Last week I had the privilege to be involved in interviewing those of our year 11 students who have nominated for the position of 2014 School Captain. It was a rewarding and exciting process to be a part of with all candidates showing a great deal of maturity, confidence and leadership potential. Good luck to all candidates — you should all be proud of your efforts and the respect you have gained from the experience.

There has been discussion around the expectations of homework and assessment tasks within the school for all year groups. Both of these play an important role in one’s education and improve knowledge. They help students to learn, work independently, improve their research skills and be organised in meeting deadlines. Homework is both preparation for the coming lesson and revision of the work which has just been completed. An assessment task or assignment relates to a subject’s stated outcomes. It requires the student to show a greater understanding and depth of knowledge of the content being assessed. Both are important in a child’s education and an opportunity for parents and carers to support and engage in their child’s learning.

Homework and assessment tasks fall directly under the school rules of “Be a responsible person” and “Consistently do your best”. Teachers give homework to enhance learning and to support all students at Kooringal High to have the best opportunity to achieve their personal goals and future outcomes.

Last weekend, Christopher Barron in year 11 competed in the NSW Dancesport Championship at Sydney Olympic Park. He achieved two Gold medals in Level 1 Adult Modern Ballroom, making him NSW Champion. Congratulations Chris!

“Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.”
- Nelson Mandela

~Upcoming Events~

Monday 26th August
Parent / Teacher Night
Years 7—11

Monday 2nd September
Taster Day Year 5 KPS

Tuesday 3rd September
Taster Day Year 5 Sturt

Monday 9th September
Taster Day Year 5 LAPS

Healthy Living Programme

A new Breakfast Club has begun operating on Friday mornings at Kooringal High School with the aim of promoting healthy eating habits. The club will operate each Friday from 8:15am – 8:45am and will be staffed by rostered teacher volunteers and students from the senior leadership group.

Students will be provided with a healthy breakfast consisting of cereal, toast and a hot drink.

Canteen Meeting:
5th September 2013
2pm in Canteen

If you can help on any day please phone the canteen between 6.30am and 2.30pm
Careers News
Ex Student talks about Opportunities at Roads and Maritime Services
Ex-student Vesal Torabi recently visited Kooringal High School to discuss career pathways at the Roads and Maritime Services (previously RTA). Vesal is in his third year of B Civil Engineering studies at the University of Wollongong and is a cadet with RMS. This has meant he receives financial support while studying fulltime, but also gains the huge advantage of paid on-the-job experience with the RMS in the Wagga area. Vesal spoke of his experiences at university and about his role as a cadet to interested students. He also discussed the range of career opportunities available with the RMS. Staff and students really appreciate the time that Vesal gave in preparing and presenting this information, but we also appreciate that he saw the value of returning and sharing his experiences since leaving Kooringal High School.

Other opportunities with the RMS include:

Scholarships
Study full time in Civil Engineering, Survey (Spatial Information Systems), Electrical Engineering, and Mechanical Engineering. Recipients also receive 10 weeks work experience each year.

Paraprofessionals Positions
Paraprofessionals work full time in road design, traffic operations and network operations, while studying part time at a TAFE or university.

Four-year trade Apprenticeships
Apprenticeships available include: Bridge and wharf carpenters, Fitters, Metal fabricators (Boilermaker), Painters, Plant mechanics, Plumbers, Systems electricians and Traffic signal technicians.

Traineeships Positions


Little Athletics Registration Days

Kooringal-Wagga Athletics Club
Friday nights from 5pm
U6—Seniors
Jubilee Park Athletics Track

Registration – 30th Aug & 6th Sept 2013-5pm- 6.30pm
Where - Jubilee Park Hockey Rooms (upstairs)
Start Date – 13th September 2013 – 5pm
Contact :Stephen 04 0869 3411 or Angela 04 1120 0101
Website – www.kwa.org.au

Proof of Age required for new registrations
Registration Fees—$90 per athlete

Payment Options –
Cash or Cheque Only on registration night
Direct Deposit (please bring proof of payment to registration night) – please check the website for details.

Wagga Tennis Association
2013-2014 Season

Saturday Morning Inter Town Junior Competition
commences- 8.30am Saturday October 12.
Registration Fee $110 per player
Registration Days - Bolton Park Tennis Centre
Saturday August 24 - 9.30am-11.30am and Saturday
August 31 - 9.30am -11.30am
Phone: Howard Hocking 6922 3212

Lake Albert Softball Registration Day
(Come and join the fun)

Club registration for men’s, women’s, boys, juniors and T-Ball competitions are being held on Sunday August 25th, 2013.
Thomas Blamey Tavern BBQ area (Sausage Sizzle provided).
12 noon—2 pm.
Further information will be available on our Facebook page or contact Kelly on 0424993914 or 69223914.

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