

# KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Big Picture

Regular readers of KingySpirit will be aware of our planning for this internationally recognised program, now offered by many high schools across the country, to be offered to students who will be in Years 9 and 10 in 2023.

In a nutshell, students will have the option to continue with our established pattern of study, working towards a RoSA at the end of Year 10, and potentially an HSC at the end of Year 12, or a Big Picture pattern of learning. Essentially, Big Picture bases learning experiences on the interests and capabilities of students, rather than taking students to a pre-existing curriculum. Our aim will be to provide students and their families the opportunity to make an informed choice on what will work best for them. Parent and carer workshops will be offered later this term, in the meantime, the link below provides more information:

<https://www.bigpicture.org.au/about-us/big-picture-education-australia>

Students will be presented with an overview of the program, which they will be able to share with parents and carers, this Thursday.

### School Community Meetings

Two important meetings coming up this week:

Our P&C will be meeting from 6:30 pm this evening. Parents and carers can join us "in person" in our Meeting Rooms in the Front Office or join us online via the link which has been emailed to all of our families. I will be sharing progress on implementing our school's Strategic Improvement Plan, and the redevelopment of our school site.

Our Aboriginal Education Team Community Meeting will be on this Thursday from 6:00pm, in our school's Library. We will be discussing student Personal Learning Plans, NAIDOC Week celebrations, and other items that Aboriginal community members wish to put forward.

### Uniform

As the weather starts to cool, and remains wet, a reminder to all of our families that "hoodies" (with the exception of representative school sport jumpers), along with multi coloured or patterned sloppy joes, are not part of our agreed school uniform.

Most students wear a school jumper or jacket. When this is not possible, a plain, non hoodie, dark coloured sloppy joe worn under a school uniform shirt, is perfectly acceptable.

### Half Yearly Exams

These begin for Years 8 & 10 next week, with Year 9 doing exams the week after. I trust that students will be well prepared and ready to make their best effort.

### New Staff Appointments

Our new Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer, Mr Simon Chadburn, joined us last week, bringing with him a wealth of experience as a workplace mentor for young Aboriginal workers, along with strong community connections. Ms Alex Fleming, whom many Years 7 & 8 parents will be familiar with due to her work in transitioning Year 6 students into our current Year 7, as well as the implementation of iPads for all Years 7 & 8 students, has been appointed as our new Head Teacher Administration. Ms Pip White, who has been working with us for some time, has now been permanently appointed with a capacity to teach English, Maths and Dance – a terrific addition to our staff. Wishing all of our school community a great week.

Yours sincerely



Michael Hensley, Principal

## GENERAL NEWS

### Aboriginal Education Officer – Relieving position

It is with much pleasure to let you know the outcome of the recent Relieving Aboriginal Education Officer selection panel. The panel comprised a Parent representative, AECG representative, Aboriginal staff member and a member of our Executive Team. The successful applicant was **Simon Chadburn**, a proud Aboriginal and South Sea Island man from the Bundjalung Nation. He grew up learning the ways of his father, a professional fisherman and cane cutter with a strong work ethic. Simon's father taught him cultural fishing skills which had been passed down from elders before him. Simon attended Cudgen Primary School and Kingscliff High School and is very well known in our community.

Simon has a professional background in Indigenous Community Services, Department of Human Services, and Indigenous Mentoring.

Simon will be at staff training for the remainder of last week after which he will begin calling parents to introduce himself. He will also be in attendance at our upcoming Aboriginal Education Team Parent and Community Meeting on Thursday 19 May 2022 to be formally introduced and chat to parents and community.

We warmly welcome Simon to our school, and we are very excited to have him work with us to have the best possible support in place for all of our Aboriginal students.



### Student Leadership

Earlier this Year 8 student Ethan Hayes was successful in his application to be a part of the Department of Student Voices in Education and Schools or as it is better known the DOVES Student Council.

This very prestigious student leadership opportunity is offered to all students from year 6 to Year 12 in NSW government schools each year. Ethan was selected for one of only 3 positions offered to our Rural North Directorate, out of a total of 27 positions across the 9 directorates in NSW.

The DOVES student council meet with the NSW Minister for Education, the Honourable Sarah Mitchell each term to discuss matters affecting students in schools and determine ways to make school and education better for all students. Ethan's role in DOVES is to advocate and be the voice for the diversity of students across schools in our directorate.

In Term 1 Ethan travelled to Sydney for a 2-day conference where he visited Parliament House, met the other DOVES members, and was inducted into the DOVES Student Council by the NSW Minister of Education.

Over the rest of this year Ethan will meet with his fellow directorate DOVES members and attend formal DOVES student council meetings with the Minister.

Kingscliff High School would like to acknowledge Ethan's achievements and success to this point, we are extremely proud of him for his courage, influence, and ongoing enthusiasm towards a better education for all students. We look forward to hearing about his further experiences as part of his DOVES membership. Congratulations Ethan!!!

*Here is a piece that Ethan wrote about his trip to Sydney:*

*The DOVES Ministers Student Council is a group of students that have been selected from all parts of NSW by the Minister of Education, Ms Sarah Mitchell. This Council represents the student voices and*



*aims to make our Schools a better and more Inclusive experience for ALL students, by reporting student issues directly to the Minister. I represent the Rural North Directorate, our area, along with Phoebe Vinpany, from Glenn Innes High School.*

*On March 16-18, I attended the 1st AGM Meeting at Sydney, where I was officially sworn in at Parliament House as a new Member by Ms Mitchell.*

*Afterwards, we were all invited on a guided tour of Parliament House and sat in the Legislative Assembly - (the Green Room) in the House of Representatives, where important issues are raised and discussed in Parliament by our Government Ministers. We later had lunch and a media conference before getting on the bus and attending Sydney University for a Lecture and tour of the Campus. It was all very exciting, and the University reminded me of Hogwarts.*

*Before we left to come home on the Friday, we had 1 last meeting at Department of Education Headquarters at Parramatta, where the new leaders of our Council were announced.*

*I made a lot of new friends and had a lot of fun. I am very proud to be representing KHS and almost 1million NSW public school students as a new DOVES Member.*

Ethan Hayes

Year 8 student Kingscliff High School

Rural North DOVES Representative

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### P&C Meeting

On behalf of the P&C President, we would like to invite all Parents & Carers to attend the next P&C Meeting scheduled for **Monday 16 May 2022 at 6:30pm.**

This will be a face-to-face meeting held in the Meeting Rooms in the Front Office of Kingscliff High School. If you are unable to attend in person, there is the option to join the meeting online, via the link below.

This meeting can be easily accessed by clicking where it says “*click here to join the meeting*” under the Microsoft Teams heading below. This link will be accessible from 6:30pm on Monday 16 May 2022.

Microsoft Teams meeting

**Join on your computer or mobile app**

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

[Learn More](#) | [Meeting options](#)

We look forward to meeting all parents/carers either in person or via the online meeting. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there!

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### Aboriginal Education Team Parent and Community Meeting

Parents and Community Members

Reminder about our upcoming **Aboriginal Education Team Parent and Community Meeting on Thursday 19 May 2022 at 6pm to 7.30pm.** This will be held in the Kingscliff High School Library unless otherwise notified.

In addition to reporting back to the meeting on our progress towards NAIDOC Week celebrations, our Student Working Group's work on Personalised Learning Pathways, we have some other exciting news to share with you. Previous communication has requested agenda items. The agenda will be distributed in the next couple of days.



## Australian Science Olympiads

The Junior Science Olympiad is a program for students in years 7 to 10. It consists of enrichment programs and exams. The Junior Science Olympiad Exam is designed to take science students in years 7 to 10 to the next level.

The exam is based on general science content (biology, chemistry, and physics) and assumes students have a good knowledge of the Australian Curriculum – Science up to a Year 10 level. Some questions in the exam may also involve higher-level content

(such as might be encountered by an extended Year 10 student). A range of analysis questions will also be included for which any necessary extra information is provided.

Students will receive a certificate indicating their grade based on their exam performance. Students that perform exceptionally well, and are eligible, may receive invitations to future science extension programs and activities hosted by Australian Science Innovations. The exam is held online, is two hours long, and questions are multiple choice.

It will be held at school on **Friday 29 July 2022**. Please see your Science Teacher or Mrs O'Keeffe, in the Science Staffroom if you are interested in participating.

## YEAR 7 POD

In week 4, Year 7 Pod parents/carers will be provided with a Term 2 assessment schedule for their child. This will be sent via email to all parents/carers, so please keep a lookout for this.

The Kingscliff High School cross country has been rescheduled for Wednesday 18th May. All Year 7 students will be expected to participate in this school event. If you wish to watch your child, please come down to Cudgen Creek (south side). Year 7 race time is from 9.30 am.

Thank you to those parents who attended the BYOD parent evening in week 3. With such success these will now be offered each term for parents to attend.

### Immunisations for Year 7

The confirmed date for Year 7 immunisation is **Tuesday 24 May 2022**.

Year 7 students with written parental consent, will receive the following immunisations:

- Gardasil (HPV) Dose 1
- Boostrix (diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis-whooping cough) 1 dose only

If you have any questions regarding the immunisations, you can send an email to:

[mnclhd-schoolimmsnorth@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:mnclhd-schoolimmsnorth@health.nsw.gov.au) or call Tracey 02 6620 7503



## SPORTS REPORT

### AFL Senior Boys QCUP

On Friday 29 April, some of our senior boys participated in the AFL QCup. The day had it all, Joss losing his soul, Big Bill getting on the scoreboard, Carlos bouncing back up to his feet to take an opposition player at least twice his size after being on the receiving end of a high hit as well as some scoreboard controversy for good measure.

Regardless of the outcome, all the boys should hold your heads up high. They represented Kingscliff High School with heart, putting their bodies on the line. Senior school footy is all about creating memories and hopefully they created a few stories to share.

Mr Stevenson – Team Coach



### AFL Junior Boys QCUP

Kingscliff High School AFL U15's travelled to Byron Bay on the Wednesday 27 April to compete in the AFL Junior QCUP. The boys played some outstanding team football in the group stages and made the final against Mt. St. Pats. Unfortunately, Mt. St. Pats were too strong in the final, but the boys were excellent throughout the day. Jackson Childs and Riley Weir also received best on ground in some of the games. Well done team!

Mr Renwick – Team Coach

### North Coast U15 AFL State Championship

Congratulations to the 5 Kingscliff High School boys that just competed for North Coast in the NSWCHS U15 AFL State Championship. It was a great effort by the boys and team who finished 4th overall from the 10 NSW teams!

The boys in the team were, Jackson Childs, Jack Clarke, Zeke Mostert, Riley Weir, and Will Van den Arend.

Well done boys!



### U14 Girls League Tag

Congratulations to all our U14's girls who played League Tag this week. Only coming together for a few brief training sessions last term, the girls did exceptionally well to gel together as a team. Winning two games and having a draw with Mt St Pats, all the girls should be very proud of their efforts.

Mrs Rodenburg – Team Coach



### U16 Girls League Tag

The U16's Girls League Tag team played extremely well and won all three matches convincingly. Unfortunately, they did not take home the trophy due to a count back on points. All the girls should be proud of their achievement.

Mr Malcolmson – Team Coach

### Open Girls League Tag

Congratulations to all members of the Open Girls League Tag team who were successful in bringing the trophy back for the 3<sup>rd</sup> year in a row. The girls played well as a team, allowing them to defeat Tweed River High School, St Joseph's College and Mt St Pats. Fantastic result and effort by all the girls.

Ms Fitzhugh – Team Coach



### Netball Fast 5

On Friday 6 May we had senior boys and girls go to Ballina and compete against local schools in a mixed Fast 5 Netball competition. Congratulations to both teams. The Year 12 team won their pool defeating Ballina, Woodlawn, and Emmanuel College. The Year 11 team were runners up in their pool, going down to Lindisfarne by 4 points. Unfortunately, due to the weather, the finals were cancelled. Everyone played well and had a great day.

Ms Fitzhugh – Team Coach





# Cross Country

## Wednesday 18 May

### Robert Dixon Park

Southside of Cudgen Creek

This event is held during  
Periods 1, 2, 3.

**All permission notes will be  
collected on the day.**

Also, provide an additional note if your child is  
attending, however not participating.

### Kingscliff High School Cross Country 2022

#### Championship distances

Age group	Boys	Girls
12 years	3000m	3000m
13 years	3000m	3000m
14 years	4000m	4000m
15 years	4000m	4000m
16 years	6000m	4000m
17 years	6000m	4000m
18+ years	8000m	6000m

#### KHS courses

Distance	Course by colour
3000m	S, red, pink, red, pink, red, F (3 laps)
4000m	S, red, green (to checkpoint 7), green, pink, red, F.
6000m	S, red, green, blue, yellow, green, pink, red, F.
8000m	S, red, green, blue, yellow (to checkpoint 7), blue, yellow, green, pink, red, F.

#### Program/ order of events

8.45am	Roll call
9.00am	Assemble at silver seats Hand in permission notes Walk to venue
9.30am	Boys 16, 17 & 18 years Girls 18 years
9.35am	Boys 13 years
9.40am	Girls 13 years
10.15am	Girls 16 & 17 years
10.17am	Girls 12 years
10.20am	Boys 12 years
10.45am	Girls 15 years
10.50am	Boys 15 years
11.15am	Girls 14 years
11.20am	Boys 14 years
11.50am	BBQ
12.15pm	Announcements Clean up/ pack up
12.35pm	Return to KHS

#### Checkpoint supervision

S/F	Supervisor
S/F	K.Bassingthwaite, N.McPherson, B.Hawkey, M.Haddon, D.Malcolmson
1	P.Sheriff
2	Z.Barber
3	W.Spry
4	K.Levi
5	C.Wright
6	Student
7	N.Allsopp
8	Student
9	B.Finnigan
10	Student
11	Student
12	E.Hill
13	Student



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

#### 16 – 20 May

#### Week 4

##### Monday 16 May

Day 7

P&C Meeting 6.30pm held in Meeting Rooms in the Front Office (and also available online)

Careers Week (16 – 20 May)

##### Tuesday 17 May

Day 1

Careers Week (16 – 20 May)

##### Wednesday 18 May

Day 2

KHS Cross Country – Cudgen Creek, Periods 1, 2, 3

Careers Week (16 – 20 May)

##### Thursday 19 May

Day 3

Aboriginal Education Team Parent & Community 6pm – 7.30pm in School Library

Careers Week (16 – 20 May)

##### Friday 20 May

Day 4

Careers Week (16 – 20 May)

#### 23 - 27 May

#### Week 5

##### Monday 23 May

Day 5

Year 8 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

##### Tuesday 24 May

Day: 6

Year 8 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

Year 7 HPV Vaccinations

##### Wednesday 25 May

Day: 7

Year 8 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

##### Thursday 26 May

Day: 1

Year 8 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

National Sorry Day

##### Friday 27 May

Day: 2

Year 8 & 10 Half Yearly Exams

National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June)



Keep up to date with the latest announcements and events happening at Kingscliff High School. Take a moment to like our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/kingscliffhighschool>



The Uniform shop regular hours are Wednesdays and Fridays 7.45am to 9.30am. The price list can be found here:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/p---c-uniform-shop-and-canteen.html>

#### P&C Uniform Shop

- Payment at the P&C Uniform Shop is by cash, cheque, and EFTPOS
- The P&C Uniform Shop is located near our Science block on the left-hand side of the ramp
- For more information, you can contact the Uniform Shop.





An opportunity has come up for Year 9 – 11 girls to find out more about STEM careers.

See one of the following teachers to find out more or register your name:

Ms Rose, Mrs Cowell, Ms O’Keeffe, Ms Barber, Ms Penman and Mr Wiggins.

# Girls in STEM Workshop

## The Challenge

Work in a teams of 5 to problem solve a real life water use problem with the Tweed Shire Council

### When is it?

**7th + 8th of June**  
(Week 7 Tuesday and Wednesday) at KHS

### The Prize

The winning team will have the opportunity to do work experience with Tweed Shire Council Female Mentors.  
(e.g. Engineers and Business Management)



Tweed Coast Youth Service, with their partners, is running an 8 week "Fit for Life" program on Wednesdays this term.

Students can start their school morning once a week with some physical activity and socialising. Transport available for students in Pottsville, Cabarita Beach, and Casuarina.

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL. See flyer for more details.

**TWEED COAST  
YOUTH  
SERVICE**

**JD**

**WALKABOUT  
WARRIORS**

**Casuarina  
RUGBY**

**Cabarita Beach  
BOWLS & SPORTS CLUB**

# **FIT FOR LIFE PROGRAM**

**8 week program every  
WEDNESDAY 6:30am  
Starting 4th May at Casuarina Rugby Club**

**FREE PROGRAM OFFERING:**

- **Pick up Pottsville, Cabarita & Casuarina**
- **1 hr fitness + fun**
- **Breakfast**
- **Showers**
- **Drop off to Kingscliff High School or Home**

**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL**

Further information or bookings email  
[youthworker1@cabaritayouthservice.org](mailto:youthworker1@cabaritayouthservice.org) or  
text 0492 141 601

Kingscliff High School has a wonderful international students' program that could not exist without our terrific homestay families. Our local agency is on the lookout for families who would be interested in hosting students from various parts of the world.

If you are interested, please contact Auzzie Families for further information.



## **Auzzie Families are recruiting in your area!**

We are looking for new host families who can offer the following to international students for either short term or long term stays:

- A fully furnished and private room in your home
- Conveniently located to public transport
- Able to provide balanced and nutritious meals daily
- Interested in interacting with and offering guidance to young people

If you meet these requirements and would be interested in becoming a host then please visit our website to apply: [www.auzziefamilies.com](http://www.auzziefamilies.com) or call 8328 8499 during business hours.





## PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRESS SHOTS 03.05.22

### KINGSLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Library – Structural Steel & Lightweight framing



Substation – Concrete Pour

### UPCOMING ACTIVITIES THIS WEEK

- Lightweight framing installation continues
- Brickwork continues
- External concrete
- Substation platform



Library – Brickwork



Education  
School Infrastructure

