Artistic Impressions

Performing Arts Showcase Night
Wednesday 21 Aug
‘Yeah Babe—A Smashing Success’

Congratulations and well done to the cast and crew

Opti-Minds Team Challenge

Congratulations to our Yr 8 Opti-Minds Team Two taking out FIRST PLACE and qualifying for the Opti-Minds STATE FINALS in October.

Congratulations to our Yr 9 team who was highly commended, achieving HONOURS in their category.

You make us very proud!

Team One—Sharay Armfield, Amelia Bailey, Zjon Coleman, Brendan Herbst, Stacey Johnson and Thane Ward.

Team Two — Douglas Coleman, Christian Dickson, Amy Hanrahan, Azma Khan and Jacob McMaster.
From The Principal
Dear Parents and Carers

As the end of Term 3 approaches while ‘College life’ is very hectic with so many co curricular events, we have every reason to feel proud of our College and our staff, students and community.

However, we must remember our core focus is ‘learning’, especially with our Year 12s ready to complete their Queensland Core Skills Test of Assessment in preparation for their Year 12 completion.

Artistic Impressions
Last week the Kingston State College Performing Arts Faculty showcased the many talents of our Performing Arts Students. Artistic Impressions provides many opportunities to showcase excellence at our College where Music, Dance, Drama and Multimedia provided a dazzling evening’s entertainment for our community. Congratulations to all the staff and students who performed on the night. Special thanks to the teachers who organised and rehearsed with the students: Mrs Tracey English, Mrs Vikki Kelly, Mrs Ashley Willett, Mrs Su Chauvier, Mrs Cindy Ambridge, Ms Sarah Ryan, Mrs Jo Pickham and Mr James Hamlyn.

Art Extravaganza
On Thursday 29 August, Kingston State College recognises the Visual Art talents of our students. Student art work can be viewed between 5pm and 7pm in the Home Economics Block. The entry ticket includes canapés served by our talented Hospitality students.

Year 10-11
The last few weeks of Term 3 will see the Year 10s preparing for their subject selections for Year 11. Parents, carers and students have already attended our Parent Information Night. Over the next few weeks parents and carers are asked to attend a meeting with their child and a staff member to select subjects for Year 11 and to work on their Learning Pathway Plans. If you have not yet made an appointment you can do so by going to the College’s website at www.kingstonshs.eq.edu.au and clicking the PTO button on the front page. Alternatively, you may call the Office and one of the office staff will make the appointment for you. It is a requirement that all Year 10 students that are continuing on to Year 11 at Kingston State College complete this process. Any questions can be directed to Mrs Karen Neil, Head of Department Senior Schooling.

Open Enrolment Evening
Prospective parents and carers are invited to attend our final Open Evening for the year which will be held on Wednesday 11 September from 5.30pm-7.30pm. We look forward to welcoming many new parents to see what makes our College a ‘Great State High School’. This evening is also an opportunity for parents of Year 5 students considering Year 7 enrolment at Kingston State College in 2015 to visit the College and view our facilities and to meet with our staff.

Pedal Prix
Mr Ron Milne, Mr Greg Bergel, Ms Trudy Bartlett and Ms Sarah Ryan and the Pedal Prix students will be travelling to Maryborough on the 13-15 September to compete in the 24 hour Pedal Prix Competition. I know hours of hard work have gone into preparing the bikes and the students to compete in the competition. There will be a full report in the next edition but I do know they will all represent the College admirably. Also, sincere thanks to Kingston Park Raceway and Terry Skene for supporting our students with their training for the ‘big event’.

Best wishes
David Holgate
A/ Principal

Open Enrolment Evening
Wednesday 11 September 2013

Guided Tours | Performances | Enrolments | Sausage Sizzle

2014 Enrolment Packages and Scholarship Applications available on the evening

Kingston College Community Hall
# Calendar of Events

## August
- **26** National Literacy and Numeracy Week
- **28-30** Yr 8 Justice High Resolves—Hall

## September
- **2-6** Yr 10 SETP Interviews ALL WEEK
- **3-4** Yr 12 QCS WT/MC
- **4** Brisbane Writers’ Festival
- **5-6** Regional Track & Field Events at QEII
- **6** Brisbane Writers’ Festival
- **10** Expressions Dance Excursion Yrs 11/12
- **11** Yr 7-8 Enrolment Evening 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **12** Student Council Meeting 2nd Break
- **13-15** Maryborough 24hr Pedal Prix Technology Challenge
- **18** P&C Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **19** Yr 10-12s group “Grease” - The Musical
- **20** Last Day Term 3
  (24 September—5 October Spring Holiday)

## October
- **7** LABOUR DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- **8** Full School Assembly
- **9** World Teachers’ Day
- **10** GOALS Session 6, 12pm-1.30pm
- **16** P&C Meeting 5.30pm-7.30pm
- **21** Student FREE Day
- **30** Awards Night 7pm
- **31** Brainways THE QUEST gifted team challenge

### Athletics Districts Team

Congratulations to these nine students for making the Logan Districts Athletics Team.

We wish you all the best at the Regional Track and Field Events at QEII held on Thursday 5 and Friday 6 September.

All the best!!

![Lance Iuli](image1)
![Tina Brown](image2)
![Lachlan Clark](image3)
![Adam Hill](image4)
![Rachael Morgan](image5)
![AJ Masame](image6)
![John Fogavini](image7)
![Socheata Whittingslow](image8)
OPTI-MINDS TOWERING TRIUMPH!

Congratulations to our teams for their amazing success at the Brisbane South Opti-Minds Challenge - a creative problem-solving tournament - held at Waterford West SS on Saturday 24 August.

The six week preparation period had been frenetic. F and J blocks were hives of activity, as our two teams took on the science/engineering challenge. This was no easy task, as students had to design and construct their own original tower (over a metre tall), made from cheap or recycled materials, which could withstand the impact of a swinging pendulum (weighing over 500g). If that wasn’t tricky enough, the tower had to be precariously perched on aluminium drink cans! Certainly a challenge of students’ physics knowledge, as well as their practical construction skills, patience and ingenuity.

However, producing a robust tower and pendulum was only part of the challenge. The teams also had to plan, script and perform a dramatic presentation – featuring the tower and pendulum – and also create all the costumes and props from mostly recycled materials. Students’ creativity and resourcefulness were put to the test, not to mention their commitment – as many, many meetings and rehearsals were required to be ready for the big day.

When the Challenge Day came, the teams performed in superb style and thoroughly impressed the judging panel, who awarded them top scores in the science/engineering category.

Team 1 (the Opti-Minds) was highly commended, achieving “honours”. Well done to Sharay Armfield, Amelia Bailey, Zjon Coleman, Brendan Herbst, Stacey Johnson and Thane Ward. These Opti “veterans” gave a lively, imaginative presentation and very thoughtful responses to the judges’ questions.

Team 2 (Sweet Lion Gluesticks from Pretzeland) – all Year 8 Opti beginners – did an incredible job, coming in FIRST PLACE and qualifying for the Opti-Minds STATE FINALS!!! Special congratulations to Douglas Coleman, Christian Dickson, Amy Hanrahan, Azma Khan and Jacob McMaster. The team exemplified positive teamwork, dedication and enthusiasm throughout the challenge and gave an entertaining, polished performance.

The Opti-Minds ethos is all about “unashamed excellence” and students being the best they can be. However, they do need a support team! Many thanks to Miss Tamara Daus, our College Scientific Officer, who did a brilliant job as facilitator for Team 1, providing endless enthusiasm, patience and guidance during the challenge. And, of course, thank you to the wonderful parents for their care and encouragement.

Good luck to Team 2 for the Opti-Minds State Finals in October. You have made us all very proud.

Ms Alison Jackson
Opti-Minds Facilitator/Enrichment Coordinator
QTAC PREPARATION PROGRAM

Students Applying to QTAC

All students wanting to apply for Diploma Courses at TAFE and Degree courses at University must apply to QTAC by Friday 27 September. Our students are fortunate in the fact that Mrs Barker has decided that Kingston State College will pay for the application fee.

In preparation for this application all interested students have been a part of the following QTAC Program:

**Term 2**
- QTAC interviews at the Guidance Office in small groups

**Term 3**
- Information session
- Distribution of QTAC Guides and Kingston College QTAC Student Booklet
- Opportunity to participate in the Griffith Uni Reach Program
- Individual Guidance Officer QTAC interview in order to order 6 preferences
- Assistance in applying for possible programs such as:
  * Griffith Guaranteed Admissions
  * Griffith Connect Logan Campus Admission
  * Educational Access Scheme

**Term 4**
- Assistance in writing Student Statements for Educational Access Scheme
- Assistance in writing and applying for all Equity and Academic Scholarships
- Information Session on Responding to QTAC Offers and signing on to University courses

**ALL STUDENTS APPLYING TO QTAC WILL DO SO IN SMALL GROUPS DURING LUNCH TIME ON THURSDAY 4 SEPTEMBER AND FRIDAY 5 SEPTEMBER.**

Students who are applying to QTAC’s Education Access Scheme under “Financial Hardship” have been asked to speak to their parents/carers in order to gain permission to provide QTAC with their Centrelink Reference Number (CRN), together with the name of their parent/carer and their Date of Birth. QTAC will then directly communicate with Centrelink to gain relevant information.

If a student meets eligibility for ‘financial hardship’, this can assist them by providing them with bonus ranks for entry into courses and/or equity scholarships.

**Students not applying to QTAC**

All students in Year 12 who are not applying to QTAC are to also see me this term so we can determine a plan for each student. Assistance will also be given in lodging applications to Certificate Courses at TAFE and/or Skilltech.

Please do not hesitate to contact me as I understand that as caring parents/carers, you may have many questions. If you would like to have an appointment with me to discuss your student’s options/pathways, please do not hesitate to contact me. Alternatively, I am also available by phone on 3826 1333.

Tess Varipatis
Guidance Officer
The SWPBS Committee would like to congratulate all the students who entered the short story competition last term. It was extremely hard to judge a winner; as a committee, we were impressed with the high calibre of entries that we received. But after many sleepless nights, we have decided to award the **SWPBS Short Story Competition Prize** to:

**Ebony van der Ryken** – Year 10 winner  
**William Sao Lay & Jamie Thompson** – Year 8 winners

Congratulations to these budding young authors, and thanks again to all those who penned an entry. So relax, find a sunny spot by the window, and enjoy the following entry (we will publish one entry per issue):

**Common Sense with Wolves – by Ebony van der Ryken**

She walked down the hall. A smile shone on her face, as she headed down to her master. She tripped, falling to the floor, ignoring her common sense, which told her not to skip down the hall. “Annabell? Oh Annabell? Where are you?” She heard her master; his handsome voice floating through the air. She smiled. “I’m coming sir, I just tripped.” She reached her master’s quarters. He turned around, his shoulder-length hair swishing as he turned, walking towards her. He smiled. “I do wish you would cooperate, and call me ‘Alexander.’” She curtseyed. “Yes master Alexander.” She stood straight to show her obedience. He shook his head. “We are to marry in September. Please stop calling me ‘master’. You are a lady now, and soon to be my darling wife.” He leant in and kissed her forehead.

She walked through the garden with great courtesy, trying not to step on any small flowers or snails. Her kindness was most appropriate, if she was to be committed to be a wife of a head man. She thought to herself, whatever shall I do? She paused in wonder, as a large wolf appeared from the edge of the new forest. She gasped. Instead of using any common sense, she walked towards the creature in a trance.

As she stepped closer to the wolf, the wolf seemed to look more beautiful. It was rather ghastly, but she still wandered towards it. As it barked, she flinched. It nudged its head towards her side, rubbing its fur on her leg. The wolf turned and walked into the forest, beckoning her to follow it. She cooperated with the wolf, and followed it into the forest. They walked for a while, until the wolf turned, and began to growl. Other wolves emerged from the bushes. They snickered and barked. She screamed. They leapt in for the kill, ripping her arms clean off. She screamed a deathly scream as one wolf jumped and ripped off her head, ending her 18 years of life. If only she had used her common sense, she would have lived!

Mrs Tinius  
English / LOTE Teacher

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**Students invited to enter QTU Peace Awards**

Students of all ages are invited to enter the Queensland Teacher’s Union (QTU) Peace Awards. 

The theme of this year’s awards is *Education for Peace*. To enter students are asked to design a postcard-sized artwork.

Entry categories include:

* Prep to Year 1  
* Years 2-3  
* Years 4-6  
* Years 7-9  
* Years 10-12  
* Special Education.

Category winners will receive an award to the value of $100. Special awards, valued at $50, may also be presented in each category.

Judging will be conducted by members of the QTU’s Social and Environmental Issues Networks and winners will be notified by the end of November.

To enter visit [http://www.qtu.asn.au/peaceawards](http://www.qtu.asn.au/peaceawards)
**My Friends Youth Resilience Program**

This semester, a group of 30 Year 8 girls have been selected to participate in Kingston State College’s trial of the My Friends – Youth Resilience Program. So far we have completed four exciting and engaging sessions of this 10 session unique program, which is aimed at teaching students life-long skills that will assist them in reaching their goals.

Students are working in various groups each week, allowing them to engage with their peers in new and different ways, whilst gaining valuable skills such as how to cope in difficult situations, how to deal with various emotions and thoughts, relaxation strategies and coping plans.

The program this year is being coordinated by Jodie Fisher, our School Based Youth Health Nurse, Sondra O’Connor, the schools Behaviour Advisor Teacher along with Kelly Humphries the College School Based Police Officer.

The group have so far participated in a range of different activities at school, and are all looking forward to our upcoming relaxation session, visiting a local park to learn effective calming strategies.

Carolyn Prince  
Yr 8 Coordinator

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**Celebrate Australian Flag Day**

Tuesday 3 September is Australian National Flag Day and our school will celebrate this 112th birthday with a special assembly/flag raising ceremony.

Did you know 14-year-old school boy Ivor Evans was one of the five people whose similar designs won the competition to design Australia’s flag? The winners shared £200 prize money which was still a lot of money for a student back then.

One change has been made since the original design was first flown in Melbourne on 3 September 1901. If you missed the point of difference you can look it up on www.australianflag.org.au.

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**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.