

Kurri Kurri High School Newsletter

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The Principal - Mrs Breese

What a wonderful community we have here in Kurri Kurri. It is only three weeks into Term 3 and so much has been packed into the learning here.

The Year 12 students have completed their HSC Trial examinations. Can I congratulate them on their commitment to their studies, but also on their responsibilities around their manner and behaviour through the process. The examination supervisors commented on how lovely our students were and how they treated with great **respect** the process they were a part of. From here, they will receive valuable feedback on their efforts and be able to regroup and revise their work to achieve personal **excellence** as they head into the 'real thing'.

It was so wonderful to experience Parent Teacher night last week. I would like to particularly thank our Hospitality students and staff for their excellent work in feeding the community as they connected with staff to find out how we can all work in partnership to get the best out of students.

We welcomed our primary partner schools to celebrate Education Week at "EdFest". This was a wonderful collection of art works and performances to enable our students to showcase their talents. What a wonderful collection it was. I hope you had the chance to wander around the artworks and check them all out. Students were delighted with their awards! Many thanks to all staff across all the schools who worked to make it such a success.

We then welcomed 178 transition students to participate in a fantastic program designed and developed by Elizabeth Tucker and supported by our amazing Head Teachers and classroom teachers. Tina Pratt as our relieving HT Maths has settled in well to finding her technology/STEM groove here at KKHS!

We had Rotary come to our school and talk about Interact and we have had around 100 students turn out to be a part of it. Wow! That is an amazing effort from our student body. Thanks to Mrs James Cliff and Mrs King for providing staff support to make it happen.

We also welcome our Danish Rotary exchange student Sally Lea Lavrfen to our school. We know you are in great hands in your homestay and know you will love your time here in Year 10.

In all of that, Year 10 have been working their way through a new process for subject selection under the leadership of Mrs Glasson and her transition team. Many thanks to Mr Morgan and Mr McKinley for their support and work from the creation of videos, the Google classroom set up and personalised interviews. The feedback has been wonderful, so we will now see how we go with web choices for the final selections.

Finally, this week we have had over 60 visiting teachers working with our staff to improve their results in writing. Thanks to Ms Taylor and the 'Hunter Gatherers' that have supported her in the development of this project.

Again, what a whirlwind of events for only a few weeks of term. What a great place to learn!

Outstanding Student of the Term - Term 2

Lauren Gardner Year 11



Lauren has been selected as Student of the Term for myriad reasons.

She is an all round excellent student—highly motivated and excelling across her school work.

Lauren is also an active Sportswoman. During the past months she has represented our school at Lawn Bowls, culminating in the State Championships at which she and the team came home in a very respectable 6th place.

Lauren's award is proudly supported by McDonalds Kurri Kurri.



Important Dates

15 August 2016	Engineering visit to UTS
15 & 22 August 2016	Smart Choices - Year 7
16 August 2016	HiP Day - Year 10
23 August 2016	P&C Association Meeting 6.30pm
24 August 2016	Kullaburra Awards
31 August 2016	UAC Application Workshop— Yr 12
31 August 2016	HSC Study Day - Legal Studies
31 August 2016	Sydney Theatre Co. Excursion
31 August 2016	Year 5 Transition Visit
5 - 16 Sept 2016	Year 11 Final Exams
7/8 September 2016	State Athletics Carnival
14 September 2016	Vulnerable Students Transition 9am—10am
16 September 2016	Year 7 Gala Day
19-21 Sept 2016	Year 11 Crossroads Camp - Forster
21 September 2016	SRC Fun Run
22 September 2016	Year 12 Graduation & Formal
23 September 2016	End of Term 3

Deputy Principal Stage 6 - Mrs Glasson

Over the past couple of weeks Year 10 has been selecting courses for Year 11 2017 Preliminary HSC. I have redesigned the selection process to improve both students and parents/carers understanding of the importance of choosing the right courses for Years 11 and 12. All course information has been uploaded to Google classroom which allows students to log in and access the information at any time that is convenient to them. As well, Year 11 and Year 12 students have been videoed offering advice and insight into the demands of work in the senior years. This link will take students to Google Classroom to login and where you can also view the feedback videos

<https://classroom.google.com/c/MTg3NzE0NjI5MVpa>.

Students have received guidance from teachers, head teachers and the careers adviser as to their best pattern of study. Interviews have been conducted with students and their parents or carers. During the interviews, students post school destinations, careers aspirations and the Board of Studies requirements for both Year 11 Preliminary and Year 12 HSC have been discussed. Everyone who has participated in the process agreed that they now have a greater understanding of the demands of the senior years and a clearer idea of post school careers.

Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC Examinations. The supervisors commented to me about how prepared and courteous all students have been. Congratulations Year 12. It is now time to really step up the study routines and attend as many master classes as possible. We have been fortunate to participate in the University of Newcastle Aim High program. Student tutors from the University will conduct these classes in a number of courses to interested Year 12 students. I recommend this program to all year 12 students. If you wish to participate please see Mrs Gibbs or Mr Rippon in the learning Centre. More details follow in the newsletter.

Preparations for the Year 12 graduation ceremony are well underway. The Crowne Plaza will be a spectacular venue for the occasion. I look forward to greeting our graduating students and their parents and carers at this very memorable event. Any enquires please contact the school.

Lastly, Year 11 have their final Preliminary HSC Examinations in early September. Their examination timetables will be ready shortly and I am trusting that all students are engaged in a rigorous study program in preparation. On the successful completion of Year 11 Preliminary HSC, Year 11 enter as Year 12 in Term 4. As such they are able to drop to ten units of study for the HSC. Students and parents/carers need to think very deeply about the impact of dropping a subject for the HSC. Early term 4 I will be speaking with students about their pattern of study for 2017 HSC.

Deputy Principal Stage 5 - Mrs James-Cliff (Relieving)

Welcome back to Term 3. We are already in the midst of some exciting times with Year 10 parents. As Mrs Glasson wrote about, carers and students have been attending interviews to make their subject selections for Year 11 in 2017. We also had the opportunity to discuss student progress with a large number of parents at last Thursday's Parent Teacher evening. It is always great to share success stories of student achievement with parents and also to take a collaborative approach on addressing any areas of concern which may need to be addressed.

Earlier this Term both Year 9 boys and girls had the opportunity to participate in the Pit Stop health promotion program and gained some valuable information about a range of matters pertaining to their health and wellbeing.

Last Wednesday Dylan Andrews attended Parliament House in Sydney to represent the Cessnock electorate in an emerging Indigenous leaders forum. He was thrilled to be involved in this event and is keen to continue building his leadership skills through his Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group duties. You can read Dylan's story about this day later in the newsletter. Congratulations on your selection to participate in this initiative Dylan.

Term 2 KKHS P&C Association Awards Congratulations to the following recipients:

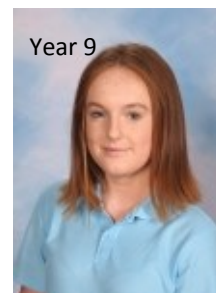
The P&C Recognition Award is presented to a student in each of Years 7-12 who is considered to be worthy of recognition for achievement, application, effort, consistency in academic, sporting, school service and cultural pursuits.



Year 7
Abbie Hemsworth



Year 8
Britney Houston



Year 9
Emma-Lee Green



Year 10
Lachlan Campbell



Year 11
Maddison James



Year 12
Madeleine Jones

Deputy Principal Stage 4 - Mr Hope

Welcome back to all staff, parents and students to Term 3. We have already had so many positive things going on to ensure that this term is shaping up to be a really excellent term for staff and students. We have had our term merit assemblies and celebrated the success of students in year 7 and 8 across a range of subjects. During this assembly we were also entertained by the year 8 Performing Arts class band made up of Joel Broadbent, Chloe Lambert, Lochie Corbey, Jaymie Hawkins, and Megan Collister (8N). This was the first performance for the band who did a fantastic job. Well done to all students who won an award and congratulations to the band on their first successful performance.

Year 7 Students have also commenced the SMART choices program. This initiative has been established by Mrs Weir in collaboration with CYCOS (Cessnock Youth Centre and Outreach Service) and will run for 5 weeks giving all students in year 7 a host of information in a range of topics. This is a new initiative and has been extremely well received by all students I congratulate Mrs Weir for her organisation of this event!

It was extremely pleasing to see so many parents and students attend our annual parent teacher evening. Please remember that if you do have any concerns or questions, contacting your students classroom teacher is always the quickest and easiest way to have things addressed. Our Stage 4 Year Advisors also do a fantastic job and are available to assist in wellbeing matters (When they are not teaching of course!!). I would stress that all teachers and year advisors do teach many lessons throughout the week so are often unavailable for parents at short notice, a phone call to request an appointment or call back is always the most effective way to ensure all issues are dealt with within a timely manner.

Finally we have begun our transition process to welcome year 7, 2017. Students have attended a whole day session to discover new initiatives for year 7 in the areas of STEM and QUEST which will form the basis of our teaching practice for 2017. Applications are also now open for placement in the Academic Enrichment Program. Ms Tucker is our new transition officer and will be happy to answer any questions or queries for this process. I will take this opportunity to welcome our 2017 year 7 students and their families and wish them luck in the AEP application process.



If you haven't done so already, please take 3 minutes to complete our on-line survey. Your feedback will assist us in the way we encourage and reinforce positive behaviours in our schools and have them flow on into our community.

Click on the image to complete the survey:



Dear Parents,

My name is Elizabeth Tucker and I have been appointed as the Stage 3 to 4 Transition Coordinator at KKHS.

My role includes;

- being a contact person for parents and teachers
- working with future KKHS students in their Stage 3 classrooms and
- organising and coordinating transition days and programs.

In 2016 I will be working with students in Year's 5 and 6. As the role of transition coordinator evolves I will be working with students from Year 4 up to Year 8.

If you have any questions or need any information about transitioning to high school I can be contacted at the school or through email (elizabeth.tucker1@det.nsw.edu.au)

Term 3 Transition Calendar:

- Thursday 18th August 2016 - KKPS and WPS Visits
- Thursday 25th August 2016 - KKPS and PMPS Visits
- Wednesday 31st August 2016 - Year 5 "A day in the life of a high school student"
- Thursday 15th September - KKPS, WPS and PMPS Visits
- Thursday 22nd September - KKPS, PMPS and APS Visits

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Has a star been born?

Tianna Pont in Year 10 has a passion - to have a career on the stage. In recent weeks, Tianna has been donning her costume and warming up her vocals as she performs in the Maitland Musical Society's original work *Ghosts of Opera's Past*.

The show features works by Gilbert & Sullivan and a cast of all ages. Tianna loved the experience of meeting new people, being interactive with the crowd and the buzz of being on stage singing and dancing.

While she is completing her high school years, Tianna aims to get as much experience as she can performing. This last show was her fifth with Maitland Musical Society. She also takes weekly singing lessons, musical theatre classes and has choir rehearsals to attend. Tianna hopes that these will give her the right stepping stones - along with good results at school - to study a Bachelor of Performing Arts.

Many of our students have wonderful talents that may take them to amazing places. We love to share their stories and commend how well they juggle school life and their extra activities.



Dylan Andrews - Aboriginal Student of the Year



Year 10 student, Dylan Andrews was recently selected as KKHS Aboriginal Student of the Year and was presented his award by Clayton Barr—our local Member for Parliament. As a part of this award, Dylan joined other recipients at State Parliament in Sydney for an Emerging Leaders Forum on August 3.

The forum gave , what Dylan describes as an “awesome opportunity.” The itinerary included being able to view parliament in session, a visit the Australian Museum to view the First Australians Exhibit, showcasing inspirational Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island collections and meeting former NRL player for Manly and Aboriginal Spokeperson George Rose. Meeting and hearing from George, discovering what he has done in his life both on and off the field, was a highlight of the day.

Dylan took away advice from the day that he hopes will help him be a better leader. Advice he shares with other would-be leaders is to be trustworthy, listen to your peers and be actively involved in school and the community.

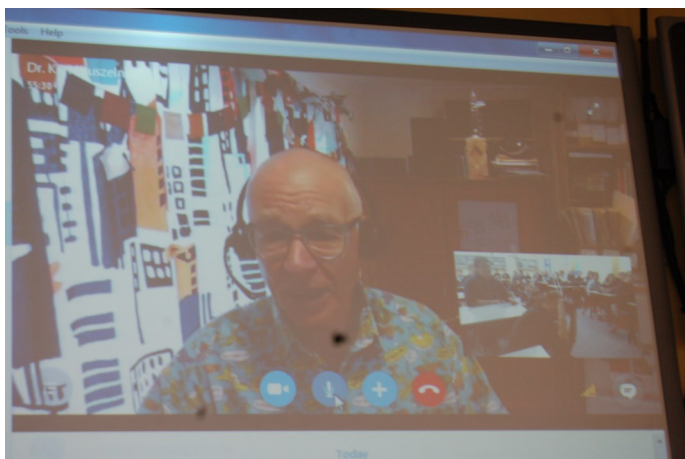
When asked what changes Dylan would like to see for young people today, he was he would like for bullying in schools to end as well as a stop to racism.

Congratulations Dylan. It is great to see you gain recognition for all the hard work you have put in to help promote Aboriginal education in the local area.

Climate Change Changing our Classroom - Mr Krause

Year 9 Science are currently undertaking their Project Based Learning unit that surrounds the contemporary issue of climate change. Students have been given the driving question “*How should we respond to climate change?*”. In small groups, they have commenced research using a range of sources including webpages, first-hand investigations, books and scientific experts. These experts have visited the school to present information to students and answer their questions first hand. Experts include Dr Greg Wilson (CSIRO - solar thermal research), Dr Matt. (University of Newcastle – printable photovoltaic ink research), Heather Stevens (Department of Environment and Heritage) and a Skype session with Dr Karl Kruszelnicki (celebrity scientist).

The opportunity these visits afford to students are invaluable as they allow students to interact with ‘real life scientists’, see the relevance of science to their lives and explore scientific career pathways. As Year 9 students begin to organise their new knowledge of climate change into a presentation for the Project Based Learning unit assessment, they will be able to reflect on all of the hard work they have done and should be proud of the learning outcomes they have achieved.



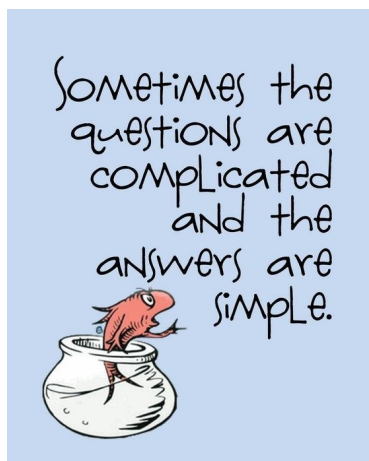
YEAR 12 Tutorials

Year 12 are invited to attend a series of tutorial sessions presented by University of Newcastle Education students who are volunteering their time during Term 3 to revise your work in selected subjects. All you have to do is call in and see *Mrs Gibbs in the Learning Centre*.

Subjects being offered are:

- Business Studies
- Biology
- PDHPE
- English
- Maths Gen. 2

Tutoring is free and can be focused on areas you need help.



Don't miss this opportunity.

A Word from your P&C - Mrs Rhonda Jeffrey President

We have already had six P&C meetings for 2016 and have two meetings left this year, the **23rd August** and the **25th October**.

Our July meeting was very interesting with a short Google Classroom Presentation on how our student's complete classwork and assessments online. P&C presentations are a great opportunity to better understand what your children are doing during their time at school!

Some of the funds raised through our school canteen have already been put to good use with \$1,735 spent in the Library on TV for Education, \$2,000 towards new microscopes in Science, \$700 towards representative sport and a contribution to the Teenage Expo which was recently presented at the school.

We have been putting money aside for a few years towards an upgrade of our 22 seater school bus and we hope to make a purchase very soon, both our mini buses are very popular and used frequently for school excursions and for our sporting teams.

In the Canteen we have introduced a number of new winter items which are proving a popular choice for both staff and students. Please also know that the canteen staff are very happy to accommodate special requests *if students pre-order*.

If you would like to come along to one of our meetings you are most welcome and have a say on where we spend our P&C funds as well as find out lots of interesting information relating to our children's educational opportunities. We look forward to welcoming you soon.

Year 12 English - Mrs Somerville HT

While we congratulate Year 12 on completing their Trial HSC exams it is also important to remember that we have not finished teaching the last topic and some courses still have assessment tasks to complete. With this in mind we expect to have every student in every lesson until the end of term.

As 50% of the HSC mark for English comes from the student's performance in the HSC exam, it is essential that students are working on editing, revising and writing their responses in timed situations to strengthen their skills. Emailing teachers should also continue so that each student can get individualised feedback to prepare them for any type of question they may be asked in the HSC exam.



SEMINAR Autism - Developing the Individual

featuring

Jeanette Purkis

An adult with Asperger Syndrome & atypical Schizophrenia, Author & an Ambassador for a number of Autism organisations

Rachael Harris

Psychotherapist
Specialising in Asperger's Syndrome & High Functioning Autism

Dr Lee Sturgeon

Consultant Senior Clinical & Development Psychologist
D. PsychClinical, M.A.P.S., M.C.C.P.
Lee has worked with clients with Autism Spectrum Disorder and development disorders for over 22 years

Providing you a unique insight into the world of AUTISM.
They will share their wealth of experience gained over their years of professional practice.
A unique insight into the world of Autism, tailored for GP's, Specialists, Nurses, Principals, Teachers, SLCO, Parents, Carers & Community members.

When: Tuesday 13th September 2016

Time: 6:00pm - 9:00pm

Venue: Cessnock Performing Arts Centre
198 Vincent Street, Cessnock

Cost: \$20.00

Tickets By: 198 Vincent Street, Cessnock 02 4990 7134

Box office www.cessnockperformingartscentre.com.au

Cessnock Community of Great Public Schools Choir

For further information: Contact Maxine Baird - President on 0419 913 033



Autism - Developing the Individual will contribute 2 hours of QTC Registered PD addressing 6.2.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

info@striveforautism.org.au www.striveforautism.org.au

Postal Address: 101 Vincent St, Cessnock NSW 2325



CAPA News - Ms Dunlevie HT

Once again there has been lots of wonderful things going on in CAPA. The fun never stops and there are always plenty of opportunities for students to further develop their skills through engaging activities.

Hunter Dance Festival



Congratulations to our talented Year 9 Dance students for their outstanding performance at the Hunter Dance Festival. The festival provides a fantastic opportunity for dance students to develop their dance technique and performance skills. The girls had a great time and did the school proud. The girls also did a fantastic performance at Edfest. Well done to: Jemah Craft, Katie Egan, Kadesia Gear, Emma-Lee Green, Chloe Geering, Ebony Holmes, Kaitlin Mitchell, Olivia Page, Grace Reay, Cassidy Russell, Emily Watson, Chloe Williams.

Weston Art Show Rising Talent Award

The CAPA department are proud to announce that Sophia Bacon from Year 7 won the 'Rising Talent Award' at the Weston Art Show. The Weston Art Show is a prestigious and iconic event in this district, which is well represented and with very strong competition. Sophia submitted a still life painting displaying her sensitive watercolour technique. This is a very promising start to her artistic journey and we wish her many more successes.



Art Excursion Yr 11

The Year 11 Visual Art class will be visiting the New South Wales Art Gallery on the 17th August to see the Archibald Prize, Frida Kahlo, Wynne and Sullman exhibitions. This will be an excellent opportunity to observe 'real' art and get the students thinking about their own artistic explorations in the year ahead where they will be undertaking their HSC Visual Art course.

CAPA Cont'd....

Edfest

The talent from Kurri Kurri High School was exceptionally high this year with our Art, Dance and Music performances. A big congratulations to all of our entries this year with the judges having trouble deciding on the winners for the Edfest Art Prizes.

Our Winners this year are: Visual Arts

Year 7 Elisyah McElhinney, Emma Rutledge, Megan Pirinen

Year 8 Tyler Sutton

Year 9 Anja Atkinson, Chelsea White

Year 10 Shae Hunter, Cobie Hudson

Year 11 Jessica Miller

Ceramics Yr 10 Harry Longbottom & Yr 11 Maddison James

Photography Yr 9 Chloe Lynch

Life Skills Yr 8 Jake Thorton

Aboriginal Artwork Yr 11 Emily Llyod

Judges Choice Yr 7-10 Jenae Madden, Yr 11-12 – Yr 12 Ceramic group task "Steampunk".

Aboriginal Artwork Chase Fullick

Congratulations to these fabulous students for their great work:

Sound and lighting students Reece Johnstone, Lachlan Campbell, Zaak Cherry, Noah McIntyre and our

Backstage crew, Sophie Lambert, Jacob Irving

and the **Band** Emily McGowan-Crook, Jed Kinch, Blake Hemphill and Jack Anderson.

Performances

At Kurri Kurri High School we have a reputation for excellence in our Music performances at assemblies and events within the school. Recently, some new groups of students have been working very hard during class and sport time to put together small ensembles for these performances, many of them only starting to play their instruments this year for the purpose of the performance in a band. Congratulations to Lochie Corbey, Megan Collister, Joel Broadbent, Chloe Lambert, Jaymie Hawkins from the year 8 CAPA class and Jacob Irving from year 9 for making your debut performances at the recent Merit Assembly. Thanks must also go to our regular performers who are always so reliable and professional.

HSC Visual Arts

HSC Visual Arts students had a fantastic day on their excursion to the Newcastle Regional Art Gallery. Students are currently studying Gordon Bennett and Tracey Moffatt and it was an eye opening experience for students to see their work and be able to visually study the artists work in a gallery setting. They also participated in the community based interactive art project by painting a rock and leaving as part of the galleries interactive community installation.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all our Dance, Drama, and Music students all the very best for their HSC practical exams. Have fun and enjoy performing for the examiners.

For all important CAPA dates be sure to like our Facebook Page and stay up-to-date. Click here:



Welfare - Mrs Weir HT

Throughout the year we aim to run programs across all year groups that will provide them with support, skills and knowledge for life. The past few weeks have been particularly busy with something for every year group.

The end of last term saw Year 7 watch a Cyberbullying Performance, bringing to life the real way in which the internet, if not used appropriately, can in fact hurt, bully and influence lives in a negative way. Making good decisions will be reinforced in our SMARTCHOICES series which is currently running weekly until week 6. *Other topics being covered include Risky Behaviours, Sexting and Cyberbullying, Mental Health and the Young Offenders Act*

Year 7 then joined with years 8, 9 and 10 to for the very upbeat, informative and engaging Teenage Expo. Read the full story on the Expo as it was a great day, leaving everyone involved on a high.

For year 8, they participated in a Sexting presentation provided by Legal Aid. The importance of using devices responsibly is something that needs to be realised and supported to ensure our young people - even inadvertently - aren't misusing the way in which they share information through the use of technology.

Along with the Expo, Year 9 have attended the PitStop Program. Pit Stop is a health promotion program for Year 9 high-school students that has been put together by the local Youth Interagency. The program aims to

educate young people on topical health matters from a variety of perspectives (including: Drug and Alcohol, Smoking, Road Safety, Mental Health, Sexual health, Reproductive health and healthy Relationships). The programs have been designed gender specific to improve learning outcomes.



Year 11 and 12 have not been forgotten. Late last term we had a visit from the Black Dog Institute, and the senior students heard first hand from Elle, one of their volunteers who shared her story about living with depression. Elle also delivered the message that depression and anxiety are not topics we should be afraid to talk about and shared a list of supports for any student who may not be feeling "OK" with life. For anyone wanting further info, you can go to www.blackdog.org.au

Welfare cont'd...

As we move into term 3, we have the fabulous HiP Day for Year 10 on Aug 16. If you haven't done so already, we strongly recommend that you encourage your child to participate in this day that works through goal setting, the importance of first impressions, respecting yourself and developing a resume and being ready for the workplace. The day is held out at The Sebel Kirkton Park and we have a line up of great guests for the students to learn from.

For our senior students, there is also a Resilience Workshop being run by the UoN AIM High team on Aug 25. Places are limited but this is a workshop to arm students with skills to help them through the pressures that can be felt as they work towards leaving school.

Last but not least, as parents of teenagers, we all face challenging decisions on how to best guide our children through these sometimes turbulent years. The following link is but one of many that holds valuable information to assist parents in making informed decisions that best suit their family. <https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

Throughout the site there are various links that address many relevant issues such as:

COMMON CONCERNS:

- Bullying and teenagers
- Stress and teenagers
- What to expect when you see a psychologist
- Peer pressure and teenagers

SKILLS TO BUILD:

- Effective communication and teenagers
- Trust and teenagers
- Technology and teenagers
- Wellbeing and teenagers

Parents have many questions in regards to what is the best decision and most appropriate way to address these ever present concerns. Hopefully this site will assist you and provide helpful information in guiding your teenagers in the best way possible.



Australian Teenage Expo



As our last newsletter was being sent out, students in Years 7 - 10 were being entertained, informed and engaged by the Teenage Expo Roadshow as it came to visit our school.

The event is all about giving young people options, choices and opportunities in a positive, fun and interactive way. Topics covered included bullying, violence, safe partying, careers and self-esteem

Presented by Sonya Karras and Sacha Kaluri, students described the Expo as quite different more engaging than other programs with similar content. It was also strongly supported by Cessnock Youth Development Project and Kurri Kurri Youth Centre, who view programs such as this as a great investment, contributing to the wellbeing of our young people and helping them to negotiate respectful pathways.

Students were dancing in (and on) their seats to singers Soli Teseme (the Voice 2014), Zain Mitchlan and Frank Dixon, rounding off an experience that we hope they will take with them for life.

A huge thanks also goes out to our own fabulous students who wowed audiences with their own performances to open the Expo—M-Dawg and the Bois and Interlude. And to Victoria Maples and Brayden Bean who MC'd the shows, you were amazing and did yourselves and KKHS proud.



Nationally Consistent Collection of Data - NCCD

Schools across Australia are once again taking part in the Nationally Data Collection on School Students with a Disability.

From 2015, it has been mandatory for this information to be collected in every school across Australia annually. The aim is to provide better information about students with a disability in school settings. It is a requirement for all schools to contribute to this data collection in the August census and as a school we will provide the government with non-identifying information about students with a disability in our setting.

The term disability for the purposes of this data collection is quite varied. It **includes** individuals needing assistance including those of the following nature;

Medical e.g. diabetes, anaphylaxis, epilepsy, etc

Learning e.g. significant speech delay, dyslexia, ADHD, ODD etc

Physical e.g. Cerebral Palsy, Spina Bifida, Muscular Dystrophy etc

Sensory e.g. significant hearing and/or vision impairment

Further information is available about the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data for School Students with a Disability

<http://education.gov.au/nationally-consistent-collection-data-school-students-disability>

P & C Meeting
Tuesday 23rd August
6.30pm
Staff Common Room
All Welcome

IMPORTANT Message from the School Counsellor

Can parents and carers please make sure that they send in copies of diagnostic reports each year. If your child is regularly seeing a paediatrician, a psychiatrist or psychologist, or any other medical specialist, these providers will usually be more than happy to provide you with a report/letter, or even post out one to the school counsellor on your behalf.

These reports are very important as they help keep us up to date with your child's needs and in some cases, allow us to apply for funding to employ a teacher's aide (Student Learning Support Officer SLSO) to assist your child in the classroom. Reports are also used to assist with the application for support class placements.

It is also important to communicate directly with your child's Year Adviser and subject teachers on a regular. Please have honest and open communication with teachers to ensure that they are aware of any diagnoses or learning difficulties that your child has. Teachers need to be aware of any conditions that require accommodations or adjustments in a school setting so that they can maximise your child's engagement with school and their learning potential in each subject.

Emmet update:

It appears Emmet is winning the hearts of not just our students and is brightening the day of our staff too:

**NSW SCHOOL VACCINATION PROGRAM 2016**

School vaccination clinics continue into terms 3 & 4

18th OCTOBER 2016

- WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS MISSED A VACCINE?**

If your child has missed any vaccinations they will be offered any missed doses at the next clinic at their school.

- WHAT IF MY CHILD HAS NOT RECEIVED ALL HPV VACCINES BEFORE THE END OF 2016.**

Any year 7 student with missed doses of HPV vaccine can be caught up in 2017.

Additionally – any year 8 student who commenced HPV vaccination while in year 7 and are yet to finish all 3 doses of HPV (and who has not received any from their local doctor) can still receive these at the next clinic at their school.

Don't forget a Record of Vaccination is given to each student for each vaccination. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.

Any questions, visit the NSW Ministry of Health website at:

<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/schoolvaccination.aspx>

Park Run

- Coming soon near you



Park Run is a FREE, weekly 5km and timed run/walk every Saturday all around the world! It is open to ALL community members and is safe and easy for everyone to take part in.

Park Run Cessnock is looking for passionate, reliable, committed and available members of the community who have a love for physical activity to volunteer at Park Run.

If you are interested in volunteering please contact Sam Hindmarsh via email :
Samantha_hindmarsh@hotmail.com

**VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED!!**



Applying for Uni - Mr McKinley Careers

Each year the Universities Admissions Centre – UAC releases a guide for undergraduate admissions, free to all year 12 students. The UAC Guide 2016/17 has arrived at school and was distributed to all year 12 students who meet the ATAR eligibility requires and who wish to apply for tertiary study within NSW or ACT.

Important dates for UAC applications:

Applications open: WEDNESDAY 3RD AUGUST

On time applications close: FRIDAY 30TH SEPTEMBER

Late applications accepted up until: SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER

UAC Application fees:

On time applications: \$32 3rd August – 30th September

Late applications: \$166 (1st October – 4th December)

PLEASE NOTE: Once your application is completed you can login at any time and make changes to your preferences and contact details at no additional cost using the “check and change” options highlighted on the web page. Students will also use this option on the UAC website to check their ATAR and University offers.

Preparing to apply to UAC:

Students applying online to UAC MUST have the following:

UAC PIN—this pin number will be sent directly to the student’s address registered with BOSTES.

HSC STUDENT NUMBER—All students should know their BOSTES number, if any student is unsure of their BOSTES number they should see Mr McKinley(Careers Adviser) to obtain this number.

Access to a desktop or laptop computer – applications cannot be made from a tablet or mobile phone.

A printer – students will need a printed copy of the confirmation of application and the payment receipt / invoice.

A private email address – Shared email addresses are not acceptable

A method for paying- Application fees can be paid using a credit card or PayPal account if paying online, alternatively payment can be made by BPAY or Australia Post Billpay with a printed invoice.

For more detailed information on the UAC application process can be found at www.uac.edu.au

THERE WILL BE A WORKSHOP TO ASSIST WITH COMPLETING UAC APPLICATIONS ON WEDNESDAY AUGUST 31. UoN REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE TO ANSWER ANY QUESTIONS AND QUERIES THAT YOU MAY HAVE. DON'T MISS OUT.



Click here for more information on:
Educational Access Scheme
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Early Entry
Open Day, Expos, Forums

Kurri Kurri High School – Community of Schools Literacy Day.

Developing a common language around literacy was the focus of our highly successful Community of Schools Day held on the 8th August in the KKHS Gymnasium. Primary and Secondary Teachers from Wallsend, Mt View, Cessnock, Singleton, Maitland Grossman, Hunter River, Cook’s Hill Campus – Newcastle and Kurri Kurri School Communities met for an intensive professional development day which focused on building stronger partnerships and developing effective pedagogy around literacy instruction for Stage 3 – Stage 6. Kurri Kurri High School have an established Focus on Writing program in the senior years which has led to excellent HSC results; by further integrating literacy pedagogy into Stage 3 - 5 for 2017 all students in our LMG should soon become more effective and confident communicators. Our amazing year 11 Hospitality Students catered for the event and are to be commended for their professionalism and tasty food. Thanks to Miss Knox, Mrs L’Green and Mrs Power for their outstanding coordination meals and delicacies for 75 people on the day.



The Tell Them From Me Student Feedback Survey - Mrs Glasson

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many other public schools in the state, will participate in a Department of Education initiative: the *Tell Them From Me* student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.

More information about the survey is available at:

<http://surveys.cese.nsw.gov.au/information-for-parents>

The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide us with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 22 August and 21 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you **do not** want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school.

NAIDOC WEEK 2016 - Mr Derry

Term 3 opened with Naidoc Celebrations. Our weekly assembly was dedicated to recognising our indigenous culture with students and staff being entertained by the Stanford Merthyr Boys Dancers as well a performance by the Community of Schools Drumming troupe with representatives from all our LMG schools. The significance of this assembly is to celebrate but also learn about the background that Aboriginal and Torres Islander beliefs are built upon.



Once again the Indigenous Games were a key part of NAIDOC week and ran with astonishing success. KKHS transported 40 High School students to run a series of indigenous sports at the partner primary schools. First up was KKPS on the 22nd of July where we divided the school into 2 sessions and ran 4 activities with three stations at each. This was a mammoth logistical undertaking. A big thanks to Ms Gavenlock for her coordination and monitoring of the student groups, Mrs Field for feeding 40 ravenous teenagers, Greg Moore for transporting us to and from the venue and to Nick Sharpe for all his assistance. The biggest thanks goes to the students of KKHS who gave their time to teach the primary students specialised indigenous games.

The travelling circus moved to Pelaw Main and Weston Primary schools on the Thursday the 28th of July. Once again we were warmly received by both schools. In the morning we travelled to Pelaw Main where they also had Stanford Merthyr Infants as well as Mulbring schools there. The students loved the games we had for them but there was no resting to be had for we had to make tracks to Weston Public School. A big thanks to Principal Robin Callinan for feeding us prior to the commencement of the games. With full bellies the KKHS students just managed another round of Indigenous Games before collapsing in a heap and heading home for a well earned rest. Once again, thank you to all the students who made it happen and to all the primary teachers at the partner primary schools who facilitated our visits. We look forward to next year.



Representative Sport Report - Mrs Gavenlock

ATHLETICS

Another massive few weeks in sport has seen our KKHS students once again achieve some impressive results. Eleven students attended the Regional Athletics Carnival held at Glendale Athletics Centre on the 27th and 28th July. Whilst Mr Croker has been busy running the Discus event he did get to catch glimpses of our athletes in action. A special mention goes to Aiden Harvey for breaking the Open Boys Discus record by almost three metres! And to Blake Whitely who took out the 17 years Champion. Well done to you both.

Further Congratulations goes to the following students who have now progressed to the State Championships:

Blake Whitely

Aiden Harvey

Brodie Linnane

Tyson O'Neill

NETBALL

On a cold and wet day in Singleton our Year 7 and 8 Girls Netball Team competed in Netball NSW Schools Cup. This is the first year that KKHS have entered this competition and a third placing was a pleasing result. We competed against Muswellbrook High School, Hunter Valley Grammar and St Joseph's Aberdeen. The girls proved to be too strong against the Muswellbrook High sides smashing them 39 to 1 and 25 to 1. Hunter Valley Grammar and St Joseph's provided some stiffer competition with us losing in some close, well contested games.

The girls were an absolute pleasure to spend the day with and were awesome representatives of KKHS, always displaying our PBL behaviours of Excellence, Respect and Safety both on and off the court. A special shout out to Anna Legovich who volunteered her time to umpire for us on the day. It was greatly appreciated!

GYMNASTICS

Eliah Gilbert and Allyssa-Jayne Fuller, both in Year 7, gained selection in the Hunter Gymnastics team and competed on the Wednesday 3rd August. Both girls performed well and I hope they enjoyed the experience.

YEAR 7 GALA DAY

The Year 7 Gala Day is fast approaching on 9th September at Maitland Park. The Gala Day provides a fun setting in which students compete against the rival Coalfields Schools for the bragging rights for the best Year 7 school!

A wide range of sports are offered to cater to the differing interests of students. Sports on offer include Boys Soccer and Touch Football, Girls Soccer and Touch Football, Netball, Mixed Volleyball, Mixed Tee Ball and Boys European Handball. Year 7 students and parents should stay tuned for more information to come.....