Principal’s Comment

Gambling—the New Battleground for Schools and Parents

I have followed the reaction by the public to the incessant advertising of gambling options on our television screens with interest. In return for millions in sponsorship it seems that we are to live with a regime that allows gambling odds, and the owners of gambling agencies, to advertise widely before, during and after games. It now appears that a prominent bookmaker, Mr Robbie Waterhouse, has also been added to the rugby league commentary team and given an on-field role of providing the betting odds on various aspects of the game at every break. If you look closely at his advertisements they admit that he has no sporting talent but apparently a sizeable sum of money gets you a spot with the genuine experts on the broadcast.

I think it is wrong! I think it is the new battleground for schools and parents and I think that government should act to limit the exposure of our young people to a culture that can lead to addiction and to adverse life outcomes.

Before I am accused of being a wowser I admit that I go to the races occasionally and I do place a bet on those occasions. Those who have observed me over time will also know that I like a social beer and that I am often seen at major sporting events. My point is that I undertake those activities as an adult and have not been influenced in my actions by targeted advertising that is designed to place glamour and an excitement around the activity.

Recently I overheard some students discussing an upcoming NRL game. They were arguing over who would win and came to the conclusion that a particular team would come out on top because they were at $1.40 while their opponents were $3.80. No discussion about the makeup of the team, their form, their attack or about the strengths of individual players. Apparently $1.40 for the win was enough evidence.

In the past we have banned cigarette advertising and have severely restricted the advertising of alcohol based on the detrimental effects on the population, especially the young. Why not a ban on advertising that seeks to entice young people to gamble with the possibility of similar long term social effects?

Have the discussion with your child. Voice your concerns and join the public outcry demanding a change to this new and potentially destructive regime.

Pupil Free Day Reminder

The government has determined that the first two days of Term 2 are pupil free to allow staff to undertake learning and planning for the new Australian Curriculum. School for all students will resume on Wednesday May 1st.

KANKER

Get in Quick!! Tickets for the KHS 2013 Production going on sale at Front Office Monday 8th April 7.30pm at the PAV - 6 Big Shows!! Wed 22nd, Thu 23rd, Fri 24th May Wed 29th, Thu 30th & Fri 31st May COST: $18 adult $12 student/concession

Clothing Pool

With the cooler weather comes the demand for winter school clothing. Any items of clothing that are no longer needed would be a most appreciated and a welcome addition to our depleted supplies.

~Upcoming Events~

Wednesday 10th April
ANZAC Day Assembly
Yr 7 Trivia Day

Monday 29th & Tuesday 30th April
Staff Development Days– New Australian Curriculum

Friday 3rd May
Immunisations for Year 7 girls and boys and Year 9 boys

Thursday 9th May
Athletics Carnival

Ziegler Avenue, Kooringal, Wagga Wagga, 2650. Tel (02) 69225155, 69225343. Fax (02)69223877

Monday 8.4.13
Ruth Kerr
Maryanne Marsden

Tuesday 9.4.13
Sheena Hatfield
Louise Barnes

Wednesday 10.4.13
Debbie Hastings
Gina Denton

Thursday 11.4.13
Elaine Lucas
Sue Dunn

Friday 12.4.13
Janine Menzies
Please phone Gail if you can help!

Monday 29.4.13 & Tuesday 30.4.13
Staff Development Days

Wednesday 1.5.13
Di Nathan
Sandra Bertoldi

Thursday 2.5.13
Sue Belling
Mary Peck
Jenny Luff

Friday 3.5.13
Lisa Clarke
Ainsley Wolter

If you can help on any day please phone the canteen between 6.30am and 2.30pm.
Regenerate Youth Festival

The Regenerate Youth Festival extravaganza is on Friday 19th April at the Murrumbidgee Turf Club from 3pm – 10pm, featuring headline performer TIMOMATIC!

Tickets will be available for purchase here at our school and will be located in the office for $30 cash payments only. Tickets can also be purchased online from www.regenerate.org.au

The event features a variety of activities in different Zones all for the one ticket price!

The Music Zone will be featuring headline performer Timomatic! as well as local DJs and Bands. The winner of the Allison Music Battle of the Bands competition will get the chance to perform at the Music Zone too!

Other zones include amusements, with the cha-cha and giant super slide, hair and beauty, creative, chill out and more!

Food and drink will be available for purchase and there will also be Regenerate merchandise available for sale.

For more information visit www.regenerate.org.au

Regards,

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CRL 2013 Holiday Development Camp

Monday 22nd – Wednesday 24th April 2013
Specialist coaching catering for all skill levels of players 12 to 16 years

All players receive:

- Top class coaching and instruction from NRL Development Staff, guest coaches and the opportunity to meet current NRL players (subject to availability).
- Dormitory room accommodation with dining, recreation, video, seminar rooms and use of the Borambola Camp’s facilities
- All meals from dinner Monday to lunch Wednesday
- 2 nights’ accommodation, CRL Football, 1 training shirt, Cap, Water bottle, Camp Photo and Certificate of Attendance

The Camp cost is $220.00. There are no additional costs and the three-day camp provides the players with an invaluable Rugby League experience they will always remember. Throughout the duration of the camp, players will follow a carefully balanced program designed to promote skill development, sportsmanship, fun and enjoyment. All players are fully supervised throughout the duration of the camp by trained NRL Staff and NSW Sport and Recreation Staff.

For further information, email: dskinner@crlnsw.com.au or register online www.bidgeebulls.leaguenet.com.au

Bolton Park
Saturday April 6
11am - 7pm
FREE YOUTH EVENT
WAGGA'S FINEST FORTY
VOTED BY YOU

This is an alcohol and drug free event

MusicNSW
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HeadSpace

Fun Net Neida Day
Sunday 5 May 2013
7, 8, 9 & 10 years
10am to 2pm
$20.00
Correct Shooting Technique

Ball Skills
Fun Games
Footwork
Lots of Fun

Please bring a ball

Parents & Coaches can stay and learn coaching skills from Level 2 and 1 experienced coaches

Training session for Neida Coaches

Canteen available all day

Entries close Wednesday 1 May 2013

You can enter by way of the following:
Fax: Wagga Wagga Netball 69710901
Email: neida@wagganetball.com
Ring: Leanne 0425 691 081 (Secretary)

Registration on the day is at 9.30am for a 10am start