Dear Parents and Carers,

A huge thank you to all the parents and friends that came to the Kingsthorpe Athletics Carnival to cheer on the students. The feedback about the carnival was very favourable and many parents, staff and students played a significant role in making it such a success.

In next week’s newsletter we will publish the names and photo of the 9 yr, 10 yr, 11yr & 12yr Age Champions. As principal I would be remiss if I did not acknowledge the amazing job that Mrs Bizzell does. Her organizational skills are exceptional and the planning and preparation for events such as this can sometimes go unnoticed. An example of the planning that went into this event can be summed up in these rhetorical questions.

Did you know that at the beginning of the year Mrs Bizzell successfully applied for a $3,000 grant to provide the opportunity for all Kingsthorpe students to be trained by an accredited athletics coach?

Did you know that the students (9 years +) have been trained by the athletic coach in shot put, discus, long jump, high jump and running techniques since March this year? (This is the first time the school has been involved in such high level training)

Did you know that the line marking for the carnival occurred before the Easter holidays in preparation for training and the event?

Did you know Mrs Bizzell liaised with Brian (the J.G) to ensure that all the sports equipment was ready on Tuesday morning, that her communication to all staff about the procedures and processes for both days of the carnival was thorough and very much appreciated.

Do you know that Mrs Bizzell works at Kingsthorpe 3 days per week and two of those three days are for classroom teaching?

It is important to note that the acknowledgement of Mrs Bizzell in this way should not be seen as a slight on other staff at Kingsthorpe. All staff have particular strengths and passions and we love working together as a team to provide an exceptional education for your children.

Yesterday I received notification that the NAPLAN results for Kingsthorpe State School have been posted. This is earlier than expected. If you have a child in Year 3 or Year 5 that was in attendance at Kingsthorpe School when NAPLAN testing occurred in May, your child will bring home the NAPLAN report early next week. Please remind them to give it to you! If your child was enrolled in at a different school for NAPLAN please contact that school for the individual student report. It is important to note that NAPLAN is a point in time test and assesses the students against all other Australian students of a similar age. Any questions or queries regarding your child’s NAPLAN results should be directed to their classroom teacher.

Regards

Leonie
Principal
Students of the Week, Term 3 Week 2

Congratulations to students recognised by their teachers and classmates with Student of the Week Certificates on 22nd July 2016

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Well done

PBL
(Positive Behaviour for Learning)
Expectation for Term 3 Week 4

Be Respectful
Keep the School Tidy
Place Rubbish in the bin as directed

Classroom winner of the Super Cup
Year 5 class f Mr Abawi) for respectful behaviour in the Computer lab

Golden Brush and Pan winning area
Year 1 B (Ms Single)

What’s On

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<td>Friday 12th August</td>
<td>PBL prize purchased– School Spirit Day–Moustache and Bling– All students</td>
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<td>Tuesday 16th August</td>
<td>6:00— P &amp; C Constitution Update - Special meeting P &amp; C followed by general meeting.</td>
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<td>Kingsthorpe Capers 11:00 – 1:00 pm</td>
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Information regarding staff changes-
Currently the Year 1A teacher, Kim Turner is on sick leave. At this time we do not have a return to work date for Kim. Ms Kirra O’Brien has been in Kim’s classroom teaching the planned Yr. 1 curriculum through the C2C units. Kirra will remain on the class until Kim’s return. Please find the time to introduce yourself to Kirra and make her feel welcome at our school.

Orders Due Back
Monday 1st August
PIES WILL BE DELIVERED 12TH AUGUST

There are spare order forms at the office.
Chappy’s Chatters.

A few years ago a friend of mine was involved in a serious accident which left him in a wheelchair. It was an event which shocked many of us, particularly as it happened to such a strong and healthy young man. He spent many months in the spinal unit in Brisbane before returning home... a changed man.

Life has gone on for him, but it is different.

He has become an inspiration for many, with the character he shows through it all. There are two things which really shine out in his character; **Hope** and **Acceptance**.

I often wonder how he holds these two things together; the *hope* – that one day he will walk again, and the *acceptance* – that this is how it is now, so he might as well get on with it.

It’s a tension we all hold in our own lives. That tension of holding together the *hope* that things will get better, and the *acceptance* of how things are now; where we find ourselves at this point in time.

When we put these things in opposition to one another, hope can seem like a wildly optimistic dream that only distracts us from the reality of things, while acceptance just means giving up and resigning ourselves to less than what we were meant for.

As we hold them together though, when we hold them in tension, *hope* opens our eyes to the possibilities of what lies ahead, while *acceptance* grounds us to see the opportunities for us in the here and now.

So I encourage you this week to keep your eyes open, and keep holding on; you never know what’s around the next corner.

Warmest regards,
Chappy Sarah

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Stampede Prizes will be here soon.

The Q-Parents registration process is still occurring. There are some parents who have been sent invitations that haven’t been acted upon yet. If you have registered and have not been sent a code then please ring the office. The only reason that you would not receive a code after registering will be if the email address is incorrect.

A HUGE thank you to all the pro-active parents that use Q-Parents to reports absences—it is a great timesaver for the office staff.

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My name is Casey Earixson and I am very excited to be joining the wonderful staff and students at Kingsthorpe SS. When I was a kid, I grew up on a beef cattle farm on the Atherton Tablelands. I studied a Bachelor of Education at James Cook University in Townsville, where I met my husband. We lived in Townsville followed by Cairns for a number of years before moving to Chinchilla. We lived in Chinchilla for 4 years, where I taught Year 1 at Chinchilla SS. We have been living in Toowoomba for the past 2 years and over this time I have enjoyed being a stay at home mum to my 2 year old daughter. Last semester, I returned to work as a part time SEP teacher at Wilsonton SHS. I enjoyed my time teaching in a high school, however I prefer teaching in lower primary. I look forward to working with the students in Year 2 on a Monday, Tuesday and Friday.

Casey Earixson.
As most of you know, I play Rugby League for the Oakey Junior Rugby League Club. On the school holidays I went to an all Girls NRL Development Cup. The camp was held at Currimundi on the Sunshine Coast from 8th - 10th of July.

The camp was to improve my game of Rugby League. Dad dropped me off on Friday morning and I met all of my team mates. There were 280 girls at the camp and nearly 400 participating in the carnival. I was going to be part of the Under 12’s Jillaroos team for the weekend.

After we settled into camp, we did some training with some of the Australian Jillaroo players and then we caught a bus to the football grounds in Caloundra. We played 2 games on Friday, 5 on Saturday and Sunday I played 3 games. We did not make it to the Grand Final but I had an awesome time! I also scored 14 tries over the weekend.

On Monday 25th July I went to the Darling Downs Trials for Girls Rugby League in Toowoomba. I played 4, 15 minute games of football throughout the day.

After the games were played, two teams were selected from the 80 girls trialling. I was selected to play in the ‘Possible and Probables’. During the ‘Possibles and Probables’ I scored one try and made some great tackles. When the game finished I sat down with my team. The NRL staff started to call out the names of people that had made it onto the Darling Downs School Sport Team. I was lucky enough to be one of those 17 people!

Training will be in Toowoomba on some Sundays in August and September. We go to Kingaroy for a Trial Match against South West & Wide Bay on Sunday 4th September.

The Qld State Carnival weekend is going to be in Ipswich this year from Saturday 17th to Monday 19th September. I’m very proud at 10 years of age to be playing for Darling Downs in the 12 years Girls Ruby League team. I can’t wait to get my uniform, start training with my new team and to play at the Carnival.

Aleesha Hartley