

# *The Ziegler*

**KOORINGAL**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Newsletter



**Term 2, Week 5, 2021**

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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

I would like to begin by letting you know that Mr Kyle Bryant will be working with State Office for the remainder of this term. We wish him all the best in this role and are looking forward to his return at the start of Term 3. During this time, I will be relieving in the Principal role, Mr Josh Celi is relieving in the Deputy Principal position and Mr Mitchell Read is relieving as Head Teacher HSIE.

The last two weeks have been both particularly sad and challenging for Koorungal High School as we grieve the loss of one of our Year 7 students. We would like to extend our thoughts and deepest sympathies to her family and friends at this time. Koorungal High school has greatly appreciated the support we have received from the entire school and extended community. In particular, our Wellbeing team have been a fantastic support for both students and staff alike and we cannot thank them enough for their efforts.

The school is currently working its way through External Validation which will be submitted later this term. This is a process that allows schools to discuss their judgements about practice and the evidence that underpins this with a panel of peers.

I would also like to commend all our students who are consistently wearing full school uniform and to remind students and parents that both hoodies and grey tracksuit pants are not acceptable at school.

Later this term, we are all looking forward to the return of our school production titled 'A Holster Full of Love'. The whole team are operating at full steam ahead and as the set starts to move in, we can see the excitement levels across the school begin to rise. Given that last year's production had to be cancelled due to COVID, we are all particularly eager for its return this year. Tickets are selling fast and can be purchased from the front office at school.

Regards,  
Mrs Helen Schmetzer  
Principal (Rel)



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**May 21**

- Year 10 Vaccinations

**May 25**

- WHS Whitecard  
Training

**June 1**

- Wagga Zone Athletics

**June 3 ,4. 9, 10, 11**

- A Holster Full of Love

**June 11**

- Riverina Cross Country

**June 22**

- Year 11 2022 Parent  
Information Evening



The TAS faculty along with the Senior Manufacturing, Construction and Year 10 Textiles students have been working hard over the past few weeks on the sets for the upcoming production "A Holster Full of Love". The construction students have produced a range of set items; a coroner's wagon, steam train, canyons, bridges, a saloon and a mayor's office.

Year 10 Textiles students have designed and produced parts of costumes, dance apparel and set pieces which is part of their Costume's Assessment Task. They are assigned a character/ dance or set piece then they design, plan and produce a garment, within an allocated time frame.



### What's happening at the Ag plot?

Lots of exciting things have been happening at our Ag plot, such as, the purchase of a chicken caravan which will arrive in the coming weeks that will allow more freedom for our chickens to roam and forage for food. We have welcomed 9 lambs to the KHS family and Year 12 Ag students will be running a feed trial with

them, we look forward to see what results are gained from this.

The vegetable patches are flourishing with pumpkins, zucchinis, tomatoes, radishes, citrus fruit and beetroots. Students will use this produce in the school kitchens in the coming weeks. We have some big plans in the pipelines for diversifying the way we grow our vegetables at the Ag plot, so stay tuned for this later in the year.

### Café - One Nine Five

Our Cafe is thriving and students are learning invaluable skills in service, communication, time management and teamwork which was showcased when KHS recently hosted the Beginning Teachers Alliance breakfast. Students independently ran the breakfast with Year 12 Kitchen Operations planning and preparing a breakfast tasting plate and Year 12 Food and Beverage running front of house and coffee service, keeping all the attendees happy on what was a brisk morning.

Year 10 Food Technology students have commenced their immersion transition into working in the cafe and are enjoying this experience, providing them with a taste of what is to come in the senior subject selection VET Hospitality.





# SCIENCE NEWS

Year 7 are completing their Cells topic with some amazing 3D plant and animal cell models being submitted for their Term Two task. We have had many cake cell models submitted as cell models which are both delicious and scientific!



Year 7 students observing copper sulphate and salt crystals under the microscope



Isabella and Coby doing a distillation experiment



Year 8 Space Models from Term 1



Year 8 have been looking at body systems and enjoying learning about the human body, with lots of animal organ dissections involved. The students completed their Heart Rate Task on the Yr 8 Welfare Days in Week 3.



Year 9 have been studying Body Systems and Diseases, with many students very interested about hormones and the nervous system. Their task on a disease of the nervous system has seen students producing some lovely brochures.



Students are pictured doing a cow eye dissection



Year 9 modelling the brain structures



Year 10 are completing The Universe topic with many myths about the universe being dispelled. The presentations that the students have been working on for their Term Two task about something in the universe that interests them have been very insightful.



*Ryley and Aabhushan made a pH rainbow*

Year 11 and 12 Biology, Chemistry, Physics, and Investigating Science classes have been working on assignments on Depth Studies. Depth Studies allow for the further development of one or more concepts found within or inspired by the syllabus and results go towards final assessment marks.



*Year 12 Biology students working on their depth studies*



*Lawrence and Ryan looking at flame tests for star chemical composition*



*Year 12 Biology students setting up gel electrophoresis*



*Year 12 Chemistry students doing titration experiments*



*Year 11 Biology and Investigating Science students doing field work at Marrambidya Wetlands*



# ENGLISH NEWS

## **Accelerated Reader and the importance of regular reading**

It is vital that we encourage students to read both in school and at home. At KHS Year 7 and Year 8 engage in the Accelerated Reader Program. This program allows students and teachers to track learning growth as students read novels and attempt a vocabulary and comprehension quiz after each. Below our Year 8 class is reading at the commencement of their lesson.



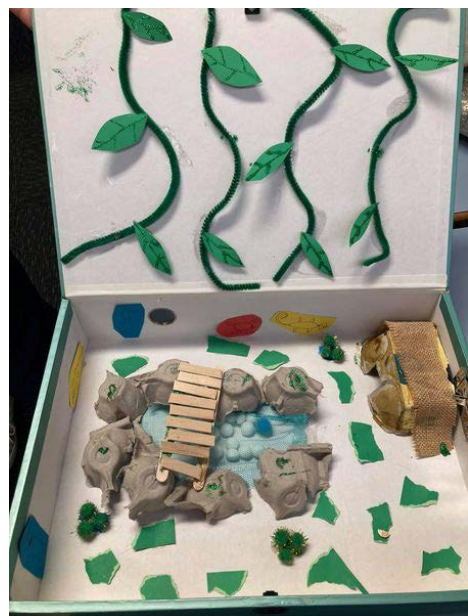
Year 8 are being asked to consider the most important people, places and perspectives that have shaped their lives so far.

This term, they are identifying the big issues as they establish themselves as teens who have a positive outlook and a genuine purpose in life. As part of this process they have been asked to fill a shoebox with a range of items and pieces of writing that represent the places, people and perspectives that have influenced their lives.



## **Co-teaching in the Year 11 Standard English course**

This term we have initiated co-teaching in three of the Year 11 Standard English classes. Co-teaching offers students with access to a variety of teaching styles as teachers assume differing functions in a vibrant and stimulating learning environment. Our students work in groups to collaborate and enhance their learning whilst being exposed to modelled collaborative teaching strategies. Here we see students working in teams with teachers to develop an improving response to the course content.



# SPECIAL ED NEWS

Over the past term students in the Support Unit have been engaging in 'Hands on Learning.' This type of learning allows students to engage with the subject to solve a problem or to create something. Students completed a number of practical activities that developed their skills for work, learning valuable life skills, socialising with students from other settings and developing an understanding of leading a healthy lifestyle.

Students in the Support Unit Participate in the following 'Hands On Learning' Opportunities:

Work Experience: Businesses within the community are happy to host students in their workplace. Some of the students have had successful work placements at Subway, Foodworks, Kurrajong and Crust Pizza.

Multi-Sports Day: Students attended a Sport Day at the Wagga Equex Centre. They participated in modified activities that allow all students with a disability to experience golf, netball, baseball and softball.



In PDHPE students complete a unit on driver awareness, as part of this unit they learnt how to change a tyre and check the oil and water.



Wreath Making: Preparing for Anzac Day students made wreaths to be placed on memorials within the school and at the Wagga War Cemetery.





# ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Our school athletics carnival was held on Wednesday 5th May 2021. It was great to see lots of student participation on the day, with everyone dressed up in their house colours.

The winning house for the carnival was Lawson.

Age champions for this year are:

12 years – Josh Haisell

13 years – Lucas Roberts, Jenna Oakman & Stephanie Charlton

14 years – Byron Price & Madeline Priest

15 years – Alex Weightman & Alex Maiden

16 years – Laurence Gunn & Makayla Connell

Senior – Connor O'Donnell & Sophie Fawns





# CAREERS NEWS

## Defence Force Presentation

A number of students recently attended a presentation by the Albury Defence Force Recruiting team. For more information about careers in the ADF go to:  
<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/>

When: Wednesday 23rd June

Time: 5.30pm – 7.30pm

RSVP with number of attendees to Mrs Fitzgerald [kirsten.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kirsten.fitzgerald@det.nsw.edu.au)



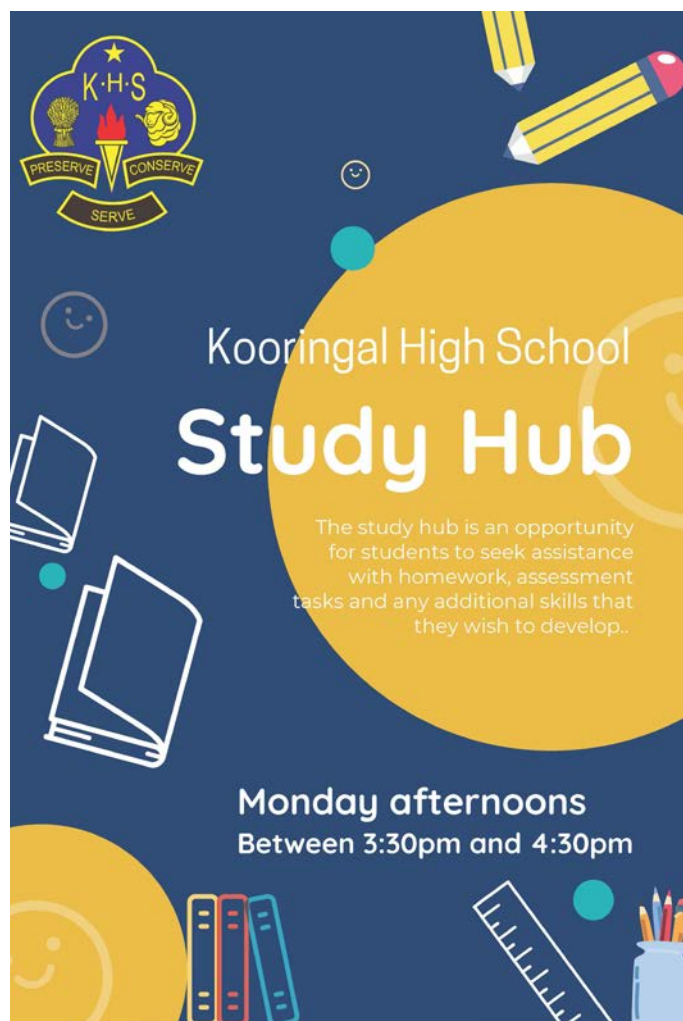
## WH&S White Card training

The final WH&S White Card Induction training will be held on 25th May at KHS. Cost \$110. The White Card qualification is a requirement for work experience, work placement (VET subjects) and casual employment in the construction industry. Interested students in Years 10, 11 & 12 can pay at the front office to confirm a place. Places are limited so act quickly if interested.

## Eyes Wide Open - Health Careers Night

Are you interested in a career in nursing, medicine, physiotherapy, paramedics or allied health? Students and parents are welcome to come along to this information session and hear about what a career in healthcare may look like.

Where: Kildare Catholic College Hall



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