Welcome back everyone, I hope you all enjoyed the summer break.

The school year begins with some unexpected and significant news. Our newly appointed Principal - Mrs Jenene McGrath, will not be joining us at Kooringal High School. She was successful in gaining a promotion position as Director of Schools for the Cootamundra area. I wish her the best in her new position.

As a result I will be continuing as Acting Principal for Term 1 while the state wide process is run to find the school a new principal. Mrs Nickell will relieve as the Deputy Principal and Mrs McArthur will relieve as the Head Teacher Science and I thank them both for their willingness to take on these responsibilities.

**Staffing Changes:**

- Mrs Cox - New appointment as Head Teacher Special Education
- Mrs Bowman - Teacher on New Special Education MC Class
- Mrs Ruthven - Maths replacing Mrs Tregnha
- Ms Lightfoot - English Replacing Mrs McMahon
- Ms Teakel - TAS replacing Mrs Nolte
- Mr Teakel - TAS replacing Mr Ogden
- Mr Petts - HSIE replacing Mrs Cook
- Mr Peel - Science replacing Mr Forsyth
- Mr D'Alessandro - Counsellor replacing Mrs Egan
- Ms Absolom - PDHPE
- Mrs Dhillion - HSIE
- Mr Holt - HSIE
- Mr Potts - HSIE
- Ms Brandenberg - TAS
- Mr Donoghue - TAS
- Ms Condron - Maths
- Mr Lea - Maths
- Ms Vanegas - Science

**Some other key changes within staff**

- Head Teacher Maths Relieving - Mrs Schmetzer
- Head Teacher Science Reliving - Mrs McArthur
- Yr 11 Yr Advisor - Mr Petts
- Year 10 Yr Advisor - Mrs Brissenden
- Yr 7 Yr Advisor - Ms Witt
- Sport Coordinator - Ms Absolom replacing Mrs Schmetzer
- SRC Coordinator - Mr Antill

Lastly, a big welcome to Yr 7 and their families to Kooringal High School. All students seem to have settled into classes and routines with ease.

I look forward to a productive and successful term.

K. Ireland
Acting Principal

**SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TOMORROW**

**COST: $7 - $4 pool entry plus $3 for bus**

This is a whole school compulsory event, there are no classes or supervision at school on the day. Students are expected to wear sunsafe attire in their house colours. The Oasis requests no zinc, coloured hairspray or streamers. The Oasis cafeteria will be open on the day.

Age events apply to the age at your birthday in 2016 with age criteria not applying to open events.

A Note signed by a parent or Guardian must be handed to a a teacher on duty if a student is staying at the pool after the Carnival.
Did you know KHS have our very own App? The app gives parents the ability to instantly access newsletters without going to the website, you can send in a sick note, change address details, request a teacher interview and more! You will also receive important messages to your device. Search for Kooringal High School and download today!

**REBECCA FORBES-TABER**

Favourite Subject: Music.
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Bike riding and reading.
Greatest Achievement (in or out of school): Becoming School Captain and being Dux of Year 11.
Things I would like to do: Become and English Teacher and learn to speak French.
Best Advice your Parents ever gave you: Character is more important than grades!

**FRANCIS ELLIOTT-RUDDER**

Favourite Subject: Design & Technology.
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Designing and building various contraptions e.g. Billy Cart and Archery Targets
Greatest Achievement (in or out of school): Attending the National Youth Science Forum.
Things I would like to do: Forge a real sword, preferably a Viking style one with a wide, flat blade.
Best Advice your Parents ever gave you: The HSC is only one year which can set you up for life, so work hard.

**GABRIELLE POLLARD-GARBETT**

Favourite Subject: Legal Studies
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Playing my Nintendo DS lite and hanging out with my dog Windy.
Greatest Achievement (in or out of school): Becoming Vice Captain for 2016.
Things I would like to do: Make people happy and laugh.
Best Advice your Parents ever gave you: Don’t leave your assignments to the last minute because you’ll regret it!

**ROSIE CHAPMAN**

Favourite Subject: Design & Technology.
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Playing with my Nintendo DS lite and hanging out with my cat, Sue.
Greatest Achievement (in or out of school): Probably being School Captain in Primary School.
Things I would like to do: Make school a more inclusive and nice place with lots of smiling faces!
Best Advice your Parents ever gave you: My Mum always told me to treat others how you would like to be treated.

**CALLUM SNOW**

Favourite Subject: Ancient History.
Favourite Activity Outside of School: Reading really good books and watching interesting movies.
Greatest Achievement (in or out of school): Receiving Course Prizes in both Ancien History and Agriculture in 2015.
Things I would like to do: Travel to every continent on earth.
Best Advice your Parents ever gave you: Don’t be a sheep and always stand up for what you believe in.

**Upcoming Events**

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**Wagga Swans Junior Australian Rules Football & Netball Club**

WDJFNL Club Championship in 2014 and 2015

Season 2016 is coming and Wagga Swans are looking forward to another successful season on and off the field and court.

The club is currently actively looking for any interested players who would like to join the club in Season 2016.

Players are welcome in all our age groups

AFL - Auskick (5-9 year olds), Under 10s, 11s, 12s, 13s, 14s and 15s
Netball – Under 9s, 11s, 12s, 13s and 15s

Wagga Swans is a family orientated club that embraces the concept of having all the family together participating in junior sport on the same day while also fostering a warm friendly club environment that values its volunteers and parent participation as well as providing support and encouragement to the development of its junior participants in both AFL and netball.

Wagga Swans Club Registration Night will be held at Holy Trinity Primary School on Thursday 11th February, 2016 commencing at 6.00pm.

Online registration facility will be available on the night.

For further information regarding registration or the club, please contact Wagga Swans Club President Alex Manley on 0419 017775