

The Ziegler

**KOORINGAL
HIGH SCHOOL
Newsletter**



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Congratulations Year 12

Last Wednesday was the final week of the Higher School Certificate examinations for our Year 12 students. I would like to congratulate them on completing this milestone and also for their application to their studies and conduct during the examination period. We concluded their final moments with us at their school formal last night. It was fantastic to spend an evening with them celebrating their wonderful achievements. Good luck Year 12 with *'life after the HSC'* and we wish you all the best for the future ahead.

NAIDOC Week

Last week the students and staff celebrated NAIDOC with the theme 'Always Was, Always Will Be'. Over the course of the week, our students engaged with our Aboriginal Education team to immerse themselves in different cultural activities including sports, dance and art. During the week, they produced a video <https://youtu.be/DcQqAzaiuwQ>. I would recommend that you take a look to see what they have been up to and would like to take the time to thank Wes, Jack and Mrs Howard for all of their hard work. I know that our students value highly all of the experiences that are on offer.

Remembrance Day

Last Wednesday, the School Captains and I attended the Wagga Remembrance Day Ceremony at the Wagga Wagga Cenotaph. It was a solemn yet important ceremony and our Captains represented the school with pride as they laid a wreath on behalf of the students and staff. We also conducted a minute's silence at school and students created a fantastic display in remembrance. I would like to thank Mr Celi and the HSIE staff for organising this important event at school and our Captains for their outstanding leadership and representation.

As we head into the final weeks of the year, I would like to thank all of the students for their hard work as they navigate their final assessments and examinations for the year. Additionally, I would like to thank all of the staff who have provided additional opportunities, such as our many social and cultural activities as well as academic opportunities such as HSC tutorials.

Have a nice week

Kind Regards,
Kyle Bryant



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 25

Waterpolo Gala Day

Dec 3

- Presentation Day

Dec 7

- Presentation Ceremony

Dec 14-16

- End of Year Excursions

Dec 16

- Last day of Term for students



WELFARE REPORT

End of Year Excursions

Over the next few weeks, students will be given information on excursion opportunities for the last 3 days of term- December 14-16. This year, due to COVID restrictions we will not be offering overnight excursions but hope to offer a variety of day trips to places such as Canberra, Altina Zoo, Temora and activities within Wagga. Stay tuned for more details.

Uniforms

KHS is always appreciative of second hand uniforms. At present we are particularly low on skirts. Any donations are most welcome. We have seen an increase in the number of students wearing football shorts. A reminder to all that the school uniform requires navy blue shorts to be worn. Thanks to all parents who support the school uniform policy.

KHS Merit System

over the next few weeks we will be presenting students with their gold/silver/bronze badges if they have earned a promotion within the KHS merit system. They will also enjoy a pizza lunch. All students are encouraged to lodge their Commendation awards with their Year Advisor so they don't miss out. Requirements for promotion can be found on the posters in the Wellbeing area or ask you Year Advisor.

Breakfast Club

We are excited to announce that Breakfast Club has recommenced in C 20 Fridays from 8.15-8.45. Come along and make a positive start to your day.

SRC REPORT

Koorringal High School is once again participating in Movember. Movember fundraisers are a global community trying to improve mental health, prevent suicide, and make a difference in prostate cancer and testicular cancer. So far we have around 70 staff and students participating in this event and have raised more than \$2000 in donations. People can still take part in this wonderful event by going to <https://movember.com/t/KHS-MBM?mc=1> and joining the KHS Mo Bros and Movers. We are welcoming anyone who wishes to participate.

Year 8 this year have really gone all out with Year 8 Idol. We had the most participants this year than ever before which really enhanced the show and took it to the next level. The audience and judges loved every performance

showcased by KHS's talented musicians. Well done to everyone who participated.

Battle of the Bands will be starting soon with the 'heat' rounds. This year's theme is 'Rock Through The Ages'. Any band can compete. We are looking forward to hearing more amazing music performed by our skilled musicians at KHS.

SRC have raised a total of \$850 for Bandanna Day. Thank you to all the people who supported the charitable event by buying a bandanna and donating. The barbeque also raised an additional \$576.

-Maimuna Zaman (Year 10 SRC member)

NAIDOC WEEK 2020

Koorungal High School acknowledges and pays respect to the Wiradjuri people as we meet on Wiradjuri land, on the sacred hills of Koorungal. We would like to acknowledge all First Nation people as they send an invitation for all to care, value and respect land, water and history. In honour of First Nation people, we pay respect to all Elders, past, present and emerging. We stand with everyone, moving forward with inclusion, support and recognition.

This year's theme "Always Was, Always Will Be."

This year, we had to do things differently but that didn't stop the celebration at our school. Staff and Students hit the mark by paying respect to the First Nation people of Australia.

The week started with an opening dance for one of our primary partner schools (Lake Albert Public School) with Jacob, Joseph, Jade and Cody dancing with choreographer Molly Lenon.

Next, came our big event of showcasing culture through song, dance and what it means to be part of NAIDOC. This film was produced by students and staff, with our proud Aboriginal students directing, filming, speaking and being enthusiastic to represent culture through the entire production of this film. Wednesday the 11th was Remembrance Day and we first paid tribute to all soldiers. Jack Lyons shared a powerful and touching story that involved his Great Grandfather. To all Australian service men and women who serve this country, we remember everyone including the Aboriginal soldiers who were heroes as well.

The film also showcased our Aboriginal Students dancing with the guidance of Molly Lenon as well as a song cover of "Feel the Fire," performed by Gus Belling and Chloe Miles.

Joel Tracey was our host, showing strength, and leadership. The video can be viewed at <https://youtu.be/DcQqAzaiuwQ>



Trish Henderson and her Year 8 class, have worked on multiple projects that make Aboriginal people feel welcome and allows everyone to keep the conversation going.



Jack and Wes were invited to the opening of totem poles at Sturt Public School, as the stage 3 Aboriginal students worked with us to implement totem poles. We are so proud of our primary partner's schools.

NAIDOC finished off with a sport competition. The winner on the day was Wes's team winning 3 - 1.

We are lucky to have Jack and Wes, our two proud Aboriginal staff workers that always support, guide, and strengthen all students, staff and community to build a better future for everyone to enjoy.

Year 8 IDOL

The winners of the Year 8 Idol are Xyah McLaren, Kaliyah Salmon and Huntah Bevan. The best performer of the day was Ethan Crozier. Well done to all the students that participated.



SCIENCE NEWS

What'll Happen to the Wattle

Our year 9 selective class, have been putting their cross-curricular skills to the test. With a witty, well-crafted short video and a successful, succinct persuasive 200 word application, these students have won an opportunity for KHS to try and grow some of the most famous wattle seeds in history through the "What'll happen to the wattle" project.

What's so special about these seeds? Nothing... yet, but next month, through the One Giant Leap foundation in partnership with the Australian and Japanese Space Agencies, these seeds

will be going where no wattle seeds have gone before: The International Space Station!

After 6 months of hanging in microgravity, the seeds will be back to Earth and out to schools and other community organisations to be grown alongside their land-locked counterparts, to investigate the effect of prolonged periods in space on the germination and growth of these iconic Aussie plants. An important step in investigating if we will be able to grow terrestrial plants on Mars. Keep a lookout for our updates as we keep you posted on their progress!



National Indigenous Science Education Program (NISEP)

During week 3, seven Year 9 students took part in the National Indigenous Science Education Program (NISEP), student leader training and hosted chemistry and physics based science events to their peers in Year 9. The events included the racing horse, mobius strip, what's that smell and dry ice experiments.

NISEP uses science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) to place Indigenous secondary students in leadership roles at school, in the community and at university-based events, so they can gain the confidence, motivation and aspiration to finish school and pursue pathways to tertiary education and employment.

CAREERS NEWS

Year 10 virtual Practice Interviews

All Year 10 PE classes are working on a work readiness unit in their PE classes. Students are learning about resumes, job applications and interview skills. All students are working towards having a practice interview for a job of their choice (or a scholarship interview) next Thursday 26th November. The virtual interviews will be conducted by representatives from local recruitment agencies and businesses; we are so fortunate to have great support from the Wagga community for this event.

Year 10 Work Experience

The final week for Year 10 work experience is Week 8 of this term. All paperwork must be returned to Mrs Fitzgerald by Tuesday

24th November for participation that week.

Year 9/10 Work Inspiration

This will be held during periods 1 & 2 Monday 23rd to Wednesday 25th November in the Library

The Work Inspiration activity is an opportunity for students to explore career options related to their strengths and personality, as well as hear about job opportunities and pathways with Deloitte and The Smith Family organisations. The workshops will be conducted online and will assist students with their future careers planning. Thank you to the students who have registered for this event.

KHS SCHOLARSHIP

KHS is proud to partner with Charles Sturt University to offer a Koorungal 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: http://bit.ly/KHS_Foundation_Scholarship

Did you know KHS has our very own App?

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