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Term 4 – Week 6
27th November 2009

COMING EVENTS

Thursday 3rd December
Year 6 Orientation Day

Friday 11th December
Year 10 Graduation Ceremony

Monday 14th December
Congratulatory BBQ for
1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class.
Sponsored by our community
partners, the
St Vincent de Paul Society

Tuesday 15th December
School Presentation Day at Dapto
Ribbonwood Centre

*Parents and students need to be
aware that the last two days
of the 2009 school year are for
teacher professional learning.*

*This means the official last
day of the student year is
Wednesday 16th December.*

OH WHAT A NIGHT!

On Tuesday evening, 250 family members, students, their friends and teachers attended the 2009 Kanaconcert held in the school's gymnasium. The night was a smorgasbord of drama and music as the students acted, danced, sang and played musical instruments in front of the enthusiastic crowd that turned up on a barny night, to witness the tremendous talent that abounds at Kanahooka High School.



Nicholas Summerfield returned to the school for a solo performance, though he was only one of many outstanding performances on the night.

YEAR 11 INTERVIEWS

Ms Phelan, Mr Spicer and Mrs O'Sullivan have been conducting interviews with Year 11 students confirming student subject selections, identifying post-school pathways and developing study plans. It is very evident that our senior students are generally unsure of the most productive ways to get the most out of their final year of schooling and Mr Spicer will be conducting a planning session for staff at the beginning of the 2010 school year, focusing on providing solutions to this situation.

A REMINDER THAT YEAR 10 ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY UNTIL 11 DECEMBER

Year 10 students must attend school regularly until after their Graduation ceremony on Friday 11th December. Year 10 students will receive their School Certificate and a Year 10 Completion Certificate outlining the courses they have completed during the final 4 weeks of 2009, at their Graduation Ceremony. Those students who have failed to attend school during this four week period will not have satisfied all requirements for completing Year 10 and place their successful progression into Year 11 in 2010 in jeopardy.

CELEBRATION OF OUR COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIP

Brian and Erika Brennan, Kellie Marsh and Debbie Nixon from the St Vincent de Paul Society, were at the school on Wednesday to celebrate another highly successful year of partnership with Kanahooka High School.



A morning tea was held to welcome the two new students to the 2010 Scholarship and Mentoring program.



Congratulations Amy Joyce and
Mikajla McDonnell.

OUR SCHOOL VALUES

At Kanahooka High School we show:

Respect by:

- Tolerating differences
- Speaking appropriately
- Caring for the environment

Responsibility by:

- Following rules and procedures
- Being in uniform
- Acting safely and considerately
- Owning our behaviours

Fairness by:

- Providing equal opportunities
- Allowing the right to be fairly heard and treated
- Promoting an environment which encourages participation

Excellence by:

- Striving for our personal best
- Providing a quality learning and teaching environment
- Rewarding achievement and celebrating success

THE INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEOPLE WITH A DISABILITY

The annual celebration of International Day of People with a Disability (IDPwD) will be held on 3rd December.

IDPwD brings together people with a disability and the general community and aims to:

- Showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with a disability
- Promote a positive image of people with a disability
- Involve people with a disability and the broader community in activities to celebrate and raise awareness of IDPwD.

To check events taking place in your area or for more information visit the website at www.idpwd.com.au

HELP WHEN YOU NEED IT

The current edition of School Parents ezine shows families how they can seek emotional help and support when they need it. Whether it's face to face, on the phone or via email, there is a service that could help and some are ready to help at any time of day, seven days a week.

If it's an issue affecting the whole family a good place to start is the School Counsellor. School Counsellors are available for all students from Kindergarten to Year 12 and their families.

For more information and a list of services that can help visit the School Parents ezine at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/ezine/yr2009/issue05/help.php

CYBER BULLYING WEBSITE

The Department of Education recently hosted a Cyber bullying forum, bringing together national experts on the subject. If you would like to know more about cyber bullying and what can be done about it, or if you'd like to contribute your opinion or experience to the online blog, you'll find it at: www.cyberbullyingforum.org

ARE YOU CONCERNED ABOUT YOUR CHILD DRINKING ALCOHOL? You have every right to be. Australian research shows that 96% of kids under the age of 17 have tried alcohol, with 21% drinking alcohol every week.

Why should you be concerned?

New research shows young people's brains can be seriously damaged from drinking alcohol. There is now evidence to suggest that binge drinking destroys the growing brain's ability to relay information between cells. One third of 12-17year old drinkers are consuming at harmful levels. It indicates kids have easy access to alcohol and are drinking too much.

What can you do?

As a parent, you are the most important role model for your child. Your attitude to alcohol and personal behaviour will have a big influence on your child and the decisions they make:

- Talk to your child and be involved in their life – if you know what is going on and can talk openly, you are more likely to be able to influence your child's attitude towards drinking
- Know where your teenager is – check where the parties are going to be, whether they are supervised and if alcohol is being served
- Talk to other parents – presenting a united front makes it easier for everyone
- Use alcohol responsibly yourself and be a responsible host. Show your children that you can also have fun without alcohol too
- Point out the risks – don't be afraid to disapprove of unsafe drinking behaviour

It is illegal to supply alcohol to kids under the age of 18 years without a parent's permission.

Visit www.adf.org.au for more information and to register your support for a national law.

DAPTO NETBALL CLUB

Registration days for 2010:

When: Saturdays 6 & 13 February 2010

Time: 10.00am till 2.00pm

Where: Dapto Ribbonwood Centre

Contacts:

Bill Sargeson 0425 279 222

Sharon Atkins 0417 658 722

Jackie Johnson 0430 479 883



EARN SAFE

Tuesday 1st December at Wollongong 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: 4227 7261
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