the school following their medical treatment. They are both doing very well.

Best wishes to **Mr Steve Oliphant** and **Mrs Julie Oliphant** who are taking two weeks of long service leave after this week.

Welcome to new staff member **Mrs Lynda Marshall** who joined our Maths/Science staff last week.

CURRICULUM

A **Junior Curriculum Information night** is to be held on **Tuesday 14 May at 7:00pm**. The purpose of the night is to share information with parents on the implementation of the National Curriculum in English, Maths, Science and History and to explain to parents how assessment practices and processes are carried out. Our Heads of Departments will be present to answer questions and to have discussions with parents. All parents of students in Years 8 to 10 are welcome to attend this meeting in the Assembly Hall.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

Implementation of **Junior Secondary** is well underway, with the Educational Department advertising for a Project Manager to build the new **Year 7 Building**. As well, professional development of staff is being conducted over the coming months to continue the enhancement for our students in Years 7 to 9.

COMING EVENTS

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| Thursday 25 April | ▪ ANZAC Day ceremonies |
| Saturday 27 April, 7:00am | ▪ Working Bee at the school |
| Wednesday 1 May, 1:30pm | ▪ School Cross Country |
| Tuesday 7 May | ▪ SB Cross Country at Murgon |
| Saturday 11 May | ▪ School involvement in Burrandowan Picnic Races |
| Tuesday 14 May, 7:00pm | ▪ Junior Curriculum Night for parents. |
| Tues 14 – Thur 16 May | ▪ Yr 9 National Tests |
| Thursday 23 May – Sun 26 May | ▪ QSSRL 18 Yrs Championship at T J O'Neill Oval, Kingaroy |

David Ballin, PRINCIPAL

STUDENTS – SUBJECT CHANGES

It is important that all students now remain in their current subjects, aiming to get a good result for the semester. This is especially the case for Year 11 & 12 students. There is no genuine manner in which students can change at this stage of the semester and still achieve good results for a subject. So, please reinforce with your students about the need to continue to work hard, communicate with teachers & meet all deadlines to achieve to the highest possible level.

For students in Years 9 & 10, there will be some elective changes at the end of this term. About midway through the term, students will be reminded which elective they have been allocated to, based on their preferences from the end of last year. If there are genuine reasons for asking for a change, the process will be advertised so that we can discuss such needs. In theory, they should be trialling as many subjects as possible, in order to make informed decisions about the following year, especially Year 10 students moving in to Year 11/12 subjects in 2014. I need to reiterate now, though, that there is NO prerequisite subject for any subject that is studied at Kingaroy SHS in Year 11/12.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

QLD TRIATHLON SPRINT SERIES

Congratulations to **Katinka** who recently won the Qld Triathlon Sprint Series. Katinka participated in a number of triathlon events gaining points throughout the events and winning the 2nd last race. This placed her 2nd on the leader board with her needing a win in the last off road triathlon course to secure the series. On the weekend she won this race. She will be presented the series trophy at an awards dinner at a later date. A great effort Katinka!

Robyn Ferling, SPORTS MASTER

NAPLAN 2013

May 14, 15 & 16 are the dates for all Year 9 students to undertake the NAPLAN test. Our Year 9 students have been preparing for the tests for many weeks now, but this term will carry out a number of practice tests in order to be ready in May. The NAPLAN test should not be something that is daunting to any student, but by the same token, should be taken seriously and every student's best effort be made. I will also speak to individual class groups to answer questions students may have but on the whole, we just ask that students give each of the five tests their best effort.

The individual tests will take place on the mornings of Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th & Thursday 16th. Students will be allocated to a set room for the entirety of the tests and the closer to the date will be reminded about what they need to bring each day. Each day after testing has finished, they will have their usual classes.

If you have any queries about the testing, please don't hesitate to contact me at the school.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

DEVELOPING YOUR STUDENT'S SELF-ESTEEM

Having a healthy and positive self-esteem is one of the most important aspects of a young person's development and enables him/her to feel good about him/herself, have the courage to try new things, the confidence to do things independently, to stand up for what he/she believes in, to take pride in him/herself, to set goals and to accept and give love.

1. **Provide a safe environment for them to learn, grow and tackle appropriate challenges and risks:** This not only refers to the physical safety of environment, but also the safety of support and encouragement to try new things.
2. **Encourage exercise to maintain healthy body image:** The teenage years bring much uncertainty and comparisons about body image and physical appearance so it is important that students have a healthy approach to exercise and its association with health and well-being rather than purely appearance.
3. **Encourage the joining of clubs, teams or organizations to enhance a sense of community and belonging.**
4. **Let them know that it is OK to experience failure or loss:** In real life we cannot always win the prize, make the sports team, get the best grades or go through life unscathed by loss or disappointment. It is for this reason that we must [allow exposure to such disappointments](#) from an early age so they have the resilience to pick themselves up and try again.

5. Give them jobs to do and chores to complete to ensure responsibility, pride in achievements and a feeling of independence.
6. Help them learn how to set and achieve goals.
7. Encourage them to volunteer, help other people and share their talents.
8. Parents can continue to give love, attention and affection even when you think they don't want it: Let them know you are always there for them and are willing to listen.
9. Be a good role model.
10. Allow them to sort out and resolve conflicts themselves. This skill ensures that they are able to listen to others, look for compromise, assert themselves and not always be relying on you to [bail them out](#).

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Adapted from *The Modern Parent*. Martine <http://themodernparent.net>

Leanne Krosch, ACTING ATTP, *Scott Dempster*, ATTP

YEAR 9 ENGLISH TUTORING

The English Department started our tutoring program for Year 9 students this week. The program aims to assist students who wish to improve their spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading comprehension skills. The tutoring sessions are not designed to help students complete homework or drafting for assessment tasks.

The tutoring program takes place on Wednesday afternoons between 3:20 and 4:15 pm. Tutoring takes place in A4, with English staff and Year 11 and 12 tutors in attendance.

If you would like your student to be involved in the program, please return the tear-off portion of the parent letter that was distributed to the students last Thursday, to my tray in A Block staffroom.

Paul Hutton, ACTING HOD ENGLISH/LOTE

CREATIVE GENERATION STATE SCHOOLS ON-STAGE 2013

CGEN rehearsals are well underway. We have had four of our dancers attend a casting day in Brisbane where they worked



hard learning under renowned choreographer Callum Mansfield. They have now been cast and begin their rehearsals in

Brisbane this Sunday. Our Core Choir students also spent last Friday in Brisbane rehearsing under the tutelage of Alison Rogers from Vocal Manoeuvres.

All choir students have lunchtime rehearsals twice a week, and are starting to familiarise themselves with the 20 songs we

have so far. The remaining dancers will start rehearsing on Wednesday lunches as soon as we receive their rehearsal material.

The cost of this venture is quite considerable as it includes multiple trips to Brisbane as well as food and accommodation particularly during show week. We thank all of the families involved for their support in this. This year we have been lucky enough to procure funding through a very generous **RADF grant**. This will enable us to reduce some of the cost of this incredible professional standard project. CGEN is a renowned arena style production run annually by the Qld Government that showcases the wealth of talent in Qld state schools and the quality performing arts opportunities provided to students. This year's production will feature more than 1500 young singers, dancers and musicians alongside some of Queensland's leading professional artists. This year we have students involved in the Massed choir, Core Choir, Massed Dance and the James Morrison Big Band.

Tickets are now on sale through Ticketek and are already selling fast. If you want to support our students please phone Ticketek directly on 132 849. There are only 4 performances, two on Friday the 19 & two on Saturday the 20 July. We hope that the Kingaroy SHS community can come along and



support our talented students pursuing their love of the arts.

Sue Dowdeit-Reiger, CREATIVE GENERATION COORDINATOR

THE CATTLE SHOW TEAM

Twelve students represented KSHS and four Show Team students represented their own studs at the Nanango Show on the weekend. On Friday evening students participated in the Junior Judging and Junior Handlers events with great success. Saturday morning started early as the students prepared and presented six of the KAGRA Murray Grey school stud animals for judging, against some very strong competition. Thank you to Mr Whiteford and family for cooking the BBQ.

Results:

Prime Cattle Junior Judging Competition:

- (16 – 25 years) 1st Brooke, 2nd Robbie
- (<16 years) 1st Corey, 3rd Mitchell

Stud Cattle Junior Judging Competition:

- (16 – 25 years) 1st Brooke, 2nd Robbie
- (<16 years) 1st Mitchell

Junior Handlers Competition

- (16 – 25 years) 1st Robbie, 2nd Brooke
- (<16 years) 2nd Corey, 3rd Mitchell

Cattle Results:

- Class 1 bull <12mths 3rd KAGRA Hercules
- Class 6 female <12mths 2nd KAGRA Helen
- Class 9 female 20 mths and <24 mths 1st KARGA Gloria
- Class 10 female 24 mths and <36 mths 2nd KAGRA Felicity with KARGA Harriet at foot

Amanda Lane, AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR

FROM THE JAPANESE DEPARTMENT

Term 2 is underway and we are full steam ahead for a very busy term. During the holidays I had the privilege of taking 127 paper cranes that our Year 9 Japanese class had folded to the Sadako monument in the Peace Park in Hiroshima as a part of our study of Hiroshima and the cultural significance that this city has to Japan. The students in Year 9 folded all of these cranes by themselves and should be very proud of their efforts. Their donation of cranes has been recorded in the Japanese Peace Museum and the students should expect to receive a letter of thanks from the Japanese Peace Museum hopefully in the near future. The story of Sadako is a very touching one and I encourage all members of our community to read and engage with this story about a young girl and her fight with leukaemia after WWII.

Tutoring – Tutoring for all students studying Japanese is on again Thursday lunchtimes from 12.40 until 1.10 in L11. Students are encouraged to bring class work, homework or even just use the time to do some quiet study.

Japan Tour Parent Information Night – The date for this evening has been changed to **Monday 20th May at 7.00pm**. It is important that parents and students attend this important evening as lots of details will be discussed and important documents handed out.

*The limits of my language are the limits of my universe –
Ludwig Wittgenstein.*

Megan Truss, JAPANESE TEACHER

QCS

QCS practice began last week during period 4, Wednesday, with gusto! Four classes will cycle through our experienced team of teachers – Mrs Michele Arnell, Mrs Jenny Ballin, Mrs Conomos and Mr Jeff Hicks (with Mr Faulkner later in the term). This ensures that students have exposure to different specialist teachers from different subject areas. Each student has been issued with a schedule, on which there are some important dates to note:

Wed 22/06 – Mr Clive Newton, an experienced marker of the QCS Writing Task, will provide helpful hints to our QCS students.

(Clive is marking our first practice Writing Task and will provide feedback to students on Wed 19/06).

Wed 29/05 - Full day practice for QCS (SR and WT)

Wed 24/07 – Multiple Choice practice

Wed 14/08 – **Full day Practice** for QCS (SR and WT)

Tues 03/09 and Wed 04/09 – “real” QCS Test

It is imperative that, should a student miss a practice session he/she: 1) sees me PRIOR to that session (*preferably with a note*), and 2) contacts the relevant QCS teacher AFTER to catch up on work missed. Active and responsible participation in the practices will help in QCS success.

Jenny Tessmann, ACTING HOD CURRICULUM-EXPLICIT TEACHING

LIBRARY NEWS

Term 2 is already looking busy and students are reminded to plan well for their assignments, to take care of their textbooks and ensure that resources are returned promptly when finished with.

Overdue notices are distributed to Form classes regularly. Library staff are more than happy to help with locating information for assignments.

MS READATHON – Registrations for 2013 open on 3 June and throughout the month of August students will be reading to raise funds to help others. 23 000 Australians are currently living with multiple sclerosis. Funds raised go towards providing essential support services and continuing the search for a cure. All families are encouraged to get *involved*. Visit www.msreadathon.org.au for more information.

Judy Conomos, LIBRARIAN

DUKE OF EDINBURGH NEWS

The Queensland Award Office has advised that the date of the next Gold Award Presentation Ceremony will be **Sunday 4th August 2013**. The ceremony will be held at Parliament House in Brisbane.

Gold candidates who would like to attend, and will be completing their awards in time for this presentation need to have Record Books accepted for approval by the State Award Office by 5:00 pm **Friday 31 May 2013**.

Approved Awardees will be asked to complete and return Attendance and Consent forms to the Qld State Award Office by Friday 28th June. Please be aware that this closing date must be adhered to.

Judy Conomos, DUKE OF EDINBURGH COORDINATOR

SCINTILLATING SCIENCE SNIPPETS

Australasian Science Quiz – All students from Years 8 – 12 have the opportunity to do this International Science Multiple Choice Quiz. The quiz gives students and the school valuable feedback on their science aptitude and all students receive a certificate and report on their performance (a great addition to a portfolio). Cost is only \$3.00 because the science department is

subsidising the cost. Sign up at the office – sign-up date has been extended to Thursday May 2nd.

In a similar vein any student with an interest in chemistry should sign up for the Australian Science Quiz. This multiple choice quiz is available for all students from Years 8 – 12 and again all participants receive one of those great certificates for that valuable portfolio. Cost is \$2.00, sign up at the office by Thursday 2nd May

Year 11 students have the opportunity to apply for a place in the National Youth Science Forum. This is a prestigious week long camp for selected students from around Australia, in one of two venues (Canberra or Perth), cost \$2495.00. This is an excellent opportunity for students interested in pursuing science to be exposed to excellent scientists and participate in a large range of laboratory and field activities. See Mr Langton or visit www.nysf.edu.au if interested.

Students who are in Years 9 or 10 may like to participate in the “Conocophillips Science Experience”. The Science Experience is a 3 or 4 day program held at universities across Australia during the Christmas holiday period. Students can choose which university they want to attend and get to participate in a tremendous range of exciting science activities. The three day experience costs \$115.00 while the 4 day experience costs \$150.00. Students need to arrange their own accommodation. Interested students can see Mr Langton for a brochure or visit www.scienceexperience.com.au

Steven Langton, HEAD OF DEPARTMENT SCIENCE

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

SU WINTER CAMPS:

For students looking for something exciting to do in the June-July holidays, Scripture Union is running the following camps:

- ❖ Mud Camp – from 07/06/13 to 10/06/13 for boys in Years 8 to 10
- ❖ Canoe Camp – from 24/06/13 to 28/06/13 for Years 10 to 12 coed in Far North Queensland – at a cost of \$200 plus transport there
- ❖ Ubertweak Camp – 30/06/13 to 05/07/13 for Years 8 to 12 coed – at a cost of \$225 – This is a camp for those who love working with technology.

Training Week – 23/06/13 to 28/06/13 for Years 10 to 12 coed – at a cost of \$275 - for those who want to learn to be more effective as Christians

Winter SMADD – 24/06/13 to 28/06/13 for Years 8 to 12 coed - at a cost of \$350 – for those who love the performing arts

For more information see me, go to www.sucamps.org.au or email info@sucamps.org.au

Many things are possible for the person who has hope. Even more is possible for the person who has faith. And still more is possible for the person who knows how to love. But everything is possible for the person who practices all three virtues.

BROTHER LAWRENCE

Ruth Wright, CHAPLAIN 41600 686

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON	29/04/2013	Lynelle Cross
TUES	30/04/2013	Jeanene Maher
WED	01/05/2013	Mandy Blair Sharon Frohloff
THUR	02/05/2013	Joni Mullins
FRI	03/05/2013	Gaylene Schultz Helen Greenslade
MON	06/05/2013	Linda Wearne
TUES	07/05/2013	Dianne Leonard
WED	08/05/2013	Vicki Rossi
THUR	09/05/2013	Janet Schleger
FRI	10/05/2013	Julie Boyle Tanya Christensen

If you are unable to work on your day, please try and swap with someone and let Lorraine know. If you can't swap please ring Lorraine on 4160 0676 or a/h 4162 2264

HELP NEEDED IN THE CANTEEN – We are still looking for volunteers to help out, even just one day a month. If you are able to help, ring Lorraine on 41600676. We still need help every day except Monday.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ❑ **UNIFORM FOR SALE:** KSHS Band Uniform – excellent condition (worn twice). 1 x pair boys long BLACK dress pants; 1 x pair boys long GREY dress pants (both size 14, Stubbies brand) - \$25 each. 1 long sleeved WHITE dress shirt (size 14, Stubbies brand) - \$10. 1 x blue satin tie (for Jazz Band) - \$5. 1 Pair black leather dress shoes (River's brand) size 9½ - \$15. Phone Sue on 0438 899 330
- ❑ **UNIFORM FOR SALE:** Senior School T-shirts almost new – Size 12. \$18 each. Contact Karen on 0421 312 261 or 4164 1248.
- ❑ **UNIFORM FOR SALE:** KSHS Spray Jacket XL \$45 VGC. Formal/Band Blazer XL (92cm/36R) with silver buttons; recently dry-cleaned \$90 VGC. Contact Eva on 0447 099 054
- ❑ **BAND UNIFORM FOR SALE:** Formal Band Skirt Size 22 - \$30; School Tie \$15 – both hardly been worn. Ph: Clara 41635137

- ❑ **Kingaroy Eisteddfod – 30 April – 10 May; Concert 11 May 7pm:** *Speech & Drama 30 April; Dance 1-6 May; Vocal, Keyboard & Instrumental 7-10 May.* Schedules available from Musicians Oasis, Kingaroy Community Centre, Dimities Cottage or off website www.eisteddfod.southburnett.com.au



Kingaroy State School P & C Assn CASUAL TUCKSHOP CONVENOR

12 hours per week (Wed, Fri)

Application Packages available from
Kingaroy State School Office

61 Alford Street, Kingaroy Ph: 41604333 or

Email the.principal@kingaroyss.eq.edu.au

Applications close 3:00pm 3 May 2013

Successful applicant must make application for and be able to obtain a suitability card from the Commission for Children & Young People, complete a Food Safety Supervisor Course & First Aid Certificate

KSHS would like to acknowledge and thank the **Kingaroy Basketball Association** for the brand *new* “**State of the Art**” **scoreboards** which were installed in the **Indoor Sports Centre** over the Easter vacation. This came about from the successful application for a grant last year and the whole school and Kingaroy community will reap the benefits over many years to come.

