ANZAC Day Commemoration

“Lest We Forget”

Brisbane City Council ANZAC Day Commemoration Ceremony attended by Student Council members Wednesday 23 April

Student Council Representatives Logan ANZAC Day March Friday 25 April

Yr 9 RISE Reading Program Launch at Kingston State College

ABCN—Interview Skills Workshop Term One
From The Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to second term and already into week five, the pace has quickened with so much happening during this term.

ANZAC Day
With the rest of the nation, the Kingston State College community proudly commemorated ANZAC Day 2014. The College held our ceremony in the school hall on Thursday 24 April. This proved to be a very moving ceremony with students, parents and special guests paying respect to those who fought for their country. On ANZAC morning Ms Gunilla Tinius and Ms Raschelle Moore led a group of teachers, our School Captains, Student Councilors and students in Logan City Council Ceremony, marching along Wembley Road to the Art Gallery and the memorial shrine. Likewise, our students proudly represented the College in the City at the ANZAC Memorial with four thousand Queensland students. Special thanks must go to Ms Tinius and Ms Moore who organised these events on behalf of Kingston State College.

Year 12 Interviews
Prior to her leave Mrs Barker completed interviewing the Year 12 students raising issues, including academic performance, attendance, completion of work and their projected end of year credentials and future study, training and job prospectives. All of the Year 12s must be congratulated on the exemplary manner in which they have participated in this exercise. However, there is still much work to do over the next five months if our students are to achieve their results. I have since interviewed a number of students ‘at risk’ of not gaining their QCE. We have worked individual plans to ensure they can succeed with their Year 12 results and attain their QCE.

NAPLAN and Turbo Day
Our Year 9 students are to be commended for their diligent commitment in sitting their NAPLAN testing on 14, 15 and 16 May. The week prior to the tests the Year 9s did an excellent job and were so focused during the Literacy Turbo Day. Thanks to all the teachers and supporters who came in for the day to assist with this important NAPLAN preparation. Again this year for each of the three days of NAPLAN we provided the students with breakfast before they start their tests. Thank you to those year 10 students who came in early to assist Mr Anthony in preparing the breakfast. This will begin a tradition of Year 10 students preparing breakfast for the Year 9s on these important days. Thank you to Mr Gill, Ms Hill, Mr Carlile and Ms Jenks for leading the preparation and to the English and Maths teachers who were there to support and assist the students undertaking the tests. Thanks also to these Maths and English teachers who have worked hard over the past year and a half to ensure maximum student success in the testing.

7-8 Enrolment Evening
Later this term we are planning an enrolment night where prospective parents will be able to drop in the school and pick up and complete an enrolment package for Year 7 and 8 2015. There will be no formal talks or school tours available during this evening however staff will be on hand to answer any questions you may have about the College. Prospective parents that already have enrolment packages are most welcome to use this opportunity to drop their enrolment forms off to the College. More information will be available from our local primary schools soon.

Proud representatives of Kingston State College
It gives me great pleasure to acknowledge the outstanding participation of many of our students in so many extra curricular activities. Whether it is in the Debating Competition, Creative Generation, preparing for the ‘Readers Cup’ or running in the Regional District Cross Country, our students have been proud ambassadors for our College. Well done!!

Congratulations to those students who have won awards for Attendance, Behaviour and their Academic Progress during term 1. We celebrate attendance at the end of this term with the Attendance Fun Day where all students with attendance of 95% and above are recognised for their achievement.

It’s not that far away from end of semester exams. Students should be ensuring that they are studying each night and are completing assessment tasks on time in order to gain the best result possible.

David Holgate—Principal
Uniform
The weather is getting cooler and students, if they have not already done so, will need to purchase the school jumper. The requirements for the jumper can be found in the Student Diary on page 8 as part of the School Dress Code. If there are any issues in meeting the costs of purchasing a school jumper please contact the Office, we can help.

Arriving at school
When students are dropped off to school at the back gate it is expected that they immediately enter the College grounds. It is not appropriate to loiter at the back gate or walk back to the shops. Safety of our students is a priority and as such students are safer in the school grounds. The back gates are both locked by 9am. Late students are expected to enter the grounds through the top gate and sign in at Administration. Failure to sign into school will result in the student being marked absent. Parents visiting the school Administration after 9am will need to enter and exit the College by the front gate.

NAPLAN
The Year 9s have completed their NAPLAN testing and I must commend them on their behaviour and dedication during the testing period. The Year 9 teachers put in a lot of effort working with the students to ensure success. I believe that the Year 9s tried really hard and did their best.

Let’s hope that the results they achieve reflect the effort they put in. Results of the tests will be available in September.

School Rules – Our Core Values
There are 4 Core Values which underpin a set of expected behaviours which are promoted and taught during lessons.

It is important that all of the College community promote these values. At all times each student will:
1. Demonstrate Commitment
2. Display Cooperation
3. Use Common Sense
4. Show Courtesy

Students who abide by these rules will commit to the College’s Vision “Progress with Pride”.

GOALS
This year, selected students from Year 9 will again be involved in GOALS; a special program for students run by the Australian Business and Community Network (ABCN). The GOALS program gives students the opportunity to travel into the city to meet with mentors from highly respected businesses including AMEX, CSR, Norton Rose Fulbright and Stockland. With their mentors, the students will complete six sessions which develop valuable skills including goal setting, communication, building relationships and confidence, and realising strengths.

Junior Secondary
The school is moving towards the addition of Year 7 into High School in 2015. We have been working closely with the local primary schools especially Kingston SS in developing a curriculum and structure that will be conducive to a productive learning environment for the new Year 7 students. We will be seeking parent and student involvement through surveys at local primary schools throughout this term.

Best wishes
David Cooke—Junior Secondary Deputy Principal

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

MAY
20 MET East Cross Country—Capalaba State College
21 RISE Session 3, 10am-10.45am @ KPMG
ENABLE Debating 5-7pm
23-24 National Career and Employment Expo
26 ABCN Mentor Briefing, Brisbane 10-11am
White Card Course 12.30pm-4pm
27 RISE Session 4, 10am—10.45 @ KPMG
Junior Sport vs Woodridge 8 (away)
28-30 Yr 11 Biology Camp at Numinbah Valley
28 Senior Sport vs Woodridge (away)
Australian History Competition 8A & 10A
29 Yr 8 High Resolves Group 1
GOALS Program Launch 9.30am-11am
30 Yr 8 High Resolves Group 2

JUNE
3 ABCN Session 1, Brisbane 11.30-1.30pm
Junior Sport vs Groves (home)
4 ICAS Science
Senior Sport vs Marsden 10 (home)
Yr 9 High Resolves Leadership Projects 8.50-11.40am
RISE Session 5, 10-10.45am @ KPMG
9 QUEENS BIRTHDAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
College Cross Country
ANZAC Day (25th April) marks the anniversary of the first major military action fought by Australian and New Zealand forces during the First World War. It is a time for the rest of Australia to reflect on the sacrifices made by the brave military personnel who have served and continue to serve their country.

The Student Council embraced the opportunity to pay homage to the ANZAC spirit, attending both the city ANZAC ceremony for schools on Wednesday 23 April, as well as joining in the Logan ANZAC Day march. On both occasions, students laid wreaths, and were excellent ambassadors for the school. We appreciate the support of the parents who sacrificed their own long weekend, so that their children could attend the Logan City march.

Thanks must also go to the staff and students for all their hard work in helping make the Kingston State College ANZAC Day Parade truly special. Our guests must have spread the word, because we were congratulated on the success of our parade during the Logan ANZAC Day march by members of the community. Kingston State College students always rise to special occasions, and ANZAC Day was no exception.

Gunilla Tinius and Raschelle Moore

Logan District Cross Country

Congratulations to the following students who represented Kingston State College and made the Logan District Cross Country team held at Loganlea SHS on Friday 2 May.

We wish these students all the best when competing in the Met East Cross Country trials on Tuesday 20 May at Capalaba State College.

Well done!!

Troy Gorry
Courtney Ward
Rachael Morgan
Montana Ward
Salu Mam
Natalie Johnson
Kaila Cable
Grace Kajtar
Day Poe
Jess Fripp
Theo Sinzo
Kyle Toovey
Raschelle Moore

Gunilla Tinius and Raschelle Moore
Enrolment Forms - 2015

As we are beginning our preparation for 2015, we would appreciate if you have received an enrolment package could you please return your child’s completed Enrolment form as soon as possible if you have not already done so. A completed enrolment form will ensure placement for 2015.

If you have decided that your child will attend another school, could you please advise the College so as we can amend our records accordingly.

Please contact our office on (07) 3826 1333 if you have any questions.

ABCN – Interview Skills Workshop

On Thursday 27 March, 20 students from Years 10 -12 attended an Interview Skills Workshop, conducted by ABCN and hosted by KPMG at their office in Brisbane City. At this workshop, students were paired with a number of mentors who taught us many different skills that will help us with our future job interviews. They did this with many interactive and creative group activities which mainly focused on body language and confidence.

The mentors were very relatable and kind with inspiring personalities. They shared with us their knowledge and their past experiences with interviews and jobs. Overall, it was a great day and everyone learned a lot. We’re all very thankful to the people who made this possible.

Zoe Walters and Steven Cheetham Yr 10
Round 2 of the ENABLE inter-school debating competition, held on Wednesday 26 March at Browns Plains SHS, was another highly successful evening for our Kingston debaters.

Our Senior team was delighted to have their first win for the season. In a lively debate against Flagstone College, our seniors argued a powerful case for the negative on the topic “that nuclear power is the best solution for the planet’s future” - ultimately winning by the slimmest of margins (just one point). Well done to Sera Ozgen Yr 10 and Sharay Armfield Yr 11 – and congratulations to Jhett Hodge-Dean Yr 11 who made an entertaining and impressive debating debut. Special thanks to our fantastic senior coaches Ms Krista Austin and Ms Raschelle Moore for all their hard work.

Junior team 2 was also triumphant, winning their debate by a decisive 38 points, clearly outperforming their Beaudesert opposition. The team presented a very persuasive case for the negative on the topic “that the legal age for drinking alcohol should be raised to 21 years”. This was an excellent effort by Yr 9s Amy Hanrahan, Kaitlin Thomas and first-time debater Nikkita Jedra-Chow. Thanks to chairperson/time-keeper Azma Khan.

Although narrowly defeated by Browns Plains (just 9 points), our Junior team 1 performed admirably. Special congratulations to Yr 8s Shanae Robertson and Kiani Ward who gave their first performances as debaters, and to Zoe Nixon, a powerhouse of ideas. Thanks to chairperson/timekeeper Leah Ariss.

All debaters are to be commended for their immaculate appearance and etiquette. They can now enjoy a well-earned break. Round 3 debates will be on Wednesday May 21 at Woodridge SHS.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator

Expressions of Interest
Chief community representative for the administration of the Queensland Core Skills (QCS) Test

The QCS Test will be held on Tuesday 2 September and Wednesday 3 September 2014. For accountability and to ensure security and proper conduct of the test, the Queensland Studies Authority (QSA) appoints, to each test centre, members of the community who carry out duties on behalf of the QSA.

Three chief community representatives need to be selected for Kingston State College, one to act as the chief community representative at Kingston State College, a second to act at a school near Kingston and the third to act as a reserve.

The role of the chief community representatives is to report to the QSA office on the conduct of the test. It is not to administer the test. Chief community representatives are paid $437.92 and are expected to be present for the two days of the test and be available to observe the delivery of materials to the test centre at two times prior to the test. In addition, a kilometre allowance is paid to chief community representatives who are required to serve at an adjacent test centre if the distance between the schools is greater than 10 kilometres.

Expressions of interest are invited from members of the community who are interested in being nominated for the positions of chief community representatives. The closing date for applications is Wednesday 11 June 2014.

If you are interested in applying, please contact the school office as soon as possible for the relevant forms. The Queensland Studies Authority will notify each successful applicant of their appointment details in late July.

If you have any questions regarding the positions, please contact me or David Holgate (Principal) via the school office.

Andrew Carlile—QCS 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!!

We are two weeks into Traction and have been having a fantastic time with Claire Christian (QTC Youth Program Coordinator) and Pacharo Mzembe (who recently played Dr Martin Luther King Jr in The Mountaintop).

It's not too late to join in. If you want to have fun playing theatre sports and doing drama activities, see Performing Arts for a permission form and join us for the next two Wednesday afternoons.

Vikki Kelly
Drama Coordinator
Kingston State College has been invited by our community partners KPGM to participate in the RISE program again in 2014. A group of fabulous Year 9 students – Gordon Lealofi, Alisi Tauaika, Tafa Taulaga, Morgan Loch, Travis Ferguson, Kayla Gidley and Summah Nahu - have been chosen to participate in weekly reading sessions with their mentors. The program was launched this week in the library.

Indonesian and Chinese students had the opportunity to combine Science and Maths (as well as LOTE!) with our annual kite-flying session on the oval. After learning about the heated competition between both China and Indonesia, with each declaring that they were the first inventors of the kite, students made their very own kites. Successful kite-makers were those who used scrupulous measurements, and were able to gauge wind-speed and direction correctly. Even for those less-successful kite-makers, it was a great chance to get out of the classroom and experience LOTE in the great outdoors.

Krista Austin
LOTE Coordinator
Influenza Season

Influenza (more commonly known as ‘the flu’) is different to the common cold. Influenza is a highly contagious disease, caused by a virus that can be spread through people talking, coughing and sneezing. Symptoms include sudden fever, dry cough, muscle aches and pains, fatigue, headache, sore throat and a stuffy or runny nose. Immunising each year against the latest strains of influenza can help you stay clear of it and reduce your infection of others. If you have not yet had your flu vaccine, many chemists are currently advertising ‘walk in’ flu vaccinations. GPs and council immunisation clinics also offer the vaccine.

As we move into the influenza season it is important to be aware that many common respiratory infections are spread from person to person via coughing and sneezing. The best way to protect yourself and others from influenza type infections is to be proactive and adopt good hygiene practices for infection control.

One of the ways to avoid spreading infections is to have good hand washing practices. If hands aren’t visibly dirty, then alcohol based rubs have been shown to be more effective than soap and water. After using a restroom, avoid touching the taps after you have washed your hands. Taps that turn themselves off are great or use the paper towel to turn the tap off. The posters below, from the World Health Organisation, show how it is supposed to be done.

For an entertaining look at just how far and wide germs spread with a single sneeze, have a look at this clip of the Myth Busters. They are experimenting with the best way to minimise the spread of germs. http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3vw0hIs2LEg

Donna Mort
School Based Youth Health Nurse—
Mon & Tues

Family Portrait Fundraiser

Logan East Community Neighbourhood Centre is having a family portrait day on Saturday 19th July. For $15 you will receive an A3 Pencil Sketch of your family or a 10 x 13” family portrait plus a keyring and a wallet sized portrait. Photographic sessions need to be booked and prepaid prior to the day. Conditions apply, to prepay and book your session, call the centre on 3808 4529. All funds raised will go towards supporting the centres programmes.
**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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**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.

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**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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**TRACTION**

FREE WEEKLY WORKSHOPS!  
Enjoy drama, music, dance at school?  
WANT TO BE PART OF THE ENTERTAINMENT INDUSTRY?  
TELL YOUR STORIES YOUR WAY!