Principal’s Comment

Year 7, 2014 Parent Evening
It was a pleasure to host 200 parents and students from our incoming Year 7 in the PAV last Thursday night. This was the culmination of our Transition To High School Program and included short presentations from a range of executive and key support staff from the school. At present we are using various sources of information to assist with the placement of students into classes in preparation for the new year.

Final P&C Meeting for the Year
The final P&C meeting for 2013 was held last night in the Common Room. I would like to thank all parents who have attended this year and have taken an active hand in supporting the students and teachers at Kooringal High School. I appreciate the time you have given and the support offered.

Bring Your Own Device Policy
Thank you to all parents who completed the online survey regarding this new and important policy which will frame technology use in our school from 2014 onward. We have included a paper version of the survey for those who may have missed it. Feel free to use it and drop your thoughts back to the front office. The survey will close on Friday 6th of December.

Reports
A reminder that reports for all students in Years 7 to 10 will be issued on Friday 13th of December.

Presentation Night
Monday 9th of December, Joyes Hall, CSU with a 7:30pm commencement.

Josie Hazelwood Retires
A job well done Josie, enjoy your retirement!

Foster’s Cup Tennis

Recently our tennis team contested this annual event that sees Wagga high schools vying for their names on the cup. Our team played very well to force a mixed doubles super tiebreaker which they went on to win and advance to the semis. Despite their best efforts, the team went down to Kildare College, the eventual winners of the day. Everyone played well and showed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day. Well done Sam Creasy, Elisa Pevere, Jordan Uhr, Blake Alexander and Rusiru Devendra.

Mrs N. Forsyth
KHS BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE – PARENT SURVEY

Dear Parents,

As the DER Laptop Program moves towards its close at the end of this year, we at Kooringal High School are investigating options for ensuring that students in 2014 and beyond will not be disadvantaged by the loss of this very successful program. We are currently considering a ‘BYOD’ policy for next year that would allow students to bring their own personal mobile devices (laptops, ipads, tablets) to school to use for educational purposes. These devices would need to satisfy technical specifications in order to connect to the school Wi-Fi and also follow usability guidelines. These guidelines are not yet set so we urge you please DO NOT purchase any devices for this purpose at this time. (Note: students in yrs. 10, 11 and 12 who already have a DER laptop can continue to use these devices)

A number of schools in NSW are already running BYOD successfully or moving in that direction – below are some links to school sites which may be of interest to you.

Macarthur Girls High School -

Merrylands High School -
http://mhsbyod.weebly.com/what-is-byod.html

Sydney Boys High School -
http://www.sydneyboyshigh.com/byod

An important part of our investigation process is gathering information and opinions from our staff, parents and students. By completing the attached survey and returning it to the school, you can help us in the development of this policy. Should you have any queries about the development of this policy, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

Thank you for your time in completing this survey.

Peter McCartan
Computer Coordinator
Kooringal High School

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.

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.