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Term 4 - Week 8

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

#### **P&C News**

The next P&C meeting will be held on 11 December at 7:00pm in the Common Room.

The AGM will be held on 12 February 2014.

Judy Bertinato - P&C President

#### **Year 7 Detective Work**

Recently one of Mr Knowles' fish was found dead in

his fish tank. A crime scene was established, and 7N were charged with finding the culprit.

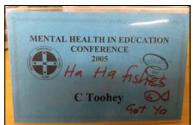
Several teachers were interviewed including Mr Banasiak, Mr Panecasio and Ms Toohey.

Statements were taken.

Various theories were devised and discussed. Suspicion is leading towards Ms Toohey, with an outside bet it could be an inside job.

Fingerprints of suspects have been taken for further analysis.





# **Premier's Sporting Challenge**

This year Kanahooka High School has been involved with the Premier's Sporting Challenge. In Term 2 25 Year 7 and 8 students attended a gala day in which they were taught skills in a variety of sports including touch football, cricket and fitness circuit. On November 29 this term I will be taking 25 Year 9 PASS students to Dapto High School to be involved with sports coaching.

They select 2 sports such as water polo, cricket or netball and learn the skills necessary to coach this sport. They will then use the skills to teach primary school children in Term 1 2014. As well as this Kanahooka High School has been offered the chance to be involved in a Year 11 Sport Leadership camp in December and I will be taking 8 students to this.

Miss Farguhar

# **Year 6 Orientation Day**

On Wednesday 4 December, Kanahooka High will be welcoming our up and coming Year 7 students for 2014.

Students Arrive - 8:50 am Parents Arrive - 1:30 pm

A reminder to parents and guardians that enrolment forms and a copy of the student's birth certificate and immunisation records need to be returned to the office ASAP.

#### School Zones

Reminder to motorists that the **speed limit is 40** km/h.

School Zones are between 8:00 - 9:30am and 2:30 - 4:00pm.

Drivers and students need to be extra alert when using the Robert Street entrance as this is a high traffic area for all; especially at the end of day.

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS 2013**

#### **Monday 2 December**

Writer's Award Assembly

#### Wednesday 4 December

Year 6 High School Orientation Day

#### Friday 6 December

V8 Supercars Excursion

#### Wednesday 11 December

P&C Meeting - 7:00pm in Common Room

#### Monday 16 December

First Aid Course

#### Wednesday 18 December

- Presentation Day
- Students final day 2013

#### Friday 20 December

Staff final day 2013

# **UPCOMING EVENTS 2014**

#### **Tuesday 28 January**

Staff commence

#### Wednesday 29 January

Years 7, 10, 11 & 12 commence

#### Thursday 30 January

Years 8 & 9 commence

# **Enquiring Minds**

On Tuesday 26 November, 20 students from Years 7 and 8 participated in a video conference as part of the **Bridges to Higher Education - Enquiring Minds** program.



Students participated with schools around the state to listen to and ask questions of four different professionals.

The career areas included Photography and Film, Insects, Robots and Animals.

Students had many great questions and discovered a lot of new and inspiring things. An important message was that students should follow their passions. Being involved in hobbies and interests outside of school is an important step towards

finding your passion. These hobbies can even lead to study at University and to a career in the field you love.

At the end of the talks many of the Kanahooka students



were keen to get involved in extra-curricular activities both at school or beyond.

Good luck with your plans, and keep those enquiring minds growing and learning through activities.

Ms Phelan - Careers Adviser/VET and TVET Co-ordinator

# PRE LOVED UNIFORM CLOTHING POOL

Our clothing pool is running very low on all clothing for both junior, senior and PE items. If you child has outgrown or no longer needs their uniforms, we would appreciate them being donated to the school. Items can be left at the front office. Thanking you.

# **Years 7 - 9 Aquatics Program**

Every year during Term 4 all PD/H/PE classes in Years 7, 8 and 9 walk to Dapto Pool for 4-5 lessons to complete an Aquatics Program. Having a heated pool so close to school provides students with a great resource and enables us to include an aquatics unit in our PDHPE Program.

The basic aim of the aquatics program is to improve the water safety skills of our students. It is not solely about swimming laps as in our classes we have a wide range of swimming ability. All PD/H/PE teachers will adapt their lessons so that all students work at their ability level and are not asked to complete any activity in the pool with which they are not comfortable.

To allow students to swim, they must return a permission note signed by their parent/carer. It is disappointing to note that a few students have not returned the note and are not allowed to participate in the aquatics unit. These students are given an alternative writing task to complete. We do understand that a very small minority of students cannot swim due to medical reasons. We thank the parents who have signed the swimming notes and encouraged their children to participate. If you have not signed a permission note could you please talk to your child about why they have not brought it to you. As swimming is an important part of the Australian Curriculum we would like as many students as possible participating in our aquatic program.

It is difficult to list specific students for their achievements as most of the students have worked well in the aquatics unit. However, the following students have been highlighted by their teachers for their outstanding participation. Please note that the students listed represent a wide range of swimming abilities but have all tried very hard at the pool.

**Year 7 -** Cooper Warren, Tenisha Dunn, Michelle Mason, Toni-Ann Lea-Caton, Blake Leng, Stephanie Chambers, Jordan Staffiere, Chloe Arthur, Jordan Bardsley, Jayden Behan, Tahlia Roe, Kane Hellyeh

**Year 8 -** Emily Ryan, Connor Pritchard, Carla Northey, Courtney Bowers, William D'Amato, Korben Pinney, Chelsea Stepto, Jasmin Murray, Michael Griffin

**Year 9 -** Jayde Cooley-Anderson, Rhylee Brisbane, Kia Manser, Jesse Leng, Sharna Kirkland, Tarryn Billington, Brandon Knight, Riley Spajic, Monique Hasiuk

Mr Kipp - HT PD/H/PE

# **Support Unit Report**

The Support Unit has been very busy with a gardening project this term.

We love our time in the garden and we are learning a lot about vegetables and how to grow them.

Soon we will have strawberries, sunflowers, tomatoes, lettuce, peas and corn.

A big thank you to Mr Tanswell for all his gardening support, it is greatly appreciated.

Ms Brennan, HT Support

# **Show Me the Way**

On Thursday 24 October students who participated in the Show Me the Way program went on a trip to Sydney to meet with their Learning Partners from several law firms across Sydney. Students were able to embark on a cultural cruise aboard the Tribal Warrior on Sydney Harbour.



It was an amazing experience and students who joined in were credited with their outstanding contribution to the day's success.

Ms Burns & Mr Rostron

### Year 10 Mock Parliament

Students from 10K recently took part in a mock parliament as part of their studies in Geography. The students have been looking into Australia's links with the Asia Pacific region, particularly with Foreign Aid. They expressed concern over a recent government's decision to reduce the level of foreign aid to our Asian Pacific neighbours.

Students were assigned parliamentary roles on both sides of the political spectrum and debated various issues including foreign aid. Students developed a deep understanding of parliamentary procedure and how they could be active citizens as part of the process.

Many students delivered well thought out speeches and responded to questions with far more eloquence than sometimes demonstrated by our existing politicians.

HSIE Department

#### **Year 10 Fitness Choices**

As part of the Year 10 PD/H/PE Program Year 10 students were given the option of choosing a fitness activity they would like to participate in as part of their practical unit. Hopefully, participation in a fitness activity which they enjoy, may encourage them to include it in their lifestyle.

Becoming more active has numerous health benefits. Encouraging our students to become more active now may make it easier for them to become more active in the future. The activities Year 10 students will be participating in are:

- Power Walking
- · School Fitness Room Circuit
- · Outdoors Fitness Circuit
- Boxercise

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# TVET Nursing Graduation

Congratulations to Sarah Hunt and Taleah Holm for graduating their TVET Nursing course.

Sarah and Taleah completed this course as part of their HSC studies.



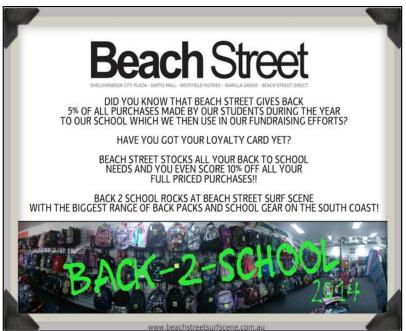
# **Battery Recycle Bin**

Kanahooka High School's battery recycling bin is due to be emptied within the next 2 weeks before school finishes for the year.

Any old batteries can be brought to the front office for disposal.

## **CANTEEN UNIFORM PRICES**

Jackets (Jnr/Snr)\$30.00Polo Shirts (with Emblem)\$15.00Sloppy Joe (Jnr/Snr)\$20.00Sports Shirt\$30.00Sports Shorts (Unisex Black)\$18.00White Blouse (with emblem)\$15.00



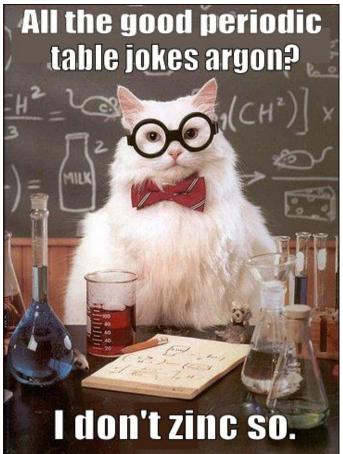




# **Medical Updates**

Please return the medical forms which were given to your child so we can update our medical records to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child's health.

If you have not received one they can be collected from the office.



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