



# -Kingsthorpe State School- NEWSLETTER



Thursday 7 May, 2009

The pillars of our Behaviour Code: **SAFETY - EFFORT - RESPECT - SELF-RESPONSIBILITY**

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### THE WEEKS AHEAD:

#### FRIDAY 08/05

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

#### MONDAY 11/05

- Music & HPE Lessons P-7

#### TUESDAY 12/05

- Intercultural Investigations  
Yr5-7 classes
- Yr 3,5,7 Testing - Day 1

#### WEDNESDAY 13/05

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7
- Yr 3,5,7 Testing - Day 2

#### THURSDAY 14/05

- Instrumental Music
- Yr 3,5,7 Testing - Day 3

#### FRIDAY 15/05

- Assembly 8.50am
- TUCKSHOP

#### MONDAY 18/05

- Music & HPE Lessons P-7

#### TUESDAY 19/05

- Intercultural Investigations  
Yr5-7 classes

#### WEDNESDAY 20/05

- Mobile Library visit
- ICT Lessons Yr P-7
- Inner Downs Cross Country

### YEAR 3, 5 & 7 NATIONAL LITERACY & NUMERACY TEST PROGRAM - NEXT WEEK

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. Our teachers have been, and will continue to provide effective preparation for the national testing program with all of our students.

We appreciate parental assistance in ensuring that all Year 3, 5 & 7 children are in full attendance over this period. (Health conditions excepted).

### PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR SCHOOL TESTS

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) tests for 2009 will be held from Tuesday 12 May to Thursday 14 May.

There are a number of ways you can help your child to prepare at home for tests:

- talk to your child about the purpose of the tests and how they will be given an opportunity to show what they have learnt in class
- discuss the format that test questions can take, such as multiple choice items, short response questions and writing tasks
- when you read together, ask your child questions about the story to make sure they understand what they are reading
- encourage your child to write descriptive stories about something they have seen, heard or read about – who are the main characters, what are they trying to do and why, where is the story set and how will it end
- maintain a positive attitude about the tests
- ensure your child gets plenty of sleep leading up to tests
- ensure your child exercises and eats healthy meals regularly, including breakfast.

If you have any questions about the types and formats of tests your child undertakes while at school please contact your child's teacher.

For more information about how you can help your child with literacy and numeracy visit [www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map](http://www.education.qld.gov.au/parents/map)

### TOOWOOMBA EISTEDDFOD – 18<sup>th</sup> May 2009

**Our Year 5/6 class** will be competing in the 'Small Speaking Choir for Primary Schools' (Session 53/Section 763) at the Toowoomba Eisteddfod on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> May. The performance will consist of 'Hist!' by CJ Dennis and 'Tap Tap Poem' by Paul Johnson. The session starts at 5:30pm in the Empire Theatre and the evening should

conclude by 7:30pm. Tickets are available at the box office for a small charge. We love to see a great audience in attendance to support our students on the night - hope you can join us! Good luck children & a big thank you to Mrs Keene for her continued support & preparation of our students for this special opportunity. Here's hoping you 'Break a leg!'

### P&C MOTHERS DAY STALL - FRIDAY 8<sup>th</sup> MAY

Our P&C Association will be kindly conducting the annual Mothers Day Stall at school tomorrow, Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May, just after our school assembly between 9.30am - 12.00 noon. The committee has sourced a range of attractive gifts from which all children may choose. The assortment of items will be offered at varying prices but nearing \$5.00 each. Arrangements will be made on the day to for classes to visit the stall in turn, and will offer brothers/sisters in the one family the chance to purchase either one item each, or an item between the two children. The P&C looks forward to your support of the chance to provide a simple yet attractive gift for mum.

### JOIN THE WALK SAFELY TO SCHOOL DAY - NEXT FRIDAY 15<sup>th</sup> MAY

The Pedestrian Council of Australia is once again holding its 'Walk Safely to School Day' this year. The day is an annual, national event when parents & primary school children are encouraged to walk and commute safely to school.



Next Friday 15<sup>th</sup> May, parents who usually drive to school could try parking the car at least 10 minutes away and walking with their child to school (if you don't already!) Of course, safety is all important so please remember that young children, especially those under 10, need to be closely supervised when walking to school.

Let's get behind this community event and promote road safety, health, public transport and the environment – **our teachers will be joining the initiative** with a number of us each planning to meet with children & parents at different street intersections across Kingsthorpe next Friday to walk to school.

A separate special note will be sent out next week to advise where a number staff members would be happy to meet with families on the walk to school.

Regular walking makes you feel better, is great for the environment, and reduces traffic congestion around the school. Plus it's fun. Hope you can join us!

### PREP PATHWAY - COVERED LINK CONSTRUCTION UPDATE

The construction of a new covered link between the current Prep building and the existing covered walkway outside the Library is almost complete. We hope to be able to re-open the Prep gate & normal access next week - thank you for your patience during the construction period. In the meantime please continue to use the main school gateway on Goombungee Road, near the flagpoles.

**NORTHERN DOWNS ZONE CROSS COUNTRY TRIALS**

Wednesday last week saw 24 Kingsthorpe SS students proudly representing our school as they participated in the Northern Downs Zone Schools Cross Country trials at Goombungee. All of our students gave of their best over the challenging 2km & 3km courses and are again to be commended. Our special congratulations to the following students who placed within the top 5 positions for their age groups and who have been invited to go on to compete at the Inner Downs Cross Country trials on 20<sup>th</sup> May at Highfields:

- Melissa C - 4<sup>th</sup> - 13yrs Girls
- Ben D - 2<sup>nd</sup> - 10yrs Boys
- Matthew L - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 11yrs Boys
- Kelsea S - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 10yrs Girls
- Manesha S - 3<sup>rd</sup> - 13 yrs Girls



Well done KSS runners & good luck for the next Zone Trials!

**STUDENT UPDATES - FAMILIES INFORMATION NEEDED**

Today students will bring home printouts from our Student Management System for parents, carers and guardian to check the information contained on our system regarding your child. We especially request that the **Emergency Contact** details of each child is reviewed and updated in regard to telephone numbers and persons to contact in case of an emergency. Please return ALL forms whether any changes have been made or not. We ask that all alterations be made in a coloured pen so that they are easily seen when data updating. Thank you for your assistance.

**DATE CLAIMER - KSS Student DISCO - 28<sup>th</sup> MAY**

Mr Denman & members our Student Council will be holding a DISCO for KSS students at school on the evening of Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> May from 6.00 - 8.00pm. Further details provided soon.

**BOOK FAIR - Coming Soon!**

We will be hosting a whole school **BOOK FAIR** in our Library from **1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> June** for all children from Prep – Year 7 and interested family and community members. An assortment of tremendous books will be on display and available for purchase from discounts starting at approx. \$3.00 per book & ranging upwards. Our Book Fair presents as a wonderful opportunity for families to access good literature at reasonable prices, and promotes an opportunity for our children to become enthusiastic about worthwhile reading.

The school will receive a commission on total sales, which we'll convert into the purchase of more books for our library. More information will be provided to all families soon by way of a promotional flyer.

**PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE**

Children of Prep - Year 7 classes are soon to be offered the chance to participate in the annual Premier's Reading Challenge. The Challenge is aimed at encouraging great reading habits at home amongst the children, and requires them to read or experience (shared reading) a prescribed number of books over the period mid-May - 21 August. In return, children who register to take part in the Reading Challenge through their school will receive a signed Certificate of Achievement from Queensland Premier, Anna Bligh, as a result of their efforts. Our Year 5/6 teacher, Mrs Keene, will be co-ordinating our school's participation, offering all children of Prep-Year 7 classes the chance to take part. More information by way of a special note will be sent home in coming weeks..

**POLICY & REQUIREMENTS SURROUNDING STUDENT MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL**

With the cooler weather period fast approaching, and the emergence of a number of student illnesses of late, please find the following information as a reminder of our school's current policy & requirements surrounding medication for students at school. We welcome & appreciate your continued support & adherence to the following procedures & safety protocols:

Children are **not** allowed to keep any type of medication (with the exception of asthma sprays) in their possession at school. If it is necessary for any child to have medication at school, parents must:

- (a) Send along a letter of authority from a doctor clearly detailing a dosage and times of administration. A staff member will then give the medication. Medication must be in the original pharmacy container with the official label attached.  
**OR**
- (b) Come to the school at the necessary times to administer the medication to their own child. Schools are required to maintain a Medication Register, which is kept in the school office. Panadol, Aspirin, Cough medicines, etc., also need a letter of authorisation from the doctor. Children who use Ventolin puffers or similar for the treatment of asthma may keep them in their possession, however, parents are asked to advise the school in writing of this need.

Specific staff members will accept responsibility for administering medication to students during school hours only when it is absolutely necessary. Recommended guidelines set by Education Queensland are as follows:-

- (i) Oral medication is to be given strictly in accordance with instructions supplied by the student's medical practitioner and **needs to be in writing**. Non-prescribed oral medications e.g. analgesics, are not given.
- (ii) Where a staff member is to administer long-term medication, the instructions provided should be typed by a pharmacist at the doctor's discretion. The staff member can not accept the instructions solely of the parent. The medication container needs to indicate **specific times** at which medication is to be administered as well as the **quantity** or dosage.
- (iii) At no time is any medication provided for one student to be administered to another student.
- (iv) At all times medication is kept in a secure place.
- (v) All unused medication will be returned to the parents.

**PREP ENROLMENTS 2010 & 2011**

We are continuing to invite parents of age eligible children to enrol NOW for the 2010 and 2011 Prep Year program at Kingsthorpe SS. Details as follows:

- ☞ Eligible Prep 2010      Child born between  
01 July 2004 - 30 June 2005
- ☞ Eligible Prep 2011      Child born between  
01 July 2005 - 30 June 2006

We welcome Prep enrolment enquiries through the school office.

**NEWSLETTER DISTRIBUTION - FORTNIGHTLY**

Our School Newsletter is proudly distributed fortnightly. The next edition is planned for Thursday 21 May, 2009.

Kind regards,

Craig Barron  
PRINCIPAL

**Happy Birthday wishes to:**

Logan H, Harvie C, Samuel H, Mariah-Sky D and Seth N

**WHAT'S ON - CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Date	Activity
12-14 May	Year 3, 5 & 7 NAPLAN Tests
18 May	Year 5/6 perform at Toowoomba Eisteddfod
28 May	Student DISCO at school, 6-8pm
01-05 June	QUEENSLAND Week & School BOOK FAIR
15 June	Student Report Cards Out ( Yr 1, 3-7)
15 June	KSS Athletics Day #1 - Field Events for 10-13yrs
17 June	KSS Athletics Day #2 - Sprints, Relays & Ball Games, for Year 1-7 ch'n

