Principal’s Comment

Facebook
In the week prior to the recent school holidays the school launched an official Kooringal High School Facebook page.
We have been encouraged by the large numbers who have accessed the page and who are using it as a way of catching up on school events.
The school took the decision to use social media to enhance our communication and also to model for students how Facebook could be used in a responsible way.
In the future we will also include in our communication strategy an App. that will be available for an iPhone and on android to further support our students and community. I will announce this additional function when it goes “live”.

NAPLAN
This week students in Year 7 and Year 9 sat exams in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN is part of the national testing program undertaken for all students across Australia.
The tests were conducted successfully and we look forward later in the year for the results which will be used by the school to assist with programs in 2014.

School Production
The school community is eagerly awaiting the arrival of our latest production, “Kanker”.
Students and staff have been working tirelessly on the production and as I move around school I see dancers working in groups, the cast working on aspects of the performance, teams of students painting sets, sound and lighting, students rigging and checking their plans and teams of students working with teachers building the sets.
While there are still tickets available, those parents and students who have not purchased at this point are encouraged to do so as a matter of urgency before the shows are sold out.
I am looking forward to this production and I wish all students the very best in the weeks ahead.

Athletics Carnival
The weather was magnificent and the enthusiasm of students was evident for our annual athletics carnival.
I was very pleased to see a strong contingent of senior students leading the way both on the track and with a variety of costumes to make the day enjoyable.
I thank all staff for the work that they put in to make this a success and I also take this opportunity to thank the parents who came along and manned the canteen to provide food and drinks for all those at the carnival.

Winter Uniform
Terms 2 and 3 are the terms when our students are expected to wear winter uniform. As the weather turns colder all students are expected to come each day dressed in the winter options.
We have spoken to students on assembly to indicate that hoodies are not part of school uniform along with tops that carry brand names. If students are wearing track pants they are expected to be Kooringal High School track pants with the small KHS lettering or plain blue track pants that match the school colours. Students are not to wear track pants with a large lettering or logos from the popular brands.
Where there is genuine financial hardship, a note to me as principal requesting the purchase of uniform, including the correct shoes, will be looked on favourably.

~Upcoming Events~

Wednesday 22nd May
Kanker matinee

Tuesday 28th May
P&C meeting 7.30pm,
Staff Common Room

Tuesday 4th June
Years 11/12 Parent Teacher Night,
Library

Riverina Conservatorium of music
Student and parent information night Wednesday 15th May, 7.00pm Bannister Room RCM. Find out about RCM teaching programs and curriculum.
RSVP Joanne Burrows 0409562233
KHS Cross Country Report

We were able to enjoy the school cross country this year on a very fine, sunny day. Plenty of students made a serious attempt at the course around Lake Albert and for this they are to be congratulated.

The age champions were:

12 years-- Tristen Ahchow and Sophie Crouch   13 years-- Clancy Galvin and Ellen McIntyre
14 years-- Lachlan Kendall and Samantha Creasy;  15 years-- Sam McLay and Kate Pevere
16 years-- Ethan O'Donnell and Kelsey Leaver   Seniors-- Kane Breust and Elise Campbell.

These students will receive their awards at presentations later in the year. The top ten students in each age group have been invited to represent KDS at CWWHSSA this week.

House results from the cross country are as follows:

1st: Lawson- 4040 points; 2nd: Farrer- 3207 points; 3rd: Bidgee- 2671; points 4th: Sturt- 2166 points.

Well done to all students who participated and best wished to those representing KHS at the next level.

STATE SWIMMING AND DIVING SUCCESS

We showed our strength in swimming and diving at the CHS State Championships in Sydney at the end of last term with Emma Nielsen in Year 7, Natasha Long in Year 8, Holly Meadows-Blundell in Year 10 and Kelsey Leaver in Year 11 competing in the swimming and Caleb Addison in Year 9 competing in the diving.

Our swimmers competed in the 16 years relay and achieved a personal best time. They finished well considering Emma is 12 and Tash is 14! Natasha narrowly missed out on a finals spot in the 200m freestyle finishing 11th and her busy program of eight events was highlighted by a wonderful six second personal best time to finish 6th in the 400m freestyle. Way to go Tash!

Our most experienced swimmer Holly also had a huge program with nine events and swam her way into an impressive three finals, placing 8th in both the 200m and 400m individual medleys and 10th in the 100m butterfly. She also placed 11th in the 100m backstroke closely missing out on the final there. Fantastic effort, Holly!

As well as making the final of the 50m freestyle, finishing 8th in that event, and coming 13th in the 100m butterfly, Emma swam her way onto the podium winning an incredible SILVER MEDAL in 100m backstroke!! This earned her a place at the NSW All Schools Championships in Sydney last week where she finished 5th. An amazing achievement – congratulations Emma!

Caleb competed in the 15 years springboard diving at CHS and came home with a BRONZE MEDAL!! This also earned him a place at the NSW All Schools Championships last week where he placed 6th. An incredible effort Caleb – well done!

A huge congratulation to all these competitors – your hard work has paid off and we are very proud of you.
Wagga Small Steps Program

Goodstart Early Learning has an exciting opportunity for a select number of years 9-10 students to participate in our Small Steps Program.
The Small Steps Program is designed to offer students the opportunity to experience exposure to an early learning and care environment. This program will be run over a number of weeks. The time spent in the centre is 6 hours per week.
During this time you will experience what it’s like to work with children and a team of professionals.

You will be required to:
- Interact with children and educators
- Participate in activities with children such as craft and reading stories.
- Assist with general duties in the room.
- Deliver a project to the centre which can become a resource to be used with children. Ideas include a story book, finger puppets or picture cards.

In this program you will be supported by an experienced group leader who will foster your professional development and encourage you to become a valued member of our team.

For more information about applying to this exciting program please contact Mrs Fitzgerald (Careers Advisor).

Simpson Prize (National Anzac Comp)

Last year KHS students submitted 1200 word Anzac essays ... three were selected and entered into the competition and at our school assembly Michael McCormack presented participation certificates to Sam Bannister, Angus Everson and Jared Katsoolis.

ANZAC Day Writing Contest

Students from the Riverina wrote 250 word essays on Anzac Day in the Riverina. This was organised by our Federal MP Michael McCormack. Caitlin Begg won the Wagga Wagga Division Secondary Award, which was also presented at the assembly.

Years 9/10 Debating

This week our year 9/10 blue team was successful in their debate against Tumut.

Australian Geography Competition

Samuel Bannister, Year 10, has again excelled in this International competition, gaining 6th position in NSW. This follows on from Sam’s 4th position in the same competition last year. Congratulations Sam!

Debaters Adam Hawkins, Yefei Wang, Samuel Bannister and Angus Everson in action this week.

Caitlin with her prize

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KANKER
Get in Quick!!
Tickets for the KHS 2013 Production on sale at Front Office

7.30pm at the PAV - 6 Big Shows!!
Wed 22\textsuperscript{nd}, Thu 23\textsuperscript{rd}, Fri 24\textsuperscript{th} May
Wed 29\textsuperscript{th}, Thu 30\textsuperscript{th} & Fri 31\textsuperscript{st} May
COST: $18 adult $12 student/concession

Red Shield Appeal
The annual Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal is on the 25th and 26th May, 2013. The organisation is desperately looking for volunteers to assist us to doorknock on the Sunday. Students can register themselves as volunteer collectors by registering at www.salvos.org.au or telephoning 137258.

University of New South Wales
Rural Clinical School, Wagga Wagga Campus

MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING
for students considering a career as a doctor

Year 11 and 12 students
PARENTS ARE WELCOME
WEDNESDAY 26 JUNE, 2013
5.30Pm - 7.30PM
Lecture Theatre, UNSW Rural Clinical School
Harvey House, Docker Street, Wagga Wagga

- ATAR UMAT and Interviews
- Rural Entry
- Application process
- Interview process
- Workshops
- Frequently asked questions
- Life at Uni

Current medical students from the Rural Clinical School Wagga Wagga campus and UNSW RCS graduates/interns from Wagga Wagga Base Hospital will be in attendance to discuss their experiences and answer questions.

Contact: Lyn Arthur  P: 6933 5142  E: Lartin@unsw.edu.au

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Laptop Software Upgrade

All laptops assigned to year 10, 11 and year 8 (GAT class) are now due for a software upgrade.
If you have any queries see your TSO
Mrs Merrifield.