



# -Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> March, 2009

05/09

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### THE WEEKS AHEAD:

#### FRIDAY 20/03

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

#### MONDAY 23/03

- Music & HPE Lessons P-7

#### TUESDAY 24/03

- Intercultural Investigations  
Yr5-7 classes

#### WEDNESDAY 25/03

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

#### THURSDAY 26/03

- Instrumental Music

#### FRIDAY 27/03

- Assembly 8.55am
- TUCKSHOP

#### MONDAY 30/03

- School Cross Country Races
- Music & HPE Lessons P-7
- Parent - Teacher Interviews  
begin for all classes

#### TUESDAY 31/03

- Intercultural Investigations
- Yr 4-7 Sport Expo

#### WEDNESDAY 01/04

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

### INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

A great day was had by all of the children who splashed about in our annual School Swimming Carnival held on Monday. This year's Carnival was a step-up on previous years, blending competition for an interhouse trophy with a range of fun events. I would like to congratulate the majority of children on the good behaviour and enthusiasm shown throughout the day. All children really got into the spirit of the day and participated to the best of their ability in more swimming events than ever before - well done! After the tremendous range of events this year's Winning House was Cunningham, with final points being Leichhardt 182 and Cunningham 252. Congratulations!

### SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY (Year 4-7) & FUN RUN ( Prep - Year 3)

Our School Cross Country & Fun Run is to take place this coming **Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March**. Commencing at approx. 9.30am, all interested parents are most welcome to attend to cheer on our runners. As this activity forms an integral part of our Health & Phys Ed program, it is anticipated that all children will participate. We look forward to seeing the children giving of their best once again through this year's event. An outline of the order of events is as follows:

- ♦ **9 & 10 yrs** GIRLS & BOYS Cross Country
- ♦ **FUN RUN** - Staggered starts for Prep then Yr 1, then Yr 2, then Yr 3 Boys & Girls together
- ♦ **11 yrs** GIRLS & BOYS Cross Country
- ♦ **12/13 yrs** GIRLS & BOYS Cross Country

Children may opt to run in their house colours on the day: Cunningham in Blue, Leichhardt in white.

### P&C ENDORSEMENT OF SCHOOL STRATEGIC PLAN & CONTRIBUTION TO THE ANNUAL BUDGET

Amongst a range of exciting topics & plans discussed at this week's P&C Meeting, the School Annual Operation Plan & Budget were presented for consideration. I'm pleased to advise that our 2009 Strategic Plan & Budget was endorsed by the meeting, with our President, Darryl Green, signing this important document on behalf of our parent community.

As a result of some tremendous fundraising efforts by last year's Committee & many families, our P&C Association was left in a sound financial position. The Association's Opening Balance has provided the Committee with an opportunity to once again make a great contribution to the total school budget for 2009. As a part of our development plans, the P&C Association has committed \$4000 to the Annual School Budget which will provide invaluable support to student learning across the whole school in the following areas:

♦ Library Books & Resources	\$1000
♦ Science Program resourcing	\$500
♦ Music & the Arts programs	\$500
♦ Prep Year resource	\$300
♦ Phys Ed Resources & affiliation	\$700
♦ Minor works & resource development	\$1000

Our sincere thanks to the P&C Association for the continued support through this funding that will benefit our whole school & all students.

### PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS

Teachers of all Prep - Year 7 classes are offering Term 1 Parent Teacher Interviews over the final fortnight of this school term. Interviews will be available with teachers mostly after school at varying times across Mon 31<sup>st</sup> March - Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> April, and on Mon 6<sup>th</sup> April. This point in the school year provides an ideal opportunity for you to discuss your child's continuing progress at school. All Parents are encouraged to **contact our school office to make an appointment time** to meet with your child's class teacher. Mrs Sundell will take all appointment times through the office.

### STUDENTS ATTEND LEADERSHIP DAY

Our Year 7 School & House Captains were provided with an opportunity today to attend a special Leadership Development program with Mr Barron in Toowoomba. Our student leaders have learnt much today about the hero within, Internet Safety, meeting challenges, becoming resilient, personal responsibility and striving for & setting high standards as role models for others. Whilst we enjoyed a great day, we're now looking forward to the growth, maturity, responsibility & leadership that our senior students will promote amongst others here at Kingsthorpe as the year unfolds.

### DEFERMENT OF LEADERSHIP PLEDGES

Our Student Leadership Pledges will now take place at next week's whole school assembly instead of tomorrow as originally planned.

### TOOWOOMBA SHOW HOLIDAY - THURSDAY 26<sup>th</sup> MARCH

A reminder to all families that our school will be officially closed next Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March for the annual Toowoomba Show Public Holiday.

### PREP ENROLMENTS 2010 & 2011

Yes that's right! Believe it or not we are amongst a growing number of schools now preparing enrolment lists for children age eligible to enrol in the Prep Year for 2010 and 2011. Details as follows:

- ☞ Eligible Prep 2010 Child born between  
01 July 2004 - 30 June 2005
- ☞ Eligible Prep 2011 Child born between  
01 July 2005 - 30 June 2006

We have been fielding Prep enrolment enquiries and listing age eligible children since the beginning of this year - please advise your family & friends of the age entry details above. We will welcome Prep enrolment enquiries at any time through the school office.

**TUCKSHOP MEAL-DEAL ON CROSS COUNTRY DAY**

Our Tuckshop Convenor Sharon Stallan & her dedicated volunteers will be offering a special tuckshop 'Meal Deal' at school on Monday 30<sup>th</sup> March to coincide with Cross Country day. Order forms & info were sent home with the children on Tuesday this week. If for some reason you do not have your order form, more are available through the office. Orders are required by this Monday & whilst payment needs to be received by Wednesday 25 March.

**STATE ELECTION - KINGSTHORPE SS A POLLING PLACE**

Families are advised that our PREP Year building facing Goombungee Rd will be an Official Polling Place for the State Election to be held this Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March.

**EXPLORING NUMERACY WITH YOUR CHILD**

While board games and puzzles may appear to be just fun activities, they can also help to improve your child's numeracy skills and encourage them to think logically.

To be numerate is to confidently and effectively use mathematics to meet the everyday demands of life.

Many opportunities to be numerate happen at home. Here are a few ways you can explore numeracy with your child:

- show your child how you use maths for different reasons, such as looking at timetables, calendars and clocks
- talk about the numbers and patterns your child comes across each day while playing games or sports
- encourage your child to count and sort objects into groups. You could use books, clothing or shoes and discuss how they sorted them into those groups
- explore ways to use and count money through budgets and shopping. Let your child calculate the cost of items and help them add up how much change you will receive
- ask questions such as "does that make sense?" or "can this be done another way?" to help develop numerate thinking when they are solving problems
- talk positively about maths and show interest in the maths they learn at school.

If you would like to know more about exploring numeracy contact your child's teacher or visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/)

**FLICK THE SWITCH FOR EARTH HOUR**

For one hour, from 8.30pm to 9.30pm, on Saturday 28 March the whole of Australia is being asked to 'flick the switch' for Earth Hour.

Earth Hour, the World Wildlife Fund's global environmental initiative, aims to raise awareness of the climate change issue and makes it possible for individuals to take action and reduce greenhouse emissions. It is a global call to action to every individual, every business and every community – a call to stand up, to take responsibility and to get involved in working towards a sustainable future.

All households are encouraged to participate by switching out their lights and turning off non-essential electrical appliances. It is important to register your participation on the Earth Hour website in order to make your action count.

For more information on how to register and how to participate visit [www.earthhour.org/](http://www.earthhour.org/)

It's a fantastic way to support your child's creative development and also gain a special keepsake.

To find out more about the projects, competitions and events throughout this year, go to the YOC website at: [www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au](http://www.yearofcreativity.deta.qld.gov.au)

**Year 4-7 Sports Expo**

On Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March we're planning to hold a special series of coaching clinics at Kingsthorpe SS for our Year 4 -7 students. We've arranged for coaching directors of AFL, Junior Rugby League, Qld Netball & Touch Football to visit our school to conduct skill clinics & games with the students in 4 half-hour rotations. The Expo will provide a great opportunity for our children to engage in a variety of quite different sporting activities. This program is being run at no cost to families.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY**

Our School Newsletter is proudly distributed fortnightly. The next edition is planned for Thursday 2 April, 2009.

**STUDENT MORNING ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL**

A reminder to families that students should not be arriving at school before 8.00am each morning. Staff are not rostered to provide supervision duties before school and as such, students arriving at school before 8.00am are placed at greater risk. Our P&C Association's Outside School Hours Care Centre in E-Block opens at school each morning at 7.00am and can provide a supervised program for families where work commitments require parents to leave early for work. The program runs from 7.00am - 8.45am daily at a modest cost - enquiries welcome.

Kindest regards,

Craig Barron  
PRINCIPAL

**PARENTS**, Please check that your child/children have their own hats. A new hat with the child's name in the hat has gone astray at swimming last Monday. Thankyou

**Belated and Happy Birthday wishes to:**

Kyle P, Nadia C, Symantha C, Jesse W, Cody H, Sophie-Ann W, Leanna D, Izac R, Kyandra K, Olivia B, Tyler B, Taiesha H, Tremaine W & Lachlan B.

**CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT****STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 6:**

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 27 February.

<b>P</b>	Makayla W	<b>P/1</b>	Jayde O
<b>2/3</b>	Eric C	<b>3/4</b>	Isaac K
<b>4/5</b>	Olivia B	<b>5/6</b>	Chloe S
<b>6/7</b>	Dylan C		

**CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :**

Congratulations to Luke L- Citizen of the Week presented on 20 February.

**STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 7:**

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 6 March.

<b>P</b>	Emma G	<b>P/1</b>	Matthew H
<b>2/3</b>	Kye S	<b>3/4</b>	Adelaide G
<b>4/5</b>	Makaela G	<b>5/6</b>	Jessica G
<b>6/7</b>	Andrea F		

**CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :**

Congratulations to Ethan K - Citizen of the Week presented on 27 February.



## P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

### Easter Raffle Tickets Correction

It has been brought to our attention that some Easter Raffle Tickets have been distributed with an incorrect cover. The correct prizes and draw dates are as follows:

- 1<sup>st</sup> Prize Easter Hamper
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize Fruit Tray
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize Bakery Items



Please return by: 1<sup>st</sup> April 2009; Drawn 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2009

We apologise for any inconvenience or confusion this has caused. Thank you.

Regards,  
Monica Green  
P&C Secretary

### Easter Raffle Tickets to be Sold at KSS - Election Day 21<sup>st</sup> March 2009

The P & C will be selling Easter raffle tickets on Election Day, this Saturday, at Kingsthorpe State School. We are looking for volunteers to assist us in selling these tickets. Just an hour of your time would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Monica Green – 4630 0405 or 0413 045 033 – if you are able to attend on this day.

### Easter Fundraiser

We are still seeking donations for our Easter raffle. These donations could include: Easter Eggs, Plush Toys, Easter stickers/toys, Boxed chocolates, Novelty confectionery etc. and can be left at the office. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.

### Outside School Hours Care Centre at School

I would also like to draw your attention to the OSHC service offered within our school, if you have not already done so please contact Denise Murphy (co-ordinator) to enroll your child. Outside sport service providers, craft activities and quality care make this a valuable addition to the Kingsthorpe State School. If you are considering casual care or a more regular booking, your child must be registered, information booklets are available at OSHC located in the 2,3,4,5 block.

### School Uniform Shop - Shirt Sales

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

## COMMUNITY NEWS

### FOR INJURED AND SICK WILDLIFE - CONTACT WILDLIFE WELFARE CARERS Inc.

Available 24hrs - Voluntary Organisation  
12 Hamlyn Road, Oakey Q 4401  
Ph: 46912675 Mob: 0417070337

### Southern Cross Cultural Exchange

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange, an Australian not-for-profit organisation specialising in international student exchange programs, is seeking volunteer host families for high school students scheduled to arrive in Australia in July 2009 from Germany, Italy, France, Holland, Austria, Spain, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, Brazil, Canada and the USA. Host families can choose from students staying for a range of either 3, 5 or 10 months and they all attend local high schools whilst they are in Australia. The main purpose of cultural exchange is to challenge youth towards international understanding and tolerance, encourage further learning, self knowledge and awareness - invaluable characteristics in today's world. We organise all the flights, school enrolment, transportation, insurances and support systems. Just imagine your child having an older brother or sister for a few months from another country. It's a great opportunity for young children to start learning that there is a world of variety and opportunity waiting for them – different languages, foods, sports, customs, and perhaps a visit to look forward to when they grow up.

To enquire, call Southern Cross Cultural Exchange now toll free on 1800 500 501, visit [www.scce.com.au](http://www.scce.com.au) or email [scceaust@scce.com.au](mailto:scceaust@scce.com.au)

### The Kingsthorpe Community Ladies are holding

- \* Raise Your Cup Morning Tea  
and
- \* Cent Sale  
on  
Wednesday, 20 May, 2009



In the Kingsthorpe Hall.  
Admission \$6.00 includes a Lucky Door Ticket,  
1 Sheet Cent Sale Tickets.  
Extra tickets available at the door to purchase.  
Multi Draw Raffle \$2.00 a ticket.  
Excellent Prizes to be won.



Please make it a Pink Day.  
Wear or carry something PINK,  
just to see how many shades of pink there are!  
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For details contact – Val Hardy on 46300183  
Area Co-ordinator

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