



# -Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 16 July, 2009

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## THE WEEKS AHEAD:

### FRIDAY 17/07

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

### MONDAY 20/07

- HPE & Music lessons
- Year 2 Report Cards & Net Reports out today

### TUESDAY 21/07

- Intercultural Investigations  
Yr5-7 classes

### WEDNESDAY 22/07

- Arts Council Performance
- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7
- The NED Show - free 2pm

### THURSDAY 23/07

- Instrumental Music
- P&C Meeting - 3.30pm

### FRIDAY 24/07

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP



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## WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL TERM 3

Our return to school for the start of the new term has begun with a hive of activity. We look forward to yet another productive & rewarding period, filled with a range of exciting learning opportunities for all children at Kingsthorpe SS.

## JUMP ROPE FOR HEART PROGRAM - DEMO TEAM AT KSS TOMORROW

Our school has nominated to participate in this year's 'Jump Rope for Heart' program as a fundraiser for the National Heart Foundation. The JRFH program provides free skipping ropes & resource material for our students, allowing them to develop a range of great jump rope skills whilst getting fit & having a lot of fun - in return we are asked to encourage our students to seek sponsorship for their participation in a special 'Jump Off Day' during Term 3. Monies raised from sponsorship then go towards the National Heart Foundation & their research into child & adult heart disease and treatment.

The JRFH Program will be co-ordinated by our Phys Ed teacher, Mr McDonald. Our class teachers & Mr Mac will be helping the children to learn a range of different jump rope skills, games & activities in the weeks leading up to the Jump Off Day, currently set for Monday 17<sup>th</sup> August. As an introduction to what can be achieved with skipping ropes, we've invited a special Jump Rope team, the 'Fairview Flyers' from Fairview Heights SS to give a spectacular demonstration at tomorrow morning's assembly - parents are welcome to join us on this occasion. More information & sponsorship forms will be shared with the children in coming weeks.

## ARTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE - 14<sup>th</sup> AUGUST

The Queensland Arts Council performance "Hermes Goes Environmental" will be presented for all Prep-Year 7 students next week on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July. Due to the construction works soon to commence at school, we've had to shift the venue of the performance to the local Kingsthorpe Church of Christ in North Street. Our sincere thanks to the CoC for making the indoor facility available to the children - we'll be walking all classes down to the church at approx. 8.35am Wednesday morning. Commencing at 9.00am, the program communicates an important message about our environment & water conservation and how we can become more environmentally responsible. The cost is **\$6 per student** or **\$15 for families of 3 or more students**. Special payment envelopes & an info note were sent home yesterday with the eldest child in each family. All payment & consent forms need to be returned to our school office **by next Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> July** please.

## COWS CREATE CAREERS PROJECT - Year 6-7 Class

We're excited to advise that our Year 6-7 Class will be participating this term in a unique local project being funded by the Australian Dairy Industry. Last

term I nominated our school to be one of a handful SE Qld schools to participate in the 'Cows Create Careers' initiative. The project introduces our children to the dairy industry by hosting & hand-rearing 2-3 week old calves that will live & grow at school over a 3 week period. Students will not only enjoy the practical experiences of rearing young calves, but will also undertake a study of the dairy industry using a range of provided & locally created curriculum materials. This will involve our children preparing a data show presentation, letters, newsletters or research posters and will provide learning experiences in Science, Maths, English & Information technology.

We have already constructed a small set of holding yards & a shed on our school site in readiness for 3 young calves - all necessary feed pellets, calf milk replacer, feeding resources, weigh tapes & more have been provided at no cost to the school. The calves will arrive in Week 3 this term and routines, feeding rosters & responsibilities will be developed to assist our students in new learnings & understandings. The project is overwhelmingly positive with some exciting outcomes anticipated. Mr Denman & our Yr 6/7 class will be looking forward to sharing more about the program with the rest of our school in coming weeks.

## SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE - BUILDING THE EDUCATION EVOLUTION

Toowoomba Construction firm, Hutchinsons Builders, have been contracted by Education Qld to construct our new School Library and indoor Sport & Recreation Hall, with work crews to officially commence on site on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July. Both of these exciting new additions to our school should be completed by 27 November this year. 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. To prepare for the refurbishment work to be undertaken, we've had to de-construct our technology lab & library. Most of the computers from the lab have now been distributed across classrooms, whilst our library has been temporarily relocated to the modular building in the classroom next to our Prep/Yr 1 class. We're now looking forward to seeing real progress being made on these tremendous new facilities.

## YEAR 2 REPORT CARDS & NET REPORTS

Parents of Year 2 children will receive their Semester 1 Report Card and Year 2 Diagnostic Net Reports next week. Mrs Hopper will be offering interviews for parents of Year 2 children in the period 27<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> July to accompany these reports and to discuss each child's current school progress & development. A special note will be provided next week regarding this opportunity.

**KSS TEACHERS TO ATTEND CURRICULUM PLANNING & ASSESSMENT TRAINING**

As a means of supporting our staff to continue delivering high quality learning programs to students, we have arranged for our teachers to participate in the latest round of Qld Curriculum, Assessment & Reporting professional development. Miss Coady, Mrs Helverskov, Mrs Hopper and Ms Single will attend the Education Queensland funded program next Monday & Tuesday (21-22 July), whilst Mr Carmody, Mrs Keene, Mrs Saunders, Mr Denman & Mrs Watton will participate in the professional development on Mon 3 & Tues 4 August. I have arranged for contracted teachers to replace each of our staff members for their days of attendance. Each teacher will provide planning for their normal program to be followed by relief teachers so that the continuity of learning & activities is maintained.

**POSTPONED AMAROO EXCURSION FOR OUR PREP-YEAR 1 CLASSES**

As you would be aware, the Principal of Amaroo EEC phoned today to advise that our planned excursion would need to be postponed due to the very inclement weather - given the conditions we've experienced today, I believe that this was certainly the right call.

Following further discussions with him today, I'm pleased to advise that the excursion has been re-scheduled for **Friday 31<sup>st</sup> July**. Thank you to those generous parents who had offered to assist Mrs Helverskov & Miss Coady on today's trip - could I ask that you contact our teachers once again to advise of your availability for the new date. Many thanks.

**GOOD LUCK - KSS STUDENTS TO NORTHERN DOWNS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Our best wishes to the 33 KSS students who've qualified for the forthcoming Northern Downs Schools Athletics Carnival in a variety of events. The Zone Carnival will be held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> July at the O'Quinn Street Ovals in Toowoomba. Special notes have been provided to parents of all nominated students, with the consent form & bus payment due back at school by Friday next week. Good luck!

**CHILDREN'S BOOK WEEK & CHARACTER DRESS-UP**

Advance notice that we will once again look forward to holding our annual Children's Book Week activities in the week of 18<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> August. We propose to hold our character dress-up day at 9.00am on the **Friday 28<sup>th</sup> August**.

**P&C ASSOCIATION MEETING**

The next meeting of our P&C Association will be held at school on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> July**. Commencing at **3.30pm**, we welcome the company & input of all interested Kingsthorpe SS parents at the meeting.

Kind regards,

Craig Barron  
PRINCIPAL

**Happy Birthday wishes this fortnight to:**

Joshua P, Matthew C,  
Demmi-lee H, Jessica G

**A Message From Education Queensland:****KEEP CHILDREN AT HOME IF THEY ARE SICK**

As school resumes for Term 3, parents are being urged to keep their children home if they are sick with flu-like symptoms.

Queensland now has more than 1600 confirmed cases of

Pandemic (H1N1) 2009 (Human Swine Influenza). Symptoms of human swine flu are similar to seasonal influenza and include a fever, cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills.

Queensland Health says one of the best ways to stop the spread of the flu is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene. If children are sick the best thing to do is keep them away from school and other events such as socials and sporting carnivals. This might mean that some children will miss interstate and other planned school trips.

People generally have to be mindful that there are some who are more at risk from swine flu so those who are sick need to do the right thing and stay at home from school and work. School closures remain an option in very limited circumstances but the likelihood of disruption during the new school term has lessened.

Queensland is now in the "protect" phase in managing the influenza outbreak and parents need to be aware that while most people who contract the flu are making rapid and full recovery, some who are particularly vulnerable need to seek medical help at the onset of flu-like symptoms. The essence of the "protect" phase is to concentrate on the early treatment of those in the community who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus.

Those identified as being vulnerable include pregnant women, Indigenous Australians, people with respiratory disease (including asthma and COPD), heart disease, diabetes, renal and liver disease, obesity and immunosuppression.

If you have any questions regarding symptoms or illness, contact your general practitioner or call Queensland Health on 13 Health (13 43 25 84)

For education related questions, contact your school principal. Further information is also available from the Queensland health website.

**Queensland Health Swine Flu Response website:**

[www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/schools.asp](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/html/schools.asp)

**Specific information and advice for parents:**

[www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/documents/parents\\_advice.pdf](http://www.health.qld.gov.au/swineflu/documents/parents_advice.pdf)

**CONTINUING MESSAGES****PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

A reminder to children of Prep - Year 7 classes are Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is aimed at encouraging great reading habits at home amongst the children, and requires the children to read or experience (shared reading) 20 books over the period June - 21 August. In return, children who take part in the Reading Challenge through their school will receive a signed Certificate of Achievement from Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh, as a result of their efforts.

A special note was sent home to all families previously, providing a Reading Register for each child & advising of all arrangements. Our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Keene, will be co-ordinating our school's participation, offering all children of Prep-Year 7 classes the chance to take part. Again, we look forward to your interest & support in this beaut project.

**ARE YOUR CHILD'S CONTACT DETAILS UP TO DATE?**

We have been requested by Education Queensland to ensure that all contact details for parents, caregivers, emergency contacts are 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 SS. 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 30 July.

**WHAT'S ON - CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Activity
17 July	JRFH Skipping Demo Team visit to KSS
22 July	9.00am - Arts Council Performance for Prep-Yr 7 2.00pm - The NED Show - free for Prep-Yr 7
23 July	P&C Meeting
28 July	Northern Downs Athletics Carnival - selected ch'n
31 July	Prep & Yr1 children to Amaroo EEC - rescheduled
13 Aug	Student Council DISCO 6-8pm
17 Aug	Jump Rope - 'JUMP OFF' Day all students
19 Aug	Interschool Touch Football Comp Day - info soon
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
18 Sept	Last day of Term 3

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

Please be advised that the next P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday, 23 July 2009, at 3:30pm. Everyone is welcome to attend.

**SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP - SHIRT SALES**

We now have available the following uniforms:

Fleecy Zip Jacket – all sizes \$17.00  
Polar Fleece ½ Zip Top – all sizes \$20.00  
School Shirts – all sizes \$20.00

Megan Hay, our 2009 School Uniform Shop Coordinator can be contacted on 0431 736 853 to organise an appointment before or after school.

Regards,  
Monica Green  
Secretary

**COMMUNITY NEWS****TOOWOOMBA REGIONAL COUNCIL – OAKEY SERVICE CENTRE - NEWS****Oakey NAIDOC Week events July 13-19**

**Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> July**, 5pm - 7.30pm - "Meet the Author" wine & cheese night, Oakey Library

**Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, 6 pm** - NAIDOC Concert, Oakey Cultural Centre.

**Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> July, 6 pm** - Family Movie Night - "Australia", Oakey Cultural Centre.

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July, 9.30 am** - Community Cultural Celebration, Oakey State School Oval.

**More information available at:**

[www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au](http://www.toowoombaRC.qld.gov.au)

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