Dear Parents and Carers,

During the week I have had the opportunity to sit in on some parent teacher interviews. I am buoyed by the level of conversation and demonstration of success that the staff are able to share with you about your child. Nothing is more uplifting than hearing how much improvement a student has made in a particular area of learning. It may be areas such as reading ability, maths number facts, spelling or behaviour; but it is improvement in learning that needs to be celebrated. It is also wonderful to meet and interact with parents that may not be able to make it to many school parades and other such events due to work commitments. In my experience students always appear pleased that their parent/s have made the time to come to the school and find out all about how they are doing. The SOBS (School Online Booking System) has proved to be a huge success with the staff as it allows them to manage their interviews around their busy schedules. Although the booking times on SOBS have been closed off (dates were communicated in the newsletter with the online booking link) parents are still able to contact the individual class teacher they wish to see and arrange a suitable time. It is important that enough notice is given for staff to collate all the information required to conduct the interview. If possible it would appreciated if your child could attend with you. The Parent Interview times extend into next week and there may be, depending on staff commitments, for you to arrange an interview on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Thursday. Please note – due to the school holidays there will be no parent teacher interviews on the last day of term.

**Attendance Data** for last week was extremely varied and it is very obvious that there is still a large number of students with colds and other respiratory conditions.

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**School Reputation Management**

Could I please appeal to all parents to make sure their children are supervised before and after school? I am fielding lots of phone calls from parents regarding some students wearing our Kingsthorpe School uniform smoking down at the Skate Park. Obviously the school does not condone any student smoking, however we can’t police this situation other than to appeal to all parents to be aware of their children’s activities after school. I will be contacting the parents of the students reportedly seen smoking. This is a community issue and requires input from the ‘whole village’ to ensure our school’s reputation is not damaged by students behaving inappropriately in the wider community.

**Basketball**

Mitch Wormald has been working tirelessly with students training them for the basketball competition that is due to start in term 4. Training occurs every Wednesday morning in the school hall. Training starts at 8:00 a.m. Please note that only the students that attend training are to be at school at 8:00. All other students are to arrive at 8:30.

Regards

Leonie
Principal
Students of the Week, Term 3 Week 8

Congratulations to students recognised by their teachers and classmates with Student of the Week Certificates on 2nd September 2016

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PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning)

Expectation for Term 3 Week 10

Be Respectful & Be Responsible
- Solve problems with polite words and tone

Classroom winner of the Super Cup
Yr. 1A Ms O’Brien’s class

Golden Brush and Pan winning area
Yr. 2/3 Mrs Keene & Mrs Bizzell

Music Award
n/a

Physical Education Award
Yr. 5—Mr Abawi’s class

What’s On

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<td>Friday 9th September</td>
<td>PBL Celebration Day. “Jumping Castles” Only students that have earned the right to celebrate will be included. Parents have already been notified by their child’s class teacher if they are not involved.</td>
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<td>Monday 12th September</td>
<td>Prep Excursion to Amaroo</td>
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<td>Yr 6—Highfields Secondary College Transition Day—Day 1</td>
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<td>Public Holiday—School Resumes on Tuesday 4th October Swimming day for all students please bring $6.00 each</td>
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PBL Celebration Day for Term 3 is being held tomorrow. If your child has not qualified to participate then they will be supervised by a classroom teacher in another class while their classmates have a 30 minute session on the Jumping Castles. It is important that parents support our processes for ‘rewarding’ those students that are exhibiting the expected behaviours. Students need to understand that the consequences for displaying inappropriate behaviours a number of times over the course of the term, results in them not participating in the event. Allowing your child to stay home because you believe that they will feel left out denies them the opportunity to really reflect on the need to change some of their behaviour choices. Please consider the message you are sending them if you allow them to stay home.
Chappy’s Chatters.

I had a good laugh the other day. You know those laughs that leave you completely incapacitated, with tears streaming down your face? Yes, they’re the good ones.

This particular laughing “seizure” came as I watched a series of “ice bucket challenges” – gone wrong on YouTube with my kids. Yep, people copping the actual bucket instead of the water seemed to tickle my funny bone in just the right place… I know, I probably need to grow up a bit.

But perhaps it’s not the laughing I enjoy so much, but the time I shared with others. I love laughing with my kids. Something about it leaves me feeling like we have momentarily gone from parent and children, to just fellow people enjoying a laugh together; a place where we’re standing on equal ground together.

At this stage in our family’s life, my role is mostly that of the parent, where I’m the boss. But what happens when we get past this stage where they need to do things like clean their rooms, or put those things called “shoes” on before school? A new relationship will need to develop. I’ll always be the parent, but I know it won’t always look like it does now.

This crazy time of raising children, which often requires more patience, tolerance and composure than I actually possess sometimes, is a season. And seasons just don’t last forever. Although we look forward to getting past the more trying things this stage brings, there will be things we will miss.

So while we survive this season, I hope we all find those times to enjoy a good gut-wrenching laugh, that builds something for the next season in our parenting journey.

Warmest regards,
Chappy Sarah

Breakfast Club Update

Breakfast Club is going strong this term, with lots of great donations from Kingsthorpe families and organisations like the local Church, ADRA and Goombungee Antique Store.

As a special treat for the last week of Term 3, and in addition to the usual Wednesday morning breakfast, we will be cooking PANCAKES for MORNING TEA on Tuesday the 13th of September.

There will be 2 pancakes per plate with toppings of jam and cream, and cream and cinnamon sugar.

A gold coin donation on the day would be greatly appreciated!

To place your order, please complete the form below, and place in the blue tub outside tuckshop.

Any queries, or if you’d like to help with the cook, please speak to any of the Breakfast Club team, or Chappy Sarah.

The Breakfast Club Team

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Yes! I’d like to order pancakes for my child/ren for morning tea on Tuesday the 13th of September.

Students names: ................................................................. Grade: ....................
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Parent/guardian signature: .................................................................
SCHOOL SWIMMING LESSONS - CONSENT FORM
Return to School Office by Monday, 12 September, 2016.

Students that do not have this permission form returned will not be permitted to swim despite bringing money each week.

Child #1 Name: _______________ Roll Class: _______________
Child #2 Name: _______________ Roll Class: _______________
Child #3 Name: _______________ Roll Class: _______________
Child #4 Name: _______________ Roll Class: _______________

Being the Parent/Carer of the above student/s, I hereby give permission for him/her/them to be transported by bus to & from Oakey Pool, and participate in Swimming Instruction organised by the school in term 4, 2016 commencing on Tuesday, 4 October, 2016.

I understand that it is my responsibility to inform the school beforehand of any health/medical condition that might impact upon my child’s/children’s participation in the swimming program.

I confirm that WEEKLY payment of $6.00 per student is to be given to each child’s teacher each Tuesday morning. Please note that there will be no change available from the school office.

Signed __________________ Date __________

Parent / Carer

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LEARN TO SWIM
SCHOOL SWIMMING PROGRAM 2016

Our Term 4 Swimming Program will commence on Tuesday, 4th October (first week of term 4). Swimming lessons will take place at the Oakey Pool between 9.15 and 2.30, weather permitting, under the direction of our Physical Education Teacher, Mrs Bizelli, and the Oakey Pool Manager and with the assistance of 2 Swimming Instructors from the Oakey Pool.

The children will travel in class groups to the Oakey Pool by chartered bus and will take part in a 45 minute lesson each week as described below for 7 weeks and a Swimming Carnival on Monday 28th November.

This year the Prep classes will also participate in 7 swimming sessions including a mini carnival or Tuesday 6th December.

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Pool Entry and Travel Cost:
- Year 1-4: $6 per week-8 weeks of lessons including Swimming Carnival (Total cost: $48.00)
- Prep Year: $6 per week-7 weeks of lessons including Swimming Carnival (Total cost: $42.00)

Children will need to bring:
- Togs, towel, sunscreen, provided swimming cap with name, swim shirt (essential EQ requirement) and their $6.00 each week. (If a swim shirt is unavailable, EQ Qld requires that a t-shirt must be worn)

Please Note:
(1) Parents are asked to not to provide coloured zinc as this will stain clothing, togs/towel.
(2) Girls are to wear one piece swimmers.
(3) Swimming shirts are compulsory wear for all swimmers.
(4) The provided swimming cap is to be cared for and worn at each lesson.
(5) Payment for swimming – for lessons.

WEEKLY payments of $6.00 need to be given to EACH child’s class teacher – on the Tuesday morning.

There will be no refunds, as the bus, pool entry, Swimming instructor payments have been calculated on each child attending their swimming lesson.

Participation by all children is expected as this is a compulsory part of State School Education programs.
Learning to swim and becoming competent in the water are essential life skills. If your child is unable to participate in the swimming program due to significant medical/health grounds, please advise your class teacher in writing as soon as possible.

Parents are kindly asked to complete the Swimming Consent Form included in this newsletter and return it to school by Monday, 12 September, 2016, if you have not already done so.

Swimming Lessons 2016
- Tuesday, 4 October
- Tuesday, 11 October
- Tuesday, 18 October
- Tuesday, 25 October
- Tuesday, 1 November
- Tuesday, 22 November
- Tuesday, 6 December – Prep Mini Swimming Carnival

Swimming Carnival
- MONDAY 28th November – No Prep students
OVAL SEATING — At the 2016 April P & C meeting, a motion was passed that put the P & C fundraising priorities as seats on the oval, outfitting the school hall with fans, a PA system, safety paddings on the poles and a digital scoreboard. The other major fundraising item raised was a new school/digital sign. Since that meeting quotes and grant submissions have been lodged for the hall fit out and the school sign. The P & C will be notified of the success of the Community Grambling Grant application in late October. The funds raised directly by the school community were used to purchase the seats. These seats have now been installed and will put to good use. The seating configuration allows for a ‘learning/conversation square’ and some ‘sit and chat’ seats. Thank you parents, staff and community members for your support with this purchase.
Be Active & Healthy, Seek Sponsorship & Earn great Prizes!

Jump Off Day:
Our school will be participating in the Jump Rope for Heart Program in aid of the National Heart Foundation. Jump Rope teaches children about the importance of physical activity and heart health and most importantly it is fantastic fun! We’ll be holding a special ‘JUMP OFF Day’ at our school on Tuesday 15th November involving all children Prep - Year 6.

Our students have started practising a range of terrific skipping skills during their PE lessons as a build up to the Jump Off Day. On our Jump Off Day the children are invited to wear red clothing to add to the fun of the day. They will be doing their best to participate in a one hour long skipping session:
Year 4 & 3/4: 10–11am  ¡ Year 2 & 2/3: 11.30-12.30 ¡ Year 5 & 6: 1.15-2pm ¡ Prep & Year 1: 2-3pm.

Sponsorship:
Please find attached your child’s JRFH Sponsorship Form. It details how children can participate & seek sponsorship for their skipping efforts. Monies raised go directly to the National Heart Foundation with special prizes offered to the children as incentives for fundraising. Heart disease is the single biggest killer in Australia. Heart disease affects 1 in 3 families. There are three main things you can do to look after your heart – 1. Exercise, 2. Eat healthy and 3. Avoid cigarettes.

Parents must first give their consent to children to seek sponsorship - we would ask that families please fill in & sign the ‘Parents/Guardians to complete’ section of the form before allowing the children to gain sponsors or donations. Please make sure that you supervise your children in their fundraising efforts. If every child contributes $5 we can support the Heart Foundation to the tune of $900.

Return of Sponsorship Monies:
All monies collected as donations/sponsorship will need to be returned to our school office with the sponsorship form by Monday 21st November. We will arrange for the deposit of all funds and the return of sponsorship forms to co-ordinate the receipt of incentive prizes.

Thank you for your support of this healthy physical activity. Please don’t hesitate to contact your child’s class teacher or me should you have any queries.

Kind regards,
Rebekkah Bizzell
PE Teacher