Principal’s Comment

Something To Be Proud Of!
Our school has a history of donation to the Blood Bank which has been led by Mr Anthony our TAS Teacher.
In 2013 students across NSW once again rolled up their sleeves as part of the School Blood Challenge to give back something special. The challenge involves all schools, both public and private, and includes students over 16 years of age.
In NSW there are two categories of award for schools:

- Highest Number of Overall Donations by a School - Winner: Kooringal High School
- Highest Number of Donations as a Percentage of the Student Body - Winner: Kooringal High School.

At our assembly last week Rebecca Mainwaring from the Blood Bank congratulated our students and pointed out that their 2013 donations assisted 985 people.
Well done Mr Anthony and congratulations to all who donated.

Year 7 & 12 Parent Teacher Night
Thank you to all staff and to the large number of parents who turned up for the P/T Night on Tuesday.
Designed to give early information about the start to the year for both Year 12 HSC students and our new Year 7 the evening was a success.
Parent/teacher Nights for the other years follow later in the semester when we have worked through more course work.

P&C
The first meeting of the P&C will be held this coming Tuesday night the 25th of February in the Common Room of the Admin. Building, commencing at 7:30pm.
I look forward to working with the P&C this year.

Darby Savage selected for prestigious constitutional convention

From 12 to 14 March 2014, Darby Savage will be among 120 Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia attending the 19th National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC), being held at Old Parliament House in Canberra.

The schools constitutional convention program provides senior students with an opportunity to become better informed about Australia’s constitution and encourages them to take an active interest in the operation of government.

At the 2014 Convention Darby and the other delegates will spend two days exploring Australian Federalism; States’ Rights and National Priorities. Decisions made at the Convention will be incorporated into a communiqué that will be presented to the President of the Senate. The communiqué will then be tabled in Parliament.

In becoming a national delegate, Darby was selected from around 4,000 students from government, independent and Catholic schools, most of whom took part in feeder conventions in their home state or territory. Congratulations Darby.
**“Apology Day” at Council Chambers**

On Thursday the 13th February 8 indigenous students, Ms Harris and Mrs Fagan attended the “Apology Day” at The Council Chambers. It was the 6th Anniversary of the Apology Speech, to the Stolen Generation, by former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd. The day was filled with various activities and workshops. We were fortunate enough to participate in the basket weaving workshop in which the boys outshone the girls in their weaving abilities. We were also given a guided tour of the river and Wollundry Lagoon and told the history and significance of these sacred sites. The day was very informative and enjoyable.

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**RDA Volunteers Training Day**

Riding for the Disabled Association (NSW) Wagga Centre is looking for Volunteers to help in our classes Monday thru Friday during term. If you have an hour or more to spare and you are able to help in our classes, please attend our training day on Saturday 1st March 2014 commencing at 9.30am. No horse experience is necessary. Please phone RDA on 6922 3530 for more information.

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**Kooringal High School “Bring Your Own Device Program”**

For further information on this new program for Year 9 students please see the BYOD site at www.kooringalhigh.com/byod or contact the school.

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**Wagga Brothers Registration Day 2014**

Welcoming all new & old players to our registration day for 2014. Come down, have a kick of the footy & grab a free mag. All the coaches will be there so you’ll get to chat with them before the first training run.

When :: Sat February 22nd, 11am-2pm
Where :: Paramore Park
Who :: Ages 6-15
League Tag under 10s, 13s & 16s

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**Play Soccer with Henwood Park Football Club**

**Under 6 to all age player Welcome**

**Registration Days**

Sun- day  2 March 2013,  1.00-5pm
Henwood Park  Club House at Rawlings Park
Forrest St  Lake Albert
Or register Online at www.hpfc.org.au
INVITATION TO WORK EXPERIENCE INFORMATION SESSION

Dear Year 10 Parents and Carers,

You are invited to an information session which will provide an overview of the Work Experience process, discuss important dates and answer any questions you may have. Students are also very welcome to attend.

Details of the information session are as follows:

Date - Tuesday 11th March
Time - 7-8 pm
Venue - KHS PAV

In recent weeks Year 10 students have been given information about organisation and arrangements for Year 10 Work Experience and I feel it is important that you are also fully aware of this information.

Work Experience is a great opportunity for students. Some of the many benefits of Work Experience are to:

- find out more about a particular career i.e. training, entry requirements etc.
- see if they are physically suited
- gain motivation for school
- help with subject selections
- experience a typical working week
- get firsthand knowledge about that job and industry and assist with making more informed decisions about their future

I look forward to discussing the great benefits of work experience with you at this time. If you have any questions relating to this evening please contact me on 6922 5153 or kirsten.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours faithfully,

Kirsten Fitzgerald - Careers Adviser

Term 1 Career Events

- **Year 10 Shearing School**
  2 weeks (in March & May). Cost $50

- **Do you want to be a Chef or Butcher?**
  Find out Thursday 6th March Period 4 in VC Room.

- **What is Accounting & Business all about?**
  Thursday 13th March Period 1 in D41.

- **Defence Talk – Army, Navy & Air Force.**
  Monday 17th March Period 4 Library.

- **Are you thinking of a Gap Year? Work Overseas with the Latitude Program**
  Thursday 20th March Period 2 VC Room

Most sessions are for students in Year 9 to Year 12. See Mrs Fitz for more details and to sign up for these events.
Ex-Students tell it as it is!

Year 12 recently had a visit from some past students discussing what things are really like in the real world. Ex-students Casey Newell, Sophie Hawkins, Tegan Jackson, Christiana Kirchner and Sam Thompson took time out to discuss what has happened since they completed their HSC in 2012. Current students were interested in finding out about being an apprentice, a university student, having a GAP year, working fulltime, studying at TAFE and up-coming travel to work in US summer camps. Since leaving school a lot has happened and even in this short time their experiences have shown how life is full of twists and turns and demonstrates what you plan for sometimes does not eventuate. However, for some opportunities do arise and things fall into place just right! No matter who you are, therefore, it is critical to have a Plan A, Plan B and Plan C for your future - covering a range of suitable options just in case.

It was a pleasure to have these fine young people back at Kooringal High School and their contribution in providing relevant information to assist our current HSC students is much appreciated.

Mrs Fitz

East Wagga/ Kooringal Football & Netball Club
Is now calling for players in the following teams:
Under 17’s Football, Senior Football & Senior Netball

Pre-season training has commenced and all teams are preparing for a successful 2014 season.

Our club’s home ground is on Pioneer Ave, Gumly Gumly. Due to our close ties with the defence force, our pre-season training is done at the Wagga RAAF Base in Forest Hill and Henwood Park in Kooringal. Regardless of whether you’ve played before, we would love to hear from you.

Feel free to come and talk to us on Fridays at Henwood Park from 6pm or alternatively contact any of the following:

Under 17’s: Andrew Clarke 0434016647
Senior Football: Gavin McMahon 0432046696
Senior Netball: Shannon McMahon 0421706614

The AFL are offering financial assistance to indigenous & multicultural football players.

AFTERNOON TEA WITH KAREN VIGGERS

SATURDAY, 22ND MARCH 2014
2 pm for 2.30 pm COM-MENCEMENT

to be held at
THE GRANGE LIFE-STYLE VILLAGE
WAGGA
located 74 Gregadoo Road (opposite Mater Dei Primary School)