The Y Factor

The final curtain was drawn last Friday night on our annual production which this year was called The Y Factor.

Wow! What a fantastic show and what talent we have in our school. I extend my heartfelt thanks to all students and staff who made this a success and who gave us so much fun.

I am proud of all involved and so pleased that the many long hours produced yet another show that will live in our rich performing arts history.

Merit Assemblies

This coming week we will hold Merit Assemblies to award certificates to hundreds of students in each year for their contribution to the school.

The awards cover a wide range of activities including excellent work in the classroom, in the performing arts, on the sporting field and in support of the community.

Our aim is for our students to have built up a portfolio to support their future endeavours by the time they leave school.

Congratulations to all winners.

New School Sign

As you turn the corner at the top of Ziegler you will notice a much larger and more permanent Kooringal High School sign. The generosity of our 2014 Year 12 students has funded the cost of the sign which is being constructed by Greg Knight, a local builder and former Captain of our school.

Development Day

In NSW the government allows a number of pupil free days to allow staff to engage in professional learning.

The first day of Term 3 is one such day and so school will resume for all students on Tuesday 14th of July following the Term 2 holidays.
Kyle, Clancy, Jackson and George competed in Sydney in the Riverina Southwest AFL side. The Riverina side won all 4 games to make it through to the Grand Final against Combined Independent Schools. They won CHS Gold and NSW All Schools Silver.

Ellen McIntyre in action at the Riverina NSW All Schools Under 16’s Girls AFL in Sydney.

Cameron & Samantha Ritchie at the NSW Combined High Schools lawn bowls singles and pairs championship last week. They both performed exceedingly well against some much older and more experienced players and gained the attention of not only the other players and their parents but the state selectors as well.

School Captains Samuel Bannister and Christina Fawns attended a School Leadership Day in Sydney. Pictured here with His Excellency General, The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Ret’d), the Governor of New South Wales and his wife Mrs Linda Hurley at New South Wales Parliament House.

Around the traps with some of our students

Congratulations to our Principal Mr Glyn Leyshon, who today was presented with Life Membership of the NSW Secondary Principals’ Council.
Mr Leyshon has served the Council with distinction for 16 years, working tirelessly to support fellow Principals in the Riverina.
He has organised and delivered professional learning to those Principals with a focus on specific learning needs of Principals in a rural setting.
As president of the Riverina Secondary Principals’ Collegial Association, Mr Leyshon always represented the interests of the Riverina members.
He is a most worthy recipient of NSW Secondary Principals’ Council life membership!
The Y Factor
MEDICINE INFORMATION EVENING
For Year 11 and 12 students considering a career in Medicine

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE 2015
Lecture Theatre
UNSW Rural Clinical School
Harvey House, Docker Street Wagga Wagga

5.45pm - Coffee and Tea
6pm - 7.30pm
- General discussion regarding entry into Medicine
- ATAR UMAT and Interviews
- Application process and entry to University
- Interview process - medical students to continue discussion with high school students
- A/Prof John Preddy will speak with parents/carers separately to discuss parental support
- Discussion about mentoring. Meet your mentor
- Student and junior Doctor presentation

CONCLUSION
Current students from the RCS Wagga Wagga campus and RCS graduates/Interns from Wagga Wagga Base Hospital will be in attendance to discuss their experiences and answer questions.
Contact: Margaret Tenison E: m.tenison@unsw.edu.au

SEEKING DONATIONS
Kooringal High School are seeking support in the form of donations for a raffle to assist the P & C’s fundraising efforts to build a shelter over the quad in front of the canteen. Multiple prizes in the form of goods and services would greatly be appreciated.

If you can assist, please fill-in your details below and return to Mr. Mowbray in the HSIE staffroom.

NAME: ................................................................................................................
CONTACT PH: ...................................................................................................
PRIZE OFFERED: 

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Compulsory School Attendance
Information for parents

Education for your child is important and regular attendance at school is essential for your child to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. NSW public schools work in partnership with parents to encourage and support regular attendance of children and young people. When your child attends school every day, learning becomes easier and your child will build and maintain friendships with other children.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The Education Act 1990 requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.

The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:
- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Give students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:
- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days you provide your child’s school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence.

Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child’s absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during school term is necessary, discuss this with your child’s school principal. An Application for Extended Leave may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child’s total absences for the year.

In some circumstances students may be eligible to enrol in distance education for travel periods over 50 school days. This should be discussed with your child’s school principal.
My child won’t go to school. What should I do?

You should contact the principal as soon as possible to discuss the issue and ask for help. Strategies to help improve attendance may include a referral to the school’s learning and support team or linking your child with appropriate support networks. The principal may seek further support from the Home School Liaison Program to develop an Attendance Improvement Plan.

What might happen if my child continues to have unacceptable absences?

It is important to understand that the Department of Education and Communities may be required to take further action where children of compulsory school age have recurring numbers of unexplained or unjustified absences from school.

Some of the following actions may be undertaken:

- Compulsory Schooling Conferences

You may be asked, along with your child, to attend a Compulsory Schooling Conference. The conference will help to identify if the supports your child may need to have in place so they attend school regularly. The school, parents and agencies will work together to develop an agreed plan (known as Undertakings) to support your child’s attendance at school.

- Application to the Children’s Court – Compulsory Schooling Order

If your child’s attendance at school remains unsatisfactory the Department may apply to the Children’s Court for a Compulsory Schooling Order. The Children’s Court magistrate may order a Compulsory Schooling Conference to be convened.

- Prosecution in the Local Court

School and Department staff remain committed to working in partnership with you to address the issues which are preventing your child’s full participation at school. In circumstances where a breach of compulsory schooling orders occurs further action may be taken against a parent in the Local Court. The result of court action can be the imposition of a community service order or a fine.

What age can my child leave school?

All New South Wales students must complete Year 10 or its equivalent. After Year 10, and up until they reach 17 years of age, there are a range of flexible options for students to complete their schooling.

Working in Partnership

The Department of Education and Communities recognises that working collaboratively with students and their families is the best way to support the regular attendance of students at school.

We look forward to working in partnership with you to support your child to fulfil their life opportunities.

If a student misses as little as 8 days in a school term, by the end of primary school they’ll have missed over a year of school.

Further information regarding school attendance can be obtained from the following websites:

Policy, Information and Brochures:


The school leaving age:


Do you need an interpreter?

Interpreting services are available on request, including for the hearing impaired. The Telephone Interpreter Service is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week on 131 450. You will not be charged for this service.

For further advice and questions contact your educational services team

T 131 536

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