KOORINGAL HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Welcome to Term 4.

2020 has certainly been a crazy ride, but we are thankfully on the downhill slide to the end of the school year. However, before we get to the sun, sand and surf holidays, we have lots of awesome events planned.

To that end, all of the staff of Kooringal High School would like to wish our amazing Year 12 2020 students all the best in their HSC examinations over the next few weeks. I remind our incredibly talented and diligent students that this is just the beginning. I have to say that we are incredibly proud of the students who have seen out this year. You are still smiling and having a go, and no one could want more from you. Your awesomeness keeps the rest of us inspired. Remember, your schooling might be finishing, but your life adventures are only just starting. Well done Class of 2020.

As for the rest of the student body, you need to stay tuned for some fun upcoming events. Lunchtime activities and end of year excursions are all in the works, or already happening, and we look forward to seeing everyone participating and enjoying this fun time of year.

We would like to welcome Paul Anderson to our TAS staff as our new permanent Agriculture teacher. Paul comes to us from Junee with a wealth of experience. We look forward to seeing what exciting new developments happen at the farm over coming months.

KHS is proud to partner with Charles Sturt University to offer a Kooringal High School Foundation Scholarship. 2020 HSC students who will be transitioning to Charles Sturt University as a full-time student in 2021 are welcome to apply for the one time \$3000 scholarship. Applications for the scholarship with Charles Sturt University are now open until 8 Feb 2021. For more information or to apply, go to: <u>http://bit.ly/ KHS_Foundation_Scholarship</u>

Finally, a big get back soon to Mr Bryant, who has had to take two weeks leave. He will be back in Week 3 and ready to get his groove on at the Year 12 Formal later in the term.

Have a great term KHS.

Regards Ms Jobe Relieving Principal



UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 20 First Day of HSC Examinations

Oct 26- Nov 6 Year 8 VALID Testing

Nov 9-13 NAIDOC Week

Nov 11 Last Day of HSC Examinations

Nov 17 Year 12 Formal





HOMEWORK CENTRE

Kooringal High School is trialling the introduction of a Homework Centre. This centre will operate to build on the foundations supporting student study.

The Homework Centre is available to any student wishing to complete assignments, homework or extra-curricular work. Students have access to the internet through using multiple means of Information Communication Technology (ICT). Staff expertise is available every week, with multiple trained staff members of Kooringal High volunteering their time.

The Centre runs between 3.40pm – 4.30pm every Monday in the library.

The first session will run Monday 26th October 2020.

Each afternoon, when the Centre is open, two supervisors will be available to actively support students complete their work. Students can bring along normal class-based homework, complex assignments for a range of subjects and assessment tasks for Years 7-12 students. The Supervisors facilitate, explain and support student learning.

Duty Statement – Kooringal High School Homework Centre

Kooringal High School is trialling a Homework Centre for all students. It is an opportunity for students to seek assistance with homework, assessment tasks and basic literacy and numeracy skills. To improve the education outcomes of students both teachers and students must work toward a common goal.

For students to benefit from attending the homework centre they must:

- Identify specific goals they wish to achieve by the end of the session. Goals can be targeted to specific areas of assessment tasks and/or homework activities.
- Suggest areas of development for future sessions at the homework group. This will
 assist students to improve skills in the necessary areas and build on concepts each
 week.
- Actively participate in all activities offered and make effective use of the time spent at the homework centre.
- Students are responsible for their own transport home at the completion of Homework Centre.
- It is free of charge and staffed by KHS teachers.

ENGLISH REPORT

Year 8 ENGI Project Based Learning

Year 8 completed an Aboriginal Poetry unit of work last term and decided to embark on a project that enhanced their understanding of the themes surrounding the poetry they had just finished studying.

Through the project, small groups are addressing the driving question "How do we keep the conversation going?" which reflects the importance of incorporating Aboriginal perspectives in all aspects of English.

Students have decided to address this question through high quality permanent visual representations or displays for the classroom. The paintings and models will serve as a learning tool for future classes and thus "keep the conversation going".

Some ideas include; stages of the protest movement depicted in frames, interviews with Aboriginal students in Year 6 from our partner schools, constellations of the night sky and artworks that represent Wiradjuri land, famous Aboriginal people and symbols of love and reconciliation.

Small groups are in the process of writing proposals to the funding body (Wes Boney, Jack Lyons and Eve Walker who will assess their ideas and will wait eagerly to see if their ideas are among the five chosen. In the meantime, students are demonstrating excellent organisational skills by creating lists of materials required, checking school schedules to organise their incursion and liaising with the school's general assistant for help in executing their ideas. They are aiming for the project to be completed Friday Week 3 with exhibition during Naidoc Week.

Overall, their teacher Ms Henderson is very impressed with the way they have collaborated with each other to create innovated ideas and written polished texts for specific real-life purposes.

Stay tuned for pictures of the final product – they intend to turn the boring walls of D36 into an amazing learning space.

WELFARE REPORT

Wear it Purple Day

On August 28 KHS celebrated Wear it Purple Day. This event celebrates the diversity of our LGBTIQA+ students with the aim to reduce stigma and experiences of exclusion for these students. We were so happy that so many students and staff got involved. It was a wonderful day all round.





Uniform

It is great to see so many students wearing correct KHS uniform. A reminder that shorts should be navy and Riverina/NSW representative gear is only permissible on Wednesdays. Donations of second hand uniforms are always welcome.

Sock it to Suicide

This week KHS are participating in Sock it to Suicide. Students are encouraged to wear colourful socks throughout the week. On Thursday, the SRC will be having a BBQ to raise money for mental health. A meal deal (2 sausages plus drink) is \$5





Lunchtime activities

Are you bored at lunchtimes? Check out the list of activities on offer and join in the fun.

Forge Wellbeing System

KHS are trialling a new wellbeing tracking system within the selective classes. This program aims to identify areas of health that may be impacting on the students' ability to achieve their best. It will offer strategies to strengthen resilience and happiness.

If the trial is successful it will be extended across the school next year. Selective students are reminded to return their notes to Mrs Mattingly ASAP.

Bandana Day

National Bandanna Day is a Canteen event to support young people affected by cancer. This year, the event will take place on Friday 30th October. SRC students are selling Bandana's during breaks until stock runs out.

LUNCHTIME ACTIVITIES

MONDAY Chess - Library Rosellas - D Block

TUESDAY

Lego Club - B12 Soccer - Cym

WEDNESDAY

Just Dance- Gym

THURSDAY

Soccer - Cym Maths Homework (Week A) - A02 Cards (Week B) - A02

FRIDAY

Knitting - A06 Feel Cood Friday - Quad Play Reading - Library

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CAREERS NEWS

Year 9 Careers lesson Term 4

Over the next few weeks all Year 9 students will take part in a Careers lesson aiming to link personal interests to possible career options and to provide information about Tax File Numbers. The session will take place in a timetabled Science class.

The Careers lesson will give an overview of why Tax File Numbers are important and the steps required to attain one. Students will then complete an online careers interest test which aims to link activities and tasks they enjoy doing with possible career options.

Students will complete activities via the KHS Careers website which is an excellent resource for students to use to research and prepare for their post school options. The organisation for these lessons is:

Wk 1 Term 4		
Date	Lesson	Class
Wednesday 14/10/20	Period 1	9SC2 Bathgate
Thursday 15/10/20	Period 4	9SC6 Robinson
Week 2 Term 4		
Tuesday 20/10/20	Period 4	9SC4 Basei
Thursday 22/1020	Period 6	9SC7 Peel
Week 3 Term 4		
Tuesday 27/10/20	Period 3	9SC1 Ryan
Wednesday 28/10/20	Period 1	9SC5 Crowe
Week 5 Term 4		
Friday 13/11/20	Period 3	9SC3 Williams

Defence Force Trade Careers Information

Session 22nd October 4pm – 6pm With so many opportunities in the Army, Navy and Air Force there is a career for you.

Register at: <u>https://www.defencejobs.gov.</u> <u>au/events/events-detail/6mrdtfp</u>

Defence Careers Virtual General

Information Session 29th October 2020 6pm – 7pm Register at: <u>https://www.defencejobs.gov.</u> <u>au/events/events-detail/98BLEHW</u>

Summer jobs for students

Look for casual and full time job vacancies on the KHS Careers website: <u>https://www.kooringalhighcareers.com/</u> <u>job-vacancies</u>

Make sure you are work ready

Before you can start working and most importantly get paid, you'll need to make sure that you've got a few important things organised.

They include:

- Tax File Number (TFN) <u>https://www.</u> kooringalhighcareers.com/tfn
- Bank Account
- Super Account eg. <u>https://www.</u> <u>studentsuper.com.au/</u>

You can also build your resume and create a cover letter in the Student Secure Area of the website

https://www.careertools.com.au/student/ login/kooringalhighcareers.com.

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KPS IS TURNING 60 & WE WANT YOU TO BE A PART OF IT.

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YOUR NAME HERE YOUR TITLE YEARS WITH KPS

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PAVING THE WAY FROM 1960 TO OUR FUTURE...

This year Kooringal Public School turns 60 and to commemorate we are selling personalised name pavers which will be installed around the school in pathways and garden edging.

What a fantastic way to remember your family's time at KPS from 1960 through to the future...

\$30 / PAVER

TO ORDER

Visit us online at www.kpspc.org.au

Current school families also have the option to order through flexischools

For more into please email KPS P&C kooringalpublicschool@pandcattiliate.org.au

Thanks for your support!



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Did you know KHS has our very own App?

You can send in an absentee note, change address details, access the online uniform shop, access school newsletters, access the student/parent portal and more! You will also receive important messages to your device.

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