

Term 4 – Week 3  
6<sup>th</sup> November 2009

## COMING EVENTS

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> November**  
School Certificate exams  
commence

**Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November**  
P&C Meeting at 7.15pm  
in the Common Room

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 10 to attend Connect &  
Explore Workshop at UOW

**Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> November**  
Year 10 Peer Support Training at  
Ribbonwood Centre

**Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**  
Year 6 Orientation Day

**Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December**  
Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December**  
School Presentation Day  
at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre

## 2009 YEAR 9 EXAMINATIONS COMMENCE

Year 9 students began their Yearly Examinations in the school gymnasium on Monday. The English paper was the first of their formal examinations. All examinations are either in the gym or in their individual classrooms this week.



## CYBERSAFE PILOT PROGRAM

Koonawarra Primary, Kanahooka & Dapto High Schools have signed up to be part of a *keeping children cybersafe* pilot for the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, and this opportunity has been extended to all schools in the Dapto Learning Community to encourage all Dapto students, teachers and parents to use 21<sup>st</sup> century technologies more safely and effectively. The initiative will operate over the 2009/2010 year and is a partnership with the Royal Melbourne Institute of Technology, funded by the Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations.

The Cybersafety and Wellbeing Initiative is a program that has been developed to address the increase of cyberbullying and to foster smart, safe and responsible use of technology and pro-social behaviours. It is a National Pilot and will be conducted in all states and territories across Australia. It is quite a coo for public school students in the Dapto Learning Community to be part of this initiative.

## FAMOUS AUTHOR SPEAKS TO OUR STUDENTS

Students from Lake Illawarra High School, joined Kanahooka High School students in the school library on Monday afternoon to hear a presentation by well renowned Australian author, Peter Skrzynecki. The author's visit was organised by English teacher Mrs Van Loo and focused on the HSC English topic of "Belonging."



## YEAR 10 SCHOOL CERTIFICATE

Year 10 students will undertake their School Certificate examinations next week and are required to remain at school until their Graduation Ceremony, which is being held on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December, when they will be presented with their School Certificates.

## HSC EXAMINATIONS CONTINUE

The HSC examinations are into their third week and will continue until the last exam, Information Technology, which is to be held on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> November, in Week 5.

## LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR QUEST

The Lions Club run a prestigious competition to find the "Youth of the Year" to foster and develop leadership. This competition is open to students aged 16 to 19 years old. Entry forms are available from Mr Panecasio and parents and staff are encouraged to nominate students who demonstrate good leadership potential.

Peter K Jones



## ABORIGINAL POSITIONS VACANT

Kanahooka High School has been identified to participate in the recruitment of Aboriginal people to fill both a SAO and a SLSO SASS vacancy. This is an initiative from the NSW State Plan and the NSW DET Strategic Human Resources Plan 2009-2010 and is a strategy identified in the Aboriginal Education and Training Policy and Strategy and the Workforce Diversity Policy and Plan 2009-2011.

A 'yarn time', to explain the recruitment process and to outline the training that will be provided to the successful applicants will be held at the school next Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> November in the Common Room, from 10.30am. Annie Austin, Aboriginal Project Officer for Staffing Services of the NSW DET will be on hand at the meeting to answer any questions.

## POSITIVE BEHAVIOUR FOR SUCCESS (PBS)

Kanahooka High School is embarking on a program aimed at creating a safer and more effective school.

Kanahooka High School has identified Excellence, Respect, Responsibility and Fairness as our core values.

In order to promote the values of PBS we are asking our school community to design a logo for the chance to win a \$100 voucher.

Visit our website and click on the PBS link under NEWS, or see Mr Mar or Ms Toohey for more information.

## SCHOOL FEES

As the school year is quickly drawing to an end we would appreciate if all fees could be paid at your earliest convenience.

## BUILDING CONFIDENT FAMILIES

For parents of children 2 and above. Explore strategies for building self esteem and confident families. Course covers issues such as learning self esteem, positive communication, parent child relationships and assertiveness.

Koonawarra Public School  
Byamee Street, Koonawarra

4 Thursday mornings

9:00am – 11:30am

12 & 19 November,

3 & 10 December 2009

Course Fee: \$40

OR

Flinders Public School  
Adam Murray Way, Flinders

3 Friday afternoons

12:30pm – 3:00pm

20 November, 4 & 11 December

Course Fee: \$30

Bookings (essential): 4227 1122

## SCHOOL SPECTACULAR

Tickets are now available to the NSW Public School's performing arts showcase of the year, the 2009 Schools Spectacular on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> and Saturday 28<sup>th</sup> November. This year's Schools Spectacular will feature more than 3,000 performers from 250 schools on the stage of the Sydney Entertainment Centre.

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster on 1300 883 622 or online [www.ticketmaster.com.au](http://www.ticketmaster.com.au) (click to music-dance/electronic). Group bookings can be made on 8512 9020 or by email: [groups.nsw@ticketmaster.com.au](mailto:groups.nsw@ticketmaster.com.au). Allow five days delivery for tickets issued by mail.

## LOCAL FOSTER CARERS NEEDED

We are looking for local people to provide care for children and young people who are unable to live with their own families. Foster carers provide short (e.g. one weekend a month) or longer term care.

Individuals, couples and families from varied backgrounds, cultural groups, Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people are encouraged to apply.

All carers receive training, support and financial assistance.

INTERESTED?

Apply at:

[www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercare](http://www.community.nsw.gov.au/fostercare) or call  
**1800 2 FOSTER (1800 236 783)**



## LEARNER LOGBOOK RUN

**Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> November  
from 10.00am – 12.30pm**

An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions including Police RBT, speed check and driver reviver.

Learners must have 40 or more logbook hours.

Bookings essential – Phone: **4227 7261**  
[rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au](mailto:rso@wollongong.nsw.gov.au)



## EARN SAFE

**Monday 16<sup>th</sup> November at  
Shellharbour City Council**

FREE Workshop for Parents and Supervisors!  
To help you with practical advice about:

- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on-road driving practice
- L and P Plate licence laws

Bookings essential – Phone: **4221 6124**  
[jenny.davies@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](mailto:jenny.davies@shellharbour.nsw.gov.au)

## GUITAR LESSONS

In your home or mine

Dapto Area

Call Anthony  
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