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NEWSLETTER

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PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

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SET PLANNING

This year we have opted to host SET planning interviews for Year 10 students over 3 days. It is pleasing to see such a large number of parents and students undertaking this process and I sincerely thank everyone who has attended these interviews already. The 2016 timetable is under construction and I am keen to have all Year 10 into Year 11 subject selection processes completed by 31st August. Mrs Rebecca Zischke (Guidance Officer) will be in contact with those families who still require a SET Plan interview.

YEAR 11 LEADERSHIP DAY

On Wednesday 19th August I had the pleasure of working with the current Year 11 students at the Leadership Day held at the Kingaroy Hall. The students worked through a number of sessions, hosted by Mr Matthew Langford, however the standout session was the one delivered by local business identities, Mr Ken Mills and Mrs Barb Maddern and Mr Graham Jenkins. Both speakers delivered an insightful message that students need to be bold and brave in everything that they do and accept leadership opportunities when they arise. The message also focussed on the fact that pitfalls in life are simply road humps and that failure is a great learning curve to building resilience.

There is an extensive leadership selection process that the Year 11 students are currently working through. I look forward to announcing the 2016 School Leaders at Speech night on 15th October.

Mr Ashley Roediger, PRINCIPAL

COMING EVENTS

Friday 28th August
South Burnett Athletics – Kingaroy

Tuesday 1st & 2nd September
QCS Testing
Year 12 Major Drama Production

Friday 4th September
Wide Bay Athletics

Monday 14th & 15th September
Bunya Shield

Thursday 17th September
New Zealand Trip Departs

— END —
Whilst we will try to run every elective that is listed in the hand book, there are always some subjects that will not get sufficient student numbers for us to be able to run it. This is where we will endeavour to run a subject in at least one semester, but if the numbers are not there, then students will be allocated the next available preference on their preference list. It is therefore, extremely important that students think carefully, and are fully informed, about their subject preference list that they submit. We will also follow the policy of NOT making changes once the list is submitted, because if all processes are followed correctly then there is no reason to ask for changes.

**NETBALL EXCELLENCY PROGRAM**

In 2016 we will launch the Kingaroy High Netball Excellence program for students in Year 7, 8 & 9 in 2016. I spoke about this program to Year 6 parents at their recent parent night but we will hold a specific parent & student information night at 6pm on October 13. This is where you can bring your questions and we will be able to not only provide more information about the program but answer specific questions. In the meantime, if you want an overview of the program, there is a brochure available at the Front Office and any queries can be sent to me at hmaud2@eq.edu.au or by phoning the School.

Helen Maudsley, DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

**KINGARY SHS BYOD (Bring Your Own Device)**

As the National Secondary Schools Fund (NSSCF) project comes to an end in December 2015 for all schools, we will be entering an exciting new phase of BYOD. BYOD stands for “Bring Your Own Device”.

As the Federal Government funding model for computers in schools has changed, money that was once available to provide 1:1 computer access to students has not been renewed. While in the coming years, there will be a limited number of school owned computers available for student use, this will diminish over time as current computers reach their end of life. As time goes by, it will become increasingly beneficial for students to have their own computers that they bring to school.

From the beginning of 2016 Year 10 students (with a view to adding Year 11 & 12 students later in the year) will be able to bring their own computer to school provided it meets with the yet to be finalised minimum technical specifications. We are currently investing in technical infrastructure which will allow students’ devices to connect to the school’s computer network where they will be able to connect to network folders and the Internet.

A limited number of the take home laptops that have been used by the Year 10 – 12 students for the past four years will still be available for student hire during 2016. Unfortunately next year, these devices will no longer have 3G Internet access.

The school’s ICT Committee has devised a survey for parents prior to finalising the details of BYOD at Kingaroy SHS, and we now need your help. Please complete the short survey that can be found at: [https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXHWCNB](https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/BXHWCNB) We would greatly appreciate ALL parents completing this survey, regardless of student year level.

More information about BYOD will be provided in the school newsletter as details become available. This topic will also be discussed at each of the relevant parent nights being held between now and the end of the year, as well as a designated BYOD parent night to be held on Tuesday September 8th at 6.30pm in the Kingaroy SHS Assembly Hall. All are welcome to attend.

In the meantime, if you have any questions regarding BYOD, please don’t hesitate to email me at dnich30@eq.edu.au

**ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM AND NAPLAN**

Kingaroy State High School has achieved some great results with reading. Over 55% of our students improved their NAPLAN bands from Year 7 to Year 9 in reading. Of those students, 20 in Year 9 increased their bands by two. This is a fantastic achievement! Most of these successful students were reading 20 minutes or more through the Accelerated Reading program. Many of those who jumped two bands not the top achieving students but students who have had difficulties with reading in the past, and also students achieving in the middle range. Students who put the effort into their reading at school and at home have reaped the rewards of great results. This will stand them in good stead for the future. Congratulations to the Year 9 students. We hope to continue to see these great results in the coming years as the year 7s and 8s continue their Accelerated Reading programs in the next couple of years.

Robyn Ferling, MASTER TEACHER

**ACCELERATED READER PROGRAM AND NAPLAN**

Reading - How can parents help?

- Encourage your student to read
- Encourage your child to always have a book (it may be a library book or a book they have from home)
- Have your child read to you.
- Ask questions – ask your child about what they are reading and what the story entails.
- Model reading – show that you read at home too.
- Encourage a time each day for your child to read.
- Create a quiet place to read – under a tree, on a comfy couch etc.

**SCIENCE**

Congratulations to Callum Tucker who has been selected to attend the 2016 National Youth Science Forum. Only a small percentage of applicants who apply for the NYSF are successful and the selection process involves two rounds of interviews, so it is a great credit to Callum that he has been successful in this process.

Robyn Ferling, MASTER TEACHER

Damian Nicholson, ICT COORDINATOR
Congratulations also to Daniel Lawson who was recently awarded a prestigious Peter Doherty Award for Excellence in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics in the “outstanding Senior Science Student” category. This is a magnificent achievement and Daniel is a worthy recipient.

The Kingaroy SHS Astronomy club, under the guidance of Mr Shirlaw has embarked on an exciting bit of citizen science.

The ConocoPhillips Science Experience is a program where students in Years 9 and 10 can spend 3 or 4 days at a university of their choice immersed in a program of science and engineering activities. This is an excellent program for students who are considering future careers in science or engineering related areas. The full cost of enrolment is $120 per student for the 3 day program and $160 per student for the 4 day program and Rotary sponsorship is often available for those who need it. There is no selection process and students can enrol online at www.scienceexperience.com.au.

Steve Langton, HOD SCIENCE

ASTRONOMY CLUB

The Astronomy Club had a very exciting week when they visited Jim Barclay at the Observatory to learn about building a telescope. Mr Barclay is helping with the design and procedures associated with the club’s first working telescope. The members of the club have been busy classifying galaxies, as well, in a competition with the ABC called Galaxy Explorer. The competition involves students classifying galaxies and for every 10 galaxies they classify they receive one bid towards naming a star. They have classified 400 galaxies so far. Please come and see Mr Shirlaw if you would be interested in astronomy.

Jamie Shirlaw, SCIENCE TEACHER

YEAR 12 STUDENTS AND THE QUEENSLAND CORE SKILLS (QCS) TEST

ARRANGEMENTS FOR YR 12 STUDENTS TUESDAY 1ST AND WEDNESDAY 2ND SEPTEMBER

The Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test is held across Queensland on these days.

NON-QCS STUDENTS - NON-QCS students who are presently completing catch-up or are at risk of not attaining a QCE should meet Mr Hill outside R5 at 9:00am on both Tuesday and Wednesday morning. Other NON-QCS students are expected to be at home studying/completing assessment etc (NOT an opportunity for paid work nor for socialising or appointments).

QCS STUDENTS - come along for “brekky and a cuppa” with your parents/carers/loved ones from 8am beside the canteen on BOTH mornings. Take the chance to mingle with your family and friends before we go to the hall (about 8:45am).

BRING ONLY THE PERMITTED EQUIPMENT FOR EACH SESSION INTO THE HALL.

Tues morning session is the Writing Task. Afternoon session is Multiple Choice.

Wed morning session is the Short Response test. Afternoon session is Multiple Choice.

Jenny Tessmann, QCS COORDINATOR

SENIOR DEBATING

A fortnight ago, at the Apex Debating Regional Competition, the Senior Debate Team competed against Nanango State High School on the topic, ‘Feminism is no longer relevant for modern women’. Adelaide Hockenhull, Jessica Blanch, and Melanie Hanwright, were narrowly defeated. Their valiant efforts were commended by all who attended. On behalf of the Senior Debate Team, we’d like to congratulate the Year 9 Junior Debaters who will go on to the State Competition this week.

Lauren Strong, ENGLISH & SCIENCE TEACHER

JUNIOR DEBATING

On Sunday 23 August three Kingaroy State High School students represented the South Burnett at the Apex Debating Area Finals held in Gympie. Regan Goulter, Beth Wright and Oscar Schmidt were the affirmative team debating students from Fraser Coast Anglican College on the topic ‘That Australian tourists should boycott Bali’. Both sides presented strong arguments and substantial rebuttal to keep the audience entertained. In the end, the debate was awarded to Fraser Coast Anglican College, who now progress to the State finals. Although slightly disappointed, the Kingaroy students were pleased with their efforts. Regan, Beth and Oscar have all learnt essential public speaking skills and greatly improved their debating ability.

Oscar Schmidt, Beth Wright, Regan Goulter

Rebecca Watson, YEAR 9 JUNIOR DEBATING
CLONTARF NEWS
Kingaroy Clontarf Academy played our first game on Friday August 21 with a group of year 10, 11 and 12s taking on a team representing the school in a game of 7 a side. The game was played in fantastic spirit and the level of skill and intensity on display was outstanding. A big thanks to all who came out to support the boys, the crowd was just sensational and a big congratulations to the lads who played.

Chris Macaskill-Hants, CLONTARF COORDINATOR

GYMPIE CARCASS CLASSIC
We all sat in our rows not knowing, waiting for the formalities to begin. Senior members of the beef industry, in their RM Williams and Thomas Cook blue jeans, boots and shirts all muttered conversations with one another. School students in uniforms sat timidly among them wondering if anything they did over the last three months earned them any recognition or accolades.

Jarrod Lees (a former KSHS student) from Meat Standards Australia and the liaison for the Australian Intercollegiate Meat Judging Association, took his place behind the podium and a silence fell across the room. He offered a perfunctory welcome, his compliments to the competitors and an obligatory acknowledgement of the sponsors. And then, with very little segue, the results came tumbling over us and our names echoed around the room . . .

Interschool Meat Judging Champion
Champion Interschool Carcass
Beef Carcase Judge, winner
Judge of Beef Shortloin, winner
All-rounder Assessment (6 Highest Scoring) at Finish of Classic Assessment of Best 6 Carcasses at the Start of Classic, 3rd place Beef Carcase Judge, 3rd place
Judge of Beef Shortloin, 3rd place

Kingaroy State High School
Kingaroy State High School
Asha Cooper
Jackson Besson
Adrian Webster
Blake Rea
Byron Brunner
Byron Brunner

Congratulations to all of the students who competed. You made KSHS proud with your work ethic leading up to the competition and your achievements at its conclusion.

KSHS VEGETABLE GARDEN
Thank you KSHS teachers and parents for your continued support of the school vegetable garden. We have sold out of cauliflower; the broccoli is gone; the beetroots are a memory. Bring Spring on!

A massive debt of gratitude is owed to Mrs Litzow and the SEU for their hard work planting and maintaining the garden, picking, packing and selling the vegetables, and preparing vegetables for display and competition at the local shows, including the Wondai Show coming this weekend.

It’s great to be in Agriculture.

Sean Wicks, AGRICULTURAL COORDINATOR

YEAR 12 NEWS
FORMAL NEWS
Planning for the 2015 Senior Formal is well and truly underway, with Tanisha Sorensen (Welfare Committee Student Chair) leading the organisation. The graduation ceremony and the senior formal will take place on Thursday 19 November at the Kingaroy Town Hall. Tickets for the formal this year will be $55 per person and will include a three-course meal. This year’s formal theme is Formal at Tiffany’s.

BRISBANE EXHIBITION
Eight students, Mr Carige, Mrs Bartlett and I enjoyed the very tiring but fulfilling privilege to travel to the Brisbane Exhibition to compete in Queensland’s largest led steer and carcass competition. The students competed with all of their effort and went the extra mile helping other exhibitors wherever needed (mostly wheelbarrowing fresh sawdust to stalls each day before dawn). Each of us came away feeling overloaded with all we learned. Each of us came away eager to return next year to dig our heels in and compete even harder (there are some large, expensive private schools competing that we’d like to give a run for their money).

Students who participated were: Candace Rackemann, Teagan Wyles, Byron Brunner, Jackson Besson, Asha Cooper, Brooke-Marie Tearle, Kobhi Britton, and Blake Rea.

Thank you, again, Mr Carige and Mrs Bartlett for your committed efforts working with the students leading up to and during the show.
As per previous years, students must meet the following criteria to be able to attend the formal:

- Students must have a school attendance rate of 90%;
- Students must not have any outstanding assessment or competencies;
- Students must not have any outstanding school fees / debts;
- All school resources (i.e. textbooks, laptops) must be returned;
- All students have a Maths Exam the morning of the formal, so it is advised that no appointments are booked before 11am;
- Students are only able to invite 2 guests (their parents or other caregivers) for the formal dinner. Unfortunately, due to extremely tight numbers, this limitation is in place for safety reasons. **Please note that guests are NOT permitted to be students from younger grades, outside partners or siblings.**

More information will be distributed to students and parents in due course.

**Megan Tucker, Welfare committee co-ordinator**

**YEAR 11 NEWS**

It’s been a very busy few weeks. On Wednesday 19th of August we held our annual leadership day at the Kingaroy Town Hall. 160 of our Year 11 students enjoyed the day; we had some really influential speakers come in to talk to the students. They included our School Principal Mr Ashley Roediger and our two school captains Daniel Favier and Georgia Toohey. Mrs Barb Maddern, Feedlot operator and accountant. Mr Ken Mills one of our local business leaders and Mr Graham Jenkins, a local member of our community and Rotary member. All speakers told their tales of inspiration and their road to becoming leaders in their field as well the hardships that sometimes take place on the road to leadership. The leadership day not only comprised of motivational speakers but also some leadership activities to get them thinking and working in groups. Ms Liz Lowther, our school chaplain was kind enough to come in a share some activities with the students and got them active and thinking. The final part of the day was spent going through the leadership timeline for the rest of the year and talking about how students can apply for a leadership certificate and the leadership positions that are available to them. All students were given a leadership certificate application form and were required to hand them in the following Friday.

Matt Langford, Year 11 Coordinator

**YEAR 9 NEWS**

Last Thursday, eight Year 9 students were presented with AAA certificates. These awards commend students with 100 percent attendance and excellent and effort results in all of their subjects. The students recognised were: Emily Haak, Emily Hutton, Heath Kinsella, Lize Potgeiter, Irish Romantico, Sarah Tarlinton, Gabrielle Walker and Jordon Young. Congratulations to these high achievers for making every school day count. With just over three weeks to go in Term 3, all Year 9 students should be making the most of every moment by concentrating in class and revising at home.

Michael Stevens, Year 9 Coordinator

**YEAR 8 NEWS**

Each week we have a PBL focus (Positive Behaviour for Learning). This week our focus is on using polite language. Polite language includes using manners and appropriate words in conversations with staff members and friends. On the whole our Year 8s are mindful of their language and I have seen excellent use of manners at the canteen and when students are requesting sports equipment or asking to see teachers. Please encourage your student to continue the habit of using polite language at school as well as with their family members and friends in the home and community settings.

8C in the lead with VIVOs!!

Attendance and VIVO report

8B had the best attendance rate last week – 92.34%. Well done 8B! Any student who achieves over 95% attendance for the term will go into a draw for an i-tunes card. Leading the VIVO count this week is 8C with 6904 VIVOs awarded. Great job! Students, remember to cash in your VIVO vouchers if you have been awarded any of these.

8B in the lead with attendance figures

Melissa Kempson, Year 8 Coordinator
YEARS NEWS
Many things are happening around the school with Year 7 this term, classrooms are full of action including Mr. Bunyoung’s form class 7I as pictured below creating friendship trees.

Mr Wick’s 7E form class were starting the Christmas boxes (Operation Christmas Child) to be delivered to children from less fortunate situations who may not otherwise receive a Christmas gift.

LIBRARY
The term is flying and many students are busy with assessment and assignments so it is timely to remind both parents and students that the library is available for use before and after school, as well as during most lunch breaks.

The State Library of Queensland is a useful site for research. To access some of the online databases you do need an SLQ library card, but these are easy to organise.

The staff at the local town libraries are also great helps with research and accessing resources. If you aren’t a member of the local library, join up and be surprised at what they have to offer.

Year 7, 8 and 9 students have been working hard towards their Premier’s Reading Challenge. Quite a few have managed to read the required 20 books and some have read even more. Well done! The Challenge ends this weekend.

These students are also busy with Accelerated Reader and some students are achieving great results - both with minutes read per week and percentage correct on reading tests.

Reading regularly and reading for understanding really does help students so I encourage everyone, not just the Year 7, 8 and 9 students, to challenge themselves to read more often.

If you’ve read any great books lately, let us know in the library, so we can add them to our collection. Thanks.

Judy Conomos, LIBRARIAN

COMMUNITY ANNOUNCEMENTS

• BRAND NEW KSHS JACKET FOR SALE: Never been worn - Size 14
  Beare and Ley Brand $50 Phone Sharlane on 0435412372
• BAND UNIFORMS FOR SALE: Blazer, excellent condition, dry-cleaned, size 32 - $120; Skirts, Size 14 and 16 - $5 each; Blue and White Shirt, Size Medium - $5 each; Ken Mills Toyota Polo Shirt, Size WXS - $10; School tie and jazz band tie - $10 each. Contact 0437 985 539.
• UNIFORMS FOR SALE: 2 X Size 16 School Blazers in excellent condition. $80 each. Phone Donna 0409 620 923

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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.

LIONS RECYCLE FOR SIGHT AUSTRALIA
During the past ten years, Lions Recycle for Sight Australia has collected close to 4 million pair of spectacles thanks to an Australia Post Reply Paid Facility, 1,000 Lions/Lioness Clubs in Australia and several hundred clubs in Japan. The Centre has shipped close to 3.5 million pair throughout the world to help people who would otherwise be unable to see well. The Lions Recycle for Sight Australia programme operates throughout Australia and you can be part of this amazing service by dropping off your old (even partly broken) spectacles in the box in the Kingaroy State High School Administration foyer for collection by the local Lions team.

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Jaie’s Journey with Sandra Moran
KINGAROY MEMORIAL PARK
27 August 2015 6PM
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Kingaroy Kindergarten Family Bush Dance

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Kingaroy State School Hall

Tickets on sale at Kingaroy Kindy
Ph: 4162 1187

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