Welcome back to Term 2 and I trust that the holiday period was a restful one for our community.

This is a busy term which will include an Athletics Carnival, our major school production, NAPLAN testing for students in Year 7 and Year 9 as well as a number of initiatives to support the welfare of students.

ANZAC Day
This year I attended the Dawn Service and the Anzac march in town. On both occasions I was both appreciative and proud of the efforts of our captains and leaders who featured strongly on the day.

Our captains Emily Keyes and John Broughton delivered the ‘address’ at the service at the War Cemetery and did an outstanding job. Their thoughts on the significance of the day and on what it meant to them as young Australians, drew very favourable comment from those in attendance.

Later that morning the captains laid a wreath on behalf of the school community and six of our leaders carried the banner for the veterans from conflicts in Korea and Vietnam in the march.

As a school we also commemorated Anzac Day with an assembly on the last Wednesday of term. The assembly featured a number of our students who read stories and poetry and spoke about different aspects of Australian involvement over the years. It was memorable and moving and I congratulate all those students who played a part in the success of the assembly.

Annual School Report
The 2012 Annual School Report has been completed and has been posted on the Kooringal High School website. Parents are able to access that report and comment is welcomed.

School Production
Our school production, Kanker, will commence in Week 4 and will conclude on the Friday of Week 5.

Night time performances will be held on:
Wednesday 22nd, Thursday 23rd and Friday 24th of May AND Wednesday 29th, Thursday 30th and Friday 31st of May. A program of matinees for local schools, including Kooringal High School, will be held on those days.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for all students in Years 7 and 9 will be conducted on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th of May. This is part of the national testing regime conducted by the Australian Government in all states.
**West of the NSW Divide Wind Ensemble gets the gold!**

GOLD!!! Recently I attended the 5th Hong Kong International Youth Music Festival in Hong Kong as part of the NSW DEC’s ‘West of the NSW Divide Wind Ensemble’. The ensemble competed against eleven other groups in their category, all from Hong Kong, and brought home gold, one of only two Gold Awards presented.

Whilst in Hong Kong, the ensemble also performed at Hong Kong Disneyland in front of the Sleeping Beauty Castle. To be able to perform at Disneyland the ensemble had to audition via a DVD which was made from the first and only time we practised as an ensemble before the departure for Hong Kong. The ensemble comprised of 45 students from 17 High Schools from the DEC’s Riverina, Western and New England regions. From our win, the West of the NSW Divide Wind Ensemble was invited to perform at the Summa Cum Laude International Youth Music Festival in Vienna, Austria in July 2014! This festival is the biggest of its kind in the world.

This experience is once in a lifetime! It has taught me to always follow my passion and to take as many opportunities as you can, because you never know where it will lead! Oh, and a HUGE thank you to Kooringal High School P&C and SRC for the support they provided!

Adam Whicker

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**Scabies**

The school has recently had a report of scabies in its population.

**Symptoms**

- Itchy skin; worse at night; Worse around wrists, armpits, buttocks, groin and between fingers and toes.

**School or home?**

Keep home from school until 24 hours after treatment has begun.

**How can I help prevent spread?**

Wash linen, towels and clothing worn in the past 2 days in hot water and detergent. Tell the school. Family, friends and classroom contacts should be examined and managed if infested.

Information on other sickness and illnesses.


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**Rugby Union**

The Wagga Wagga Junior Rugby Union season is underway. Our Friday Night Competition starts Friday (10 May) at Conolly Rugby Park. It is not too late to register, visit our website for our latest newsletter, contact details and registration information at:


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**Fun Net Netta Day**

**Sunday 5 May 2013**

7, 8, 9 & 10 years  
10am to 2pm  
$20.00

**Correct Shooting Technique**

**Ball Skills**  
**Footwork**  
**Fun Games**  
**Lots of Fun**

Please bring a ball

Parents & Coaches can stay and learn coaching skills from Level 2 and Level 1 experienced coaches  
Training session for Netta Coaches

Canteen available all day

Entries close Wednesday 1 May 2013  
You can enter by any of the following:  
Fax: Wagga Wagga Netball 69719301  
Email: netballwagga@bigpond.com  
Ring: Leanne 0423 491 681 (Secretary)

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