



### Principal's Comment

#### Exciting 'Pilot' Project comes to KHS ... Student Support Officer Appointed

Koorringal High School has been chosen as one of ten schools across the state to take part in a 'pilot' program which will see a Student Support Officer appointed to the school.

Student Support Officers have specific training in social work and we are very pleased that Ms Erin Diggelmann, a recent graduate from the Social Work degree program at Charles Sturt University, has been appointed to the position.

Student Support Officers will assist the students of the school as they face the challenges of life today, including strategies to develop their wellbeing.

While local media has focused on the work that will be done in the school to develop anti-bullying strategies, this is not the only focus of the position.

Student Support Officers are not counsellors but they do form part of the school Learning Support Team. Their work will allow school counsellors to continue their focus on the management of complex cases using their psychological expertise.

Part of the role also entails assisting the school and the community with establishing ties with other community organisations and agencies such as police, NSW Health and non-government organisations.

Quite specifically the role is to provide support to our students through:

- Connecting students and their families with other staff, services and/or community activities and support agencies;
- Assisting in researching and implementing evidence-based student wellbeing and anti-bullying strategies;
- Working with individual and small groups of students to develop effective coping skills and positive relationships at school and at home;
- Assisting with the implementation of digital citizenship programs with particular reference to cyber bullying and social network activities;
- Liaising with partner primary schools to support effective transition of students to secondary school.

I believe this appointment will be of great benefit to our school and to the community that we serve.

#### Monday 1.8.11

Tracey Lenihan  
Mary Woodbury  
Tanya Tye

#### Tuesday 2.8.11

Kathryn Strano  
Jenny Creasy

#### Wednesday 3.8.11

Di Nathan  
Belinda Lynch  
Sandra Bertoldi

#### Thursday 4.8.11

Sue Belling  
Mary Peck

#### Friday 5.8.11

Karen Rice  
Lisa Clarke  
Sue Hawkins

#### Monday 8.8.11

Jenny Allen  
Michelle Merkel  
Ruth Kerr

#### Tuesday 9.8.11

Sheena Hatfield  
Jo Brown

Jenny Treloar

#### Wednesday 10.8.11

Debbie Hastings  
Gina Denton

#### Thursday 11.8.11

Kathryn Strano  
Maureen Fawns  
Linda Webster

#### Friday 12.8.11

Chris Bedgood  
Melissa Cool  
Caroline Leese

# Canteen Roster

**Before school only-  
Toasted ham and cheese  
sandwiches \$2**

Ralph Pirozzo conducting the staff seminar/workshop last Friday.



### ~Upcoming Events~

#### Tuesday 2nd August

Year 9 subject information night  
7.30pm PAV

#### Friday 5th August

Riverina CHS Athletics Carnival

#### Friday 12th August

Selwyn snow trip

#### Monday 8th – Friday 19th August

Year 12 HSC Trials

**\*\*\* P&C Pieces\*\*\***

The Koorungal High P&C Association meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month during term from February to November. Meetings held in the staff common room commencing at 7.30pm for about 90 minutes. All are welcome to come along but if you cannot make it send your email address to me at [carolrob@dragnet.com.au](mailto:carolrob@dragnet.com.au) and I will email the meeting minutes direct to you OR feel free to check out the minutes on the school website <http://www.koorungal-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/1578509.node> Funds raised by the P&C and Canteen during the year go back into the school to benefit our children. So far this year approx. \$40,000 has been approved for the following areas:

Head Teacher Requests Semester 1 = \$7345  
\$815 – Maths (Books & Olympiad)  
\$990 – Science (Ammeters & Voltmeters)  
\$800 – Sport (Shade Tent with KHS Logo)  
\$1840 – English (Texts & Games)  
\$500 – Business (Dictaphones & Headphones)  
\$2400 – Air-conditioning  
Donations = \$1300  
\$500 – Royal Far West  
\$800 – Students representing the school

Tied Grants for the year = \$28,500  
Mathletics \$2000  
Presentation Night \$4000  
Band Tutor \$6000  
Library \$4000  
Technology \$6000  
Rep Uniforms \$1500  
Grounds \$5000



Kane Abbott playing the didgeridoo during assembly last week

**Goodbye from Kev.....**

After being counsellor at KHS for about 16 years it's time to leave. I am fortunate to have gained a promotion to District Guidance Officer. The new role will see me continuing to provide direct Counselling service for 2 ½ days per week, and 2 ½ of support for the other Counsellors in the Wagga team plus administration duties. This means that I will be relocating to Koorungal Public School.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the staff of Koorungal High, both teaching and non-teaching, who have been so supportive of me while I was Counsellor at the school. Their friendship and professionalism has been very much appreciated and resulted in me being able to be part of a team working towards helping all students enjoy their experience at Koorungal High.

I also wish to thank the parents and carers of students of the school. Over the years I have been privileged to work closely with parents and carers to assist their kids through the ups and downs of adolescence.

Finally I want to thank all the kids who attended Koorungal High over the years I was Counsellor. I thoroughly enjoyed the opportunity to be part of the KHS team who watched, and assisted, them grow from young children entering Year 7 to become mature young adults ready and able to leave school and face the world.

I leave the Counselling reins in the very capable hands of Anne Egan and Paul Wetherbee. I know you will give them the support you offered me, and wish the entire Koorungal High School community all the best in what lies ahead.

Kev Johnston  
School Counsellor

**Youth scholarships**

Housing NSW is offering youth scholarships through an application and selection process to social housing occupants. Interested students should contact their Year Advisor.





Australian Government



Printers



Exercise Books

# Education Tax Refund

## Now includes school uniforms purchased from 1 July 2011



School Shoes



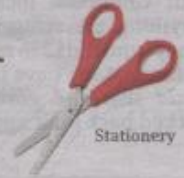
Text Books



Laptops



Sports Uniforms



Stationery



Summer Uniforms



Educational Software



Stationery



Paper-based Learning Materials



Internet Connection



Desktop Computers



Winter Uniforms

School uniforms purchased from 1 July 2011



Reference Books



School Shirts



USB Flash Drives

The Australian Government is helping with the cost of educating your kids.

The Education Tax Refund provides up to 50% back on a range of educational expenses. And now, school-approved uniforms, purchased from 1 July 2011, are included.

Items of clothing including hats, footwear and sports uniforms approved by your child's school as its uniform may be claimed in next year's refund.

To check your eligibility and see what may be claimed, visit the website.

And remember to keep all your receipts for tax time.

[australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund](http://australia.gov.au/educationtaxrefund)

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Claim everything you are entitled to





## YEAR 9 ELECTIVE GEOGRAPHY



This year we had students who nominated to study Elective Geography. Our first unit of work involved country studies. In class we studied India through a variety of videos, articles and research. As part of this country study, we participated in a luncheon of Indian cuisine. Students were able to taste a variety of Indian dishes. All students agreed it was a successful activity and further luncheons would be great.

We also placed a submission with the Wagga Wagga City Council for an environmental grant to complete an environmental activity around the school. We were successful in obtaining \$1100 in funding to purchase materials to complete our project. As part of the funding, students attended a conference at the Council Chambers where they learnt about environmental sustainability, met students from other schools and to plan their environmental activity. They also received hints on how to make a movie showing their progress throughout this project. Students enjoyed the morning tea and luncheon that was provided.



We decided on an environmental mural on the wall of the English and HSIE steps. This mural will be complemented with an environmental friendly garden at its base. Watch this space for progress reports



## BUSINESS SERVICES YEAR 11



This is a Year 11 – 12 Vet Course offered to students where they learn the basic skills in office administration. So far this year the students in Year 11 have been completing practical work in the Administration Office in preparation for their work placement in Week 5. Work placement is where they are placed with a local business for one week to gain valuable office experience in the wider community.

In the 'print' room students learn how to use the various functions of photocopiers, how to bind books, send faxes, use the letter folding machine to fold letters for a bulk mail out and shredding documents.



In the Western office students learn the skills associated with answering phones in a professional manner, taking phone messages, filing, petty cash, ordering goods and reconciling invoices. Whilst in the Front office students learn about customer service, banking, filing, mailing and deliveries.



I thank the SASS staff for their patience and guidance with these students. Their voluntary participation in this course gives the students valuable office experience. The skills that these students develop are recognised whilst they are on work placement. Many students who have completed this course and have Certificate 11 in Business Services have gained employment from their work placement. Last year Lauren Taylor and Stephanie Rankin gained employment at the NAB on completion of Year 12. Last Wednesday Lauren came back to KHS with Compact (the organisation who plans all school work placements) to talk to the Business Services students about the expectations of employers of the students whilst on work placement and how valuable this can be in assisting them in future career directions.

Mrs Cook

