School Musical
‘A Midsummer Dream’

Congratulations to all cast, crew and staff of our College Musical ‘A Midsummer Dream’.
Fantastic performances over the two nights!
Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of Semester One with assessment and reports now complete, I was delighted to attend our School Musical last Thursday ‘A Midsummer Dream’ held in our Community Hall. The performance was ‘inspiring’ and a great tribute to the many staff, cast and crew and staff in other departments responsible for the backdrops and artwork. We look forward with great enthusiasm to many more school musicals in future years. Warmest congratulations to all involved!

CCSE Graduation
I attended the Semester One Graduation of students in the Centre for Continuing Secondary Education accompanied by Guidance Officer Tess Varipatis. I was so proud to see the delight of parents, carers and graduating students, as they accepted their awards and thanked staff for their overall assistance in helping them reach their goals. Sincere thanks must go to Ms Leanne Theodos, Yolanda Lambett and the entire staff body, for their excellent efforts in always being there for their students.

End of Semester Reports
End of Semester Reports will be mailed out on the last day of term with a copy of the newsletter and a letter detailing Parent Teacher Interviews. All reports now rate students in all subjects on an A-E basis as required by the Federal Government.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Wednesday 24 July—third Wednesday back after the holidays. As you are aware it is compulsory for parents to see teachers twice a year to monitor the progress of their sons and daughters. A letter detailing how to make appointments using the new online format has been included in the mail out. It is vital that any students receiving a ‘D’ or ‘E’ rating, make an immediate appointment to see the relevant teacher. I will be interviewing any Year 12 student who has failed a subject, in the last week of this term and during the first and second weeks of Term 3.

Staff Farewells and Changes
Some staff will be leaving us at the end of this term. They include sports coordinator Rachel Firmager who will be travelling to Germany to take up a teaching position and PE staff member Emily Hennessy who will be heading to NSW where her husband has set up a new business. I would also like to extend my heartfelt thanks to Kartik Menon who has been resident on our campus as Project Officer of the ENABLE high schools coalition. Kartik is leaving to finish further study over Semester 2. Sincere thanks for your outstanding efforts and support over the past months and on behalf of the College I extend my best wishes in your future work roles.

Best of luck!
I would like to wish the following students Holly Nish, Genesis Lealasola, Larissa Sant, Chloe Robinson, Trinity Conquest, Madaline Wensor, Renee Jamieson, Britney Barrett, Aaron Brown and Sarah Kleinschmidt who are participating in Creative Generation, the best of luck as they prepare for their final rehearsals over the holidays.

Also, best of luck to our Hip Hop Dance group who are excitedly preparing for the ‘House of Champions’ competition to be held on the second Saturday of the holidays.

Kingston State College’s Annual Report
Kingston State College’s Annual Report is available from 30 June on the School website www.kingstonshs.qld.edu.au. A copy of the report is also available at the school office for community access. Please contact the office if you require further details. Likewise, a review of the National Partnership 4 Year Strategic Plan has been reviewed and is also on the school website.

Happy Holidays….
Finally, I would like to conclude this term by thanking all members of our school community for their support and assistance. We are so fortunate to have so much support from community groups, our local members, P&C, our parent helpers and families. This school is always “a-buzz” with activities and we have so many reasons to celebrate the successes that we continually strive for. The last week of term is no exception with students participating in Debating, Readers’ Cup, QCS Preparation, Uni Reach, involvement in Berrinba State School’s Artstravaganza and our College ‘Attendance Fun Day’.

Best wishes for a safe holiday!

Francine Barker—Principal

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**Principal's Commendation**

Congratulations to the following students who have achieved the highest results of their year level cohort for Semester One.

**This is a true reflection of their hard work and dedication.**

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**Congratulations to all these students!**
CALANDER OF EVENTS

JUNE
21  ATTENDANCE FUN DAY CARNIVAL Period 3 & 4
LAST DAY TERM 2 (Winter Holiday 24 June—5 July)

JULY
8  All students re-commence school
13-14 Kokoda Team Challenge
18  Athletics Carnival—Field Evens (nominations only)
    QPAC Music Excursion
    GOALS Session 3, 12.00pm-1.30pm
19  Athletics Carnival—Track Events (Whole School)
19-20 Creative Generation
24  Parent / Teacher Interviews
26  MSIT School Presentation Yr 10 & 11 Period 3
29-30 Teaching and Learning Audit
31  ICAS English

AUGUST
8-9  District Track & Field @ QSAC
Yr 7s Transition Program for Yr 8 in 2014

The SEP Transition Program will commence on Wednesday 17 July at 9.00am. The initial visits are only short, 1 hour visits, but are “get to know you” time, students meet new friends from different schools, they meet teachers and become familiar with the school grounds—we have lots of walks around, learn the buildings and layout of the school and get to know the truth about all those scary high school stories that older siblings have passed on.

Transition program dates Term 3:
1 period (8.45 to 10.00) on Wednesday 17 July
1 period (8.45 to 10.00) on Wednesday 31 July
1 Period (8.45 to 10.00) on Wednesday 21 August

Term 4 dates will be published later in Term 3. Should you be interested in enrolling your student into our College for 2014 and would like further information, please contact Caroline Hill, Head of Special Education on 3826 1305.

Ms Caroline Hill—Head Of Special Education


**School Chaplaincy**

To all Parents / Carer’s and the Kingston State College Community,

My Name is John Filewood, I am the new School Chaplain here at Kingston State College. I want to quickly introduce myself and tell you a bit about the programs I will be doing in the College. I have four amazing children two boys and two girls and an amazing wife although I may be a little biased. I have been married for 14 years now. I love my family they mean everything to me. I love camping and love the amazing country we live in. I thank God for this every day. I am truly Blessed.

My Passion to see our young people grow and be all they can be is what drives me to be a Chaplain. Although I have only been at Kingston for a term and a half I have been in chaplaincy for 5 years and youth work for 15 years. I understand some of the real issues our youth are facing.

At the moment I am at the school on Wednesdays and Thursdays and run the Breakfast club these two mornings from 7.30am to 8.30am. Next term I will be running a boys group and starting the Golden Chuck Basketball Program during lunchtime.

Should you wish to know more about any of the programs I run or to speak to me, please contact the College on Wednesday or Thursday as I would love to help where I can. I enjoy being here at the College and look forward to meeting you all.

God Bless.

John Filewood  
Chaplain (Wednesday & Thursday)

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**Yarns from the "Linda Linke Centre"…**

Welcome to another year at Kingston State College and a warm welcome to our new parents, guardians, students and young adults. My name is Rita Moore; I am based at The Linda Link Centre and I am employed as an Indigenous Teacher Aide for seven days and Community Education Counsellor for three days a fortnight.

Our aim is to help our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and young adults:

- Develop awareness of cultural heritage and encourage them to be proud of this
- Develop identity and confidence with cultural programs
- Increase literacy and numeracy skills
- Increase results and achievement grades in all curriculum areas
- Assist students to complete class tasks, Assignments and Assessments
- Provide in-class support, mentoring and tutorials
- Invite other agencies, government and non-government businesses to discuss career pathways, School Based Traineeships, preparing for interviews and writing CV’s
- Develop team building strategies through Durithunga Youth Leadership activities.

The Linda Link Centre is a place where the (Indigenous) Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander students and young adults can seek assistance to do their school work and we offer tutorials / Cultural Programs at the Homework Centre on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday, mentoring and or counselling.

If your child or children and young adults need help, guidance with any subject do not hesitate to contact the staff and encourage them to come along to the Linda Link Centre for support. We are advocates for the Indigenous students and young adults of Kingston College.

Also based in the Linda Link Centre is:

- Aunty Allyson Waria- Indigenous Teacher Aide on Wednesday and Thursday
- Lissa Coleman- Indigenous Teacher Aide on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.

We welcome Aunty Lissa Coleman to Kingston State College as an Indigenous Teacher Aide.

We wish to warmly welcome our Indigenous Leader for 2013; Caitlan Hadfield.

If you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact the Staff of the Linda Link Centre or leave a message and we shall return your call as soon as possible.

**Upcoming Events**

**NAIDOC Week 7th – 14th July 2013**

NAIDOC week celebrations are held across Australia each July to celebrate the history, culture, heritage and achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples.

**Logan Central-Ganyjuu Logan NAIDOC Cultural Celebration 2013**—The theme for NAIDOC Week 2013 is: We value the Vision: Yirrkala Bart Petitions 1963.

**When:** Wednesday 10 July 2013  
**Time:** 10:00am – 3:00pm  
**Location:** Logan Gardens “Spider Park” Civic Parade, Logan Central  
**Musgrave Park, South Brisbane**

Family Fun Day- gold coin donation entry  
Friday 14 July 2013  
9:00am – 5:00pm

Rita Moore—Indigenous Teacher-Aide
Debating – Round 3

It was a long journey out to Flagstone on a very wet and miserable evening, but this did not dampen the enthusiasm of our Kingston State College debaters. Round 3 of the Enable Inter-School Debating Competition, held on Wednesday evening 22nd May at Flagstone State Community College, gave our teams another opportunity to further develop their public speaking skills and demonstrate their commitment. They all did a terrific effort!

The topic for our junior teams was “that hosting the Olympics is a bad investment.” Junior team 1 presented intelligent, powerful arguments for the negative, but were extremely unlucky to lose to Beaudesert SHS by just one point. Very well done to 1st speaker Christian Dickson, 2nd speaker Amy Hanrahan and 3rd speaker Jacob McMaster (who did a marvellous job filling in for a sick team member and was awarded the team’s top score).

Junior team 2 put in an admirable effort arguing a strong affirmative case, but were defeated by Browns Plain SHS. Special thanks to Renee Jamieson, who stepped in as 1st speaker and did a really fine job. Also well done to Kai Wanless 2nd speaker, who persevered despite some setbacks, and to Sera Ozgen, who continues to impress the adjudicators as an accomplished 3rd speaker.

Smiles and cheers erupted after our senior team won their first debate of the season in a very lively and entertaining contest against Browns Plains. The seniors had one hour to prepare their affirmative case on an impromptu topic “that schools should ban homework for students.” 1st speaker Zjon Coleman, 2nd Sharay Armfield and 3rd Stacey Johnson enthusiastically embraced the short prep challenge and performed very strongly with lots of witty and incisive comments. Adjudicators and audience members remarked that it was the funniest and most enjoyable debate of the season.

Once again, our debaters were commended by the adjudicators for their in-depth preparation and their immaculate presentation. They were indeed a very smart looking bunch.

Thanks to Douglas Coleman and Jake Atkinson for chairperson/timekeeping duties in the junior debates, and to Kai Wanless who was a most amusing chairperson in the senior debate. Special thanks to Ms Krista Toovey, who assisted throughout the evening and transported some of the debaters, Mr Luke Anthony, who supported our teams, and his wife Ms Katrina Lee, who generously volunteered as adjudicator in the Enable Competition.

The next and final round will be held at Windaroo Valley SHS on Wednesday 19 June.

OPTI-MINDS CHALLENGE

A group of bright, creative students in years 8-10 are keen to be part of Opti-Minds 2013- a totally unique problem-solving team challenge. Our college is registered and keen to enter two brilliant teams in the tournament this year. The six week challenge period begins Monday 15 July and culminates in the amazing regional challenge day on Saturday 24 August, where teams from all over Brisbane South demonstrate their ingenuity and teamwork.

Listen out for more details, if you’d like to be part of this “unashamedly excellent” experience – or chat with Miss Tamara (scientific officer) or Ms Jackson.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Coordinator
Indoor Rock Climbing

On Thursday 6 June, a group of nine boys from Years 8 and 9 were involved in an excursion to The Spot, Indoor Rock Climbing at Browns Plains. This was a behaviour incentive to encourage some boys to turn their behaviour around, for some it was a reward for excellent ongoing behaviour and encourage them to continue on this track. It was also to develop team skills and self confidence. The boys had a great time, climbing the equivalent of 2 storey buildings, assisting and encouraging each other and abseiling back down!!!!

Caroline Hill
HOD HOSES

Student Attendance Wall

Demonstrating positive results

It is encouraging to see many students being observed discussing their attendance!

Students can check out their current attendance which is updated weekly.
Yrs 8-11 located outside the Reflection Room in G block and Yr 12s located outside Science—F block.

Should students have any concerns with their Attendance % they are welcome to discuss this during their lunch breaks or after school with the Attendance Officer, located in the Admin Office.
Outstanding College Musical
The 2013 High Resolves Program for Year 8 students ran over three days of Week 8 this term. All Year 8 students had the chance to work with 12 wonderful Year 10 mentors to engage in the Global Citizenship Program, which provides a range of activities designed to motivate students to be active global citizens.

Presenter Susan Gilchrist said “students have been doing well, getting involved in lots of activities and giving lots of insights on the path to becoming more aware about how the world works right now; some of the problems and the individual role they can play to start to shape it to be how they want.”

All students behaved exceptionally well and took advantage of the opportunities presented to them throughout their day of involvement in the program.

Carolyn Prince
Program Coordinator
The Aspirations program as come and gone for 2013 but its effects on the students that attended the program will last forever.

The Aspirations program is a program for selected year 11 students who travel into the city once every three weeks with four sessions and using mentors they are taught what it takes to succeed in the work force and also life.

Session 1: The first session was basically a meet and greet with the six or seven mentors who will accompany the students throughout the four sessions and also included a tour of level 11 which was recently refurbished.

Session 2: In session 2 the main focus was on team work and how it was necessary to survive in the work force. One of the activities was a bridge building activity which required the students to build a bridge using only straws and blue tack after that was done the students heard from the mentors about how or when they used teamwork in their job

Session 3: Session 3 was about skills in the work force and also using the things at your disposal to get the job done. The students were challenged to create an education toy for kids aged 2-5 using only the materials in a surprise box. After lunch the students were taught about what employers are looking for in an employee and what the process was when applying for a job.

Session 4: The fourth and final session was about combining all the skills learnt over the course of the aspirations program which also included a demonstration from two of the mentors about what a good and bad interview looked like and from there until lunch the students had to prepare for a mock interview. After lunch the mock interview took place which resulted in all of the students being accepted for a job by the mentors. After this was the completion ceremony which saw the students being given a certificate of completion and also a short speech from their mentor. Six of the students also gave a speech of their reflections of the program.

Although the program is finished all the students know realise what lies ahead of them and are inspired to aspire and work hard to reach those “ASPIRATIONS”.

Mackenzie Stubbs – Year 11 Student
Regional Cross Country

On Tuesday 21 May a group of ten students participated in the Regional Cross Country Carnival which was held at Capalaba State College. These students were trying to achieve a place into the Metropolitan East representative team. In order for them to achieve this, they were required to place in the top 6. The team of students consisted of Andrew Urquhart, Troy Gorry, Courtney Ward, Kaila Cable, Kyle Toovey, Jacob Napoli, Sam Van Der Ryken, Lochlan Clark, Imogene Ryan Rose and Socheata Whittingslow. All of the students ran extremely well and managed to finish in the top half of each of their races. Their determination and hard work stood out among the rest giving 110% effort throughout their event.

A massive congratulations to these students as they represented our school and the district.

Luke Fainges—HPE Teacher

A considerable amount of time across Australia and in schools is lost due to parent condoned absences. A recent statistic I read was that in Australia today, the average student will lose one year of education (200) days through parent condoned absences over their school career from Prep to Year 12.

The thought of an argument with a teenager to get them to school is sometimes too great to bear! However, every day a student is away they are losing a learning experience. When students miss one of three lessons a week of a subject, there will be gaps in their learning and additional stress to catch up!

After love, the most important thing we can give our children is an education. Should you need assistance saying “NO” to your son/daughter on their attendance, please contact the College immediately. Regular attendance at school will develop strong resilience as children are exposed to a wide range of learning opportunities. Working together we can develop the strong work ethic our children need to reach their potential in life.

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.

It’s NOT Okay to be Away!!
Bullying and Your Child

Bullying is less common as your child moves through adolescence but can still be devastating if it happens. It can be helpful to know the signs, how to help your child build resilience and life skills, and how to work with your child’s school to combat bullying.

A child who is being bullied might:

- refuse to go to school, or make excuses not to go
- be unhappy or anxious before or after school
- say “I hate school” or express fear of school
- become more and more isolated from others
- have unexplained physical signs of injury – for example, bruises or torn clothing
- start doing poorly at school
- come home with damaged or missing belongings
- show noticeable changes in behaviour or emotions, such as anxiety
- have trouble sleeping
- regularly tell you she has a headache, stomach ache or other physical problems
- seem low on self-esteem or self-confidence.

Your child might be experiencing some of these signs for other reasons, so it’s best to talk together about the signs you’ve noticed.
Read more about bullying and your child at the link below:
http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/bullying_teens.html/context/1131

Helping Teens Handle Cyberbullying

If teenagers are being bullied online, it’s great for them to feel they have some power to resolve the problem on their own. Here are six steps to help your child to G.E.T. R.I.D. of the bully:

1. Go block or delete the person engaging in cyberbullying. Blocking from friend lists helps stop the person engaging in cyberbullying from posting or uploading offensive content about your child. If it’s a text message or call, you can call the service provider and have the calls/texts monitored. If necessary, the service provider can even contact the sender, since mobile phone holders breach their contract if they use their phone to bully. If necessary, you can change the phone number.

2. Ensure you keep evidence of bullying. Save and print out any bullying messages (use the print screen key, at the top right of most keyboards).

3. Tell someone. Sharing feelings with a parent, older sibling, relative, teacher or close friend will help keep your child from feeling isolated.

4. Report abuse. Reporting bullying to web administrators is usually as easy as clicking on a ‘report abuse’ link on a website. The website will remove the offensive content. There could also be consequences for the person engaging in bullying. If your child has been threatened, he should also report it to the local police.

5. Ignore bullying behaviour. This means not responding aggressively to taunts. It’s OK for your child to tell the person engaging in bullying to stop, but they shouldn’t try to fight fire with fire.

6. Delete the bullying message (after saving a copy), and don’t forward via text or send chat logs to others

http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/cyberbullying_teens.html/context/1109

See further articles or subscribe to the newsletter at
http://raisingchildren.net.au/

Jodie Fisher, Youth Health Nurse
Late Arrivals at School

With the recent chilly mornings we’re still seeing a large number of students arriving late for school. Attendance at school every day gives your child the best opportunity to do well.

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Could we contact YOU in an Emergency??

Have you moved house or changed phone numbers?

Please collect a form from the office and update your contact details.

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.

Keep a watch on our school these holidays

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school.

If you see anything suspicious, please don’t attempt to intervene. Call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

The School Watch Program is a partnership between Education Queensland, the Queensland Police Service and the State Government Protective Security Service. It aims to reduce vandalism, theft and arson in Queensland schools.

Keep the number handy – 13 17 88 – and let’s work together to help create a safer school community.

For more about the School Watch Program contact Education Queensland's School Security Section on (07) 3237 0874.