KINGAROY STATE HIGH SCHOOL
NEWSLETTER

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Pauline Peters (Acting), Eddie Groom (Acting)

EVERY DAY COUNTS - ACTIVE PARTICIPATION EVERY CLASS

STUDENTS

Congratulations to every student who has attended school every day this year. Those students immediately gave themselves the best opportunity to achieve to their potential.

I would also like to congratulate all students who have negotiated their assessment period over the last ten days in particular. With increasing organisation skills an overwhelming majority of students from Years 8-12 have communicated well with teachers in order to meet deadlines and ensure the best product for each assessment task.

This week we had Year 11 and 12 students participate in the Ecoman program. Such programs provide opportunities to extend beyond the usual classroom activities. Students had the opportunity to create a viable business, and on Wednesday, present their business to the Board and guests. For those students involved, apart from the academic opportunities, it has provided the chance to develop a plethora of skills such as problem solving, team work and communication.

Our Committee chairpersons have continued to lead in their respective areas with Kate McCormack and her Cultural Committee looking to organise some cultural activities, the first of which is during the holidays when students and staff will travel to Toowoomba to see a comedy. Mikayla Layt, in her role as Welfare Committee Chair, is working on aspects of the Year 12 Formal and will be holding a free dress day in the early part of Term 3. Amie Mason’s Environment Committee is preparing to plant a large number of shrubs and trees around the school grounds in order to help reduce erosion.

We wish all our Year 11 and 12 Arts students, as well as Mrs Corstiaans and Mrs Harch all the best as they fly to Sydney on Sydney on Saturday for the Arts trip. The tour is jam-packed with all sorts of Arts activities for the five days. It’s a great extension opportunity to experience what Sydney’s music, art and drama community has to offer.

STAFF

This week we farewell Mrs Judy Conomos who is taking some well earned leave for Term 3. As well we wish Ms Colleen Wilson all the best for her leave leading into maternity leave for the rest of this year.
Mr Scott Dempster will continue as Acting Principal at Dirranbandi so Mr Eddie Groom will remain in his Assistant to the Principal role for Term 3.

CURRICULUM

All Year 8 and 9 students have now been tested in the Accelerated Reader Program and this week letters should have arrived in each household. Because the skill of reading and understanding what you are reading is so important, across every subject area and then most jobs, we are working really hard with all Year 8 and 9 students to improve their levels in reading. It is very important that students continue to read every day at home as well as at school. The sight of a growing number of students in the library at lunch times this week both reading and selecting new books has been heartening. Keep it up, Year 8 and 9 students! You are giving yourself a chance to reach your potential.

JUNIOR SECONDARY

Work in a number of areas continues in order to ensure that by the time the Year 7 and 8 students walk through the Kingaroy High doors in January 2014 we will provide them with the best possible education. Our HODs have been working on mapping the Year 7, 8 and 9 curriculum, while all HODs and some of our key junior secondary staff have spent time in different feeder primary schools. Time spent in the schools allows the High School staff to get to know a lot of the Year 6 and 7 students, to see what goes on in a primary school classroom, and on some occasions our staff have been teaching lessons. It was also great to see some parents of Year 6 and 7 at the May P & C meeting.

Early in Term 3 we will be able to announce who the primary school and other teachers moving into Junior Secondary at Kingaroy High in 2015 will be. Some of those staff have been spending time in the Junior Secondary classrooms with our current Year 8 and 9 students to see how our classrooms operate.

As we move closer to the Year 7’s joining the High School, in just over 100 school days, there will be more information shared with our Year 6 and 7 feeder school students. More information will be continuously added to the Kingaroy High website (Curriculum – Junior Secondary). If there are students from school outside the feeder schools, please contact our Front Office and leave an email (preferable) or mailing address if you would like information sent to you.
Apart from the ever-growing Junior Secondary building which will continue during the holidays, with the top floor concrete pour, as well as other supporting work, the campus will be a busy place for maintenance. There will be painting, replacement of posts and walkways, carpet and vinyl replacement, as well as concreting across most blocks in the school. In addition, the canteen will be extended to cater for the Year 7 influx in 2015, and work will continue across the campus with the fire hydrants.

With all of the above work, we ask that everyone stays away from the campus, if possible. For families needing to access the dental van, the only access will be parking in the bus turnaround area or Sports Hall carpark and walking on the gully side below the Sports Hall to the van.

**FACILITIES AND GROUNDS**

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Year 8 students will see changes to electives, but all other subjects will remain the same. Please note that all students (Years 8-12) will be given a new timetable on the first day of Term 3.

**10 TIPS FOR RAISING CHILDREN OF CHARACTER**

*by Dr. Kevin Ryan*

It is one of those essential facts of life that raising good children — children of character — demands time and attention. While having children may be “doing what comes naturally,” being a good parent is much more complicated. Here are ten tips to help your children build sturdy characters:

1. **Put parenting first.** This is hard to do in a world with so many competing demands. Good parents consciously plan and devote time to parenting. They make developing their children’s character their top priority.

2. **Review how you spend the hours and days of your week.** Think about the amount of time your children spend with you. Plan how you can weave your children into your social life and knit yourself into their lives.

3. **Be a good example.** Face it: human beings learn primarily through modelling. In fact, you can’t avoid being an example to your children, whether good or bad. Being a good example, then, is probably your most important job.

4. **Develop an ear and an eye for what your children are absorbing.** Children are like sponges. Much of what they take in has to do with moral values and character. Books, songs, TV, the Internet, and films are continually delivering messages—moral and immoral—to our children. As parents we must control the flow of ideas and images that are influencing our children.

5. **Use the language of character.** Children cannot develop a moral compass unless people around them use the clear, sharp language of right and wrong.

6. **Punish with a loving heart.** Today, punishment has a bad reputation. The results are guilt-ridden parents and self-indulgent, out-of-control children. Children need limits. They will ignore these limits on occasion. Reasonable punishment is one of the ways human beings have always learned. Children must understand what punishment is for and know that its source is parental love.

7. **Learn to listen to your children.** It is easy for us to tune out the talk of our children. One of the greatest things we can do for them is to take them seriously and set aside time to listen.

8. **Get deeply involved in your child’s school life.** School is the main event in the lives of our children. Their experience there is a mixed bag of triumphs and disappointments. How they deal with them will influence the course of their lives. Helping our children become good students is another name for helping them acquire strong character.

9. **Make a big deal out of the family meal.** One of the most dangerous trends these days is the dying of the family meal. The dinner table is not only a place of sustenance and family business but also a place for the teaching and passing on of our values. Manners and rules are subtly absorbed over the table. Family mealtime should communicate and sustain ideals that children will draw on throughout their lives.

10. **Do not reduce character education to words alone.** We gain virtue through practice. Parents should help children by promoting moral action through self-discipline, good work habits, kind and considerate behaviour to others, and community service. The bottom line in character development is behaviour—their behaviour.

As parents, we want our children to be the architects of their own character crafting, while we accept the responsibility to be architects of the environment—physical and moral. We need to create an environment in which our children can develop habits of honesty, generosity, and a sense of justice. For most of us, the greatest opportunity we personally have to deepen our own character is through the daily blood, sweat and tears of struggling to be good parents.

[Helen Maudsley, Principal (Acting)]

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**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos will take place on Tuesday 29 July. 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) and enter the 9 digit Online Key Code found on your envelope and follow the instructions. 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 does not photograph students individually, only those who wish to order an individual photo. Sibling Photos are also available, so a “sibling order envelope” can be collected from the office. Students are to bring envelopes on, or preferably, before Photo Day.

**Eddie Groom, ATTP (Acting)**

**YEAR 10 NEWS**

It has been a very busy and successful semester for Year 10s. Throughout the semester many students have participated in various academic, sporting and extra-curricular activities. Highlights include the Science Challenge, Inter-school Netball, the Broncos Challenge, Geo Group fossickings adventures and Art Group, whilst many Year 10s are fiercely contesting the Bunya Shield in Dalby today.

It has also been a busy assessment period. Well done to the majority of students who consistently showed commitment to their studies, met due dates, and upheld their responsibilities. Please encourage your child to plan and organise their study, to avoid missing important due dates and deadlines, and ensure they achieve to the best of their ability. This is a valuable skill that will set them up for life.

Last Thursday Mandy Cammefman, one of our Guidance Officers, visited our assembly to provide some valuable information and advice about subject selection, work experience, apprenticeships and the various options for Year 11 and 12 and beyond. Later in the year there will be a Year 10 into 11 parent information evening to elaborate on these issues, but we feel it is important to encourage students to consider their options early and know that the work they are doing in class now will impact on future opportunities.

Well done to the Year 10 Form class who received the most VIVO rewards for the term. These students can collect an icy-pole tomorrow lunch for their efforts. We wish all Year 10s a safe and enjoyable holiday and hope they return for Semester 2 refreshed, in correct uniform, and ready to learn.

**Courtney Turner & Dave Hill, Year 10 Coordinators**

**YEAR 8 NEWS**

‘Student of the Term’ awards have been received by another deserving group of Year 8s. Congratulations to the following students who were nominated by Year 8 teachers for demonstrating an excellent attitude and work ethic across their various classes:


For those Year 8 students who haven’t as yet received a Student of the Term Award, don’t despair! Chances are if you continue to work hard in class, are well-mannered and helpful, and complete all your homework and assignments on time you will be in the next group of nominees. In the meantime, check your VIVOs to see how your points have increased! See one of the helpful teachers in F15 at lunch time if you would like to check your VIVOs at school.

Well Year 8s, it is half way through your first year of high school! You have all come a long way since the start of the year when we spoke to you on your first assembly. Some of you were nervous, some scared, some full of anticipation as to what high school would bring,... Give yourself a pat on the back if you’ve worked hard to achieve your best and have been a responsible member of our school community.

**Melissa Kempson & Peter Collins, Year 8 Coordinators**

**VIVO REWARDS**

Throughout Semester One, students have received VIVOs as a reward for showing positive behaviour, honesty, industry and leadership. The following students have been awarded the highest number of VIVOs in their year level for Semester 1 - Perlena Wesener (Year 8), Isabella Strauss (Year 9), Nicole McBride (Year 10), Jessica Blanch (Year 11) and Callum Allery (Year 12). As recognition of students’ hard work and behaviour the leading form class in each year level will be rewarded with a special prize on the last day of term. The leading form classes are 8L, 9C, 10G, 11L and 12A. Well done to these form classes for Semester 1!

Encourage your student to log onto [www.vivomiles.com.au](http://www.vivomiles.com.au) at home where you can see their positive feedback from teachers!

**Jodi Charlton, Teacher**
YEAR 9 NEWS

Year 9 students have mostly completed their Semester One assessment and are now engaged in literacy and numeracy activities in most of their subjects. This is an important process in helping students to improve their educational ability; with constant skills practise students’ results will improve over the long term. We encourage Year 9 students to enjoy a relaxing mid-year holiday, but this does not mean learning should cease. Some suggestions:

- Reading for pleasure: there are plenty of young adult books at libraries and bookstores to fire young people’s imaginations.
- News awareness: every Year 9 student should be exposed to current affairs through watching a nightly television news bulletin or scanning a daily newspaper.
- Journal writing: recording thoughts and feelings in a diary can be a cathartic and creative activity.

We look forward to diving head-first into Semester Two after a fortnight of refreshment!

Nerissa Maudsley & Michael Stevens, YEAR 9 COORDINATORS

ART DEPARTMENT

Recently, Year 11 and Year 12 Art Students went on an excursion to Brisbane where we visited Old Government House (at QUT Garden’s Point campus) and participated in a workshop where we looked at the work of QLD artist, William Robinson.

We visited the GoMA (Gallery of Modern Art) where we saw the amazing work of Chinese contemporary artist Cai Guo-Qiang.

Also on view was the Creative Generation 2013 Touring Exhibition where we saw 2013 student, Emma Goodhew’s work.

This month, some of our talented Year 11 and 12 Art students are exhibiting work from Semester One in Utopia Café. Why not drop in for a coffee and enjoy their creations? It will be on display until July 1st.

Wendy Corstiaans, ART COORDINATOR

ACCELERATED READER

Next, another THANK YOU – to all the people who have been involved with setting up the Accelerated Reading program. This has been a mammoth undertaking – locating books, labelling inside and out, shelving, sorting folders, letters to parents, testing and recording data. Thank you especially to Mrs Oliphant for her tireless efforts! Thanks also to Mr McLoughlin, Ms Iszlaub, Mrs Ahnon, Mrs Clark, Ms Maudsley, Mrs Rowe and Mrs Connelly for all their help and organisation. Students have had their initial tests and by the end of this week most should have borrowed a book suitable for their reading level and interest. Some students have started testing and letters will arrive home soon. If you have any questions about the Accelerated Reading program, please contact us at school.

Judy Conomos, TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

First, congratulations and THANK YOU to all those families who WONT be getting overdue letters in the mail! It’s really appreciated that the majority of students do a great job of returning library and textbooks on time. Unfortunately, there are a considerable number of students who have not returned their books, despite repeated notification in Form class. The majority of the letters just signed for sending were for English class novels that I know are long since finished with and should have been returned weeks ago! With new units starting for most English classes it is imperative that overdue books are returned immediately as students will not be able to borrow if they have outstanding items.

I am on leave for Term 3. I’m really looking forward to having some time off, catching up with family and friends and doing some travelling. Meanwhile – keep reading and have a relaxing and enjoyable holiday break.

Judy Conomos, TEACHER-LIBRARIAN

DUKE OF EDINBURGH

Dukes gives young people the chance to try new things, learn new skills, explore new places and meet new friends along the way. All this can help you make a difference to yourself, your community and even help when you are applying for a job. The program is all about challenging yourself and being rewarded for your achievements.

Participants design their own program, selecting activities that interest them, then set their goals according to the minimum requirements. Individual effort, perseverance and progress are the standards for achieving an Award. The Award is to be completed substantially in the participants’ own time. Importantly, the program is self-directed. I encourage all students to take control of their Award and keep working hard.

If you would like to join, see the ladies in the library for a form. The Bridge Award costs $40. Direct entry into the Bronze, Silver or Gold Award costs $140 and continuation into Silver or Gold costs $100. Payment is made to the school and paperwork must be signed off here before it is sent through to Brisbane.

I look forward to finding lots of completed Awards when I get back from my holidays.

Judy Conomos, DUKE OF EDINBURGH COORDINATOR

FROM THE G.O. - DATES TO REMEMBER

WE Explore Engineering Day – Yr 12 female students. Thursday 17 July 8:45am to 2:30pm, University of Qld St Lucia. Register at www.eait.uq.edu.au/engineering-futures-evening

UMAT- Year 12’s: Students who wish to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test this year collect details from GO office. If you are interested in Medicine, Dental, Medical Science, at a Qld. or interstate university, check with us to see if this applies to you. Refer http://umat.acer.edu.au. Applications close on June 6. Test is on 30th July, 2014.


USQ Toowoomba Careers Day 2014: Year 10: 27 August, 2014. Gives you an opportunity to find out more about life after school and how study can help you get your dream job. For more info go to: www.usq.edu.au/careers-day or call 1800269500

Rural Clinical School - Year 11’s: 27 August If you are interested in studying medicine you may like to attend the Rural Clinical School at the University of Queensland.

Mandy Camfferman, GUIDANCE OFFICER

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P & C NEWS

I hope all staff and students has an enjoyable break during the school holiday period.

Thanks to the parents and grandparents WHO assist as canteen volunteers and to the parents, students and staff members who assist on Saturday mornings at the Mart Auction. We need more volunteers and would urgently like to hear from anyone who can assist in either the Canteen or the Mart Auction.

Thank you to Mr Evan Blanch who last night was voted as Vice President of the P & C. It is great to have continued support and the willingness of parents to step up and take on formal roles.

Next P&C Meeting is on 22 July 2014 at 7.30pm in the Community Building, all are welcome.

Debbie Jackson, P & C President

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If you are unable to work on your day, please try and swap ring with someone and let Lorraine know. If you can’t swap ring Lorraine on 41600676 or a/h 41622264.

2014 Early School Leavers Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

- FOR SALE: FOR SALE: Second Hand Hospitality Shirt (Black with Red Collar; B&W Checks around collar and sleeves); Size Small LWR Brand. If interested please see Mrs Walker in Student Services.
- FOR SALE: ‘As new’ uniforms: 2 x Size 12 Polo; 1 x Winter Jumper size 14 - $55 the lot. Phone: 0402 122 926
- FOR SALE: 1 x XXL spray jacket - very good condition $20.00; 1 x XL spray jacket - worn once - new condition $50.00 Phone Karen 0407 143 603
- UNIFORMS: Spray Jacket Size S $20; Formal Skirt Size 14 $20; Formal Shirt Size 10 $10; 2 Senior Polo Shirt Size 10 & 12 $10 each; Formal Socks (new) $5; Hat (worn once) $5. All good condition Ph. 0438628246
- UNIFORMS: 5 Size M Snr School polo shirts Good Condition $15 each; Call Kathy on 0438153860
- FOR SALE Size 16 School Blazer (has old logo) - suit show team or student leader. Very Good Condition. Price $50. Call 0427685797
- UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Three Size 22 Junior Shirts; One Size 18 Sweat Shirt – hardly worn. Call 0427816524
- UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Blazer Size 12 82cm $99 (Blazer bought new); Long Skirt Size 16 $25 (Skirt bought new); Spray Jacket (Small) $40; Spray Jacket (Medium) $40; Formal Shirt Girls Size 10 $15. All in good condition. Contact: 0409275375.
- FOR SALE: Band Uniforms 1 x Size 22 Slammers Blue Long Sleeve Shirt; 1 x 39cm Lowes Long Sleeve white shirt; 2 x 39cm Lowes Long Sleeve Black Shirt; 1 x Size 22 or 117cm KSHS Concert Band/Formal Jacket; 1 x Size 18 or 102cm KSHS Concert Band/Formal Jacket; 1 x KSHS Tie. All in excellent condition, jackets have been dry-cleaned. Shirts $10 each; Jackets $120 each; Tie $5. Contact 41642380.
- FOR SALE – Formal Shirt Size S (never been worn). $25. Contact Kathy 0427691425
- UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Berelle Long Band Formal Skirt Size 14 $20; 1 x Wide Bay Athletics Singlet Size 10 $10. Email Wendy Krosch on kmpools@hotmail.com or phone 41622749 / 0428622740
- UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 1 Spray jacket $25; 2 x Size 16 short skirts $10 each Phone Korina on 41636107 / 0458984959
- PURSERS COACHES – UPCOMING EVENTS: Saturday 12 July Nambour Garden Expo; UPCOMING TOURS: Canberra Highlights (including Floriade) 15 September – 19 September; New Zealand Tour 24 September; Great Southern Route (including Kangaroo Island & Great Ocean Road) 25 October – 5 November 2014. For further information contact Pursers Coaches on 41681533

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ABSENTEE LINE:

41600660

ENVIRONMENTAL FACT

The energy required to collect, process and sell a reused item of clothing is only 2% of the energy required to manufacture a new garment. Recycle unwanted clothing by donating them to charities or op-shops, or pass them on to other family members.