



KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

honesty

personal best

respect

friendliness

responsibility

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Tuesday 20 September
Year 10 Subject Counselling

Wednesday 21 September
Berry Street Staff Training 3.45-5pm
Year 5 Camel Farm visit

Thursday 22 September
PUBLIC HOLIDAY

Friday 23 September
Adelaide Choir Festival
Pedal Prix Murray Bridge

Friday 30 September
Kindy Visit

Friday 30 September
Last day of Term 3
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM

Sunday 2 - Monday 3 October
Kingston Show

TERM 4

Tuesday 18 October
The Rainmaker Play Year 7-12

Tuesday 18 - Thursday 20 October
Mt Gambier Show STEERS

Thursday 20 - Friday 21 October
Year 6 Transition Camp Robe

Thursday 27 October
Choir Excursion

Friday 28 October
Year 12 Last Day
SE Choir Festival
Kindy Visit

Monday 7 November
General Maths Exam 1.30pm

Thursday 10 November
Physics Exam 9.00am
Year 10 MTA

Friday 11 November
Biology Exam 9.00am
Kindy Visit

Monday 14 November
Chemistry Exam 9.00am

Wednesday 16 November
Nutrition Exam 1.30pm

Thursday 17 November
Legal Studies Exam 1.30pm

Friday 18 November
PUPIL FREE DAY

Thursday 24 - Friday 25 November
Year 4 Camp Kutjubi Robe



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

With only a few weeks of term remaining, looking back on the term it has been pleasing to have students, staff and families involved in so many different events to build positive experiences and connections. These events are only possible when we have the staff prepared to organise and run them, families to help out, become involved and support where appropriate and students to take up the challenge and represent KCS in a positive light.

Over the last couple of weeks, I have been lucky enough to attend a number of these events including The Adelaide Show with our Steers Team, Grandparents day with Receptions, Industry Immersion Day with Year 10 and most recently Parent Teacher Interviews. Congratulations to all the students involved in these events. You have represented your school with pride and shown your teachers appreciation for their planning and organisation. To the families who have supported teachers and the school in pulling these events off, thank you for giving your time and building your connection to the school.

Football/Netball Grand Final

This Saturday 17 September sees Kingston host the KNTNA Grand Final for the football and netball. Lots of planning and hard work has gone into this day and we look forward to seeing our very own Saints netball teams, Division 1 and Division 2 play a home ground Grand Final. Some of our Robe students are also participating in a Grand Final this weekend. Congratulations girls and boys and all the best. We hope to see lots of Kingston families and students out cheering teams on and enjoying the day. A reminder to all that during these home games of football and netball the school grounds, including the Ag area of the school, are out of bounds.

Parent Teacher interviews

Thank you to the families of students in Reception to Year 10 for supporting our parent teacher interviews this week. If you missed out on appointments with any teachers you would like to speak to about your child's progress, please feel free to contact the school. We can arrange a meeting face to face or over the phone. Parents of children in Year 11 and Year 12 are also welcome to do so at any point should you have any questions or concerns.

I'M NOT
TELLING YOU
IT'S GOING TO
BE EASY. I'M
TELLING YOU
IT'S GOING TO
BE WORTH IT.
Art Williams

At the end of this term Year 11 and Year 12 students will receive full written reports while other year levels will get a report with grades and effort for each subject studied this term.

Year 12 class of 2022!

It is hard to believe that our Year 12 students only have a few more weeks of formal schooling left. What a journey the last 13 years has been and now to be so close to the end. These students will have their last day with us on Friday 28 October when most of them will enter into a study period for exams. Other students will finish off tasks and assessments they may have for subjects without exams before finishing up. We look forward to sending them off on Friday 28 October at a morning assembly and welcome the families of these students to join us. We know that the students have a stressful period ahead of them and we wish them and their families all the best. Please do not hesitate to contact the school to discuss any concerns during this period. The Year 12 teachers and Christina Everett, the Year 12 Coordinator, are here to help and support the students and want to see them be as successful as they can be.

Subject Counselling for Year 10 and Year 11 students

Christina Everett has started subject counselling with students and families to plan for the subjects students will enrol in for 2023. This is a long and important process as it sets up students for their future and ensures successful completion of SACE. Being a small and remote school it can sometimes be difficult to offer every subject students would like, however at this stage nothing is completely off the table as we will always aim to work with your student's needs.

Please talk with your child about their plans and ideas, encourage them to think about the future and most importantly have them pick the subjects they need and want, not just the ones their friends are picking.

Year 7 paid homage to the Queen in Home Economics this week, with a batch of scones.

Oliver whipped up his Greek yoghurt and SR Flour express pizza for his assessment, and John and Ethan had a go at making a gigantic Subway cookie.



**HER MAJESTY
QUEEN ELIZABETH II
1926-2022**

To acknowledge the passing of Her Majesty and as a sign of respect, the South Australian Government is supporting a National Day of Mourning on Thursday 22nd September.

**KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL
WILL BE CLOSED ON
THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER**

Playing Together Supports Early Learning

We are our child's favourite toy! Children love it when we play with them, and this is supporting their early learning. Playing together supports learning when an adult sits close by and talks about what the child is doing and noticing. This is how children become exposed to new and interesting words.

Being relaxed and following their ideas will encourage children to become confident and resourceful.

Delighting in a child's play will also strengthen their sense of belonging and wellbeing, which can help children to become more cooperative!

Here are some tips for good quality play:

- Put away the device – it is tempting to take a photo or check socials, but this will interrupt the play and an opportunity can be lost. Remember the *play* is more important than the photo.
- Sit close by – on the floor if you can, this way children know you are here and ready to spend time with them and that you will not walk away.
- Talk about what they are doing – “oh you have built a very tall tower! Wonder how high you can go?” Be interested and keep the conversation going.
- Follow your child's lead – let them be the one to decide, and support their ideas. You never know where it will lead you.
- Don't take over – it can be easy to start changing a child's ideas or to try to make it “educational”. By doing this you are telling them that their ideas are not important.
- Allow time to come and go from an activity – we don't always have to pack everything up. Children like to come back to something they have made. This is good for learning.
- Keep books within the child's reach so that they can access them anytime – when a child asks you to read to them, *take that opportunity*, they are really asking you to spend time with them.

Playgroup is free and suitable for families with children birth-school age on Wednesday's from 9:30-11am during the school term. Contact the school for more information.



Earlier this year KCS Library won a funded place in the Children's Book Council of Australia Book Week Shadow Judging program.

The Year 4 class worked with Mrs Barich during library lessons to read each of the shortlisted books in the picture book category, and then voted for their favourite and produced a creative response which has been submitted to the CBCA. This process involved the students examining the messages, authorial choices, illustrations, language features and aesthetics of each book, and understanding how each of these elements combines into a good story. Each class member contributed their ideas, collaboratively discussed and assessed ideas, and made suggestions about how to best communicate these to a wider audience.

At the end of the process, students selected 'Iceberg' by Claire Saxby and Jess Racklyeft as their favourite book. They chose to present their ideas in a video, which enabled several students to practise public speaking and showcase their knowledge of both the text and its message about global warming. Whilst only a handful of students speak in the video, their statements are a collation of input from each class member.

This has been an excellent exercise in promoting reading but also in connecting students to a wider purpose. It was fantastic to see the collaboration, willingness to share ideas, and critical thinking, as well as seeing students stepping out of their comfort zone to speak publicly. The students' choice of book also complemented their learning about sustainability in their HASS curriculum.

Some of the key learning intentions achieved included:

- Understanding how an author can promote a message through language, punctuation, rhyme and paragraph structure.
- Understanding and assessing the power of an illustrator in enriching text and portraying a message.
- Developing a greater self-concept, empathy and appreciation of diverse opinion through collaboration and acceptance of the ideas of others.
- Understanding how the CBCA selects books for the shortlist, including through language, message, illustrations and aesthetics.
- Reading more widely through being exposed to literature at levels above their age.
- Exploring methods of communicating their understanding and ideas in a creative, engaging way.

sun project
shadow judging



The Reception children held a Grandparents and Loved Ones Day on Wednesday 7 September.

They had been very busy in the lead up to this special day, creating Grandparent pictures, making and decorating table clothes, creating badges, arranging flowers and practising songs. The Reception children also collected data about their loved ones' favourite morning tea and graphed the data to find the top 5 favourite foods. They then cooked these treats with the Year 10 students and served it to their loved ones on the special day.

The day was a wonderful success with grandparents and loved ones sharing items from their past with the children.



BOOK WEEK 2022



Industry Immersion Day

Once again a group of Year 10 students had the opportunity to attend a specifically designed student industry immersion experience in Education and Health at Kangaroo Inn Area School on Wednesday 31 August.

Students heard from industry leaders and participated in hands on activities that provided them with valuable insight and understanding into opportunities across Education and Health.

Students also participated in a 1 hour AED course where they learnt how to use an Automated Defibrillator which is a medical device that analyses the heart's rhythm and, if necessary, deliver an electric shock, or defibrillation, to help the heart re-establish an effective rhythm.



Year 9/10 KO Netball

Well done to our Year 9/10 girls who travelled to Penola in Week 1 of Term 3 for a Knockout Netball carnival. The girls played some great netball and faced some challenging opposition. They managed to win two out of their five games and finished 7th overall for the day. The whole team participated to their best of their ability and enjoyed the day. Thank you to the parents who came to support the girls. A big thank you to Karen Watson for helping organise and umpiring on the day!

Year 11/12 KO Netball

The Year 11/12 girls ventured over to Mount Gambier for a day of netball in Week 2 Term 3. Against some tough opposition, the girls battled hard to win three out of their five games for the day, just missing out on a chance at the gold medal match. They finished 3rd overall after winning the bronze medal match. Thanks to all the parents that helped to support the girls. Thank you to Nicole Pink and Karen Watson for umpiring some of the matches on this day!

Year 7/8 KO Netball

Our 7/8 netballers headed to Mount Gambier for the Knockout Netball competition in Week 2 Term 3 to play against other schools across the South East. The girls won the first three games of their tournament to finish 1st in our pool. They then went on to beat Millicent in the gold medal match to progress further in the competition. All nine of the girls played some very impressive netball and were excited for the opportunity to go up to Adelaide to play in the state-wide finals.

The girls battled through the rain and wind to finish in 3rd place on the day, narrowly missing out on playing in the gold medal match. All of the girls played very well and should be very proud of their efforts. A great achievement to finish so high against some very strong competition, well done girls! Thank you to all the parents/caregivers and siblings for coming out to support our team and help with the scoring. Thanks to Karen Watson for umpiring and helping with the organisation again.



Royal Adelaide Show

What a successful time spent at the Royal Adelaide Show for our Show Team competing in the Led Steer Competition and the Merino SA School Wether Competition.

Our students should be very proud of themselves as they were professional, worked as a team and always put the needs of the animals before themselves. Thank you to the parents and school community for your support of this program within our school.

Thank you to all of our breeders, without your support our program would not be what it is today!

Animals and Breeders:

- Beamma Quimby, Murray Grey from Beamma Murray Grey Stud, A & D Fabris
- Granite Ridge Quilson, Angus from Granite Ridge Angus, S Finlay
- South Bundara Quinton, Shorthorn from South Bundara, E & G Flint
- Sheep Pen 1 – Adnamatna Farms, T & K Milde
- Sheep Pen 2 – Newry, K & V McBride

LED STEER COMPETITION

Novice Handler Competition – Amalie Turner placed 3rd
Beamma Quimby – from Beamma Murray Grey Stud

- 1st – Highest point scoring Murray Grey School Carcase
- 2nd – Highest scoring Murray Grey Carcase in overall competition
- 2nd – Schools Purebred Heavy Domestic Carcase Competition
- 5th – Schools Purebred Heavy Domestic 452 to 485kg On-Hoof Class

MERINO WETHER COMPETITION

Stella Roach – made Handler final of top 18 students from over 200 students

Competition comprised over 70 pens

Pen 1 – from Adnamatna Farms

- Final Top 12 – Best pen of 3 wethers at the show
- Pen 2 – from Newry
- 5th – Highest weight gain from March to September
- Final Top 20 – Best pen of 3 wethers at the show

A special mention to all our breeders and thank you for trusting us with your animals. We hope we did you proud. Thank you to the students and staff who work tirelessly to get the steers and sheep ready and give up their lunchtimes and out of hours' time to work with them. Thank you also to the families of the students involved for your ongoing support of our program. It was fantastic to see so many families support us at the show this year and our students really appreciated the extra support. Without support from our school community, programs like the Show Team would not operate. Lastly, thank you to the Parker family for transporting our wethers to the show this year and to Neville Hines

for all your support and work you do behind the scenes to ensure this team comes together.



R U OK? Day at KCS

Last Thursday 8 September, staff and students participated in a number of activities across the school site to acknowledge National R U OK? Day.

R U OK? Day encourages people to stay connected and have conversations that can help others through difficult times in their lives. The day focuses on building the motivation, confidence and skills of the person who can have a meaningful conversation with someone who is struggling with life. R U OK? contributes to suicide prevention efforts by encouraging people to invest more time in their personal relationships and building the capacity of informal support networks – teachers, friends, family (and colleagues) - to be alert to those around them, have a conversation if they identify signs of distress or difficulty and connect someone to appropriate support, long before they're in crisis. It's about the 4 practical steps of checking in on your mates, listening to their response, who to tell if a mate of theirs is not travelling ok (teachers, Wellbeing Team and parents), then check in again.

As part of our acknowledgement, staff and students:

- wore black and yellow to school
- received an R U OK? Day wristband to keep
- participated in extended home groups in the morning to learn the four steps to having a conversation with someone including asking "R U Ok?", listening without judgement, encouraging their friend to act/seek support, and checking in later
- enjoyed a free sausage sizzle supplied by the Kingston District Council as part of the Community Resilience funding. A big thank you to Mr Barich, our Year 12 students, Ms Rankin, SSOs, and Year 6-12 SRC representatives for organising and coordinating the cooking and distribution of sausages across the school!
- had photos taken at a school photo booth set up outside the library to promote the message of the day
- engaged in organised break time activities with R U Ok? Day merchandise and sporting equipment including footballs, netballs, basketballs, soccer balls and hacky sacks kindly donated to the school by the Kingston District Council's Community Resilience Focus funding.

Students enjoyed the overall focus of the day and participated in the planned activities which promoted overall wellbeing and an awareness of others, how they might be travelling, and what we can do to support those around us when they need it. KCS very much appreciated the collaboration with the Kingston District Council to raise the profile of such an important issue in our time.

A conversation could change a life. No qualifications needed!

Go well and be kind as always,

Kate Telfer
On behalf of the Wellbeing Team



Year 5/6 Camp

On 17-19 August the Year 5 and 6 classes were lucky enough to be able to go to the Adelaide Hills to visit Woodhouse Activity Centre on a 3-day camp.

We stayed in the old Woodhouse Manor that gave us a warm place to sleep and hide from the weather. Over the three days we participated in activities such as: Challenge Hill, tube sliding, laser skirmish, The Labyrinth Maze, creating boomerang crafts, team building activities and bouldering. Both classes had a great time and participated in all activities ensuring they showed their school values whilst doing so. Some of our favourite activities were laser skirmish, where we were able to compete against each other and even our teachers! The students also loved the bouldering, where they were able to race against each other to the top of structures. Finally, the students enjoyed The Labyrinth Maze and enjoyed finding their classmates who were hiding. We had a great time and would recommend Woodhouse Activity Centre to anyone!



Year 6 Camp Comments

Chloe

I thought Challenge Hill was amazing and really enjoyed it.

Marley

I really enjoyed Laser Skirmish, it was a great team work challenge.

Jake

I loved playing Laser Skirmish, and thought staying in the Manor, which was built in the 1850's, was cool.

Taj

I really liked Challenge Hill, I was really good at the swinging ropes and rock climbing.

Conrad

I thought Laser Skirmish was really fun and we made some great memories as a class.

Jess

I thought the old Manor we stayed in was really cool and loved the Laser Skirmish.

Ella

It was a great experience staying in dorms with all my friends and I loved being on camp with everyone.

Zeke

I enjoyed Laser Skirmish, the team building activities and the tube slides. This was the first time I had ever done these activities.

Deianna

I had a great time on camp, my favourite activities were Laser Skirmish and Challenge Hill.

Atticus

I really loved all the team work stuff and spending time getting to know all of my classmates better.



Year 7 Camp

The Year 7 students explored their backyard in Week 5, carrying out a tour of the Limestone Coast.

Their action-packed itinerary started at Beachport where they visited the Woakwine Cutting and WW2 Mine Site. Staying at the Old Mount Gambier Gaol, hosted by former Kingston local James Stephenson, the students uncovered the history of the site and enjoyed its central location, which enabled them to make their way around the town by foot.

Students channeled their inner explorers visiting the Umpherston Sinkhole, the Blue Lake, the Engelbrecht Cave and Tantanoola Caves.

A big thank you to the Mount Gambier Library and the Riddoch Arts & Cultural Centre who ran city tours, 3D printing and VR experiences for the students. And also, the Pioneers, more information to come... How lucky we are to call the Limestone Coast home! Thank you to teachers Alex Milgate and Craig Watson for their support on the camp.





Primary Assembly
Friday 30 September
12.00pm

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TERM 2 & 3 CROSSING ROSTER

New teams take over on Tuesday morning each week, including new terms. **PLEASE BE AT THE FRONT OFFICE BY 8.15AM**

Term 3

WEEK	COMMENCING	TEAM	
9	20/9	Hugh	Beau
10	27/9	Jacob	Lincoln

Term 4

1	18/10/22	Chelsea	Sophie
2	25/10/22	Amelia	Pippa
3	01/11/22	Chloe	Emilie
4	8/11/22	Jacob	Harley



Is your child ready for
Term 4 with a hat?

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