



# KINGARROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL

## NEWSLETTER

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### EVERY DAY COUNTS

#### STUDENTS

The sympathy of the whole school community is extended to **Mrs Gail Miles**, and her son **Jake** (Year 12), following the untimely passing of **Mr Shaun Miles** on 24 May. Our thoughts are with you at this extremely difficult time.

Preparations continue for the **Year 7 students** who will commence here in 2015. A project manager and an architect have been appointed to plan and design our Year 7 building, which will be a significant building containing about 14 new classrooms.

#### STAFFING

Welcome to **Mr Sean Wicks** and **Ms Mayleen Green** who have started teaching contracts at the school this week. Mr Wicks is a past student of the school and it is great to have him back here as a teacher.

Best wishes to **Mrs Karen Cush** who will be having the next two weeks on long service leave.

#### CURRICULUM

**End of Semester I tests** are under way now and will continue through next week.

**Semester I Reports** will be sent home with students on Thursday 11 July, and then **Parent-Teacher Interviews** will be on Monday 15 July from 3:30pm to 6:30pm.

#### CO-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

**Thank you** to everyone who helped in any way with the **QSSRL 18 Years State Championships** held at the **T J O'Neill Oval** recently. The event ran very smoothly and it was a fine team effort by many people. Special thanks to the Kingaroy Rugby League Club, led by Mr Michael Dugdell and Mr Ryan Sullivan, who had a first class venue well prepared for the championships. The food and coffee was great, as was the work of our many volunteers.

#### COMING EVENTS

- Friday 7 June
- Monday 10 June
- Tuesday 11 June, 7:00pm
- Mon 17 – Wed 19 June
- Thursday 20 June
- Friday 21 June
- Saturday 22 June
- Monday 8 July
- Mon 15 July 3:30-6:30pm
- End of Semester I Tests start.
- Queen's Birthday Holiday
- Parent Night of Managing Social Media Responsibly
- Yr 11 & 12 Ecoman Program
- Bunya Shield vs Dalby at Kingaroy
- Last day Semester I
- Students & Staff leave for Japan Tour
- First day of Semester II
- Parent-Teacher Interviews

*David Ballin*, PRINCIPAL

#### SPEAK OUT AGAINST BULLYING

**STAND UP!**  
**SPEAK OUT!**

[standup@kingaroyshs.eq.edu.au](mailto:standup@kingaroyshs.eq.edu.au)

Bullying or any unkind and hurtful behaviour will not be tolerated at this school. We want to know about students who may be acting inappropriately towards others. Please use this email address so that we can act on your information to help make our school a safe and happy place of learning.

*Pauline Peter & Scott Dempster*, ATTP

#### SCHOOL PHOTOS

School photos will take place on **Tuesday 30 July**. Order envelopes were distributed to students today. Please ensure that each student returns his/her envelope to the school office, even if payment is made in the eldest child's envelope. Envelopes are not to be placed inside other envelopes. Advanced Life Photography has an automated system for payments by credit card. You can go online to [www.advancedlife.com.au](http://www.advancedlife.com.au) for easy to understand payment instructions. You will receive a **receipt number** which **MUST** be **written on the order envelope** in the space provided. Payments can also be made by cash, cheque or money order. If you want to have an individual photo taken please ensure your son/daughter knows this and has the photo taken. Advance Life do not photograph students individually, only those who wish to order an individual photo. Sibling Photos are also available, a 'family order envelope' can be collected from the office. **Students are to bring envelopes on or preferably before Photo Day.**

*Scott Dempster*, ATTP

#### 'USING SOCIAL MEDIA RESPONSIBLY' PARENT NIGHT

We invite you to a Parent Information and Forum to discuss the use of

**Social Media in a Responsible Way.**

**Tuesday, 11 June, 7pm in the Assembly Hall**

The benefits and the pitfalls of social media will be on the agenda. Please come and join in the discussion.



## AUSTRALIAN GEOGRAPHY COMPETITION

Last term over 50 students from Year 8 to 12 participated in the Australian Geography Competition. Congratulations to all the students who participated and a special mention to the following students who were awarded Credit and Distinction certificates in their age division.

**SENIOR:** Credits to Keanu and Ben.

**INTERMEDIATE:** Distinctions to Grace, Sara and Billy. Credits to Blake, Tasma, Amy, Johanna.

**JUNIOR:** Distinction to Kate. Credits to Daniel and Jenna.

This is a rigorous competition with questions that can challenge Geography gurus, well done students.

*Don Mengel*, ACTING HOD SOCIAL SCIENCE

## 2013 WIDE BAY CROSS COUNTRY

This year's Wide Bay Cross Country was held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> May at Bundaberg on the course that will be used for the State Championships in July. Twenty students from Kingaroy High competed as part of the South Burnett team against athletes from Bundaberg, Fraser, Cooloola and North Burnett Districts. Kingaroy High's best result was by Katinka winning the 15 years girls event and receiving the age champion trophy for her efforts. Katinka was selected in the Wide Bay team and will be joined by Georgia (6<sup>th</sup>, 15yrs girls), Hayley (3<sup>rd</sup>, 16yrs girls), Belinda (6<sup>th</sup>, 16yrs girls), Jackie (2<sup>nd</sup>, 18-19yrs girls) and Ashley (3<sup>rd</sup>, 15yrs boys). The State Cross Country championships will be held on 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> July and we wish these students and the Wide Bay team success at this event.

Congratulations also go to the rest of our school and district competitors who performed well in their respective age groups.

*Steve Corstiaans*, TEAM MANAGER

## INTER-SCHOOL FUTSAL SHIELD

Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> May witnessed the first round of the inter-school Futsal Shield between Kingaroy SHS and St Mary's Catholic College. This competition will consist of 3 rounds, over 3 terms, in a state of origin like best of 3 series. Round 1 saw some great futsal being played with both a high level of skill and sportsmanship on show. Also it was great to see the large number of supporters, both parents and students, who came to cheer on the students.

| Home Team      | Score | Away Team                         |
|----------------|-------|-----------------------------------|
| KSHS 8 Blue    | 2-8   | St Mary's Green                   |
| KSHS 8 Navy    | 4-4   | St Mary's Maroon                  |
| KSHS 9         | 4-4   | St Mary's 9                       |
| KSHS 10/11     | 10-0  | St Mary's 10/11 (yr9 team played) |
| KSHS 12        | 12-1  | St Mary's 12 (yr9 team played)    |
| KSHS Girls Jnr | 7-1   | St Mary's Girls Jnr               |
| KSHS Girls Snr | 5-0   | St Mary's Girls Snr               |

*Peter Collins*, FUTSAL COACH

## MENTORING: CAN YOU HELP?

Our Community Program is continuing this semester with fifteen mentors spending time with students and assisting them in a range of areas. We really appreciate the time these community members are prepared to invest in our young people.

We would love to have more community members involved in this very worthwhile program. Do you have 70 minutes a week that you can commit to work with one or two of our younger students? An Orientation afternoon is provided and the school can facilitate the acquisition of a Blue Card.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer or know of a family member or friend who might be interested, please drop in to the office to collect an information pack, or ring the school and one can be posted or emailed to you.

Our next Orientation session is Thursday 20 June at 3:30pm at the school.

*Meryl Roberts*, LEARNING SUPPORT COORDINATOR

## QCS

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) test preparation has been intensive since the start of this term with QCS students considering strategies for, and modelling of, Short Response (SR) and Writing Task (WT) questions. In order to simulate "the real deal", 77 students (only 2 absent) sat a practice SR and WT paper on Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> May under **identical test conditions** that they will experience on 03/09 and 04/09. Whilst the vast majority of students were well prepared in terms of equipment, there were several students who were disadvantaged because they lacked certain equipment for the SR test such as a drawing compass, protractor, calculator or ruler. It is advisable that ALL students ensure they bring the full complement of equipment for our next practice (14/08). The experienced QCS teachers will mark the SR responses and an experienced WT marker, Clive Newton, will mark the WT responses. Feedback will be given to all students on 19/06.

The QCS preparation continues on a Wednesday afternoon, period 4. A summary of key dates is:

- 19/06 – Clive Newton and QCS teachers give feedback to students from practice SR and WT responses
- 24/7 – Practice Multiple Choice test
- 14/08 – Second Full-day Practice (SR and WT) test
- 03/09 and 04/09 – Statewide QCS test.

*Jenny Tessmann*, ACTING HOD CURRICULUM EXPLICIT TEACHING

## VOCAL GROUP SUCCESS

On Wednesday of last week, the KSHS Vocal Group was awarded a Silver Medal at the Darling Downs South West Division heats of Choral Fanfare. We travelled to Toowoomba to compete in the biannual competition, which is organised by Education Queensland.



The aim of Choral Fanfare is to showcase Queensland's best State School Choirs, as well as celebrate the work being done by music teachers, choral directors and students. The Vocal Group performed four pieces at the regional heats: "Wade In The Water", "Ein Jäger aus Kurpfalz", "Scarborough Fair/Canticle" and "You Raise Me Up". The adjudicator praised the group's performance stating that there are "some very fine voices across this ensemble" and that the group is "fabulously tight".

*Sue Dowideit Reiger*, CHOIR CONDUCTOR

## MATHLETICS

After a brief, but successful, trial by several Maths teachers, KSHS is now "sponsoring" a 6 month subscription to the website, **Mathletics**. It is an educational website that is supportive and effective for students of all ages (kindergarten to Yr 12) and abilities.

**Mathletics** can be used in a variety of ways from reinforcing mental computation to being a support resource and learning tool for all students. Teachers set courses from the Australian Mathematics Curriculum so that students "logging on" complete tasks **set by their own teacher**. The tasks have a "**help**" section, as required, and **rewards** such as certificates and "mathematical games" that become available, amongst other numerous facilities. Teachers are able to monitor individual progress of students and can tailor work to suit.

It is important to note that students can (and should) access **Mathletics** from **home and school** (24hrs a day, 7 days a week) by going to [www.mathletics.com](http://www.mathletics.com) and using the username and password supplied by the student's Maths teacher. If your child does not have these details by the end of week 8, please refer them to his/her Maths teacher.

*Jenny Tessmann*, ACTING HOD CURRICULUM EXPLICIT TEACHING

## IMMUNISATION CATCH-UP CLINIC

Childhood diseases such as measles and whooping cough are serious and potentially fatal. The risk of complications from disease is much higher than the risks of complications from immunisation.

For any students that were unable to attend this round of school immunisations there will be a catch-up clinic at the Council Chambers, Glendon St Kingaroy on **Wednesday the 12th of June at 3:00pm.**

*Annette Montebello*, SCHOOL BASED YOUTH HEALTH NURSE

## FROM THE CHAPLAIN

**OUR CHOIRS:** I have had the absolute pleasure of accompanying our choirs for several trips and functions in the past few months. The bonds that students form with other students of varying ages, the values, respect, discipline and manners they develop are so beneficial. The students have also had the opportunity to meet and learn from other students and their performances. The Core Choir conductor for Creative Generation had one of her adult choirs perform for the students and all these adults motivate the students and build their values. They have also learnt about conducting and managing events. I would really encourage students to get involved in extra curricular activities, whether it be art, cattle club, dance, drama, fossicking, hospitality, music, singing, sport etc, - the advantages are phenomenal. I would also encourage parents to experience what our students can do – they are amazing!

*...whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things. Phil 4:8*

*Ruth Wright*, CHAPLAIN 41600686

## LIBRARY NEWS

The recent announcement by the Prime Minister Julia Gillard of a \$1 billion national reading blitz to improve childhood literacy has reinforced the importance of reading and of programs such as the MS Readathon.

Some KSHS students have registered for the MS Readathon challenge. It is not too late to join. Visit the website: <http://www.msreadathon.org.au/> The 2013 MS Readathon will be underway shortly. We would love for you to be a part of this iconic Australian reading-based fundraiser. Registration opened on Monday 3 June and the Readathon period is from 1 – 31 August. "60 Minutes for MS" will be held on 23 August.

Our school library has an extensive range of books for study and recreational reading. New items are purchased regularly and students are encouraged to enjoy what is on offer.

The library is also central to the teaching and learning of our school and our staff are pleased to assist students with their study and research requirements.

The library is open before and after school for any students requiring access to computers and resources.

Overdue notices and letters are sent out regularly. Unfortunately there are still resources outstanding from previous years.

If you have any KSHS items 'holidaying' at your home, please return them to the school library ASAP.

Thanks for your cooperation and assistance in all Library matters.

*Judy Conomos*, LIBRARIAN

## ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION

Once again it is time for students to nominate to participate in the ICAS English competition, conducted by the University of New South Wales. This national competition gives students the opportunity to apply their knowledge, skills and understanding to identify, interpret and synthesise information about texts. The competition format is similar to the Year 9 NAPLAN task, as well as the Year 12 QCS test, so a wide range of students will benefit from being involved. Students receive an individual report containing detailed data regarding their performance, as well as a participation certificate.

The **2013 English Competition** takes place on **Wednesday 31 July**, but interested students need to nominate now. The English / LOTE Department will subsidise the nomination fee, so students only need to contribute **\$4** to be involved. If you would like your student to participate, please pay the nomination fee to the school accounts officer in the Administration Building by **Friday 14 June.**

*Paul Hutton*, ACTING HOD ENGLISH/LOTE

## DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Congratulations to those students who will be travelling to Japan over the holidays. This will be a great Adventurous Journey for you all. Some students have already nominated this as their AJ for Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards. If you haven't already done so, make sure your D of E paperwork is up-to-date before you leave!

Applications for participation in the Bridge, Bronze, Silver and Gold Awards can be made at any time. See library staff for a current form, pay your fee to the school office and start recording your physical activity, skill development and volunteering, then start thinking about a suitable journey.

Unfortunately, the final training and assessment for our two canoe instructors has once again been postponed. I will advise as soon as the school is able to offer this activity. I know many students are still hoping to include this activity for their AJ.

There has been a holdup with some students accessing their online records, but hopefully everyone's accounts are once again active.

All participants must remember the requirements for Adventurous Journeys are very rigid. Do not expect State to sign off on any AJ that does not meet the rigorous requirement of the program.

Please email me at [jmega1@eq.edu.au](mailto:jmega1@eq.edu.au) if you have any concerns.

*Judy Conomos*, DUKE OF EDINBURGH COORDINATOR

## TURN YOUR SPARE ROOM INTO FOREIGN EXCHANGE

Kingaroy State High School has now hosted 3 students under its International Student Program who come from afar to live in Kingaroy and study at our school. These are adventurous young people with a cosmopolitan outlook from all parts of the world. We are always looking to find suitable accommodation with adventurous host families on a 3, 6, 9 or 12 month basis. The students will pay board for their own room and be expected to mix in with their host family.

We hope that the school community will become involved in this exciting program – there are many benefits for those involved – and offer their homes to enable a young person to experience the rich rural lifestyle Kingaroy has to offer.

Please contact **Louise Collins** (Program Coordinator), or **Ross Whiteford** (Homestay Coordinator) on 4160 0666 for further details.

*Ross Whiteford & Louise Collins* COORDINATORS

## CANTEEN ROSTER

| MON  | 10/06/13 | PUBLIC HOLIDAY                  |
|------|----------|---------------------------------|
| TUES | 11/06/13 | Christine Teakle, Debbie Litzow |
| WED  | 12/06/13 | Colleen Gunn, Mandy Blair       |
| THUR | 13/06/13 | Joni Mullins                    |
| FRI  | 14/06/13 | Leanne Rubesaame                |
| MON  | 17/06/13 | Janine Hockenull                |
| TUES | 18/06/13 | Sonja Love                      |
| WED  | 19/06/13 | Vicki Rossi, Jan Lamborne       |
| THUR | 20/06/13 | Linda Newman, Des Cook          |
| FRI  | 21/06/13 | 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 ring Lorraine on 41600676 or a/h 41622264.

## COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Looking to improve your fitness?** Contact **Cameron Neuendorf** – nationally qualified and ranked coach, personal trainer & athlete on 0481 143 323 or email at [cam\\_neuendorf@hotmail.com](mailto:cam_neuendorf@hotmail.com)
- **100 Years on the Block Festival** – Celebrating 100 years of the 1913 Kingaroy Shire Council Chamber – **Saturday 8 June 10am-4pm.** *Jumping Castle, Face painting, Country Music, Vintage Displays, Market Stalls, SB Youth Choir and much more.*
- 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*
- **SB AUTISM TRIVIA NIGHT Sat 15 June 7:00pm. Bookings Essential. Cost \$10**  
*Call Melissa 41625339/0427691017 or Tracey: 41629731*