### KOORINGAL HIGH SCHOOL Newsletter

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# Term 2, Week 10, 2022

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As we head into the Term 2 holidays, I would like to thank the staff, students and wider community for their incredible commitment in managing the complexities we have faced this term as a school and community. Both our students and staff have shown grit, determination and resilience in working towards achieving the best outcomes and providing the most opportunities for everyone and I thank them for all of their hard work.

#### Production

I was devastated to miss out on attending production this year due to having COVID myself but from all reports it was a fantastic display of student talent. Each year it takes an extraordinary amount of time, hard work and effort from all of the students and staff who are involved, and I would like to praise them for yet again putting on a wonderful show for our school community. As is the case every year, I look forward to learning the theme of next year's production already!

#### **Subject Selections**

This week we held our subject selection evenings for Year 9 and Year 11 for 2023. Students were given the opportunity to browse displays and discuss with staff their possible subject choices and interests for next year. I would implore students to think carefully over the holidays about their options and have plenty of discussions with their family and/or carers to make the most informed decision for them. Early next term, all Year 10 students will engage in a three-way conference with themselves, their parent and/or carer and an experienced staff member to assist with their choices. We look forward to supporting you with your selections early next term so that we can develop the best pathway forward for your learning.

#### **Clontarf Academy**

Kooringal High School has been successful in applying to establish a Clontarf Academy. The Clontarf Foundation exists to improve the education, discipline, life skills, self-esteem and employment prospects of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander men and by doing so equips then to participate more meaningfully in society. Kooringal High's Clontarf Academy will open on Day 1, Term 3 and will be located in what used to be the retail room. I look forward to introducing the new Clontarf staff to you next term as we begin this partnership with our school.

Once again, thank you for your support this term and I hope you all enjoy a nice winter break.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**July 18** School Returns

July 22 School Development Day

July 29 Riverina Athletics

Aug 1-12 Year 11 Work Placement

**Aug 8-19** Year 12 HSC Trials

**Sept 2** Year 7 Immunisations



See you in Term 3.

## WELFARE REPORT

Keep those lids coming in!

Well done to the KHS community on bringing in their clean plastic lids. These lids are being recycled into some cool projects by our TAS staff and students. The collection box is located outside Josh's office in The Wellbeing Hub







**Lunch Time Activities - Term 3** 

MONDAY Table Tennis - Gym

TUESDAY

Rainbow Group - A01 Job Club - Library

### THURSDAY

Just Dance - E54 Chess - A07 Pokemon - A01 Assessment Support - Library

FRIDAY Lego - E58 Assessment Support - Library

## **DEFENCE** NEWS

#### Top Gun Movie Excursion

On Tuesday our Defence students were invited to bring a friend to a screening of Top Gun Maverick to end off the term. I think it's safe to say we now have 28 new potential Navy pilot recruits among us who thoroughly enjoyed feeling the need for speed!

#### Wednesday Lunchtime Activity

Every Wednesday lunchtime, Defence students can bring a friend to A01 to enjoy playing some board games and card games, meet new people, or just get away from the cold. All welcome!

#### **Open Arms Group Programs**

Open Arms offers a range of free group programs to assist the serving and exserving community, as well as their families, live their best life. There are lots of programs available in Wagga in the coming months - see Group Program Schedule attached or visit <u>https://www. openarms.gov.au/get-support/programsworkshops/upcoming</u>

Please contact our Defence School Mentor Jessie McCabe (Wed/Thurs) for further information or if your child would like some extra support.

## SCIENCE NEWS

Year 7 using our new VR goggles



Year 7 making chocolate cell models





Year 10 extracting DNA from strawberries and kiwifruit



Year 11 Biology making cake models of the fluid mosaic cell membrane

Year 7 energy in food experiments





Year 8 using the VR goggles









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#### **CSU Young Change Makers**

From Tuesday 7th to Thursday 9th June, students from Year 7-10 attended Charles Sturt University for their sponsored event for students of Wagga High Schools - Young Change Makers.

Our students formed teams and collaborated to identify a problem, then formulate and pitch an idea to bring about change in their communities. Pitches were delivered to a judging panel of local experts on business and enterprise. Ideas included introducing a sustainable recycling program within KHS, a safe search engine for preteens, a digital feedback tool for students to influence school funding allocations, and a cultural education and tourism project to respect and celebrate our multicultural community.

Our young entrepreneurs represented the school admirably and their proposals were very well received by the panel. The school will receive \$1600, generously awarded by the CSU organisers, to help these students on the journey to grow and refine their ideas and bring them to fruition.



#### Year 10 Selective Stream visit Kooringal Public School

Stage 2 students in 3/4 MH at Kooringal Public School have been working with their teacher Mrs Morton on a project to design a net-zero outdoor learning space. They are hoping to obtain a grant to help make their proposal a reality. Science teacher Mr Ryan and students from the Year 10 selective stream at KHS made their way through the rain to help their primary school peers build their understanding of sustainability. KHS students gave a presentation on material and energy sustainability, then worked in groups with the students of KPS to help them brainstorm ideas for their designs.

Mr Ryan and his students (numerous KPS alum among them) enjoyed being at KPS and seeing how much progress has been made there in recent years, as well as lending a hand developing the minds of the future and the path to sustainability.





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## SPORTS NEWS

Opens rugby league winners of the Southern Pool Country Cup. The team will now play in the semi final on Thursday 28th July in Cootamundra. Good luck Boys!



Last week Hayden, Jacob and Joseph played in the Riverina Open Boys touch football team in the NSWCHSSA Boys touch football competition here in Wagga.



This week Holly and Alex have been playing in the Riverina Open Girls touch football team in the NSWCHSSA Girls touch football competition in Sydney. Well done to all our students representing the Riverina!







Last week Josie, Makaide, Keely, Anneka, Alex, Isabella represented the Riverina in the NSWCHS Softball in Sydney. The girls were successful in winning the Jock Currie Shield for the best country team and came 5th overall. Anneka Piercy won the MVP for the carnival and Alex Maiden gained selection in the CHS Red team. Well done girls!

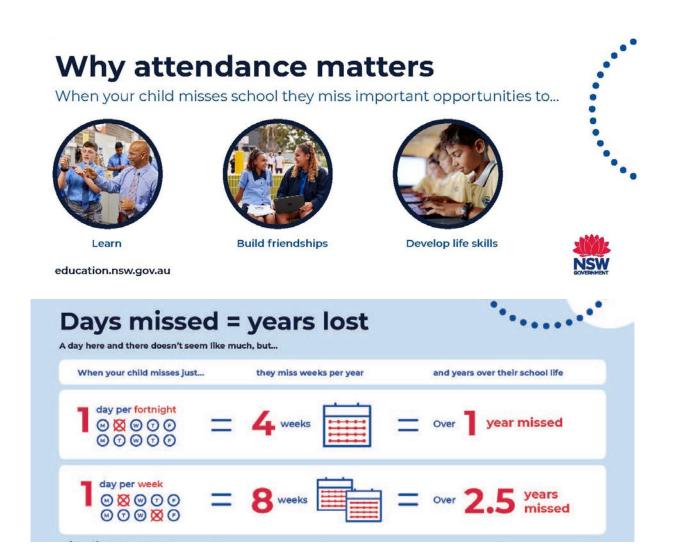


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## **PRODUCTION** PHOTOS









MARRAMARRA ABORIGINAL MARKETS

LIVE MUSIC MARKET STALLS FUNDRAISER BBQ COFFEE VAN FACEPAINTING

# SUNDAY, 10 JULY 2022 12PM TO 4 PM

## GOLD COIN ENTRY

Hammond Hall, Wagga Showground, Urana St, Wiradjuri Country, Wagga Wagga

For more information: pricklylizardevents@gmail.com



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