**Principal's Comment**

**Softball and Cricket Success**

Congratulations must go to our Open Girls Softball Team for making the final of the Katrina Powell Shield and to our Open Boys Cricket Team who will play in the final of the Byrnes Shield early next week.

While the softball team lost to Mount Austin High School in the final I witnessed the game and was very impressed with the support they gave each other and the way they conducted themselves both during and after the final.

My thanks also go to Mr Wykes (softball) and Mr Reynolds (cricket) for the extra effort they have put in supporting our students in these competitions.

**Athletics Carnival**

Our Athletics Carnival will be held next Wednesday at Jubilee Park. With House Meetings happening this week to stir up the enthusiasm we are looking forward to a successful day.

Mr Antill, Mr Wykes, Mrs Schmetzer and Mrs Davies have done a great deal of work to make our carnivals a success and I thank them for their efforts.

**Student Attendance in Government Schools**

Recent media attention has focused on the changes in the policy especially in relation to Extended Leave for Travel or Holidays.

Travel outside of school vacation times has been tightened and parents are advised that, while they can make application for an absence during a school term, they must state clearly the reasons for the absence in a formal application to the principal. A principal should not accept a reason for travel during school term if it is not in the best interest of the student and may decline the application on those grounds.

Where the principal considers that travel is appropriate the principal will issue the parent with a Certificate of Extended Leave-Travel.

**Year 11 Drug and Alcohol Information Day**

This week Year 11 students undertook a full day of workshops related to drug and alcohol education.

The workshops were conducted by police, ambulance, the local Red Cross and school staff. One session was conducted by Correctional Officers from Junee Jail showing the outcome of actions. Using video which focussed on the lives of inmates, as well as the experiences of the officers, the session was both educational and informative.

The day was coordinated by our Social Worker, Erin Diggelmann, and I thank her for her efforts.

**Amber Lawrence Visit — Golden Guitar Winner**

Last week our music students were privileged to take part in a song writing workshop conducted by Amber Lawrence who this year won the Golden Guitar for Best Female Performer at the Tamworth Country Music Awards.

This is the second time Amber has visited our school and we thank her for giving her time to inspire our students.

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**Canteen Roster**

**Monday 09.03.15**
- Trish Nixon
- Ann Whyten
- Maryanne Marsden

**Tuesday 10.03.15**
- Sheena Hatfield
- Louise Barnes

**Wednesday 10.03.15**
- Debbie Hastings
- Oliver Hoffmann
- Janet Moriarty

**Thursday 12.03.15**
- Lisa Clarke
- Megan Foster
- Ainsley Wolter

**Friday 13.03.15**
- Jo Moorby
- Rachel Woodward

**Monday 16.03.15**
- Elaine Jack
- Kate Collins

**Tuesday 17.03.15**
- Denise Wild
- Michelle Merkell

**Wednesday 18.03.15**
- Janelle Moorby
- Amanda Reid

**Thursday 19.03.15**
- Maureen & Greg Fawn
- Amanda Reid

**Friday 20.03.15**
- Fiona Hawkins
- Sandra Bertoldi
- Karen Podmore

**Volunteers needed**
- Only 2 hrs. a month, please call Gail on 6922 4286
Applications for Tax File Numbers no longer possible through high schools!

**APPLYING FOR A TAX FILE NUMBER**

The Australian Tax Office has changed the process for students applying for a Tax File Number (TFN). Schools are no longer able to process TFN application forms!

The new process involves students completing an online application form and then visiting an Australia Post Office outlet to have their identity verified.

To apply for a TFN students need to visit [https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?fb_locale=es_LA](https://www.ato.gov.au/Individuals/Ind/Apply-for-a-TFN-on-the-web/?fb_locale=es_LA)

After they have completed this form students will need to print their application summary and take this together with proof of identity documents to an Australia Post outlet. This must be done within 30 days of completing the online form.


Kirsten Fitzgerald
Careers Adviser

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**Tell Them From Me Survey**

Parents,

For the past two years Kooringal High School students have participated in a survey called Tell Them from Me.

The survey is anonymous and results for the school are aggregated into a whole school report. The survey is the opportunity for students to respond to a range of questions about KHS and in particular in relation to wellbeing, engagement in the classroom and effective teaching.

The results are valuable for school planning and the development of programs.

Parents have the option to exclude their child from the survey. If you do not wish your child to take part please visit [http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents](http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents) and download the form, and return it to the Front Office by Friday 6th March.

( Please disregard the date on the survey link )

The survey will be held for Years 11-12 in week 7 and Years 7-10 in Week 8.

Glyn Leyshon
Principal

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**Change of details and Publishing Student Information**

You will have received a form in the mail covering both Change of Details and Publishing of Student Information. It is important that we receive these forms back as soon as possible even if there is no change. The form may be submitted to the front office. Thank you for your attention to this matter.