Principal's Comment

Remembrance Day
The school paused on Monday the 11th of November to commemorate Remembrance Day. Teachers read a brief statement regarding the significance of the day which was followed by a minutes silence and the lowering of the flag to half-mast. In addition our captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school community at the cenotaph in town and took part in the ceremony.

Year 12 Formal
The Year 12 Formal was held this year at the RSL Club and was attended by a large number of students, parents and staff. It was a fitting conclusion to the school life of Year 12 and the closing of a chapter which will now see them scatter to all manner of opportunities and life directions.
I thanked them for their support of the school and made special mention of their parents who have guided them to this stage.
Good luck Year 12.

Year 7, 2014 Parent Information Evening
It’s that time of the year again!
On Thursday 21st of November we will hold an Information Session for parents of students who will be in Year 7 in 2014.
Staff that fill support roles in the school will speak as well as a representative from the P&C.
Parents and students are invited to this event.

Home and Away – Did You Know!
Jake Speer who completed Year 11 and 12 at Kooringal High School is currently appearing in Home and Away.
Jake plays sheltered teen Oscar MacGuire, alongside his twin sister Evelyn, and has an extended contract with the show.
Jake graduated from our school in 2008 and then completed his acting degree at NIDA.

~Upcoming Events~

Friday 22nd November
Immunisation Yr. 7 girls and boys; Yr. 9 boys

Tuesday 26th November
P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Staff Common Room

Monday 9th December
Presentation Night
7.30pm Joyes Hall
Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Information Session for Parents of Learner Drivers in Wagga

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers. To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers. The session will be conducted by David Riches on Wednesday November 20th at the Rules Club (cnr.Fernleigh and Glenfield Roads) from 5.30 pm to 7.30 pm.

Early bookings are advisable, so phone David on 0434 964 764 now to reserve your place, or email parentworkshop@optusnet.com.au

Reminder

A reminder to everyone that all ‘Student Medical Details and Health Conditions’ Forms need to be returned to school. It is a DEC requirement that all details be updated by the end of the year so your attention to this matter would be appreciated.

Clothing Pool

If you are a Year 12 student, now might be an opportune time to donate any unneeded uniform items to the clothing pool. Any donations will be gratefully accepted at school.

A message from Senior Leadership……..

Hi Everyone,
Respect Week is happening again this term in Week 8. This year for Respect Week it is all about cultural awareness and cultural respect. As part of this, senior leadership have decided to do things a little differently. Watch out for the posters around school in order to participate in our Food Tasting Day.
Thanks
Senior Leadership

Christmas trees

Sunrise Rotary has live Christmas trees for sale. Grown in Victoria from Californian seedstock, shaped perfectly for decorations at 1.5 metres high. Trees will last up to 3 months in water. Available from Masters carpark on Saturdays 7th and 14th December. Get a real tree, support Sunrise Rotary and help the community.
Kooringal High past and present students play the greatest game!

BACKYARD ASHES


A WONDERFUL ACHIEVEMENT!

Over 30 students from our school have been involved with the locally produced movie ‘Backyard Ashes’ now open at Forum 6 Cinema. We would like to congratulate all the following ex and current staff and students who have been a part of the movie:

Jake Speer, Peter Cox, Eloise Dillon, Chelsey Knight, Rhianna Knight, Samantha Cox, Holly Tancredi, Jack Norton, Damien Jenkins, Joseph Cox, Mitchell Cox, Jeremy Roberts, Nicole Eyles, John Eyles, Karla Hillam, Rylie McPherson, Mathew Olsen, Lauren Carlson, Kate O’Connell, Kylie Daly, Michelle Brasier, Phoebe Pinnock, Justine Hogan, Anne Loiterton, Clara Staples, Connor Crawford, Glyn Leyshon, John Russell, Nerelie Whitbread, Meg O’Donnell, Emily Ramsay, Maddison Lenord, Calais Ryczak, Caprice Ryczak and Hether Allan.

Making BACKYARD ASHES was well beyond a dream come true. I know that sounds like a cliché, but this whole thing has been a dream like cliché, littered with fateful coincidences. It was a life changing, life affirming community experience in which the work done in the community by Peter Cox and I over many, many year, suddenly seem to come in to fruition in ways we could never have imagined.

Mark Grentell - Director/Writer/Producer

I watch BACKYARD ASHES and say, “Well bugger me!” Working through many, many rough cuts of BACKYARD ASHES, I never stopped saying....(far too often out loud)... “Hey wait a minute. Did we make this? Is this our film? Well bugger me!”

Peter Cox - Writer/Producer
The Kids Are All Right is an Australian website dedicated to parents of teenagers. It’s aim is to help parents navigate the challenges and joys of raising teenagers by providing information, articles and a supportive online community where they can share advice and share the load.

**Featured article: The social media background check: why your teen needs to be careful now**

The social media background check: why your teen needs to be careful now November 15, 2012 6 Comments Image by opensourceway/Flickr By Katie Adema. Grace* is in her early twenties and has just applied for a job. For her first round interview, she was asked to bring a print out of every single one of her social network profiles, including Twitter, Facebook, LinkedIn and Tumblr. She was also asked to identify any contact with media that she’d had, and any material that she knew of that contributed to her online identity. In addition to this, they also conducted their own searches online for anything she may have omitted. Before you panic about what your teen might face when it comes time for their first job interview, Grace was applying for a position within the government’s intelligence sector, so this is an extreme example of an employer delving quite deeply into an applicant’s online social life. RELATED: “Tumblr saved me” But with ever increasing ways for teenagers to socialise online, even regular employers are gaining more and more access to the online identities of potential employees. Who checks social media? Karalyn Brown is the founder of InterviewIQ, a career marketing business for Australian jobseekers. She asked six employers if they check candidates’ social media activity, and half of them said they did. One employer told Karalyn: “This is the big mistake of the younger generation. Everything is fair game and they need to learn that if I saw behaviour that I felt didn’t fit with the team, or I discovered things about them that reflected negatively on their employer, or there is a pattern of behaviour that’s likely to lead to work performance issues, then they won’t be getting the job. People should assume that I am checking them out.” “By law, employers are not able to discriminate,” says Karalyn. “But how would you know if you missed out on a job based on something they personally didn’t like?” Employers look for inappropriate material. Some sites or posts will be obviously inappropriate to future employers; others might not be so obvious. Employers are mainly searching for inappropriate material. And it may not be immediately obvious to you or your teenager what will be inappropriate to employers. Jarrod*, 16, knows what he should and shouldn’t do online because he wants to pursue a career in the armed forces. “I am very wary of what I put up online,” he says. “I’m particularly careful about what pages I ‘like’ because if a potential employer were to look me up on Facebook and see that I like a page dedicated to boobs then they are going to think I’m an idiot.” -


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