



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Welcome back to all families for the start of the 2019 school year.

A special welcome to our new families especially our Reception children and Robe families. I have visited Mrs Lawrie-Read's Reception classroom on a number of occasions this morning and the students already know the routines and are orientated to the school. They sat so beautifully during our assembly and I know they will be like sponges over the year. The Year 8 students know their way around and seem like old hands after a very successful possibilities and transition program in 2018. We also have a number of new students across the rest of the school.

Welcome to all new families.

STEM

A lot of work has occurred over the holiday period so that primary classes could recommence in the main building as our STEM work has drawn to a close. Thank you to all the volunteers ably led by Sarah Wood and Annie Wiseman who cleaned and scrubbed and organised and then did it again to ensure our new spaces were ready for the new school year. Portable toilets have been replaced with colourful state of the art spaces. Classrooms have been painted, carpets cleaned and teachers have spent many hours changing and reorganising their "new spaces". It is great to have such enthusiastic and keen staff that have already set themselves site improvement goals for 2019.

New and Returning Staff

The school also has a number of new and returning staff: Mr Anthony Mutton is teaching Stage 1 and 2 English and Years 8-9 English. Anthony has many years of experience as a leader at Kangaroo Inn Area School and we welcome his expertise and can do attitude. Mr Jarryd Hill has joined the school as the Year 4 class teacher. Jarryd had a career in landscaping prior to re training as a teacher. Please welcome Jarryd to our community and support him in his new career. Ms Lisa Pointon is returning from two years in England where she has been teaching early years students and music and she will continue this role at Kingston in 2019. Ms Alice

Trott has increased her time this year and will work 0.5 with Mrs Edwards in the Year 2 class. Ms Sarah Wood is teaching Thursday and Friday with Mrs Lyon in the Year 5 Class. Mrs Skye Curkpatrick is teaching Year 1 with Ms Pointon but will also continue to teach Year 10 Personal Learning Plan and English for semester 1. We also welcome back our SSO classroom staff who are contract workers and are employed depending on student funding and needs. The school community will get a chance to meet new and returning staff at Acquaintance Night next Wednesday February 6th.

R-12 Acquaintance Night

When: Wednesday 6 February 2019- (Week 2)

Time: 5:30-7.00 pm

Where: Classrooms and specialist areas

Last year we trialled a new format for R-12 Acquaintance Night, where classrooms were open for an extended period of time. We will continue this and extend the time teachers will be in their classroom. Rather than a formal night it will be far more of a meet and greet session. It will be a chance to learn about the curriculum and expectations of your child's year level in an informal way. Staff will have a handout on classroom routines and procedures on the night and you are welcome to drop in at any stage to the classroom. There will be an opportunity to meet all specialist teachers in a relaxed and friendly environment and to have a tour of our new STEM facilities. Please keep an eye out for further details. We hope to have Year 9 laptops available for distribution at a set time during the evening.

Kindergarten Transition

Lots of new processes and procedures are happening at Kingston!

The Kindy will trial operating out of the school every second Friday morning starting February 8th from 8:30-12 noon. This will mean a very busy time first thing in the morning and parking will be at a premium as Kindy parents will walk their child to their kindy space. While we have a long term plan to alleviate some of the parking issues at the school for drop off and pick up it continues to currently be a problem. Kindy parents will park on the oval adjacent to the pool.

Car Parking

Some families have been dropping off and picking up students from the football club area. I remind you this is not an official drop off point. A number of years ago a child was hit by a car in that space and this is why parents started to back their cars into the oval. Gradually this has stopped and people continue to creep closer and closer to areas where children are walking. While I am turning a blind eye to this area as I don't have an alternative, please do not come past the gate and I remind you it is 10 km per hour on the school site including around the oval. It took me over 4 minutes to come from the entrance to the long jump pit at 10 km per hour in my car. It should take you a similar amount of time.

Review of school bus services in regional South Australia is underway

As a regional South Australian you will be interested in the review currently taking place on how government bus services could be provided for all regional students and whether school buses could be used for community purposes. It is difficult to change bus routes and to change stops as this needs to be approved by DPTI, the school community, Governing Council and the Minister for Education. Last year the school buses could no longer take papers to community members and the school is not allowed to drop off our students at after school care. This is out of our control so please have your say so it makes it easier for our students and community

The community is being asked to comment on this review via YourSAy from 21 January 2019 to 15 February 2019. Visit <https://yoursay.sa.gov.au>.

Swimming

Swimming for Years 1, 3, 4, 5 and 7 will commence next Monday 4th February. A reminder that this is a water safety programme, not a learn to swim programme. The emphasis is on safety rather than stroke correction. Reception, Year 2 and 6 will have swimming in Week 3. A note with details will be forthcoming.

Diary Dates

Kingston Community School Sports Day will be held Friday 1st March.

Interschool Sports Day will be held at Kingston this year on Wednesday 20th March.

SACE Result 2018

All students completing Year 12 in 2018 received their South Australian Certificate of Education. This is a credit to our students and their teachers and we congratulate the 2018 Year 12 students for their pleasing academic results.

We had four students with an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admission Rank) of above 90 and 3 students who received straight A's in their chosen subjects. The highest ATAR for a student at Kingston Community School was 99.0. Congratulations to this student, this is a remarkable score and a reflection of the hard work and dedication shown by the student and teachers. Congratulations to Clayton Parker, Eliza Wright and Eliza Peters who received an A+ grade in at least one of their subjects.

Congratulations to Clayton Parker and Eliza Wright who received merits. Clayton received merits for both Physics and Mathematical Methods and Eliza for Research Project. Special congratulations to Eliza Wright who also received a Governor's Commendation. These students will be recognised at a ceremony at Government House on Tuesday 5 February, 2019.

We wish all the 2018 Year 12 students well in their endeavours and we are very proud of the hard work and dedication they showed throughout the year. They have set an excellent example for our 2019 Students.

Once again welcome back – lets work together for the best results academically and socially for our children.

*Lucretia Tocaciu
Principal*



Canteen Volunteer Roster

Starting time 10:15 am

Thank you for your support in the canteen. All volunteers are supplied with lunch as a thank you. Starting time is 10.15 am. If you are unable to work on your rostered day please try to arrange a swap. In case of an emergency or to fill a volunteer needed vacancy please contact Louise or Kylie at the canteen on 8767 2171 or Louise AH on 8767 2610.

Term 1	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 29 Jan – 1 Feb	Australia Day Holiday	Tracey Mackereth 0414 668 423			Shaylie Harding 0407 673 051
Week 2 4 - 8 Feb	Lisa Bawden 0428 372 819	Trudy Pilmore 0429 404 010			Tammie Parker 0429 676 076
Week 3 11-15 Feb		Karen Drabsch 0438 888 510			Tanya Watts 0427 672 005

2019 CROSSING ROSTER

New teams take over on Tuesday morning each week, including new terms.

Term 1

WEEK		TEAM		
1	29/1/19	Luke	Jorja	Lara
2	5/2/19	Fraser	Liam	Jaite
3	12/2/19	Jaxon	Mandy	Deakin
4	19/2/19	Zac	Skye	Shannon
5	26/2/19	Harry	Haley	Abbigail
6	5/3/19	Liam	Shebella	Jaite
7	12/3/19	Alice	Tyson	Gemma
8	19/3/19	Lara	Fraser	Skye
9	26/3/19	Jorja	Shannon	Harry
10	2/4/19	Mandy	Abbigail	Haley
11	9/4/19	Shebella	Deakin	Zac

*Don't forget to like our **FACEBOOK** page to stay connected and to receive regular updates and reminders of school events and activities.*

Kingston Community School Library now has it's own facebook page :

www.facebook.com/kingstoncommunityschoollibrary/

If you are not a FACEBOOK user, you can still keep up todate with what's happening in the library by clicking on the following link:

https://onecard.network/client/en_AU/kingston/

KINGSTON SAINTS NETBALL CLUB

Welcome to the 2019 Netball Season

Could all girls that are intending to play or are considering playing for Saints, please tell Karen Watson at the front office no later than 10th February please.

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Playgroup will commence on Wednesday 6th February.

9.30am - 11am

Free

Come along and see our amazing new space!!

2018 SCHOOL MAGAZINE

It's not too late to purchase a magazine.

Call into the Front Office if you would like one.

\$25.00 each