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Term 3 - Week 2

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



Year 11 Jackets

Congratulations to Year 11 on their awesome response to their 2014 Senior Jackets. 85 jackets have now been ordered. Full payment is required in 4 Weeks.

Mrs Jennison - Year 11 Year Adviser

Uniform Survey

Kanahooka High School uniform survey will be distributed in the upcoming weeks. Please keep an eye out for them.

Ms Toohey - Deputy Principal

School Fees Reminder

Some students still have outstanding school fees, which we would appreciate being paid at your earliest convenience. These can be paid off throughout the year. Please contact the school if you have any questions.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday 29 July - 2 August

- Education Week

Tuesday 30 July

- Writers Award Assembly

Tuesday 30 July

- Year 7-9 Immunisation Visit 2

- Parent Teacher Interviews

3:00-6:00pm

Top of 500 HSIE and 700 Maths Blocks

Students have been issued with booking sheets

- Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

In Library - 6:30-8:30pm

Wednesday 31 July

- Year 12 Museum of Human Disease Excursion

Friday 2 August

- Regional Athletics Carnival
- Jeans4Genes Day

After School Tutorial Centre
every Tuesday & Wednesday

2:30-3:30pm in the Library

SVDP Breakfast Club every Tuesday

at 7.30am in Room 302

SRC Breakfast Club - 600 Block

From 7:45am Wednesdays & Fridays

Personalised Learning and Support Tool (PLASST) 2013 Trial

During the next few weeks our school, along with other public schools in the area, will be participating in the trial of a new tool (PLASST) being developed by the Department of Education and Communities for teachers to identify the learning and support needs of their students.

This trial is focussed on the development of a sound and reliable online tool that, when finalised, can be used by teachers in collaboration with parents and carers to identify the strengths and educational needs of students with additional learning and support needs. This information will assist schools in planning and personalising learning and support for individual students who require adjustments in their day to day learning.

The trial will involve teachers completing an online questionnaire about the educational needs of some of their students. Students themselves will not be required to complete any additional work or be formally assessed as part of the trial. This trial will not impact on students' education provisions.

Further information about the PLASST trial, including the collection and use of data in the trial, will be provided by the school in a letter to parents and carers.

If you have any questions about the PLASST trial, would like to discuss your child's involvement or would prefer your child does not participate, please contact Ms Parker or Ms Morris on 4261 4011.



Year 9 Ski Trip

The ski trip is fast approaching, please remember to make final payments.

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open every Tuesday.

All students welcome!

Location: Room 302

Open: 7:30-8:25am





CAREERS CORNER



Subject Selection Evening Year 10 into Year 11-12

Kanahooka High School is holding a **Subject Selection Evening** for Year 10 students and their parents/carers on **Tuesday 30 July** in the school library **6:30pm-8:30pm**.

There will be a short presentation to explain the requirements for the Higher School Certificate, TAFE options, vocational education courses, school-based traineeships, and options for those planning to study at University.

Teachers and representatives from TAFE, IRT and Workplace Learning Illawarra, will be on hand to answer questions following the presentation.

The Subject Selection Booklet and Selection Sheet will be available on the night and Selection Sheets will be due Friday 2 August to Mr Panecasio.

We look forward to meeting you on the evening of **Tuesday 30 July**. If you have any questions feel free to contact the school on 4261 4011.

Kanahooka and up2now

Do you wish you could better record your extra-curricular activities and achievements? The up2now pilot is an online tool to help students record and share their achievements

Kanahooka High is part of the up2now pilot along with over 200 schools from across NSW.

Students in Year 10 and Year 11 from registered schools will be given access to the up2now website so that they can record and share their extra-curricular achievements.

Ms Phelan, the School Co-ordinator, will promote up2now to Year 10 and 11 throughout Term 3 and 4.

Jeans4Genes Day

Next Friday 2 August The SRC would like to encourage all students and staff to wear your jeans and make a **gold coin donation**.



The SRC truly believe this is an important event supporting an even more important cause. 1 in 20 Aussie kids are born with a birth defect or genetic disease. That's nearly one in every classroom or 12,000 children born every year.

Our school's contribution will directly help the Children's Medical Research Institute find vital cures.

Young Minds Conference - A great success!!

Last term, two of our young leaders from Year 11, represented Kanahooka High at the Young Minds Conference in the Sydney Town Hall. The conference was a high profile event, attended by education, youth and health professionals from around the country and overseas.

Mitchell Hocking and Katrina Neall were chosen as panellists to give their perspective on Information Technology and young people. The panel was led by Marc Prensky, Author and Practical Visionary in Education, who explored the importance of technology for young people and schooling.



The panel was an opportunity for the audience to hear Katrina, Mitchell and the other students' thoughts,

opinions, preferences and behaviours regarding IT.

Mitchell and Katrina spoke confidently and honestly in front of the 1000+ conference attendees. The



students were a great credit to our school. For more information about Young Minds go to the website: www.youngminds.org.au/

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



Mufti Day

On Friday 30 August, SRC will be holding a Mufti Day with the theme "Super Heroes" to raise funds for KidzWish.



NAIDOC WEEK 2013

NAIDOC Week 2013 could only be described as amazing!!!

From Monday 24 June to Friday 28 June 2013 celebrations surrounding NAIDOC Week were held right across the school.

Monday started off with over 100 students both Indigenous and non Indigenous listening to guest speakers from the Aboriginal community. Dr Jo Buckskin, Scholar & NAIDOC Awardee of the year Jodi Edwards, Elders Auntie Di and Uncle Richard with former students Danielle Moylan and Jade Kennedy gave up their time to share their stories and talk about issues around racism and future aspirations. A very special lunch of bush foods was put on display with students enjoying a contemporary menu.

Tuesday was the BIG ONE. KFactor!!! This years KFactor focussed on raising funds to support local charity KidzWish. Over 200 tickets were sold and over \$1500.00 was raised. This money will go directly to KidzWish to help 30 or more young people with special needs across the Illawarra attend the Stockland KidzWish Christmas party.

The talent on the night was exceptional and all students should be congratulated that were involved in the night right from the Indigenous students who run and organise the night to the performers who braved the stage.



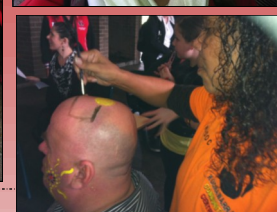
KFactor

A special mention must go to the prize winners on the night

- 1st place - Very talented and enthusiastic Patrick Kearney
- 2nd place - Yemaya Roughley-Hutchison
- 3rd place - Tyler Kelly



Arts and crafts across the remainder of the week including some amazing art creations. Even Mr Kipps attempt at Indigenous art :)



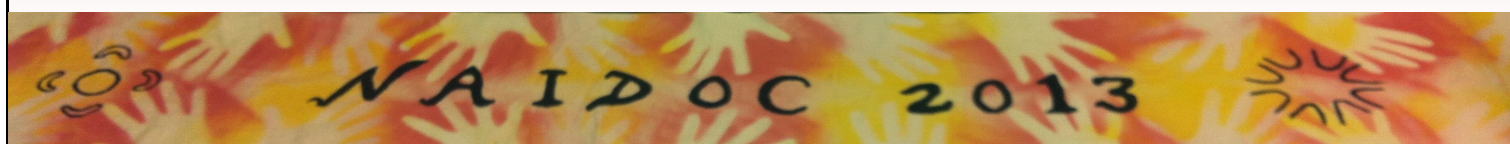
The rest of NAIDOC Week was about FOOD, FUN and PAINT.

A BBQ on Wednesday with face painting and the human flag formed again.

A BIG thank you goes out to the P&C, Events Drapery, Bakers Delight, Greys Butchers, Collegians Balgownie and special mention of the students who jumped in and did what they could wherever they could for their support with KFactor, and to all the members of the Aboriginal Education Team who contributed across the week to making our NAIDOC Celebrations such a success. Thank you.

Can't wait for NAIDOC 2014 ... What surprises are in store ?????

Jocelyn Burns - AEO





Term 2 was a really busy term for all, but being my first term at Kanahooka High, I think it has been one of the busiest I have experienced. Starting somewhere new is always a challenge, but the staff and students have made my transition a pleasant one. It is great to work with an enthusiastic faculty and I would like to thank them for their efforts last term. We are well underway with preparing for the implementation of the National Curriculum for next year and are currently working with local high schools to ensure we can deliver innovative and exciting Science programs and lessons.

Term 2, Year 8 completed their Student Research Project, in which they developed excellent scientific investigation skills. The Science faculty is very pleased with the efforts of students with this project. Year 10 students will be completing their free choice Student Research Project later this term and should be starting to think about what scientific investigation they may wish to undertake.

Mr McKay's 9N class are currently working on their Go-cart project. They are eagerly restoring an old Go-cart, kindly donated by Mr McKay and are keen to test it out later in the year.

Year 12 Biology and Senior Science are almost at the end of their courses and must remember that their Trial Examinations are fast approaching. It is important that they take advantage of all opportunities available, to help them perform to their potential.

Mr Stewart will be taking Year 12 Biology to the Museum of Human Disease in Week 3 to help build on their knowledge for the current topic, The Search for Better Health. This should be a great day that is a worthwhile experience for all Biology students.

Ms Dove, Head Teacher Science

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School zone parking offences carry substantial penalties, with stopping in a No Stopping Zone or a Bus Zone carrying a \$304 fine along with 2 demerit points, as does double parking. Stopping on or near a children's crossing carries a \$405 fine and 2 demerit points. More importantly, cars in these places put school children at risk.

Council will be patrolling schools in the Local Government Area and we will be responding to complaints of irresponsible or dangerous parking by drivers around schools. Council is working co-operatively with the New South Wales Police, the Roads and Maritime Service and Department of Education and Communities. Please help Council reduce the risk to our children and stop these few putting the many at risk.

At schools, Rangers will site themselves very obviously to photograph offending vehicles. They will later post out penalty notices rather than risk a confrontation with drivers/parents/ guardians by handing out the infringement "on-the-spot" in front of children.

SCHOOL SAFETY NOTICE TO DRIVERS

There is NO EXCUSE for disobeying traffic control signs and road rules in the vicinity of a school. There are NO APOLOGIES for issuing infringement notices to offenders. Parking dangerously, blocking sight lines, blocking buses and crossings puts children's lives at risk.

Please read and understand the following traffic controls around your school:



NO STOPPING

Under no circumstances are you permitted to stop on a length of road to which a NO STOPPING sign applies.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)



NO PARKING

You are permitted to stop in a NO PARKING zone only while you are engaged in dropping off or picking up passengers.

You must stay within three metres of your vehicle.

You must not stop for more than two minutes.

(Penalty: exceeds \$169 + two demerit points)



BUS ZONE

You are not permitted to stop in a BUS ZONE unless you are driving a public bus.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)



CHILDREN'S CROSSING

You are not permitted to stop within 20 metres before the crossing and 10 metres after the crossing

(Penalty: exceeds \$405 + two demerit points)



DOUBLE PARKING

You must not stop on a road between the centre of the road and another car that is parked at the side of the road to wait or pick up or drop off passengers.

(Penalty: exceeds \$304 + two demerit points)

**THE COST OF TAKING YOUR
CHILDREN TO SCHOOL DEPENDS
ENTIRELY ON YOU**