

The Ziegler

KOORINGAL
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Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

The first four weeks of this term have been extremely busy for the Koorungal High School community. Returning under Level 3 restrictions has seen much of the day-to-day running of the school being impacted, with staff working extremely hard to provide continuity of learning for all students. Many of our usual extra-curricular activities have been impacted, particularly due to the non-mingling of student cohort restrictions. It is pleasing to see however, that we can now begin to use some external providers for activities such as school sport and we are all looking forward to the day when we 'return to normal'.

There have been many changes to the landscape of KHS since the end of last term. Our library has undergone a major refurbishment with spaces being opened up to improve its flexibility of use and a huge amount of new furniture having been delivered. This has been very well received by both staff and students. We have also purchased new outdoor seating and shelters, which our amazing General Assistant has been working on assembling and getting out into the playground for student use. The TAS faculty has taken delivery of a new Laser Cutter and Resin Printer and we look forward to seeing how our Technology students put these to use. The area above the gym has also seen major construction and soon the PDHPE staff will have a new home. The gym that was in this space will be moved downstairs and all now gym equipment is currently being purchased. There are other new adventures in the pipeline as well, but we will save some for the next newsletter.

It was very pleasing to finally be able to hold our leadership elections for 2022 and we were extremely lucky to have so many fine candidates put their hand up to represent KHS. Congratulations to our new school leaders and best wishes as you follow a long-standing tradition of fantastic young people representing our school.

Finally, we would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best as they finally make their way into their HSC exams. It has been a long and interrupted road, but you are almost there now and we are thinking of you and are with you every step of the way. Good luck Year 12, 2021!

*Pictured Left to Right:
Luke McGowan (vc)
Hayley Hinds (c)
Preston Oakman(c)
Himani Raman(vc)*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov 9-Dec 2
HSC Written Exams

Nov 17 & 24
Check In Assessment
Year 7,8,9

Nov 23
-Year 7 2022 Orientation
- Year 7 2022 Parent
Information Session via
zoom

Dec 6
Year 12 Formal

Dec 8
Presentation Night

Dec 16
Last day of term



WELFARE REPORT

Wellbeing Hub

You may have noticed a few changes in the well-being hub. This term we welcomed Sarah Zimmerman as our School Psychologist to assist Paul Wetherbee. Sarah is available Monday, Tuesday and Friday whilst Paul works Wednesday to Friday. Parents who would like their child to access the counsellors, can ask for a referral form to be emailed to them from the relevant Year Advisor (we are working on a digital version). Students can self refer at any time.

Our Student Support Officers Josh and Kelsie have started small group programs with selected students that aim to develop skills in resilience, respect and anger management. Access to the wellbeing hub will be restricted throughout the HSC. Students in need of assistance are asked to report to the front office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Uniform

Often over the break students experience a growth spurt and are in need of new uniforms. KHS are very happy to accept used uniforms for our uniform pool. They can be dropped at the front office or wellbeing hub.

A reminder that tights, football shorts and grey shorts are not part of the school uniform. We thank the vast majority of parents who support the school by sending their children to school in correct uniform. Any students who are experiencing difficulty in accessing KHS uniform can contact their YA or Ms Mattingly for assistance.

KHS MO BROS AND MOVERS

It's that time of year again and the KHS MO BROS AND MOVERS are back!!!

Movember is a chance for the KHS community to get involved to help change the face of mens health.

The Movember foundation are aiming by 2035 to reduce the number of men dying prematurely by 25%. By raising awareness and money that goes towards programs and research in support men with mental health and suicide prevention, prostate cancer support, and testicular cancer support.

If you want to get involved it's not too late to sign up, you can either Grow a Mo to save a bro or MOVE 60kms (walk/run/ride) over the month of November.

Who are we? KHS MO BRO AND MOVERS Team ID: 2291067

Sign up: www.movember.com

HOUSE CAPTAINS

Well done to all the candidates that applied for House Captain for 2022. We are proud to announce our new captains as follows:

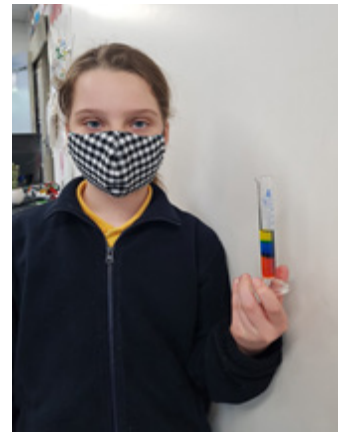
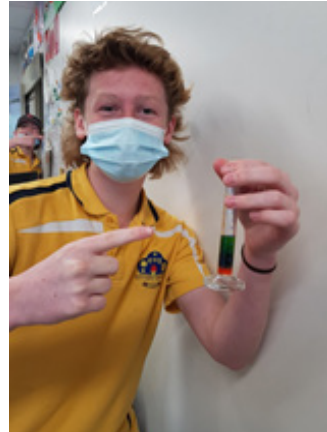
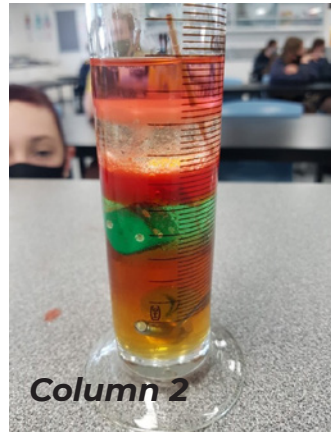
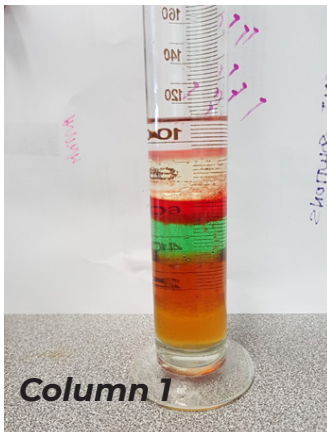
Bidgee - Juliet Barber and Caden Byrne
Farrer - Kate Esler and Nicholas George
Lawson- Imogene Norton-Fraser and Luke Lawrence
Sturt - Taylah Whytcross and Jacob Wood



Year 7 creating density columns

Column 1 contains honey, maple syrup, washing up detergent, water with red food colouring, vegetable oil and finally ethanol.

Column 2 is the same as Column 1 but with different objects dropped into the liquid. See if you can find them all, there is a dice, toothpick, coins, screw and a Lego brick.



Year 7 students experimenting with dry ice



Yr 7 looking at micro and macro organisms from Lake Albert



Year 8 doing Secret marshmallow message experiment



Year 11 Investigating Science Growing Microbes in Aga

Year 10 performing the Mentos and Coke Volcano experiment



Year 11 Biology students creating Mitosis biscuits



SPECIAL ED NEWS

This semester the support units have been learning about Shakespeare, in particular Macbeth and Romeo and Juliet. By introducing the students to Shakespeare, his life and plays, it helps the students to appreciate worlds different to their own and broadening their understanding of the English language.

During their learning, students have created some detailed artworks which demonstrates their understanding of Shakespeare's life, world and plays. The IO class created Shakespearian Masks.



Art in the MC classes have been focused on drawings and design of clothing, the Globe theatre and Shakespeare himself.

The IO class enjoyed learning words and phrases we owe to Shakespeare.

You have a HEART of Gold!

LOVE is BLIND

DEAD as a DOORNAIL

KNOCK, KNOCK! WHO's THERE?

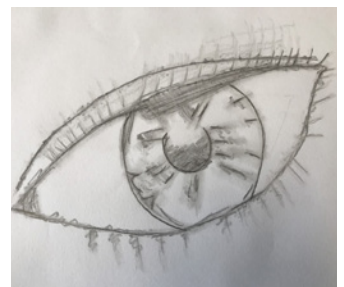
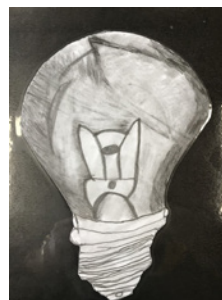
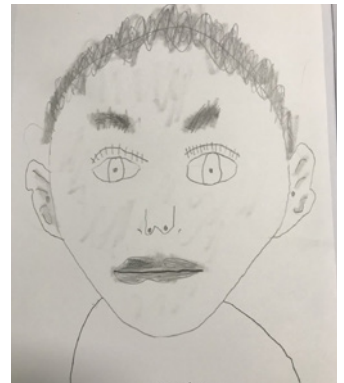
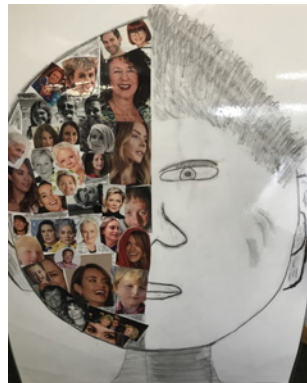
SEND him PACKING

Wait with BAITED BREATH

The WORLD is my OYSTER.

Visual Art: IO Class

Students in the IO class completed a unit on drawing in Visual Arts. They experimented with techniques of sketching, hatching, contour hatching, cross hatching, random hatching and stippling to sketch detailed faces, eyes and light bulbs. Here are a few examples of their artworks.



Student Profile – Year 12 Graduate

Name: Andrew Graham

Class: IO Class at KHS

What is your favourite book? Heroes of Olympus: The Blood of Olympus By Rick Riordan

Favourite Colour? Red

What are three words that describe you? Fun, kind and a loving person.

What is your first memory of KHS?

Coming to E54 during Year 7 orientation in 2015.

What have you enjoyed most about KHS?

Going Bowling for Sport and doing Just Dance.

Where did you do Work Experience in 2021? Crust Pizza

What is one thing you will miss when you finish Year 12? Riding horses at RDA.

What do you hope to achieve after school? To get a job and my driver's licence.

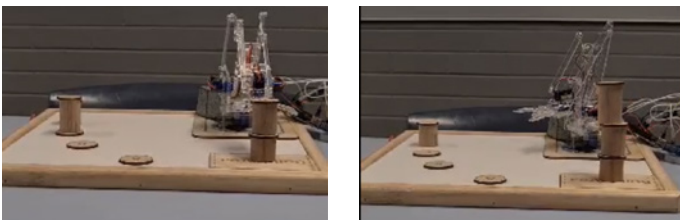


It has been a busy time in the TAS faculty with students working well to finish out the year and we have received some deliveries of new equipment. We took ownership of a new laser cutter and a resin printer. These machines are set to increase the learning opportunities for students in Design and Technology and Industrial Technology and are a great new asset to our school.



Engineering Studies

Mr Teakel's Year 10 Engineering students have been working studiously to problem solve the Robotic arm to be able to stack blocks on top of each other. This has been super impressive to see. These students are to be congratulated on their determination with this fiddly task.



Ag Farm

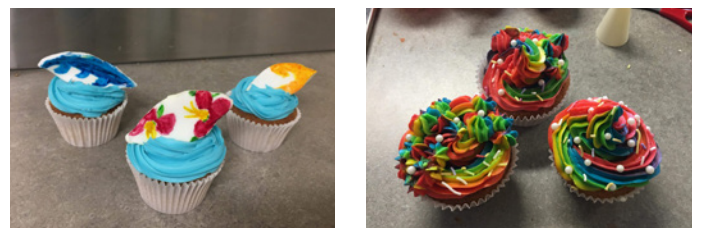
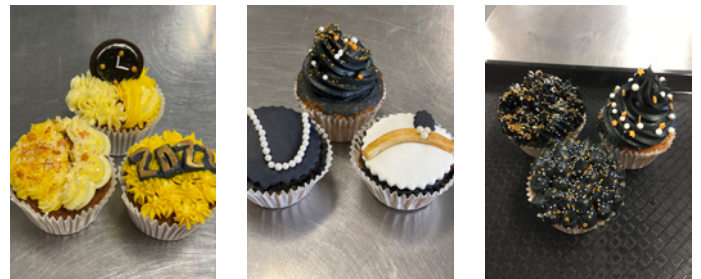
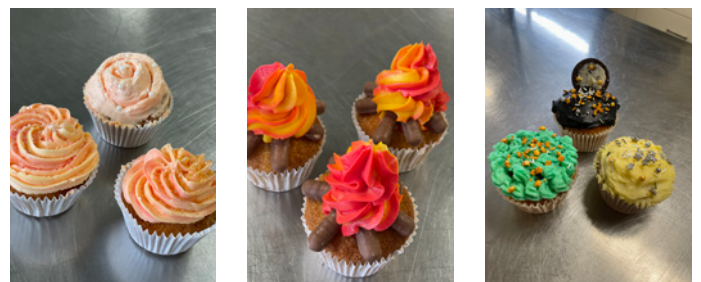
Our new chickens have settled into their new home and over the last week have started laying.



Students have been working on a "plants units" and were able to take home a number of seedlings that are available including capsicums, tomatoes, watermelons, pumpkins, cucumbers, spinach and a range of herbs.

Food Technology

Year 9 Food Technology are currently completing a unit of work called "food for special occasions" in which students were required to design and decorate a trio of cupcakes that fit with the brief of a New Years party they were planning. The students should be proud of their efforts with some amazing designs being executed over the week.



ENGLISH NEWS

As the year draws to an end and assessment tasks are completed, it's worth a minute to reflect on our learning in the English classroom.

Stage 4 and 5 students have been studying Shakespearean drama, First Nations' plays and a wide range of drama scripts. We focussed on the structure and conventions of the texts and hope to explore elements of the plays studied as we round out our learning for the year.



As always, we encourage our students and families to devote a little of your time to reading. The foundation of literacy, and success across all subject areas (as well as a rich source of pleasure), can be found in the pages of a book. So, please, consider investing your energies to develop regular reading habits for all the family. It may even be worth considering a quaint new Christmas custom: the four gift rule (note #4).

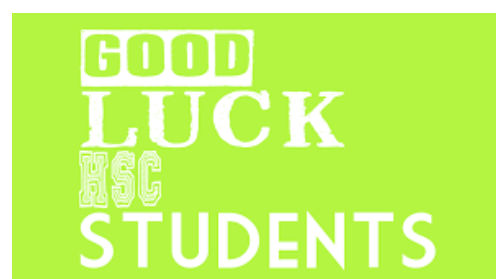


The English Standard and Advanced courses are 'kicking off' their HSC in style. Here the English Standard course are working together to develop strong responses to the Common Module: Texts and Human Experiences.



By now, all formal assessment tasks will be completed for these years; but, our new Year 12 students will be commencing their HSC. If you are a parent/guardian of a new Year 12 student - please support them as they embark on the marathon that is their HSC.

Finally, and most importantly, the English Department wants to wish the students of 2021 all the best in their HSC.



CAREERS NEWS

Year 9, 10 & 11 Careers google classrooms

Students can stay up to date with careers events and general information by joining the Careers Google Classrooms for their year group. Students should see Mrs Fitzgerald if they do not have the code to join.

Year 10 PE unit - Where to Now?

All Year 10 students will commence the Where to next PE unit in Week 6. Students will complete a range of activities related to applying for a job, expectations of employers when looking at potential candidates and how to put their best self forward for an interview.

The final part of the program will be a practice interview on 26th November where local business representatives will run students through a practice job or scholarship interview of their choice and provide valuable feedback about their performance.

Even if students currently have a casual job this unit of work will provide detailed information to ensure they can maximise their job seeking opportunities in the future. If you have any questions please contact Kirsten Fitzgerald.

KHS Careers Job Vacancy listings

There are currently many positions being advertised locally for casual and full-time roles as employers aim to employ extra staff

for the busy Christmas/summer holiday period and for their 2022 roles.

To view these job offers go to: <https://www.kooringalhighcareers.com/job-vacancies>

The KHS Careers website can also assist students in researching job roles and with building a professional resume and cover letter. The Student Secure Section in the 'For Students' tab on the website ensures all resumes etc are saved and remain private.

<https://www.kooringalhighcareers.com/>

If students need help with applications for casual or fulltime roles please see Mrs Fitzgerald.

FREE DET Summer Skills Courses in Wagga and the Riverina

These courses are available free for school leavers and job seekers aged between 16-24 (not enrolled at school). Courses are face to face, online or mixed mode and include health and community services, hospitality, horticulture, construction, sport and recreation- swimming, IT/digital, retails and more

For more information go to: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/skills-nsw/skills-initiatives/summer-skills#courses> or call 13 28 11 for more information
Register ASAP as places are limited.

Did you know KHS has our very own App? To download, search for 'Sentral for Parents'

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