Congratulations ENABLE Debating Teams

Senior Debating Team—Sharay Armfield, Sera Ozgen and Brendan Herbst Yr 10 defeated Windaroo Valley SHS

Junior Team 1—Zoe Nixon, Bertha Mbunde and Shanae Roberts were victorious against Browns Plains SHS

"Living History" Interactive Workshop

Queensland Day Award
Mr Norman Gill

Desley Scott MP —Member for Woodridge and Mr Norman Gill
Congratulations Norman Gill receiving the Queensland Day Award

Brisbane Readers’ Cup Regional Final

Left—Kaitlyn, Amy, Zoe, Shanae and Caitlynn

Abbey Museum Archaeological Dig
Dear Parents and Carers

As we approach the end of Semester One, assessment and reporting for teachers is now complete. Student reports will be posted out to all parents this Semester. I urge each of you to have discussions with your child around their reports. Focus upon their achievement asking them why they received the result that they did. Follow up with questions around them improving. Eg. Have you asked your teacher how you can do better? Do you think you could put in a little more effort to do better?

You are most likely reading this newsletter as you have received it with your child’s report. You will have also received a letter regarding our parent teacher interviews process and an update financial statement if any fees are still owing.

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday 29 July—third Tuesday 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 or daughters. As mentioned above a letter detailing how to make appointments using our 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. Mrs Barker will be interviewing any Year 12 student who has failed a subject on the Parent/Teacher Night and during the first few weeks of Term 3.

CCSE Graduation
Mrs Cunningham attended the Semester One Graduation of students in the Centre for Continuing Secondary Education. It was great to see so many students graduating with fantastic results. Sincere thanks must go to Ms Leanne Theodos, Yolanda Lambert and the entire staff body, for their excellent efforts in always being there for their students.

Staff Farewells and Changes
As we move from Semester One to Semester Two there are minimal staff changes. We farewell Laura Stewart from the Music Department as she jets off to work in Japan. Her expertise and enthusiasm will be missed by her students and her peers, we wish her well and a safe journey. She will be replaced by Elke Nolan. As Mrs Barker returns as Principal, I will return to my Deputy Principal position and we farewell Mr David Cooke, who in his short time here has proved himself invaluable. We thank him for all his hard work and wish him well as he returns to Cleveland District High School. Mr Andrew Carlile is taking the first 3 weeks leave and Mr Paul Thompson will take up the position of Head of Department Mathematics.

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 will also be available at the school from next term, see one of the ladies in the office if you wish to get a printed copy.

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 and our College 'Attendance Fun Day'.

Best wishes for a safe holiday!
David Holgate
Principal

Queensland Day Award
Congratulations Norman Gill
HOD—Junior Secondary

Norman Gill has been recognised as one of Logan’s inspiring educators having received a Queensland Day Award for the wonderful contribution he has made to the many students he has encouraged both at a Primary and Secondary level to engage fully both at an academic level and in extra-curricular activities.

Well done!
CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JUNE
27 Attendance Fun Day Carnival P3 & 4
Last Day of Term (School Holiday 30 June—11 July)
30 PTO Bookings Open Today

JULY
14 Students’ return to school
15 Junior Sport vs Marsden 9s (home)
16 Senior Sport vs Groves (home)
17 SEP Yr 6/7 Transition Program commences 8.45am
GOAL Session 2, 12pm-1.30pm
QCS Practice All Day
2015 Enrolment Session held at Kingston SS (library) 2.30pm-4pm
18 QCS Practice P3 & 4
18-19 Creative Generation Brisbane Convention Centre
19-20 Tertiary Studies Expo—RNA Showgrounds
22 UQ Yr 12 QCS Booster Program—Yr 12 OP Eligible
24-25 College Track & Field Events
24 UQ QCS Booster Program—Yr 11 OP Eligible
29 P&C Meeting 5.30pm—Common Room
Parent/Teacher Interviews in G Block 3pm-8pm
30 2015 Enrolment Session held at Burrowes SS (Resource Centre) 2.30pm-4pm
31 2015 Enrolment Session held at Waterford SS (Hall) 2.30pm-4pm
31-1 Pedal Prix Willowbank

AUGUST
4-5 Yr 12s visit to Griffith Logan Campus
7 SEP Yr 6/7 Transition Program commences 8.45am
7 Yr 8 2015 Transition Learning Day at Kingston State College
8 Yr 7 2015 Transition Learning Day at Kingston State College
11 LOGAN SHOW HOLIDAY
12 ICAS Maths
14-15 Logan District Track and Field Events
28 SEP Yr 6/7 Transition Program 8.45am-10am

SEPTEMBER
10 Enrolment Expo 5.30pm—7.30pm

Parent / Teacher Interviews
Tuesday 29 July 2014
3.00pm to 8.00pm
Located in G Block

Booking process is available through
the College website www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au
From Monday 30 June

Interviews are 10 minute duration
It is the College’s expectation that parents attend these interviews.
Show Case Transition Learning Day
You are invited to attend Kingston State College
Year 8 students 2015—Thursday 7 August 2014
Year 7 students 2015—Friday 8 August 2014
for a full day of learning and special activities as you prepare to attend Kingston State College in 2015.

Further information will follow shortly

Junior Secondary Deputy Principal's Report

Parent Teacher Interviews
Parent / Teacher Interviews will be held next Semester on Tuesday 29 July from 3pm until 8pm, teachers have a 30min dinner break between 5.30pm and 6.00pm so no bookings are made during this time. This will be held in G Block. The College strongly encourages all parents to have interviews with their student’s teachers to discuss their academic results.

Kingston State College utilises an electronic online booking system called Parent Teacher Online (PTO). This is the same system that has been used the last three years to make bookings. The online bookings will be available from Monday 30 June. The link can be found on the College’s website at www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au

The system requires users to register using an email address to retrieve a PIN number to access the system. Please register your email address with the College if you have not already done so by sending an email to accounts@kingstonshs.eq.edu.au.

If you do not have an email address, you will be able to call the College after Monday 14 July and a PIN number will be issued to you. If you do not have access to a computer either at home, a local Library or at an internet café, the College will process your booking for you.

Mobile Phone use during school time
While not being disrespectful to families and the need to stay in touch with your children, parents are reminded that mobile phones are to be switched off at all times during school hours. If your child needs to communicate with you or if you need to communicate with them please use the school phone number 3826 1333 and we will forward the message.

If there are difficult circumstances/medical reasons at home that require a more immediate contact with parents please write a note to the Deputy Principal informing us that your child needs to have access to their mobile phone, which will be kept on silent during school time. Students are not to leave the classroom to answer their mobile phone nor are they allowed to answer it in the classroom. This conduct will be dealt with as per our Responsible Behaviour Plan (see page 12). Thank you for your support on this matter.

Happy Holidays
I would like to take this opportunity to wish everyone a happy and safe break and thank all the staff and students for welcoming me to the College. I have enjoyed every minute of this term and believe that every teacher is striving to extend the academic success of every student. I look forward to updates through the newsletters on the amazing work from students and staff involved in the multitude of development programs available here at the College.

Best wishes
David Cooke—Deputy Principal Junior Secondary

Soroptimists International

Jess Fox, Sarina Hodgetts, Danielle Inwood and Zoe Walters Yr 10 represented the school at a special day for our future female leaders, hosted by Soroptimists International. One of the speeches that stuck most in the girls’ minds was a speech by Mayor Pam Parker. Although the Mayor had notes prepared, she diverged from her speech, and told us what inspired her to run for the Office of Mayor. The girls were lucky enough to soak up many inspirational speeches, and take home more than just a gift bag. These lucky students learned that ‘change can come not only from a bomb, but from a girl with a schoolbook, studying under a tree’.

Gunilla Tinius—English teacher
## Principal's Acclamation

Congratulations to the following students for their commitment to school attendance for Semester 1

| Yr 8     | Hariata Bell        | 100% | Christian Brown | 100% | Daivik Chand  | 100% | Chantelle Flavell | 100% | Innocent Ladu | 100% | Benjamin Madden | 100% | Lucky Mawadi | 100% | Dhruvi Patel | 100% | Andrew Pogoda | 100% | Madyson Taufoou | 100% | Salome Tongia | 100% |
|----------|---------------------|------|-----------------|------|---------------|------|-------------------|------|---------------|------|-----------------|------|--------------|------|-------------|------|---------------|------|----------------|------|
| Yr 9     | Jaclob Cheshire | 100% | Gordon Lealofo | 100% | Bertha Mbunde | 100% | Kimily Nharn       | 100% | Terry Nikora | 100% | Breeanna Reinhardt | 100% | Brandon Smith | 100% | Andrew Stokman | 100% | Yr 10 Felix Ladu | 100% | Tupua New-Malone | 100% | Savannah Nicholls | 100% | Dylan Roach | 100% | Rosalina Simi | 100% | Thananchai Thopromma | 100% | Monique Tohu | 100% | Madeleine Wensor | 100% |
| Yr 10    | Viliamu Apelu   | 100% | Aaron Brown     | 100% | Steven Cheetham | 100% | Ronan Dinneen | 100% | Natalie Johnson Shannon | 100% |

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## Invitation to Welcome Parents/Carers and Students to attend

Kingston State College
Year 7 and 8 Enrolments for 2015

Information Sessions to be held at

- **Kingston State School (Library)** - Thursday 17 July 2014 2.30pm—4pm
- **Burrowes State School (Resource Centre)** - Wednesday 30 July 2014 2.30pm—4pm
- **Waterford State School (Hall)** - Thursday 31 July 2014 2.30pm-4pm

Enrolment Packs and Scholarship information will be available.
READERS CUP
Book lovers were in the spotlight last Tuesday evening 17 June at the Brisbane South Readers Cup Regional Final, hosted by Calamvale Community College. Top honours in this intense, high quality inter-school competition went to Mt Gravatt SHS, Mansfield SHS and Churchie.

Our team of avid young readers – Caitlynn Harwood, Zoe Nixon, Shanae Roberts (Yr 8), Amy Hanrahan, Kaitlyn Thomas (Yr 9) - are to be commended for their commitment and enthusiasm throughout the competition period. Not only did they read and study the five set books, they also attended numerous meetings and practice sessions. At the finals, our students demonstrated a solid knowledge of the books, as well as the ability to concentrate, communicate and work effectively as a team. Impeccable behaviour and presentation made them splendid ambassadors for Kingston State College.

Amy Hanrahan should be acknowledged for displaying exceptional maturity and generosity as a team member – leadership potential for sure!

If you’re interested in reading, here are the recommended books from the 2014 Readers Cup competition:

- The Ratcatcher’s Daughter by Pamela Rushby (Australian/history)
- Stay: the last dog in Antarctica by Jesse Blackadder (Australian/adventure)
- The Red Piano by Andre Leblanc (picture book set in China)
- Breathe by Sarah Crosson (British/speculative futuristic drama)
- Zebra Forest by Adina Rishe Gewirtz (American/suspense drama)
- Breathe (the first book in an exciting new series) seemed to be the team favourite. All the books can now be borrowed from our College library.

Thanks to Mrs Julie Coleman and Mrs Kathy Faldt for their support.

ENABLE DEBATING

It was a long drive out to Beaudesert SHS for the final round of the ENABLE Inter-School Debating Competition last Wednesday evening 18 June – but well worth the effort. All our teams performed strongly and finished the season in good style.

Junior team 1 – Zoe Nixon, Bertha Mbunde, Shanae Roberts – presented a compelling case for the negative on the topic “that music with offensive lyrics should be banned”. The adjudicators were so impressed they awarded the team a massive 40 point victory against their opponents from Browns Plains. A fantastic result! Special congratulations to Bertha on making such a brilliant debut as a debater.

Junior team 2 – Kaitlin Thomas, Jacob McMaster, Amy Hanrahan – made a very convincing case for the affirmative and were commended by the adjudicators for their excellent points. Unfortunately, the team was narrowly defeated by a confident Beaudesert side. Well done – especially to Jacob and Amy who both battled on despite being unwell on the night. Real dedication!

Senior team – Sharay Armfield, Brendan Herbst, Sera Ozgen – were delighted to win their final debate. The adrenaline was definitely pumping as the team had only one hour to prepare their case for the negative on an impromptu topic – “that life was better in the good old days”. Clear arguments and superb public speaking skills saw the team ultimately declared the winners in a close contest against Windaroo Valley.

Special thanks to the wonderful and multi-talented Ms Raschelle Moore for coaching the seniors, and also driving us all in the College mini-bus.

We’re now eager to find out if any of our teams have qualified for the ENABLE debating grand final in July. Whatever the outcome, “bravo” to all our Kingston State College debaters for their fine efforts throughout the 2014 season.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Co-ordinator
The 2014 Opti-Minds Challenge starts very soon. This unique creative problem-solving team tournament commences officially in mid-July, with an intensive six week preparation period which culminates in the Brisbane South regional challenge day on **Saturday 23 August**.

Opti-Minds is open to all students in Years 8-12, but is best suited to high academic achievers. Categories include Science/Engineering, Social Science and Language/Literature.

If you like thinking in interesting, creative ways... enjoy problem-solving... have loads of initiative, energy and enthusiasm... and can work effectively in a team, then consider being part of the 2014 Opti-Minds challenge!!

Kingston State College has participated in Opti-Minds since 2010 – winning “honours” several times and qualifying for the State Final twice. **Can we do it again in 2014?**

See Ms Jackson in J block for more information or email ajack36@eq.edu.au.

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**Chappy Corner**

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

Hi! My name is Emma and I’m the School Chaplain here at Kingston State College. I started at the end of last year in my first role as a School Chaplain and I can honestly say that I am so thankful and honoured to be in this role here. Thank you to all the staff, students and parents who have welcomed me with open arms. I really sense the spirit of community here and I’m looking forward to getting to know all of you more.

My first term here I spent getting to know the culture of the College, and I’ve benefited working alongside the support team to see what needs we could meet. This term I’ve been able to get a Breakfast Club up and running on Friday mornings. Our spaghetti toasties and hot milos have been a hit. I was also able to keep a long time tradition of Kingston State College alive, holding the annual Golden Chuck Basketball Competition at lunch breaks. This year’s winners were team “Whole Package”. The teachers however, did manage to win against our student team scoring seventeen points to eight. **Well done teachers!**

Next term I hope to work with the House Captains to put on another friendly sports competition.

The role of a School Chaplain is to provide social, emotional and spiritual support to the whole school community. If there is any way that I can help you, please feel free to contact me. I am available at the College Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays. God bless,

Emma – School Chaplain
On Wednesday 12 May, Kingston State College hosted one of the heats of the Brisbane Youth Theatre Sports competition at the magnificent College Performing Arts Centre equipped with a live musician, lighting, judges and a live audience. This competition is held over the month of May with the top two teams progressing through to the semi-finals. Theatre Sports is a fast pasted improvisation sports where teams are required to perform interesting and funny 1, 2, 3 and 4 minute games, think *Who's line is it Anyway* and *Slide Show*.

This year, Kingston State College entered two teams (Team 1; Zjon Coleman, Jessica Grindrod, Natalie Johnson, Shannon & Katrina Burnside and Improvisation Domination) (Team 2; Renee Dobbyn, Brendan Herbst, Tami Sager & Alicia Cora). These teams have been tirelessly rehearsing after school and during lunch times and have shown great commitment and dedication to the Performing Arts and Drama department. On the night, the competition was fierce and fast, both teams represented our College with pride and showcased some hilarious improvisations.

A Magic Moment Award went to Renee Dobbyn for her portrayal of an octopus in the game party quirks. The rules of party quirks are as follows; Player one is sent out of the space, they are the host of the party, the remaining members are guests of the party and are each given an attribute/famous identity/supernatural powers etc...The host comes back in and begins the scene by setting up the party. One by one the guests arrive and based on the way they act and the things they say, the host has to work out what their particular “quirk” is and mention it as a part of the scene. The audience claps when the host says the correct quirk…. Renee was told to be an octopus so when the host Brendan asked Renee (who at this point was slumped out on the floor of the stage), asked if she wanted some juice she responded with the winning line “these 8 tentacles require liquidation….. yes, juice will do”.

The final scores were extremely close however, Marsden SHS were the winners and runners up on the night with Kingston State College placing 3rd.

The competition and the rehearsals were so much fun that I and the students cannot wait to do it all again, so if you think you might be interested in a competition like this, watch out for next year’s competition and join my non-sports Theatre Sports class next round.

Mrs Krysta Daals—Drama Teacher
Ancient History – Digging up the Past

An excursion to the Abbey Museum this term was an exciting opportunity for Year 11 and 12 Ancient History students (and some interested Year 10s) to get their hands dirty by conducting a real archaeological dig. Under the guidance of archaeological experts, Year 11 students were given tools to excavate and record the remains of an Egyptian sarcophagus while the Year 12s were busy in another area uncovering artefacts from a Roman Villa. This was a fantastic hands-on experience for Senior History students to learn about the real profession of an Archaeologist.

We also toured the fascinating Abbey Museum with its vast collection of ancient artefacts from all over the world. Our guides commented on how impressed they were with the enthusiasm, manners and hard work of the students from Kingston State College during the ‘dig’. A terrific day was had by all!

Deb Sparks
English/History Subject Coordinator
Living History

Close to 70 students were extremely fortunate to attend an interactive show and workshop by the “Living History” performance group last week. Our presenters, Roland and Thomas, imparted their sense of fun, enthusiasm and passion for history with a highly entertaining show and activities. Students were able to try on a medieval knight’s armour, complete with chain mail, a metal helmet and weapons such as swords and lances. Following the presentation, students were able to handle medieval artefacts and weapons from the Middle Ages and Shogunate Japan, and try on armour including some very cool pointy-toed metal shoes (pretty soon we’ll all be wearing them!). Once again, students were great representatives of our school with their eagerness and enthusiasm during this fun, interactive experience.

Deb Sparks
English/History Subject Coordinator

Year 10 History

During Term 2, Year 10 students have been studying a unit on “Rights and Freedoms” in Australia. As part of our studies we have learned about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander issues and activism in Australia. We have learned about the Stolen Generations and the importance of the ‘Sorry’ speech delivered by then Prime-Minister Kevin Rudd, as well as the influence of significant individuals such as Eddie ‘Koiki’ Mabo on Land Rights in Australia.

Mrs Sparks’ 10A History class were privileged to hear from our Indigenous leaders in the Linda Link Centre. Aunty Ally Waria shared her deeply personal experience as one of the ‘Stolen Generations’, and Aunty Rita Moore spoke to us about her family ties and links with the land rights movement in North Queensland. Their experiences really brought home the reality of the issues we have been discussing in class. Thank you Aunty Ally and Aunty Rita for your generous hearts and courage in sharing your experiences with us.

Deb Sparks
English/History Subject Coordinator
The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing Year 12 in 2013. The Early School Leavers survey is a brief, confidential survey that provides a picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school leavers in the year after they left school to understand why young people leave school early and to help early school leavers make positive career choices.

Between July and August, our students who left school in Years 10, 11 and prior to completing 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 Early School Leavers survey in 2014.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

Kingston State College is offering Academic, Performance and Sporting Scholarships to students who will be entering Years 7 & 8 in 2015. The Scholarship is awarded on merit and is awarded for the student’s education from Years 8-10 and is reviewed annually.

If you are interested in further information or wish to receive a Scholarship Application Package, please contact the school on (07) 3826 1333. We will happily post or email the Package out to you. Alternatively, you may collect an application package from the Administration Office between 8am-4pm Monday to Friday.

All students will receive their individualised Assessment Calendar next term in Week 3. Students’ will also receive an electronic copy sent to their school MIS email account. This calendar will help students to create study timetables and plan for assessment to be submitted on the due date. Please do not hesitate to ask your student to share their Assessment Calendar with you.

Please note: A copy will be available on the College website and emailed home to parents by Friday 1 August

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.

STUDENT ASSESSMENT CALENDARS
Semester 2

2014 Early School Leavers Survey

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