Welcome to 2013
It’s a pleasure to welcome all students and their families to the new year which has got off to a great start.
I have been impressed with the businesslike atmosphere of the school and the way that students and teachers have “got on with the job” following the summer break.
Year 7 have made a great start and have easily adapted to high school life.

Staff Changes
This year we have a number of changes and we welcome the following to our school:
Ms Frauenfelder has joined the Mathematics Faculty
Mrs Kieck has joined the Science Faculty
Ms Kelly has joined the PDHPE Faculty
Ms Goura has returned from a year overseas and will once again teach Visual Art.
Ms Brenda King has returned from leave in 2012 to teach Music
Ms Shoobridge has taken on the role of teaching the new support (Multi-Cat) Class
Ms Anderson will fill the role of Learning Support Officer in the new support (Multi-Cat) Class
Ms Valma Dean will fill a Learning Support role
Mrs Willis will fill the counsellor role on a Wednesday with Mrs Egan continuing as counsellor on the other days.

HSC 2012
Once again our students performed well in the 2012 HSC. Kooringal High School presented candidates in 34 subjects. Of the 89 students who sat the HSC, 81% of the individual exams sat received a mark of 60 or higher.
Joshua Prenzler received 99 in Music 1 and there were 10 students in total who received marks in the nineties.
The list of university offers included two students into medicine, one into physiotherapy, three into mechanical engineering, one into speech pathology, 12 into teaching, three into television production, three into business and economics, one into psychology, four into nursing and a range of other individual courses.
Congratulations to all students and to our hard working teaching staff.

Canteen Upgrade
The upgrade of our canteen facilities is almost complete. Thank you to Mrs Chybb and the parents who assist for working the temporary location and thank you to our students who have adapted to the change.
With all going well we will be in the new canteen this Thursday.

Three Students Making Their Mark!
Congratulations to the following students for their outstanding achievements:

Adam Whicker-Bound for Hong Kong
Congratulations go to Year 12 student Adam Whicker who has been selected to represent Kooringal High School, Riverina Region and Australia in the Youth Music Festival in Hong Kong in April 2013. Adam will fly to Hong Kong on 11th April returning on 18th April, 2013 as a member of a Wind Ensemble consisting of students from Riverina, Western NSW and New England regions. Adam and the Ensemble spent a week of their vacation in January in intensive rehearsals in Dubbo and are working hard to ensure a successful educational experience in Hong Kong.

Max Housden Our Cycling Champion
During the holidays Max competed in two prestigious cycling events where he tasted success.
In January Max competed in the Youth Olympics in Sydney where he picked up a Bronze medal in the Men’s Team Sprint. He also competed in the Australian Cycling Championships where he won a Bronze Medal in the U19 Men’s Team Sprint.
Well done Max!

Jesse Thompson- Rugby League
This weekend Year 10 student Jesse Thompson will represent in the NSW Indigenous U16 Rugby League Team against Queensland at Suncorp Stadium, Brisbane in the curtain-raiser to the Indigenous All Stars V the NRL All Stars game. Congratulations Jesse!
Well, the weather was kind to us this year and gave us a fantastic day for our school swimming carnival. We had plenty of students participating, some obviously very talented swimmers, however, just as pleasing, was to see so many students jumping in and having a go. Perhaps they were motivated by the wonderful spirit that flowed through the carnival, led of course, by our fantastic house captains.

This year we began with the fashion parade and there were some mighty fine looking ladies and lads. After much deliberation, the winner of “Fashions by the pool deck” was given to Adam Whicker. Congratulations Adam, he took home a $20 gift voucher for his efforts.

We were also able to run novelty events in the diving pool under the direction of Mr Andrew Upton and these proved to be very popular. His inventive usage of flotation devices was impressive.

The diving competition was held just after lunch time and whilst plenty of students had a go at this, Caleb Addison was a standout. He displayed impressive grace and poise and had the crowd “ooing and ahhing” with each and every dive. Well done Caleb.

And so onto the swimming ……

The juniors this year were very competitive and it was very pleasing to see so many heats of each stroke having to be swum, we look forward to watching your talents develop over the years.

A list of the age champions and runners up is written below. However, special mention must go to Jack Moorby, who was a standout for the younger boys and Alec Birchall in the older divisions. In the ladies department, Natasha Long, Holly Meadows-Blundell and Mikhaila Bedgood were also super impressive. We were also lucky enough to see two new records broken on the day. Firstly to young gun Emma Nielsen who broke the 12 Years 50M Freestyle record in a time of 34.72 and also Holly Meadows-Blundell who broke the 16 Years 50M Butterfly record with a time of 32.23.

We will have the pleasure of watching these swimmers and many more as they get the chance to compete for Kooringal High School at the Combined Wagga Wagga Twilight Carnival on Thursday 21st February.

Finally, a couple of thank-you’s. Firstly, to all the parents who came out to support their children on the day, we could see your broad smiles as you beamed with pride – and rightly so! Also to all the staff who worked hard all day long to make the carnival run so smoothly and finally to Mr David Antill for the massive amount of organisation he puts into this day – well done to all of you!

### 2013 KHS Swimming Carnival - Age Champions and Runners-Up:

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### 2013 KHS Swimming Carnival - House Points Score

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Congratulations to Lawson house, superbly led by captains April Larwood & Zac McCauley! Oh and how could we forget to mention – congratulations to the male staff for winning the senior relay – AGAIN!!!!!!!
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Art Classes for Kids Term 1 2013

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TIME:  
Wednesday  3.45 – 5.15pm
Thursday  3.45 – 5.15pm

WHERE:  26 Best Street, Central Wagga

START:  20th February

WHAT will the children learn? We will explore all the different mediums including charcoal, canvas painting, sculpture, clay work and printing. Students will develop their drawing, painting and observational skills, working individually as well as collaboratively on many different and exciting projects.

ART for MUMS + DADS: Explore your creativity with Kath Powderly  
Thursday and Friday mornings 9.30-12.30  
Wednesday nights 6.45-9.30

KIDS BIRTHDAY ART PARTIES: Weekends or after school. Mosaic, clay animals, tie-dye t-shirts, jewelry, cupcake decorating, hair accessories, silk painting, Picasso cookie creations, button art, dinosaurs and fairies.