Dear Parents, Students and Carers,

In last week’s newsletter there was a reference made to the up coming Kingsthorpe P & C Annual General meeting (AGM). I indicated that nomination forms for executive positions would be sent home with the newsletter today. Unfortunately due to time constraints and other operational matters this can cannot occur today. We will send all the associated paper work and information home on Monday 15th February with the ELDEST in the family.

In 2016, it would be great to see some of the newer parents to the school joining the P & C. Sometimes the whole idea of joining an unknown group of people can appear very daunting. The purpose of sending home the information is an attempt to alleviate some anxiety. Being a member of the P & C does not need to involve being on the Executive committee. Most current members of the Executive were ‘regular’ members of the P & C for a number of years before electing to take on more responsibility. Please be on the look out for the P & C membership forms (must be updated each year), nomination forms and a blurb about the role, function and benefits of a school P & C. It would be fantastic if the P & C members could continue to help leverage the support of the wider community as evidenced on Facebook through the recent enrolment drive. Although we did not reach the anticipated number of students, we did received tremendous support and already have 5 Prep students for 2017.

Yesterday I met with the Human Resources team in District Office to discuss staffing. From the meeting we have been able to secure a classroom music teacher. Her name is Nicole Maden. Nicole will be working at Kingsthorpe on a Tuesday and Wednesday. She is very keen to restart the choir– particularly important as Sing Out will be held again this year.

Staffing is still currently being examined, however the current decision (made in consultation with Kingsthorpe classroom teachers and regional HR staff) is that we will stay with our 10 classes. This decision will need to be reviewed for the beginning of Semester 2. The decision to form the 10 classes was purposefully made to ensure that the demands of the teaching role and the needs of all students were catered for. Kingsthorpe class sizes are smaller than other schools for a reason, substantiated by school data. Currently there are more than 5 houses available for rent in Kingsthorpe and more than 12 houses for sale (not current student homes). Positive promotion of our school within the community and the associated enrolment increase will assist us in maintaining our class size advantage.

Last week I interviewed for a replacement Chaplain. As you would be aware Tony Mould took on a pastor position at Kingaroy for the beginning of the year. At the moment I am unable to release the name of the successful applicant, however I am delighted inform you that he is very eager to work with our school community. I know he will be an incredible asset to our school.

Regards

Leonie

Principal
School Leaders
Congratulation
School Captains - Jade & Toby
Vice Captains—
Tamika and Connor

Reminders— The school uniform shop is open every Thursday morning from 8:30 – 9:00. The volunteer convenor of the Uniform shop has other obligations after 9:00 a.m and therefore the ‘shop’ is unable to remain open after this time. Auditor recommendations regarding delineation of roles means that the office ladies are unable to access the uniform shop to provide you with uniforms. You are most welcome to complete an order form — place the order form and the money in an envelope and ‘post’ to the P & C letter box in the office. Courtney can then fill your order on a Thursday morning and leave the uniforms in the office for your collection during school office hours – 8:00 – 4:00

Sports Captains
Hughes—Estella and Caleb
Isaacs—Bethany and Blake

Students Of The Week Term 1 Week 2
Congratulations to students recognised by their teacher and class-mates with Student Of The Week Certificates on 5th February 2016

Students of the Week:

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Week 8 classroom winner of the Super Cup was Yr 1B
Golden Brush and Pan Winner awarded to Yr 1B