KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

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IMPORTANT DATES * Denotes importance

Natalie Frost of Year 7 being presented with her prize by Mr Hensley from Save The Bilby Fund Competition. Aided by our resident Bilby made by Mrs Graham.

KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Year 7 students **Ryan Pounds, Connor Golin** and **Jacob O'Keeffe** with the perfect, brilliant blue crystal that they grew in Science.





MEDIA RELEASE

Jesse to cash in backstage pass for spectacular centrestage spotlight

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Principal's Column

Last week I took the opportunity to visit a number of local businesses around Kingscliff which proved to be an extremely positive experience. Since beginning at Kingscliff HS at the start of this term, I have been particularly impressed by the pride with which all of our students wear their uniform each and every day. This view



was certainly confirmed by the business owners I spoke to, who were unanimously impressed with the appearance and conduct of our students while interacting with members of the public. I even received a number of offers of work experience places for our Year 10 and vocational education students.

A gentle reminder that I would like to emphasise, particularly with our senior students, is that they should not be anywhere outside school, including at our local shops, during school hours, when, of course, they should be at school.

It was also a great privilege to wish this year's HSC cohort all the very best at the start of their exams last week. While I have not worked with these students in the past, I could still recognise the mix of anxiety, determination and quiet confidence among the group which reflects their hard work, supported by their teachers and parents over the past two years. Their exams will continue this week.

Last week also I had the pleasure of meeting **Jesse Aviu**, also of Year 12, who will be performing in the Schools' Spectacular in Sydney in a few weeks. Jesse is a friendly, confident and clearly very talented young man. He was interviewed by North Coast ABC radio last week and proved to be a tremendous advocate for his school.

I have also met with our School Captain **Tayla McLennan**, and Vice Captain, **Jemilla Raphael** over the past week. I have no doubt their leadership of our student body over the next year will prove to be a tremendous asset to our school community. Already, **Tayla** and **Jemilla** have discussed proposals for raising awareness of mental health and recycling, while also discussing with me student access to amenities during recess and lunch, and also student access to TAFE grounds. I certainly look forward to continuing to work with these student leaders.

This week, students in Years 7 and 9 will be undertaking vaccinations. Thanks to Mr Bassingthwaihte for coordinating this extremely important and painless operation which supports student and community health.

Finally, a reminder to all students in Years 7 to 10 that their end of year exams are coming up. I wish them all the very best and urge all students to follow the advice of their teachers in preparing for their exams in order to ensure that they can perform to the best of their ability when exam day finally rolls around.

Looking forward to another great week at Kingy,

Michael Hensley



P&C Meeting

The next P&C Meeting will be 3 November at 7.30pm in the main Administrative Block.

Everyone is most welcome, so please come along and find out more about your students' school and how it is run.

Felicia Cecil - President

AECG Meeting

The next AECG meeting will be on Monday 8th December at Kingscliff TAFE, Cudgen Road, Kingscliff, PH: 02 6674 7200 commencing at 4.00pm.

If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact us.

President: Deborah Johnson 07 5513 1960 Vice Pres: Joan Sherriff 07 55243408 Secretary: Jackie McDonald 07 55369629 Treasurer: Glenda Nalder 02 66740186

Aboriginal Education

Personalised Learning Plans

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students currently require a Personalised Learning Plan (PLP). Parents and carers will need to make an appointment with the front office. Interviews will run in Term 4.

Mr Appo will be coordinating the PLP interviews with the appropriate staff to provide a tailored educational plan for your child.

If you have any queries, please call Kingscliff High School. Mr Colin Appo (Monday & Tuesdays only) – PLP Coordinator

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Year 7 and 8 Yearly Examinations

Year 7 and 8 begin their Yearly Examinations on Monday 10th November. These are very important assessment tasks and in almost all cases contribute significantly to overall marks and position in grade.

Students will receive exam timetables as well as exam rules, however, please find below information that may clear up some questions:

- Students must attend all classes when not in an exam.
- If a student cannot attend an exam for whatever reason they should see Miss Rowles (Year 8), or Mr Mackenzie (Year 7) before the exam in question. If a student finds they are unable to attend an exam because of sickness or family emergency they should call the school immediately and bring a Dr Certificate or equivalent as soon as they return.
- Students must bring their own necessary equipment for the exam (ie pen and a spare, pencil, eraser, ruler to all exams and a calculator to Maths and Science)
- It is worth noting that if a student is caught with a mobile phone in an exam (whether it is on or not) they will receive zero for that exam.
- ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IN THE WEEKS LEADING UP TO THE EXAMS IS EXPECTED FOR ALL STUDENTS
- Year 7 and 8 Examination schedule

	Mon 10/11 Day 2	Tues 11/11 Day 3	Wed 12/11 Day 4
Pd 1	Year 8 Maths	Year 8 Science	Year 8 English
	1 hour + 5 min reading time	1 hour + 5 min reading time	50 mins + 10 min reading time
Pd 2	Normal classes	Normal classes	Normal classes
Pd 3	Year 7 Maths	Year 7 Science	Normal classes
Pd 4	1 hour + 5 min reading time	1 hour + 5 min reading time	Sport
Pd 5	Normal classes	Normal classes	Sport
Pd 6	Normal classes	Normal classes	

Other subjects may hold examinations at other times. Details for these will be given to students by their class teacher and will be held in class time in classrooms.

If you have any questions please contact Miss Rowles (Year 8), or Mr MacKenzie (Year 7) at the school.

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Jesse Aviu

It almost sounds like an entertainment industry fairy-tale, but Kingscliff High School Year 12 student, Jesse Aviu knows it is true.

He was plucked from the backstage of last year's Schools Spectacular to sing centre-stage of the 2104 show.

This week, he is starting to realise his dream come true as he knuckles down with 32 other promising performers in Sydney for the Featured Artist Call and five days of rehearsals.

A smart subject choice helped propel the 17-year-old from Pottsville onto the big stage of the Qantas Credit Union Arena (formerly the Sydney Entertainment Centre).

As part of Entertainment, a vocational education course he is studying for the Higher School Certificate, Jesse was chosen to be part of the backstage team for the Schools Spectacular.

"Entertainment teaches us all the backstage stuff that makes the show happen and I was sent down to work at Schools Spectacular last year," Jesse said.

"I was always wandering around backstage singing and people kept on saying to me you should audition for next year.

"So I did and here I am."

With his knowledge of the show that it ranked as the biggest entertainment spectacular of its kind in the world, Jesse is looking forward to being on the other side of the curtain.

"I'm really looking forward to performing to everyone," Jesse said.

"I just love being on stage because it is such a good feeling and I love meeting new people and working with them."

As well as playing to packed audiences at each of the four shows, the Schools Spectacular will also be broadcast Australia-wide on the Nine Network.

"I was in a musical that had an audience of a few hundred," Jesse said.

"This will be the most of performed to in my life so far."

But Jesse remains undaunted.

"I just want to get out there and perform," said Jesse who has the ambition of travelling the world and playing his music.

The next few months will be hectic for Jesse.

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On top of a gruelling rehearsal schedule, he will be hitting the books to finalise preparation for his Higher School Certificate exams including in a room set aside so Year 12 performers can study in between rehearsal demands this week.

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The hard work will culminate in four performances at the Qantas Credit Union Arena on Friday and Saturday, 28 and 29 November.

Jesse will join talented student performers from schools in every corner of the State.

Together they will produce a kaleidoscope of colour and emotions ranging from iconic massed dances filling the entire arena through to intimate solo moments.

Musical genres range from rock and hip hop to classical and opera highlighting the limitless talents and excellence in performance and creativity being nurtured in the state's public schools.

Ranked as the biggest entertainment extravaganza of its kind in the world, as well as playing to packed audiences, the Schools' Spectacular will also be broadcast Australia-wide on the Nine Network.

Where: QANTAS CREDIT UNION ARENA

(formerly Sydney Entertainment Centre) 35 Harbour Street, Darling Harbour

- When: Friday 28 November 12noon & 7.30pm Saturday 29 November at 1pm & 7.30pm
- Prices: Adult from \$40.00 to \$70.00 I Concession from \$30.00 to \$55.00 Family Pass (2 ad + 2 ch) from \$110.00 to \$195.00

Bookings: <u>www.ticketek.com.au</u> or phone 132 849 <u>www.schoolsspectacular.com.au</u>



Earth and Environmental Studies, Field Study group being photo bombed! Can you find the culprit?

Community Notices

SKILLED Group, in partnership with Tweed Shire Council has an opportunity for a school based apprenticeship in Heavy Vehicle Mechanical commencing in early 2015. To be considered you must have the following:

- Competent numeracy & literacy skills
- Positive attitude
- Reliable transport
- Completed Year 10 Education
- A nationally recognised Construction Induction card(CIS)
- Committed to complete a 2 Year School Based Apprenticeship

Primary objective of role:

To assist tradespersons carry out maintenance, servicing and repairs of Councils fleet, vehicles, plant and equipment. You'll be part of the workshop which provides plant and transport services for all Council Units.

Location:

The position is currently based out of the Works depot in Murwillumbah.

What we are offering:

- 2 Year School based apprenticeship
- On the job training as well as nationally accredited training
- Ongoing coaching, mentoring and support to complete a school based Certificate III Heavy Vehicle Transport-Mechanic

TAFE:

The student will be required to attend TAFE at Kingscliff as required by State Training to obtain qualification.

For more information and a link to submit an application visit the Kingscliff High School Careers Facebook page. Mr Ella – Careers Advisor

The **Year 11 Presentation ceremony** will be held on Friday 7th November from 12.30 – 2.00pm in the MPU. Parents/carers/relatives are more than welcome to come along to celebrate the achievements of Year 11. Parents, it is requested you please <u>not</u> sign out students in other years following the ceremony.

Year 8 ESSA test

The Essential Secondary Science Assessment (ESSA) test for Year 8 students will be held on Tuesday 11 November. The test takes approximately 80 minutes. The test is an interactive, multimedia test completed entirely on a computer. It is called ESSA online.

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