**Blood Bank Champions-Best School in NSW**

Once again our school has excelled and has won the 2014 Schools Challenge for the most donations in a year. Seven years ago our senior students got behind the initiative and as a result, literally hundreds of senior students have gone on to donate to the local Blood Bank. This current crop of students have also excelled and as a result Kooringal High School made 195 donations in 2014, the most donations by any school, public and private, in NSW.

To achieve this result we had to fend off the challenge from a number of large metropolitan schools.

I would like to thank all involved and in particular Mr Anthony who has been a tower of strength in organising our response each year.

Service to the community, cooperation and responsibility ………… strong values at work in our school.

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**Jake Speer Visits Kooringal High School**

On Monday we received a visit from Jake Speer who graduated from Year 12 in 2009. Jake is known to many people following his role in the local movie Backyard Ashes and, more recently, as Oscar one of the twins on Home and Away.

Jake comes back regularly to our school and has once again expressed an interest in doing workshops for our drama students. On Monday he spoke for an hour about his experiences to a group of Year 10 and 11 students and revealed some inside knowledge relating to his role on television.

Following school Jake went to NIDA for four years and graduated in 2013. Through his agent he is currently sourcing opportunities in the United States.

He is a great supporter of our school and we are equally pleased that he gives the time to spend his time helping our students.

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**Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all staff and students for their efforts in completing a highly successful carnival at the OASIS. Numbers of entries were up this year and the participation rates in all activities made for a successful day. The day had a good feel to it and I witnessed staff and students working together for a common cause which is always an encouraging feature of our school.

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**First P&C of the Year**

The first P&C Meeting will be held this coming Tuesday the 24th of February in the Staff Common Room of the Admin. Building commencing at 7:30pm. The meeting will contain the election of office bearers for the year and decisions will be made about the annual grants to the school. All welcome!

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**Parent/Teacher Night**

This Tuesday we held the first Parent/Teacher Night, this time for the parents of students in Years 7 and 12. The purpose of the night this early in the year is to discuss the start of the year and to allow parents to meet the teachers who are guiding the education of their child.

Further Parent/Teacher Nights will be held throughout the year and will be advertised prior to the date.

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**Follow Us on Digital Media**

Did you know that we have a Facebook page?

Did you know that we have an App.?

Currently 1,340 people are following KHS on our Facebook page and as a result are keeping up with all the activities and comings and goings at school. In addition many parents have downloaded the App. from the App. Store and as a result are able to access the calendar and copies of the Ziegler as well as a range of forms and information. In 2015 consider ‘following’ us to stay connected.

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**Year 12 Parents**

Just four weeks to the Mid-Course exams!

Pictured Above: Jake Speer addressing KHS drama students
2015 KHS Swimming Carnival Results & Report

The swimming carnival was held on Wednesday 4th Feb at the Oasis in glorious sunshine. The fashion parade was yet again another highlight of the day with many students dressing up and showing fantastic house spirit. There were some amazing achievements on the day, least of which included 3 new records being set. Also, we could not forget to mention the notable swim of Abdallah Farah who swam all 4 legs of the 4x50m freestyle relay to get his house more points. That’s true house spirit!!!!

Our congratulations must go to the following students who took out the title of their respective age champions and also to our record breaking students – Eden Absolum and Emma Nielsen.

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New KHS Records

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Yet again, Lawson led the way and took home the first honours of the 2015 sporting year. Notable mention however must be given to Sturt who made a massive improvement under the ‘guidance’ of Mr Russell. Well done to all!

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SCHOOL PHOTOGRAPHS 2015

**WHEN:** Friday 27th February (Friday of Week 5)
If you miss this session there will be a Catch-Up day on Thursday 5th March, periods 5&6 (Thursday of Week 6)

**WHERE:**
Photos will be taken in the Learning Centre at the front of the school.

Order in which the photographs will be taken is as follows:
P1. — Year Seven
P2. — Year Eight
P3. — Year Nine
P4. — Year Ten
P5. — Year Eleven
P6. — Year Twelve

Family group shots will be taken at lunchtime.

**Buying a Photograph?** Fill in the envelope provided indicating the pack you wish to purchase. Place the correct money inside and bring it along on the day. If purchasing by credit card, make sure all details are correctly filled in on the envelope.

Hand in the envelope to the photographer when you have your photo taken.

**Remember: Bring the correct amount of money on the day.**
**NO CHANGE WILL BE GIVEN……..either by the OFFICE or the CANTEEN.**
Dear Parents and Carers,

By the end of Week 4 all Year 10 students will have been given information about the organisation of Work Experience and I feel it is important that you are also fully aware of this information. **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. It is hoped students would also attend to ensure they fully understand this information and gain the greatest benefit from this opportunity.

Details of the information session are as follows:

**Date - Wednesday 25th February**  
**Time - 7-8 pm**  
**Venue - KHS PAV**

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.
- To see if they are physically suited to a particular occupation
- To gain motivation for school
- To help with subject selections
- To experience a typical working week
- To get firsthand knowledge about an occupation or industry and industry, and To assist with making more informed decisions about their future

I look forward to discussing the many benefits of Work Experience and the required process with you at this time.

**NB. WH&S White Card for Construction training will be discussed at the meeting - this is essential for some placements.**

If you have any questions relating to this information evening please call on 6922 5153 or email me at kirsten.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au

Yours faithfully,  
Kirsten Fitzgerald  
KHS Careers Adviser

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**Ribbons a plenty at the Henty show on Saturday. And how smart we all looked in our new show team shirts…..Congratulations !!!!**

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**Year 11 Drug and Alcohol Education Day**  
**Tuesday 3rd March 2015**

Kooringal High School are holding a Drug and Alcohol Education Day for all Year 11 students. The day will include guest speakers from the Community talking to students about drugs and alcohol and its effects on not only individuals but the whole community.

The Guest Speakers include:

- Wagga Police
- Paramedics
- Junee Gaol welfare workers
- The Red Cross

This day will be free to students with a FREE BBQ lunch provided. Students must provide their own recess.

If you have any questions, comments or concerns please do not hesitate to contact Ros Mattingly (Year Advisor) or Erin Diggelmann (Student Support Officer). Thank you
KOORINGAL HIGH SCHOOL - CHANGE OF INFORMATION
Please fill in the form below so address, phone emergency and email contact details can be updated

Students Name: ___________________________ Year: ______

Address of Student: ___________________________

Student Mobile / Email: ___________________________ Student Lives with: _________

Reason: (moved house/ separated/changed carer/guardian) ___________________________

Other Siblings affected: NO YES Name/s: ___________________________

Name of Mother: ___________________________

Name of Step Father/Partner (if applicable) ___________________________

Address of Mother: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Work Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Correspondence / Reports: YES NO Financially Responsible: YES NO

Name of Father: ___________________________

Name of Step Mother/Partner (if applicable) ___________________________

Address of Father: ___________________________

Home Phone: ___________________________ Mobile: ___________________________

Work Phone: ___________________________ Email: ___________________________

Correspondence / Reports: YES NO Financially Responsible: YES NO

Emergency Contacts: (Parents are the first to be called then if no answer Emergency Contacts are called)

Name: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________

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Signed: ___________________________ Relationship: ___________________________ Date: __________

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