



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 30 July, 2009

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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

FRIDAY 31/07

- Assembly 8.50am
- NO TUCKSHOP
- Prep and Prep/1 Amaroo

MONDAY 03/08

- HPE & Music lessons

TUESDAY 04/08

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 05/08

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

THURSDAY 06/08

- Instrumental Music
- Wilsonton Campus
Principal to address 6-7

FRIDAY 07/08

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 10/08

- HPE & Music lessons

TUESDAY 11/08

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 12/08

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

KINGSTHORPE SS CENTENARY IN 2011 FIRST PLANNING MEETING TONIGHT

Kingsthorpe SS will officially turn 100 years in 2011. To mark this significant event, a day of special celebrations will be planned inviting as many past students teachers & parents to attend. A milestone occasion such as this will need quite a deal of planning & preparation over the next two years, so the very first meeting to form a Centenary Committee will be held **tonight** at school from **7.00-8.00pm**.

The meeting will be open to all interested Kingsthorpe residents - we look forward to sharing with many local families & hope you can attend this brief first gathering.

ARTS COUNCIL PERFORMANCE & NED SHOW

Last Wednesday saw the presentation of two great live performances to our students.

The first was the Arts Council presentation of 'Hermes Goes Environmental,' carrying a strong & encouraging environmental theme.

The second was a free program known as the NED Show. A great message to **Never** give up, **Encourage** others and to **Do** your best was shared with the children through an entertaining program involving Yo-Yos. (Sales have now come to a close)

Both presentations were very positive and enjoyed by the majority of our children - hopefully they've also taken a chance to share with you some of the positive learnings that came out of the presentations.

JUMP ROPE FOR HEART PROGRAM - SPONSORSHIP SOUGHT & PRIZES TO EARN

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' on Monday 17th August. 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

A special **note** and **Sponsorship Form** will be distributed to each Prep - Year 7 student **tomorrow**. The form requires Parents to first give consent to the children to participate in fundraising. We'd kindly ask that you complete this brief section on the form and assist your child where possible with their fundraising efforts. In the meantime we'll be continuing to encourage the children with lots of fun & different Jump Rope activities over the next couple of weeks at school in the lead up to Jump Off Day.

PREP - YEAR 1 AMAROO EXCURSION - TOMORROW

A reminder that our re-scheduled Prep & Year 1 Amaroo Excursion takes place **tomorrow**. All of the same arrangements will remain in place with our bus departing at 9.00am. A reminder of what each child will need to bring is as follows:

- Wear complete & correct school uniform
- Be wearing **comfortable walking shoes** (no sandals, thongs or heels)
- **Bring:**
 - Broad brimmed Hat (normal school hat)
 - School Bag
 - Fruit in a labelled paper bag for morning tea & a water bottle. **NO LUNCH BOXES to be brought please**

Amaroo EEC has no garbage collection service an therefore no longer provides bins for rubbish. They do however, have compost bins and this is why we have asked for a litter-less morning tea - **fruit only in a labelled paper bag**, all of which can go into the compost heap. Have a great learning day!

NORTHERN DOWNS ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Approximately 30 children represented our school at the Northern Downs Zone Athletics Carnival held on Tuesday this week. A number of our students performed very well on the day across a range of events, with 4 students qualifying to go on to the Inner Downs Zone Athletics Carnival.

Our congratulations to Jessie, Manessha, Chloe & Briannah - well done & good luck in your next events.

I am pleased to also advise that Year 7 Kingsthorpe student Jessie earned the 13 Years Boys Age Champion award for a number of terrific performances. Well done Jessie!

KINGSTHORPE SS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS PROGRAM TURNS 10 YEARS OLD!

Hard working members of our P&C Association stretching back as far as 1998-99 are to be commended for the initial establishment & continued success of our school's OSHC Program. This week sees the program turning officially 10 years! - a wonderful achievement! OSHC Co-ordinator Denise Murphy, current assistants Pat Buchanan & Natasha Crow, and past assistants are to be congratulated on the fine program that continues safely and successfully each morning & afternoon within our Junior block throughout the school year. Licensed for up to 25 children of a morning and 35 of an afternoon, our wonderful staff provide a fresh afternoon tea and a range of engaging sporting, recreational and artistic activities in support of the children each week. Thank you, congratulations & happy 10th birthday from a grateful school community!



SCHOOL BUILDING PROJECTS UPDATE - BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION

Following some unforeseen delays (not involving our school,) we have been advised by Ed Qld & Hutchinson's Builders that work crews will officially commence works on site this Monday 3rd August. Construction of our new School Library and Indoor Sport & Recreation Hall is to 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.

COWS CREATE CAREERS PROJECT - Year 6-7 Class

Our newest young 'enrolments' have arrived. Two 3 week old fresian calves are now safely secured in a specially erected holding yard at school and are being keenly cared for by our Year 6&7 students. Mr Denman has kindly included a number of children from classes across the school in having a turn to assist with the bottle feeding & to learn more about their growth and needs. Our Year 6&7 students are taking responsibility for preparing the calf milk replacer, feed pellets, weigh tapes & more, with the assistance of local Australian Dairy Industry advocates. Routines, feeding rosters & responsibilities have been developed to assist our students in new learnings & understandings. The project is overwhelmingly positive with some exciting outcomes anticipated.

ADVANCE NOTICE - YEAR 3/4 & 4/5 & 5/6 EXCURSION

Parents are advised that a special one day excursion to Brisbane is being planned for the above classes for **Wed 16 September** (last week of term). The children will be visiting South Bank parklands, the Sciencecentre, the Gallery of Modern Art (Yr 5/6) and more. At this stage the anticipated cost will be **\$30-\$35** per child, subject to final costs associated with travel & admissions. More details will be provided in coming weeks.

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. Mr Carmody, Mrs Keene, Mrs Saunders, Mr Denman & Mrs Watton will attend the school funded program next Monday & Tuesday (3-4 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.

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 24th - 28th August. We propose to hold our character dress-up day at **9.00am** on the **Friday 28th August**.

Kind regards,

Craig Barron
PRINCIPAL

Happy Birthday wishes this fortnight to:

Brittany B, Margaret O'R, Jarod J, Ella I,
Jack K, Nathan L and Taylor G



A Message from Education Queensland:

CONTINUING ADVICE REGARDING THE MANAGEMENT OF INFLUENZA

Continuing on from the letter circulated to all families last Friday please see the attached flyer.

EDUCATION TAX REFUND

The Australian Government announced in the 2008-09 Budget, that families will be able to claim a 50% Education Tax Refund from 1 July 2008.

Eligible families will be able to claim a 50% refund every year for eligible education expenses up to:

- \$750 for each child undertaking primary studies (maximum refundable tax offset of \$375 per child, per years); and
- \$1,500 for each child undertaking secondary studies (maximum refundable tax offset of \$750 per child, per year).

It has been determined that Prep Year is a part of primary schooling in Queensland, therefore parents can claim eligible Prep Year education expenses in their Education Tax Refund claim.

Schools may be asked questions by parents regarding the Education Tax Refund. Information is available to Parents through the Australian Taxation Office website at:

<http://www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/home/>

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 13 August.

WHAT'S ON - CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Date	Activity
31 July	Prep & Yr1 children to Amaroo EEC - rescheduled
17 Aug	Jump Rope - 'JUMP OFF' Day all students
19 Aug	Interschool Touch Football Comp Day - info soon
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 17 July.



P	Alyssa B	P/1	Joshua P
2/3	Natalya K	3/4	Alec D
4/5	Tegan G	5/6	Fiona G
6/7	Emma D		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Aidan C - Citizen of the Week presented on 17 July.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 24 July.



P	Connor B	P/1	Nadia C
2/3	Cody N	3/4	Bailey K
4/5	Xanthia R	5/6	Aisha McG
6/7	Tremaine W		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Jacinta W - Citizen of the Week presented on 24 July.

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**Positions Vacant - Registered Nurse**

Permanent Part-time: 0.7 FTE (50 hrs 45minutes per fortnight)
Work Base Location: Clifford Park Special School, Toowoomba

The classification for this position is NU2 - equivalent to Grade 6 in Qld Health.

Work Duties include;

- Applying current methodologies in the provision of nursing services to students with multiple impairments in State Schools.
- Training and supervising school staff to deliver specialised health procedures to students in schools
- Most of the work will be conducted at Clifford Park Special School with some training of staff required in other State Schools in the Region.

The Position will be advertised in the Courier Mail on Saturday July 25th, 2009 or the advertisement can be accessed via Smart Jobs and Careers at <http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au>
<<http://www.jobs.qld.gov.au/>>

From 24th July, 2009

Applications close August 2nd, 2009.

For more information contact Andrew Hawke (46145333)

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THIS FLU SEASON:

This winter, H1N1 influenza 09 (human swine influenza), along with other influenza viruses is circulating in the community. Generally, the virus produces a mild disease in most, severe disease in some, and is a moderate illness overall.

Many more people are likely to be affected by influenza-like illness this year than in recent flu seasons, because the community will have not have immunity to the H1N1 influenza 09 virus.

The best way to stop the spread of influenza, and to protect people who may be more vulnerable to severe outcomes if they contract the virus, is to keep sick children home and encourage good hygiene.

What are the symptoms of Human Swine Influenza?

They are similar to those of seasonal influenza - fever (greater than 38°C or a good history of fever) plus cough and/or sore throat. Other symptoms can include fatigue, myalgia, headache, body aches or chills.

What are the vulnerable groups?

Those most at risk of serious illness as a result of Human Swine Influenza include people with chronic diseases such as respiratory disease (including asthma), heart disease, diabetes, renal and liver disease, morbid obesity and immunosuppression. Pregnant women and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are also at higher risk from this infection.

What should I do if my child develops flu like symptoms?

- Keep your child at home and limit contact with others until your child is well. Your child may return to school and other activities when they are completely well, or when at least 24 hours have passed since their fever has resolved, whichever is the longer.
- Mild flu like symptoms in those at low risk generally can be treated at home with simple measures including fluids, rest and paracetamol to reduce fevers.
- Seek medical advice or contact 13 HEALTH (13 43 25 84) if symptoms are not relieved or worsen.
- Seek medical advice if your child is in a vulnerable group or has other underlying medical conditions. Antiviral treatment may be indicated and should be commenced as early as practicable and within the first 48 hours of illness.
- If your child's illness is moderate or severe, treatment is likely to be indicated and your child should be seen by a doctor.
- Please call ahead if seeing a doctor, advising of your child's symptoms.
- Ensure your child and those around them practice good hand hygiene, cover their nose and mouth when they cough and sneeze, and dispose of tissues promptly.
- Restrict close contact (within one metre) with others as much as possible, especially with any family members who are in a vulnerable group. If your child is in a vulnerable group, or their illness is moderate or severe, antiviral medications such as oseltamivir (Tamiflu) or zanamivir (Relenza) may be prescribed by your doctor.

What is the best way to protect myself or my children from Human Swine Influenza?

The best way to protect yourself and others is to:

- stay home when you are sick
- wash your hands frequently with soap and water or use an alcohol-based hand gel
- wash your hands prior to touching your eyes, nose and mouth
- when coughing or sneezing, cover your mouth and nose with disposable tissues which should be disposed of immediately
- do not share items such as cigarettes, glasses or cups, lipstick, toys or anything which could be contaminated with respiratory secretions
- maintain at least a one metre distance from people who have flu-like symptoms such as coughing or sneezing