



KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 3

Monday 23 September
Weaving workshop Yr 6-10

Tuesday 24 September
SAPSASA Boys Cricket
Year 3 Naracoorte Caves

Wednesday 25 September
SAPSASA Girls Cricket

Friday 27 September
LAST DAY TERM 3
EARLY DISMISSAL 2.15PM

TERM 4

Thursday 17 - Friday 18 October
Year 6 Transition Camp

Wednesday 23 - Thursday 24 October
Mt Gambier Show STEERS

Thursday 24 October
SE Festival rehearsal
'Save A Life' Parent Session 6pm

Friday 25 October
'Save A Life' Year 10

Tuesday 29 October
Recfish Clinic Year 5/6

Friday 1 November
Cross Country

Monday 4 November
Year 12 Exam General Maths 1.30pm

Wednesday 6 November
Year 12 Exam Psychology 1.30pm

Friday 8 November
Year 12 Exam Biology 9.00am
Year 12 Exam Modern History 1.30pm



FROM
ACTING PRINCIPAL
Jane Lyon

As Term 3 comes to a close we are able to celebrate many events over the past weeks that have involved many cohorts across the school.

Katie Hines and team travelled to Adelaide to again participate successfully in the Adelaide Show, with cattle and sheep. The school is appreciative of all the support and the extra hours that both students and staff spend to ensure animals and handlers are ready for the event.

Our Year 5 class has headed to Tailem Bend this week, with Monarto, karting and ten pin bowling on the program. It is sure to be a fabulous experience. We thank Ms Uren, Mr Merrett and Mrs Telfer for giving up their comfy couches at home and quiet evening dinners to make this happen.

Teacher requested Parent Interviews were held on Wednesday 11th September. Approximately 140 interviews were held across R-12. Staff will be finalising achievement grades and efforts for Term 3 reports to be emailed to families in Week 10.

Kingston Community School are finalists in this year's Public Education Awards. Our Literacy Without Barriers Program through the library is a finalist for the Excellence and Equity in Education Award and our Ultimate Unity Pastoral Care Program is up for the Excellence in Collective Wellbeing Award. Film crews contracted by the Department for Education visited last week to speak with the drivers of these programs, Kirsten Barich and Kate Telfer, as well as to film footage of the programs in action for a film to be shown at the awards ceremony in Adelaide on November 1st. These programs are both definitely worthy of the win!

In conjunction with Ultimate Unity, R U OK? Day activities were held across the school between cross age buddies. The day's activity was designed for students to have students start a conversation by asking "Are you OK?", listen, encourage action and check in with their buddies and others.

Many special events and celebrations have occurred in the hustle and bustle of the school day including Book Week celebrations, Year 10 Knockout Netball finals (silver medal), Year 11 Pop up Cafe and Grandparents' Day extravaganza for our Reception families. Well done to everyone who organised and took part in these events.

All staff participated in professional learning to introduce the newly developed South Australian Curriculum during a Pupil Free Day on Monday 9 September. The day enabled teachers to make connections between the Strategy for Public Education, Areas of Impact (KCS Effective Learners and Wellbeing) and the curriculum. The curriculum encompasses the Capabilities (doing), Dispositions (being) and Knowledge (understanding). Collaboratively, teachers explored the dispositions in curriculum areas.

The timeline for implementation is:

2024 – Explore & Engage with familiarisation/site plan

2025/2026 – Activate Content with Mathematics curriculum

2027 – Adopt fully through design, teaching, assessment and reporting.

There will be some staffing changes for Term 4 and we would like to thank all staff who have made changes this term, taking on new roles and supporting others across the school. Samantha Murdock will be returning from leave, Jane Lyon will return to Deputy Principal position, Maddison Lawrie will return to her role as Middle School Coordinator and Anthony Mutton will resume his full teaching load in Middle School. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mrs Lynne Morris for her work teaching Mathematics in the middle school this term. Her expertise and friendly presence will be missed. We hope to welcome her back in the near future.

We wish all students, families and staff enjoyable and safe holidays, with time to rest, reset and prepare for a busy Term 4 with school returning on Monday 14 October. Keep an eye out for information about Cross Country, 6-9 Swimming Carnival, Aussie Sports Days, Year 6/7 Transition Camp, Presentation Night, Celebration Day and lots more!

ICAS Achievements 2024

In August, we had 2 students participate in the International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS) in English and Mathematics. These optional online assessments are designed to target students' higher-order thinking, learning and problem-solving skills, without the need for prior study or revision.

Our students achieved very well in their respective assessments.

Aria Milgate (Year 6) achieved a Credit in Mathematics.
Roan Milgate (Year 2) achieved a Distinction in English and a High Distinction in Mathematics.

Congratulations to Roan and Aria for their participation, having a go and these excellent results!



Students of the Kingston Community School would like to send out a special thank you to the Kingston Lions Club, IGA Supermarket and the Curkpatrick Family for your generous donations to the breakfast Club.

Dear Families,

As you will be aware, statements have been sent to all families this week with outstanding balances.

I would like to thank those families that have completed or have made regular payments for the 2024 Material and Services charges.

As the end of Term 3 is drawing to a close, please be aware that unless prior arrangements have been made, the Governing Council Debt Collection Policy will be implemented which may result in your account being sent to Debt Collection.

Your prompt payment would be sincerely appreciated to avoid this process.

If you wish to discuss your account further please feel free to contact the school.

Kerry Gulbin
Business Manager

AROUND THE CLASSES



Design and Technologies

With Mr Beesley, the Year 1's are learning about different forces by designing and creating boats. Using the push and pull systems, they are learning about how they can make the boats move.

The Year 4's have been learning about movement in designed products and Automatas. They designed them themselves using cams and other different materials.

Year 6's are learning about earthquake proof buildings and how they can modify them to make them withstand earthquakes. They tested their designs with and without modifications and compared results. They are making posters about their build, making names and telling people how you can make buildings to withstand earthquakes.

Reception

Mrs. Lawrie-Read and the Receptions are learning about lots of different things. They have been busy lately with Grandparent's Day and appreciating all they do for us. In the mornings, they do their goals to help them with their skills to become better at things they need help with. With morning circles they learn to socialize with other people, talking about things that happened or are happening. To assist them with their socializing skills, they also read with the Year 6's every Monday. They have been bringing things from the past to show and talk about them. In Literacy, they have been learning about letters, sounds and diagraphs and learning the differences between them. In Maths, they are making graphs and learning about how they work. Graphs of favourite baked goods helped decide what to bake for Grandparent's Day.

Year 2

Mrs. Edwards and Miss Alice have been teaching the Year 2's about statistics in Maths. They are learning about all the different ways you can display data and analyse it. They are asking questions to each other to make their own graphs and tallying their information. In Literacy, persuasive and informative texts are their main focus. They are also squishing in their 3 body paragraphs and using a title, introduction, appearance, diet, threats and then the conclusion to make an information report about animals. They are starting to use speech marks in their writing and using syllables to help them spell.

Year 5

The Year 5's are learning about adaptations in Science with Mrs. Uren, studying about how animals use adaptations to survive in the environment they live in. In Art, they are using famous artists' designs to draw with techniques, Van Gogh and Pablo Picasso being their main artists. They have also been using Word Art and How To Draw tutorials to help them improve on their drawing skills.

With Year 6 student reporter Aria Milgate

Upper South East Sapsasa Success!

On Monday September 16, KCS had 4 students participating in the Country Track and Field State Championships at SA Athletics Stadium in Adelaide.

Students were selected from trials earlier in the year and had been attending trainings at Bordertown. Congratulations on the exceptional results in their age groups!

Sam Rasheed 10 Yr Old Boys:

200m - Silver Medal and Relay - Gold Medal

Eliza Austin 11 Yr Old Girls:

200m - Silver Medal and Relay - Gold Medal

Scarlett Ogilvie 11 Yr Old Girls:

100m - Silver Medal and Relay - Gold Medal

Zara Woodward 11 Yr Old Girls:

800m - Silver Medal and Relay - Gold Medal

The Upper South East team finished in Third Place to cap off a fabulous day. Well done!



Year 11 Pop Up Cafe

Ms Willis' Year 11 Food and Hospitality class hosted a Pop Up lunch Cafe as part of their Stage 1 assessment last Friday 13th September.

Students sold orders to Years 10-12 and staff and included the following delicacies: Honey Chicken, Chicken Alfredo, Gourmet Sausage Rolls, Triple Choc MnM Brownies, Delicious Crepes, Lamb AB Packs and Classic Chips and Gravy.

Thank you to all who supported the students in this endeavour!



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 3

Week	Team
10 24/09/24	Joel Mason

Term 4

Week	Team
1 Monday 14/10/24	Mason Joel
1 Tuesday 15/10/24	Noah Benny
2 22/10/24	Zara Skylah
3 29/10/24	Paige Jasmine
4 05/11/24	Alex Hudson G
5 12/11/24	Annika Madelyn
6 19/11/24	Marni Sonny
7 26/11/24	Tean Ariki
8 03/12/24	Beau Brendan
9 10/12/24	Emerson Eliza

Royal Adelaide Show

During Week 6 and 7, 16 students from Year 9-11 participated in various competitions at the Royal Adelaide Show. As a school we achieved fantastic results, and the students did a great job at representing our school. Our results are as follows:

Steers

- Handler Classes:
 - Novice heat: 3rd – Mia Booker
 - Intermediate heat: 1st – Hayley Pass
 - Experienced heat: 5th – Kate Parker
- Junior Judging of steers:
 - Boy group made the final – Aaron Lilje, Charley Robinson, Wes Gibbs, Hugo Pilmore, Edward Bradley
- Murray Grey
 - Made final top 10 in TFI section out of 27
 - 4th on hoof weight class – 451 to 500kg liveweight heavy domestic
 - 2nd on hook – 250.1 to 280kg heavy domestic

Sheep

- 3rd – ATASA Most Professional School Show Team – out of 42 schools
- 2nd – Best Pen of Three Wethers – out of 77 teams
- Handlers
 - Adri Brooks and Olivia Birchall selected in top 15 final out of 231 students
 - Olivia placed 4th in final

Eggs

- School Eggs – 2nd and 3rd place

School Egg/Pullet Competition

- 3rd – Best Egg Quality for pullet eggs from 41 teams

Thank you to the following breeders for their support of our agriculture program:

Denise and Anthony Fabris - Beamma Murray Greys, Evan and Glenys Flint - South Bundara, Edwards family - Wattle Lee, Shane and Laura Rivett - Downer, Trevor Middle - Ngapala, Keith and Vicky McBride - Newry.



School Egg & Pullet Competition

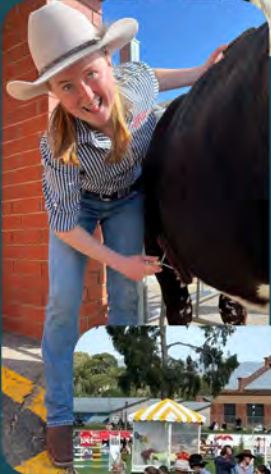


Led Steer





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ENROLMENTS ARE OPEN

<https://www.vacswimsa.com.au/kingston-community-school>

Delivery dates:	Block 3: 13th - 17th January
Delivery time:	9:00am – 12:10pm
Location Offerings:	Levels 1 – 7
Location Price:	Program Fee — \$35 (subsidy thanks to the SA Government)
	Location Fee — \$26
	TOTAL — \$61

PLEASE NOTE: Should you decide to enrol in more than one (1) block of VACSWIM, the program fee will be adjusted to \$68.50. This is due to the SA Government providing a subsidy for each child to complete a single block of VACSWIM.

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 5 consecutive days.

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

Does your child have OCD?



Has your child been diagnosed with Obsessive-Compulsive Disorder, OR experienced unwanted, intrusive thoughts, and perform certain behaviours over and over again to prevent those thoughts from coming true?

Researchers at Macquarie University are investigating the needs of families of children aged 4-18 with OCD from minority backgrounds.

Participants will complete an anonymous online survey that will take roughly 30 minutes and may be invited to an online interview that will take roughly 60 minutes.

All information will be kept confidential



The School Mental Health Service has arrived

The Department for Education has implemented 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 provide an early intervention mental health service, supporting students with emerging and mild-moderate mental health concerns. The service is 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.