FROM THE PRINCIPAL...

MEET & GREET
Thank you to those parents and families that attended our whole school Meet and Greet on Tuesday afternoon. Our staff are primed for an exciting year ahead and we all look forward to working closely with you all throughout the year. A big thank you to the P&C members that helped out with the BBQ and the selling of the drinks – your assistance was greatly appreciated.

READING AT HOME
Our major priority for this year at Kingsthorpe SS is **improving student reading outcomes**. Reading is an important skill which is developed through experiences with a wide variety of texts. This includes reading books and magazines, posters and charts, pamphlets and packets, letters and postcards. It also includes viewing multimedia texts such as movies and documentaries.

Children make progress at their own pace; some pick up new skills quickly and some need more time for learning and practising the new skill. All children need to be ready to learn and to have the best conditions for learning new skills. At school, teachers create safe, happy and stimulating environments where children are encouraged and praised for ‘having a go’.

You can create a similar learning environment at home with the following ideas:

- Make a regular time to read together and don’t stop reading TO your child when they can read themselves; they love listening to a competent reader.
- When you introduce a new book to your child, discuss what it could be about, talk about the pictures or text and then read it to each other. With older children you can encourage them to make predictions and pause occasionally to confirm or reject their original thoughts.
- Read and follow directions together such as when making a recipe or instructions for playing a game or assembling a new piece of furniture or toy.
- Read magazines and newspapers together and talk about the pictures as well as the text. Listen to audio books or story tapes and watch movies together. Once you’ve seen the movie, discuss it and then read the original book together.

**Most importantly…..make sure your children see you enjoying reading.**

“You may have tangible wealth untold, caskets of jewels and coffers of gold; richer than I you can never be - I had a mother who read to me.” Strickland Gillian

BUILDING RENOVATIONS
The renovated classrooms in D Block are scheduled to be completed during by the end of February – Work on these classrooms has sped up and the classrooms are starting to take shape.

P&C MEETING
P&C meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month. Our first meeting is the AGM which is scheduled for 6pm on Tuesday the 21st February – held in the school library. All parents are welcome to attend and/or join the P&C.

Next week will we send out information in the newsletter about how you can sign up and join our P&C. Joining the P&C does not mean you will be given a role and does not mean you have to attend meetings. The more people that join the P&C ensure we have lots of helpers throughout the year which enables the P&C to share the workload, which in turn, ultimately benefits all the students at Kingsthorpe SS.
Chappy’s Chatters.

So, what’s the plan for this year? While I gave up making New Year’s resolutions, well… years ago, I still like setting a few goals or things I want to achieve for the year. Goals tend to bring a sense of purpose, and I believe that purpose is what drives us to do great things!

If you’re looking at putting some goals together for yourself this year, then I have a few ideas that you might find helpful:

Firstly, it might be worth asking yourself what it is you actually want and, what it is you don’t want. It’s easy to fall into the trap of should goals, but until we really want to do something, it’s often setting ourselves up for failure. This indeed may require a bit of soul-searching; you can go as deep as you like; it’s really up to you.

Secondly, it’s important to get specific. A detailed goal has a much greater chance of being accomplished than a general goal. Get into the Who, What, Why, When, Where and How, as well as making sure you identify and consider the things in your life which may either help you achieve your goals, or make it harder.

Thirdly, there’s the fine line of reaching high with your goals, without setting them out-of-reach. “I will join a tennis club and play every week” is great, but “I will win Wimbledon this year even though I have never played tennis before” …yeah, don’t do it to yourself. A goal must represent an objective which you are both willing and able to work toward, otherwise it will just lead to disappointment, and loss of confidence and hope for future goals.

And finally, ask for help. Get someone you trust to help you achieve your goal. Others can hold us accountable, which is very helpful when you feel like bowing out. They can also provide you with just that right amount of encouragement you need to keep going.
Go for it; you were made for big things this year!
Warmest regards,
Chappy Sarah

Congratulations to our 2017 School Leaders, who were presented with their badges on parade last week.
SUBJECT CHOICE
SCIENCE CHANGING AGRICULTURE OR
GROW GATHER ENJOY
(Please note website only shows one subject)

SECTIONS
Under 8 Years
9-12 Years
13-18 Years
19 Years and Older

ENTRANTS MUST RESIDE WITHIN 200K FROM FELTON
Further information available from
DIANNE TURNER
dianneturner8@iprimus.com.au
Home Phone 46332849 (leave message if no answer)
Mobile Phone 0407 584 534 (text preferred please)

TO ENTER PHOTOS:-
GO TO:- Felton Food Festival Web Site
Program/Photo Competition/Follow Instructions

RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION
Kingsthorpe SS are providing Religious Instruction (RI) for students in Years 1 - 6 from Monday the 13th February (RI is timetabled from 2:30pm-3:00pm).
The information on your child’s enrolment form is used to place them in either RI or in other instruction, unless you have provided additional written advice to the school.
Students that do not participate in RI are provided with other instruction (no new work is covered in “Other Instruction” – is only revision of current in class work).
If we do not already have clear advice from you about your child’s participation in RI, please provide this to the school in writing (note or email).

Pedestrian Responsibilities
Do you wait behind the line for the supervisor to open the crossing?
Do you wait for the supervisor to blow the whistle twice before crossing?
Do you know that one blast of the whistle requires you to take immediate direction from the supervisor?
If you answered “Yes” to the above questions you are doing the right thing.

Driver Responsibilities
Do you drive slowly enough through the school zones, so you can stop safely if required?
Do you plan to stop when you see a pedestrian is on or waiting to enter the crossing?
Do you wait until all pedestrians and crossing supervisor have reached the kerb before driving on?
If you answered “Yes” to the above questions you are doing the right thing.
Students of the Week, Term 1 Week 2

Congratulations to students recognised by their teachers and classmates with Student of the Week Certificates on 2 February, 2017

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PBL

(Positive Behaviour for Learning)
Expectation for Term 1 Week 4
Be Safe, Be Respectful & Be Responsible

Be Respectful Be Responsible – Use kind actions, words and manners.
Use a talking voice in class and the eating area.

Music—Year 2 SuperCup — Year 5
Golden Dustpan and Broom — Year 1A Beckham Award—Year 6

What’s On

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TREAT SHOP

Friday afternoon from 3:00 till 3:30 the P&C will run a treat shop under A block.
- Zooper Dooper $1
- Lolly bags $1
- Sour worms and clouds 50c
- Giant Freddo frogs $1
say cheese!

School Photo Day is fast approaching.

Have your child’s school memories captured forever on Thursday 23 February

Your photo order envelopes will arrive shortly. Please start planning your purchases and payment options.

Remember these helpful points:

- Read all relevant instructions for your preferred payment method. All payments are due on photo day.

- You may pay online using your credit card. Each child will have an individual ‘shootkey’ listed on their envelope. This will help identify your child’s order.

- You may pay by cash using the individual envelope provided. Please enclose correct money as no change will be given.

- Sibling photo envelopes are available at the school office upon request. THESE PHOTOS WILL BE TAKEN BEFORE SCHOOL, ON PHOTO DAY, USUALLY FROM 8AM
  - Please instruct siblings to attend the photo studio during this time. Photographers are unable to search for students who do not attend.

- Do not seal envelopes inside each other. You may include payment for all children in one envelope, however please indicate on this envelope the names of all the children you are paying for.

- All students should wear their correct school uniform.

- Students appearing in any Extra Curricular Group Photos will be notified on how to order these, via a personalised order envelope, issued after photo day.

For any enquiries, please feel free to contact

MSP Photography
p 07 3848 3946
e admin.seq@msp.com.au

TRC Mobile Library

The Mobile Library has commenced visiting our school on Wednesday at lunchtime. Students are to meet Mrs Simon at the tuckshop after eating time—12:25pm. New members are most welcome.