

The Ziegler

**KOORINGAL
HIGH SCHOOL
Newsletter**



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

With Term 1 coming to an end, there is certainly plenty to celebrate. Firstly, it has been great to welcome parents back into our school with the last few weeks involving a Parent Information Night for our prospective Year 7 students, performance nights and our Year 12 Parent/Teacher evening. We look forward to continuing to connect with our parents and community throughout the year in a safe manner and I would like to take this time to thank you for your understanding throughout the past year as we have navigated the COVID-19 requirements together.

Strategic Improvement Plan

This term we have worked with our school, our parents and community to develop our Strategic Improvement Plan for 2021-2024. Our main aim with the plan is to provide a safe and happy environment which caters for individual differences and provides opportunities for all students to maximise their potential. Our three main directions for the plan will be Student Growth and Attainment, Teaching and Learning and School and Community. The plan will be published on our website for interested stakeholders and as we progress through the initiatives we have outlined; we will also look forward to sharing our successes.

Hardy Shield

This week our school Rugby League team played two games to wrap up the Hardy Shield for 2021. A runaway victory against TRAC set up a thrilling final with our first round opponents Mater Dei Catholic College and in a close finish, we came away victors and back-to-back premiers with a 22-16 victory. Congratulations to the boys and their coaches on a fantastic achievement.



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 21

- Cross Country Carnival

May 5

- Athletics Carnival

May 12-14

- Year 7 & 9 NAPLAN

May 13

- Year 11 RYDA



Uniform

Over the past term it has been great to see most students wearing their full school uniform each day. As we head into the colder months, I would like to remind all students that we have an extremely comfortable jacket which can be worn each day. Hoodies or other non-school jumpers are not acceptable, and staff will be speaking with students who are not complying with our rules around uniform to try and offer support if needed. As always, Mrs Mattingly is available for students and their families to contact proactively if you need some assistance. Additionally, this year our SRC will continue selling KHS Beanies which were extremely popular last year and can be bought through the front office.

Newsletter

In light of other communication mediums such as social media for more immediate and smaller communication, we have decided to move to publishing our newsletter twice a term. With this in mind, we are asking faculties to provide a report to parents about what they are doing in their classes at least once per term. This edition of the newsletter will have reports from PDHPE, Mathematics, EALD, HSIE and CAPA. We hope you enjoy this change as we look forward to producing a more comprehensive newsletter for our community with support from our other avenues of communication.

Have a lovely and safe break and I look forward to sharing more of our success with you next term.

Regards
Kyle Bryant
Principal

WELFARE REPORT

Merit Assembly

Congratulations to all students who received awards at our recent Merit Assemblies. Students wishing to move up levels in the KHS Merit System are reminded that forms can be found outside Ms Mattingly's office.

Students on Bronze, Silver and Gold will enjoy a trip to the movies this week to celebrate a successful term.

Students who received Principal's awards can look forward to enjoying morning tea with Mr Bryant early next term.

Harmony Day

KHS celebrated a fabulous Harmony Day Assembly which showcased some of the 39 different cultures we have at school.

The assembly, which was compered by our captains Sophie and Aayan, began with a performance that included a didgeridoo and clap sticks. We also enjoyed dance performances from Indigenous, Bangladeshi, Sri Lankan and Yazidi cultures. A demonstration of Yazidi childhood games and songs from the Pacific islands, Bangladesh and Australia also featured.

A huge congratulations to all performers. We look forward to watching the highlights on an upcoming episode of KHS news.

KHS is committed to working with parents on supporting the well being of your child. We regularly run programs at school to assist students to develop the skills and resilience to deal with the ups and downs of everyday life. We recently began the 'Journey of Hope' and 'Rock and Water programs with groups of students.

Reach Out is a fabulous online resource for parents that covers topics from helping your child transition to high school through to speaking with teens about consent.

<https://parents.au.reachout.com/>

HSIE NEWS

French

Year 7 French classes have been shaking things up, by having a go at being the "teacher". They have been creating their own French games and activities - from card games, board games and even using their coding and IT skills to create some Minecraft and video games.



2021 NSW Premier's Reading Challenge

The Challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read more widely.

The challenge is open now to students up to Year 9 until Friday 3 September 2021. Students can go to the Library to find out more and to sign up.

PDHPE NEWS

Yr 7 -10 PDHPE

The mandatory PDHPE classes have been busy completing work in the following areas:

- Year 7 – Personal Identity. Athletics and Fitness Games
- Year 8 – Move and Groove (Obstacle Course pictured)
- Year 9 – Risky Business. Softball, Netball and Football Sports.
- Year 10 – Driver Education. Badminton and Bat and Ball sports



Child Studies

The computerised babies were issued throughout the term and students have been given a taste of parenthood. Interrupted sleep, changing nappies and feeding have given some students grief, but given all a very authentic experience of parenting.



Sport, Lifestyle & Recreation

The class completed a theory block early in the term and have been enjoying the practical aspects of the course. Preliminary SLR now have a great understanding of Resistance Training techniques.

Senior PDHPE and EEC

Both Preliminary and HSC PDHPE classes have made very positive starts to their respective course. Using the ALARM matrix all students are given the skills and the techniques to respond appropriately to extend response questions. Students also participated in a gender reveal for EEC in the Gender and Young Children.



Aboriginal Dance Program

Year 10 Dance and some of our Year 7/8 Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students participated in Session 1 of the program run by the Bangarra Dance Theatre in Sydney. Students connected with Dance teachers via Zoom and thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



CAPA NEWS

During Term 1, Year 9 and 10 students have been working on assessments on both Australian and Popular Music culminating in performance evenings. A full house of family and friends enjoyed a huge range of solo and ensemble performances. It was fantastic to be able to showcase students skills, after such a long time off performing.



During the Senior Music night audiences were treated to a small selection of pieces that year 11 and 12 students are preparing for HSC 2021.

Stand out performers were Zander Royle, Juliet Barber, Declan Maybon, Aidan Hart, Gabrielle Allen, Jaime Esler and Ellie Phillips.



MATHS NEWS

Ms Gooley's Year 8 Maths class and Miss Baker's Year 11 Numeracy class have fortnightly STEM Challenges. In a recent challenge students were to create a racing track that would send their car the furthest.



A reminder to all students and parents: In order to fully engage in their learning in Mathematics and achieve their best, it is important that students come to class prepared with the required equipment. As well as pens, pencils, ruler etc, a grid workbook, calculator (preferably CASIO) and laptop are all essential items in this subject.

Challenge: The surnames of 9 current KHS Mathematics teachers are hidden in the word search below. The remaining letters reveal a message. The first student to see Mrs Davies with the correct message wins a prize!

G	P	G	A	R	A	L	R	D	L	K
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H	H	L	A	A	I	N	D	V	Y	G
E	K	E	B	E	W	I	T	T	D	G
E	C	Y	S	T	A	R	I	A	N	S
N	I	A	L	R	E	B	M	A	H	C
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EALD REPORT

The EALD students have been working hard in the Intensive English Class (IEC) to develop their explanation writing skills. We have discussed the properties of materials and completed an explanation text about the properties we would choose to build our house.



In English we have completed descriptive writing about fantasy characters. We have discussed character, setting and sequence of events with stories.

During Drama we have been developing our skills in social settings. We have practiced asking for help in the shopping complex as well as when we met new friends. What are the things we can ask to build a new friendship?

In Maths we have been discussing the vocabulary around Length and units of measurement. The IEC has enjoyed learning about handball. They have completed instructions to demonstrate an understanding of the rules and procedures for playing this game.



The IEC had the opportunity to be able to participate in making Poppy flowers for Anzac Day. This opportunity helped consolidate our learning about properties of materials. We were able to have hands-on practice to mould, and understand new terms such as durable and flexible.



CAREERS NEWS

Free Subject and Career Related Lectures

ATAR Notes is hosting lectures throughout April delivered by elite past students and can give you a huge advantage going into Term 2. Register receive free online live lectures, recordings of all lectures and you can download the lecture slides for your own study notes. Register at <https://atarnoteslectures.com/nsw/#about>

My Journey Virtual Careers Expo - Wed 28 April 9-5pm

My Journey Virtual Career Expo is a unique virtual opportunity for students and parents throughout NSW to interact with exhibitors through online chats, receive on-site materials or resources that can be saved to a virtual backpack, which can be emailed to participants at the end of the event. There will be a range of exhibitors from TAFE, private training providers, Apprenticeship Centres, university, disability services, youth support services, employers and more.

Students and parents can register at <https://myjourney.vfairs.com/>

Taronga Zoo Meet A Keeper

Last week four students participated in the Taronga Zoo Meet A Keeper online program. Students learned about career opportunities, training options and were able to speak to keepers, ask questions and meet some of the animals. For more information on Taronga Zoo events and work experience go to

<https://taronga.org.au/education>





P & C UNIFORM SHOP

Holiday Opening Hours
-Sunday 11 April 4-5pm
-Sunday 18 April 3-5pm
Summer & Winter Uniforms Available

schoolshoponline.net.au



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!
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