



TERM 3

4th September 2025

From the Principal's Desk...

This week is Teacher Aide Appreciation Week – we acknowledge the vital role our Teacher Aides play in supporting students, teachers, and inclusive classrooms. We recognise their dedication and highlight the positive impact they make every day. On behalf of our school, thank you to our wonderful Teacher Aides. I hope you have had a great week.

Across the last three weeks of term, we have our classroom teachers being released for Team Approach to Teaching and Learning (TATAL) planning days. These are days based around unit planning for next term as well as student data discussions and professional conversations about the evidence in student work samples against the relevant achievement standards. As we aim for 86% of our students achieving a C or better in English and Maths (50% of students achieving a B or better), these conversations are important to identify the next steps for each of our students. I'm looking forward to being involved in these days.

Last Monday, Mrs McCusker, Mr Mackay and Mrs Boden attended professional development on the updated (Version 9) Australian Curriculum for Science, HPE and Technology. There will be discussion at the TATAL days with teachers around the updated curriculum and planning considerations for implementation in 2026 and beyond.

Miss Mitchell, our P/1 teacher is taking Long Service Leave for the last two weeks of the term. Ms Toni Single will be teaching P/1 across the two weeks – Toni has a long association as a classroom teacher at Kingsthorpe SS. We wish Miss Mitchell an enjoyable break.

We are currently planning for 2026 and ask families to let us know if they are planning on not returning to Kingsthorpe SS next year. As we consider class groupings, we try to plan as accurately as possible, based on anticipated numbers. Likewise, if you know any families considering enrolling their children at our school next year, please get them to contact us. We are taking enrolments for 2026 now.

STUDENT FREE DAY – TOMORROW 5TH SEPTEMBER

A reminder that tomorrow Friday 5 September is a state-wide student free day. We look forward to seeing all our students back at school on Monday 8 September ready to learn.

FATHER'S DAY

Today, our school held a Father's Day BBQ Lunch at second break to acknowledge fathers, grandfathers and other significant male role models in our students' lives. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend due to a Corporate Services/Finance Day; however, from all reports those who attended had an enjoyable time and valued joining their children for play time and then had a yummy BBQ. Thanks also for supporting the Father's Day Stall today. We wish all our dads a happy Father's Day this Sunday.

FOOTY AND FLORAL FRIDAY

Next Friday, 12th September, our Student Council is having a gold coin fundraiser – Footy and Floral Friday. With the NRL Finals happening as well as the Toowoomba Carnival of Flowers, students can wear their footy team colours OR something floral for spring. Remember that clothing must be sun safe and normal school shoes to be worn. We hope to have the school fence decorated with some floral artwork as well and look forward to being very colourful next Friday.

PREP 2026

Should your child start Prep in 2026? Your child must be 5 years old by June 30th in the year they start Prep. If you are unsure please use the online calculator on the Queensland Government website to check when your child can start. We are now taking enrolments for Prep 2026 and have started our Parent Meet and Greet meetings. Please make contact with the school office on 4699 2333 so we can record your details and keep you up to date with transition activities and special events. Spread the word – we would love to show prospective families around our great school.

POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR LEARNING

At our school we know that learning goes beyond reading, writing and maths. Equipping our students with the skills to manage friendships, resolve disagreements and communicate respectfully is just as important. Our school is a PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) school with three clear expectations for us all – Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible. Each week, students are taught explicitly a focus expectation – and we include these in our newsletter and on parade. There is more information in our Student Code of Conduct around PBL.

PBL has a strong focus on data and this informs us of next steps. As part of this, our school has reviewed our timetable and times for breaks across the day. Starting next term, we are adjusting our break times as a trial with the following timetable:

8:50am – 11:00am – Morning Session
11:00am – 11:20am – 1st Break Play
11:20am -11:40am – 1st Break Eating
11:40am – 1:20pm – Middle Session
1:20pm – 1:40pm – 2nd Break Play
1:40pm – 1:50pm – 2nd Break Eating
1:50pm – 3:00pm – Afternoon Session

This timetable means a longer first break and shorter second break; currently we have a shorter first break and we are finding students don't get much time to eat at that time under the current structure. I have shared this information with our P&C and we will monitor the trial across Term 4.

On Friday next week is the end of term Celebration Day for students. Students will be participating in various activities as a reward for consistently displaying our school's expectations. Students in P-2 will have their session from 10:00am-11:00am. Students in Yrs. 3-6 will have their session from 12:00pm-1:00pm.

Celebration levels are linked to a points system based on behaviours shown by your child.

Each day, Kingsthorpe students are expected to follow our expectations – BE SAFE, BE RESPECTFUL, BE RESPONSIBLE!

In the afternoon from 1:30pm – 2:45pm, the P&C Colour Run will be held. We are looking forward to this special fundraiser – helping to raise funds for the completion of landscaping in the new Prep Playground area.

UNIFORMS

We're seeing more non-uniform jumpers. Please ensure your child wears either a school jumper or a royal blue jumper. Our P&C has endorsed that all hooded jumpers are not part of the uniform. There are options to purchase correct coloured plain jumpers without a hood.


As the day warms up, jumpers often come off— please label all items clearly (first and last name) so they can be returned if misplaced.




Every day counts

MOST STUDENTS ATTEND SCHOOL EVERY DAY


It's important that children are at school all day, every day




OK reasons to stay home from school



sick



natural disasters



It's **NOT OK** to skip school to shop, sleep in, finish an assignment, go on holidays

EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL COUNTS

Missing even 1 day can make a difference

1 day off school each fortnight

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Missing more than a year of learning over 12 years

Each day's learning builds on what has been learnt before

Good attendance begins in Prep

It's where good habits begin

ATTEND ALL DAY, EVERY DAY

Each 1% increase in student attendance

may relate to 2-3 NAPLAN scale score points *

*Based on historical data.

What parents can do

Promote the importance of school

Get to know the teacher

Go to school events

Read the school newsletter


Be organised at home

Supervise homework

Ask about your child's day

Volunteer to help at school

Get involved in your child's school!



Whole School Target = 90% of students attending 85% of the time or greater :
Currently 83% of students attending 85% or greater
Whole School Year to Date Attendance up to 29/08/2025: 91.6%

Overall Term 3 Attendance: 91.2%						
Current Term 3 Attendance by Year Level						
Prep	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
91.2 %	92.2 %	90.8 %	93.2 %	94.9 %	86.9 %	89.6 %

Colin Thompson – Principal

OSHS Visit

On Wednesday staff from OSHS talked to the year 6 students about high school, followed by a question-and-answer session.

BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE



FOOTY AND FLORAL



FRIDAY



September 12th



With the Footy Finals and Carnival of Flowers fast approaching the Student Council have created a day where you can choose to represent your favourite footy team, go all out in floral or go 'Footy Floral' and combine the two. The choice is yours!

Gold coin donation



USE EQUIPMENT AS INTENDED

Term 3 Week 8

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

- I look after my own belongings.
- I only use my belongings in the way it is designed to be used.
- When I borrow something, I make sure I return it promptly.



BE SAFE
BE RESPECTFUL
BE RESPONSIBLE



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BE RESPONSIBLE



PLAY SCHOOL APPROVED GAMES

Term 3 week 9

BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

- I only play games approved by the school.



Dates To Remember

DATE	EVENT	2025
Thursday 4 th September	Father's Day Stall and Father's Day Lunch	
Friday 5 th September	STUDENT FREE DAY	
Tuesday 9 th September	Beach 2 Bush Water Safety Presentation	
Friday 19 th September	Celebration Day	
Friday 19 th September	Colour Run Fundraiser	
Friday 19 th September	Last Day Term 3	
Monday 6 th October	Public Holiday - Kings Birthday	
Tuesday 7 th October	First Day Term 4	



29th August 2025

Congratulations to these students recognised by their teachers and classmates with Student of the Week Certificates

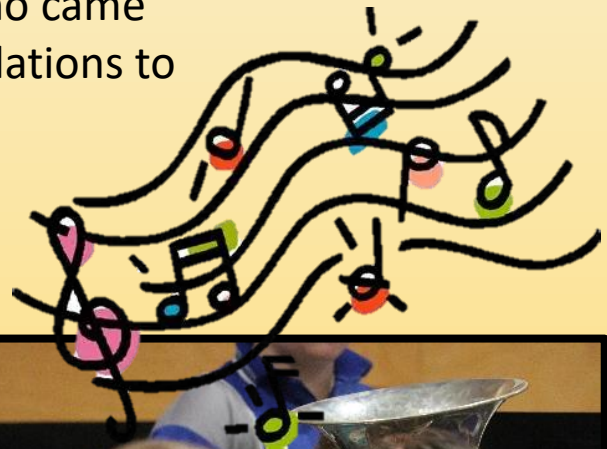
Class	Student	Award	Class
Prep	Amiazirah	Super Cup	Year 1/2
Prep /1	Benjamin	Sports Person	
Year 1/2		PE	
Year 2P		Music	
Year 3	Oliver	Japanese	Year 6
Year 3/4	Willoh	Golden Dustpan	Prep/1
Year 4/5		Mateship Award	Amiazirah
Year 5/6	Imogen	Technology	Year 6
Year 6	Dakota & Braxton		



GREAT EFFORT!

Highfields Cluster Music Showcase

On Thursday evening, Kingsthorpe State School instrumental music students were amongst 230 students who performed for over 350 guests at the second annual Highfields Cluster Music Showcase. Our students performed their Toowoomba Eisteddfod pieces amazingly. It was a fantastic evening which showcased the talents of students across the primary and secondary state schools. Many thanks to the parents who came along for the evening, and big congratulations to our talented students!





P&C NEWS



September News



THE COUNT
DOWN IS
ON...

Just 14 SLEEPS until our Colour Fun Run!! We can't have a super fun colour run without your help! If you can lend a hand on the day with manning a station on our obstacle course please contact Zana via the P&C email.

PLEASE JOIN US
AT OUR NEXT
MEETING:

Wednesday
October 15th
5:30pm

Need to reach us?

kingsthorpesspc@gmail.com



CHAPPY CHAT

The Year 5 Building Brave Boys program has commenced this term as a companion group to the Courageous Connections group running on Monday lunch times for Year 5 girls. The aim of Y5 BBB is to develop and promote valuable life skills within each of the boys that contribute to enriching their interpersonal relationships – with family, friends, teachers and acquaintances.

This term we cover a range of topics including teamwork, problem solving, sharing, listening, generosity, kindness and diversity.

Each week we have some teaching and discussion time which is followed by a game or activity that invites practical application of the day's topic.



COLOUR RUN EVENT DETAILS

The Colour Fun Run will take place
FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 19TH on the oval
1:30pm- 2:45pm.

Consent forms have been sent home.
No form, no fun!

We encourage families to come along and cheer for our students as they take on the Colour Fun Run obstacle course.

Students who do not wish to participate will form part of our cheer squad .

All participants will need to bring a white t-shirt, shorts, shoes and hat to change into for the event. Preferably old clothes that can get messy.

An old towel (or two) for the drive home is also recommended. Participants will be provided with rainbow sunglasses and a rainbow headband on the day.

Our highest fundraising class will have the honour of sliming Mr Thompson!

Activate your profile and start fundraising to bump your class to the top of the leaderboard.

If you are available to assist on the day please reach out to Zana via Kingsthorpesspc@gmail.com

Library News



What's happening in the library?

Turn back the hands of time for a visit to the eighties, see the library display and check out a blast from the past and our author spotlight Ann M Martin, creator of the iconic Baby Sitter's Club – a series of over 200 books and later adapted into a TV series.

What's the latest comp?
Guess the number of pom poms
and win some cool prizes.



OSHC

Dear Parents and Carers,

With our booking system, if you make a booking for your child/children during 9am in the morning, up to 3pm in the afternoon, could you **PLEASE** send a text through to the OSHC phone to let Natasha know that have done this. Currently there is no way of us getting a notification stating that you have booked your child in and as you can imagine, in the rush of the afternoon sign in, its very hard for Natasha to know that we have extra children booked in which can cause some confusion. With the text message, we will definitely know that your child will be attending and we can then confirm this. Thank you for your understanding in this matter.



OUR WEEK AT OSHC



HAPPY Birthday

- * 20th Joe
- * 21st La' Queisha
- * 23rd Callum
- * 25th Lachlan
- * 25th Miette & Willoh

What's cooking in the OSHC Kitchen

Week 1

- Monday- Crackers & Cheese
- Tuesday- Savoury Platter
- Wednesday- Mini Spring Rolls
- Thursday- Sandwiches
- Friday- Corn Thins

Week 2

- Monday- Garlic Bread
- Tuesday- Savoury Platter
- Wednesday- Sandwiches
- Thursday- Fruit Salad & Yoghurt
- Friday- Crackers & Cheese

A fruit platter, milk, water (daily)
Breakfast daily: Cereal & Toast

The OSHC Educators took part in the Walk To Defeat MND on Sunday and we're excited to share that our team won the award for second-highest fundraisers! We raised a total of \$4,543, which will go a long way in supporting people living with MND. A big thank you to our school and community for getting behind our MND Big Freeze, meal deal, and multi-draw raffle-we couldn't have done it without you!



Apricot Nut Loaf

Ingredients:

1 egg
1/3 cup raw sugar
1 cup carrot, roughly grated
1/2 cup dried apricots, diced
4 pieces naked ginger, thinly sliced
1/4 cup mixed nuts, unsalted, roughly chopped
3/4 teaspoon bicarb soda
2 tablespoons margarine, melted
200ml natural yoghurt, reduced fat
1 1/2 cups self-raising flour



Method:

PREHEAT oven to 170°C fan-forced (180°C in regular oven) and line a loaf tin with baking paper.

WHISK egg and sugar until light and fluffy, add all other ingredients except for flour and combine well.

SIFT flour into the bowl and fold through.

POUR into prepared tin. Bake for 50 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.

LEAVE in the tin for 5 minutes then turn over onto a wire rack to cool.

What's Great About It:

Low in sugar and high in taste! The ginger and apricots in this recipe go together perfectly to create a beautiful tasting loaf. The natural yogurt is a great substitute to traditional saturated fats and creates a smooth, soft texture.

