



Principal's Message

Opportunities for Students

Kingsthorpe State School offers students a range of opportunities to develop their learning, interests, skills and talents through a range of curriculum subjects and extra curricula activities. Our enthusiastic Kingsthorpe teachers plan and provide a range of engaging learning for students across subject areas such as English, Maths, Science and HASS. Our specialist teachers provide learning opportunities for students in Health and Physical Education, Languages (Japanese,)Technologies and The Arts. Extra opportunities are offered to students through Instrumental Music, School Choir, sporting gala days as well as futsal and basketball competitions. Students also have the opportunity to trial for a variety of sports in our representative zones. Play breaks are perfect times to offer areas of interest like garden and craft clubs.



Last night our P and C AGM was held and I am pleased to say our executive members have accepted the positions to continue in 2024. Thank you to Megan Stark, Rebecca Wadley, Shannon Leonard and Cyndy Hass our P and C executive members. New and previous P and C members are always encouraged to come along and attend our monthly meetings on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. The next P and C meeting will be held on 20 March at 5:30pm. We are looking forward to continuing a strong partnership with our Parents and Citizens Association in 2024. Volunteers are being sought for the sausage sizzle and bake stall being held on Election Day in March.

Mrs Kaarin Littleton will be beginning her role as Principal of Kingsthorpe SS on Monday 26 February. Mrs Littleton is looking forward to joining our supportive school community.

Sue McCusker
Acting Principal





KINGSTHORPE STATE SCHOOL P&C

- NEWS -

Thank you to all who attended last night's P&C AGM meeting.

Summary of the minutes:

Presidents Report

Adoption of the constitution

Adoption of the 2024 Student protection and risk Management strategy

Appointment of Auditor

Election of Executive Committee

President: Megan Stark **Vice President:** Cindy Hass

Treasurer: Bec Wadley **Secretary:** Shannon Leonard

Welcome back into the role Megan, Bec and Shannon and a big welcome to Cindy who joins the team again after a twelve month break.

The AGM was followed by a general meeting with minutes of the previous meeting read and accepted, reports were provided by the Treasurer and OSHC. Acting Principal Sue McCusker provided the Principal report and presented the Strategic Plan for 2024 -2027. Feedback from last year's School Review provided the foundation for the plan and we look forward to seeing results in learning improvements reflected in student results. The Strategic plan was endorsed by the P&C. Guest Speaker Emma Iseppi our local Community Development Officer spoke briefly about her role in our community and how she can assist with available grant information, access to event advertising and community engagement. There are a number of grant applications pending and outcomes could see some exciting development in playground areas. Tuckshop will re open the 5th March – check it out on flexi schools late next week.

Acknowledgements:

Thank you to life member and Grant writer Mr Alan Mitchel who will be taking on more of a behind the scenes role. Alan will continue to be an active member of the P&C working behind the scenes and keeping in touch via phone and email, due to personal circumstance Alan will be unable to attend most meetings.

A huge thank you to Mrs Sue McCusker who has been the acting Principal at school for term 4 last year and the first 5 weeks of this term. The P&C would like to acknowledge her hard work, preparations for a successful 2024 and commitment to students and the school community. When thanked at the meeting last night Sue gave credit to her staff saying it was a team effort. We are fortunate to have great teachers and great leaders making Kingsthorpe a GREAT SCHOOL.

NEXT MEETING: 20th March 2024 5:30pm



Dates To Remember

DATE	EVENT
1 st March	Playgroup starts up
5 th March	Tuckshop re opens
8 th March	Carbal Hearing test – PLEASE RETURN FORMS
12 th March	Futsal Competition
16 th March	Sausage sizzle and Council Elections
18 th /19 th March	Parent teacher meetings-bookings through SOBS
20 th March	P&C Meeting
13 th – 25 th March	Naplan testing. Dates to be confirmed
28 th March	Last Day term 1
15 th April	First Day term2



Every day
COUNTS!

School success starts
with attendance



Every Day Counts

**Reminder to return Carbal hearing permission forms.
Carbal hearing tests Friday 8th March**



BAKESALE &

Sausage Sizzle

9am-3pm

Sat 16 March

The P&C is running a sausage sizzle and bake stall on 16th March for Council Elections. If you can help out by providing baked goods or volunteering your time to sizzle some sausages and sell some cakes please contact the office.

Check out next weeks newsletter for more information on how you can help



15th February 2024



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

Class	Student	Award	Class
Prep	Amity	Super Cup	Prep 1
Prep /1	Harper	Sports Person	Mason
Year 1	Tessa	PE	Year 3/4
Year 2P	Jax, Katie, Mia	Music	
Year 2/3	Grayson	Japanese	Year 6
Year 3/4	Morgan	Golden Dustpan	Year 5/6
Year 4	Alissa	Mateship Award	Ethan
Year 5	Isla	Technology	Year 3/4
Year5/6	Lennox		
Year 6	Joey		



GREAT EFFORT!



BE SAFE BE RESPECTFUL BE RESPONSIBLE

Week 6



Expectation

Be Responsible



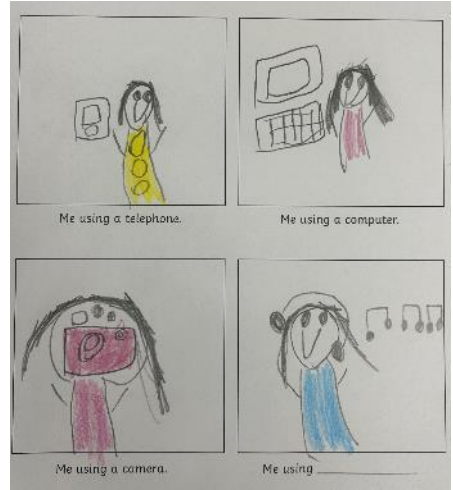
Expected Behaviours




- Clean Up Australia Day
- Keep The School Tidy
- Place Rubbish In The Bins

What's happening in Prep T

Prep T drawing.... Using technology



Prep T – taste testing and fine motor skills



Tuckshop will be re opening 5th March. Flexi schools will be up and running for orders by the end of next week. All orders are through flexi schools.



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Pay it forward ~ kindness matters

Non profit event 30th March
10am - 1:30pm
10 Stirling st, East Toowoomba BBQ area

Are you wanting to donate your unwanted goods?

- * Non perishable foods
- * Clothes
- * Tools
- * Toys

Anything you don't want to throw away could be of use to someone in need.

Everyone is welcome please contact Neeka before event on 0422044604 if you are donating.



Join us at the museum for the 2024 National Simultaneous Storytime!
 Local radio presenter, Emily 'MJ' Crawford from Toowoomba's Hit 100.7, will give a captivating live reading of this year's book, Bowerbird Blues by Aura Parker.

Date: Wednesday 22 May 2024

Time: 12pm-1pm

Location: Queensland Museum Cobb+Co
 27 Lindsay Street, Toowoomba Qld 4350

Cost: Free for Toowoomba Regional Council Residents

Details: After the reading, join in on a scavenger hunt to gather blue items and create your own bluebird bower. Don't forget to snap a selfie with our display bowerbird too!

RSVP: Groups are encouraged to book via email:

inquiries@cobbandco.qm.qld.gov.au

Event contact: Sian Benson/Tony Coonan | 07 4659 4900

Ingredients:

- 2 tablespoons skim milk powder
- 1 ½ cups wholemeal self-raising flour
- ½ cup white self-raising flour
- ½ teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ cup rolled oats
- 1 cup dates, roughly chopped
- 1 cup walnuts, roughly chopped
- 1 egg, lightly beaten
- ½ cup neutral vegetable oil
- 1 teaspoon vanilla essence
- ½ cup apple or pear puree
- ¾ cup water OR fruit juice, no added sugar



Serves: 12
 Prep time: 15 minutes
 Cook time: 15-20 minutes
 ¾ serves per portion



1.Method:

1. PREHEAT the oven to 180 °C and line a muffin tray with baking paper.
2. SIFT the skim milk powder, both flours and the nutmeg and cinnamon into a large bowl. Add the wholemeal husks caught in the sieve back into the bowl.
3. ADD the rolled oats, dates and walnuts to the sifted ingredients and stir to combine.
4. COMBINE the eggs, oil, vanilla, puree and water OR fruit juice in another bowl.
5. MAKE a well in the dry ingredients, then add the wet ingredients to the centre and mix gently to combine. The mixture should not be too wet.
6. BAKE for 15-20 minutes or until a skewer comes out clean.

What's Great About It:

These muffins are the perfect treat when you're craving something sweet! With no added sugar and lots of fibre from the wholemeal flour, dried fruit and nuts, these muffins don't just taste great, they're good for you! Try experimenting with different dried fruits and nut choices or replace the dried fruit for fresh!

This year I have a few new groups of Year 3 boys to work with, focusing on friendship, team work and listening skills.

Miss Stewart's Year 3 boys have engaged in a range of games and activities that required them to follow instructions, work together and complete tasks as efficiently and accurately as possible.

The boys have enjoyed the physical nature of the activities and have had lots of laughs along the way while learning valuable skills.

Some of the activities have involved lots of running which left one group of boys ready for an afternoon nap.



CHAPPY

CHAT





Kingsthorpe State School OSHC Newsletter

Phone: 0411 101 414

Feb 2024 Email: kssoshc@hotmail.com

Dear Parents & Carers

With our new 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.

Just a reminder to parents that haven't signed up to our new booking system, that you need to do this as soon as possible please, also any Dads that sign their children in/out also need to give me their emails so that I can send them the link to set up their pin on the new system. We have also noticed that only a small amount of families have set up their direct debit accounts. As you know the Centre is going in the direction of Direct Debit ONLY so if you have not set up your Direct Debit by the 26th of February, we strongly urge you to do so as this will affect your bookings looking to the future.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

*15th Cora & Harper



What's cooking in the OSHC Kitchen

- Monday- Jatz & cheese
 - Tuesday- Garlic bread
 - Wednesday- Rice crackers
 - Thursday- Sloppy Joe's
 - Friday- Mini Spring rolls
- A fruit platter, milk, water (daily)
Breakfast daily: Cereal & Toast

Important reminders:

No toys are to be brought to OSHC, we appreciate your cooperate in this matter as its also a school rule.

We just want to let you all know that we are having a very high incidence of children swearing at OSHC. This is ranging from Preps right through to Year 6 and it seems that no matter how many times we speak to them they are continuously doing it over and over. We are just asking parents to please speak to your children about using inappropriate language while at OSHC

OSHC Bank Details
BSB- 06 4433
Account – 10 497 430

