



KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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personal best

respect

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responsibility

IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Monday 12 - Wednesday 14 August
Year 7 Camp Illawonga

Tuesday 20 August
Encounter Youth
Parent Session 7pm

Wednesday 21 August
Encounter Youth Year 7-9

Monday 26 August
SACE/VET Pathways Info Night

**Monday 26, Tuesday 27,
Thursday 29 August**
School Dentist visits

Wednesday 28 August
Power to End Violence Program Year 10

**Thursday 29 August -
Sunday 1 September**
Adelaide Show STEERS

Friday 30 August
Performance R-6

Monday 2 - Wednesday 4 September
School Dentist visits

Tuesday 3- Thursday 5 September
Adelaide Show SHEEP

Friday 6 September
SCHOOL CLOSURE DAY
ADELAIDE SHOW

Monday 9 September
PUPIL FREE DAY

Wednesday 18 - Friday 20 September
Year 5 Camp Monarto

Friday 27 September
LAST DAY TERM 3
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM



FROM

THE PRINCIPAL

Samantha Murdock

Welcome back all for another term. We look forward to working with you and students over the next few weeks, engaging in learning and participating in extra curricular activities. This term sees a number of classes heading off on camp, including the Year 7 class to Illawonga next week and Year 5's heading to Tailem Bend later in the term. It is also a big term for our Kingston Community Show Team who are busy training and preparing for the Adelaide Show with steers and sheep. Thank you to all the staff and families who support the organisation and running of these camps.

New Receptions

At the start of this term Kingston Community School welcomed 9 new Reception students through the mid-year intake scheme occurring in Department for Education Schools. Mrs Lawrie-Read and the students have settled in well together and have been well supported by lots of generous volunteers and parent helpers. We wish them all the best for their future schooling and look forward to watching them grow and develop in their learning over the years.

We also welcome a new staff member, Lyn Morris, and new students in the upper school. Welcome to you all.

Semester 1 Reports

We hope all families have managed to view their children's reports from last semester. These were sent out to families on the last day of Term 2. It was pleasing reading through reports from Reception through to Year 12, to see the improvement students have made and the effort they are putting into their learning. There is always room for improvement along the way and perhaps reflection is required from some students on areas they may need to put more effort into for the new semester.

Towards the end of this term we will hold interviews with families. These interviews will be by request from teachers. In the meantime if you have any concerns around your child's progress, please feel free to contact the school to make an appointment by phone or face to face with subject or homegroup teachers.

**SUCCESS IS NOT FINAL, FAILURE IS NOT FATAL;
IT IS THE COURAGE TO CONTINUE THAT COUNTS.**

Winston Churchill



NAIDOC Celebration Assembly Highlights

Our collaboration with the Kingston Early Learning Centre and Kingston District Council culminated in a joint celebration on the last day of Term 2.

Special highlights included:

- Parents, extended families, First Nations and community members, District Council staff and Early Learning and Kingston Community School students coming together
- Continued collaboration with the Early Learning Centre and Kingston District Council
- Kindergarten and Year One students Acknowledging Country
- Elder Yarowee Penny Bonney sharing the Craitbul Dreaming Story, with the Kindergarten and Year One students dancing and singing the Volcano Song
- Principal Sam Murdock's message about reconciliation and working together to open our hearts and minds to learn the true stories of our First Nations peoples
- Primary students showing First Nations art and craft activities and class representatives sharing information and their learning journey
- School Choirs and audience singing along with 'From Little Things Big Things Grow', accompanied by Mrs Bec Willis on guitar and harmonica
- Primary Class Award winners presented by Mrs Jane Lyon & Mrs Sam Murdock
- Presentation to Elder Yarowee Penny Bonney for her many years of dedicated service to our school and our community as a guide, a mentor and an inspiration to many students, staff and families
- The Kingston Community School Rock Band leading an audience stand up and singalong of Black Fella, White Fella; a song dedicated to people of all races and backgrounds to come together and stand up for change
- Viewing and singing along to 'We are Australian', a song that references Australian and First Nations history, environment and culture, from dusty red-soil plains... reminding us that Australia is a multicultural country and that we all need to work together for a brighter future for all.

What an inspirational end to a busy term and the beginning of the school holidays!

On behalf of the Aboriginal Reference Group members.

The **Telling the Whole Story Project**, is a joint collaboration with the National Trust of SA, Kingston Branch and the Traditional owners and custodians. Professor Irene Watson, Tamara Pomery and Kirrakee Watson have worked in partnership from the conception of the idea to now, which has seen a transformation of the Kingston Tourist Information Bay and Maria Creek precinct. This project raises awareness of pre-colonial history of the Maria shipwreck and massacre of the survivors as recorded on the existing plaque, and is designed to reverse the negative portrayal of our local First Nations peoples.

The *Telling the Whole Story Project* aims to retell the story of the shipwreck of the Maria in 1840. The vessel hit a rock south of Lacepede Bay before beaching near the mouth of what is now named the Maria Creek. The local Aboriginal families were kind to the passengers and some were selected to escort them via the Ninety Mile Beach towards Victor Harbor Bluff Whaling Station. Disaster occurred after the local Aboriginal people refused to cross the tribal boundary. Sarah Wood and Kellie Peterson's Year 6 students and our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students and families were invited to help plant 400 local, culturally significant plants and trees.

The *Telling the Whole Story Project Committee* thanked Kingston Community School students and staff, for their wonderful assistance in planting and installing tree guards! They were so pleased that we were able to join them.



Work Experience Camp

Our Year 10 students recently returned from a week-long camp where they had the opportunity to immerse themselves in new environments and explore their interests. The camp offered two distinct experiences: a city adventure and a local/rural exploration.

Students who travelled to the city navigated the metropolitan landscape, mastering public transport and soaking in new sights and sounds. This experience was designed to help them adapt to the bustling city environment, encouraging independence and city navigational skills.

For those who stayed closer to home, the experience focused on local and rural areas, allowing students to delve into their interests while building valuable connections within the community. This provided a unique opportunity to understand and appreciate the resources and opportunities available locally.

Both groups demonstrated remarkable growth and confidence throughout the week. The camp was not only a positive experience but also a valuable step in their career exploration journey, helping them gain insights and develop skills that will be invaluable in their future endeavours.

We are incredibly proud of our Year 10 students for giving their all and making the most of this enriching experience. Their enthusiasm and determination was a delight to see and be around.

Thank you to staff Anthony Mutton, Maddison Lawrie and Sarah Wood for their time, efforts and support throughout the camp which was greatly appreciated.



Year 7-12 School Sport

Year 7/8 Netball

Our Year 7/8 girls recently participated in a knockout netball competition, representing the school with determination and pride. Milla, Emilie, Freya, Gracie and Chloe worked exceptionally well in the goal ring, consistently scoring goals. In the midcourt, Tess, Lilly and Katie worked tirelessly to feed the ball into the goals and aimed for turnovers in the centre. On defence, Holly and Jess held down the backlines, putting pressure on the opposing teams' players and moving effectively down the court. Well done, girls.

Year 9/10 Netball

The Year 10 girls had their tournament in Mount Gambier. There were many strong teams who participated in this competition. Our girls played very well across the day managing to defeat Grant High School in our first match. The girls then faced Naracoorte High School and showcased their skills, winning that game. Our final match before the finals was against Bordertown High School and the girls put on a strong performance winning that game also. We progressed to the finals to play against Millicent High School, winning that game and advancing to the big, upcoming tournament in Adelaide in a few weeks' time. A big thanks to Nicole Pink for umpiring. Well done and all the best in Adelaide!

Year 11/12 Netball

The Year 11/12 girls recently travelled down to Mount Gambier for a netball tournament. They played four matches and competed hard all day. They played well as a team and improved as the day went on, managing to put up a good battle against all of the teams that we played. Their teamwork, dedication and resilience was on show all day and they should be very proud of their efforts. A huge thank you to Nicole pink for umpiring our games. Great job, girls!

Year 7/8 Football

The Year 7/8 boys ventured over to Naracoorte for a day filled with footy, fun and challenges. They played two matches against two very strong sides. The boys played some great footy and managed to kick plenty of goals and showcase their skills. The Robe and Kingston players all worked together to encourage, support and enjoy others' company. All players competed hard and had an enjoyable day chasing the footy around in the sun.

Year 12 Pastoral Care

Year 12s are nearing the end of their secondary education journey, and thus are engaging in extra pastoral support in order to ensure readiness for tertiary pathways and work. All students are working with Mrs Cobiac, Mrs Barich and Mr Hill in a weekly pastoral care program, where they are learning about study options, applying for 2025 tertiary courses, scholarships for school leavers, examination preparation and goal setting. The program is individualised and tailored to ensure each student gains the information they need to make choices about their chosen pathways.

As part of this process, students attended a Zoom session with the South Australian Tertiary Admissions Centre to discover how the tertiary application process works, what criteria must be met for selection, and how their ATAR score contributes to a university offer.

Over the coming week, many students will also attend University Open Days in order to find out more about possible course options and life on campus.



Year 9 Lamb Marking



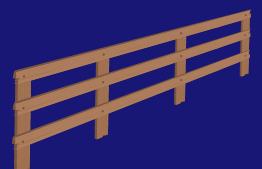
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Chicks have arrived for Year 8's

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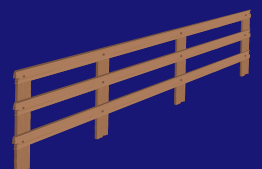
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SCHOOL MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE

The new School Mental Health Service has arrived

We are pleased to announce that the Department for Education is implementing a school-based mental health service for students at Kingston Community School. This service started in Term 4, 2023 and adds extra mental health supports to our school.

School Mental Health Practitioners will provide an early intervention mental health service, supporting students with emerging and mild-moderate mental health concerns. The service will be flexible depending on the needs of our students.

How does the new service help?

Practitioners may provide a range of services, including:

- assessing student mental health needs and concerns
- supporting students to develop strategies to manage distress and maintain their mental health
- contributing to referral and case management processes for students with more complex mental health presentations
- supporting referrals and linking to external support services as required
- developing the mental health literacy of their school communities.

Practitioners have formal training in psychology, social work and/or occupational therapy and experience working in mental health related settings. They work collaboratively with students and families, education staff, other support service providers and external agencies to support young people to improve their psychological health and emotional wellbeing.

To learn more about our School Mental Health Service or to enquire about your child/ren being involved or referred, visit the [Department for Education](#) website or contact our Student Wellbeing Leader Kate Telfer at our school directly on 8767 2677.

UPCOMING CAREER EVENTS

TAFE SA Mount Gambier Campus Open Day

Date: Wednesday 14 August 2024

Time: 10am - 6pm

Tatiara Employment Expo 2024

Location: Tatiara Civic Centre, Bordertown

Date: Tuesday 30 July 2024

Time: 12noon - 6pm

Pathways to a Pay Packet

Location: Naracoorte High School

Date: Monday 12 August 2024

Time: 6pm - 9pm

Term 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 2

Week		Team	
4	13/08/24	Alex	Hudson G
5	20/08/24	Annika	Madelyn
6	27/08/24	Aria	Marni
7	03/09/24	Tean	Ariki
8	10/09/24	Emerson	Eliza
9	17/09/24	Jonathan	Corey
10	24/09/24	Joel	Mason

PLEASE UPDATE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION WITH THE FRONT OFFICE IF ANYTHING HAS CHANGED



HOME/RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS?



MOBILE NUMBERS?



EMAIL ADDRESSES?



EMERGENCY CONTACTS?



FAMILY INFORMATION?

Student Absences

It would be greatly appreciated if parent/caregivers could notify the school by phone or SMS if your child/children are absent from school. It is a Department for Education requirement to have a reason for a student absence. A STUDENT EXEMPTION is required if a student will be away more than 3 consecutive days.

KCS Absence SMS phone number is **0409 755 747**



R-12 Costume Day: Friday, August 23



Awards will be presented in the following categories:

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| Best likeness to the theme | Funniest |
| Brightest colours | Sportiest |
| Best likeness to a book character | Best animal-related |
| Most household items involved | Most brightly coloured |
| Best STEM related | Most pieces involved |



Monday: collaborative MAGIC mural

Tuesday: mini MAGIC house making

Wednesday: annual Quidditch match

Thursday: book cover painting

Friday: bejewelled 'Charlotte' making & MAGIC photo booth

