



KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

STUDENTS

Congratulations to Year 12 student **Fraser** who has recently been awarded a Young Conservatorium Scholarship for the Pacific Honours Ensemble Program. Fraser will represent Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University in Seattle, USA from 18 November 2013 to 27 November 2013. He is one of only six Australian student ambassadors who will work with our 600 American students. Well done Fraser! Your talent, enthusiasm and dedication is paying off.

STAFFING

Mr Scott Dempster is on three weeks of long service leave and is being replaced as Assistant to the Principal by Mr David Hill

CURRICULUM

Year 9 NAPLAN Tests are next Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. Students have been well prepared for the tests and should approach the three days confidently. Parents are asked to ensure that students get plenty of rest before the tests and to keep routines normal.

Parents of students in Years 8 to 10 are invited to a Curriculum Forum next **Tuesday 14 May** starting at **7:00pm** in the Assembly Hall. Topics to be discussed will include:

- *The Structure of the Junior Curriculum*
- *Teaching the National Curriculum*
- *Assessing the National Curriculum.*
- *School Assessment Policies and calendars*
- *Special Consideration and fairness in assessment.*

All parents are encouraged to attend and if you have a question feel free to send it to me before hand, or just bring it with you on the night.

SCHOOL ACTIVITIES

The school is hosting the Queensland Secondary Schools' 18 Years Rugby League Championships from Thursday 23 May to Sunday 26 May at the T J O'Neill Oval. This is a great opportunity to showcase high level sport and encourage our students to perform at the higher levels. Several KSHS students will be involved including School Captain Sam, Marcus, Lane, Nathan and Simon. I would like to take the whole school to the Opening Ceremony and first match on Thursday 23 May at 9:00am and will send a letter home about this with more details next week. We currently need some players billeted (contact Mr Lloyd Fairbairn) and we need volunteers to help on the barbecue stall (contact Mrs Lorraine Argent in the Canteen).

COMING EVENTS

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| Friday 10 May | ▪ Bands playing at Eisteddfod |
| Saturday 11 May | ▪ School involvement in Burrandowan Picnic Races |
| Tues 14, Wed 15, Thurs 16 May | ▪ Year 9 NAPLAN Tests |
| Tuesday 14 May, 5:30pm | ▪ Indigenous Family BBQ & Meeting |
| Tuesday 14 May, 7:00pm | ▪ Yr 8-10 Parent Curriculum Forum |
| Wed 15 May, 2:30pm | ▪ P & C Auxiliary Meeting |
| Monday 20 May, 7:00pm | ▪ Japan Tour Parent Meeting |
| Thursday 23 May – Sun 26 May | ▪ QSSRL 18 Yrs Championship at T J O'Neill Oval, Kingaroy |
| Tues 28 May, 7:30pm | ▪ P & C Association Meeting |

David Ballin, PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN 2013

Parents of Year 9 students should have received a special blue NAPLAN letter from their student on Tuesday. If you haven't received the newsletter, there are copies available from the Year 9 Co-ordinators or at the Front Office in the Administration Building. This letter details the arrangements for testing next week (14, 15, 16 May), as well as what to bring, and what to do if your student is ill / injured for the testing.

Basically, students will sit the five tests during Periods 1 & 2 on Tuesday & Thursday as well as Period 1 on Wednesday. They sit two numeracy tests, one with and one without, a calculator, as well as a reading, language conventions and a writing test. On Friday of this week every student who is sitting the test should check the noticeboard outside the Administration building to find out where they will be required to go for all five tests.

The Kingaroy SHS P&C is generously donating time & food to serve Year 9 students some breakfast on each of the three mornings. It is a great gesture by the volunteers that should assist students to work better through the tests, especially those who travel distances to school and have an early breakfast. We encourage all Year 9 students to meet at the canteen area from around 8.15am to share this food and encourage any parents of Year 9 students who can assist in the preparation or serving to come along from about 8am on any of the three mornings.

Students have been preparing well in all of their classes, either with specific literacy & numeracy skills or in skills of coping with tests. We hope that all students will do their best, as we expect with every activity that they undertake.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

COMMUNICATION

I spend a fair portion of each school day working with students, parents & staff about a range of curriculum & general classroom issues. In all cases, communication between student, teacher & parent is crucial. The majority of issues that arise can be circumvented with improved communication. Sometimes it is easy to forget that students don't always understand how to communicate, and especially communicate in an appropriate manner. I would ask that parents stress the importance of communication with staff for students in all year levels of High School and encourage your students to talk to teachers immediately about perceived problems or concerns as early as possible. These communications are often best achieved outside the classroom (eg at morning tea or before school etc). It is at this point that the majority of issues can be addressed and not escalate to an unmanageable level. As an additional point there, I would strongly encourage all parents to contact the teacher first, then Head of Department if necessary, to address the issues at stake. It is important to understand the whole picture before anyone can address an issue effectively.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SUCCESS IN SCHOOL – AND LIFE

Monitor your child's homework tops parent advice. Getting homework "done" requires more than mastering math facts or punctuation. Students need to organize their tasks, stick to them, and manage their time. They need to listen and ask questions when teachers assign work. Parents can help children develop these skills.

Make sure your child has enough sleep, a nutritious diet, and exercise.

Young people must also develop "character strengths" like grit, curiosity, conscientiousness, optimism. Our children need to learn self-control and how to manage stress. They learn from their failures. The more curious and resourceful children are, the better. They need self-confidence, belief that they can succeed in spite of obstacles.

Our potential is not fixed at birth - all of us can grow strong and meet challenges if we work hard and stick with it. Inborn talent and predispositions are just the starting point.

Effective practice makes the difference - Getting good at a particular sport, music etc., we all know, takes hours of practice. Developing the skills to succeed in school, work, and life is no different: it takes practice, one step at a time. How we practice makes all the difference in learning to do something well.

Habits, like abilities, are also developed through practice. Managing stress. Developing self-control. Keeping at it. Being curious and resourceful. Feeling self-confident. these habits challenges all of us. The latest research suggests that these social and emotional skills are as important as academic skills in laying the foundation for student success—and can be taught and learned.

Success builds on success. The more we achieve, the more we will want to achieve.

Adapted from: http://www.whatkidscando.org/specialcollections/advice_for_parents/index.html

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

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This Friday night (10 May) the Kingaroy SHS Concert Band, Wind Ensemble, Stage Band and Big Band will be performing at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod. The evening begins at 6pm. The Eisteddfod is a wonderful opportunity to hear our hard working musicians perform.

The Stage Band will also be performing at the Burrandowan Races on Saturday 11 May at 2:50pm and 4:30pm. Also on the 11 May, our Wind Ensemble will be performing at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod Gala Concert. A busy week for KSHS musicians.

Matt Phillips, INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC TEACHER

2013 ANNUAL INTERHOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

The school's annual Interhouse Cross Country was held Wednesday 1st May. Students participated enthusiastically for their houses and it was good to see many students running in their house colours. The event was won by Youngman House on 329 points, narrowly defeating Palmer on 312 points. Last year's winners Lavarack came third with 270 points, with fourth place going to Bradfield (229pts).

Congratulations to the following Age Champions:

13/U	Natalie	Daniel (Record)
14 Yrs	Kayla	Clayton
15 Yrs	Katinka	Ashley
16 Yrs	Hayley	Simon
17 Yrs	Jasmine	Bailey
19/U	Jackie	Aiden

The winner of the Andrew Marsh Memorial Trophy for overall first place in the 15, 16 & Open Boys 5km event was Simon Fairbairn, so special congratulations to Simon. The new course was once again used for all girls and 13/U and 14 Years boys, and five records from last year were broken. New records go to Daniel, Natalia, Katinka, Hayley and Jackie.

Previous record holders (for the old course) will continue to be acknowledged in the record books as well as the new record holders. The first four placegetters in each age group were selected in the school team to contest the South Burnett Cross Country in Murgon on Tuesday 7th May.

Thank you to all staff officials, Mr McCormack and Mr Couchman for setting up, and special guest Mr Peter Schultz for attending and presenting the awards.

Steve Corstiaans, CROSS COUNTRY CONVENOR

QCS

Wednesday 8th May heralds **the third week of QCS practice.**

Some important dates rapidly approaching are:

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

I strongly encourage those students who have traineeships etc on a Wednesday, to make arrangements to attend these sessions. In conclusion, the cohort of students is to be commended, thus far, in terms of active participation and attendance.

Jenny Tessmann, ACTING HOD CURRICULUM-EXPLICIT TEACHING

AGRICULTURE UPDATE

Gympie Carcass Classic: Agriculture students are once again participating in the Gympie Carcass Classic. The aim of the Classic is to educate both current and future beef producers in changing consumer trends, meeting target market specifications and the industry trend towards grain finishing beef. Students travelled to the Sullivan Livestock Woolooga Saleyards for the Induction Day and initial live judging on Tuesday 23 April. The cattle, including two KSHS bred steers, will be fed at Gowanlock Feedlot at Tansey on Goldmix Stockfeed rations. Students will participate in two more judging days in mid-July.

Kingaroy Show: The Show provided the Cattle Show Team an opportunity to demonstrate their cattle preparation, handling and judging skills against other school students from Nanango SHS, Dalby SHS and Bundaberg Christian College along with members of the



broader community. Sixteen students from Year 8 to 12 represented our school in the Junior Handlers and Judging Competitions along with showing the school's stud animals. The Junior Handlers Under 16 years competition was strongly contested with 30 entries (divided into 2 heats and a final). Corey was successful in the Handlers competition being awarded the Carl Sperling Memorial Trophy.

Results: Handlers: (10 to <16 yrs) 1st Corey; (>16 yrs) 3rd Brooke. Reece and Mitchell also made the finals. **Judges:** (10 to <16 yrs) 1st Corey, 2nd Mitchell; (>16 yrs) 2nd Brooke

KAGRA Stud: Bull under 12mths – 2nd KAGRA Hercules; Female under 12 mths – 3rd KAGRA Helen; Female 16 – 20 mths – 4th KARGA Gina; Female 30 mths and over – 3rd KAGRA Felicity with Harriet at foot.

Amanda Lane, AGRICULTURE COORDINATOR

ROSTRUM VOICE OF YOUTH

Four Kingaroy SHS students recently competed in the Kingaroy / Nanango heats of Rostrum Voice of Youth, a public speaking competition where students aim to improve their oral communication skills. Our two competitors in the Senior competition, Jason (Year 12) and Kate (Year 11), delivered their speeches very well but were unsuccessful on the night. The two competitors in the Junior competition were Year 10 students Mel and Mikhaela.

Congratulations to Mikhaela, who won the local Junior heat and on Saturday 4 May travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the regional final. Although unsuccessful at this level, Mikhaela has learnt what it takes to achieve success in this competition. Well done to all of our competitors for preparing speeches outside of their normal school responsibilities and I am sure that the benefits of participating in Rostrum will benefit your future studies.

Paul Hutton, ACTING HOD ENGLISH/LOTE

YEAR 9 MECHANICS CLASS

Desperately needed by the Year Nine Mechanics Class are: One 5 speed gearbox preferably alloy cased and from a rear wheel drive car.

Also needed are a few complete 4 & 6 cylinder car engines. Condition is not important and I can pick up. Thank you to those who have already donated mowers etc.

David Hill, MECHANICS TEACHER

BURRANDOWAN PICNIC RACES

Saturday 11 May 2013

KSHS Stage Band Playing 2:50pm and 4:30pm

Chaplaincy Food Stall

Come along for an enjoyable day out and support

KSHS Chaplaincy and Stage Band

ONLINE SAFETY – PART 111

In 2011 Microsoft released Windows Live Family Safety 2011. This **free** software lets you manage your children's computer activity: websites visited, programs used, and time spent on the computer. **From Microsoft:** The kids are online and you're busy, but Windows Live Family Safety is there to help. Use activity reports to monitor your kids' computer activity. Choose websites, games, and programs they can access, and set time periods when they can use the computer.

Get session and website visit reports right from the Family Safety website—you don't have to log on to your child's PC. When installed on multiple PCs in the household, Family Safety enforces the same settings and combines reports from all PCs into one.

SafeSearch is locked on for Bing, Google, Yahoo! and other popular search engines. For parents who are ready to give older kids a bit more responsibility, there's a new setting that allows all websites but lets you know if kids go to potentially inappropriate ones. The Family Safety website gives parents control when kids use the computer, what games they can play, and what programs they can run. Setup is easy— just follow the step by step guide here:

<http://windows.microsoft.com/en-au/windows-vista/protecting-your-kids-with-family-safety>

One limitation to be aware of is that the program does not work on Windows XP operating system or any version of Windows older than this (e.g. Windows 98, Millenium, etc.). The list of supported operating systems are: *Windows Vista Service Pack 2 with the Platform Update and Windows 7*. You can download it from:

<http://www.microsoft.com/en-au/download/details.aspx?id=29231>

Damian Nicholson, ACTING HOD BUSINESS IT

LIBRARY NEWS

Thank you to everyone who presented books or resources to the school at Anzac Services last week.

The KSHS Student Council made presentations at Wondai, Wooroolin, Nanango, Kumbia and Kingaroy. Quota International of Kingaroy presented the school with "Gallipoli, then and now" by Steve Newman. The Kingaroy Ladies' Bowls Committee presented "The other Anzacs" by Peter Rees. The Rotary Club of Kingaroy-Taabinga made a donation to the school as did Kingaroy Lions Club. Mrs G Schultz presented two books, "The Spirit of the Digger" and "Heroic Australian Women in War" in memory of past students Daniel, Simon and Krista Schultz.

Students and staff have access to a wide range of resources on Australia's involvement in War and Peacekeeping activities and Mrs Ahnon has displayed some of these at the library entrance. She also keeps an interesting and ongoing display of local newspaper clippings that the students enjoy checking out.

Judy Conomos, LIBRARIAN

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Lynda Lange will be speaking to our Year 12s about a great opportunity for students to go on a Schoolies trip to Cambodia and Thailand with Destiny Rescue. On this trip students have the opportunity to see the sites, interact with children in rescue prevention programs and help with projects. For more information talk to your student or go to: <http://www.destinyrescue.org/aus/get-involved/teams/schoolies> Scripture Union also runs a Schoolies trip called Backflip in the Whitsundays with discos on an island, cruising on sailing ships, snorkeling etc. There is also a Schoolies at the Sunshine Coast. For more information go to: www.sucamps.org.au or email info@sucamps.org.au The Leprosy Mission Australia run an Xtreme Schoolies in Thailand, which includes an overnight hike into the hill-tribe area, an elephant ride, river rafting, Thai cooking school, a visit to the night markets and other adventures. You also spend a couple of days helping the residents at McKean Rehabilitation Centre, working alongside people who have been affected by leprosy or disability. The cost is \$2,000 ex-Melbourne. For more information go to: www.facebook.com/TLMAustralia or email lmaust@leprosymission.org.au or phone 03 9890 0577

RE: Our RE day for this term will be on **Wednesday 22nd May**. We have Aaron Parry doing the presentation. Aaron is a young man who talks about his life experiences and leaves the students with a message. He is also a gifted musician and singer who will perform for our students. Any students who do not do RE will go to the Library to work on their school work.

If someone says something against you, live so that everyone knows it is not true.

Ruth Wright, CHAPLAIN 41600686

P & C NEWS

NAPLAN BREAKFAST VOLUNTEERS: Next Tues 14th, Wednesday 15th, Thursday 16th May the NAPLAN testing is on and for a number of years now we have provided breakfast to the Year 9 students before they sit for their tests. I desperately need the assistance of 2 or 3 Year 9 parents from 8am - 9am each morning to assist with breakfast. If you are able to assist can you please contact the school office on 41600666 asap.

PARENT REPS FOR CHAPLAINCY COMMITTEE: We have strong representation from staff, students and community reps but need some current parents to come on the Committee. Committee meetings are held at approximately 7.30am on Friday mornings once a month (I think). If you are interested in assisting, please contact the school office and confirm the next meeting date and time.

AUXILIARY DONATION: P&C wish to sincerely thank the Auxiliary Committee, Lorraine Argent and Canteen volunteers for the great job they continue to do in raising funds for major school projects.

PARENT INFORMATION SESSION: On Tuesday, 14th May at 7pm there will be a parent information session conducted by the School Administration team and Heads of Department to explain the National Curriculum and its implications for your student. I would strongly encourage parents of all students in Year 8, 9 and 10 to come along, ask your questions and raise any issues or concerns you have so that parents and the school can work together and support each other for the best outcomes for all students. Please attend.

Debbie Jackson, P & C PRESIDENT

P & C AUXILIARY NEWS

The last meeting was held on Wednesday 24 April and it was great to welcome Brenton, Charlene, Daniel and Ethan to the meeting as part of their Active Citizens. It is fantastic to be able to again donate a further \$10,000 to the P & C Association due to the efforts of the hardworking Canteen.

A main topic at this meeting was the upcoming **State Championship Rugby League** to be played at T J O'Neill Oval from 23-26 May. The Auxiliary will be holding a BBQ over these days, so we are asking for **helpers to assist**. If you can spare any time during these four days, please contact Lorraine in the Canteen on 4160 0676 or Tracey in the Office on 4160 0666. The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 15 May at 2.30pm in the Community Building Meeting Room. All welcome.

Tracey Fleischfresser, AUXILIARY MEMBER

CANTEEN ROSTER

MON	13/05/13	Janine Hockenhull Barbara Bell
TUES	14/05/13	Christine Teakle Debbie Litzow
WED	15/05/13	Colleen Gunn Mandy Blair
THUR	16/05/13	Joni Mullins
FRI	17/05/13	Leanne Rubesaame Ray Richards
MON	20/05/13	Lyn Walters
TUES	21/05/13	Sonja Love
WED	22/05/13	Vicki Rossi Jan Lambourn
THUR	23/05/13	Linda Newman
FRI	24/05/13	Jacki Irwin 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 please ring Lorraine on 4160 0676 or a/h 4162 2264		

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:**
2 x Blazers – Size 16 and Size 14 Excellent condition - \$100each
2 x Concert Band Skirt – Size 12 and Size 14 - \$15each
2 x Stage Band Ties - \$5each
3 x School Ties (Concert Band) - \$5each
1 x Boys Concert Band Black Long Pants – Size 16 Very Good condition \$15
2 x Black Stage Band shirts – Size 16 and Size 12 \$15each
2 x School Spray Jackets - Size S and Size M \$45 Ph:41624876 A/H
- **UNIFORM FOR SALE:** KSHS Spray Jacket XL \$45 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
- **KUMBIA DEBUTANTE BALL FRIDAY 16 AUGUST 2013** – If you would like to make your Debut this year contact Josie 4164 4384 or Gayle 4164 4175. Intending Debs will be accepted until 31 May. Training begins Sunday 9 June & will continue each Sunday. All proceeds will go to the Cancer Council Qld.
- **RAISING MEN: Support your son's journey into manhood.**
3 day camp & program for boys 12-15 and their father or male mentor. Upcoming camp dates: 13-16 June; 19-22 September. Includes a 3-day bush camp. info@raisingmen.com.au / www.raisingmen.com.au Ph: (02)66843892

