



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

FRIDAY 30/01

- Assembly 8.55am
- ICT Lessons Yr 2-7

MONDAY 02/02

- Music & PE Lessons

TUESDAY 03/02

- LOTE

WEDNESDAY 04/02

- Mobile Library visit

THURSDAY 05/02

- Instrumental Music

FRIDAY 06/02

- Assembly 8.50am
- ICT Lessons Yr 2-7

MONDAY 09/02

- Music & PE Lessons

TUESDAY 10/02

- LOTE

WEDNESDAY 11/02

- Mobile Library visit

WELCOME TO 2009

A welcome to all students and families, either returning to or starting at Kingsthorpe State School for the 2009 school year. We look forward to continuing an effective partnership with all families as we all work together in support of our children's learning. The school year has commenced extremely well, with stable enrolments across all of our classes. 2009 holds much promise and we eagerly anticipate a range of new & exciting learning opportunities as the year unfolds.

A SPECIAL WELCOME TO PREP FAMILIES!

The Prep Year provides a significant foundation for our children in the Queensland education system. It is the starting point for the Early Phase of Learning and is designed to build on the learning that children enjoy in the home and in early education and care settings. The Prep curriculum is designed to better prepare children for school and is based on active learning such as inquiry, investigation and play.

Welcome to all of our 29 new Prep Year students – we wish you many happy learning experiences in 2009.

HOME-SCHOOL COMMUNICATION & PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

I cannot over-emphasise the importance of regular communication between home & school. We will welcome the opportunity to meet with parents on various occasions to discuss both the successes & challenges of the children in our care. We appreciate parental notes that advise our teachers as to events that occur at home that may have a bearing on your child's learning. It is also most important that the school office is advised of any planned or unforeseen absences by children, by both telephone and in writing.

This year we will continue to offer parent-teacher interviews at the end of school Terms 1 & 3, whilst providing written Report Cards at the end of Terms 2 & 4. Should there be **any** issue of concern regarding your child's continued progress & development, please feel free to make an appointment to meet with either your child's teacher, or me, at a mutually agreeable time.

TEACHING STAFF & CLASSES FOR 2009

The total staffing for each State School in Queensland is determined by the number of students enrolled at the school in Week 2 of the new school year. Based on our known and projected enrolments as of today, we anticipate the following teacher staffing and classes to open our 2009 school year at Kingsthorpe SS:

Principal	Mr Craig Barron
Prep Year	Mrs Penny Helverskov
Prep / Year 1	Mrs Kristin Doherty
Year 2/3	Mrs Debbie Hopper (M, T, Th, F) & Mrs Suzie Trimmer (Wed)
Year 3/4	Ms Toni Single
Year 4/5	Mr Paul Carmody
Year 5/6	Mrs Robyn Keene
Year 6/7	Mr Jon Denman
Special Ed	Mrs Sonya Watton
Physical Ed	Mr Dan McDonald (Mon)
Music	Mrs Denise Muller (Mon)

Technology	Mr Richard Keene (Fri)
LOTE	Mrs Bianca Prestipino (Tues)
Instr Music	Mrs Tanya Utz (Thurs)
Local Relieving Teacher	Mrs Kerry Cochran

- Education Qld engages a small number of additional experienced teachers to work across schools in a relief capacity. Mrs Cochran will be based at Kingsthorpe and will be called upon to relieve classes in time of teacher absence from time to time across 4 local schools.

SCHOOL SWIMMING FOR YEAR 2-7

Our 'Learn-to-Swim' Program for children of Years 2-7 will commence this coming **Monday 2nd FEBRUARY**. Swimming lessons will take place at the Oakey Pool between 9.00am - 1.00pm **each Monday for 6 weeks**, under the direction of our Physical Education teacher, Mr McDonald. The children will travel in class groups to the Oakey Pool by chartered bus & will take part in the program as follows:

9.00 - 10.30am	Year 5/6 & Year 6/7 classes
10.00 - 11.30am	Year 4/5 class
11.00am - 12.45pm	Year 2/3 & Year 3/4 classes

All necessary information & a consent form were sent home with the eldest child in the family yesterday. Costs for lessons will be \$4.50 per child per week for a six week period (\$27.00). A Tax Invoice or "Offer" (as it is known when bulk invoicing parents) has been also given to the eldest in each family today. Parents are most welcome to pay in bulk or pay weekly. Receipts for payments will be generated and given to eldest in the family.

The Swimming program is an integral part of our first term Physical Education program and as such, participation by all Year 2-7 is expected. If your child is unable to participate in the swimming program on significant medical/health grounds, please advise your class teacher in writing as soon as possible.

Parents are kindly asked to complete the **Swimming Consent Form**, for return to school no later than this **Monday 2nd February**. Our Interhouse Swimming Carnival is proposed the Monday 9th March.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN 2009

Accredited volunteers from local church groups provide a half hour weekly Religious Instruction program through our school to children of Year 1-7 classes. Participation is voluntary and through written parental consent. The available programs are provided separately in two groups - Catholic and a combined Multi-denominational group and will occur each Tuesday in classrooms from 2.30-3.00pm. Classroom teachers will be within proximity of program activities and will also provide an alternate, supervised program for non-participants. Parents are at liberty to exclude or include students at any time - with the provision of a written note advising our school office. Our first Religious Instruction activities for 2009 will begin on Tuesday 10th February.

COMMONWEALTH GOVERNMENT - EDUCATION TAX REFUND

Please see the attached Fact Sheet for the information of all families.

PARENT INFORMATION AFTERNOONS - NEXT WEEK:

Each class teacher will be conducting a special Parent Information afternoon at school within this next week.

The afternoon is important and provides parents with a chance to meet your child's class teacher, gain information as to how the classroom will operate this year as well as a chance to ask questions. We look forward to your company at one or more of the following afternoons:

Mon 2 Feb	Prep/1 Class	3.15 - 3.45pm
Tues 3 Feb	Prep Class	3.15 - 4.15pm
Wed 4 Feb	Yr 2/3 Class	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Yr 4/5 Class	3.15 - 4.00pm
	Yr 6/7 Class	3.15 - 4.00pm
Thurs 5 Feb	Yr 3/4 Class	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Yr 5/6 Class	4.15 - 5.00pm

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC PROGRAM - LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE IN 2009

Our Instrumental Music Program, open to children of Years 5-7, is set to begin under the direction of Mrs Tania Utz each Thursday at school. At this stage a limited number of places are available for new students to enter the program - 2 or 3 loan instruments will be available for the year. Children who own their own instrument can be automatically enrolled within the program. Interested parents are asked to make contact with Music teachers Mrs Muller or Mrs Utz as soon as possible on either Monday or Thursday this coming week - alternately, please contact me ASAP.

Kindest regards,

Craig Barron
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P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS**P&C ASSOCIATION 2009 ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

Our P&C Association wishes to advise that its Annual General Meeting will be held at 3.30pm on Monday 16th February 2009.

All interested parents are invited to attend and will be made most welcome.

SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP FOR SHIRT SALES

Firstly we would like to sincerely thank Katrina Klimkowicz for her organisation and co-ordination of sales of school uniforms throughout 2008.

Megan Hay will be our new Uniform Shop Coordinator in 2009 and parents can contact Megan on 0431 736 853 to organize an appointment before or after school.

NEWS FROM THE DENTAL VAN

Welcome back to Kingsthorpe for 2009. We hope everyone had an enjoyable break. The dental van will be situated at Kingsthorpe State School until approximately the end of February. Therefore, parents of new students are able to access the service by collecting a Medical History/Consent Form from either the school office or dental van. However, these must be completed and returned to the van by next Thursday, 5 February. Parents of Prep students will be required to attend appointments with them.

Just a reminder to all students and parents – the dental van operates from Monday – Thursday, staff are usually here by 8:45am until approx. 3:45pm. We can be contacted directly on 0407375354.

MOBILE LIBRARY

Alan Imhoff, from the Mobile Library has advised that he will be at the school on Wednesday, 5 February. New students are welcome to collect membership forms which then need to be signed by parents and returned to the Mobile Library.

**Kingsthorpe SS P & C
Outside School Hours Care**

Co-ordinator:
Denise Murphy
Ph: **0411 101 414**
or in emergency
07 -46992333

**COMMUNITY NEWS****FAMILY SUPPORT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED**

The Kath Dickson Parenting Support Program has a range of volunteer positions available to people interested in supporting families with babies and young children. Positions include assisting with transport, visiting parents in their home, assisting with craft and multicultural mum's group, and supervision of children during groups. Most roles require the volunteer to provide friendship, encouragement, mentorship and general support and information with parenting. Blue Card is required, but can be applied for through the program. Training and support are provided for all positions. If you have a couple of hours spare a week and are interested in babies/children and providing support to parents then this is a rewarding position and might be just right for you. For more information contact Kath on 46324463.

OAKEY JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE

Oakey Junior Rugby League is having a Muster Day this coming Saturday, 31 January, 2009. The Muster Day will run from 10am – 2pm. The Muster Day will be held at the Football Field in Oakey which is in Kent Street.

We are welcoming back old players and looking forward to meeting new players. Craig Commens(President) – phone 0428717519

OAKEY SUNDAY MARKETS

The Oakey Rotary Club is planning the inaugural **Oakey Sunday Markets** to coincide with the Oakey Two Day Cycling Classic on **Sunday 8th February 2009**. The markets will be held in the **Oakey Primary School** grounds on the corner of Lorrimer and York Sts, where visitors will gain a full view of the "Kermesse" race as it enters and corners on York St.

The Oakey Sunday Markets will be open from 7 am to 3 pm. It is planned to hold them on the second Sunday of each month, but possibly at a different site. Stall sites are \$15. Contact for stall sites is George Elliott (4691 2106) or Libby Baxter (4691 2018 (a/h)) There is plenty of parking in Lorrimer St and Aubigny Rd. The Oakey community is getting behind the Oakey Two Day Cycling Classic to leverage the economic and social benefits for the town.

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