



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

FRIDAY 06/03

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 09/03

- Music & SWIM CARNIVAL

TUESDAY 10/03

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 11/03

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

THURSDAY 12/03

- Instrumental Music

FRIDAY 13/03

- Assembly 8.55am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 16/03

- Music & HPE Lessons P-7

TUESDAY 17/03

- Intercultural Investigations

WEDNESDAY 18/03

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7

School Swimming Carnival

This coming **Monday 9th March** will see our Fun Swim Carnival for children of Years 2-7. As a culminating activity for our 'Learn to Swim' program, we've organised a program that provides for both competition and fun, creating an opportunity for swimmers of all capabilities to participate. Our students will compete in Sporting Houses where points can be earned in a number of events, and where the day will result in a trophy awarded to the Champion Swimming House for 2009.

We'll be travelling by buses as usual, with all Year 2-7 students departing by 9.15am for return to school by 2.30pm. Parents are most welcome to join us from 9.30am to help cheer on our swimmers.

Whilst a special note was distributed to all families yesterday outlining all of the organisational arrangements, children are reminded that they will need to bring their own morning tea, lunch & water bottle as no pre-ordered lunches/tuckshop are being provided for the children. The canteen will only be open to adults on the day. We're looking forward to a great day of fun, healthy swimming activity!

Year 4-7 Sports Expo

On Tuesday 31st 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.

YEAR 3, 5 & 7 NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM - LITERACY & NUMERACY

All students at Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 in schools across Australia will be undertaking the same tests in Literacy & Numeracy on the same days this year, over **12-14 May**. Students have their skills assessed in numeracy, reading, writing, spelling, punctuation and grammar.

The national tests assess student achievement in literacy and numeracy in much the same way as has been done in the past. The test formats and the type of questions will be familiar to students. National tests provide information on how students are progressing and are designed to support improvements in teaching and learning.

Parents and carers can best assist students by

making them feel comfortable about the nature and purpose of the tests. Children can be assured that the assessments will give them an opportunity to show what they have learned in class. Our teachers have been, and will continue to provide effective preparation for the national testing program with all of our students. Parents will find attached to today's newsletter a special information leaflet which explains more about this year's NAPLAN Test Program. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact with me at your earliest convenience.

HOUSE CAPTAIN BADGE PRESENTATIONS

School Assembly tomorrow morning will see the presentation of badges to our newly elected Leichhardt & Cunningham Sports House Captains. All of our student leaders for 2009 will be required to abide by a special 'School Leaders Pledge' which outlines expectations of their behaviour and their new responsibilities. As a school staff we are committed to working closely with these children specifically, to help develop their leadership capabilities and ensure that they live up to the responsibilities that have been entrusted to them. We look forward to working successfully with these leaders and all of our students to develop their self-confidence, independence and responsibility.

MEETINGS WITH YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER

When it comes to discussing your child's continued progress & development, we would like to afford you an appropriate time and space to do so that is free from disruptions and distractions.

So that teachers can be in the best position to provide you with work samples or results or essential information, it's important that they prepare in advance when possible. We would kindly ask, therefore, that for issues of concern or for discussions that may take a little longer than a quick update at the classroom door, that an appointment is made in advance. By phoning the school or arranging a dedicated time in advance, your child's teacher will be only too pleased to then give you their undivided attention and provide you with necessary information.

Formal Parent-Teacher Interviews will be offered to all Parents across the final two weeks of this term. More information about specific arrangements will be provided closer to this time. Many thanks.

WHY READING STORIES MATTERS

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics. If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books will make them

more comfortable reading at school. Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time. If you would like more information about reading with your child visit:

www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

LEARNING ABOUT LENGTH AND MEASUREMENT

From an early age, your child is taught about length and measurement in the classroom. You can share experiences in your home to help improve their numeracy skills. Explain to your child that the length of something is the distance between two points.

You and your child can measure the length of objects using different items as measuring units e.g. hands, fingers, feet, straws, paperclips, ice cream sticks or even pencils. Here are a few ways you can explore length with your child:

- during daily activities, take the opportunity to ask your child to compare lengths of different objects, or line up objects, such as shoes, from longest to shortest
- remember to keep asking questions using language such as 'which object is shorter, longer, lower, wider or thicker?'
- encourage your child to compare the heights of people in your family or objects in your home. You and your child could create a height chart and record the height of visitors and friends and discuss your findings
- provide experiences and opportunities for your child to estimate length and get them to verify their estimations
- as your child learns about metres and other standard units of measuring such as centimetres, you can encourage discussion on estimating the lengths of various objects.

If you would like more information to assist your child in understanding length and measurement as well as improving his/her literacy and numeracy skills, visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY

Our School Newsletter is proudly distributed fortnightly. The next edition is planned for Thursday 19 March, 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

Happy Birthday wishes this week to:

Guy C, Alex D, Zane S and Joshua B



CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 4:

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 20 February.

P	Samuel H	P/1	Izac W
2/3	Jemiya	3/4	Madeline D
4/5	Adam C	5/6	Thomas L
6/7	Matthew C		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Harrison H - Citizen of the Week presented on 20 February.



STUDENTS OF THE WEEK - Week 5:

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

P	Ryan S	P/1	Yasmin D
2/3	Brittney N	3/4	Scott R
4/5	Chantel Mcm	5/6	Gavan H
6/7	Melissa C		

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Jacob H - Citizen of the Week presented on 27 February.



P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

Easter Fundraiser

Earlier this week a note was distributed to all families regarding the Easter fundraiser. All donations for this raffle need to be in to the school by 13th March 2009 for effective organisation of the raffle. These donations could include: Easter Eggs, Plush Toys, Easter stickers/toys, Boxed chocolates, Novelty confectionery etc. Thank you for supporting our fundraiser.



Next General Meeting

The next General Meeting of our P&C Association will be held on Monday 16th March at 3.30pm in the school staffroom. All interested parents are invited to attend and will be made most welcome.

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

BIKE STOLEN FROM HOME

Unfortunately we have received a report of a child's bike stolen from the yard of a Kingsthorpe home on the evening of Friday 20th February. A description of the bike is as follows:

- Yellow 'Hutch' Brand 20" BMX Bike
- Black moulded 5 Spoke rims
- Silver handle bars with black hand-grips

The theft has been reported to Police.

Anyone who may have seen the bike or has information about its possible location is requested to contact either Sgt Kidd at Goombungee Police on 46965120 or Mr Owen Kleidon on 46300326

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Meringandan State School P&C Association will be hosting a Trivia Night on Saturday the 21st of March @ 7pm at the Boodua Public Hall. Teams consist of 6-8 players at a cost of \$10 per person. The event is licensed with hot & cold savouries and supper included. For bookings, please phone Libby on 4696 7415 or Melinda on 4696 7335.

MILLER'S FASHION PARADE

Proudly hosted by Kingsthorpe CWA on Tuesday 10 March at the Kingsthorpe Hall. Doors open 9:30am. Parade commences 10am. Admission \$10 includes finger food lunch. Lucky Door Prize. Raffle \$2 – Multi draw. Fashion Accessory stalls. CWA Bring and Buy Stall. Please come along. See the latest fashion. For details ring Val Hardy on 46300183.

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

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

COMMUNITY NEWS



Interested in
Touch Football
Or
Netball?



Regular training sessions will be held at the
Kingsthorpe Sporting Associations Oval
With a small fee to cover costs
(Days, times & cost to be advised)
Students Grade 1 – 7 all welcome

All those interested please contact me via
Email : joeleene75@hotmail.com
Mobile : 0403 076 365
Phone : 4699 3135

Details I need are:

Name and Age of student
Which sport they are interested in
What afternoons they are available to train
As well as phone number

Once all interests are registered,
I will contact students with final details

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