



# KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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## IMPORTANT DATES

### TERM 2

**Thursday 30 May**  
Christian Options R-12

**Friday 31 May**  
Flinders University Visit Year 9-12

**Monday 3 June**  
Year 10 Camp  
Parent Information Night 5.30pm

**Wednesday 5 June**  
Year 5 Mad Minute

**Wednesday 5 - Friday 7 June**  
Year 6 Camp Adelaide

**Monday 10 June**  
**PUBLIC HOLIDAY KING'S BIRTHDAY**

**Wednesday 12 June**  
Reception Farm visit

**Thursday 13 June**  
Parent Kindy Transition meeting  
9.30am - 10.15am

**Tuesday 18 June**  
Paul Rutter Drawing Workshop  
Year 3-6

**Thursday 20 June**  
PPEP Talk Year 10

**Tuesday 25 June**  
Kindy Transition Visit  
8.45am - 12.00pm

**Tuesday 2 July**  
Kindy Transition Visit  
8.45am - 3.00pm

**Wednesday 3 July**  
SATAC Information Session Year 12

**Monday 1 July - Friday 5 July**  
Year 10 Work Experience



FROM

THE PRINCIPAL

Samantha Murdock

Welcome back all students, staff and families for Term 2. For being known as a quieter term it seems so much has already been happening. We have already had two pupil free days, seeing all staff undertake training in Brightpath which is our main writing assessment platform we use at the school for Year 1-Year 10. More recently all staff attended a day in Mt Gambier with other schools to hear keynote speakers Shane Crawford and Amy Berry talk about student engagement. Staff at Kingston Community School will continue this work throughout the year back on site and develop strategies around better student engagement and how to track growth of improved engagement.

### NEW STAFF

We have been lucky enough to be joined this term by four University student teachers across R-12. Students and staff have welcomed Zoe Maynard into Reception, Nicolle Beesley at Year 6, Liam Atkins and Blake Dodson in Secondary HASS, PE and Maths. All four teachers have very quickly become a part of our schooling community and have proven themselves well on the way to a successful teaching career. With any luck we may see some of them back here in the near future as graduate teachers.



### CAMPS

A number of camps and excursions are deep in the planning stages and will be upon us before we know it. Please ensure the success of your child attending these events by staying up to date with communication via emails and notes that come home. As always if payment for these camps/excursions becomes an issue for families we encourage you to contact the school to create a payment plan or discuss options for your child to be able to attend.

### TRANSITION TO HIGH SCHOOL INFORMATION NIGHT

Thank you to the families who attended our recent information night regarding transition to high school. Although we are an area school it is important to us that we run these evenings to welcome in our new Robe families and support everyone with the changes that come with starting high school. Late in the year these students will spend time together on camp and attend a taster day at the school of subjects they will do next year. Any families who missed attending this night and would like more information or a tour of the school may do so at any stage by contacting the front office during business hours.

## Pastoral Care Worker Pie Fundraiser

Thank you to everyone who has placed an order for the KCS Chaplaincy Support Group to raise money for programs the group run at the school. The funds raised will go towards supporting our student's wellbeing with programs like the Breakfast Club, Wellbeing Canteen Fund, Pastoral Care programs, our Pastoral Care Worker hours and Christian Option Seminars.



**A reminder that pick up day is Thursday 6 June outside the school gym.**

**The Year 7 Agriculture students** have been learning how to identify if a plant is a monocot or dicot by assessing a plant's roots, leaves and flowers. These plants are all pastures used for livestock (seeds donated from Hills Farm Supplies). The students have also started transplanting their propagated herbs into their gardens.

*Shannon Manouge*  
Ag Teacher



## Naracoorte Football

Our Year 9/10 footballers went over to Naracoorte to compete against Naracoorte High School and Bordertown High School. The boys played some good football and enjoyed the day out. Well done boys!

The Year 11/12 boys ventured over to Naracoorte for a day of football against Millicent High School and Naracoorte High School. The boys battled hard and competed all day. Lots of fun was had! Thanks to our student teacher Blake Dodson for coaching the boys!





In the challenging economic climate, volunteers are vital in supporting our communities and helping those in need.

Volunteers make an enormous contribution to our community each and every day and we continue to celebrate the power of volunteering to bring people together, build communities and create a better society for everyone.

We thank our volunteers for the contribution you make to our school community.

**National Volunteer Week** 20-26 MAY 2024  
 Something for Everyone

**THANK YOU FOR VOLUNTEERING AT KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL.**

**YOUR TIME, EFFORTS, KNOWLEDGE, SKILLS AND SUPPORT ARE TRULY APPRECIATED BY OUR STAFF AND OUR STUDENTS.**

**#NVW2024**

The school recently received a framed certificate acknowledging our participation in the Festival of Music for 25 years. The

Festival of Music is an iconic event in South Australia, providing students across all of South Australia the opportunity to sing and learn music and then perform in a theatre.

Kingston CS 20+ years



Congratulations on your participation in the Primary Schools Music Festival

Our involvement in the Festival started with Joyce Sanders and Alison Stillwell, who were very passionate about providing the experience for our students. Today we only have small groups learning the choir songs, but they are developing learning capabilities. This term, students have the opportunity to audition as a soloist, compere or dancer, or to be a part of the orchestra for the South East Festival. Our school is proud to participate in the Festival of Music.

Our school was one of the first to perform at the first regional concert, the SE Festival of Music in 1986 (38 years ago) with Joyce Sanders. We then performed at the Festival of Music in Adelaide from 1989.

Past Choir Trainers: Alison Stillwell, Kirsty Dent, Natalie Ogilvie, Daniella Vozzo & Lisa Pointon. Accompanists: Alison Stillwell



## Year 10 Adelaide Expo

Students from Year 10 had the exciting opportunity to attend the Adelaide Career Expo at the Adelaide Showgrounds during Week 3. With over 200 vendors in attendance, our students enthusiastically explored the various exhibitions and engaged with industry specialists. They also had the chance to participate in career seminars and immersive virtual reality experiences.

It was a valuable and enriching event for our students as they explored potential career pathways and gained insights into various industries.

Thank you to Craig Watson for transporting the students to and from Adelaide.





## International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)

Students have the opportunity to take part in the optional international tests during 2024.

ICAS is designed to target students' higher-order thinking, learning and problem-solving skills, to high quality, expert developed questions without the need for prior study or revision. All students receive a printed certificate and an online results report, with medals for those who score highest in their year/subject across the state. Tests will be conducted online within school hours, during the official setting window from August 5<sup>th</sup> to September 30<sup>th</sup>. Pricing for each test is listed below.

Please contact the front office to register interest if you wish your child/children to participate in one or more of the tests listed below, and further registration details will be provided. If you have any further questions, please contact Jane Lyon.

### INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS/ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

SUBJECT	Tests available	Fee ( per student)
Spelling Bee	Year 2-7	\$19.95
Writing	Year 3-12	\$23.95
English	Year 2-12	\$19.95
Mathematics	Year 2-12	\$19.95
Science	Year 2-12	\$19.95
Digital Technologies	Year 2-7	\$19.95

## Growing Resilient Kids Workshop

This is a practical solution focused workshop for parents, caregivers, grandparents, educational staff who connect with young people.

### This 2-hour workshop focuses on:

- The brain science behind emotions.
- Understanding and working with feelings.
- Learning about the purpose of anxiety and stress (it's not all bad!).
- Increasing understanding of how feelings (e.g., anxiety, stress) impact our thoughts and body (physiology).
- Learning ways to recognise, accept and/or manage unpleasant feelings.
- Practical tips and strategies for supporting young people to cope and persist through challenging moments and feelings (e.g., anxiety, overwhelm, frustration, disappointment) within the home and educational settings.

**Wednesday 29 May 2024**  
**6.30pm-8.30pm**

**Cost:** \$60 per person

**Location:** Smiles All Round, 223 Smith  
Street, Naracoorte

**Register via:**

<https://www.stickytickets.com.au/FU4H1>

**Presenter:**

**Lana-Joy Durik**

Director & Senior Psychologist

**Smiles** 😊  
**ALL ROUND**

## Storytime

This week our R-4s, along with our Learning Together playgroup families, participated in National Simultaneous Storytime.

During this nationwide event, more than 2.3 million children across 20,500 locations read the same text at the same time. Children enjoyed our newest library staff member, Hayley, reading them 'Bowerbird Blues'. As part of this, we also created a bowerbird nest and children folded blue origami birds and found blue recycled items to add to the nest.



## Term 2 Crossing Roster

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

**PLEASE BE AT THE FRONT OFFICE BY 8.15AM**

### Term 2

Week		Team
5	28/05/24	Marni Jonathan
6	04/06/24	Tean Ariki
7	11/06/24	Emerson Eliza
8	18/06/24	Zara Skylah
9	25/06/24	Joel Alex
10	02/07/24	Corey Brendan

## Led Steer Show Team

Students won the Junior Judging Competition at the Mount Gambier Show.

They did a great job representing our school while learning about handling cattle safely.



# FREE Dental for Children!

Dr Saanchi from Kingston & Robe Dental invites children for **FREE dental check-ups!**

## When?

### TERM 3 2024

- Week 6 : Monday 26th, Tuesday 27th and Thursday 29th of August
- Week 7: Monday 2nd, Tuesday 3rd and Wednesday 4th of September

## To secure a spot

Letter and consent form packs will be circulated soon in the school. Please fill them out and hand them back to the front office for collection.



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# Special AGRICULTURE NEWS

Winning school at the South East Cattle Handlers  
Workshop of the Junior Judging Competition



**In week one of this term, the year 10 show team members went to Mount Gambier and attended the South East Cattle Handlers Workshop. Students learnt about all the techniques regarding preparing animals.**



# CHICKEN UPDATE

THANK YOU!!

Our new chicken space includes two coops and is 20x12m. Thank you to the following contributors: Agriculture Committee and families, Year 11 Tech Class, Clarke's Bros, teachers and staff, Agriculture students and grounds staff.



Chickens at point of lay available:  
contact school at 87672677

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