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**Term 4 - Week 6**

**18 November 2011**

**KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE DAPTO LEARNING COMMUNITY**



## Why Should I?

Over the coming weeks I am sure this will be the question some parents may ask themselves in response to the school's request for parents to pay monies outstanding for the general school fees and elective subject fees.

I am asking parents to understand that there has never been a more pressing time for these payments to be made to their local schools.

Just as household economies are being significantly eroded by ever increasing fees for the basic utilities of water, gas and electricity, so are schools like Kanahooka High School, having to allocate disproportionate amounts of their budgets to these utilities. In doing so, less monies are available to schools to spend on resources, equipment and programs vital for the education of children in the 21st Century.

Whilst being proud of the resources we already have in the school, we appreciate that there is more that needs to be done to provide our students with the very best educational opportunities so that they can compete on an even playing field with students from non-government schools.

To keep pace with the latest advances in technology and teaching practices, we must continue to install state of the art interactive whiteboards in classrooms. Obsolete computers and software must be regularly replaced. Sets of costly textbooks must be purchased to enable students to undertake their Higher School Certificate studies and sporting equipment replaced to encourage and assist students to maintain healthy, active lifestyles.

For this to happen, however, we must ask our parent body to support our school through the payment of fees. With the annual school fees for Year 7 and 8 students being \$40.00, this equates to parents having to pay approximately \$1.00 for every school week in the year. A modest fee for something as important as education.

There is also a fee for Technology of \$30 and Visual Arts of \$20 in Years 7 and 8. This fee covers necessary supplies and equipment to enable your child to experience a taste of these subjects.

To assist in the process of collecting unpaid fees, students in Years 7 to 10 will be issued forms on this coming Monday, which itemise fees outstanding and materials borrowed by students that need to be returned prior to the conclusion of school on Friday 16 December.

You are requested to assist your child to complete this form by paying any outstanding fees and by ensuring they return any textbooks or items belonging to the school.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### Monday 21 November

- 9 Red Science Excursion to Dapto High School

### Tuesday 6 December

- Citizenship Award trip to Jamberoo Rec Park

### Wednesday 7 December

- P&C Meeting - 7.00pm

### Wednesday 14 December

- School Presentation Day

### Friday 16 December

- Year 10 Graduation
- Last Day of School for Term 4

### Monday 19 & Tuesday 20 December

- Staff Development Days

### Friday 29 January 2012

- Staff Development Day

### Monday 30 January 2012

- Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 students return Term 1

## Koori Kids Adopting Waterways

Last Friday 22 students, Mrs Lewis, Mr Tanswell, Paul and Jos spent the day cleaning up Brooks Creek as part of the regeneration and revegetation by Southern Rivers Catchment Authority.

The students removed over a tonne of rubble and rubbish from the waterway in preparation for 1500 natives to be planted next week.



Students were physically challenged with the removal of trolleys, motor bikes, old televisions and general waste that washes down with the stormwater from neighbouring houses and roadways.

Congratulations to those that were involved – not one

student or staff member was clean at the end of the day. You are all a credit to your school, your parents and your community.

A big thank you must go out to Slim and Kevin from Coopers Excavation who came down on Monday to dig out the remaining rubble that was too hard for shovels – this service was free of charge and shows the great community spirit that Kanahooka is all about.

*Jos Burns*

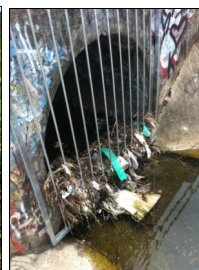
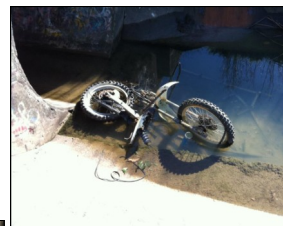
## Getting Down and Dirty

On Friday 11 November the Environmental team and a majority of the Koori students participated in the cleanup of Brooks Creek (Scabs or the Black Hole) to prepare it for regeneration to bring the creek back to its beautiful self.

The weather was extremely warm, the sun was bright and beautiful but the flies were a huge pain along with the finding of a baby eel, a few trolleys, a wheel off a bike and a rusted motorbike.

We all had a very interesting and foul smelling day along with two sausage sandwiches and cans of drinks.

*By Kaitlyn Kelly and Kellie Jakubovskis*







## CAREERS CORNER

### Year 10 students

Work experience has been offered to Year 10 students and is a great opportunity for them to be involved in the work environment and to get a 'taste' of what they may like to pursue in the future. Students are given support from the Careers Adviser to find employment places and are also encouraged to actively source out possible areas of work.

### Plan Your Future Day

Year 10 students will be involved in this day on Friday 2 December. This is a full day of presentations and activities involving local organisations and employers to speak to the students about their future options and support networks.

### Interviews with Year 11 students

Individual conversations between the Careers Adviser and senior students have started this term. This is a great way of discussing future possibilities and career options that each student may have. It is a privilege to assist and support students in their planning.

## CAREERS INFORMATION OF INTEREST

### Defence Force Information Session Wollongong

When: 22 November at 5.30pm  
Where: 25 Atchison Street Wollongong.  
Contact: Steve on 4220 3300 or 131901

[www.defencejobs.gov.au](http://www.defencejobs.gov.au)



**defencejobs.gov.au**

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### Interested in studying with TAFE Illawarra in Semester 1, 2012?

What: Pre-enrolment information sessions  
When: 21 November to 16 December

<http://www.illawarra.tafensw.edu.au/>



### University of Wollongong Discovery Days

2012 Year 12 students who are eligible for an ATAR and intend to go to uni, you are invited to experience firsthand what university is like for a day.

Interested students need to apply and log on before 2 December and will need to see the Careers Adviser for details.

## Uniform List

All items are available in XS to XXXL

The following items are available to purchase from the school canteen

Item for Sale	Cost
Jacket Junior/Senior	\$30.00
Sloppy Joe Junior/Senior	\$18.00
Polo Shirt with Emblem	\$13.00
Sport Shorts Black Unisex	\$16.00
Sport Shirt	\$30.00

Black dress pants and black dress shorts are available from Lowes, Big W, Kmart, Supre etc for approximately \$15.00-\$35.00

**Please note Kanahooka High School does not stock the girl's tartan skirt or shorts. They can be purchased from Crystal Bears or Lowes in Dapto Mall or Claussens in Wollongong.**

## School Elective Fees are Due

Parents are reminded elective fees are due for payment.

There is no remaining Student Assistance funds available this year.

**NAVIGATE YOUR OPTIONS**

15 Dec 2011 to 6 Jan 2012  
9am - 5pm

**CAREER PATH MAPPED**

Study at University  
Take a Gap Year  
Vocational Training  
Combine Work and Study

**FREE**  
Careers Advisory Service

[www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.cas.det.nsw.edu.au)  
1300 300 687  
Get online or call for free advice

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## Year 12 Formal & Graduation Photos

Limited number of a 2-disc set of photographs taken at the Year 12 Formal and Graduation events are now available from Mr Stewart in Room 402.

A contribution of \$2 is required to cover production costs.

Further sets will be produced as required.



*Li'l Angels*

School Uniforms

Skirts	\$24.00
Shorts	\$18.00

Buy 2 or more for free postage  
Or pick up

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