Principal's Comment

Presentation Night

As this is the final Ziegler of the year I take this opportunity to wish the school community a Happy Christmas and a safe holiday.

School will resume:
- For teachers on Tuesday 28th of January
- For students in Years 7, 11 & 12 on Wednesday 29th of January
- For all other students on Thursday 30th of January

Presentation Night was highly successful and included the presentation of Life Membership of the P&C to Mrs Louise Barnes who has worked tirelessly for our school over an extensive period of time.

In addition three teachers were honoured for their outstanding contribution to teaching in our school:
- John Russell, Kirsten Fitzgerald and Helen Schmetzer were worthy recipients of a School Directors Award for Excellence.

In relation to school performance this year some key points in my Principal’s Address were:
- Our HSC performance continues to be strong with significant numbers of students performing at Band 4, 5 and 6 in a range of subjects.
- Our students continue to provide excellent service both inside the school and in the wider community.
- In the performing arts students once again excelled. Our annual production, Kanker, engaged around 100 students and was again of high quality. Strong numbers of students were engaged in regional choirs and bands with a number going on to state representation.
- In sport we again performed strongly in Wagga schools sport and interstate competitions.

In conclusion I take this opportunity to thank you as a community for the support that you have given us in 2013. In particular I thank those parents who come along to work in our canteen and who also contribute through our P and C. Your hard work has contributed close to $50,000 of additional resources into our school and as a staff we both recognise the contribution and are indebted to you for the work performed.

I also wish to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of the teachers on our staff. Teaching is such a complex occupation; it has great demands and is subject to high expectations. As principal I thank our teachers on behalf of the community for the vital work that they perform on a daily basis.

While we have our moments as a school and the management of 900 teenagers and their education does present its challenges, I am proud of the achievements in supporting the Kooringal High School community.

Be safe and enjoy the break.

Canteen News

Year 8 book packs can be ordered at the canteen- $40

~Upcoming Events~

Tuesday 17th December
- Battle of the Bands Final

Wednesday 18th December
- Last day for students

Wednesday 29th January, 2014
- Years 7, 11 and 12 commence school

Thursday 30th January, 2014
- Years 8, 9 and 10 commence 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 uniform items to the clothing pool. Any donations will be gratefully accepted at school.

Yr 8 Idol Heat 3
CONGRATULATIONS SAM BANNISTER – STATE DEBATING REPRESENTATIVE!!!!!!

Kooringal High represents in State Debating for second year in a row

Congratulations to Samuel Bannister for his selection in the Regional and NSW Junior Debating Teams. Recently Sam travelled to Sydney as a part of the Regional Squad to compete in the Premier’s Debating Championships. His team performed exceedingly well, narrowly missing the Semi-Final Debate. Sam took part in a variety of workshops over the two days at Sydney University and as a result was selected to represent NSW. Congratulations, Sam – we are really proud of you!!

Samuel Bannister (second from right) with the Regional Junior Debating Team in Sydney

Sweet success for SRC

SRC are proud to say our candy-cane-grams have been extremely successful. We send nearly 600 candy canes. Thanks to Year 11 for sending almost half of that!

Merry Christmas from the SRC