

Principals Report

SASS Appreciation Week

This week is SASS Appreciation Week so I would like to take the opportunity to thank all of our wonderful SASS staff including our School Learning and Support Officers, our School Administration Officers, our General and Farm Assistants as well as our School Administration Manager. SASS staff are the engine rooms of all schools and we simply would not be able to operate without them.

COVID-19 Update

At the beginning of Week 5, we have had a COVID update. While many things remain the same, there are some changes for us to consider. One of the bigger changes is that if a student presents to school with flu-like symptoms we will require a parent or family member to collect that student. They can then only return after they have received a negative COVID test (which must be sighted by the school) and their symptoms have subsided. This also applies to staff so we may experience higher than usual rates of absence during this time. We wish to thank all of our parents and families for their support with this over the past two weeks.

Additionally, we are doing our best to keep our students in stage cohorts whilst at school. This means we have had some changes to our roll call organisation and we will be marking rolls in Period 1 for the time being. Although we will be moving ahead with our Athletics Carnival, measures have been put in place for the safety of all. Students will remain in stage cohorts and certain events, such as High Jump (where regular sanitising is difficult) have been cancelled or postponed to another day. Professional Learning for staff has also remained online only and our P&C Meetings will be conducted via Zoom for the moment. I have included a link to the 'Advice for families' document on the school Facebook page and website for you to keep up to date.

Head Teacher Welfare

Recently we have had our merit selection for our Head Teacher Welfare position. I am pleased to be able to announce that our long-time relieving Head Teacher Ros Mattingly was successful in gaining that position at merit selection. Ros is a strong advocate for our students and I know she will continue to be a positive support for all of your children into the future. Congratulations Ros.

Uniform

During each winter we have found there is a decline of students wearing their full correct uniform. After speaking with students, one of the main criticisms was around supply and the warmth of our current uniform. As a result, we have made some adjustments to this and now both Lowes and our P&C both supply the KHS uniform. Additionally, in an attempt to address the warmth of the uniform, our SRC is now selling KHS Beanies. They look and feel fantastic so I would encourage our students who feel the cold a little more to purchase one from them. Hopefully, as a result, we will see a decline in the number of students wearing 'hoodies' to school.

Thank you all again for your support and have a nice week.

Kind regards,
Kyle Bryant
Principal

Wellbeing

Lunchtime activity groups commenced this week at KHS. On Monday chess was held in the Library. Tuesday saw Basketball in the gym and cards in AO2. More activities will be introduced in the coming weeks. Unfortunately the new COVID restrictions mean we will have to change the structure of some activities slightly. Stay tuned to the daily notices for more information.

In Mind Matters this week, students looked at the importance of inclusion within our school. This Friday 28th August is Wear It Purple Day which aims at supporting the LGBTQ+ community within our school. Although this is not a mufti day, students are encouraged to wear a purple ribbon or socks to show their support.



Athletics Carnival

The Athletics Carnival will be held on Wednesday 2nd September at Jubilee athletics track and all students are expected to attend as it is a compulsory whole school event. Those needing to catch the bus from school to the venue will be required to pay \$3 for the bus.



SRC Report

There are plenty of things involving the SRC recently. We are supporting Daffodil Day this Friday. Daffodils symbolise hope internationally for all people affected by cancer. It represents a return of spring, new life and growth. To celebrate this remarkable day we are making yellow cupcakes and spider drinks at recess outside of the library. SRC will also be selling cards for students to write messages on which will be used to create a board/ tribute wall for Friday. These activities will raise awareness for the cause and money raised will be donated to the Cancer Council. So make sure to participate and encourage others to be involved in this spectacular event.

We are continuing to support Kaye plant seedlings ordered through the Wagga Wagga City Council for National Tree Planting Day. Already our school has been looking wonderful with the seeds planted for such a beneficial cause.

Currently we are discussing ways to improve sustainability at KHS by trying to propose plans for introducing recycling bins. By introducing recycle bins, Koorungal High School would be one step further to creating a more environmental friendly place.

Our beanies have arrived and can be purchased at the office for \$20.

For Jeans for Genes Day, Koorungal High School donated a total of \$828 to the foundation. It was great to see so many students and teachers supporting this day. Money raised from Footy Colours Day last day of Term 2, with a total of \$412.90, was donated to the Fight Cancer Foundation.

Applications for joining the SRC in 2021 will be opening soon.



HSIE/Language

Firstly, the HSIE/Language team wish to congratulate all Year 12 on the completion of their recent trial examinations.

Hands on Learning in HSIE

Students in Stage 5 are currently studying World War One as part of their Stage 5 Mandatory History course. We are delighted to provide students with the opportunity to experience a full-scale World War One trench during selected lessons on Friday 28th August 2020. Shane Blackman from World War One Living History presents engaging lessons related to life in the trenches, using authentic military equipment and the replica trench.

This is a fantastic opportunity for our students as they engage in a hands on experience of life during war time. This is the first time we will have Shane with us and Mr Read has done a fantastic job in organising this. We encourage all students in Year 9, 10 and selected students in Years 11 and 12 to attend this incursion.

The cost of the incursion is \$2 per student and the note and money should be brought on the day.



We look forward to your participation!

HSIE/Language Team



Future Choices Virtual Transition Expo

for Students with Disability

9th September 2020 9-5pm

Presented by



Regional NSW & ACT

futurechoices.vfairs.com



The Future Choices Virtual Transition Expo for Students with Disability is a unique opportunity that connects young people and tertiary graduates with disability to:

- Education / training providers
- Employment services
- Employers
- Apprenticeship / traineeship services
- Disability providers
- Assistive technology suppliers
- Government services

...and other support services to help them make informed decisions about their future.



Our virtual expo platform is fully accessible and has a range of features that the audience can use to fully participate in the event.

To register for the Future Choices Virtual Transition Expo:

- 1 Visit futurechoices.vfairs.com and register as an attendee.
- 2 Log on during the event (9th September, 9am – 5pm).
- 3 Explore the exhibit hall.
- 4 Attend the webinars that are of interest to you.
- 5 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>



Careers News

The Careers Department - Virtual Work Experience for Year 10 -12

The Careers Department is a wonderful new careers resource for students at KHS. The website provides some very insightful information about career choice and industry information. However, the exciting and unique feature is the virtual work experience opportunity.

There are many different careers to choose from with students completing real industry related tasks. Once submitted they will gain feedback from industry professionals and a certificate of completion. Some of the virtual work experience options are: doctor, police officer, nurse, interior designer, Artificial Intelligence, hairdresser, sheep farmer, carpenter, teacher and more (the list of career areas is constantly growing). Interested students need to see Mrs Fitzgerald for a login. You can also check out the www.thecareersdepartment.com website.

Beacon Industry Live event - Careers in Sport.

Wednesday 26th August.

Want to be close to the action even if you don't make it as a professional athlete? We'll look at some jobs working with athletes and tell you how to succeed in them.

<https://ebeacon.net.au/industrylive-2020rego/>

Year13 Work Expo - next week

Things are evolving really quickly in the world of work. From new technologies to world pandemics, the future of work is totally up in the air and it's hard to know where to start when it comes to planning your career. Year13's Future of Work Expo is here to give you a better view of what your job could look like in a few years' time, and help you figure out what skills you're going to need in order to get there.

Register now for the Year13 Expo next week. There is a great line up of workshops and speakers.

<https://year13.com.au/expo/future-of-work>

CSU Virtual Open Days - Register now

Speak to experts about courses, admissions pathways, clubs, accommodation and more. The dates are:

Tuesday 15th, Wednesday 16th, Thursday 17th and Saturday 26th September

<https://study.csu.edu.au/life/events/open-day>

CALENDAR		
Term 3, 2020		
August		
31	Mon	Yr 10 VALID exams open
September		
2	Wed	Athletics Carnival