28 March 2014—Edition 3

World's Greatest Shave

Thank you to all participants and the Kingston State College Community for your support.

Well done!

Kingston State College's Visit to Marsden SS

Front left: Mrs Chrisandra Czisloswki-DP Marsden SS, Porscha, Tammy and Kevin-School Captains Marsden State School, Mrs Francine Barker-Principal Kingston State College

ENABLE Dux Dinner

Bianca Reck
2013 School Dux
Dear Parents and Carers

It’s hard to believe that we are now in the last week of Term 1. As I reflect on the activities and events of this term the College has every reason to feel proud. There have been so many positive achievements with our students during these last weeks of the term. I have been pleased by the commitment of our Year 12 School Leaders and Student Council led by our School Captains, Emily Maynard and Mackenzie Stubbs, Vice Captains, Paula Vaise and Jakana Cooper and Student President, Nikki Brown who have involved themselves in services across the entire school with tuckshop duty, school committees, fundraising, parade organisation, school sign organisation, Harmony Day celebration, Open Enrolment Evening and Parent Teacher Evening. Thank you and well done!

ENABLE Breakfast for High Schools

Our Year 11 and 12 Hospitality classes have been busy ‘cooking up a storm’ in preparation for hosting Principals and selected staff from eleven High Schools in the Logan Albert Beaudesert District. This will take place on Wednesday morning from 7.00am to 8.30am with staff and hospitality students needing to be here from the early hours of the morning. The amazing presentation expected will include new hospitality uniforms designed by Ms Ally Palun, Coordinator of Home Economics. Of course the delicious breakfast menu, selected by Hospitality students, will be a special end to the term for selected staff.

Performing Arts Junior Secondary Showcase

On Thursday 3 April, our Years 8, 9 and 10 students involved in Performing Arts subjects are showcasing their work from this term in a special Junior Secondary Mini Showcase. There will also be special performances from experienced key performers. The Showcase will be held in the College Performing Arts block from 5pm—6pm. We look forward to seeing the support of family and friends at this special event.

Harmony Day

On Friday 21 March our College celebrated Harmony Day with a Harmony Day Parade. The message was ‘everyone belongs’ and the values of respect and acceptance are values that are embodied clearly in our Kingston State College community. The talents of our Performing Arts department and students were again clearly demonstrated. Thanks also goes to our School Chaplain, Emma Haukinimo for organising a wonderful Samoan Dance performance, to Aunty Ally and Aunty Rita for establishing an Indigenous Dance group, our Youth Support Coordinator Leah Bosch, in arranging a multitude of flag bearers to commence our Parade and Bertha Mbuende, Felix Ladu and Renee Dobbyn for their outstanding hosting. My thanks must go to all staff involved but I would like to especially acknowledge the efforts of Guidance Officer—Tess Varipatis for her outstanding efforts in organising and promoting this event.

Staff Changes

The beginning of next term will see some changes to staffing arrangements. Mr David Holgate will be Principal for Term 2 while I am on Long Service Leave and Professional Study Leave. The Deputy Principal position will be filled by Mr David Cooke from Cleveland State High School. I will be commencing leave from Friday 4 April. Also, best wishes are extended to Ms Carolyn Prince who will be on leave awaiting the birth of her first child. Mr Daniel Wilson will complete his contract at the end of this term.

Finally, after such a hectic ten week term it is time for a much needed sincere thanks to all in our extended community who have supported the College. We look forward to seeing many parents/carers and students at Parent/Teacher Interviews and Junior Secondary Showcase.

Best wishes for a relaxing and safe holiday break.

From The Principal

Congratulations Soloman Coleman Yr 10

Selected to participate at the Commonwealth Swimming Trials on Sunday 6 April 2014

Well done and good luck!
Harmony Day
On Friday 21st of March Kingston College celebrated Harmony Day. It is a day to celebrate Australia's diversity and cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home – from the traditional owners of this land to those who have come from many countries around the world.

We’ve all heard the song lyrics “We are the World”, and the words “we stand together as one”. On Friday 21 March this couldn’t have been more apparent. The school was treated to a marvellous display of flag bearing, cultural dances and insights into what life is like in other cultures.

Our Indigenous Students proudly performed a traditional Welcome dance “Gurrinanami” to open the program and our Samoan students closed the program by performing a traditional Samoan dance. The outstanding skills of our Performing Arts students were demonstrated with the Vocal choir singing Sara Bereilles’ “Brave” and the Senior Dance Ensemble performing to “Where is the Love”.

We were also treated to a personal reflection from Bertha Mbunde in Year 9 as she shared her story of her journey from her homeland, Congo, to Tanzania at the age of 2 years, and then to Australia at the age of 8 years. Bertha gave us insight into what it’s like to arrive in a foreign culture as a young girl. It gives us reason to celebrate to see such an articulate and confident young lady reflect on her experiences.

Congratulations go to our two highly competent MCs, Felix Ladu and Renee Dobbyn who introduced the performances and presented their thoughts on Harmony Day and the message “everyone belongs”. Mrs Barker closed the Parade with information on the history of Harmony Day.

Huge congratulations go out to all those involved in both planning (particularly the Performing Arts Department) Emma (School Chaplain) and Leah (YSC), the sound crew and stage crew (including Jesse Armfield), and those students performing. I sincerely hope the attitude displayed on the day, of acceptance and respect for all those around us, will continue to be prevalent in our school every week of the year.

Harmony Day Special Appearance
From left: Isaiah Mairu, Alessandro York and Charles Christie

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MARCH
31 Junior Secondary Performance Showcase 5-6pm Performing Arts

APRIL
1 Parent / Teacher Interviews 3pm—8pm
QCS Practice All Day
Junior Sport vs Beenleigh (away)
2 Parent / Teacher Interviews 3pm—6pm
Senior Sport vs Loganlea (home)
4 Last day of Term
Term Holiday 7-18 April
21 EASTER Monday Public Holiday
22 Yr 8 Torch Testing this week
Junior Sport vs Springwood (home)
QCS Practice P3 & 4
23 Senior Sport vs Springwood (Home)
UQ Careers that Shape the World
ANZAC Commemoration Anzac Square—City
24 College ANZAC Day Ceremony P1
25 ANZAC DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
30 RISE Training Launch Session 1, 9.30-11am
School Wide Positive Behaviour

Our College operates under 4 basic school rules, we call these our 4 Values, and they are:

Commitment
Cooperation
Courtesy
Common Sense

It is important that students are aware of what each of these mean and what is expected from them. A Matrix of Expectations can be found in the Student Diary on page 7. These four “C’s” should be used with your child at home to re-enforce correct behaviours. In the classroom teachers address both good and poor behaviour with reference to the above 4 words. Students are rewarded when they are caught displaying and behaving as expected. Each Monday morning students have a SWPBS lesson where they are explicitly taught what each of the values mean. Students who fail to follow the above rules will be given a consequence when breached. Our Responsible Behaviour Plan (RBP) outlines our expectations and consequences in more detail. This document is given to every student on enrolment and parents and students sign to say they will follow what is set down in this document. The RBP can also be found on our school website.

Examples of Commitment

• Attend School every day and be on time to every lesson – 100% attendance
• Come to class prepared to work – bring books, pens, diary & timetable – 100% Participation and effort
• Wear the correct school uniform everyday (show pride in your school)

Examples of Cooperation

• Follow directions, requests and instructions of staff
• Allow others in your classroom to learn
• Respect others’ belongings

Examples of Courtesy

• Listen to others when it’s expected to do so
• Always use manners
• Keep hands and feet to self
• Accept consequences for your actions

Examples of Common Sense

• Use equipment as directed and return to its proper place
• Always think safety first
• Always act legally

Best wishes
David Holgate—Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

Indigenous & Torres Strait Islander Scholarship Breakfast

On Wednesday 12 March 2014 our Year 11 Indigenous students attended the Queensland Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Foundation New Scholarship Recipients Breakfast at the Indigenous Knowledge Centre in the State Library of Queensland, South Brisbane. The students listened to presentations by fellow recipients from various schools around Queensland. The students were accompanied by Aunty Ally Waria, Aunty Rita Moore, Mrs Cunningham and Miss Hill. The students and staff enjoyed an array of food including frangipani and macadamia nut tarts. The Year 11 recipients involved were Chloe Scott-Tehan, Emily Woodhouse, Brenda Kelly, Matthew Uren, Dalton Burke, Thane Ward, James Meredith, Zac English and Rachelle Candey.

Miss Caroline Hill
Head of Special Education
Kingston kids are always generous when it comes to supporting a worthy cause, and the World’s Greatest Shave is no exception. On Friday 14 March students lined up outside the hall to donate their gold coin to the Leukaemia Foundation, and watch brave students Emily Maynard, Zjon Coleman, Haylea McKay, Sky Braisher and Brandon Smith shave their hair. The crowd was supportive as locks were lost or coloured, and winced in unison as wax strips tore off Aaron Brown’s leg hair. Many teachers, parents and Admin staff also came along to show their support for this worthy cause.

The two stars of the show were Emily Maynard and Sky Braisher. Despite the fact that Emily’s hair will not grow back in time for her school formal, Emily embraced the opportunity to raise money for the Leukaemia Foundation. Young Sky was close to tears as her shoulder-length bob fell away, but like her brave counterparts, she was determined to raise as much as she could to find a cure for this dreadful disease. We would like to thank all the students, staff and parents who helped with this event, bringing us one step closer to finding a cure.

Gunilla Tinius and Raschelle Moore
Student Council Coordinators

What: RSPCA Million Paws Walk
When: Sunday 18 May 2014
Where: Walks will be held in 26 locations throughout QLD!

“On Sunday 18 May 2014, more than 20,000 people and their dogs will walk in Queensland to show their support for animals in need. Will you join them on the walk to help stop animal cruelty? Register for the Million Paws Walk today! Funds raised from registrations, merchandise sales and fundraising pages, will help to provide essential care, veterinary treatment, food and shelter for more than 18,000 dogs that RSPCA Qld cares for each year. Sign up today to help give another dog a second chance at a happy life.”
Brain Bee Challenge

It’s a truly complex and astonishing organ, there inside our heads, weighing just 1.5kg – the human brain!
Last Wednesday 19 March, a small group of Year 10A Science enthusiasts put their brains to the test when they competed in the 2014 Australian Brain Bee Challenge (ABBC), an online Neuroscience Quiz conducted through the Brain Institute at The University of Queensland.

Over 10,000 students across Australia have participated in Round 1 of this demanding quiz, designed to test their knowledge of the brain and how it works, as well as inspire students to pursue careers in science - in particular the fascinating and evolving field of neuroscience.

Well done to these Science “brains” for taking on the Brain Bee Challenge: **Patrick Bailey, Damien Camm, Dylan Roach and Bradley Thompson.** Results will be eagerly anticipated, as the top scoring students will qualify for Round 2 State Final at UQ.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator

Year 9 NAPLAN News

Year 9 students have been working hard this term in preparation for their upcoming NAPLAN tests. The tests will take place in week 4 of the second term, on 13, 14 and 15 of May. The format is as follows:

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Year 9 parents should familiarise themselves with this information. You can also access information from the website [www.naplan.edu.au](http://www.naplan.edu.au)
On Tuesday 4 March, our Senior Art students across Years 11 and 12, embarked on a day trip to GOMA and the QAG. The day was a packed itinerary from start to finish, but the feature of the day was seeing the fabulous life-like displays of art from international artist Cai Guo-Qiang in his exhibition entitled “Falling Back to Earth”. We sat through an informative talk that explained how he created all of the large-scale works, and all the meanings behind them. We learned that all of the life-sized animals were created from artificial materials such as carved styrofoam, resins, synthetic materials and goats hair, yet they all looked so real. After lunch, we all travelled to a place in Woolloongabba, ‘Reverse Garbage’ to browse the variety of recyclable materials for sale that the students could re-use to create their art works. Overall, this was a great day out, and a perfect opportunity to encourage creativity within the group.

Kym Kruse
Art Coordinator

Well done to the Pedal Prix students who helped out with the Sausage Sizzle on the weekend 15 and 16 March. Your efforts were greatly appreciated with the team raising over $650. A huge thank you to Super Cheap for allowing the team to hold the Sausage Sizzle in the front of their store. Well done team!

Ed Hansen
Pedal Prix Coordinator
Commitment to 100% Attendance = Rewards

iTunes Vouchers / Tuckshop Vouchers

Building towards
Attendance Fun Day at the End of Semester 2

Students require 95% - 100% actual school attendance to qualify

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

Creative Generations

In 2014 we will have the largest number of students ever involved in Creative Generations. This is a very exciting opportunity for our students as Creative Generation - State Schools Onstage aims to mentor and foster the next generation of performers and provides opportunities for them to work with and learn from professional artists. This annual entertainment event has launched the professional careers of many students who have gone on to star in theatre, television and musical productions.

The show will feature:

- a 600-voice choir
- the student James Morrison Creative Generation Big Band
- a 65-piece student symphony orchestra
- up to 600 dancers
- and over 30 featured vocalists.

Last weekend we had several students audition for featured and mass dance positions and are keenly awaiting the results. We also had four students represent our school at the initial core choir rehearsals and look forward to the remaining singers, dancers and back stage crew starting their rehearsals soon.

Creative Generation is celebrating its 10th anniversary in 2014 with four arena-style shows staged at the Brisbane Convention and Exhibition Centre, Southbank on Friday 18 and Saturday 19 July.

Tickets will go on sale Monday 31 March through Ticketek (online). It would be fantastic to see many friendly faces in the audience supporting our Performing Arts students.

Laura Stewart
Music Teacher

Kingston State College
Junior Secondary Mini Showcase

Come and see Performances by Year 8, 9 & 10s
Also Special Key Performances

Thursday 3 April
5pm to 6pm
Performing Arts
International Women’s Day High Tea

International Women’s Day is celebrated around the world on Saturday 8 March, and is an occasion to look back on all the things women have accomplished, as well as look forward to a future of creating greater equality and opportunities for women. I’m sure this thought was going through the heads of Emily Maynard, Nikky Brown, Jakana Cooper and Makayla Purdy, as they tried vainly to make Ms Tinius, Ms Moore and Ms Varipatis turn down the ‘girl power’ ballads, which had been compiled especially for the occasion. So with the sound system firmly set on full blast, and with the girls hoping that none of their friends saw them with their head-bopping, fist-pumping chaperones, the school van (filled with two generations of women), sallied forth toward the Logan Entertainment Centre.

Once at the venue, we were escorted to a table decorated in pink and green; a picture of all things feminine, with towers of tasty treats and a big bouquet of flowers as the centrepiece. Radio personality Ruby Slippers introduced special guests, Mayor Pam Parker and the Hon Bronwyn Bishop, MP, who told of their experiences in the field of politics, and the special challenges they faced, being women in a male-dominated arena. Both women talked about how fortunate we were, with all the advantages our grandmothers and mothers had won for us, and warned us that there was still a way to go in our journey for equality. It was surely a morning our dynamic women of the future will never forget. Many lessons were learned that day, not the least of which was the lesson taught by Annie Lennox, at full volume through the speakers of the van:

Now there was a time when we used to say
That behind every great man, there had to be a great woman
But in these times of change, you know that it's no longer true
So we're comin' out of the kitchen, 'cause there's something we forgot to say to you
We say, "Sisters are doin' it for themselves"
Standin' on their own two feet and ringin' on their own bells

- *Sisters are doin’ it for themselves:* Eurythmics

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New Cybersafety Website

The [Meet the creeps cybersafety website](http://www.anzacrun.com/) helps parents and students become aware of online scams, social media pitfalls and cyberbullying. The joint Telstra and Queensland Government project aims to equip middle school students with the skills to keep safe online.

Crackers the clown and Shifty Shane are just two of the characters you will meet in a new interactive quiz designed to highlight potential online dangers.

Registrations now open for Brisbane’s first ANZAC Run

Brisbane’s first [Anzac Run](http://www.anzacrun.com/) will be held on Sunday 27 April 2014 to commemorate the Australian and New Zealand servicemen and women who served the nation and those who made the ultimate sacrifice. Students taking part are encouraged to wear their school sports uniform. [Register online before 23 April 2014.](http://www.anzacrun.com/)

[Anzac Run is linked to http://www.anzacrun.com/
Register is linked to the registration form on the Anzac Run website https://endurancecui.active.com/event-reg/ select-race?e=4911451&locale=en_AU]
FOCUS Yr 10s & 11s

Every Thursday in the month of March - Madaleine Wensor, Katrina Burnside, Renee Dobbyn, Maryanne Lealofi, Sharay Armfield and Renee Jamieson will travel into the city to participate in a program called FOCUS. The first week of FOCUS we were asked to bring a photo along with us of a female leader that we admired. When we got there we were split up into four different groups with other students from Balmoral SHS and Marsden SHS to work with for the remaining sessions. We learned about what leadership was and what a good leader looks like. We did activities on time management, what different leadership styles there were and made a focus area for ourselves to work on before the next session. The most exciting part of the session was meeting our mentors for the very first time over a delicious lunch.

In the second session we shared our focus areas with other group members and collectively worked on strategies on how we can achieve our goal that we set ourselves in the first session. We did an activity on strengths and weaknesses and what weaknesses we were going to work on. We learned a goal setting skill called PREP which stands for Perspective Result Evaluate Plan & act. Then after having another tasty lunch with our mentors we did one final activity which was the Seven Habits of Highly-Effective People.

The program FOCUS is an enjoyable and excellent program because you get to work with such amazing mentors, you also make new friends and we are learning leadership skills which can be used in the future.

Madaleine Wensor – Year 10

2014 Next Step Survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2013. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate. Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.
Berrinba East State School P&C Association are opening applications for a paid Tuckshop Convenor.

TUCKSHOP CONVENER APPLICATIONS OPEN

Casual Tuckshop Convenor partially unpaid &
Casual Relief Tuckshop Convenor partially unpaid
Experience preferred
Applications are hereby invited for the above positions.
Application packages will be available 12pm Monday 24 March from the school office:
Berrinba East State School
165 Bardon Road, Berrinba Qld 4117—Ph (07) 34896777
Applications close 12pm Friday 4th April 2014.
A non-smoking policy exists in all Education Qld Worksites.
Education Queensland is an equal opportunity employer.

Student Attendance
DON’T BE LATE!
Students’ are expected to attend school everyday by 8.40am. 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/text message from the parent/guardian on the day the student is absent.

Tuckshop Convenor Positions Berrinba East SS
Berrinba East State School P&C Association are opening applications for a paid Tuckshop Convenor.

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.

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

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