# KOORINGAL HIGH SCHOOL

Office hours: Mon - Thurs: 8:30am - 4pm Fri: 8:30am - 3:45pm

Success in Learning

TERM 3 WEEK 4 12 August 2020



## **Student Support Officer**

Last term we engaged in our merit selection processes for the permanent Student Support Officer position at the school. I would like to congratulate Josh Larwood on being successful in that position. Josh was a student of Kooringal High School and has been working in the same role at Red Hill Public School. Sadly, this means we will be losing Kelsie Hodges, our current SSO but in a fantastic turn of events, Kelsie will be taking on Josh's role at Red Hill. We wish Kelsie all of the best and we know she will be a fantastic support for the students of her new school.

#### **School Attendance**

Each newsletter I provide an additional reminder regarding students and their attendance during these times. Please support the school and community in not sending your children to school if they are unwell, even if they have mild symptoms. We will make arrangements to have your child collected if they come to school unwell or become unwell whilst at school.

Otherwise, students should be regularly attending school unless they have a medical certificate which states they are unable to return to school due to an ongoing medical condition.

Non-essential adults are still not permitted on site unless they are meeting with staff and excursions are on hold until further notice. Thank you for your understanding and support.

# **HSC Trials**

This week our Year 12 students have begun their Trial HSC examinations. We would like to wish all of them the very best at this time, particularly due to the tough circumstances they have had to face. Having said that, they have managed the situation with courage and resilience for this, we are very proud of them.

Good Luck Year 12.

Kind Regards, Kyle Bryant Principal

# Yazidi Black Day

Black Day was commemorated by the Yazidi community on 3rd August. Soad from Year 11 has written a piece, explaining the significance of Black Day.

On August 3rd 2014 is the black day in the history of Yazidi. The day when the conscience of humanity died. On this day six years ago the terrorist groups attacked Shingal, which is a Yazidi town for a long time. The terrorist groups took more than six thousands men, women and children. Then they separated the men from women and children. They killed most of the men and took children for weapons training and brainwashed them to take terrorist ideas. The terrorists cursed women and sold them to slave markets in Iraq and Syria, a section where some of the women and children had escaped from their jails and some families bought them. The people who are not in the terrorist jails, live very difficult lives in the camps, one tent only for four people but ten people live in it and in winter it is very cold and in summer it is very hot.

Shingal has been destroyed really badly and no one is able to live in it. There are no services, no water, no electricity, and it is destroyed. That is why many people are living in different countries to live safely and to have good services of living like the rest of the people.

I hope to all who can help our people by any means to help them such as building the city of Shingal or fixing the services for them or help them to get out of Iraq to live safely in the world.

Soad Mahmood

### **EAL/D Students Transitioning into the Mainstream**

During Terms Two and Three, eight students from the Intensive English Class have transitioned into the mainstream. Soad, Aeda, Saeed, Viyan, Wisam and Nasrin have commenced a 'Bridging to Year 11' program. The students plan to complete their HSC studies during 2021 and 2022.

Natheer has transitioned into Year 9 and Adel into Year 8. The students are being supported by the SLSO's attached to the EAL/D faculty – Rashed, Shahab and Michael.

Congratulations to the students on this wonderful achievement. We are extremely proud and wish them every success in their studies.



# HSIE/Language

Year 8 History have been learning about medieval European social structure. To further their understanding, 80 recreated the feudal hierarchy and simulated the fief system with Fantales to represent the harvest. Students were randomly allocated to a social class and each began with 10 lollies. Peasants unfortunately had to pay their vassals 6 pieces of 'harvest' in exchange for protection, vassals had to pay their barons 5 pieces from each peasant in return for land. Each baron had to pay their King (or Queen in our case) 3 pieces from each vassal in exchange for their land. Subsequently, our Queen ended up with a bountiful harvest and our peasants a measly 4 pieces. However, our Queen was very generous and returned the harvest to her subjects at the end. 80 enjoyed the simulation and subsequent discussions about the inequality of the class system.



Melissa O'Sullivan - HSIE teacher







# Jeans for Genes Day

Jeans for Genes day was a great day at KHS. We raised a total of \$828. Thanks to everyone in our community that supported this great cause.





# **Cross Country**

Our annual Cross Country carnival was held on Wednesday 29th July during sport time. The warm weather made for a great event and all students participated with lots of enthusiasm. Congratulations to our cross country age champions for 2020. Thank you to the Welfare team for providing a sausage sizzle and zooper doopers for all students upon completion of the course.

# Points at cross country were:

- Bidgee 2787
- Farrer 2917
- Lawson 2611
- Sturt 2708











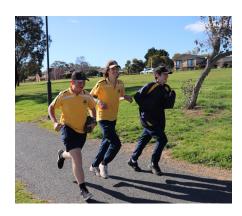


**Cross Country Age Champions 2020** 

Age	Girls	Boys
12	Jenna Oakman	Sharjil Ahsan
13	Tayla Kaye-Mahon	Riley Howard
14	Chloe Miles	Titus Madeley
15	Georgia Cameron	Sebastian Rodet
16	Kate Esler	Bayley Moller
17+	Sophie Fawns	Hugh Schmetzer

**Update on House Points** 

1.	Lawson	9,921
2.	Farrer	9,831
3.	Bidgee	9,060
4.	Sturt	8,429







It is important that all junior students (Years 7-10) are actively involved in sport every Wednesday as it's a mandatory component of their schooling. There are plenty of fantastic sports on offer each term for students to choose from. We know that some appointments may need to be booked in during school time but it is preferred these appointments be made for after school to allow students the opportunity to participate in weekly sport.

Thanks,

Mrs Macri (HT PDHPE rel), Miss McCarthy and Mr Skeers (Sports Organisers)

#### **Creed Shield**

Congratulations to the Opens Boys Football team who won the 3rd place playoff in the Creed Shield with a 2-0 win over WWHS.

The win means the boys will remain in Pool A next year for the 2021 competition. Well done to all involved!



#### National Tree Planting Day

On Friday 1st August, Mrs Kaye Crawford and Jack Lyons supported many of our students in planting natives trees around our new Yarning Circle. It was a perfect day and fun was had by all.

A very big thank you to Mrs Helen Schmetzer for organising the many trees and plants for us to plant and also to Mrs Kaye Crawford for teaching the students how to plant a tree.

#### **Careers News**

# Year 10 Work Experience - on hold

Due to the ongoing health concerns relating to Covid 19 work experience is on hold for the remainder of Term 3. It is hopefully that work experience can recommence in Term 4.

### University Open Days going virtual due to Covid19

University open days provide an opportunity to find out more detail about courses, scholarships, avenues of entry, accommodation, facilities and more. Most universities have opted to go virtual this year which will allow students and parents to register for specific presentations and ask questions throughout the presentations via chat facilities. For dates and registration details go to:

### **University courses in NSW**

https://www.uac.edu.au/future-applicants/open-days

# VET, TAFE and University courses in Victoria <a href="https://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html">https://www.vtac.edu.au/opendays.html</a>

# **Automotive Industry Webinar Thursday 13th August**

Students in Years 9-11 are invited to attend an automotive careers session next week. Students will find out about employer expectations, how to be work ready, what is involved in the theory side of training and they will also have the opportunity to ask questions in a Q&A session. Students need to sign up at the Careers Office.

# Year 10 & Year 11 WH&S White Card Induction training 8.15am to 3.30pm

There are still places available in the WH&S White Card training which will take place on Thursday 20th August at KHS. Cost is \$110. See Mrs Fitzgerald for more details.

### **Defence Force Online Information Sessions**

Students and parents are invited to register for a number of online defence sessions looking at: ADF tertiary studies, women in defence, STEM careers in ADF, defence careers, army reserves, gap year and more. Register via the link below.

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/events

### Defence Gap Year 2021 - some roles still open

Year 12 students should be aware that it is still possible to apply for some roles through the ADF Gap Year program. For more information go to:

https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/students-andeducation/gap-year





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- Log on during the event (9th September, 9am 5pm).
- Explore the exhibit hall.
- Attend the webinars that are of interest to you.

Our virtual expo platform is fully accessible and



Term 3, 2020

Trial HSC exams begin

Athletics Carnival

Yr 10 VALID exams open

Kooringal High PRESENTS

BASKETBA

Lunch time tournament

Starting week 4

BOYS & GIRLS TEAMS - Both Junior and

Senior comps Get a Nomintation form from the Gym

In the Gym

Parents and carers are also welcome to register along with staff / services supporting the transition of students and people with disability.

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. Download from https://cms.yourphoneapp.com.au/promo/kooringa

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