

# KINGYSPIRIT NEWSLETTER

ISSUE 3 | TERM 1 | WEEK 8 | 13 March 2023

## PRINCIPAL'S COLUMN

### NAPLAN & HSC Minimum Standards

This week, many of our students will be involved in literacy and numeracy skills testing which will contribute to the ongoing body of student learning data, which informs what we are doing to improve student learning outcomes at Kingscliff High School. On Tuesday, Year 10 students will take part in HSC Minimum Standards testing, while some Years 11 and 12 students will also undertake testing on Wednesday. Students are required to meet HSC Minimum Standards in order to be eligible for the HSC. On Thursday and Friday Years 7 and 9 will undertake NAPLAN testing, where the intention is to take a diagnostic snapshot of literacy and numeracy skills. All students are encouraged to perform to the best of their ability during the above testing. Many thanks to Mr Torok for his coordination.

### Close the Gap Day

Our school will host a Close the Gap Games Day on 14 March 2023 from 9:30am to 1:00pm, including Aboriginal games and a free BBQ. Community members are welcome to join us. The day is being conducted alongside the above testing in order to celebrate the work we are doing with our Aboriginal students and their families to close the achievement gap between Aboriginal students and non-Aboriginal students. Many thanks to our Aboriginal Education Team.

### Representative Sport

Good luck to our swimmers (North Coast Championships at Alstonville) and Basketballers (Opens at Ballina) who will be representing our school this week.

### Open Night – Year 7 2024

A reminder that we are holding our Open Night for prospective Year 7 students (2024) this Thursday, 16 March from 6:00pm, finishing at 7:30pm.

### P&C Meeting

Another reminder of our next P&C Meeting, Monday evening, 20 March, from 6:00pm in our front meeting rooms, or if you are unable to be there in person, you can join the meeting via the Microsoft Teams link below.  
Microsoft Teams meeting

#### Join on your computer, mobile app or room device

[Click here to join the meeting](#)

Meeting ID: 414 075 656 16

Passcode: R2eFWu

[Download Teams](#) | [Join on the web](#)

Wishing all of our community a great week.

**Michael Hensley, Principal**

## GENERAL NEWS

### Parent Information Night

Kingscliff High School is hosting an information night for all prospective parents from Kindergarten to Year 6. For more details about this, a flyer has been attached further in this newsletter.

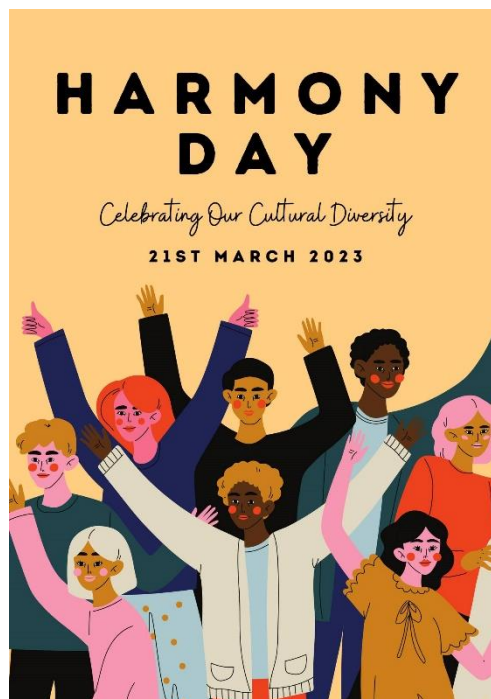


### Harmony Week

Harmony Week is the celebration that recognizes our diversity and brings together Australians from all different backgrounds. It's about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone.

We will be celebrating Harmony Day at Kingscliff High School, next Tuesday 21 March.

To participate, you can wear orange to show your support or a piece of clothing representing your cultural background. There will also be a free sausage sizzle at lunch.



## Year 11 and 12 students Parent Teacher Interviews

Dear Parents / Caregivers

Parent Teacher interviews for **11 and 12 students** will be held on Tuesday 28 March from 3.30pm until 6.30pm.

You are invited to attend these interviews. Children are best educated through positive communication and partnerships between parents and schools. Parent teacher interviews provide an excellent opportunity for open discussion on issues affecting your child.

To make Parent Teacher night more accessible, **bookings** with your child's teachers can be made **online in the parent portal**. A link can be found on the **school's website** to the Parent Portal. Families have already received information on creating a parent portal account. Please contact the school if you have not received parent portal creation information. If you do not have access to the internet, bookings can still be made by your child with their teacher.

If you are **not** making online bookings, your child should confirm with you the times when you can make it. Students then make bookings with their teacher for times that suit. Those who get their bookings done early are more likely to get the time slots that their parents prefer.

Please keep interviews to no more than five minutes, otherwise it will be impossible for all parents to see the teachers with whom they wish to have an interview.

If a teacher is unavailable on the day for any reason, a phone call to the school can be made to arrange a special or longer interview if required.

Mrs Corby  
(Rel) Head Teacher HSIE

Online Bookings will open at 12pm on Monday 20 March.



## YEAR 7 POD

A fantastic time was had by all Year 7 students who attended 'Camp Kindilan' last week. Students faced their fears rocketing to new heights, soaring amongst the trees when tackling the hair-raising Possum Glider, Giant Swing and Flying Fox activities. Teamwork played an integral role in our camp challenges with students rising to the occasion, demonstrating their exceptional abilities to work as a cohesive unit, encouraging one another, strengthening bonds, and forming new friendships as they succeeded at each activity throughout the day.

This week assessment tasks for Humanities (Digital picture book) and Literacy ('Parvana' novel study task) will be going home. These tasks are due Friday of Week 10.





## BIG PICTURE

### The Big Day Out

On Tuesday 7 of March, all Big Picture students were invited to visit and learn about our local Kingscliff Nursery in Cudgen, as well as several businesses that lay within the walls of the Murwillumbah Arts District. The purpose of visiting these businesses was for students to observe a real world environment that they will one day be a part of.

At the nursery, we learned the practical task of how to take cuttings from seedlings and turn them into large plants. Additionally, we learned how powerful the sustainable practices of the Kingscliff Nursery have contributed to the businesses longevity. It was a great experience to meet the owners of the nursery and communicate with Murwillumbah businesses. Overall, it was a valuable and enjoyable experience to be immersed into different environments.

On discussing the experience with my peers many of them really enjoyed the day. Some favourite activities included going to the art gallery and participating in the challenge to find landmarks and initiate conversation with business owners. Some students were glad they went outside of their comfort zone and asked for a business card from some of the artists and business owners. One of the artists Rhiannon is the owner of a business called 'Notch', who specialise in custom leather. Students also enjoyed talking to a lovely florist from the art gallery named Georgie. We learned that Georgie wasn't a florist at first but became very passionate about her chosen career. Georgie believed it is important to enjoy your career and to not just be in it for the money.

On the whole, both students and staff enjoyed their 'Big Day Out'. Thanks to this experience, a few students have organised shadow days at Kingscliff Nursery.

I recommend checking out Kingscliff Nursery and the Murwillumbah Art Gallery because you may just spark an interest you didn't know you had.

We are glad to share our experiences with all of you.

Written by Claire Williams – Year 9



## SPORT NEWS

### Open Boys Soccer

The postponed Opens Boys Soccer Gala Day went ahead at Ballina on Wednesday 1 March with sunny skies.

Kingscliff High School fielded a young team full of talented players, who performed incredibly well despite the heat, and being short on reserves, due to a number of late injuries.

Our first game was played against Ballina, with the score 0-0 at half time, despite Kingscliff having all the chances. Much of the second half of the game remained scoreless, in most part due to outstanding goal keeping from Ballina. With the game set for extra time, a late goal to Ballina in the final minutes of play saw them take the win 1-0.

Our second game was played against Mullumbimby, with the game shortened to 30 minutes in account of the heat. It quickly turned into a one-sided affair, with goals to Byron Dix, Liam Gregoraci, and two by Kai Murray resulting in a 4-0 Kingscliff High School win. We are very proud of the 12 players who represented Kingscliff High School with passion and pride throughout the day.

A special congratulations goes to Liam Gregoraci and Jackson Watmough who were successful in their selection for the FNC Opens Soccer team, in addition to Lachlan Morton who was selected as a reserve.



### North Coast Soccer

Kingscliff High School would like to congratulate Liam Gregoraci, Lolah Edwards and Charlotte McKinnon (absent from photo) on their selection in the North Coast Boys and Girls soccer teams. Both teams now travel to the State Carnival in Cromer from 9 – 11 May.

We wish them all the best at the North Coast trials.



Kingscliff High School would also like to extend its congratulations to Jackson Watmough and Liam Gregoraci who recently represented the Far North Coast in Opens Soccer at a Gala day in Coffs Harbour. Both students performed admirably in incredibly hot conditions. Liam's efforts have seen him selected for the North Coast team.





## Open Girls Netball

Nine Kingscliff High School students travelled to Byron Bay on Tuesday 7 March as part of the Far North Coast Opens Netball Gala Day and Trials for selection in the FNC team. Kingscliff High School Open Girls won their first game against Banora Point High School but went down to Ballina Coast in their second game.

While all competitors gave it their all, on the day it was Naomi Latu, Taytumm Epapara, Maize Bechaz and Tilly Patch who made the FNC team. Bonnie Davies was named shadow. The successful students will head back to Byron on Monday 20 March for the second trial games. Other schools competing were Byron Bay High School, Murwillumbah Learning Community High School, and Tweed River High School.

Congratulations to all girls who competed and to all parents who helped with transport to and from the venue.



## U14 Girls League Tag

On Wednesday 8 March, the U14's Girls went to Murwillumbah. They had 3 games on their gala day which were against Murwillumbah Learning Community, St Joseph's College and Tweed River High School. In the first game the girls showed some beautiful individual brilliance highlighted by some long distance tries from Abbey Hecksher and Sienna McIntosh.

In game two it was a 1-1 draw, with our team scoring first it gave us the advantage and the win. Our team showed great determination and grit as St Joseph's poured on the pressure defensively. Emily Hartland was a great example of this after her break down the sideline and being ankle tapped, she continued playing on and almost scored the try.

Game three the girls started building great cohesion allowing for a fantastic team effort with a total of 6 tries.

The girls were undefeated for the day and each and everyone of them should be proud of their performance, representing the school so positively on and off the field.



## U16 Girls League Tag

U16's Girls League Tag finished the day undefeated. Wins against Murwillumbah, Tweed River High School and Banora Point High School. Exceptional work by all players but Milly Ella, Ava Henderson, Bella Pinkney-Blain and Alyce Togo were stand outs.



## Open Girls League Tag

The Kingscliff High School Open Girls celebrated International Women's Day with a triumphant victory going undefeated. The girls scored early in each game against Murwillumbah Learning Community, Banora Point High School and St Joseph's College

With the title on the line in the final game against St Joseph's College, it was obvious they just wanted victory more never giving up in the sweltering heat. Each and every player played a crucial role with it being a day summed up by the power of team spirit.  
**CHAMPIONS ONCE AGAIN!**

Congratulations to each of the girls who represented the school with pride.



## Far North Coast Opens Rugby League Trials

A handful of Kingscliff High School students trialed for the FNC Rugby League team at Mullumbimby on the Tuesday 28 February.

Lachlan Stewart, Ash Watts, and Ben Moore were successful in making the team where they will play at Ballina next week in attempt to make the North Coast side.

This is a huge accomplishment considering these students are playing 1 to 2 years above their age group.

## North Coast Rugby League

Kingscliff High School would like to congratulate Lachlan Stewart and Ash Watts on their selection in the Upper North Coast Open Rugby League team.

Both boys now travel to Grafton for the North Coast Trial on the Friday 31 March.

We wish them all the best.





## Far North Coast Swimming

Kingscliff High School would like to congratulate all students who attended the Far North Coast Swimming carnival this year.

All in all, Kingscliff High School as a team proved far too good for the rest of the Far North Coast, taking out first place in the teams point score tally. In a dominant display Kingscliff High School finished 196 points clear of its closest rival.

Adding to this, we had 25 first places, 29 students qualified for events at the North Coast Carnival and 11 relay teams that successfully qualified.

Further congratulations should also be extended to the following Kingscliff High School students who were named Age Champions at the completion of the meet: Olivia Keerie (U12), Liam Vickman (U12), Siena Hoopmann (U13), Archie Allsopp (U14), Phoenix Preston (U15), Scarlett George (U16).

All students will now compete at the North Coast carnival in Alstonville on Monday 13 March.



## Open Girls Hockey

On Friday 3 March, our Open Girls Hockey team competed at the FNC Gala Day and Trials in Goonellabah.

In very hot, tiring conditions the girls played three tough games against Woodlawn, Mt St Pats and a combined high schools team. All students are to be congratulated on their effort and sportsmanship throughout the day.

Congratulations goes to Tara Butler, Imogen Burger, Sydney Martin, Tori Flaherty, Matilda Willis and Lucia Flaherty for their selection in the Far North Coast team. Well done girls.



## IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

### TERM 1 CALENDAR 2023

#### 13 March – 17 March, Week 8

#### Week A

**Monday 13 March**

NC Secondary Swimming Championships at Alstonville

**Tuesday 14 March**

Open Boys & Girls Basketball at Ballina Indoor Sports Centre

Year 12 Food Technology Excursion

Close the Gap Game Day 9.30am – 1pm – KHS Oval

**Wednesday 15 March**

**Thursday 16 March**

Year 7/9 Naplan

Year 6 Parent Info Night for Year 7, 2024 6pm – 7.30pm

National Close the Gap Day

**Friday 17 March**

Year 7/9 Naplan

#### 20 – 24 March, Week 9

#### Week B

**Monday 20 March**

P&C Meeting in the meeting rooms or online. 6pm

**Tuesday 21 March**

Harmony Day

**Wednesday 22 March**

**Thursday 23 March**

Opens Rugby League (University Shield) round 1, Dave Burns Fields, South Tweed Heads – 9am – 12.30pm

**Friday 24 March**



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>



Check out our Instagram page. Click on the link to follow us <https://www.instagram.com/p/CosxzQZBcpX/>



#### P&C Uniform Shop

The Uniform shop regular hours are **Tuesdays and Fridays 8am – 9.30am**. The price list can be found here:

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

- 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. Email: [pckingscliffhigh@gmail.com](mailto:pckingscliffhigh@gmail.com) or Phone: 02 6674 9762





SCAN QR CODE

Please scan the QR code above to add any questions you would like answered at our Parent Info Night

# KINGSCLIFF HIGH SCHOOL



ACHIEVEMENT THROUGH ENDEAVOUR

## Year 6 PARENT INFO NIGHT

**When: Thursday 16 March 2023**

**Where:** Kingscliff High School Library

**When:** 6:00pm - 7:30pm

**Who:** All prospective families

**What:** Kingscliff High School is hosting an information night for all prospective parents from Kindergarten to Year 6.

### The Parent Information Night will include:

- Year 7 Pod information
- Q&A Session with our current Year 7 students
- BYOD information including information on iPad specifications and a Q&A session
- Meet the Year 7 Adviser for 2024
- Meet the Principal and Deputy Principal
- High Potential and Gifted Education (HPGE)
- Pinnacle Program
- School tour and BBQ in the Quad



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## Tweed Valley Hospital Project

### Site activity update – Monday 13 to Friday 24 March 2023

#### Construction activities

The following activities will take place over the next two weeks, weather permitting:

#### Works for the main hospital buildings:

- Ongoing fit-out activities on all levels, including services, walls, partitions, ceilings, painting and flooring.
- With the façade now 99% complete, the final windows at the Main Entry will continue to be installed.
- Civil works for the new main entry road within the site boundary.
- Ongoing work for the switching (power) station and water tanks on the western side of site.

#### Works on Cudgen Road:

- Installation of new storm water pipes and other services will be ongoing on the southern side of Cudgen Road.
- Barrier movements on the southern side of Cudgen Road over the next fortnight will take place and will require stop/go traffic control. Motorists may experience short delays during this time.
- Please observe all signage directions and speed limits when travelling on Cudgen Road.

#### What to expect during construction

- Intermittent stop/go traffic arrangements on Cudgen Road over the next fortnight. Access will be maintained however motorists may experience short delays.
- Ongoing regular construction vehicles entering and exiting site.
- Standard construction hours are Mon-Fri 7am-6pm, and Sat 8am-1pm.
- Some noise, dust or vibrations may occur from these activities. Monitoring controls are in place to maintain levels within permissible limits.

#### Additional information

Community notifications are issued to provide important and timely information to the community about the works. Please subscribe [here](#). For further information about the project, please call the project team on 1800 992 634, email us at [tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:tweedvalleyhospital@health.nsw.gov.au) or visit the website at [www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au](http://www.tweedvalleyhospital.health.nsw.gov.au)

*Thank you for your patience while we work to deliver the new hospital.*

