**Principal's Comment**

**Sam Bannister Wins Tuckwell Scholarship**

School Captain Sam Bannister has been awarded a prestigious Tuckwell Scholarship to study at ANU next year. The scholarship covers all HECS and tuition fees as well as providing accommodation for the life of Sam’s first degree which will be five years.

Each year only 25 students from across Australia are chosen as Tuckwell Scholars which is an indication of how highly the selection committee valued Sam’s academic standing and his work in the community on a volunteer basis.

Sam progressed through three rounds to receive an offer of the scholarship, the last round being five seven minute interviews with a gap of a minute between each interview.

Cloe Harpley from Wagga Wagga High School also received a Tuckwell Scholarship making that two of the 25 scholars nationally from the public schools of Wagga Wagga.

Congratulations Sam on your outstanding achievement.

**Accolades for Three Others**

Last week also saw three other students achieve selection in their chosen fields of endeavour.

Rachel Trenaman was selected in the U17 Australian Indoor Cricket Team to contest the Junior World Cup later in the year.

Matt Lyons was selected to represent NSW CHS on an U17 Rugby League tour of New Zealand.

Hannah Prenzler has had her artwork nominated for the Junior Archibald Prize.

Congratulations go to all three students for their achievements.

**Trial HSC**

Year 12 will be undertaking their Trial HSC in Weeks 3 and 4 and should be deeply engaged in revision for each subject they are undertaking.

We wish all students luck with their exams.

**NAIDOC Week Celebrations**

Last week we held a very successful NAIDOC Week function at school to celebrate the achievements and contribution of Aboriginal people to our community.

My thanks go to our Learning and Support Officer Chris Harris for her organisation and to Uncle James Ingram, Peter Ingram, Geoff Simpson, Shane Halloran, Colina Meadows, Maddison Lenord and Ms Fagan and the Dubbnyra Dancers under the supervision of Alicia Williams for their efforts to create a highly successful event.
Hannah Prenzler, Young Archie Finalist 2015

Each year the Archibald Prize for portraiture is held with much fanfare and media attention. There is a “Packers Prize” and a “Peoples Prize” not to mention the overall prize itself. The winner of this prize can look forward to notoriety and possibly a very successful career.

What most people don’t know is that there is an Archibald competition for children and students – the “Young Archies”. This prize has only been in existence for the past three years. There were 1284 entries in this third Young Archie competition.

The portrait submitted must be of someone close to and of significance to the artist.

There are four age categories; 5-8 years, 9-12 years, 13 to 15 years and 16-18 years. Five finalists from each age category are displayed at the Art Gallery of NSW and the honourable mentions at the SH Ervin Gallery.

Winners will be judged by artist Del Kathryn Barton, Archibald Prize winner in 2008 and 2013, and Victoria Collings, the Gallery’s senior coordinator of education. Winners will be announced on the 22nd August.

We at Kooringal High school are pleased to announce that Hannah Prenzler of Year Nine has been selected as a finalist in the 13-15 age group. Hannah is an extremely talented art student who produces work of high quality on a regular basis. Her portrait of her brother is a representation that not only demonstrates amazing practical skills but also thought in portraying him as he is as a person – a musician.

We hope to see Hannah work at this extremely high level and continue to achieve more successes like this in the future.

Last Thursday the KHS Mock Trial team travelled to Temora to compete. They were narrowly defeated (249-232) by Red Bend Catholic College from Forbes. A great effort on their part. Congratulations to everyone involved.

Friday 24th July is National Tree planting day and as part of NAIDOC Day “Sacred Ground” we donated 35 native trees to be planted around the school grounds.

Our NAIDOC Day was a great success, with guest speakers Uncle James Ingram, Peter Ingram, Holy Trinity Dancers, Singers Geoff & Ivy Simpson and Shane Halloron as well as Colena Meadows suppling traditional food.

NSW ALL SCHOOLS CROSS COUNTRY

Monday Madness

An opportunity for Year 7 and 8 students to practice drama skills. Each Monday from 3:30-4:30. Activities include drama games and script work.

English Study Sesh

Held each Thursday of Term 3 between 3:30 and 5pm giving the opportunity to use a space for quiet study and individual help and/or specific study skills.
WANTED: Preloved school uniforms

Have you grown out of your school uniform? Please consider donating to the school’s clothing pool. We urgently need shirts, long pants, jumpers and jackets.

Disability/ Special Needs Dance Group.

In term 3 Miss Hilary will be running a dance class for students with a disability or special needs. This class will be a fun and engaging class to allow students to have a go and learn a range of movements and routines. Students will also have the opportunity to perform in an end of year concert.

When: Wednesday’s
Time: 5:30-6:15
Where: 194 Morgan Street
With: Miss Hilary (0459 0431 38)
Cost: $10

Homework Centre

A Homework Centre has started of a Wednesday from 3pm – 4pm in the Library. Come along and get help with assessment tasks, assignments, homework, class work, or do some quiet individual reading. Feel free to come along and do some work until your bus arrives or stay until the end at 4pm.

MhsCareers Newsletter has information for students interested in apprenticeships, full time work, TAFE, private training and university pathways - there are also lots of competitions advertised through the newsletter. Like MhsCareers’ Facebook Page - https://www.facebook.com/mhsCareers

Canteen Volunteers Urgently Needed!

If you can help out, please contact Amanda on 6922 4286

Yr 11 & 12 - Youth Scholarships, 2016

Family and Community Services are offering 266 x $1,500 scholarships state wide. For more information, please telephone 1300 HOUSING (1300 468 746) and press 2 for general enquiries. The information sheet and application form can be downloaded from www.housing.nsw.gov.au. Applications close 31 July 2015

Pay School Fees and Excursions online!

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting the $ Make a payment tab.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and CAPA activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called Other and this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings. Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment tab you must enter:
- the students name, and
- class and reference number OR
- the students name, and
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice Number if you are aware of them. These are optional fields.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before it is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office.