



Kenmore State High School Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Last week saw the completion of year 11/12 exam block and this week marks the beginning of week nine, three weeks to go! The assessment of the first ten week units of subjects will drive the reporting process that teachers will be finalising this week. These reports are mailed to you before Easter, along with another edition of School Matters.

Once students finish exams this week a number of important things will be happening in class. Students will be getting systematic and specific feedback about their most recent assessment performance. In addition, they will be given the opportunity to review their term's profile of assessment and provided with feedback about how to make improvements. As you would appreciate, this is fundamental to good learning. Once this process is complete, classes will begin the next unit of work. I expect that students will be engaged in these activities right up until the last day of term.

For Year 12 students seeking an OP, we are helping them understand the importance on the QCS test. While it is true that a student's individual subject results are the biggest determinant of Overall Position scores, the global performance of students on the QCS test can make a serious difference to the final overall school outcome. As the results for this test are considered in school and subject groups it is important for students to understand that their performance can affect other students. As a result we are examining ways to improve our program and practice:

- We are insisting that students attend all QCS preparation lessons. We have catch up lessons for legitimate absences, but less than 90% attendance will result in a decision to deny the student a place in the test.
- We have employed 'Mighty Minds' to work with our students in a more structured program, especially to improve performance on the short response item papers.
- We have a full day workshop for the 12s immediately after exam block. While we know they will be a little tired, this time works well logistically and will be a vital component of their preparation.
- We are looking at each individual student results and practice test performance and we are providing systematic feedback about performance and progress.

The School Council meets for the first time on the 29th of March. The Council meets four times a year to discuss the direction of the school and to provide advice to me about how to progress school objectives. The Council consists of four elected parents, four elected staff, two students, the

P&C President, up to two co-opted members and myself. In the first meeting of the year I present the data about our performance over the last twelve months and this forms the basis for discussion about moving forward this year. A summary copy of this presentation will go out with next issue of 'School Matters'

The "Shave for a cure" fundraiser run by the Leukemia Foundation is well under way and a price of \$10200 has been placed on my head to support this worthy cause. Bald is not my best look, but this cause is well worth it. Please support this, if at all possible, in these somewhat unsettled times.

Kind regards

John Fitzgerald
Principal

P&C NEWS

The 2011 Kenmore State High School P&C Annual General Meeting was held on Tuesday 15th March at 7.30 PM.

The office bearers elected at the meeting were:-

President: Maria McCaffrey

Vice President and QCPA Representative: Cathie MacMillan

Secretary: Vacant

Treasurer: Tony Ziemek

Operations Manager: Katie Yeowart.

The P&C Association wish to thank Ross Ferling who stepped down from the role of President at this meeting. Ross performed this role with dedication and enthusiasm over the past 5 years. He led the P&C through a period where the school has grown significantly and has effected many changes. Through Ross' leadership the P&C has worked as a cohesive group whose activities have made significant improvements to the school.

Thanks also to Di Buchan-Swanson who has filled the important role of Secretary in 2010. We wish both Ross and Di the very best for the future.

Tuckshop closed on first day of Term 2, Wednesday 27th April 2011

The Tuckshop will be closed on the first day of term 2, Wednesday 27th April 2011. Students will need to bring their lunch on this day. The Tuckshop will open again on Thursday 28th April.

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Latest P&C News page on the school web site

Keep informed about P&C and Support Group activities and initiatives through the Latest P&C News web page:

<http://www.kenmoreshs.eq.edu.au/index.php/parents/latestpacnews>

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

We have a number of outstanding student achievements to celebrate and recognise this fortnight. We are proud of the diverse range of achievements of our students and are excited to celebrate with them.

- Amelia Quabba (Yr 10) was chosen to represent Queensland in the National Futsal Titles in January of this year, (she was in Sydney competing the week of the floods). From her performance in that competition, Amelia has been selected to represent Australia in the 15 years Girls Futsal Team to tour the UK in October of this year. Well done!
- We have had some fantastic sporting results, our Open Boys GBS Soccer team came 1st, the Open Girls 2nd. The Middle girls and boys both came 3rd. The Open Boys, 15 Boys, 16 Girls and 14 Girls Futsal teams are playing this Friday in the South East Queensland State Finals for Futsal. Well done!
- Lucy Pople, one of our School Captains in 2010, has been awarded the prestigious TJ Ryan Award and Scholarship for 2011. This award recognises her outstanding academic achievements and acknowledges the superior leadership qualities she demonstrated in Year 12.
- Anita Jacoby, one of our Yr 11 Dance students, has been selected as a featured artist in Creative Generations and has also been invited to the Young Artist Workshop, which is a week-long workshop over the Easter Holidays. There are only limited students selected from all State Schools across QLD.

If you are aware of any other achievements that we should recognise, please do not hesitate to advise us.

FASHION PARADE DATES

Apologies for the misprint in the previous school newsletter, stating the Fashion Parade would be in March. The correct dates of the Fashion Parade are the **6th and 7th of May 2011**.

Year 9 NAPLAN 2011

Year 9 students at Kenmore State High School will undertake the tests this year from Tuesday 10th May through to Thursday, 12th May, over a 3 day period.

Ms Jane Hockey (HOD – TALS) will be making contact with the parents of verified students or students with learning difficulties in order to discuss any special provisions, withdrawals or exemptions that may be appropriate for the test.

For all remaining parents, if you wish to withdraw your child from participating in the NAPLAN Program or apply for special provisions (extension of time, scribe etc) then please contact me directly, so I can discuss the process with you and provide appropriate paperwork. Likewise, if you have any questions about the program, please call or email Brett Gordon at bgord19@eq.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN PARENTING ONLINE RESOURCE

<http://raisingchildren.net.au> is an Australian parenting online resource, with information, videos and forums for parents & carers of children – from newborn to teenagers including special needs. Current items that may be of interest for parents of teenagers includes information about cyber bullying, starting at a new school & emotional health & wellbeing.

NEXT STEP SURVEY 2011

The Queensland Government will again be conducting its annual state wide destination survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2010. The Next Step survey is a brief confidential survey that aims to gain a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers.

Any person who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive a telephone call or instructions to complete a web-based survey by mail, between March and May 2011. If their contact details have changed please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address, so they can participate in the survey. Thank you for your support of the Next Step Survey in 2011.

For more information visit www.education.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

AIDERS NETBALL CLUB SIGN ON

AIDERS Netball Club is looking for a few more girls aged 9-13 wanting to play club netball. Fixtures Saturday mornings @ Faulkner Park, Graceville. Training Wednesday nights 5.30 pm or 6.30 pm. Season runs late March - early September. Friendly & highly competitive club. Make new friends and keep fit and active!

Register NOW! Phone Raeann on 3378 2204 or 0411 240848.

COMING EVENTS

We have a number of activities for parents and students over the next week. Please see over the page for details

Fortnightly Calendar, Monday, 21st March 2011 - Friday, 1st April 2011 - SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

DATE	EVENT	TIMES	VENUE	PICK UP/DROP OFF POINTS	COORDINATOR
Monday, 21/03/11	Yr 11 & 12 Small subject Exam Week Yr 9 NAPLAN Practise Test	8.45-3.00pm	Activities Centre		Brett Gordon
Tuesday, 22/03/11	Yr 11 & Yr 12 Cross Country Yr 8, 9 & 10 Drama Performance	9.00-10.30am	School Grounds Q Block		Adam Whitby Marion Welsh
Wednesday, 23/03/11	Yr 12 Cert III CCS Snr First Aid Course Dance Troupe	1.30-3.00pm 3.00-5.00pm	B01 Q Block		Bruce McLauchlan Amelia King
Friday, 25/03/11	Careers Information Evening SEQ Futsal Grand Final	6.00-7.30pm 10.00-3.00pm	Q Block Cornubia/Logan	Mabb Street	Sandra Wilson Adam Whitby
Tuesday, 29/03/11	Yr 12 Ancient History Excursion	9.00-2.45pm	Budhist & Taoist Temple	Mabb Street	Anthony McKeough / Adrian Murphy
Wednesday, 30/03/11	Yr 8-yr10 Kyushi Karate Workshop School Council Meeting	9.00-10.30am 4.00-6.00pm	Activities Centre Administration		John Barker John Fitzgerald
Friday, 01/04/11	Yr 8/9 Summer District Finals Dance Troupe GIEP Information Evening Fashion Parade Rehearsal	9.00-3.00pm 3.00-5.00pm 5.30-6.30pm 3.00-5.00pm	Various Q Block Q Block Q Block	Mabb Street	Adam Whitby Amelia King John Barker Bruce McLauchlan
Saturday, 02/04/11	Yr 9 GIEP Camp		Camp Warrawee	Own transport	John Barker