



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 13 August, 2009

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14/09

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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

FRIDAY 14/08

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 17/08

- JRFH - JUMP OFF Day
- HPE & Music lessons

TUESDAY 18/08

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 19/08

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons

THURSDAY 20/08

- Instrumental Music
- P & C Meeting 3:30pm

FRIDAY 21/08

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 24/08

- HPE & Music lessons

TUESDAY 25/08

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 26/08

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons

KSS Centenary 2011

The first meeting of our newly formed School Centenary Committee was held on Thursday 30 July. The folk who gathered endorsed a plan for a new committee structure and began brainstorming ideas for our school's 100th birthday celebrations planned for July 2011. Our school's centenary will be marked by a day of special celebrations & will invite all past students teachers & parents to attend.

The new committee has an executive made up of a Chair, Secretary & Treasurer who will support a range of small work groups. Each group will focus on one particular aspect of the Centenary. They are:

- ♦ Memorabilia team
- ♦ Souvenirs team
- ♦ Centenary Book team
- ♦ Registration team -listing past students & staff
- ♦ Day program team
- ♦ Publicity & promotions team
- ♦ Sponsorship team - incl. prep'n of a Recipe Book

We are inviting all interested local residents to become involved in our planning - perhaps you would like to join one of the above teams that will be vital to ensuring a great occasion. Alternately, your participation in one or more of our regular meetings to discuss further great ideas would be welcomed - or if you can't make these, perhaps assisting others outside of school or business hours might be another way you can become involved. Either way, please don't feel that you'll be lumbered with a job or lots of work - we'll welcome many & varied forms of help that will make for an enjoyable celebration. Please feel free to contact our school office if you can help out - our next Committee meeting is scheduled for Thursday 1st Sept from 7.00-8.00pm in the school staffroom. Hope you can join us!



Our 'Jump Rope for Heart' **JUMP OFF** Day will take place this Monday 17th August. as a fundraiser for the National Heart Foundation. Students of all classes have been participating in regular jump rope sessions these past weeks in preparation for the day. To assist with organisation on the day we'll be dividing our school into two halves and holding the one-hour Jump Off sessions at different times as follows:

- ♦ 9.00-10.00am Prep, P/1, 2/3 & 3/4 classes
- ♦ 1.45-2.45pm Year 4/5, 5/6, & 6/7 classes

Monies raised from sponsorship then go towards the National Heart Foundation & their research into child & adult heart disease and treatment. Incentive prizes are also offered to the children as rewards for their fundraising. All sponsorship forms & monies need to be brought to the office by Friday 21st August.

SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE - BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Building works on our new Library & Sports & Recreation Hall have begun! To be completed by 27 November this year, feel free to visit periodically to see the exciting work underway. Additional works across our school (funded by the Commonwealth Government's BER program) will also see 8 classrooms receiving electrical & data connection upgrades, whilst a minimum of 4 classrooms will also receive new floor coverings & internal re-painting.

Staff Member Departure

A special note sent to all families of our Year 4/5 class yesterday advised that unfortunately, we will be losing the services of teacher Paul Carmody. Mr Carmody has been appointed to a new position within Education Queensland that will see him leaving our school at the end of next week. Whilst disappointed to be losing the very capable services of a beautiful teacher, we are grateful for the enthusiasm & dedication Mr Carmody has brought to our Year 4/5 class this year & wish him every success in his new role.

A note to all from Mr Carmody...

It is with genuine sadness that I announce that Friday the 21st August 2009 will be my last day at Kingsthorpe for this year. Earlier this term I applied for and attained a position with the Online Learning in Education program in District Office in Toowoomba. The program seeks to engage at risk and/or rural and remote Murri (Aboriginal) students. The position is full time until the end of the year and I will still be working for Education Queensland.

I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at Kingsthorpe and am extremely grateful for the way the Kingsthorpe School community has openly welcomed me. I am leaving a fantastic bunch of kids and staff and will miss them all. I have put in place a continuation of my teaching programs until the end of term so that the transition for my class will be as smooth as possible.

Again thank you for making me feel such a part of the Kingsthorpe community this year and I look forward to meeting you again if our paths cross.

*Yours sincerely,
Paul Carmody*

I will advise families of Mr Carmody's replacement as soon as this is confirmed with our district office of EQ.

INNER DOWNS ATHLETICS SUCCESS

Our school was recently well represented by a small number of students at the Inner Downs Athletics Carnival in Toowoomba. Well done to Briannah Ba, Chloe B & Manessha S who gave their best efforts, striving to earn a place in the next Zone team. We are pleased to report that both



Briannah (for a 2nd year) & Manesha have been successful and each will now go on to contest the 100m/200m events at the Darling Downs Athletics Carnivals in coming weeks. Congratulations & good luck from us all!

CHILDRENS BOOK WEEK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY - Friday 28th August

A reminder that our annual Book Week Character Dress-up day will be held at school again at **9.00am** on **Friday 28th August**. Children of all classes from Prep-Yr 7 are invited to come along dressed as a book character. This year's Children's Book Week Theme is 'A Book Safari' A special book prize will be presented to one child judged to be dressed in the best costume in each class across the school, ie. 7 book prizes in all. Looking forward to your support once again.

School Photos - 7th September



As previously advised, class group photos will be taken at school on Monday 7th September. Our nominated photographer, Master School Portraits, has provided the order form and payment envelopes for all school families - these forms are individually named and will be distributed to all children in coming weeks. Master School Portraits require payment in advance for school photos - as such we would ask that any orders be forwarded with payment to our school office by Friday 4th September. Please contact our Admin Officer, Mrs Sundell should you have any queries.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEYS 2009

Education Queensland is keen to understand the way in which parents view the effectiveness of their child's local school. Consequently, each year a sample of each school's parents and its Year 5 & 7 students are provided with an opportunity to complete an Opinion Survey which canvasses levels of satisfaction across a range of the school's operations. Recipients of the survey are selected by Education Queensland (not the school) through a numerical process, with parent surveys sent home and student surveys completed at school. All surveys remain anonymous, with those who complete the survey placing them in an envelope, sealing it & returning it to the school. The surveys remain in the sealed envelopes and are posted to Brisbane for analysis. The school then receives the collective results of the surveys in November, where they can then be made publicly available to each school community.

Surveys will soon be sent to 40 Kingsthorpe SS families. After receiving an Opinion Survey, should you have any queries or are unsure about a response to any of the questions, please feel free to contact me. Many thanks.

P&C CHOCOLATE DRIVE

A huge thank you to all families who recently supported our P&C Association CHOCOLATE DRIVE. Approximately \$650 profit was realized from this fundraiser, with the Petersen family doing a great job to gain the highest sales figure of \$512. As a consequence the Petersen family earned the P&C's bonus prize of a 3 person camping tent which was presented on assembly last Friday. Well done. A very special thank you to Mrs Jessie Alexander & Mrs Danielle Abraham for their huge efforts to co-ordinate the year's Chocolate Drive. Congratulations ladies.

YEAR 3/4, 4/5 & 5/6 BRISBANE EXCURSION

A reminder to families of children in the above classes that the Parent Permission form for the excursion must be returned to

our school office by next Friday 21st August. Payment for the excursion needs to be received by Friday 11th September. Thank you.

Kind regards,

Craig Barron
PRINCIPAL

Happy Birthday wishes this fortnight to:

Jake C, Kane A, Tegan G, Jacob R & Melissa C



CONTINUING MESSAGES

FAMILY PLANNING QLD - LOCAL WORKSHOPS

As part of its work promoting sexual and reproductive health, FPQ (Family Planning Queensland) offers a variety of resources and workshops within the Parenting and Disability program areas.

The following sessions will be available in Term 3 2009:

Tues 18th August.

Family Education: Puberty for Year 5-7 Girls and their parents/carers. An overview of some of the main male and female puberty changes.

Venue: FPQ Training Room, 4 Duggan St, Toowoomba
4-5pm \$10 per family.

Other information about resources or the Disability and Early Childhood Program areas is available from the website www.fpq.com.au or by contacting:

Alison Noller
Regional Education Co-ordinator
Toowoomba Education - Family Planning Queensland
Ph: (07) 46328166

ARE YOUR CHILD'S CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?

If you have recently changed your mobile and/or house phone numbers, please forward these details to the school office.

PREP ENROLMENTS 2010 being taken NOW

We are continuing to invite parents of age eligible children to enrol NOW for the 2010 Prep Year program at Kingsthorpe. Details as follows:

☞ Eligible Prep 2010 Child born between
01 July 2004 - 30 June 2005

Enrolment enquiries welcome through our school office.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY

Our School Newsletter is proudly distributed fortnightly. The next edition is planned for Thursday 27 August.

WHAT'S ON - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Activity
17 Aug	Jump Rope - 'JUMP OFF' Day all students
19 Aug	Interschool Touch Football Comp Day
20 Aug	P&C Meeting @ 3:30pm. All welcome.
28 Aug	Book Week Character Dress-Up Day
3 Sept	Fathers Day Stall - more info to come from P&C
7 Sept	School Photos
7-10 Sept	Parent-Teacher Interviews P-1, 3-7
10 Sept	Student Council DISCO (new date)
18 Sept	Last day of Term 3

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK**

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 31 July.



P	Declan H	P/1	----
2/3	Lachlan R	3/4	Mason B
4/5	Brianna K	5/6	Tyler B
6/7	Rebecca C		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Jaella C- Citizen of the Week presented on 31 July.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 7 August.



P	Declan H	P/1	Leanna D
2/3	Ebonie P	3/4	Kaleb H
4/5	Cateesha A	5/6	Chloe S
6/7	Kimberley W		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Jacinta W-Citizen of the Week presented on 7 August.

P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS**P & C Association Meeting**

Please be advised that the next P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday 20th August 2009 at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP

Please be advised that our School Uniform Shop will only be open **FRIDAYS** from **8:30am** to **9:00am**. If you require any uniforms, purchases may only be made on this day. Thank you for your co-operation.

We now have available the following uniforms:

Fleecy Zip Jacket – all sizes \$15.00
Polar Fleece ½ Zip Top – all sizes \$20.00
School Shirts – all sizes \$20.00

For further details please contact Monica on 0413045033

UNCLAIMED UNIFORMS

Parents, please check the lost property box (located near the school office) regularly for any missing clothing.

With the lost property box growing quickly and very few items being claimed, it was discussed at the last P & C Meeting what we should do with so many unclaimed uniforms.

It was decided that at the end of **each term** any unnamed uniforms left in the lost property box will be washed then sold through the uniform shop as second-hand uniforms, with proceeds going to the KSS P&C Association.

Kind Regards,
Monica Green 0413045033
Secretary

COMMUNITY NEWS**Seniors Week 15-22 Aug 2009****Linking Oakey Generations**

All residents are invited to participate in Seniors Week activities in Oakey next week:

Oakey Seniors Living Library - Saturday 15 and Tuesday 18 August, 10 am to 12 noon. Come to the Oakey Library with your questions to ask someone who has lived in the area for a long time.

Oakey Seniors Living History - Monday to Friday 17-21 August. Older people will be in Oakey schools sharing their life experiences.

Oakey Senior Citizens Community Concert -Thursday 20 August, Oakey Uniting Church Hall, 10am to 1.30 pm. Morning Tea, Entertainment by students from the three Oakey Schools, and lunch. Open to anyone over 50. No cost, transport available. RSVP to 4692 0101.

Old Government Dept of Communities funded project.

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TOMNet (The Older Men's Network) Oakey Branch are restoring push bikes for residents of Oakey and District. These bikes of all shapes and sizes and in good working order are now available at very reasonable prices. To inspect a bike, take it for a trial ride, and if interested, purchase a bike, please contact Mr Paul Green on 4691 1238.

Each bike comes with a \$10 voucher which can be used towards the cost of a bike helmet at Lorrimer's Toyworld.

FAMILY BIKE RIDE

– On the third Sunday of each month you are invited to join an informal Family Bike Ride, starting at 1:30 pm at Rotary Park opposite Oakey Primary School

- Next ride Sunday August 16, starting at Rotary Park,
- Approx 10 km round trip
- Routes and destinations will vary each month – make a suggestion!

All part of FRRREEEE Oakey - the Foundation for Rural and Regional Renewal Healthy Eating, Exercise, Environmental Health and Emotional Wellbeing project, funded by an FRRR grant won by Oakey through the ABC Rural Radio MeChange project

Harristown High OPEN AFTERNOON**Tuesday 18 August from 3.30pm**

Please join us and meet the principal, teachers and students. Tour the school and see a showcase of student work. Enrolment information will be available.

Special presentation for parents of Year 5 and 6 students, and also for parents of year 7 students.

For more information please call Harristown State High on 07 4636 8700.