Welcome back to Term 4

I look forward to a busy term. Moving towards yearly examinations, reports and presentation functions, it is time to focus on classwork to ensure you maximize your achievements.

Staff Changes for Term 4: (Due to Retirements and Leave)
Principal – Mr K Ireland
Deputy Principal – Mrs L Nickell
Head Teacher Science – Ms M McArthur
Head Teacher PDHPE – Mrs R Macri (week 1-7)
TAS Teacher (for Mr Ogden) – Mr A Teakel

Good luck to all our Yr 12 students who commenced the HSC on Monday. This week our students have completed English and 5 other subjects. Exams run through until the 4th of November.

Congratulations:
Taylor Rutland-Grierson Yr 11 is currently completing HSC Dance. She completed her practical performance late in term 3 and has received notification of a “Callback” from the NSW Department of Education Arts Unit. This indicates a strong performance and asks Taylor to submit her piece for consideration to be selected for the “Callback” performance to be held in February 2017.

Rachel Trenaman Yr 8 continues to make massive sporting achievements. Rachel was named in an All-Star team while representing NSW Indoor Cricket Team following the Junior World Series in Brisbane in the school Holidays and also has been named in the ACT/NSW Cricket Country squad to play in the Under 18 National Championships to be held in January.

James Scott Year 11 who competed in the Riverina-Murray Regional WorldSkills Final for Construction. Medal winners will be announced at the presentation evening being hosted by KHS on Tuesday the 20th of October.

Samantha Ritchie Year 7 who has been selected to play in the under 18 Girls NSW Country Lawn Bowls team to play the NSW City vs Country Championships in November.

Relay for Life Teams – This again year Kooringal High had a strong representation at Paramore Park for this event. Feedback from staff and organisers was highly complimentary about our teams and our performers. Well done everyone and a big thanks to Mrs Tregea and Mr Lowrie for their organisation.

K. Ireland
Principal (Rel.)
On Thursday 8th October students from KHS, Matong and the Bidgee school took part in a Djembe Drumming Workshop. This initiative is brought to the Riverina by the DET Arts Unit, which aims to provide rich learning opportunities for students in regional and metropolitan NSW. Thank you to Catherine Gilholme from the Arts Unit for her support and organisation for this “noisy” event.

**Traineeship & Apprenticeship Workshop**

Nearly 70 students attended the Traineeship and Apprenticeship Workshop on Tuesday. The workshop for students in Years 9, 10 and 11 was arranged to inform students about the opportunities for employment in these areas. Also on the agenda were the responsibilities of being a trainee or apprentice, resumes, interviews, and general tips and pointers on how to make a plan and be in a good position to attain their job of choice when they leave school.

A big thank you to local agencies GTES, ATEL, MEGT and State Training for assisting our students on the day. Thanks also to John Petts for running a workshop and to other KHS staff members, Krystin Metcalf, Erin Diggelmann and Christine Harris for helping out with supervision.

Students interested in attaining an apprenticeship or traineeship in 2016 should be making in-roads NOW as this is a prime recruitment period for many agencies and employers as they look for new staff to start during the Christmas holiday period or at the start of 2016.

**World Skills**

On Friday 9th October KHS hosted the WorldSkills Riverina-Murray Regional Final in the categories of Commercial Cookery and Food and Beverage. There was a great field of competitors all aiming to progress to the National WorldSkills event being held in Melbourne next year.

All KHS students put in a fantastic effort and are a credit to their teachers.

A huge thank you to Ms Teakel and Mrs Giacca for their efforts as competition convener, and to our wonderful kitchen assistant Julie-Ann for her assistance in the preparation for and running of the day.

The Gold, Silver and Bronze medalists will be announced at the Riverina-Murray Regions presentation evening being hosted by KHS on Tuesday the 20th of October.
2017 Year 7 Selective High School Applications

Applications for entry to a Selective High School in Year 7 in 2017 is now open and will close on 16th November. Late applications will not be accepted. Applications can be made through the Unit’s website at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/shsplacement where you will also find updated application information.

Cancer Council Resource

The school has been given a booklet entitled “Cancer in the School Community” to help support our school community in gaining awareness and practical strategies to ensure no-one in the school community needs to face cancer alone.

The Cancer Council has made the digital version of the book which can be downloaded from www.cancercouncil.com.au/cancer-in-schools

Do you want to be one of the new generation of cool kids at KHS? If so, then you need to jump on board with the latest trend - a KHS hat. They come in either a cap (one size fits all) or in a bucket hat (small, medium and large). Both styles of hat are available at the front office for only $15. The hot weather is upon us early so protect yourself from the sun and look good at the same time.

Canteen helpers urgently required!

If you can help for a few hours a day, week, fortnight or month please contact Amanda on 6922 4286

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Thursday 15th October 2015

Dear Parent, Carers and Staff members

Kooringal High School

Pertussis (whooping cough)

The Public Health Unit (NSW) is writing to inform you that you or your child may have had contact with a confirmed case of whooping cough in a student who attends Kooringal High School. We would like to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of pertussis, especially over the next few weeks.

What is pertussis?
Pertussis is an infection of the throat that can cause bouts of coughing, and sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people sick with pertussis do?
If your child already shows symptoms of pertussis, or develops symptoms, take this letter and see your local doctor as soon as possible. Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend school, childcare or work until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?
Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against pertussis. If in doubt, please ask your doctor to check.

Immunity to whooping cough from immunisation or infection is not life-long. It is important to seek medical attention if you or your child develops a cough, even if there has been a recent immunisation.

If symptoms develop please take this letter and see your doctor ASAP. A course of antibiotics may be required prior to returning to school. A pathology test may also be requested. (Nasopharyngeal or throat swab is the preferred specimen)

Need more information?
For more information, please see the attached Pertussis Fact sheet, or call the Infectious Disease Surveillance Officer at the Public Health Unit on 1300 066 055.

Kind Regards,
Rebecca Stow
Infectious Disease Surveillance Officer – Public Health Unit