KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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EVERY DAY COUNTS

STUDENTS

Congratulations to the many students who have involved themselves in so many community events recently. Our students assisted in a wide variety of roles at the Burrawang Picnic Races and many performed for the school groups at the Kingaroy Eisteddfod. All the research shows that students who have strong and giving connections with community groups and teams, develop healthy self esteem, and gain confidence and life skills from these experiences. My tip then parents, is for you to support your students in their connections with the community, and to encourage them to mix with others in groups and teams.

STAFFING

Best wishes to teacher aide Mrs Lois Vreeken who is taking four weeks of long service leave after this week.

Mr Scott Dempster returns from some long service leave next week and I wish to thank Mr David Hill for his work in the Assistant to the Principal position for three weeks.

CURRICULUM

Some important dates to note over the coming weeks include:

- Friday 7 June – Fri 14 June - End of Sem 1 Tests
- Friday 21 June - Last Day Sem 1
- Thurs 11 July - Sem 1 Reports sent home
- Mon 15 July 3:30pm-6:30pm - Parent-Teacher Interviews
- Thurs 25 July - Yr 10 Transition Night for Students to receive Yr 10 Certificates.

Year 10 Certificates are presented to students based on their Semester 1 results as they then transition into the Senior School. If a student improves his/her results in any subject in Semester II, the Year 10 Certificate will be reissued with the improved result shown.

Thank you to the parents who attended the Junior Curriculum Information night on Tuesday 14 May. The school will hold a similar night on the topic of “Managing Social Media Responsibly” on Tuesday 11 June, so all parents are invited. The misuse of Social Media is behind numerous interpersonal conflicts which occur at school and in the community.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR QSSRL 18 YRS STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Thursday 23 to Sunday 26 May

Please see Special Newsletter sent home last Thursday for details of our school’s involvement. If it is raining on Thursday morning, students (apart from Stage Band and the Choir) will be coming to school as normal.

Please support these State Championships by coming along to watch and support our Barbecue and Coffee Trailer. Hours of play are 9:00am to 4:00pm on Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 9:00 to 1:30pm on Sunday.

Best wishes to our young men who are participating – Sam Johnston, Marcus Jensen, Nathan Bowering, Lane Ferling and Simon Fairbairn.

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 23 May – Sun 26 May
- QSSRL 18 Yrs State Championship Opening Ceremony
- QSSRL 18 Yrs State Championship Closing Ceremony
- Chaplaincy Lunch
- P & C Association Meeting
- Yr 12 QCS Test Practice
- Student Council Non Uniform Day
- School Social

CREATIVE WRITING OPPORTUNITY

In Term 2, students in Years 8, 9 and 10 will be given the opportunity to participate in a creative writing workshop over a number of weeks. The Kingaroy Writers Group is keen to become involved in assisting students interested in creative writing to develop their skills and have offered the experience of some of its members to help. If you would like your student to be involved in the course, which will run on a Wednesday afternoon after school, please have your student visit me in A Block staffroom for a permission form.

Paul Hutton, Acting HOD English/LOTE
Additionally, over the last month students have also been waiting and at school students have been serving two course lunches prepared by Year Twelve Hospitality Studies. Our age champions were Katinka (15 years), Simon (16 years), Bailey (17 years), Jackie and Aiden (19 years and under).

These students were selected in the South Burnett Cross Country team as well as Natalia, Chloe, Laura, Daniel, Thomas, Ellen, Britney, Clayton, Brenden, Logan, Georgia, Marney, Ashley, Chris, Hayley, Belinda, Kyra, Soul, Jasmine, Britni, Sinead, Jacob, John and Holly.

We wish these students success as they compete in the Wide Bay Cross Country Championships which will be held in Bundaberg on Tuesday 28th May 2013.

Steve Corstiaans, Cross Country Manager

FOOD & BEVERAGE SERVICE IN RESTAURANTS

Year Twelve Hospitality Studies students have been busy in the restaurant lately working towards achieving the competency ‘Serve Food and Beverages to Customers’ which makes up part of their Certificate I in Hospitality. Students have been completing lunch services at school as well as work placement at the Pioneer Room Restaurant. Those students who have also elected to complete a Certificate II in Hospitality by completing their Bar competencies have been completing bar work placement through the Pioneer as well.

At school students have been serving two course lunches prepared by the Year Eleven and Twelve Certificate II in Hospitality (Catering Operations) students with the guidance of Mrs Want as a way of learning techniques and gaining skills in serving using other school students and staff as the patrons. Over the next few weeks students will complete their Practical Tasks by serving at Business and Chaplaincy Lunches.

Additionally, over the last month students have also been waiting and serving at the Pioneer Room Restaurant. Students have been supported in this through various clubs booking functions at the restaurant. We would like to acknowledge the following groups who have continued to support our Hospitality students by booking a function for a number of years: Kingaroy Rotary Club; Kingaroy-Taabinga Rotary Club; Kingaroy Quota Club.

Lisa Hutton, Class Teacher

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL CERTIFICATE

Each year the school organises for a private provider to come into the school to deliver an RSA certificate course. An RSA certificate is required by anyone working in the hospitality industry in a licensed establishment. This year the course will be run on Wednesday 19th June from 2pm – 6:30pm. Costs have been kept down at this stage to $40, although this depends on the number of course participants. For those Year 12 students who are concerned about missing a QCS Wednesday afternoon session, alternative arrangements are being made.

Year 12 students who intend applying for jobs in the hospitality industry next year to financially support their further studies immediately disadvantage themselves in the job application process if they do not already have an RSA certificate. The course is also open to Year Ten and Eleven students who are currently working in a job where their employer has requested they have an RSA certificate.

Students interested in participating should collect a letter from the Home Economics Department. Permission slips expressing interest in the course are required to be returned as soon as possible.

Lisa Hutton, Class Teacher

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

Congratulations to all Wind Ensemble, Concert Band, Big Band and Stage Band members who performed brilliantly at the Eisteddfod held on the 10th and 11th May at the Kingaroy Town Hall. All performances were received extremely well by audiences and every group achieved exceptional results from the adjudicator.

Mr Phillips and I would like to thank to not only the students for their hard work in preparing for the event, but also to their parents for their continued support. Particular thanks also needs to go to the parents who assisted in transporting music equipment in their trucks, utes and 4wds for both the Friday and Saturday evening events. Without your help we would not be able to participate in these wonderful activities. Thanks again!

Nadine Gray, Instrumental Music Teacher

LIBRARY NEWS

Every year the Children’s Book Council of Australia compiles a list of shortlisted titles for the Book of the Year Awards, the winners being announced in August. Mrs Tessmann (Taabinga) and Mrs Boyle (Kingaroy) recently attended a session with the Award Judges and at our last Teacher-Librarian Network Meeting we explored some of the titles for 2013. The categories for awards include Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book, Older Readers and the Eve Pownall Award for Information Books.

It was interesting that the Judges commented that many of the Older Reader category books were definitely aimed at high school readers, as often they are suitable for older primary readers as well. We have copies of all six Older Readers books: Ink Bridge, Sea Hearts, Shiny Guys, Creepy and Maud, Friday Brown and Wrong Boy.

At the other end of the scale, the Picture Book and Early Childhood categories are usually represented by fun and colourful books. This year, however, most of the Picture Books are quite different and include The Coat, Tanglewood, Herman and Rosie, Sophie Scott Goes South, Lightning Jack and A Day to Remember, as are the Early Childhood Titles: Terrible Suitcase, With Nan, Pros and Cons of being a Frog, Too many Elephants in the House, It’s a Mirroocool and Peggy. If you get a chance, check out the Book Council website, www.cbca.org.au for more information.

Our school library system tags shortlisted and winning CBCA titles and there are plenty available for loan. Check out some winners today!

Judy Comonos, Librarian

FROM THE CHAPLAIN

Chaplaincy Week: This week is Chaplaincy Week and I would like to take this opportunity to thank the amazing members of our Chaplaincy Committee for all their hard work and support so far this year. Many other people pray for our school community and others help out with breakfasts. These people make such a difference. Andy Dunkin comes regularly to help with our SPARCS group and others kindly donate food, money, clothing etc. It is a privilege to work with the awesome staff and students at this school. To all who support Chaplaincy in our school, thank you.

RE: Our RE day for this term was today, Wednesday 22nd May. We had Aaron Parry doing the presentation for this day. Aaron talked about life and encouraged students with an inspiring message. He
also entertained our students with singing and music. I hope the students who participated, enjoyed the presentation.

You can never change your past, but you can change your future! Reggie Dabbs

Ruth Wright, CHAPLAIN 41600686

PERFORMING ARTS NEWS

Kingaroy Eisteddfod: Over the past few weeks many of our students have been involved in the Kingaroy Eisteddfod. Our Dance groups and choirs performed very well and are to be congratulated on their positive and mature approach to this event.

- Dance Krew performed “Counting Sheep to the Rhythm of the Drums” and were placed 3rd in their section.
- Year 12 Dance class performed a Michael Jackson Jazz medley and were placed 1st in their section.
- Vocal Group placed 2nd in the Secondary School Choirs division singing With or Without You, a section of Allegri’s Miserere and You Raise Me Up.
- Chamber Choir placed 2nd in the Open Choral Section and 1st in the Secondary School Choirs division having sung Ein Jäger aus Kurpfalz, Australian Sunrise, Scarborough Fair and Australian Sunrise.

A small contingent of the Vocal Group also performed in the Eisteddfod Gala night.

Education Week Prayer Service: Vocal Group and Chamber Choir sang at the recent Education Week Prayer Service held at the Kingaroy Salvation Army. It was a motivating service and the students enjoyed the delicious morning tea that was provided.

Choral Fanfare: Our Choirs will be singing in the Toowoomba heats for this year’s Choral Fanfare on the 29 May 2013. If you are interested in coming along and supporting them please contact Mrs Dowideit-Reiger for more information.

Creative Generation State Schools On-stage: Our singers and dancers have been rehearsing hard both in Brisbane and here in Kingaroy to prepare for this year’s CGEN State Schools On-stage. The dancers have attended several weekend rehearsals in Brisbane. Thank you to the parents who have been helping to drive students to and from these rehearsals. The Brisbane rehearsals give our students the opportunity to work with industry professionals and to network with other students with similar interests. This year’s show is shaping up well and tickets are selling fast through Ticketek. If you are planning to support our students by attending this fantastic performance please contact Mrs Dowideit-Reiger.

Drama Excursion: The Senior Drama students will be attending a performance called Mother Courage and her Children by Bertolt Brecht at the Optus Playhouse on the 5th June. This performance fits into their live theatre unit. This is a great opportunity for students to experience live professional theatre and Brechtian theatre. This will enhance their understanding of the significance of Brecht’s contribution to 20th Century theatre.

Drama Club: Thursday lunch times we have started a Drama Club for students interested in participating in theatre sports activities. Should students wish to participate all they need to do is turn up to the Drama room on Thursday lunch times. All welcome.

Sue Dowideit-Reiger, Rachel Kutschkau, Liz Schneider, P & C NEWS

National Curriculum Information Night: Thank you to those parents who attended the National Curriculum Meeting and thank you to the school staff who participated in presenting on the night.

P&C Meeting: Next P&C meeting is on Tuesday, 28 May at 7.30pm in the Community Building. It would be lovely to have some more parents join us. All welcome.

Mart Auction Roster: At long last it will be on its way this week, thank you to all who volunteered.

NAPLAN Breakfast: Thank you to those parents who assisted with the NAPLAN breakfasts last week and to Debbie Bunker for the home cooking on each day.

Debbie Jackson, P & C PRESIDENT

CANCER QUEENSLAND – SEIZE THE DAY STUDY AWARDS

The Cancer Queensland has launched these Awards to assist all young Queenslanders, aged 16 to 21 years, who are planning to commence or continue post-secondary education next year and have experienced cancer personally, or with a close family member (such as a parent or sibling). The Awards aim to foster the personal growth and development of young people coping with cancer in Queensland. The grant may be used towards expenses incurred while undergoing post-secondary school education such as fees, accommodation, textbooks or stationery. The Awards range from $300 to $2,500.

Further information regarding the Seize the Day Study Awards, including application forms, can be accessed by calling the Cancer Council Helpline on 13 11 20 or via the Cancer Council Queensland’s website at:- http://www.cancerqld.org.au/page/need_support/youth_support/seize_the_day_awards/

If anyone is intending to apply for a grant and cannot access the helpline or the website, please contact Kingaroy State High School and we will be pleased to provide an application for your use.

Richard Sloper, SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT OFFICER

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.

- 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 - $100 each
  - 2 x Concert Band Skirt – Size 12 and Size 14 - $15 each
  - 2 x Stage Band Ties - $6 each
  - 3 x School Ties (Concert Band) - $6 each
  - 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 - $15 each
  - 2 x School Spray Jackets - Size S and Size M - $45.
  - Ph: 41624867 A/H

- UNIFORM FOR SALE: KSHS Spray Jacket XL $45 VGC.
  - Formal/Blaze XL (92cm/36R) with silver buttons; recently dry-cleaned $90 VGC.
  - Contact Evie on 0447 099 054.

  - School Tie $15 – both barely been worn. Ph: Clara 41635137

- FOR SALE: 2 x Formal Dresses Size 8 Only worn once, in near new condition $150 for 1 or both for $250. If interested call Jess or Leanne on 41621982 (Ah)

- 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)46843892

- Yarraman Kindergarten is holding it’s ANNUAL CELEBRATION:
  - Yarraman Memorial Hall Sat 15 June, Entry $5 – includes Morning Tea & a sheet of tickets. For more details contact Yarraman Kindy on 41638174.
• **ALTO SAXOPHONE FOR SALE:** As new Steinhoff Alto Saxophone - $350. Hardly been used. Phone Sharon on 41622884.

• **FOR SALE:** Formal Wear: Henry Roth Dress, Red, Lace up Back $150; Miss Anne Dress, Purple, Stretchy, Size 24, $50. Kenwood Car Speakers 1 Set x 180 Watt; 1 Set x 160 Watt; prefer to sell together $180 ono. Phone Sarah 0400756328.

• **FOR SALE:** Double wooden bed with drawers on base and two bedside, includes a mattress $200. Solid pine 6 seater dining table. $60. Please contact Joel on 0412071429 or Paige on 0432508026 if you are interested.

• **TENNIS LESSONS:** Brad Boynton 0409895527 mrbproten@bigpond.com

Any mums interested in working a few hours a week and being trained to become Learn To Swim Teachers?

Austswim Course. No Experience Necessary.

Must be able to work after school and Saturday mornings.

Kingaroy Aquatic Centre Ph: 4162 1863