



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 5 November, 2009

We value & strive for **SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - SELF-RESPONSIBILITY**

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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

MONDAY 09/11

- HPE & Music lessons
- Year 6 & 7 Camp

TUESDAY 10/11

- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes
- Year 6 & 7 Camp

WEDNESDAY 11/11

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons
- Year 6 & 7 Camp

THURSDAY 12/11

- Instrumental Music

FRIDAY 13/11

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

MONDAY 16/11

- Cultural Awareness
Workshops - Day 1
- HPE & Music lessons
- PREP 2010 Parent
Afternoon: 3.15-4.00pm

TUESDAY 17/11

- Cultural Awareness
Workshops - Day 2
- Intercultural Investigations
Yr5-7 classes

WEDNESDAY 18/11

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons
- PREP 2010 "Come & Try"
Morning 11.30am-1.00pm

Indigenous Cultural Awareness Days

I'm pleased to advise that we have once again invited known Indigenous artist & presenter, Rick Roser to our school to conduct a series of special activities with children of each of our classes. Over two days, 16-17 November, all of our students will have an opportunity to learn more about indigenous heritage & culture through a number of interesting hands-on activities delivered by Rick. Fire-making, storytelling, ochre painting, boomerang & spear throwing, didgeridoo playing & more are some of the experiences that Rick is planning to share with our children. The workshops are completely subsidised by the school and at no cost to families.

We look forward to welcoming Rick to our school shortly & learning more about the history, traditions and culture of our nations original inhabitants.

Year 6 & 7 Sunshine Coast Camp 9-11 November

Many of our Year 6 & 7 students will be attending the annual Senior School camp planned for next week at the 'Currimundi Active Recreation Centre' on the Sunshine Coast. Mr Denman, Mrs Keene, Mrs Simon & I will be attending and look forward to a range of exciting & educationally significant learning experiences. The next edition of our newsletter is likely to include a number of stories & photos retelling the students rewarding experiences.

PREP YEAR 2010

Parent Information Afternoon

On the afternoon of Monday 16th November we will be holding a special Information Afternoon where parents of our 2010 Prep Class are invited to join with us for an important sharing session. To be held from 3.15-4.15pm, all interested 2010 Prep Parents are welcome to attend.

Come & Try Morning

On Wednesday 18th November we plan to offer the parents of next year's Prep Class the chance for the children to come to Kingsthorpe SS for a 'Come & Try' morning. From 11.30am - 1.00pm children who have applied to enrol in Prep at Kingsthorpe in 2010 will be welcome to come to school to enjoy play based activities in our Prep environment.

Instrumental Music Families Evening

On Thursday 19th November we plan to once again conduct a special evening for the families of our Instrumental Music Students. Commencing at approx. 6.45pm, a special invitation will be sent out next week to families advising of the program & students to perform.

STAFFING & CLASSES FOR 2010

At this point of the school year we are beginning to plan for class groups and teacher assignments for the forthcoming year. Specific information about the staffing of our school will be made known to all families in the next edition of our newsletter.

Following further discussions with staff over the next four weeks, parents will be advised of each child's class & teacher on Monday 7th December.

BOOKLISTS for 2010

2010 Year Level Booklists are likely to be distributed to all families in the week 23-27 Nov. **Whilst families are welcome to purchase their stationery & booklist items from the store/s of your own choice**, we will continue to make use of a service offered by **Browns Bookstore, Toowoomba**, for the complete list of all items for each year level. Although the booklist that you will receive will be printed up by Brown's and have their store heading on it, we will still provide a complete Booklist to **Kingsthorpe News & Post Agency, Wilsonton Shopping Centre Newsagency** and the **Oakey Newsagency** for the convenience of families. Should you have any further queries, please don't hesitate to contact our school.

P&C ASSOCIATION MEETINGS

Further into today's newsletter parents will find an invitation to attend a **post-Rodeo meeting** to discuss the outcomes of this year's High Noon Bullride & ideas for next year's events. I would encourage all interested to folk to come along & join the discussion.

The next General Meeting of our P&C Association will also take place on Thursday 19th November. Starting at 3.30pm in the staffroom, all parents are invited to attend & will be made most welcome.

REVIEW OF SCHOOL RESPONSIBLE BEHAVIOUR PLAN FOR STUDENTS

We are currently undertaking a process of review of our current School Responsible Behaviour Planning for students and will be looking to further consult with parents through the next P&C Association meeting. Whilst our current planning addresses



well a range of issues surrounding student behaviour, we are undertaking the review to:

- (i) ensure that we consider new understandings & latest research, and;
- (ii) meet Education Queensland's revised criteria for school behaviour planning.

Initial staff analysis & consultation has occurred and a draft plan & proposals will be submitted to our P&C Association at its next meeting on 23 November for further consideration, comment & potential endorsement. I would encourage interested parents to become involved in this process – a copy of the revised planning & draft plan should be available upon request by the end of next week.

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY

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

RECENT CASES OF CHICKEN POX AT SCHOOL

Parents are advised that we have recently experienced an increased number of cases of Chicken Pox at school in recent weeks. Whilst not intending to cause alarm, parents are advised to be on the lookout for the suspected initial signs of Chicken Pox and to act promptly in accordance with your health practitioner's advice and minimise the spread to other children.

The National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) provide 'Recommended minimum periods of exclusion from school and child care centres for cases of and contact with infectious diseases'. The following information outlines the recommended periods for which they should be excluded from school or peer contact:

Condition: Chicken Pox (Varicella)

Exclusion: Exclude until all blisters have dried. This is usually at least 5 days after the rash first appeared in unimmunised people and less in immunised people.

Exclusion of contacts: Anyone with an immune deficiency (eg. Leukaemia) or receiving chemotherapy or immunosuppressive therapy may require preventative immunoglobulin and/or exclusion for their own protection. Contact local Population Health Unit for advice. Otherwise not excluded.

We would be most appreciative if parents would contact the school office to advise of any further confirmed cases of chicken pox experienced. Thank you.

BIRTH CERTIFICATES FOR CHILDREN STARTING PREP YEAR

Parents of children born between 1 July 2004 and 30 June 2005 who are starting Prep in 2010 will need a birth certificate to enrol them in the Prep Year.

The Registry of Births, Deaths and Marriages is encouraging parents to apply for birth certificates now to avoid the new school year rush. To apply for a standard or commemorative birth certificate you can:

- download an application form from www.justice.qld.gov.au/bdm

- visit the registry at 110 George Street, Brisbane or your nearest courthouse. Please don't leave it to the last minute – apply for a birth certificate now.

YEAR 7 DISTRICT SPEECH COMPETITION

The annual District Year 7 Speech Contest will take place at Rangeville SS on the evening of Tuesday 24th November. Our Year 7 teacher Mr Denman will soon be working with students to prepare speeches, with 3 finalists from the class competition to deliver their speeches on parade in coming weeks. A single winner will then go on to represent our school at the District Competition. Good luck Year 7's!

Kind regards,

Craig Barron
PRINCIPAL

CONTINUING MESSAGES

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.

LOST PROPERTY

Please continue to visit the current Lost Property box at school to locate or retrieve items of student clothing that are accumulating.

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 23 October.

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|------------|----------|------------|-----------|
| P | Tyrese F | P/1 | Brianna D |
| 2/3 | Paige S | 3/4 | Isaac K |
| 4/5 | Kelsea S | 5/6 | Amellia W |
| 6/7 | Emma D | | |

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Molly K –Citizen of the Week presented on 23 October.

STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Congratulations to the following children who were our Students of the Week presented on 30 October.

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| P | Emma G | P/1 | Jayde O |
| 2/3 | Jesse W | 3/4 | Jayden S |
| 4/5 | Olivia B | 5/6 | Joshua B |
| 6/7 | Brent H-L | | |

CITIZEN OF THE WEEK :

Congratulations to Jake C –Citizen of the Week presented on 30 October.

Happy Birthday wishes over the coming weeks to:

Mitchell P, Jasmin L, Tyrese F, Jayde O,
Cody W and Matthew H.



WHAT'S ON – TERM 4 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

| Week | Date | Event |
|------|-----------|--|
| 6 | 9-11 Nov | Year 6-7 Camp at Currimundi (Sunshine Coast) |
| 7 | 16 Nov | PREP 2010 Parent Information afternoon |
| | 16-17 Nov | Indigenous Education Cultural Awareness Workshops & Activities for all classes at school |
| | 18 Nov | PREP 2010 'Come & Try' morning at school 11.30am – 1.00m |
| | 19 Nov | P&C Association Meeting |
| | 19 Nov | Instrumental Music Families Evening 6.45 - 7.30pm Info coming home shortly |
| 8 | 24 Nov | Year 7 Public Speaking Competition – Rangeville SS (1 x KSS rep to attend) |
| | 25 Nov | KSS School Volunteer Thank You afternoon 3.15-4.00pm |
| | 27 Nov | 2010 School Captain speeches & elections |
| 9 | 30 Nov | Monday: End of Year Combined RI Service – Harvest Ministeries visiting & presenting |
| | 3 Dec | P&C Association Meeting |
| | 4 Dec | Year 7 'Big Day Out' |
| 10 | 7 Dec | Student Report Cards & 2010 Class Lists distributed |
| | 7 Dec | Year 7 Graduation Dinner - City Golf Club - Parents to soon receive special note & invitations |
| | 10 Dec | School Concert & Awards Evening |

P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS**POST-RODEO MEETING - TODAY**

The P&C Association will be holding a post Rodeo discussion meeting in the School Staff room on Thursday 5th November 2009, from 4:00pm to 5:00pm.

We invite and welcome anyone interested in attending this meeting to share any thoughts you may have regarding the High Noon Rodeo held earlier this term and to discuss ideas for next year's Rodeo/Major Fundraiser.

P & C ASSOCIATION MEETING

Please be advised that the next P & C Meeting will be held on Thursday 19 November 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

Kind Regards,
Monica Green 0413045033
Secretary

**P & C ASSOCIATION
FUNDRAISING NEWS**

The Fundraiser – Billy G's Cookie Drive order forms were due back to school by Wednesday 4 November, please hand in as soon as possible. The P&C look forward to your support of this, our last fundraiser for 2009.
Danielle Abraham & Jessie Alexander
Fundraising Co-ordinators

COMMUNITY NEWS**Thank you**

Thank you to everyone who helped look for our dog. She has been found. Your concern and help were really appreciated.

Thanks again,
Dawn Fels

