

The Ziegler

KOORINGAL
HIGH SCHOOL
Newsletter



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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Well, Term One has certainly been a busy one! It has been fabulous to see the return of parents, carers, and our entire school community through our new front door. As I sit and write this report, the front of our school is currently being landscaped, which will provide a much more aesthetically appealing entrance. This will compliment our new front office beautifully and provide an exterior frontage which more appropriately reflects what lies within.

The latter part of this term has provided us with many opportunities to reward students who have displayed such traits as: a strong work ethic or academic, sporting, and cultural success or have been valued contributors to our school and/or community. Events such as our Principal's Morning Tea and Merit Assemblies are always highlights on our school calendar. It is with great anticipation that we are also looking forward to our 'Gold Dinner', where students who have reached 'Gold' level on our Honours System are given the opportunity to be taken out for dinner to a fine dining restaurant accompanied by their Year Advisor and Senior Executive.

Koorungal High is well known for its cultural diversity and our Harmony Day celebrations were a testament to this. A wonderful display of song, dance, costumes, and games were showcased, helping both students and staff to extend their own worldviews. Of course, it would be remiss not to mention Mr Coraci's amazing pizza tossing skills – a sight to see indeed!

We also opened our school up for our Year 7, 2024 students, parents, and carers. This was a huge success, with lots of positive feedback on the resources and offerings available to students at our school. We look forward to welcoming this cohort back a little later in the year for their transition day(s).

Supporting others less fortunate than ourselves is another trait that KHS is renowned for, and Shave for a Cure has become a staple event on our calendar. Completely organised and driven by some of our wonderful Year 12 leaders, there are some long locks and hairy legs that are going to receive significant attention on the day.

The 2023 Athletics Carnival will be a wonderful way to round the term out with the Champion House Trophy on the line. Perhaps even more importantly for our Year 12 students will be the Staff v Students relay with valuable points on the line – some serious banter is already underway!

I will finish by wishing our entire school community a Happy Easter. We are looking forward to welcoming both students and staff alike back in Term 2, well rested and ready to build on a successful first term.

Your Sincerely
Helen Schmetzer
Principal (Rel.)



UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr 6
Last Day of Term 1

Apr 26
First Day of Term 2
Cross Country



Tender for Bobcat lawn mower, Kawasaki motor with 72 inch mowing deck
Sold as scrap in running condition. Manufacture: 04/2012, Hours: 792.4
Front arm has snapped off. Sold as is. Onsite inspections to farm gate on Faye Avenue
Tuesday 11/4/23 8am to 9am
Any queries contact paul.anderson47@det.nsw.edu.au
All tenders must be submitted in writing to The Principal at kooringal-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
Accepting tenders over \$4000. The highest tender will be successful. Closing date
11/4/23 at 3.00pm. Collection to be organised after payment received.



WELFARE REPORT

Harmony Day

Once again, KHS has celebrated Harmony Week in style. All students attended an outdoor assembly that showcased some of the cultures that we have at our school. We watched dance performances from India, Greece, Sri Lanka and Iraq. We also saw a demonstration of a traditional Bangladeshi game. Mr Coraci showed off his impressive pizza dough tossing skills and many got to taste traditional Yazidi bread cooked fresh in a Tandoor oven. We are very proud of our diverse community.

Shave for a Cure

Last Friday, our wonderful Year 12 students staged a very successful Shave for a Cure fundraiser. A range of students and staff volunteered to trim, shave and colour their hair. Others agreed to having their legs waxed with the rights to perform the waxing or shaving auctioned off to the highest bidder. A BBQ rounded off the day. Stay tuned for the final amount raised to be revealed.

Uniforms

It has been wonderful to see the vast majority of students in full uniform each day. We are always very thankful of donations for our second-hand uniform pool. These can be left at the front office, library or in the wellbeing area. A reminder that as the weather cools, students have the choice of covering up in the school rugby jumper or zip up jacket. Hoodies or coloured tops are not permitted. Track pants must be navy.

Attendance

Congratulations to Year 12 student Katie Fawns who was the lucky winner in our attendance raffle. Students from every year who had attendance at 85% or above were in the draw for a new laptop. It was pleasing to see the large number of entries.

Remember that regularly being late to school impacts on your overall attendance levels.

PDHPE NEWS

Year 7 PDHPE

Students in Year 7 have been studying 'Sense of Self' as their first unit of work in the classroom. In practical lessons, students have been participating in Fitness Games and Athletics. The skills learnt from these units will enable the students to participate positively in the KHS Athletics carnival. We have a new Cardio room that students have also been using!



Year 8 PDHPE

Students in Year 8 have been studying the 'Move and Groove' unit in both theory and practical lessons. Students have been introduced to the Australian activity guidelines, the Fitness Components and how we can set positive and achievable goals. Students have been participating in some of the Fitness tests, along with using the Cardio room, completing a circuit, obstacle course and Volleyball.



Year 9 PDHPE

Students in Year 9 have been learning about 'Risky Business' and how they can make positive and informed decisions about their own health and wellbeing. Students have been participating in Minor Games, Volleyball, Footy sports and Softball.

Year 10 PDHPE

Students have been involved in the 'Survive the Drive' program to gain knowledge and understanding about driving on the road. It is an important unit as most students will have the opportunity to go for their NSW Learners licence this year. In practical lessons, students have been participating in Badminton, European Handball and Bat and Ball sports. Students also had the amazing opportunity to be involved in the Brumbies skills session.



Year 9 PASS

Students have been learning about positive lifestyles and what recreational activities that they can participate in outside of school hours. Students have learnt about the importance of being physically active. They have participated in a range of fitness tests to measure their own fitness level. Students have also participated in initiative and recreational games.



Year 9 Child Studies

Students have learnt about the growth of humans in the unit 'Conception to Birth'. Students have participated in play-based learning activities for Valentines Day and Easter.

Year 10 Child Studies

Students have been studying 'Newborn Care'. They have been looking at how to care for a newborn baby, how to wrap, how to change a nappy, sleeping care and how to bath a baby. Students have been involved in our 'Realcare babies' program where they care 24/7 for a electronic baby for 72 hours. Students have participated in play-based learning activities for Valentines Day and Easter.

Year 10 PASS

Students have been studying 'Body Systems' and have learnt about the bones, muscles and how the cardiorespiratory system works. Students have been participating in Archery and learning the skills to effectively aim straight.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Bidgee 537 points, Lawson 441 points, Farrer 421 points and Sturt 393 points!



MATHS NEWS

Engaging Learning in Algebra

Ms Baker's and Mrs Brissenden's Year 9 Mathematics classes have joined forces in their work on Algebra. Using the colorful and dynamic technology resource called Polypad, students learned the foundation of expanding and factorising quadratic expressions. The doors between classes were then opened up for a Scavenger Hunt to practice and consolidate their factorising skills. The buzz in the room, the engagement and abundant "maths talk" reflected how much the students enjoyed this approach to their learning.



Upcoming Competitions and Challenge Days

There are several events coming up in the next few terms which will interest our talented mathematicians:

- Mathematics Olympiad (Years 7 & 8) – 4 contests, 6 weeks apart starting in May
- Inquisitive Minds (Teams in Years 8 & 10) - June
- Da Vinci Decathlon (Teams in Years 7-11) – June – a competition in the 10 disciplines of Mathematics & chess, code breaking, engineering, science, legacy, English,

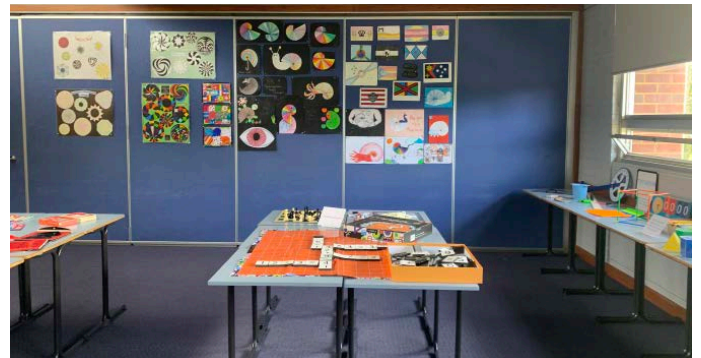
art & poetry, cartography, ideation and creative producers.

- Australian Mathematics Competition (all years) - August

There is a small cost for some of these events. For more information, or to express your interest, please see Mrs Davies in Maths.

Year 7 2023 Information Night Display

The Mathematics faculty were proud to showcase their resources at the recent Year 7 Information Night. The display highlighted how much the teaching of Mathematics has evolved and showed a range of engaging strategies used to support and enhance student learning.



Mathematics Growth Team @ Koorungal High School



What is the Mathematics Growth Team (MGT)?

The Mathematics Growth Team, a part of the Best-in-Class Teaching Unit, amplifies the impact of expert mathematics teaching at targeted schools to:

- strengthen mathematics leaders and build a new generation of mathematics teachers across NSW public schools.
- support the use of evidence-based, best-practice assessment and teaching practices among mathematics educators.

Currently, the MGT consists of 15 school-based expert mathematics secondary teachers. Mr Pollard is the trainer based at Koorungal High School. Additionally, as part of the project – Ms Gooley has been successful in being appointed as an Embedded Instructional Leader to run and lead a targeted initiative within the Mathematics Faculty.

Both Mr Pollard Ms Gooley will be working with teachers and students to develop mathematics skills, engagement and knowledge at KHS.

School visit

As part of the work of the MGT, Eddie Woo (Leader of Mathematics Growth) will visit KHS on Tuesday 6th June to run a series of engaging student and staff workshops.



Aunty Isobel

This week, our school had a special visitor, Aunty Isobel, an Aboriginal elder who came to share her knowledge and culture with us. Aunty Isobel spoke about the history and traditions of her people, and we were fortunate to hear her personal stories of growing up on her ancestral land. It was a truly enlightening experience, and we learned so much about the importance of respecting and preserving Indigenous cultures. Aunty Isobel's visit reminded us of the ongoing journey towards reconciliation and the need for continued efforts to create a more inclusive and respectful society. We are grateful to have had this opportunity to learn from her and to deepen our understanding of the rich and diverse history of Australia.

Aunty Isobel's visit was particularly relevant to the participating Year 12 Society and Culture class, who have been studying the role of elders in different cultures. During her visit, Aunty Isobel shared her perspectives on the importance of elders in Aboriginal communities and the traditional practices that have been passed down through generations. The students were able to engage in meaningful discussions and ask questions, which further enriched their understanding of the topic.

Aunty Isobel will be honoured on the 25th May with a plaque at Sturt Mall to recognise her efforts in educating all Australians about our path to reconciliation and all that she has achieved in her life.

A massive thank you to Aunty Isobel for taking the time to visit us at Koorinal High School, and to our AEO Mollie Hodge-Simpson and Mrs Sarah Carter for helping organise the visit.



Mummifying

Students in our Ancient History class recently had an opportunity to engage in a unique and exciting task - mummification! This hands-on experience allowed the students to gain a deeper understanding of the mummification process and the cultural significance of this practice in ancient Egyptian society. Under the guidance of their teacher, the students worked in small groups to extract and mummify various "organs" from some uncanny recreations of the human body. .

The mummifying task provided a great opportunity for the students to apply their knowledge of ancient Egyptian culture and history in a practical way. It also helped them to appreciate the complexity and sophistication of the ancient civilisation's practices and traditions.



Junee Excursion

Last week, our Business Studies' students visited the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory. The students were thrilled to learn about the production process of licorice and chocolate, and were eager to sample some of the delicious treats on offer.

The friendly staff provided students with a tour of the factory, explaining how the licorice and chocolate are made. The students were fascinated to learn about the history of the factory and the various stages of production, from mixing the ingredients to packaging the final product.

The excursion provided a great opportunity for the students to learn about the manufacturing process. It was a fun and engaging way for the students to experience first-hand the practical applications of what they have learned in class.

We would like to extend our thanks to the Junee Licorice and Chocolate Factory for their hospitality and for sharing their knowledge and expertise with us.



Intergenerational Learning

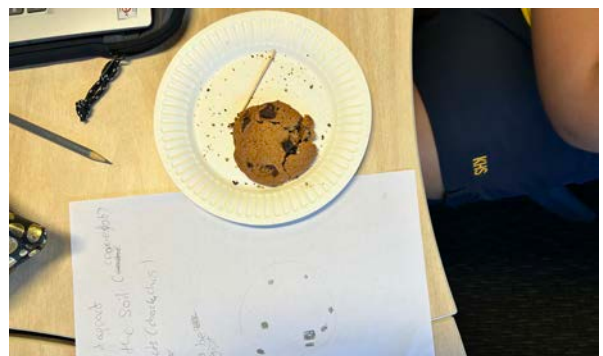
Our Year 10 Commerce students had the opportunity to participate in a unique virtual intergenerational learning program run by one of the key coordinating groups behind the ABC show 'Old People's Home For Teenagers', which has allowed them to engage with seniors in our local community and gain valuable insights into their diverse life experiences.

The program was designed to bring together students and seniors from different backgrounds, fostering connections and promoting understanding across generations. The students have so far conducted weekly video calls with our friends at Baptist Care Wagga, learning about the changing nature of jobs, currency, expenses, and general day-to-day life between the generations.

The program has been a great success, providing a unique and enriching learning experience for our Year 10 Commerce students. We would like to extend our thanks to the program coordinators and senior participants for their valuable contributions and look forward to our meetings next term!

Cookie Excavation

As part of their unit of learning 'Investigating the Ancient Past' Year 7 students undertook a cookie excavation. The goal was to replicate the processes and skills of archaeologists and historians. They had to remove the chocolate chips whilst limiting the damage and disturbance of the cookies structure and integrity, draw a diagram of the dig site and analyse the fragments. The activity was enjoyed by all, and our successful excavators were treated to a scrumptious reward at the end.



CAPA NEWS

We are thrilled to share with you the latest news from our Creative Arts Faculty!

Our students have been hard at work, creating amazing works of art, music, and drama. This term students excitedly showcased their talents in the PAV with four nights of Drama and Music performances in week 9. Keep an eye on Facebook for information relating to upcoming gigs!

In addition to performance nights, we are pleased to announce that the first 'Youth Sounds' concert took place in the Victory Memorial Gardens on Friday last week. The event spearheaded by our very own Ms Baker aims at promoting the live music culture of Wagga and the surrounding regions. Bands, duos, and soloists were given the fantastic opportunity to perform in an open-air concert that was brilliantly supported by the Wagga community. If you are in a youth band or ensemble and are interested in hearing more about this awesome opportunity, contact Ms Baker for more information.

achievements of our students who have participated in recent competitions and exhibitions, in particular Ben Murray having been selected from a state wide pool to be part of the Talent Development Project.

Ivy Simpson continued her partnership with the Bangarra Dance Company along with Phoebe Matthews who was selected as a featured artist in the Southern Stars Concert. I wish all the best to the 2 dozen students that are in the midst of the application process for School Spectacular 2023.

We would like to remind everyone that our Creative Arts Faculty is open to all students, and that creative thought is the cornerstone of any well-rounded human! I encourage all students to explore their creativity and join our classes and programs, where they will have the opportunity to learn new skills and express themselves in meaningful and engaging ways.

Lastly we are very excited to invite you all to come along and watch our 2023 blockbuster production of 'Murder On The Dancefloor' - a 1970's, dance, murder, musical! Tickets go on sale through the front office early term 2. Don't miss out!



HOLIDAY PROGRAMS

Wagga Wagga Zine Zine is back in the April School holidays!

Join [Nest Studio Collective](#) creatives Tayla Martin, Georgia Crowden, Brittany Hefren and Mackenzie Tooth as they support and inspire you to make your very own ZINE in these FREE fun and creative workshops!

Dates: Monday 17th April - Friday 21st April.

Workshop locations:

- [Halfway Print Fest 2023](#)
- [Wagga Wagga City Library](#)
- [Wagga Wagga Art Gallery](#)
- [The Curious Rabbit](#)
- [Tolland Community Centre](#)
- Galore Community Hall

For registration and details check Wagga Wagga City Library website: <https://waggalibrary.com.au/whats-on>

Wagga Wagga City Library would like to acknowledge that Wagga Wagga Zine Zine is delivered as part of the Holiday Break Partnership Program, supported by the Office for Regional Youth and Create NSW.

