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KINGSTON COMMUNITY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES

TERM 4 2026

Friday 6 November
Biology Exam - 9.00am
Yr 3 Camp

Monday 9 November
Modern History Exam - 9.00am

Monday 9-11 November
Sapsasa Tennis

Wednesday 11 November
German Exam - 9.00am

Thursday 12 November
Yr 6 Excursion

Monday 16 November
Pupil Free Day
Kids in Space State Championship

Tuesday 24-27 November
Tumbelin Camp

Thursday 26-27 November
Yr 4 Camp

Friday 27 November
Yr 10's last day

Sunday 29 Nov - Tuesday 1 December
Yr 8 Camp

Thursday 3 December
Yr 6-9 Swimming Carnival

Monday 7-9 December
Yr 9 Camp

Wednesday 9 December
Presentation Night

Friday 11 December
End of Term



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Department for Education



Dear Families

As we move toward the end of the year, I would like to share some important updates with families regarding 2027 planning, upcoming events, and end-of-year arrangements.

2027 Staffing and Class Structures

At this stage, Kingston Community School is planning to run seven straight classes from Reception to Year 6 in 2027. Secondary class structures are still being finalised.

At the Year 11 and Year 12 level, we currently expect to offer the following specialist subjects face-to-face:

- Sciences - Biology, Chemistry, Psychology, Agriculture
- Physical Education
- Modern History
- Child Studies
- English
- Art
- Food & Hospitality
- Workplace Practices
- Design Technology - Furniture, Metals
- Mathematics

While a number of staff, including several leaders, will be leaving at the end of this year, nearly all vacant positions have been filled or are very close to being finalised. Once appointments are confirmed, we will share staffing information with the school community.

Week 0 – 2027

The 2027 school year for students will officially begin on Wednesday 27 January. Staff have voted to return on Wednesday 20 January for three days of training and preparation prior to the start of the school year.

Upcoming Events

Please note the following important dates:

- Pupil Free Day – Monday 16 November (Week 6)
- Kids in Space State Championships – Monday 16 November (Week 6)
- Swimming Carnival – Thursday 3 December (Week 8)
- Presentation Night – Wednesday 9 December at 6:30pm (Week 9)

End-of-Year Plans

Our end-of-year arrangements will vary across year levels:

- Reception to Year 6: Students will continue their usual classroom programs with their teachers and support staff until the end of the year. A celebration day will be held in the final week of term.
- Year 7–8: Students will continue as normal until the end of Week 8. In Week 9, they will participate in fun and engaging team-based activities around the school and, where possible, off-site.
- Year 9: Students will continue as normal until the end of Week 7. During Week 8, some students may be involved in additional career-based activities. In Week 9, Year 9 students will attend the Aquatics Camp in Murray Bridge.
- Year 10: Students will continue as normal until the end of Week 7. After this, they are not expected on site unless completing their EIF SACE subject or attending Presentation Night rehearsals.
- Year 11: Students will finish regular lessons at the end of Week 7. During Week 8, they are expected to attend any timetabled Head Start lessons. They are not required on site in Week 9 unless involved in Presentation Night rehearsals.
- Year 12: Formal lessons have now concluded. Students are only expected on site if they have outstanding assessments or examinations. All Year 12 students are expected to attend Presentation Night.

OSHC in 2027

The Department for Education is continuing with plans to ensure all schools have access to an Outside School Hours Care (OSHC) service, following the Julia Gillard inquiry into child care.
We are pleased to confirm that Kingston Community School will have an OSHC service operating on site from 2027. The service will not require the school or Governing Council to take on governance responsibilities, although we will provide a suitable space and assist with maintenance of the area.
Families were recently invited to complete a feasibility survey about possible use of the service. Results have not yet been released. Further information and support will be provided to schools in the coming weeks, and families will be informed once the service arrangements are confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support as we plan for another exciting year ahead.

Kind Regards
Samantha Murdock
Principal

Spring Fair - A huge success!

What an incredible evening we had at the Kingston Community School Spring Fair! Our school grounds came alive with excitement, laughter and community spirit as students, families, staff and community members came together for a fantastic evening of fun and fundraising.

Students from Reception to Year 12 worked hard within their CREW groups to plan, prepare and run an amazing variety of stalls, games and activities, and sell student-made products. It was wonderful to see their creativity, teamwork and enthusiasm on display, with students taking ownership of their stalls and proudly showcasing their efforts.

We are absolutely thrilled to announce that our Spring Fair raised an incredible $5,200! This fantastic result will go towards our Active Play Spaces project, helping to create more engaging and enjoyable outdoor spaces for our students.

A huge thank you to our dedicated staff, CREW Leaders, Parents Fundraising Group and volunteers who worked tirelessly behind the scenes to make the event possible. Most importantly, congratulations to our amazing students, whose hard work and enthusiasm made the evening such a success!

Thank you to everyone who came along and supported our Spring Fair. The incredible turnout and generosity of our community are a wonderful reminder of what we can achieve when we work together.

$5,200 raised and a fantastic evening enjoyed by all – what an amazing achievement for our KCS community!















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POPCORN
Pop Corn

Festival Choir



Our Festival Choir enjoyed performing at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre for the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival on Friday 23rd October. Some of the songs they sung with the mass choir were Sing, I Feel Like Dancing, Marcia Medley, Life is a Highway and Hotoru Koi, along with three songs written about the wattle bush, which is our national floral emblem of Australia.

Phoebe Moore performed a solo as a narrator for The Coming Monsoon, and represented our school fabulously. The lighting effect, digital images, comperes, dance troupe and wearing shades as props were all exciting and entertaining parts of our concert. A unique and wonderful experience for our students.





Year 12 Farewell





Sapsasa Girls Football



Congratulations to Lucy Austin, Annie Starling, Frankie Wilks, Georgie Wilks, Sophie Gardner & Sasha Woodward who competed in Sapsasa football in Adelaide.

Year 6 Kingston Robe Transition Camp
Tarooki, Robe 19th and 20th October



On Monday 19th October, Year 6 students from KCS and RPS transitioning to Year 7 high school in 2027 came together to participate in our pinnacle transition program activity, the Year 6 Transition overnight camp to Tarooki campsite, Robe.

24 students took part in the two-day itinerary including a variety of 'getting to know you' and team building activities designed to foster a sense of team, belonging, and to create new friendships ahead of the 2027 school year beginning.

Leaving primary school behind and making the transition to high school is a milestone event in our children's lives. Adding the trials and tribulations of adolescence into the mix, it can be a tumultuous time. The KCS transition program recognises this and aims to create a calm and safe environment for students to both prepare for and make this switch.

Highlights of the camp included the Long Beach sand sculpture challenge, the taco tea, the music quiz night, the team building chair trick, and the 'minute to win it' challenges. Students also participated in 'high school readiness' surveys and group activities looking specifically at the kind of teachers, classmates, yard and class environments they would like in 2027. A lovely end note was the fish 'n' chip lunch we had at the revamped playground, before the camp concluded.

The group spread their wings creating new dynamics and friendships. Students mixed themselves in the various activities including everyone and being willing to work with someone new. The overall feel was one of calm, high energy and optimism as the group begin their secondary journey together in 2027!

Staff from both schools attended providing supervision and organising the smooth running of planned activities. Thanks to Mrs Hayes, Karyn Vanstone PCW, Mr Merrett, Mrs Gulbin, and Mrs Telfer for your support and input to ensure another great camp and opportunity for our youth transitioning to high school.
Bring on Year 7!

Kate Telfer
Student Wellbeing Leader











SHOW TEAM SUCCESS – NARACOORTE & MOUNT GAMBIER SHOWS!

What a fantastic couple of weeks for the Kingston Community School Show Team!

Our students have been busy representing KCS at both the Naracoorte Show and Mount Gambier Show, achieving some outstanding results with our sheep and steers!

We are incredibly proud of the hard work, dedication and commitment shown by our students throughout the 2026 show season.

Mt Gambier Show




















MOUNT GAMBIER SHOW – Wednesday 21 & Thursday 22 October

Our steer team travelled to Mount Gambier with 4 steers, competing in the on-hoof, on-hook and handler competitions. We were thrilled to come away with some excellent results, both in the show ring and on the hook!

ON-HOOF RESULTS

Class 2
2nd – Fingerpost Prince William
3rd – Randall Park Wizzy



Fingerpost Prince William

ON-HOOK RESULTS

Heavy Weight Steers (over 280kg HSCW)
1st – Fingerpost Prince William
4th – Randall Park Wizzy

Light Weight Steers (under 280kg HSCW)
12th – Newry Warrior
14th – Panuni Woody

Overall Carcass Results
3rd Overall – Fingerpost Prince William

Randall Park Wizzy



A particularly exciting result for Fingerpost Prince William, placing in both the on-hoof and on-hook competitions.
Finishing 3rd Overall in the Carcass Competition!

HANDLERS COMPETITION

2nd – Olivia Birchall (Experienced Heat)
3rd – Olivia Birchall (Experienced Final)

Panuni Woody



A fantastic effort from our students, who represented KCS with pride and demonstrated their growing knowledge, confidence and livestock handling skills.

A huge thank you to our 2026 Mount Gambier Steer Team supporters:

- Matthew Robertson & Donna Kennett – Fingerpost/Bowaka Ag
- Keith & Vicky McBride – Newry
- George Brice-Marwood, Ian Marwood & Susan Brice – Panuni
- Colin & Jane Dicker – Randall Park Grazing
- Emily Edwards – Clipping

We are extremely grateful for the ongoing support of our local agricultural community. Without the generosity of our livestock breeders, families and industry supporters, these valuable opportunities would not be possible.

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING FUNDRAISING SUPPORTERS!
Getting our Show Team to these events involves significant costs, and we are incredibly fortunate to have such a generous and supportive community behind us.

A very special thank you to the **Crown Inn Kingston** for allowing our Show Team to run a Friday Night Draw fundraiser. Your ongoing support and generosity have been greatly appreciated and have helped provide these wonderful opportunities for our students.



Newry Warrior

Naracoorte Show








Our sheep team attended the Naracoorte Show with their families, exhibiting 8 sheep (4 pairs) and achieving some fantastic results!

1st – Most Valuable Pair of Fleeces

Overall Champion Pair of Wethers at the Show!

Handlers Competition:

Champion Handler – Sophie Crosby

Reserve Champion Handler – Olivia Birchall

An incredible achievement for our sheep team and a wonderful way to showcase the hard work that goes into preparing and presenting our animals!

A huge thank you to our 2026 Sheep Team supporters:

- Cameron & Kate England – Lyndall Park
- Donald, Tony & Wendy Paget – Kawana
- Aaron Sauderson – Transport to Naracoorte Show
- Mark Gibbs

Your generosity, support and contributions to our school sheep program are greatly appreciated!

We would also like to extend a HUGE thank you to the many local businesses and families who generously donated prizes and supported our Cow Pat Lotto fundraiser!



Our wonderful Cow Pat Lotto supporters:

- Pope's Home Timber & Hardware
- Norfolk Rise
- CRT Kingston
- Elders Kingston
- Nutrien Kingston
- Kingston & Millicent Veterinary Clinic
- Style Co
- Edwards Auto Repair
- Beach Noms
- Bliss by the Sea
- Ogilvie Family
- The Candy Store
- Dewberry Cottage
- Kingston Plumbing & Pumps

Your willingness to get behind our students and support agricultural education in our school means so much. We are incredibly grateful for every donation, prize and contribution!



COW PAT LOTTO WINNERS!

A big congratulations to our lucky winners!
Wizzy – Molly Brooks
Prince William – Sammi Heading
Woody – Adri Brooks

Thank you to everyone who purchased a ticket and supported this fun fundraiser. We hope our lucky winners enjoy their prizes!

MORE THAN JUST RIBBONS!

While the results are certainly worth celebrating, our Show Team program is about so much more than winning ribbons!

Our students develop practical agricultural skills, responsibility, teamwork, resilience and confidence, while building valuable connections with our local agricultural industry.

The on-hook results are also a valuable part of the learning experience, allowing students to see how their animals perform beyond the show ring and develop a greater understanding of carcass quality, meat production and the commercial livestock industry.

Congratulations to all students involved in both shows! Your dedication to preparing, caring for and presenting your animals is something to be proud of.

A special thank you to our families for their ongoing support, particularly those who helped transport animals, supported students at the shows, supported after school workshops and gave up their time to make these experiences possible.

Thank you also to the staff who support our show team especially, Neville Hines and Darren Bilney, who put in a lot of time and effort in helping to prepare and transport animals, as well as our Agriculture Committee.

To all of our livestock breeders, sponsors, local businesses, families and community members who have supported the KCS Show Team throughout 2026 – THANK YOU!

These experiences simply wouldn't be possible without the incredible community behind our students.
Well done, Team KCS!

Katie Hines
Lead Agriculture Teacher

Cross Country

Last Friday morning, KCS held its annual Cross Country event, with students taking to the course in beautiful sunny conditions. It was fantastic to see such outstanding participation from our primary students, along with some impressive times across all age groups.

One of the highlights of the day was seeing students proudly wearing their house colours, giving their best effort and, most importantly, showing great sportsmanship by cheering on and encouraging their peers from the sidelines.

A special congratulations goes to Jack Osborne, who broke the Under 12 Boys record with an impressive time of 5:40, beating the previous record held by Luke Pedlar by seven seconds!

It was also a day to remember for Wyomi, who claimed the overall house victory with 405 points, followed by Benson in second place with 380 points and Jaffa in third with 299 points.

Well done to everyone who participated, and gave it their best efforts. A big thank you also goes to all the staff and helpers who worked behind the scenes to make the event such a success!

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

EVENT	*FIRST*	*SECOND*	*THIRD*
Under 9 Boys	Lewi Sampson	Logan Turland	Angus Wilks
Under 9 Girls	Pearl Rehn	Ruby Starega/Asha Cunneen	Lyla Vanstone
Under 10 Boys	Ben Stewart	William Broadby	Jacob Harvey
Under 10 Girls	Macy Gardner	Hazel Comey	Hannah Gibbs
Under 11 Boys	Rhyce Vanstone	Ned Rehn	Beau Hancock
Under 11 Girls	Sophie Gardner	Lucy Austin	Emmy Lauder
Under 12 Boys	Jack Osborne	Sam Rasheed	Harry Austin
Under 12 Girls	Sasha Woodward	Frankie Wilks	Rose Hughes
Under 13 Boys	Hudson Gibbs	Tait Hancock	Kailan Williams
Under 13 Girls	Zara Woodward	Eliza Austin	Jasmine Parker
Under 14 Boys	Hudson Menz	Lincoln Keatley	Logan Lawson
Under 14 Girls	Sophie Crosby	Lara Warner	Ella Hughes
Under 15 Boys	Thomas Holme	Jacob Mules	Conrad Beattie
Under 15 Girls	Jess Zwart	Hannah Stewart	Kaitley Starega Brooks
Open Boys	Jacob Parker	Lenny Telfer	
Open Girls	Chelsea Crosby	Tess Gibbons	











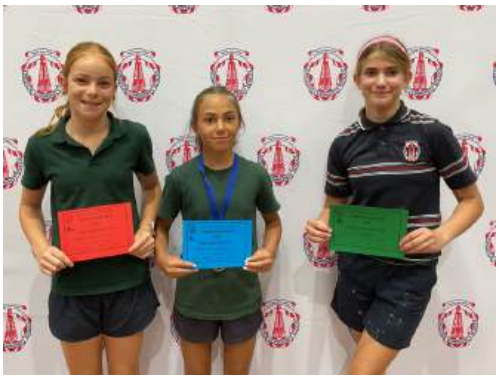
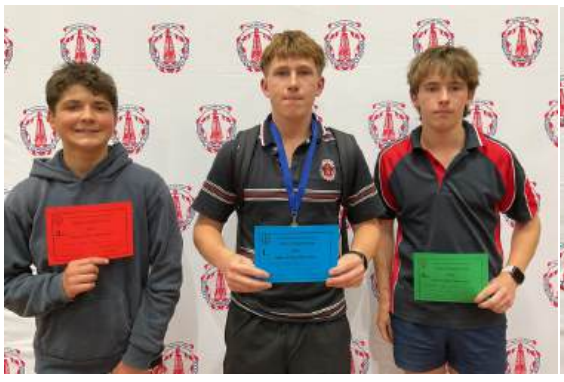
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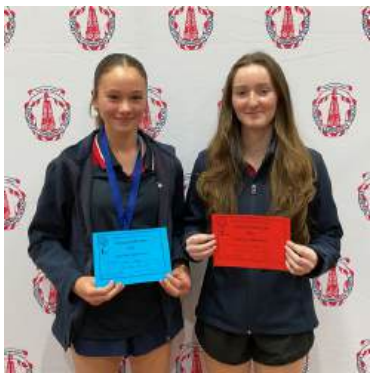
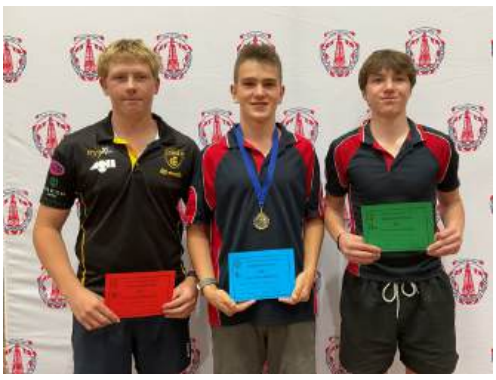
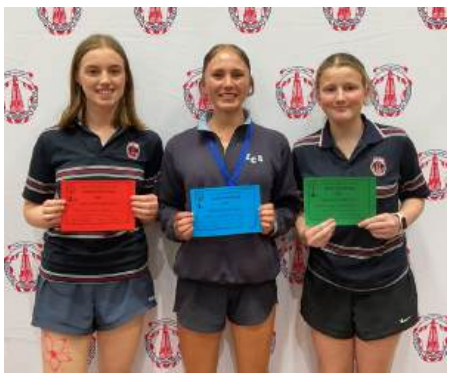








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Term 4, 2026 Crossing Roster

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

Term 4 Week			
4	3/11/26	Harper G	Lucy A
5	10/11/26	Zach S	Riley O
6	17/11/26	Kelsey C	Sophie G
7	24/11/26	Finn Z	Sasha W
8	1/12/26	Leyton J	Abel P
9	8/12/26	Hannah G	Chloe K
	& Day 1 Term 1 2027		



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