

# *The Ziegler*

**KOORINGAL  
HIGH SCHOOL  
Newsletter**



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# PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the 2022 school year comes to a close, Koorungal High School has been a hive of activity. We recently welcomed our incoming Year 7, 2023 students with an Orientation Day, and it was fabulous to see their bright, happy faces as they explored our site.

In the CAPA world, a huge congratulations must go to our talented singers and dancers who represented KHS with distinction at both Spec Fest and School Spectacular (which will be broadcast at 7pm on Saturday 17th December on the Seven network).

We achieved success on the sporting field too with our Open Boy's Rugby Union team taking out the Ramsey's Super 6 grand final with a comprehensive 38-17 win over Kildare. On the volleyball court, our Open Boys took out the Combined Wagga High Schools competition, going through undefeated.

It was fabulous to see the Year 9 Commerce students run 'Business in the Quad' where they ran realistic businesses and learnt about profit (and loss) and had plenty of fun along the way. Throwing cream pies and wet sponges at the teachers was particularly popular!

On the leadership front, our Senior Leadership team are currently hosting a toy drive to assist the Riverina Police District over the Christmas holidays when they are required to visit homes with young children – a great initiative!

The KHS community has also taken great pride in hosting presentation ceremonies over the last two weeks. Our Clontarf Academy held their inaugural Presentation Night, and it was wonderful to see the boys recognised for the improvements they have made in the short time Clontarf have been with us. A special congratulations to our very first Year 12 Clontarf graduates! Our Presentation Day and Night ceremonies were also fabulous occasions where we were able to recognise the achievements of so many hard working and dedicated students.

Finally, it would be remiss not to mention the hard working 'KHS 50th Anniversary' team who are busy planning out celebrations for next year. Please keep an eye out on our Facebook page for updates on what is going to be a fabulous celebration of all things KHS.

Wishing all our students, staff, and wider community a very Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday period.

Yours Sincerely  
Helen Schmetzer



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Jan 31**

Years 7, 11 & 12 Return

**Feb 1**

Years 8,9 & 10 Return

**Feb 13**

Swimming Carnival

**Feb 17**

School Photos

**Feb 24**

Wagga Wagga Zone  
Swimming Carnival

**Feb 27**

School Photo Catch Up  
Day



# WELFARE REPORT

## Year 7 Orientation Day

On November 29 we welcomed our incoming Year 7 cohort for Orientation Day. The day was a great success with plenty of games, school tours and fun. The students were lucky enough to see a heat of our Battle of the Bands contest which left them all enthused to join in with our performing arts activities when they start at KHS. The day finished with a raucous, energetic, hotly contested game of Family Feud hosted by our captain Adam. We look forward to seeing you all next year.



## Maths Olympiad

At a recent assembly we presented awards to students who had been successful in the Maths Olympiad contest. Awards were received by Devanshi Joshi, Devangi Joshi, Ethan O'Halloran, Mahayli Makeham, Milo Taylor, Vish Sundhar Sarma, Lakesh Machinin, Atharv Masanam, Love Patel and Ariba Omar.

Ethan also received an award for highest individual score for the KHS team and Milo was given a special encouragement award for outstanding effort and improvement.



## Science Awards

The International Chemistry Quiz involves nearly 100,000 students from 21 countries and is translated into seven languages. The Australian Science Olympiad tests the students understanding and enriches their skills across a range of scientific disciplines.

The following students have proudly represented KHS with their efforts in these Science activities this year:

Year 7:

Ariba Omar: Certificates of Participation in both the International Chemistry Quiz and the Science Olympiad.

Atharv Masanam: Certificate of Participation in the Science Olympiad.

Vish Sundharsarma: Certificate of Participation in the International Chemistry Quiz.

Year 10:

Chiara Bellany: Certificated of Participation in the Science Olympiad.  
Dinara Piyasiri: A Credit in the Science Olympiad.

Laura Houghton: Participation in the International Chemistry Quiz.

Zoe O'Halloran: Distinctions in both the International Chemistry Quiz and the Science Olympiad.

and a special mention to Sameen Bashar, for a High Distinction in the International Chemistry Quiz.



### Aboriginal Education Officer

We recently learned that Wes, our AEO, has decided to leave KHS to pursue further study. The students that he has worked closely with over the last few years organised a cake and surprise farewell for him. This showed the high esteem that they hold Wes in. We wish him all the best and welcome Mollie Hodge-Simpson to the role.



### KHS International cook book

After attending a CSU Youth Incubator program earlier this year, a group of Year 8 students have decided to create an International Cookbook with the help of our KHS families.

Get your recipes together and head to the following link for the chance to have your recipe featured in the cookbook. Recipes can include an entree, main, dessert, snack etc.

[tinyurl.com/yhtk2nnd](https://tinyurl.com/yhtk2nnd)

Pictured are the group meeting with mentors from the Wagga Multicultural Program.



### Back to school NSW vouchers

Get ready for 2023. Apply now for \$150 worth of Back to School NSW vouchers to help pay for school supplies including school uniforms, shoes, bags, textbooks, and stationery. For more information visit <https://www.service.nsw.gov.au/back-to-school-vouchers>



### Uniforms

As your students grow, leave or change year groups over the holidays please remember that the uniform pool is always in need of donations of good quality used uniforms. A recent blitz on school uniform has left us very low on supplies but very happy with how fabulous the students look.

Uniforms can be purchased from Lowes and the P&C Uniform Shop via <https://schoolshoponline.net.au/kooringalhigh/index.aspx>

The uniform shop will be open during the end of the school holidays for pick up and purchasing, follow the P&C Facebook page for further details

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/184950242702944>

The Wellbeing team would like to wish everyone a safe and relaxing holiday break. Well done to all students who took the opportunity to attend the end of year excursions. We hope that you have made life long memories.

# PDHPE NEWS

## Year 9 PASS Excursion

On Tuesday 8th November the Year 9 PASS class went on their end of year excursion to Laser Tag, Tenpin Bowling and Par 3 Golf. The scores were the opposite to what they should have been – low scores in Bowling and high scores in Golf. The day was enjoyable, and the class responded in a positive way.



## Year 10 PASS Scuba Excursion

Over Thurs 1st and Fri 2nd December, Year 10 PASS students were given Snorkelling and Scuba Diving tuition from Master Dive Instructor Scott Bland. Scott is a past resident of Wagga Wagga and every year he travels back to the Riverina to share his passion of diving and marine activities. During the two days each group developed skills and confidence to engage further in Snorkelling and Scuba activities in the future.



## HSC EEC

Pregnancy and Childbirth unit  
Realcare Baby task – each student had the computerised Baby for five days. The extra stress and responsibility was taxing on many of the students.



Plasticine Model of womb – a scale model of a stage of human gestation was created as part of an in class activity.



## HSC PDHPE

The HSC PDHPE class completed the practical component of their First Aid course. Now every student has three years accreditation in First Aid and one year accreditation in CPR.

The first task in Core 1 has been submitted and the class is underway in the HSC course. Three terms to go.



## Thank you and Goodbye

The end of 2022 will finish my time at Koorungal High School, as I am leaving after 19 years to take up a Head Teacher position at Lightning Ridge Central School in North West NSW. I have thoroughly enjoyed my time at KHS and I will be for ever grateful for the opportunities my sons and I have received in our various tenure here. So am practising what I preach – “always look for opportunities and find ways to leave your comfort zone.” Koorungal High School is a wonderful place and I know it will continue to grow and succeed.

Tim Wykes  
Head Teacher PDHPE 2003 – 2022

# MATHS NEWS

## Mathematics Challenge Day

On Thursday 1st December, eleven of our Year 7 and Year 8 Selective students attended a Maths Challenge day at Yanco Agricultural College, along with students from several other schools across the region. The students participated in various challenging problem solving activities, including Kakuro puzzles, marshmallow towers and a relay contest. A fun day was had by all!



## Farewell Ms Lloyd

Sadly, we say farewell to our much loved teacher and colleague, Ms Lloyd, who takes up a position elsewhere next year. In her four years in the Mathematics faculty, Ms Lloyd has become well known for her caring nature, dedication to her students and her amazing baking skills! She has enthusiastically captained the KHS chess team and has imparted her hockey skills and knowledge as a coach to our KHS hockey teams. Thank you Ms Lloyd for all you have contributed to our school community. We wish you all the best!



## Art Project

Students in Years 7 and 8 have been applying their knowledge of geometrical properties and transformations to design and create some artwork. Inspired by the work of MC Escher, they have studied techniques in generating a “master shape” to use in a tessellating pattern.



## Mathematics Growth Team

The maths faculty are very excited to have been successful in procuring one of the leaders of the NSW Mathematics Growth Team (led by Eddie Woo) for the next 2 years. Thomas Pollard will work closely with our maths teachers to provide in house professional learning and support. We will engage and experiment with evidence based teaching strategies to improve our practice and hence the growth of our students.

In addition, Ms Gooley has obtained the position of Embedded Instructional Leader, a new position under the Mathematics Growth Team (one of twelve positions in the state!). She will be mentored by Mr Pollard and will also provide practical support to our maths teachers and students.

The CAPA department has been very busy in the closing weeks of this term! We have had many events, exhibitions, and student supported events on including Battle of the Bands heats, Battle of the Bands finals, Year 8 Art Prize, Spec Fest and School Spectacular, drama performance nights, presentation assemblies and presentation nights, and the Clontarf award ceremony. Our students are always dedicated and up for the challenge, whether running the event from behind the scenes, or in the spotlight, our students truly show what Koorungal high school students are made of.

Year 8 Art Prize is a whole year art exhibition where all students create a work of art and participate in the exhibition both through presenting their work and through peer voting. The student choice prize was won by Zara Elliott-Hawthorne and the teacher choice prize was won by Arnica Ayton.



Battle of the Bands is a whole school event whereby over 40 bands compete in multiple heats to reach the pinnacle of the Battle of the Bands final. In the final 20 bands go head to head in front of hundreds of students in a world class band setup in the PAV. The winners of this years Battle of the Bands was the Year 12 band with Footloose (Juliet Barber , Preston Oakman, Conner Hodges, Ben Murray, Jenna Oakman, Lauren Esler, Marek Malzenski), with second place going to Free Bird (Ben Murray, Dillen Kingwell, Jack Matheson, and Jack Ellicott). Best individual performers of the night were Jenna Oakman, Xyah McLaren, and Jack Matheson.



## Queen Elizabeth II's Tree Planting

In HSIE, our students have been demonstrating their passion for sustainability by participating in the Queen Elizabeth II's tree planting program by planting native trees to help support our local environment. Students also had the chance to speak in front of Michael McCormack and other community leaders about the changes towards sustainability they desire to see in our local, national, and global community as part of their Landscapes and Landforms, and Place and Liveability topics. Well done to all our amazing 7G students who participated!



## Year 9 History

Our Year 9 history students also had the chance to attend a Kapooka march out and got to participate in a tour of the base. These students have been learning about Australians At War and it was a great opportunity for these students to continue developing their appreciation of the defence force in our local community. Thank you to Jessie McCabe and Mr Taylor for assisting our students with this opportunity, and to Kapooka for the support as well.



## Year 9 Commerce

Year 9 Commerce students organised and ran their own market day stall, in which students made their own food products, slime, plants-in-a-jar, ice cream stall, candygrams and 'Teacher Target'. The students did an exceptional job preparing and running their stalls, and it made for a great day in the quad. Thanks to Mrs Field for all her work in helping these kids be mini-entrepreneurs.



## Year 10 Interviews

Mrs Fitzgerald organised an invaluable inexperience for our Year 10 students when they recently participated in their practice interviews which involved various community members and local business owners. Students were able to develop their resumes and their interpersonal skills through these interviews, and the feedback from our interviewers was wholly positive, so well done Year 10! A big thank you to those community members who came to assist our students.



In French, Madame Maher organised a French picnic for Year 7 with students enjoying a range of pastries made by the local French Artisan Baker, sweet crepes by Noellie from La Crepe'Rit and tried a selection of cheeses and pate. They participated in French games throughout the afternoon. The students have recently been studying Food as a topic in their learning and loved getting the chance to taste some authentic French cuisine.



### 50 Year Anniversary Jersey's

Our 50 Year KHS Jersey's are now available to order!

Orders close on the 24th Feb 2023.

For sizing and to order go to:

<https://www.hunters1866.com.au/collections/kooringal-high-school/products/copy-of-kooringal-high-knitted-jersey-alumi>



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7pm Saturday  
17 December 2022

# CHRISTMAS with the CON

FREE event for all ages

Victory Memorial Gardens, Wagga Wagga

Fireworks finale

Presented by  
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