



-Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



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THE WEEKS AHEAD:

FRIDAY 06/02

- Assembly 8.50am
- ICT Lessons Yr 2-7

MONDAY 09/02

- Music & SWIMMING

TUESDAY 10/02

- LOTE

WEDNESDAY 11/02

- Mobile Library visit

THURSDAY 12/02

- Instrumental Music

FRIDAY 13/02

- Assembly 8.55am
- ICT Lessons Yr 2-7

MONDAY 16/02

- Music & SWIMMING

TUESDAY 17/02

- LOTE

WEDNESDAY 18/02

- Mobile Library visit

NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY

As was the case in Term4 last year, from today our school newsletter will be produced on a Thursday each fortnight. Our newsletter will be the primary source of most general school news, promoting current and forthcoming events, and celebrating the successes & progress of our students. The next newsletter edition will go out on Thurs 19th February.

SCHOOL UNIFORM STOCK HAS ARRIVED!

At long last our most recent order for School Uniform stock has arrived! Whilst the original order had been placed in November last year, the delay was one we'd not experienced before - thank you for your patience to this point. Pre-paid back orders that haven't been collected should now be available. Whilst there's been a run on Size 4 shirts, most other sizes (6+) should now be in plentiful supply. New hats & library bags are now also available. Our sincere thanks to P&C Uniform Convenors, Mrs Katrina Klimcowicz and Mrs Megan Hay for their invaluable assistance with the uniform supplies. Uniform purchases should be able to be made most afternoons over the next few days just after 3.00pm.

P&C ASSOC. - ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Our P&C Association AGM will be held in the staffroom at school on Monday 16th February. Commencing at 3.30pm, all parents re invited to attend and will be made most welcome. Hope to see you here then!

SCHOOL SWIMMING FOR YEAR 2-7

Our 'Learn-to-Swim' Program commenced last Monday at the Oakey Pool and, weather permitting, will continue each Monday for the next 5 weeks for children of Years 2-7. The Swim & Survive program got off to a great start with an overwhelming number of our students enjoying the chance to get in & get wet. We're looking forward to our remaining swimming weeks under the direction of HPE teacher, Mr McDonald.

PARENT INFO. AFTERNOONS - NEXT WEEK:

Class teachers began offering special Parent Information afternoons at school these past few days. The afternoons offer a chance to meet your child's class teacher, gain information as to how the classroom will operate this year & the chance to ask questions. Remaining Info Afternoons for next week are as follows:

Wed 11 Feb	Yr 2/3 Class	3.15 - 4.15pm
	Yr 4/5 Class	3.15- 4.00pm
Thurs 12 Feb	Yr 3/4 Class	3.15 - 4.15pm

If you'd not been able to attend the afternoons this past week, should you have any queries I would invite you to catch up with your child's class teacher at your earliest convenience - and perhaps before we venture too much further into the school year.

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.

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION - YEARS 1-7

Religious Instruction classes are held once each week at school over a half hour period and are available to all Year 1-7 children. Students attend & participate voluntarily only through parental consent. Two programs will be available at Kingsthorpe SS in 2009 - (i) for children of the Catholic faith, and (ii) for children of a variety of Christian faiths, in a combined program. Families will find an R.I. participation form with today's newsletter. Parents are asked to kindly complete & return the relevant form to our school office by this coming Monday. The first RI activities will begin at school this Tuesday 10th February, from 2.00-2.30pm.

Year 6-7 TOOWOOMBA INTERSCHOOL SPORT

Following last week's special note & invitation to families of Year 6&7 students, I must advise that there has been insufficient interest to proceed with this opportunity. Whilst a large number of students were keen to be involved, unfortunately this wasn't enough to meet the weekly bus transport costs. We'll continue exploring other options to engage with some of the smaller schools this semester for periodic sporting exchanges.

SCHOOL TUCKSHOP TO RE-OPEN SOON

Advance notice from our Tuckshop Convenor, Mrs Sharon Stallan, that the School Tuckshop plans to re-open on Friday 20th February. Our Tuckshop operates on a voluntary basis and opens only each Friday - more info soon as to menu items, costs & ordering arrangements.

BUILDING THE EDUCATION REVOLUTION ANNOUNCEMENT

Education Queensland has publicly welcomed the Commonwealth Government's recent 'Building the Education Revolution' announcement. Details regarding specific projects for particular schools are yet to be finalised. Queensland schools will share in approximately \$2.5 billion in funding over three years, providing new facilities that will support learning and teaching. At this stage I am unable to advise as to what this may mean for our school specifically until we have seen the full details.

INSURANCE COVER FOR STUDENTS UNDERTAKING PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES

Physical activity and physical education, particularly contact sports, carry inherent risks of injury. Parents are advised that the Department of Education Training and the Arts does not have Personal Accident Insurance cover for students.

Education Queensland has public liability cover for all approved school activities and provides compensation for students injured at school only when the Department is negligent. If this is not the case, then all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent or caregiver.

It is a personal decision for parents as to the type and level of private insurance they arrange to cover students for any accidental injury that may occur.

INTERNET & MEDIA PERMISSION FORMS

Parents are kindly asked to discuss, complete and then return the attached Internet & Media permission forms to Mrs Sundell in our school office. The forms are essential to student access to our school's internet & email facilities which are used by classes in their iCT lessons each week. Should you have any queries in relation to the forms, please don't hesitate to contact the office. Thank you.

HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD WITH READING

As a parent, you are your child's first teacher and it is important to encourage your child to read outside of the classroom.

Our school is asking all parents to help their children to improve their reading skills. You can do this by:

- visiting the local library – this is an economical way to provide access to different kinds of books and learning materials and allows children to borrow from a wide range. Your library may also offer a reading program which makes reading an exciting experience and allows them to mix with other children
- asking 'why' questions as you read a book or story together to help your child understand and asking them to think about alternate endings to make much-loved books even more interesting
- reading to your child as often as you can and by trying to carry a book with you when away from home
- letting your child hold the book and turn the pages when you are reading together – this lets your child join in and allows you to talk about the pictures
- congratulating your child on their reading – this will encourage them to enjoy the reading experience
- pointing out words as you read them, especially long or interesting words – this will create a word bank or a spelling list which will help your child with their writing
- making a message board or space at home and encouraging your child to read and leave messages for other family members – this will also give them an important job in the household.

For more tips and online resources about literacy and numeracy visit www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map/

Kindest regards,

Craig Barron
PRINCIPAL

Happy belated and future Birthday best wishes to:

Brittany N, Cody N, Caitlin G, Molly K, Makaela G, Kody R, Bailey K, Brent H-L, Sean A, Joshua W, Declan W, Madeline D, Liam R, Kimberley W, Xanthia R, Chloe S and Luke L.

P & C ASSOCIATION NEWS

2009 Annual General Meeting

2009 is well underway, our AGM date has been set for Monday 16th of this month at 3:30. The purpose of this meeting is to welcome any parents who would be newcomers to the school and extend an invitation to all interested in becoming active P&C members. This is also the time for nomination of a new committee. We have heard whisperings amongst parents that they may like to become more involved in P&C activities. PLEASE DO NOT BE SHY! The P&C has, for many years now been small in numbers and we greatly look forward to new members, new ideas and new friendships. Please attend our first meeting and consider what help and support you may be able to give.

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 For Shirt Sales

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



SCHOOL DENTAL VAN

Contact number for the school dental van is 0407375354 for enquiries.

COMMUNITY NEWS

For Injured and Sick Wildlife – contact our local carers:

Wildlifes Welfare Carers Inc
Available 24hrs
Voluntary Organisation
12 Hamlyn Road, Oakey Q 4401
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