World's Greatest Shave

Inter-School Chess Competition

2012 Dux, Jade Withers at ENABLE Dux Dinner With Robyn Withers

ABCN Career Awards

GOMA Excursion Friday 8 March

ABCN State Manager, Brant Ward with award recipient Yr 12 student Dom Brown.
Dear Parents and Carers

It has been a very hectic term and it is almost impossible to believe that we will be on holidays at the end of this week. Firstly, I would like to congratulate many of our students who always get to school on time, have excellent attendance, complete all work in their subjects and always wear the correct school uniform. These students should feel very proud of their efforts and hopefully they will have a good report available at Parent/Teacher Interviews or sent home in the mail this week.

Also, sincerest congratulations to our students involved in so many of our Enrichment activities including Debating, Inter-school Chess, Brain Bee Challenge and our Mentoring Programs, ‘Rise Literacy’ and ‘Aspirations’.

As I have said before, the key to success is the constant monitoring by both the school and family.

Our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes have been busy ‘cooking up a storm’, for our mentors from PricewaterhouseCoopers as part of the ‘Aspirations’ program. The delicious food was well complemented by the amazing presentation! I was delighted to have delicious ‘leftovers’ to take back to the Administration team. Congratulations to Mr Sean Hortz, hospitality teacher and all students involved.

Year 12 Interviews

Over the past weeks I have been personally interviewing all Year 12s to check their progress so far and monitor their expected outcomes for this their final year. This will continue into next term. Please make sure your student has made an interview with me.

Creative Generation—2013

We are thrilled to announce that eleven of our students will once again be involved in Creative Generation—State Schools on Stage which will take place at the Brisbane Convention Centre on Friday 19 and Saturday 20 July. Yr 8 students, Holly Nish, Genesis Lealasola, Larissa Sant, Chloe Robinson and Trinity Conquest will be involved in the Vocal Mass Choir. Also, Madaleine Wensor and Renee Jamieson will be featured dancers and Britney Barrett, Aaleigh Boyle, Aaron Brown, Sarah Kleinschmidt, Renee Jamieson and Madaleine Wensor will be involved in the mass dance productions. Warmest congratulations to these students!

Staff Changes

The beginning of next term will see some changes to staffing arrangements. Mr David Holgate will be acting Principal for the beginning of the term while I am on Long Service Leave. The Deputy Principal position will be filled by Mr Norman Gill and Mr Joshua Hobbins will be acting Dean of Students—Junior Secondary School. I will be commencing leave on Wednesday 17 April.

Thank you to all College staff

Our staff are very committed to their own learning and development in order to be able to provide educational programs at the cutting edge. I would like to congratulate all our staff for their hard work and dedication—their energy levels and enthusiasm are truly amazing and we need to recognise the fantastic job they are dong!

Finally, after such a hectic nine week term it is time for a much needed break for both staff and students. Sincere thanks to all in our extended community who have supported the College in improving outcomes for our students. We look forward to seeing many parents/carers and students at Parent/Teacher Interviews in the last week.

Best wishes for a relaxing and safe Easter holiday.

Francine Barker—Principal

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REST IN PEACE—Tahnee Scott-Tehan

It is with sadness that I announce the sudden ‘passing’ of Year 8 student Tahnee Scott-Tehan on Tuesday 12 March 2013. As a community, we extend our deepest condolences to her family and friends. Tahnee’s beautiful final ‘celebration of life’ was held on Thursday 21 March surrounded by family, friends and members of the many school communities where she attended. Tahnee will always be remembered by our College community.
NAPLAN
For the past few weeks Year 9 students have been completing practice NAPLAN tests in both their English and Mathematics lessons. I have visited the classes as they have been doing these tests and I am impressed with the behaviour and effort that the Year 9s are putting in.

On Tuesday, 16 April all Year 9 students will be involved in a Literacy TURBO Day from 9am until 12.30pm. The students will be involved in Literacy activities in preparation for their NAPLAN tests. Students will be able to earn their lunch while working through the activities.

The NAPLAN test is designed to test Literacy and Numeracy. Similar tests are conducted in Year 3, 5 and 7. The results are used to monitor growth of individual performance over time and are also used for planning learning programs for individual students.

This year the NAPLAN testing will take place from Tuesday 14 May through to Thursday 16 May and will consist of five individual tests, three in Literacy and two in Numeracy. Friday 17 May will be a make-up day for students who have missed previous test days. It is important that students attend the test days rather than using the make-up day. Further information will be sent home with students early in term 2.

Best wishes
David Holgate
Deputy Principal
Student Leadership Team for 2013...

School Captains
Fatima Fresta
Shaqeale Sparkes

School Vice-Captains
Jack Leo
Chloe Herman

Senior Leaders
Bianca Reck
Divita Devi
Claudia McKenna
Caitlan Hadfield
Waarith Sharif
Tianna Paget

Performing Arts Captains
Andrea Mason
Danielle Faaeteete

Science Captains
Dominic Brown
Zane Harding

Visual Arts Captain
Caitlan Hadfield

Environmental Captain
Teleea Rudzitis

Indigenous Captain
Caitlan Hadfield

House Captains
Koongarra
Sharnie Hale
Tiarna Donnelly
Fiona Fitzsimmons
Zane Harding
Andre Mason
Sharleen Peters
Kiana Martin
Donna McCarthy

Larool
Zealand Witana-Rautahi
Tia Zakely
Socheata Whittingslow
Litea Taufa

Yarri

Student Council
President
Carissa Degney
Vice President
Claudia McKenna
Secretary
Tianna Paget
Treasurer/Events Coordinator
Divita Devi

NEWS FLASH

Congratulations to our debaters for Round 1 of the Enable Debating Competition.

Junior team 2 won decisively against Browns Plains, while Junior team 1 and Seniors were narrowly defeated by teams from Beaudesert.

Well done to all involved.

ABCN Career Awards—Dom Brown Yr 12
From Left: Mr Norman Gill, Ms Kym Penman, Dom Brown Yr 12 and Brant Ward ABCN State Manager
Welcome back to everyone, I hope you all had a relaxing and healthy holiday. I thought I would take this opportunity to introduce myself as I have been away from the school for a couple of years. I am a Clinical Nurse working for Queensland Health in the School Based Youth Health Nurse program. I am based at the school on Mondays and Tuesdays.

The Youth Health Nurse works with students, school staff and parents:

1. Address concerns or problems about health & wellbeing
2. Help create a more supportive, healthy school environment
3. Connect people to other support services outside the school

I work with individuals and school members to identify and act on issues that affect both the individual and the health of the school community. This includes helping with curriculum, teaching and learning activities, supporting an environment and school culture that encourages health and well-being and working with the community and other services.

I am able to see young people in private to talk about issues such as health concerns; relationships; sexual health; personal/family issues; smoking; alcohol & other drug use; referral to other services; feeling unhappy/stressed; puberty. My office is located in the Art block and students can come and see me at any time. Parents are also most welcome to phone me or make an appointment. There will also be regular health information articles in the school newsletters, so look out for these.

I look forward to meeting many of you during the year.

Jodie Fisher—School Based Youth Health Nurse

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**Hot Easter School Holiday Special**

**Hyperplex Cinemas Loganholme**

All kids Tickets $7.50 each

Any Movie, Any Time, Any Day, Any Session

Valid from Thursday 28 March to Wednesday April 17 2013.

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**Have you received the Schoolkids Bonus?**

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.

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**Keep watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, please keep an eye out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please call the School Watch number – 13 1788. The School Watch Program is a partnership between Department of Education and Training, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools. If you do see something suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number and let the local police or State Government Protective Security Service deal with the matter. Keep the number handy – 13 1788 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community. If you would like to know more about the program, please call Education Queensland’s Security Program on 3237 0874.
INTER-SCHOOL CHESS

Congratulations to our chess devotees who competed in the Brisbane South Inter-School Chess Championship, held at Stretton State College on Thursday 7 March. It was certainly a very challenging tournament, with students competing in seven demanding rounds of chess against some extremely high calibre competition.

Despite a rather shaky start, our two teams – the Kingston “Chess-Nuts” and the Kingston Knights – performed admirably throughout the day. Although Anglican Church Grammar School ("Churchie"), Somerville House and Brisbane State High dominated the tournament, our teams persevered and stayed focused – with all players scoring a couple of wins and some long, intense games ending in stalemate. Both our teams finished up very respectably in the middle ranking for the tournament. No mean feat, given the extraordinary quality of the contest!

All of our students are to be commended on their impressive display of logical thinking skills, concentration and sportsmanship. Students should be proud of their accomplishments. Special congratulations to our top scoring chess player – Gordon Lealofi (Y 8C)

The Kingston “Chess-Nuts”

Patrick Bailey, Damien Camm, Dylan Roach, Bradley Thompson (Yr 9)

The Kingston Knights

Gordon Lealofi, Lachlan Robertson (Yr 8), Brad Leadbetter, Jordan O’Neil (Yr 9)

Reserve – Nathan Warren (Yr 8)

Thank you to Mrs Jo Manthey (Business Service Manager) who kindly drove us to and from the tournament in the College bus.

For parents interested in the educational benefits of chess and a summary of research, please go to www.gardinerchess.com

“Chess has long been recognised throughout the world as a builder of strong intellects, but only recently have we begun to recognise chess’s ability to improve the cognitive abilities, rational thinking and reasoning of even the least promising children. Chess brings out latent abilities that have not been reached by traditional educational means. It promotes logical thinking, instils a sense of self-confidence, and self-worth, improves communication and pattern recognition skills. It teaches the values of hard work, concentration, objectivity and commitment.”

BRAIN BEE CHALLENGE

“Inside our heads, weighing about 1.5kg, is an astonishing living organ consisting of billions of tiny cells. It enables us to sense the world around us, to think and to talk. The human brain is the most complex organ of the body, and arguably the most complex thing on earth…” (from Neuroscience: Science of the Brain)

A group of “bright sparks” from Year 10A Science tackled some very tricky questions to test their knowledge of the brain and how it works, when they participated recently in the Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC), an online neuroscience quiz.

Conducted by the Queensland Brain Institute at The University of Queensland, the ABBC is designed to motivate young people to learn about the brain and inspire them to pursue careers in science, in particular the fascinating and growing field of neuroscience research. Several thousand students around Queensland competed in round 1 of the quiz, with the top scoring students qualifying for round 2 State Final at UQ.

Well done to these students for showing a keen interest in science and stepping up for a challenge: Amelia Bailey, Ben Fripp, Caitlin Brownbill, Connor Ingham, Jacob Napoli, Thane Ward, Travis Reck, Zjon Coleman.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator
Inter-School Chess Competition Thursday 7 March

Congratulations and well done to all participating students!

Australian Brain Bee Challenge

Congratulations on stepping up to the challenge and taking an interest in Science.
Kingston College

Open Day Enrolment Expo 2013

Yr 7—8 Enrolment Expo will be held on
Wednesday 29 May 2013
5.30pm—7.30pm

Performances and School Tours
(Sausage sizzle available on the evening)

GOMA
Excursion

2013 School Terms

Term 1—29/01/2013 to 28/03/2013—9 Weeks
Term 2—15/04/2013 to 21/06/2013—10 Weeks
Term 3—08/07/2013 to 20/09/2013—11 Weeks
Term 4—08/10/2013 to 13/12/2013—10 Weeks
Commitment to 100% Attendance = Rewards

Fun Day Friday 21 June / Tuckshop Vouchers
95% - 100% actual school attendance.

Get on board and be rewarded
Remember—Every Day Counts!!

Student Attendance

DON’T BE LATE!

Students’ are expected to attend school everyday by 8.30am. If a student is genuinely absent from school on a particular day, a note is required to be given to the Office on the day they return to school or a phone call / email / text message from the parent/guardian on the day the student is absent.

Kingston College
After School Homework Centre

When: Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday
3pm-5pm
Where: Library

You can:
• Do Research / Study
• Free Tutoring Assistance
• Access Computers / Internet / Books
• Complete & Print out Assignments / Homework

Every Day Counts

As we reach the end of Term 1, parents are reminded of the importance of sending children to school every day. Being at school every day counts, with one day absent each week quickly adding up to two months of missed lessons in a year.

Unless your child is ill, it is expected that your child will be at school learning every day of the school year.

More information on the importance of regular school attendance is available at http://education.qld.gov.au/everydaycounts/index.html

Worldwide Marriage Encounter

A weekend away for married couples in peaceful, picturesque surroundings – away from the distractions of everyday living. Take time out of your busy schedule, to invest in your most precious asset . . . your Marriage! This is a unique opportunity to recharge your relationship batteries, refocus on each other and fall in love all over again!

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Information website: www.wwme.org.au

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Reporting Student Absences

The College has many options for parents/guardians to contact us in the event students are sick or absent from school. These include:

- **24/7 Absence Line** 3826 1366 which is a recorded voice message service
- **E-mail address** absences@kingstonshs.eq.edu.au
- **Text messages** are sent each day when a student is absent from PC, this often prompts parents to send a reply response informing the school of their child’s absence.
- Alternately, please contact the College Attendance Officer on 3826 1340.

To ensure the success of this initiative we ask that you update the school with your current mobile telephone number, if there is a change.

Our Attendance program is designed to protect your child. If you do not contact the school to advise us of a valid reason for the absence, and your child does not attend school, our program will alert us that your child is not at school. We in turn will let you know. Therefore, it is important that you notify us as soon as possible if your child is not attending school for the day.

Should you wish to contact the College via email for any other reason, please access our College website for further details at www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au.

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**Would $500 assist you with education costs?**

Join Saver Plus and match your savings dollar for dollar, **up to $500**, for education costs including school uniforms and text books, laptops, sports equipment and music tuition!

To be eligible you must:

- have a Centrelink Health Care or a Pensioner Concession Card
- have a child at school or starting next year
- have some form of household income, for example, you or your partner may have casual, part-time, full-time or seasonal employment.

Call or SMS Uani your local Saver Plus Worker at The Benevolent Society on 07 3290 1669 / 0431 076 012.

Saver Plus is an initiative of Brotherhood of St Laurence and ANZ, delivered in partnership with Berry Street, The Benevolent Society and The Smith Family and other local community agencies. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government Department of Families, Housing, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs, with ANZ providing matched savings for participants.