

#### From the Principal - Mrs Breese

It is truly amazing to sit back and think that 2017 is drawing to a close. From that time when the kids were packed up and ready to roll- 10 new folders, fresh pens, a calculator and a pencil case free from the graffiti of friends. All just waiting to be a part of the New Year. Today, one pen a pencil case filled with new messages and folders that look like they have been dragged through the trenches! This is a year in the life of... 875 students.

And it is this group that we celebrate in this newsletter. What an action packed term it has been. Our goal to provide a world-class education is clearly contained in the experiences offered this term. Our staff and students have worked collaboratively to plan and create rich and authentic real world experiences- from super cars to gardening!

I would like to farewell some long-standing staff members who leave us for new adventures. Firstly to Mr Peter Jaye. Peter will have taught many of you over his 30 years and leaves a long career as our Visual Arts teacher. Peter, many thanks for your work with students over the years. I know that you took many a student across to the park and played soccer, discovered the riches of the Art world with many excursions and shared stories through Art with your students. Mrs Underwood misses you. You taught 3 generation of Kurri kids and remain remembered fondly by many of them. Maybe even Ms Brady! All the very best in your retirement.

To Riley Conway, from the Special Education Unit. Riley has taught for over 20 years at the school and has provided students with many life experiences to provide them with the skills for life beyond the walls of KKHS. Riley leaves to enjoy her children and family time. We wish you all the very best. Also from Special Ed, Mr Quodling leaves us in 2017. He was with us for a short time and leaves to pursue new adventures. We wish him all the best.

While we say farewell, it does mean that we will be welcoming some new faces. I would like to welcome our HT Engagement, Mr Chris English who joins is for 2018 from Warners Bay High. Chris will be stepping up our work around attendance to ensure we work to the goal of every student in class every day.

To our staff of 2017- your commitment to students is nothing short of phenomenal. You have changed things up, played and prototyped, looked to a future focused way of structuring learning, engaged new practices and been AWESOME.

To our students and their families, we wish you a healthy, relaxing and peaceful Christmas break. Keep up with us on FaceBook and the webpage for important dates, including the anticipation of the new front of the school.

We are all starting with BOOTCAMP for the BRAIN for 2018... Watch this space.



#### Important Dates

Jan 29	Staff Development Day
Jan 30	Term 1 Commences Year 7, 11 & 12
Jan 31	Term 1 Commences Year 8, 9, 10
Feb 6	School Photos
Feb 8	Swimming Carnival
Feb 14	School Photo Re-shoot
March 8	Business Breakfast
March 23	Nostalgia High Tea
March 27	Year 7 Immunisations
March 30 - Apr 2	Easter Long Weekend

**Deputy Principal Report - Years 7 & 10 Mrs Pratt**

As we come to the end of 2018 I would like to thank the KKHS community for making me feel so welcome. I have worked with a great number of parents and carers to improve schooling outcomes for their children, and to provide opportunities to enrich their schooling lives.

In the past few days, I have been lucky enough to be in the library as Year 10s come and go from their Authentic Assessment interviews. They have really shone through this process, taking care to select work they are proud of as well as ensuring they look “shmick” in their school uniform. Certainly they are nervous as they go in, but it’s clear as they leave they feel a sense of accomplishment and pride. It has also been lovely to see how strongly this event continues to be supported by the community.

With Authentic Assessment over, for Year 10, it means their Civic Celebration must be just around the corner. I am looking forward to next Thursday night as we celebrate this event at Kurri Kurri TAFE.

It will be an exciting couple of years in stage 5 in the next three years of the school plan as we research best practice to deliver engaging curriculum to students in this stage. Part of this process will include talking to the students (imagine that?!? Imagine actually asking them!!!) and the community.

Year 7 will continue their journey into Year 8 Hubs in 2018. They will continue studying combined subjects such as QUEST and adding to their growing set of future focused skills, like critical thinking. Mr Hope and I are very excited about the electives that students will be working in next year - completing major projects in areas from Robotics to Dance.

I wish you all a very Merry Christmas, and I hope Santa is good to you all!



**Deputy Principal Report - Years 9 & 12 Mrs Glasson**

Congratulations to the following 2017, Year 12 students who have received early University entry offers for a Bachelor Degree or a Pathway Course:

*University of New England*

- Chymeira Brinkley Nursing
- Brendan Crow Biomedical Science
- Lauren Gardner Arts/Law
- Brandon Gear Urban & Regional Planning
- Benjamin Hall Science
- Jade James Nursing
- Jessica Miller Nursing
- Xander Orrock Arts
- Laura Prowse Criminology
- Rachel Sheehan Social Work
- Hannah Waters Nursing
- Chloe Wilson Pathways Enabling Course

*Southern Cross University*

- Jade James Nursing
- Rachel Sheehan Business (Tourism & Hospitality Management)

*University of Western Sydney*

- Jessica Eades Social Work



These students have always demonstrated commitment and enthusiasm and have been fabulous school leaders throughout their time at Kurri Kurri High School! Good luck in your future endeavours!

A special congratulations goes to Lauren Gardner. Lauren receives the University of Newcastle Vice Chancellor’s award and has also been accepted to study Law at the University of Newcastle. This is an amazing achievement and one gained through hard work and

consistency of application. I wish to personally thank Lauren for her outstanding leadership and scholarship over the six years she has spent at KKHS!

Over the next weeks we will celebrate all our students’ achievements at their merit assembly or at the Annual Awards night. It has always been with pride that I congratulate so many award recipients. I hope to see many families and friends at the awards night.

Lastly I would like to wish all students, families and community members a fabulous Christmas and I trust that everyone has a safe and relaxing holiday.

Thank you for a wonderful 2017.

## Deputy Principal Report - Years 8 & 11 Mr Hope

As 2017 comes to an end, the positive things happening within Kurri Kurri High School are **not** slowing down!

Ms Golding and her 8G English class were successful in their submission for the Cessnock City Council Waste Ops competition. In this process the students in 8G planned and scripted a TV advertisement and then filmed this commercial, acting and starring in this themselves. This win is such a massive achievement and something that students should be extremely proud of. You can read the full story further on in the newsletter.

Also this term, we celebrated achievements in Year 12 with the induction of our new school captains and representative council. Our new school captains are Angus Lathan and Georgia Dembeck, and vice captains Rhys Field and Olivia Boyles. I would like to congratulate these students and also the new members of our SRC.

I have recently had the privilege of attending the Newcastle White Ribbon Day Breakfast with Angus and Rhys, and year 10 Student Ambassadors Jack Benic and Sam Grills. This was a great event with our students representing Kurri Kurri High School with pride and excellence.

Earlier in the term, I was successful in establishing a working partnership with Telstra's community team. As part of this, Stage 4 students, in week 6 were able to work with the team from Project Rockit, looking at all aspects of online cyber safety and developing strategies to positively interact online. This whole event was supported and funded by Telstra. In another successful initiative, Telstra generously donated a Maker Box to our STEM curriculum areas. This box, containing a selection of robotic and coding equipment, will be utilised for STEM and coding classes in 2018 to support student learning in this areas. A huge thank you to Telstra for their generosity and I look forward to developing this partnership over the coming months to support our students with more opportunities.

Finally, I would like to thank all staff, students and their families for all the hard work and commitment that they have shown over this year to ensure that Year 8 and Year 12 have been able to achieve such success. I wish everyone an extremely happy and peaceful holiday and look forward to continued success and striving for excellence for our students in 2018.



# Congratulations to our student leaders for 2018.



**Captains** Angus Lathan and Georgia Dembeck

**Vice Captains** Rhys Field and Olivia Boyles

**Prefects** Jenae Madden, Tina Pont, Damien Jones, Aisha Kant, Correna-Lee Clifton, Dylan Andrews, Zakk Cherry



## Junior Aboriginal Education Consultative Group (JAECG)

**President** Dylan Andrews

**Vice-President** Benji Lambert

**Secretary** Jordan Lambert

**Assistant Secretary** Sophie Lambert





### Lights, Camera, Action - Miss Golding

## The entire experience has been challenging, diverse, creative and exciting.

During Term 3, Port Stephens, Maitland & Cessnock Councils asked year 7 & 8 students from across the Hunter Region to help them shift the way we think about waste and encourage people to reduce their waste.

8G were up for the challenge and the project put a new spin on tackling English as a subject! The brief asked the class to provide a script and storyboard for a short film of no more than 60 seconds. The film needed to persuade people living in Cessnock, Maitland and Port Stephen's regions to reduce the amount of waste they throw away each day. They needed to create something that will be noticed, remembered and ultimately a message that will persuade people to change their behaviour.

### ProjectNEST

ProjectNEST is a collaborative professional learning project lead by the staff of our school. Early in Term 4, 30 of our staff joined with 120 likeminded teachers from schools across NSW, for a three day ProjectNEST conference focusing on future learning.

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ProjectNEST began last year and in 2017, was the catalyst to the way in which our classrooms at KKHS have been evolving. Our classrooms are becoming a very different place to the classroom you would be familiar with. The changes are not just to the physical space but primarily to the way in which we approach teaching and learning. Our

classrooms, starting with Stage 4, are places where students are now engaged in collaborative, self-directed learning with teachers acting as facilitators.

While we at KKHS have been in the early stages of this approach, in the UK, the EOS Education team have been seeing amazing results in this approach to teaching. EOS (and their lighthouse school here in Australia, Cessnock East Public School) are experiencing an improvement in attendance, student behaviours improve and students are wanting to come to school to learn. We have been working closely with EOS and Cessnock East Public School, and these same results are filtering in the KKHS, and we are excited!

Knowing the competition would be tough, 8G were blown away with news late in the term that their entry was going to be professionally

filmed. They had made it to stage 2 of the competition and their film was going to be hosted on the Waste Ops website. A special thanks goes out to Pokolbin Village Store who allowed us to literally take over the store for the day of filming.

Once finished, the community was then asked to vote for their favourite video, and guess what? WE WON!!!!!! Not only will the film be shown at a Red Carpet Gala Event at a date to be advised, but 8G won \$1000 to go towards a school project of the schools choice.

The entire experience has been challenging, diverse, creative and exciting. Well done to 8G on how well you have worked together to achieve this. I am proud to be your teacher.

Click here to see the winning advertisement:

<https://vimeo.com/236848460>



Photo courtesy of Marina Neil, Newcastle Herald

## Student Representative Council

The SRC has decided to take some action and help cool things down in the playground. We have decided to raise funds to have water chillers installed, giving students icy cold water to ease hot Summer days. We hope to have the first chiller(s) installed ready for 2018 with the number of units hopefully increasing each year.

We have the support of other groups in the school, including Interact and Year 10 Food Tech which is great and they are also helping to raise funds. How can you help too?

You can buy a ticket in our Christmas Raffle. Tickets are available from SRC Members and will be on sale at MADD Night on Thursday, November 30th. The winner's will be drawn at the final assembly for 2017.

Thanks for the support.



**WIN COOL CHRISTMAS PRESENTS!**  
Prizes drawn at the final assembly for 2017

**Support the SRC to install water chillers to keep us cool in the the long, hot summer.**

**Tickets \$1 each or 3 FOR \$2**

TICKETS FOR SALE FROM YOUR FRIENDLY SRC.  
PRIZES INCLUDE: 2 X RALLY SCHOOL PASSES VALUED AT \$195 EA, EXPRESSI COFFEE MACHINE, MILK ROTHER AND COFFEE PODS, FLAUNT IT HAIR & BEAUTY VOUCHER, SUGARMAN ESPRESSO VOUCHER, DOMINO'S PIZZA VOUCHERS & A GIANT JAR OF JELLY BEANS!

## Winning Essay is a Win, Win



**Providing such grants is a wonderful initiative which in turn benefits so many...**

Darcie Cliff was the successful entrant in the CFMEU Northern Mining & NSW Energy District Union School Grants Programs. Darcie won with her essay written in response to the competition question, "What have unions ever done for us?"

Darcie received an individual prize of an iPad and cover. The school was awarded a grant cheque for \$3080. CFMEU District Vice President Mark McGrath visited KKHS to present the prizes. The grant money will be utilised to purchase some Chromebook computers for use by senior students who do not have access to their own technology devices.

The generosity of the CFMEU Northern Mining & NSW Energy District Union in providing such grants is a wonderful initiative which in turn benefits so many and helps to improve the educational prospects for students in local secondary schools.

Authentic Assessment - Britney and Brooke Houston  
(on behalf of the Year 9 Authentic Assessment team)

### This year marks the 19th year of Authentic

**Assessment** – our year 10 interview program which celebrates the achievement of our successful students. Within our transformed library there are 6 panels, each being screened off from the next, which will have one year 9 student, one community member and one teacher who interview a year 10 student about what they have achieved throughout their year of schooling. Authentic Assessment gives the year 10 students an opportunity to experience what is required of them within a job interview. This process also gives the participating year 9 students an idea of what they would be doing next year and how to achieve the highest results they can throughout their Authentic Assessment. Overall, the past three days have been a great opportunity for both the year groups of 9 & 10 giving them a perspective towards the real world and the academic process. We would like to thank every community member and teacher who gave their time to ensure that the program was once again a successful experience for all involved.



## EVERY MINUTE COUNTS...

When your child misses just...	that equals...	which is...	and therefore, from Kindy to Year 12, that is...
10 minutes a day	50 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 1½ weeks per year	Nearly ½ a year of school
20 minutes a day	1 hour and 40 minutes of learning each week	Nearly 2½ weeks per year	Nearly a year of school
½ hour a day	½ a day of learning a week	4 weeks a year	Nearly 1 ½ years of learning
1 hour each day	1 whole day of learning each week	8 weeks per year or nearly a term a year.	Over 2 ½ years of learning

*Your child's best learning time is at the beginning of the day...*

**School starts at 9.00am  
DON'T BE LATE!**



## EUNOIA Book Launch - Year 9 Creative Writing Class



### This day had been highly anticipated...

On Friday the 24th of November, we, the Year Nine Creative Writing Class released our book, Eunoia. This day had been highly anticipated by both ourselves and the community and it had finally come. It was a bright spring day and we were all ecstatic to open the event with Reese Hamilton and Michael Sim performing for the guests. There was a speech from Mrs Glasson, the Deputy Principal, then letters from some of the guests who were unable to attend due to prior commitments. The letters were from famous author John Larkin, and Rob Stokes, the Minister for Education.

We then donated books to both the public library and school library, before we all received our own edition of the book. Guests began to ask us questions about the process of making the book. Questions such as 'Who are your favourite authors?' and 'What was the process of making the cover?' were both questions we received on the day.

This book took over two terms to write, publish and fundraise for and we could not be happier to release it finally out into the real world, where people can enjoy it to their heart's content. We would all like to say a massive thank you to the guests and everyone who donated or bought the book, if it wasn't for them, this dream wouldn't be a reality, so thank you. For more photos, click [here](#)



### Maxing their Potential - Mr Hope Deputy Principal

Three of our young men have been testing their leadership skills as they participated throughout the year in the Max Potential Program. Rhys Field and Zakk Cherry in Year 12 and Jack Benic, Year 10 have been working with mentors to create programs which can have an impact on our community.

Jack lead a Community Service Project, 'Donations for Dogs,' in which he encouraged us at school along with a local primary school, to donate much needed items to the RSPCA Hunter Shelter. As a dog-lover, Jack knows these donations will make a difference in the lives of the dogs within the shelter and hopes that others feel the same way.

Rhys' project aimed to improve the relationship students have with their schooling by involving Parents/Carers into homework routines. This will hopefully improve the completion rates of homework and in turn the overall grades of students. Rhys achieved this by creating Braintastic, a series of maths surveys designed to support students and parents to work through common maths problems.

Zakk genuinely had the community had heart when he undertook his project. Zakk worked with his local church to re-engage young people in the community and held a disco to attract them. With his own love for music, Zakk was able to conjour up a great atmosphere at the event, which he hopes will be the beginning of more youth initiatives within his church.

To promote their projects, a showcase was held at Cessnock Leagues Club on Friday, November 24th. It was fabulous to see our boys, alongside other Max Potential participants, talk so proudly of what they have achieved by being a part of the program and hear about how beneficial it was for each of them.

Year 7 Hubbenings

**‘Who will be the Kurri Kurri 2000 champion?’**

In Term 4, the Year 7 STEM students have been trying to answer this very question! Students have had to design and make a Co2 dragster, which they are now racing to see who is the fastest over 20 metres. We have been investigating aerodynamics, forces and measuring distances and speed. We have created promotional materials for an event, and developed our graphic skills with logo designs. We have had the 2016 Australian Rally Champion, Molly Taylor, come and talk to us and we also had a great day at the Go-Karts getting inspiration!



**White hub create a web of understanding**

In the White Hub, students have been studying about the linguistic and cultural aspects of Italy. In this photo students experienced preparing and cooking a traditional Italian pasta dish with a red sauce. The White Hub did really well and I reckon there will possibly be a few future chefs in that class.

During a Quest lesson students participated in an activity called weave a web of understanding that focused upon assessing their pre-knowledge whilst being a highly visual and active task. Students took turns in a class conversation by explaining some of the new knowledge they had learnt this year, they then held onto a strand of wool throwing it to another student who had to then also participate in the conversation and so on, eventually weaving a web across the classroom. It was a great activity and all students had something to offer.

This has been an interesting year for year seven as they have been engaging in a range of group orientated projects. The White Hub has done particularly well with our mini group projects as they have had to come together as a team to complete various tasks. One mini project of particular interest was where students had to come up with a product that would help out an ancient medieval society. A range of fascinating designs were created including an extendible fruit picker and an enclosure for a farm to protect produce.

Overall it has been a challenging year and the White Hub has done an outstanding job. I am looking forward to seeing them progress and develop new skills in year 8.



## CAPA – Mrs J King

It has been a very busy term in CAPA, with many music performances, art excursions and exhibitions, and dance and drama classes busy working on exciting units in class. With just weeks to go, we still have many little projects between now and the end of the year including MADD Night, Kurri Carols by Candlelight and the Annual Awards

Night where our students will be recognised for their hard work in CAPA throughout the year. I want to take this opportunity to thank all of our students who readily perform at assemblies and community events when asked, and all those who have been brave enough to enter their works in competitions. You are all fantastic representatives of the school and should be proud of your achievements this year.

We hope that all of our CAPA students have a wonderful holiday break with their families and wish you all a Merry Christmas. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

## Bandwidth

On the 3rd of November, Miss Berni took our year 7/8 rock band "Adrenalin" to the Bandwidth Competition at the Hunter School of Performing Arts. Band Members Jye Kelly, Riley Dembeck, Kody Franks, Kiara Silva and Mephsis Mitchell Mcgrail had to meet at the theatre at 8am for an induction. They were all exceptionally keen to perform; however, they were placed last on the run list, which didn't help with their nerves. The stage was amazing and allowed the students to feel like rock stars. At 1:15pm it was their time to perform and what an outstanding job they did. No one made any mistakes and the judges commented how well they performed for such a young band. In fact, they were the youngest band there!!! All band members said what an amazing experience it was.

## Kurri Kurri Community Festival

Many of our talented performing arts students took the stage at the Kurri Kurri Community Festival this year. Not only did they perform to represent the school, but many had their own gigs booked there as well. In the school time slot, we had two bands, Adrenalin and I Get Mad, and dancers, Amy Stewart and Kiearna Weldon, perform beautifully. Justess Jones, Reese Hamilton and Interlude all had their own gigs booked at the festival throughout the day were excellent representatives of the Kurri Kurri High School CAPA as well.

## Music: Count Us In

Early this term our school choir and band joined forces with Kurri Kurri Public School to participate in the Music: Count Us In national choir program. For the program, choirs from around the nation all learn to sing the chosen song and then perform it at their various locations around the nation all at the same time. This year, more than 650,000 students from over 3,000 schools participated nationwide. For our performance at Kurri Public School, Kurri High School Choir and Band performed, along with Kurri Kurri Public School's Senior Choir, Drumbeat students and Special Education students performing sign language to the song.



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CAPA Cont'd...

### Showcase and Kurri Kurri Town of Murals Art Show

Selected artworks from Visual Arts students in Years 8, 10 and 11 were exhibited last term in the Showcase Exhibition at Maitland Regional Art Gallery and the Kurri Kurri Town of Murals Art Show. The following students received a certificate of participation and won prize money for the entries of their work which explored a broad range of subject matter, approaches, styles and media.

Showcase: Jessica Gear (Yr 8) & Chelsea White (Yr 10)

Kurri Kurri Town of Murals Art Show: Chelsea White (Yr 10), Lucy Bacon (Yr 8) and Tegan Randall (Yr11)

### Sculpture in the Vineyards

Visual Arts students in year 7, 9 and 12 had the opportunity to visit this year's Sculpture in the Vineyard's. The exhibition was held at Stonehurst Cedar Creek at Wollombi on the 23rd of November.

The workshop undertaken by our students included the experience of constructing their own sculptures using recyclable and natural materials. Additionally, the exhibition's curator led students around the outdoor gallery space. This allowed students to interact and discuss the sculptures, which conveyed environmental messages. Students were engaged in all aspects of the workshop, where they gained further appreciation of Visual Arts and were inspired to see the depth and range of works displayed in the beautiful vineyard setting.

### Dance and Drama News

Congratulations again to all the Kurri Kurri High dancers and backstage crew that contributed to the creation and performance at this year's Wakakirri Secondary School Challenge. Our school received two awards on the night – Best Team work and Best minimalist use of set, props and costumes. We also received a state award – Best Ensemble.

Both year nine Dance and Drama electives have been working hard this term. Year nine Dance has been studying the styles of Popular Dance and produced some outstanding hip hop routines which they will debut at this terms MADD night. Year nine Drama have just begun exploring Greek Theatre and discovering how to work as an ensemble. They are currently working as a class to prepare a piece that explores the simple action of walking and how everyone's journey in life forms its own path.





ATSI News - Mrs L'Green

### Kurri Kurri High Sistaspeak

On Monday 23rd October 2017 we had a jam packed day with Years 8, 9 and 10 Aboriginal students participating in our Sistaspeak program which included:

- Personal hygiene, Respect of Self and Others, Your rights to say "NO" and Safe sex.
- Preparing and cooking contemporary Indigenous foods items.
- Designing and Storytelling through a painting activity.

### JAECG Leadership Day

On the 22nd November 2017, Kurri Kurri High School JAECG leaders accompanied by Mrs L'Green participated in a Leadership Networking Day with students from other local schools and organised by St Phillips Christian College.

Uncle Warren shared his knowledge of Wonnarua sacred sites and particularly the Baiame Cave in Milbrodale and his life experiences in the area along with his father's stories. The day also included a BBQ and Aboriginal Traditional games ran by the St. Phillips JAECG leaders. A big Thank you to everyone who helped this day happen it was a fantastic day where we were able to connect with our country, culture and people.



# KORREIL WONNAI AECG DATES / VENUES 2018

## ABOUT THE AECG:

- The AECG gives Aboriginal people a voice at a Local level & takes their views State wide. The strength of the AECG depends on the participation of all concerned i.e.; Education Department, Schools, Teachers, Parents, Students, Aboriginal Organisations & the wider community. We want to empower our communities to become involved in all levels of Education & will contribute to improving all outcomes for everyone.
- The AECG is an Aboriginal community based organization made up of volunteer members who are involved in Junior, Local, Regional & State AECG's throughout NSW. The AECG is recognized as the principle source of advice on behalf of Aboriginal communities on issues relating to Education.

**All meetings are 3.30 for a 4pm starting time.**

**Term 1 2017: 26 Feb (Week 5) @ Pelaw Main PS**

**Term 2 2017: 14 May (Week 3) @ Kearsley PS +**

**: 4 June (Week 6) @ Weston PS**

**Term 3 2017: 20 Aug (Week 5) @ Cessnock West PS**

**\*KULLABURRA Awards 29<sup>th</sup> August @ Saint Philip's CC**

**Term 4 2017: 29 Oct (Week 3) + AGM @ Mount View HS +**

**: 26 Nov (Week 7) @ Kurri Kurri HS**

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### KKHS has it's own Mural

Over the last school holidays, our canteen had a magnificent facelift. This wonderful artwork was created by Muralworks.

Three Year 10 visual arts students - Shamel Tasker, Chelsea White and Bella Couperthwaite - all assisted to create what is a bright and beautiful addition to our playground landscape. The trio worked throughout the break alongside Muralworks artists, Peter Sesselmann, Stevi Cannon and Alex Yates. The mural idea itself was conceived and funded by our generous P&C Association to promote our healthy choices menu and add some colour to our school.

### The Morning Tea Project - Sue Hughes

At the beginning of this year, an innovative project started up to provide Morning Tea, once a fortnight to staff. The initiative involves 8 students from the Special Ed unit and it has been a complete success.

Each fortnight, our team of budding chefs work towards improving lifeskills that will stay with them well beyond school. Throughout the year, students have learned about food safety and hygiene, cooking techniques, following recipes, food presentation and knife skills. They have also learned about catering for the special needs of the staff, who need vegetarian and gluten free options included on the menu!

If asked what the highlight of being a part of the Morning Tea Project is, the students would tell you it is the quality control - another valuable skill - as they sample the treats they create.

We are planning on continuing the project on into 2018, and with the ongoing financial support of the gold coin donation by staff, it should be just as successful.

**The initiative involves 8 students from the Special Ed unit and it has been a complete success.**





Spring onions for the salad



Preparing the fritters



Coking the BBQ

### From the garden to the BBQ - Special Ed

In week 6, we had a 'from the garden to the BBQ' day and cooked zucchini fritters, salad and coleslaw using ingredients that have all come from the vege garden we have been working on throughout the year. Ingredients included: zucchini, spring onion, herbs, lettuce, cabbage and silver beet.

We are very proud to say that we planted, looked after, harvested, prepared, cooked and ate! And....there were NO fritters left.... they disappeared like hot cakes!

### Meet some of our students...

#### Written by Ryan Cant

Hello my name is Ryan and I am in year 8. At the start of the year I was in Mrs Upfold's IM Class, but in semester 2 I moved into Mr Onslow's MC52 Class. We call ourselves 'the Chaingang', Mr Onslow is the best teacher, Miss Lisa the World's best SLSO and the class is awesome. Individually we are STRONG, But Together we are STRONGER is our class motto. My Friends are the best, I bought pencils for the class from the VIVO store with the VIVO'S I earned just to make everyone else happy. We are like a family, everyone is respectful and everyone gets along. Everyone makes me happy in this class and it is awesome and the way we work together, from writing sentences together after watching BTN to the time we had a water fight with all of Special Ed for sport. Learning is the thing you are supposed to do when you arrive at school but we have a laugh too.

#### Written by Hayden Nickerson

Hi my name is Hayden and I'm in MC52, 'the chaingang'. My favourite memory from this year is when we throw balls at each other in the classroom. We only throw soft stress balls and the one that starts it is Mr Onslow and Miss Lisa stops it... We are like a family. 'Chaingang 2017' once on the chain, always part of the gang: Lisa, Jack, Koori, Caleb, James, Taynaya, Hayden, Mr O, Darcy, Brayden, Mikala, William, Tony & Ryan.



# Introducing Hugo, our new school dog.



## BYOD 2018 - Mr Rennex HT Teacher Teaching and Learning (Technology & BYOD)

Our incoming Year 7 students will again have the opportunity to participate in our Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program in 2018. Our BYOD structure will include 4 tiers to ensure all students have access to technology to assist with their learning:-

### Tier 1 – Outright Purchase

Parents/Carers purchase device online from [lwt.com.au](http://lwt.com.au)

Device delivered to KKHS

Identification and order confirmation required for pickup

Student agreement to be signed by student and parent/carer

Students required to bring laptop to school in protective case EVERY day with FULL charge

Students are provided free Microsoft Office and Adobe software from Department of Education. Tutorial help for installation provided at school and online.



### Tier 2 – Payment Plan

Parents/Carers purchase device on payment plan online from [lwt.com.au](http://lwt.com.au)

Device delivered to KKHS

Parents/carers required to sign payment plan contract

Identification and order confirmation required for pickup

Student agreement to be signed by student and parent/carer

Students required to bring laptop to school in protective case EVERY day with FULL charge

Students are provided free Microsoft Office and Adobe software from Department of Education. Tutorial help for installation provided at school and online.



### Tier 3 – Term Loan

School loans student a laptop, case and charger for a fee of \$25 per term

Term Loan Student Agreement to be signed by student and parent/carer

In the event of damage students/parents/carers may be held responsible for repair cost

Students required to bring laptop to school in protective case EVERY day with FULL charge

All software is pre-installed



### Tier 4 – Day Loan

School provides student with school owned loan laptop and case

Laptop is signed out before 9am and returned after 3.20pm

Day Loan Student Agreement to be signed by student and parent/carer

In the event of damage students/parents/carers may be held responsible for repair cost

Students required to use protective case and collect and return laptop EVERY day

All software is pre-installed



### Renno's Nerd Fact for Term 3

Our Technology support Officers, Mr Grono and Mr Hill, have been working hard this term to set up a new iPad management system called Zuludesk. This system allows apps to be remotely distributed to iPads within seconds of a click of a button. The flexibility Zuludesk provides, will allow our iPad fleet to be tailored to meet the needs of students and staff in a much more efficient manner.

Best wishes to everyone for a safe and happy summer holiday.



ZULUdesk

## Interact News

Our Kurri High School Interact Group have been working hard this semester to raise money and provide for the students of Kurri High School.

Last term we held our Colour Run which was a really fun day all of the students at Kurri High School. Through the students who gained sponsorship for the event, we raised \$1200. A big thankyou to our top earners, Ryan Day, Eliannah Gilbert, Jake Holmes and Joshua McIntosh, who all raised over \$100 each. Everyone who raised over \$10 got a prize for supporting the event. Click on the photo to the right to go to the full photo album of Colour Run photos.

From the money we have raised we have implemented Free Fruit After Sport, which has run each Wednesday after sport this term. Students are able to get a free banana, mandarin or apple from the quad during lunch 2 every Wednesday.

Looking forward, we are hoping to assist the SRC with their cool water project, as well as paint a mural to cover up some unsightly graffiti in the school. We are also holding our Charter Event in the last week of school, which will be a nice celebration of everything our group has achieved in the last 12 months.

## Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment - RYPEN

The 3rd to the 5th November, 3 year 9 students, Kiearna Weldon, Chantelle Herbert and Cooper Field, attended the Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment. This program focuses on introducing teenagers to new ideas and concepts that will help them transition into becoming young adults. Some of the key themes explored throughout the duration of this camp included; Values, Meeting new people, Friendship, Communication and teamwork, Fear and trust, Self-talk and self awareness and so many other valuable life lessons.

When these students were asked about the camp upon their arrivals back to school, Kiearna stated "It was so fun . It challenged me so much from falling of a ladder to breaking through wood with our bare hands . I met so many amazing people and new friends along the way it was definitely an experience to remember and if you get the chance to go definitely go." Chantelle replied, " It was the most amazing experience, it taught me so much from learning to trust those around me, to who to keep and value in my life, I made life long friends and will forever cherish my memories of them and the many times we laughed together along with the amazing support of our leaders and mentors."

**"It was the most amazing experience, it taught me so much..."**



## Careers got all revved up - Mr McKinley

Kurri Kurri High School Careers team took 9 lucky students from Year 10 to the Supercars at Newcastle recently on a day excursion. The students were lucky enough to engage in a mini workshop with Shell V-Power Racing Team in Pit lane. While there we engaged aspiring mechanics and engineers to visit Team Shell V-Power racing team to get an insight into what is required to work in the Supercar industry. We spoke to the Shell Team Commercial Manager, Recruitment officer and their team manager while we were there. In our short 20 minutes with the team we gained valuable advice on how to aspire to achieve great things. Also in our time in Pit lane we got the chance to shake hands with one of the best, Dick Johnson. Kurri Kurri High School wishes to thank Patrick Woods from Shell V-Power racing for his superb support of our school in making this rare opportunity available for our students.



## A note from Maths

A couple quick items from the Mathematics Faculty before the long holiday and well desired break.

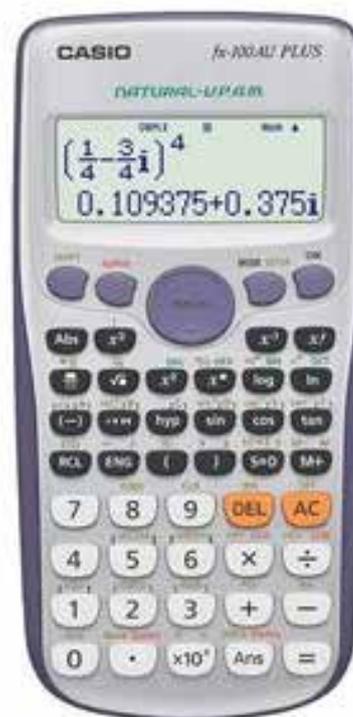
### Calculators

Firstly, all students are required to have their own scientific calculator for mathematical tasks in all years. The preferred calculator is the Casio FX 82AU Plus II or Casio FX 100AU Plus. The Casio fx-82 AU is available through the school office for the cost of \$21.00. Possible stocking stuffer!

### Text books

Staff are currently assessing the textbooks we have and have used previously. We request all students and parents check, under the beds, inside the back of the closet, etc. for the textbooks as they wish to vacation with their friends in our book room.

Have a safe and happy holiday!



## Sport Report Term 4 - Ms Da Silva HT PDHPE

Although it has been a quieter term for team sports there have been a number of individual and team successes that have occurred. These include the Hunter trials for Summer sports getting under way and the Combined High Schools Sporting State Awards, where we saw our very own Lauren Gardner receive a State Level Sporting Blue for her achievements in Lawn bowls and school sport throughout her schooling years. Lauren is the second student in our school's history to receive such a prestigious award. She has had an illustrious career in Lawn Bowls and the following achievements speak volumes about her talent in this arena:

### In 2016

**DISTRICT** : Hunter District Rod Robards Shield Rep, Hunter District & Zone 6 Pairs Winners, Hunter District & Zone 6 Fours Winners, State Fours Winners, Zone 6, 7 a side member, City v Country Team, Hunter Academy of Sport Member.

**STATE**: NSW representative Australian Girls Fours Champions (Gold) Overall best State (Gold)

**CLUB**: Runner Up Ladies Pairs, Triples and Fours. Mixed Triples Winners

**Combined High Schools**: CHS Hunter Team State Singles & Pairs, Kurri Kurri High State Triples Team, Hunter CHS Fours Team Rep, NSW CHS State Team Rep and the School Fours Challenge Winners District, Runner Up Regional

### In 2017

Hunter Academy of Sport Brett Duprez Rep, U 25 City v Country Rep, Hunter Academy of Sport Team Member, CHS Hunter Team State Singles & Pairs Rep, CHS Hunter Fours Team Rep, NSW CHS State Team Rep. At CLUB LEVEL; Lauren was Ladies Pairs Runner Up, Major Singles Runner Up, Mixed Pairs Winner, Mixed Triples Winner

Lauren's earlier achievements at club, district & Zone levels in 2014/2015 include: Ladies Minor, Major and Consistency Singles Winner. IN 2015 Ladies Pairs Winner, Ladies Fours Runner Up, Hunter District Rod Robards Shield Rep, Zone 6 7 A Side Team and City v Country team representation.

Its no wonder why Lauren has received such a prestigious award and her efforts are duly rewarded and celebrated. On behalf of the school community we wish Lauren and the Gardner Family the best for the future and no doubt Lauren will be one to watch on the international circuit in the near future.



Congratulations to Emily Gordan (year 9) who has made the Hunter region Open Girls Softball Team and will travel to Sydney early next year to compete in the NSWCHS Softball Girls Championships. We wish her the best of luck and look forward to reporting on her

successes.

In early October, Tyson O'Neil (year 8) competed in the National Goalball Championships in Melbourne. His team went through undefeated and won a Gold Medal in the junior division. Tyson was also selected as an 'All-Star 6 team' representative which are the best 6 players picked from the whole tournament. This is a fantastic effort for such a young athlete, to watch Tyson in action is an absolute pleasure and is highly recommended if you ever get the chance. We look forward to supporting Tyson with his ongoing career and are excited to be developing a Kurri High Goalball team for 2018 under Tyson's leadership.



Blind Sports Association chair Sam Theodore presents Tyson O'Neil with his gold medal at the national goalball championships. Picture: supplied

Congratulations to Chelsea Gay who has been selected in the U17s central coast Mariners Squad- this is a great achievement for Chelsea which sees her travelling twice a week for intensive training. She says she looks forward to the season and is enjoying the training.

Upcoming events to wrap up a busy and successful year include:

- Hunter Open Girls Cricket Trials, 30th of November
- Stage 4 Netball and cricket Gala Days, 1st of December.

On Behalf of the School, Coaches and PE staff, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the students and parents for supporting our sports program, the P&C for their generous donations to athletes and use of their buses for transport and to our wonderful community businesses who have sponsored our many teams.

**BIG THANKS** to Dominos Pizza, iGym and our latest sponsors Happy Tooth Dentist, who have recently and kindly offered sponsorship for the next 3 years to our girls soccer team.

Our students and community are very thankful for your ongoing support and we strive to represent the school and our community to the highest of standards.

