Principal's Comment

Year 12 Graduation Assembly
Year 12 students are currently in their final two weeks of school and are engaged with revision and preparation for the HSC which starts in the second week of Term 4. A Graduation Assembly for them will be held in the Gym on Thursday the 18th of September commencing at 10:00am. The assembly is timed to finish at 11:00am and will be followed by a Morning Tea for Year 12 students, their parents and staff. All parents, relatives and friends are invited to attend and I have indicated to the most recent assembly that siblings in other years are also able to be part of the audience.

NAIDOC Week Essay Winner
The most recent NAIDOC Celebrations acknowledging the work of the Aboriginal community across Australia also featured an essay competition for students in our schools. It is a great pleasure to announce that Year 8 student Chloe Dean will receive a 2014 NAIDOC Medal of Excellence for her essay. For the record 115,007 students nationally entered the competition with 25 students in NSW receiving the Medal of Excellence. Chloe will be presented with her medal early in Term 4.

Front of School Alterations
Congratulations and thanks go to Mr Upton, Mr Sebbens, Mr Ogden and Mr Crawford and the Year 11 and 12 VET Construction students who have constructed a new pathway entrance at the front of the school. The alteration is a part of an overall upgrade funded by the school and the P&C which will see new paths, fences, brick walls and a new and enlarged bus shelter constructed before the start of the 2015 school year. The work is an excellent example of how the senior Construction course allows for work to be done on site while also having key course competencies signed off for each student.

Merit Assemblies
Merit Assemblies have been held over the last two days for students in all year groups. I have had the pleasure of congratulating literally hundreds of students for their efforts in the classroom, across the school and in the community and each assembly has been an excellent example of how students are leading the way and serving our school.

Rusiru Devendra, Christina Fawns, Sam Bannister, Martin Hunt and Sam Medway have been selected for the National Youth Science Forum in Canberra.
NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM

On Sunday 20th July five year 11 Kooringal High School students (Rusi Devendra, Christina Fawns, Sam Bannister, Mar- ten Hunt, Sam Medway) travelled to Grenfell for interviews and possible selection for the 2015 National Youth Science Forum (NYSF). Only twelve students were to be selected from twenty one endorsed applicants from the whole western region of N.S.W.

After enduring a lengthy process of interviews and discussion on portfolios, all five Kooringal High School students were selected, based on their community involvement, enthusiasm and science knowledge. The NYSF is a highly prestigious forum that brings aspiring young scientists from around Australia and the world together. It consists of twelve days in Canberra meeting internationally recognised scientists, visiting leading scientific institutions, conducting many activities and experiments, and enjoying the company of like-minded students.

They all feel inspired and thankful for the opportunities NYSF will offer. A special thanks is forwarded to their sponsoring rotary clubs at Kooringal, Wagga Wagga, South Wagga, Sunrise and Wollundry, and to their teachers Mrs Kieck and Mr McKenzie for their organisation, encouragement and inspiration.