



# KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

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## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### Return to 8:45am starts Monday to Friday from Next Week

Since the start of this year, we have been trialling morning meeting times on Tuesdays and Thursdays to help drive initiatives in our school's Strategic Improvement Plan. This has resulted in a later starting time on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:15am.

We now have a number of our key initiatives well and truly on track:

- Year 7 Pod integrated learning
- Big Picture implementation
- Timetable and curriculum review
- iPads in the classroom

With this in mind, we will be moving away from scheduled morning meeting times. **This means that our school will return to the same starting time for each day at 8:45am, Monday to Friday from the start of next week (Monday 6 June 2022).**

A copy of the new timetable/bell times is attached at the end of this newsletter.

### Big Picture

Over the past week or so, students in Years 8 & 9 have been finding out about Big Picture Learning, which will be offered in our school for Years 9 & 10, starting next year. Information sessions offered to students last Tuesday will be repeated on Tuesday 31 May 2022 during Period 4.

There will be a Parent information session on Thursday 2 June 2022 from 6:00pm in our Library – this session will also be streamed live via Facebook on the following link: <https://tiny.cc/KHSbigpicture>

All interested students, even those who attended last week's session, should also attend this week as teachers have been fielding lots of great questions since last Tuesday. Application forms will be made available to interested students, and can also be accessed via our school website: [https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/big\\_picture.html](https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/big_picture.html)

Big Picture is for any student wanting greater control over their learning while at school, and where it can take them once they have finished their time at school. The possibilities are limitless.

### Education Hardship Fund

Last week all of our families were emailed details of the **NSW Education Hardship Fund** (a copy of the letter sent to all families is also in this issue of Kingy Spirit), providing each public school student in Local Government Areas impacted by last term's flood events, a grant of \$500 for school related expenses.

Our office staff will be working as quickly as possible to set up a process which will allow us to support the many ways families might choose to use this grant. Details of this process will be sent out via email to all families, and families will be notified once the funds are available.

### National Sorry Day & Reconciliation Week

National Sorry Day was acknowledged at our school last Thursday and marks the beginning of Reconciliation Week.

Last Thursday we acknowledged the trauma of the stolen generations through a short film, introduced by two of our Aboriginal student leaders, Raven Tuala and Coen Briggs, and shared with all of our students.



The theme for Reconciliation Week is “Be Brave, Make Change”, which we will acknowledge through a range of activities this week, including:

- Daily communication with students on the theme of “Be Brave Make Change”
- Yuli Tweed River cultural cruise. In partnership with Banaam, on Friday last week
- Excursion to the Tweed regional Museum and the Minjungbal Museum and Cultural Centre on Tuesday
- A whole school assembly on the theme of “Be Brave Make Change” and the unfinished business of Reconciliation
- An end of Reconciliation Week BBQ

## Congratulations Olivia Sullivan, Year 12

Olivia competed in the recent Australian Swimming Championships in Adelaide, an amazing achievement in itself. She made the most of her opportunity swimming a personal best on the 100m backstroke – the 5<sup>th</sup> fastest 17 year old in that event in Australia! Olivia also competed in the 50m Freestyle and the 200m Individual Medley.

Congratulations Oliva from all at Kingscliff High School.

## Year 7 Pinnacle Program 2023

Formerly known as the Endeavour Program, applications are now open for the above, and have been made available through all our Coastal Learning Community partner primary schools, and through our Front Office, noting that applications close on 1 June 2022.

Application forms are available from our school website:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-into-year-7.html>

## Uniform

With the arrival of colder mornings, a reminder to all of our students that official school jumpers are our preferred and community endorsed option to stay warm. Failing this, plain, preferably dark blue sloppy joes worn under our uniform shirts are acceptable. Students are not permitted to wear jumpers with patterns on the front, back or sleeves, nor are they permitted to wear “hoodies”. The only exception to this is for official representative sport jumpers, which students can wear on Wednesdays, our Sport day.

## Yondr Pouches

Another reminder to all students, with the exception of Year 12, that if mobile phones are brought to school, they must be secured in Yondr pouches. Random checks are conducted and the consequences for any failure to follow this process can be serious.

Our mobile phone policy is detailed on our school website:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/rules-and-policies/mobile-phone-policy.html>

Having said that, most students are doing a great job in working with us on this and ensuring mobile phones do not become an unnecessary distraction to learning.

Wishing all of our school community a great week.

**Yours sincerely**

**Michael Hensley, Principal**

## GENERAL NEWS

### Calling all Year 6 students for 2023

Year 6 students intending to enrol at Kingscliff High School for Year 7 in 2023 are invited to apply for our academic program. The Pinnacle Program has gone by several different names including the Academic Stream and most recently the Endeavour Program. Applications close Wednesday 1st June 2022. An information brochure is available for download from our school website here:

<https://kingscliff-h.schools.nsw.gov.au/about-our-school/enrolment/year-6-into-year-7.html>

### National Sorry Day and National Reconciliation Week

May 26 every year, marks a very important day of commemoration for the First Nations people of this country and indeed for all Australian people - **National Sorry Day**. It is a day to remind the people of this nation of the mistreatment of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people when Indigenous children were forcibly removed from their families to be 'assimilated' into white culture. These children came to be known as the 'Stolen Generations'. The consequences of policies and practices such as this have had a devastating impact on generations of families which continue to be felt today. It took the coming and going of several Australian Government administrations before a long overdue apology was officially offered to Indigenous Australians.

We would like to acknowledge the strength of Stolen Generation Survivors and we ask our staff, students, and school community to reflect on how we can all play a part in the healing process for Aboriginal people and the nation.

National Sorry Day also marks the beginning of **Reconciliation Week**. The 2022 theme for Reconciliation Week is '**Be Brave, Make Change**'. Kingscliff High School will conduct a variety of activities over the next week to mark this very important week in our National calendar.

During class today all students were shown a short film in recognition of National Sorry Day and the beginning of Reconciliation Week. This was introduced by two of our Year 12 Aboriginal school leaders, **Raven Tuala** and **Coen Briggs**. We thank them for their generous contribution.

We also would like to thank **Lamai Thompson** for her technical support along with **Simon Chadburn**, **Jeanette Craigie** and **Baylah Betar** for their cultural support of both Raven and Coen and for providing a culturally safe space for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island students today.

Please find below the link to the video.

<https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1qckYPnLjvSlrdmVlnauDAF2BMxP8rdm2?usp=sharing>





## Yuli Coastal Care Program

To kick off 2022 Reconciliation Week on Friday 27 May, 25 Kingscliff High School students joined our Coastal Learning Community primary school students in our first Yuli Coastal Care Program activity for the year. It was a warm sunny day when we set off on the Tweed River. The team from Banaam guided students through cultural activities centred around improving their connection with Aboriginal students from local schools, as well as connection to country. Activities included weaving, language, stories, and games.

Thanks to Mr Matthias for organising the day and cooking up a storm on the barbecue. Also, a big thanks to Mr Golder for coming along. It's always great to have parents involved.





## YEAR 7 POD

### The Year 7 Theme for this term is “Me in the World”

Year 7 Class Lomandra have spent the last five weeks investigating this theme with a focus on sustainable farming, creating a ‘No Dig’ garden.

No-dig gardens are a simple and effective way to create an edible garden that uses organic materials to form a garden bed

Students made newspaper pots to grow the seeds, and then built the garden using old garden sleepers and material found around the school.



### Drawstring Bags

As part of our sustainability unit in Year 7, they have been making drawstring bags from recycled materials, eg. T-shirts and plastic bags, in Technology Mandatory. These two examples are from Bailey Hecksher and Ella Klaassen in Hakea.





## SPORT NEWS

### U15 Girls Soccer

Kingscliff High School U15's soccer girls travelled to Walter Peate Oval in Kingscliff on Friday 20 May to secure their first win over Mt St Pats College in the Bill Turner Trophy Knockout. The girls came out strong with Jalah scoring early in the first half, with a low and slow shot which caught the opposing keeper off guard. Jalah continued her hot streak and found the back of the net shortly after scoring her first goal, taking our lead to 2-0.

However, Mt St Pats was quick to respond to our lead by making a quick attack towards their goal. Our defence went in a little too hard giving the opposition a penalty scoring opportunity. Our keeper Layla kept her nerve and made an amazing save to keep our two-goal lead going into half time.

In the second half Mt St Pats came out hard and fast catching our girls off guard by scoring two quick goals bringing the game to 2-2. Both teams continued to have goal scoring opportunities, but it was the fine foot of our midfielder Montahly who secured the win for Kingscliff High School bringing the final score to 3-2. It was an outstanding effort from all the girls who will play in the next round against Lindisfarne in the coming weeks.



### Cross Country Championships

Congratulations to the following students who were crowned Age Champions following our recent cross country championship, Jack Harvey, Ethan McIntosh, Byron Dix, Jackson Childs, Jackson Watmough, Mason Duke, Siena Hoopman, Tara Butler, Marlee Schaffer, Scarlett George, Allira Palmucci and Grace Ella.

The top 6 students from each age group will now travel to Byron Bay High on Friday 3 June for the Far North Coast championships.





## Hockey

Congratulations to Lucy Fitzpatrick who was selected in the NSW CHS State Hockey team following the CHS State carnival held in Newcastle last week.

North coast finished 5<sup>th</sup> at the carnival, with 3 girls being named in the NSW team. Lucy will now travel with the team to compete in Newcastle later in the year.



## Rugby League – Buckley Shield

On Friday 27 May the Under 14 Rugby League boys got to compete in their long-awaited gala day. Our first match was up against Tweed River in warm and sunny conditions and the boys really showed up early, running out to a 12-0 lead due to a couple of outstanding individual tries by Matthew Hill and Tavita Binge Pereira. Matthew was particularly impressive having some outstanding hit ups, whilst in defence Max Morley put on many a big shot to keep Tweed 2-0 at half time. Tweed fought back early in the second half with two tries of their own and it came down to the last few minutes with the boys stoutly defending their line to try and hold on. Unfortunately, Tweed got the go ahead try in the last minute and then held on for a 16-12 victory.

Later in the day we took on Banora Point High School who had won their first game narrowly over Murwillumbah High. Right from the whistle some ultra-impressive league was played, and the boys ran out comprehensive victors 34-0. Tavita and Matthew both scoring doubles to add to their morning tallies whilst everyone else played well. Jimmy Willis kicking 5/5 for the day and eyeing up a move into the halves. Player of the day was shared between Matthew and Max, who were both ultra-impressive in both games. Unfortunately, we did not progress, with Tweed River winning both their games, but it was a great hit out and with a little luck the first result could have been different.





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.

**Next P&C Meeting is on Monday 20 June 6.30pm – further details to follow**



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>





## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 2 CALENDAR

30 May – 03 June	Week 6
<b>Monday 30 May</b> National Reconciliation Week (27 May – 3 June) Year 9 Half Yearly Exams	Day 3
<b>Tuesday 31 May</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Reconciliation Week Excursion – ATSI students, Tweed Regional Museum and Cultural Centre Big Picture student info session - Period 4 in the TLS (all Year 8 and Year 9 students)	Day 4
<b>Wednesday 1 June</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Applications close for the Year 7 2023 Pinnacle Program	Day 5
<b>Thursday 2 June</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Big Picture Parents of Year 8 and Year 9 students Q&A/Info Session (in the school Library from 6pm-7pm) - also Facebook livestream option available Year 11 and Year 12 Geography Field Trip – 7am Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course - Ms Rowles' Class – 8am Year 10 Towards RR Program - Periods 2&3 10.45am – 1.25pm	Day 6
<b>Friday 3 June</b> Year 9 Half Yearly Exams Mabo Day FNC Cross Country @ North Byron Parklands	Day 7
06 – 10 June	Week 7
<b>Monday 6 June</b> Year 11 PI Work Placement	Day 1
<b>Tuesday 7 June</b> Year 11 PI Work Placement Poets Out Loud Workshop – Year 9, 9am – 12pm in the MPU	Day: 2
<b>Wednesday 8 June</b> Year 11 PI Work Placement Selection assessment for Year 7 2023, Pinnacle Program at 6pm Girls in STEM Challenge	Day: 3
<b>Thursday 9 June</b> Year 11 PI Work Placement Year 10 Towards RR Program - Periods 2&3 10.45am – 1.25pm	Day: 4
<b>Friday 10 June</b> Year 11 PI Work Placement KHS Athletics Carnival	Day: 5



## Kingscliff High School regular 4 period day timetable effective from Monday 6 June 2022

<b>Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday</b>
Zero Period 8.05 – 8.45 (40mins)
Homeroom 8.45-8.55 (10mins)
Period 1 8.55-10.15 (80mins)
Break (Recess) 10.15-10.45 (30mins)
Period 2 10.45-12.05 (80mins)
Period 3 12.05-1.25 (80mins)
Break (Lunch) 1.25-1.55 (30mins)
Senior 4 1.35-2.15 (40mins)
Period 4 1.55-3.15 (80mins)

<b>Wednesday</b>
Zero Period 8.05 – 8.45 (40mins)
Homeroom 8.45-8.55 (10mins)
Period 1 8.55-10.00 (65mins)
Period 2 10.00-11.05 (65mins)
Break (Recess) 11.05-11.35 (30mins)
Period 3 11.35-12.40 (65mins)
Break (Lunch) 12.40-1.10 (30mins)
Sport 1.10-3.15 (125mins)

27 May 2022

I hope you are all well and have settled into Term 2. I want to start by expressing my deep gratitude and admiration for the strength and resilience you have shown by our families during last term's flood events. Our school remains committed to providing continuity of learning for all our students.

Many of you may have heard the Minister's announcement earlier this week regarding a funding package to support public schools (and other education and care service providers) in 7 identified Local Government Areas (LGAs) affected by the floods in the Northern Rivers, including the Tweed.

This funding package comprises two initiatives which are designed to help our school community recover. The first is an emergency grant payment for our staff. The second is an education hardship fund for students to support their education recovery.

The Education Hardship Fund will provide \$500 for each of our students. The funds will be transferred to each student's school account. The funds will be available for use until the end of the 2023 school year. Parents and carers of students in Year 12 this year are strongly encouraged to fully spend the funds by the end of the 2022 school year as the funds will no longer be available once a student finishes school. If you have more than 1 child at the school, the Education Hardship Fund will appear on our records as a combined amount (eg. \$1,000 for 2 children).

### **What can the funds be used for?**

Parents and carers can request to use the funds for school-related activities and expenses including:

- excursions, camps and incursions
- school-organised formals
- competition fees
- subject fees
- canteen purchases
- uniforms
- school uniforms (from school-run or P&C uniform shops), end of year school jerseys and ancillary items
- subject uniforms such as hospitality uniform
- student fees associated with TAFE such as White Cards
- calculators
- in-school tutoring such as a music tutor
- sport participation including weekly sport or carnivals
- school photos
- family costs incurred by involvement in school theatre or music performances
- ongoing weekly co-curricular programs such as dance or gymnastics programs.

Unused funds can be transferred for students moving to another NSW public school, including those transitioning from Year 6 to Year 7. The unused funds cannot be transferred for students moving to an Independent or Catholic school.

Please note that the funds cannot be used for voluntary school contributions, nor can they be 'cashed out' or withdrawn for personal use.

**How can I access the funds?**

We will be providing further advice by the end of the next week regarding how you will be able to access these funds. It may take us a little bit of time to organise so I ask for your patience and understanding.

I ask that you consider your child's educational and wellbeing needs based on the list above. If you have an alternative suggestion, please feel free to include this in your request.

Please contact the school if you have any questions.

Thank you

Yours sincerely



Michael Hensley  
**Principal**

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# PROJECT UPDATE

PROGRESS SHOTS 19.05.22

## KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



Library - Structural Steel & Lightweight framing

### UPCOMING ACTIVITES THIS WEEK

#### Library

- Lightweight framing installation continues
- Install Roof Trusses

#### Substation

- Earthing Cable install
- Backfill



Substation - Culvert and Transformer Installed