A special mention to all staff and student participants on your outstanding contribution to the day’s success!
Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome back to Term 3 and the beginning of a busy Semester where we begin the journey to set in place plans for 2014.

A warm welcome to new staff members Mr Ari Ohia—HPE Teacher, Mr Lachlan Stewart—HPE/IT Teacher, Miss Kirsten Krieg—SEP Teacher, Mr Kevin De Silva—Manual Arts Teacher Aide and Mrs Vanessa Lockett—Regional Office Representative.

Great Success in our T/L Audit

On Monday 29 and Tuesday 30 July the College under went a Teaching and Learning Audit conducted by Ms Shelly Lewis and Mr Ray Johnston from the Central Audit Team. All aspects of ‘how we teach’ and ‘how students learn’ were closely examined. I am delighted to report that the College performed excellently gaining commendations across the outstanding and high categories in all eight main areas. I would like to sincerely thank all staff and students for showcasing our school in such a positive manner. I was further delighted when our Regional Director Ms Samantha Knowles phoned me to offer her congratulations on behalf of DETE as Sam has been monitoring our journey of improvement over the past five years.

Brilliant Learning Facilities

Semester Two at Kingston State College has seen a ‘buzz of activity’ for students across a wide variety of both learning and co-curricular activities.

Staff and students were delighted to celebrate with seven of our dance and music students who were involved in ‘Creative Generation – State Schools on Stage’ – a showcase of the outstanding talent of 1500 students from state schools across Queensland. This culminated with four performances held at the Brisbane Convention Centre to sell-out audiences. We are certainly anticipating another great event for 2014 where our vocal, dance and drama students can advance their skills.

Kokoda Challenge!

At our first parade of the term, the College was proud to welcome the parents and carers of our three student teams who participated in the ‘Kokoda Challenge’ held on the weekend of 13-14 July. Our students were rewarded with certificates to celebrate their fantastic effort in running the 48km event. Our special thanks must go to organisers Ms Trudy Bartlett, Ms Sarah Ryan, Mr Luke Anthony and staff and parents who assisted on the day. But it was our students who proved to be ‘worthy heroes’ on the day! Well done!

It has been an excellent start to the term with the excitement of the Athletics Carnival which was so well organised by Ms Dana Eagers and the winning house being ‘Koongarra’ taking out the final honour.

Also, best of luck to our team of 85 competitors who have been selected in the District Athletics to be held this week 8 and 9 August, ‘our biggest team’ ever.

The Parent/Teacher Reporting Interview Evening organised by Deputy Principals Mr David Holgate and Ms Jan Cunningham and the P&C was very successful. Please contact the College if you were unable to attend the evening and would like to meet with your child’s teachers. As you are aware the key to success for your child’s constant monitoring by staff of individual student’s progress. I am continuing to interview any Year 12 students who are struggling to put in place strategies to help them gain a final successful outcome. With only twelve weeks remaining for our Year 12s, I would encourage any parent/carers to contact me if there are concerns about subject results.

Pedal Prix

Congratulations to all students participating in the RACQ Pedal Prix Competition at Willowbank Raceway. Inspired by International and Olympic Cycling events, our Pedal Prix students took on the school teams from across the State in the Willowbank ‘All Schools’ Competition held on Thursday 25 and Friday 26 July. This provided an excellent preparation for the 24 hour challenge at Maryborough in September where we will test run our new bike for the first time.

Sincere thank you to Mr Ed Hansen, Mr Ron Milne, Ms Sarah Ryan and Ms Trudy Bartlett for their huge effort in preparing our students and our racing bikes. I know they were all very excited. The students are to be congratulated for their overall efforts and their commendable behaviour in both the senior and junior teams.

Also, I would like to acknowledge and thank Terry Skene and Kingston Park Raceway for their continued support.

Artistic Impressions

Term 3 provides many opportunities to showcase excellence at our College. A highlight is Artistic Impressions on Thursday 21 August where the Performing and Multimedia provide a dazzling evening’s entertainment for our community.

Also, this years Art Extravaganza will be held on Thursday 29 August 5pm-7pm in the Home Ec Block which will showcase our talented Visual Arts department. We look forward to seeing you there for a wonderful evening!

Open Enrolment Evening

Prospective parents and carers will be invited to attend our final ‘Enrolment Evening’ for the year which will be held on Wednesday 11 September 5.30—7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming many new parents to see what makes our College a ‘Great State High School’. Best wishes for an exciting and productive term.

Francine Barker—Principal

Kingston State College students cater for Teaching & Learning Audit
My name is Mike, I work for Youth & Family Service (Logan City) Inc. and I am the new Youth Support Coordinator (YSC) at Kingston State College. I am available every Friday, you can find me at the Arts Staffroom, in the school nurse's room. A YSC can help you address issues that may help you remain engaged in education. If you feel like you need to talk to someone, need assistance with remaining engaged at school, or need support around a particular area in your life then please come see me directly or talk to school staff to arrange an appointment. I will do my best to assist you towards your goals.
Yr 7s Transition Program for Yr 8 in 2014

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

2013 Careers
That Shape The World -
University of Queensland St. Lucia

On Thursday 11 July, five Year 12 students attended the 2013 University of Queensland Careers ‘That Shape The World’ information day. Tia, Kiana, Divita, Zealand and Socheata attended three sessions each on the day, which involved a wide variety of interactive activities delivered by industry professionals, academic experts and UQ students. The day was an opportunity to discover the range of career opportunities available with a UQ degree and find one that is right for them. The students thoroughly enjoyed the day and the opportunity to experience campus life.

Josh Hobbins—Yr 12 Coordinator

Students with Disabilities

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Ms Caroline Hill—Head Of Special Education
A group of six Year 8 students were given the opportunity to work with other students of high ability to learn about the Geology of the Springbrook Plateau under the guidance of staff from Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre. On the two and a half hour walk the students were able to see first-hand the different rock types the volcano erupted and the way they were eroded by water, ice and wind over millions of years. Although the students were challenged by rain and leeches they all enjoyed the experience and it was a great conclusion to the Earth Science unit completed in Science.

Vivienne Barnard—Science Teacher

Aspirations is a program held for students in Year 11 to learn about the working world and what would be expected from us in order to gain jobs. Aspirations for me was a great experience. I have definitely gained a lot of confidence and learnt a lot from the various sessions which I attended. The first session basically was a get to know everyone session. We met all the mentors and were placed into our groups. We also went on a tour of PricewaterhouseCoopers. Their offices were amazing, with lots of ‘cool furniture’. My two mentors were Javier and Chris. Through our mentors our group learnt so many things; we got to know what experiences assisted them to gain their present position. The various sessions conducted by Brant and Kim, our facilitators, were very crucial in the way we learnt the various skills attributed to become a good employee and gain jobs.

The most memorable session for me at Aspirations was when we used a box of tricks. This activity required us to create an educational toy suitable for kids aged 3-5. Our team created a toy called ‘tower ball’. This activity was done exceptionally well by my team members, as we worked great as a team. Each session required us to travel back to previous sessions and ponder over what we had done previously and what we had learnt so far. Overall, this program for me was an amazing experience and I don’t think I’ll be forgetting anyone involved in the program. I have most definitely gained a great deal of knowledge and have excelled in my public speaking and getting my point across to people. If you are offered a spot in this program definitely go for it. It will be an amazing experience for you as well.

Aasimah Sharif - Year 11 Student
DEBATING - SEASON FINALE

The Enable Inter-School Debating season ended with round 4, held on Wednesday 19th June at Windaroo Valley SHS. Both junior debating teams certainly finished the season on a high note, winning their debates in emphatic style.

Junior Team 1 – Brendan Herbst Yr 9, Douglas Coleman and Jacob McMaster Yr 8 – delighted their audience with an informative, entertaining case for the negative on the topic “that the internet brings more harm than good”. Both Brendan and Jacob gave lively, polished performances which gained very high scores from the adjudicator, enabling the team to win by an impressive 15 point margin over Browns Plains SHS.

Junior Team 2 – Sera Ozgen Yr 9, ably assisted by Amy Hanrahan and Christian Dickson Yr 8 – presented a strong, persuasive case for the affirmative – clearly outclassing their opponents from Shailer Park SHS. The winning margin was an astounding 23 points!

The senior team performed well in their final debate. Despite some interesting arguments for the negative on the topic “that marriage is an outdated institution”, they were defeated by Flagstone SCC. Well done to Sharay Armfield, Zjon Coleman and Stacey Johnson Yr 10 who did a creditable job preparing their case, whilst juggling their exams, school musical and other commitments at the busy end of semester. Special thanks to coaches Ms Krista Austin and Ms Carolyn Prince for guiding and mentoring the seniors in this challenging competition.

Congratulations to all our debaters for their dedication throughout the 2013 season, during which we’ve seen their confidence and public speaking skills flourish. There’s no doubt that Kingston State College has some talented young debaters with loads of potential. Can’t wait to see how they develop in future seasons!

READERS CUP – SUCCESS

The competition was intense, but our Kingston State College team performed superbly at the Brisbane South Readers Cup Regional Final on Tuesday evening 18th June at Iona College, Wynnum. Somerville House, San Sisto College and Loreto College took out top honours in a very close, hard-fought contest. Our wonderful team of avid readers was only a few points behind, coming in 6th place (out of 22 schools) and outperforming several private schools. Quite an accomplishment!

The team – Christian Dickson, Amy Hanrahan and Kaitlin Thomas (Yr 8) are to be commended for their outstanding commitment in reading and studying the five set books for the competition, attending endless meetings and practice sessions - mostly in their own time- and being absolutely passionate book lovers. During the competition, they demonstrated in-depth knowledge of the books, as well as excellent focus and team work. Their impeccable presentation and behaviour made them fine ambassadors for our College.

Congratulations!

If you’re interested in a good read, here are the recommended books from the 2013 Readers Cup competition:

- The Horses Didn’t Come Home by Pamela Rushby (Australian historical fiction, set during WWI)
- Mosquito Advertising: # 2: The Blade Brief by Kate Hunter (local Brisbane junior fiction)
- The Road to Goonong by David Cox (Queensland illustrated memoir)
- On Two Feet and Wings by Abbas Kazerooni (international adventure, based on true events)
- Starters by Lissa Price (American speculative fiction for teen/young adults)

These books can now be borrowed from our College library. Thanks to Mrs Julie Coleman and Mrs Kathy Faldt for their support. In case you’re wondering, On Two Feet and Wings was the team’s favourite.
Opti-Minds Science/Engineering Challenge Begins...

There’s been a flurry of activity around J and F blocks, as Monday 15 July marked the official start of the 2013 Opti-Minds Challenge – a unique team tournament that focuses on problem-solving. Our college has two brilliant teams keen to take on this demanding contest of creativity and critical thinking. There’s no doubt it will be demanding and, at times, frenetic – but ultimately a lot of fun and very rewarding.

Good luck to our experienced “veteran” team – Brendan Herbst Yr 9, Sharay Armfield, Amelia Bailey, Zjon Coleman, Stacey Johnson and Thane Ward Yr 10 – and our novice Yr 8 team – Douglas Coleman, Christian Dickson, Amy Hanrahan, Azma Khan and Jacob McMaster.

All students are totally committed to Opti-Minds and eager to prepare their solution for the Science/Engineering category – an intriguing challenge involving the construction of towers and pendulums. Expect to see lots of interesting construction work, crazy costumes and props over the next 6 weeks during the preparation period. Thanks to my fellow facilitators, Miss Tamara and Mrs Vivienne Barnard, who will help guide the students. The Brisbane South Regional Challenge Day is Saturday 24 August at Waterford West SS.

2013 ICAS Science Results

Our best and brightest Science students once again achieved splendid results in the International Competitions and Assessments for School (ICAS). Special congratulations to science whiz Bradley Thompson who attained a HIGH DISTINCTION, an amazing effort that places him in the top 1% in Queensland, and also to his classmates in Yr 9A Science for their outstanding performance in this very high level competition.

Ms Alison Jackson
Enrichment Coordinator

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On Thursday 1 August, our Chess-Nuts and Kingston Knights Chess teams competed in the South Brisbane Interschool Chess Competition at Stretton College. Although, they did not come 1st, 2nd or 3rd, they were all big winners in my eyes. They showed great sportsmanship whether they Won or lost. For each game they did not win, they learnt more about the strategies of playing chess. The competition was very good with some schools having professional coaching staff including a National Chess champion. Overall, I was very proud of our team: Bradley Thompson, Dylan Roach, Damien Camm, Jordan O’Neil, Gordan Lealofi, Leham Gaudie, Kai Wanless and Frankie Henry-Roberts.

Mr Bergel
Maths / IT Teacher
Congratulations
Regional NAIDOC Day Award Recipients

Caitlin Hadfield Yr 12
Thane Ward Yr 10
Kaitlin Thomas Yr 8

Attendance Fun Day
Edens Landing State School will be hosting a seminar presented by professionals attached with University of Qld.

POSITIVE PARENTING for Children with a Disability
Tuesday 3 September 2013
Edens Landing State School
Resource Centre
6.30 – 8.30pm

This seminar will provide parents with information on how to help their child along with reinforcing and confirming the positive strategies already in use.

For more details view the attached brochure and visit www.triplep_steppingstones.net. The website provides lots of information.

To register for this seminar please go to the section Find Stepping Stones near you~ Find Stepping Stones Session ~ click on Edens Landing.

This is a wonderful opportunity to meet others who also have a student with needs. Come along and feel supported, make some connections with others. Have a chat to a member of your child’s school support team.

In addition there is a Stepping Stones Triple P Project in which you may be interested in participating. Come and find out more.
STUDENT ASSESSMENT CALENDARS
Semester 2

All students should have received their individualised Assessment Calendar during this week. Students' will also receive an electronic copy sent to their school MIS email account shortly. 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.

Assessment Calendars for all year levels are NOW available on the College website www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au.

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.

Just a little bit doesn’t seem much but ……

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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.

Kingston State 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

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.

Student Absences

Parents/guardians are asked to contact the school as early as possible on the day of the absence to advise of the reason the student is not attending school on a particular day. This can be done by phoning the Attendance Officer on 3826 1340, leaving a message on 3826 1366 or via e-mail absences@kingstonshs.eq.edu.au. Your message needs to include your student’s name and year level.

Over the course of the year, letters have been mailed home to parents to explain student absences. We would appreciate your help by ensuring that these explained absences are returned to your child's PC teacher or to the College Administration Office as soon as possible.