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Year 12

This week is the last week of school for Year 12 2013. The students were acknowledged by a whole school assembly last Monday where students from Years 7-10 spoke with pride and spirit about Year 12. It was a wonderful tribute from those students who spoke beautifully in representing their respective year cohorts. The Year 12 students were very pleased and proud to hear the kind and well expressed words. The whole school was also thrilled to see a slide show display of photographs of Year 12 from their days throughout high school. It was amazing to see how much they had all changed since Year 7!!



This week will be an extremely busy one for Year 12. They celebrated their final year at school with a Formal Dinner on Tuesday night at the Villa D'Oro Function Centre. It was a stylish affair with all students dressing in formal attire and looking elegant on the night.

It was a wonderful occasion for teachers and students to talk of both past experiences and future hopes and dreams.

On Thursday 19 September the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held at Hayes Park Primary School at 6:00pm.

This ceremony will acknowledge the achievements of the Year 12 students and recognise their contributions to the KHS community. It will also provide an opportunity for the KHS community to formally farewell the students of Year 12 2013.



On Friday 20 September the Year 12 students will be relaxing and enjoying their traditional Mystery Day. The Year Advisers, Ms Cannon and Mr Stewart, have organised a "secret" venue and some fun activities to celebrate the end of the student's official school days. I am sure that the students will enjoy their day!!



In the next KanaKares newsletter, we will be able to show some photographs from the last week of school and the special events experienced by Year 12 2013.

T. Cannon - Year Adviser

UPCOMING EVENTS

Term 3

- **Thursday 19 September**
Year 12 Graduation & reports
Grade Sport BBQ
- **Friday 20 September**
Year 11 Exams conclude
Year 12 Mystery Day
NSW Basketball Tournament Bankstown
Last day of Term 3

Term 4

- **Tuesday 8 October**
Term 4 Commences - Staff & Students
- **Monday 14 October**
Writer's Award Assembly
- **Thursday 24 October**
AIME End of Year Celebration
- **Monday 28 October**
AECG Meeting Albion Park Public School

**After School Tutorial Centre
every Tuesday & Wednesday**

2:30-3:30pm in the Library

SRC Breakfast Club - 600 Block
From 7:45am Wednesdays & Fridays

Breakfast Club

Breakfast club is open every Tuesday.

All students welcome!

Location: Room 302

Open: 7:30-8:25am



School Self Evaluation

As part of the school's self evaluation cycle we will be reviewing the English Faculty and the Support Unit.

We would like parents who are interested in contributing to the review to contact the Front Office by Friday 11 October on 4261 4011.

Parents will be interviewed on Wednesday 16 October during school hours at a time to be advised.

Mrs O'Sullivan, Deputy Principal

Nan Tien

On Tuesday 27 August students from the Support Unit and MEP had the opportunity to experience Buddhist culture at the Nan Tien Temple in Berkeley.



The day consisted of Tai Chi, a guided tour through the temple and lunch. We started the day with Tai Chi taught by one of the Buddhist monks, before we started the tour.

During the tour we learnt about the story of how Buddhism came to be and the beliefs of the Buddhists. After the tour we got to eat lunch, which was rice and vegetables. At the end of the day, everyone got to have a go at ringing the Gratitude Bell, a bell that is used to thank people in your life, by hitting it with a log.



By the time we got on the bus to go home everyone was tired from all the fun they had.

Everyone who went on the excursion would like to thank Janelle Trigg from the St

Vincent de Paul Society for organising the day for us, everyone had a really great time.

*By Emerald Gialdini-Wilson
Year 12 Student - MEP*

Public Speaking

Monday 16 September Kanahooka High School recognised and celebrated the Dapto Learning Community Public Speaking competition. From Lakelands Public School, Calista in Kindergarten spoke about, "Are Dogs or Cats Better" and Larah in Year 6 spoke about "Progress". From Dapto Public School, Sian in Year 2 talked about "Set Bedtimes" and Kayla in Year 3 talked about "Animals as Entertainment".

From Kanahooka High School, Kiana in Year 8 spoke about "Should the Government Provide Laptops". Parents, teachers and class 7K were our wonderful audience. This is a valuable experience for all budding public speakers and I hope this competition continues in the future.

Kiana Elford



DLC Public Speaking Competition

On Tuesday 30 July 2013, four brave Kanahooka High School students journeyed to Lakelands Public School for the Dapto Learning Community Public Speaking Competition. As Alex Kearton (7K) was employed as the navigator of the on foot journey, Kiana Elford (8K) Emilie Dingle (9K) and Kristie Tancevski (10K) followed rehearsing their speeches and also questioning Alex's sense of direction.



As the students arrived to the venue, the hall that the students thought would be much larger and more daunting didn't seem too bad at all. All four students seized the

opportunity to take the time to rehearse their speeches before students of Dapto High School arrived.

As the opponents arrived and the school hall became filled with the eager Year 5 and 6 audience, the mood intensified and nerves were at an all-time high. Kiana and Alex were first to present and their topic was "The Government Should no Longer Supply Students with Laptops".

After four very eloquent and professional speeches, Kiana Elford took out first prize and we were all very proud of both speeches. Next up was Stage 5 and Kristie and Emilie took to the stage with the topic "High school Students Should Participate in Mandatory Community Service". The nerves were high and all of us were sitting at the edge of our seats. All four participants delivered extremely convincing speeches, however, based on the adjudicators Dapto High School was awarded 1st place.

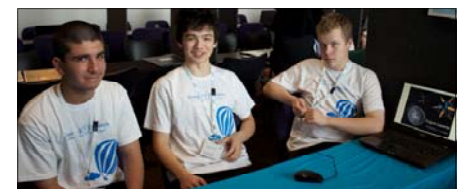
All students were extremely proud of their achievements and they are looking forward to many more public speaking opportunities. Well done team!

Mrs Ates, English - Debating and Public Speaking Co-ordinator

Young ICT EXplorers Competition

Kanahooka High recently had 3 students, Matthew Moukaddem, Ethan Marsland and Aaron Gentle, participate in the Young ICT Explorers competition.

This is the first year our school has competed and Kanahooka was the only school from the Illawarra and also one of the few DEC schools there on the day. The three Year 10 students worked on a project in their own time - a computer game aimed at Primary school students.



They travelled to UNSW, on Saturday 31 August, and set up their stall alongside all the other competitors. They had to speak with three judges for 10 minutes to explain their product, problems they faced, how these were solved etc.

Congratulations for representing the school at such an interesting and inspiring event.

It was a great day and the students already have plans for what they will do next year - a game in 3D.

Ms Phelan - Careers Adviser



On Tuesday 3 September, four Student Representative Council Members worked

alongside two Legacy volunteers to sell merchandise at Warilla Grove. Kaitlyn Kelly and Ebony-Rose Allan of Year 10 and Ashley Rodger and Alyssa Loveday of Year 8 spent the entire day at Warilla Grove Shopping Centre.



The aim of Legacy is to support the families of Australian Service personnel who have been killed or injured while serving Australia. The students were complimented by both the Legacy volunteers who they

assisted and by members of the general public, who commented on the students beautiful manners, presentation, willingness and ability to interact with them.

The students bought their own merchandise despite being offered it for free for their efforts.

The four students proved very worthy ambassadors for Kanahooka High School and the Legacy charity. An impressive and respectful effort girls. Well done.

Mr Glasgow, Head Teacher - HSIE and LOTE

P&C News

The P&C meeting was held on Wednesday 11 September and 22 members were present. Carol Marshman the Relieving Director of Public Schools in the Wollongong Network was our special guest. A discussion was held concerning Kanahooka High's feeder schools and the criteria that is in place to ensure that students attend the high school nominated by the Department of Education and Communities.

This month the P&C purchased 2 Smartboards for the Science Faculty, a Short Throw Projector for the Mathematics Faculty and a Plasma TV for the Library. We also assisted with the costs for K Factor, the PBS barbecue, after school tutorial, buses to transport Year 12 students to their Formal, Student Insurance and Southern Stars. The total spent being \$22,596.00.

Many thanks to Ruth Billington, Michelle Charles, Karen Brown and Chris Toohey for their support with the school uniform survey. Many thanks to everyone who completed the survey. The results indicated that changes were wanted and plans are being put in place to carry them out. We will keep you posted.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held at the school on Wednesday 13 November at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Judy Bertinato, President P&C Association

THURSDAYS = SPORTS UNIFORM

Your Vote Counted!

Following an overwhelmingly positive response to our Uniform Survey we now ask that all students wear their Sports Uniform to school on Thursdays!

Mr McKay's Science Joke of the Week

A neutron went to McDonalds and ordered a Happy Meal, he asked the cashier, "How much is that?" The cashier replied, "For you, no charge".

Grade Sport 2013.

Last Thursday was the culmination of Term Two and Three Grade Sport, where all our grade teams competed in the finals day. All teams have been competing very well throughout the two terms and most have experienced successes throughout the competition. All of our students have competed to the best of their ability and have displayed excellent sportsmanship and team work. The coaches have dedicated themselves to improving the skills of the students and encouraging them to play with pride in themselves and their school.

The Open Girls Soccer team were our only team to compete in a Premiership Grand Final. The girls have been well led by Ms Phelan and Mr Clout throughout the competition and led extremely well on the field by our Year 12 student Rebecca Drew. The girls played extremely well to win their Grand Final and secure Kanahooka High's first Premiership for a number of years. Well done to the coaches and to the girls on an outstanding performance! The trophy will take pride of place in our Library.

Congratulations to all the grade teams for their efforts on finals day and thank you to the wonderful efforts from our teachers who put in a great deal of time to coach the teams. We will be celebrating the season with a BBQ on Thursday afternoon in Week 10.

Ms Cannon - Sports Co-ordinator

SCIENCE NEWS

It's hard to believe we are at the end of another term. I would like to congratulate Year 12 Biology and Senior Science on their achievements and wish them luck with the upcoming HSC examinations.

Year 11 have completed their Preliminary subjects and are currently sitting their final examinations. I would like to congratulate them on their efforts and remind them to enjoy their final break before the HSC course begins. It is important that they are revitalised and ready to hit the ground running next term as they begin their final journey in high school.

Mr McKay's, 10 Science K class have just been involved in a presentation program where they have been given the opportunity to be the teacher and teach the rest of the class about Evolution. This has been a fantastic success. I have been lucky enough to be invited to watch these lessons and I must say I was very impressed with their enthusiasm and efforts.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank the P&C for providing us with Interactive White Boards, to be fitted out in our final two Science laboratories next term. This will allow all students to have access to 21st Century learning in all Science classes. The students and the Science Faculty are very appreciative of their donation.

As a part of SASS Recognition Week we would like to thank Mrs Williams, our Laboratory Assistant, for her excellent work and also wish her a happy birthday for last week. Without her, we would not be able to run experiments in Science with ease.

Enjoy your break!

Ms Dove - Head Teacher Science Faculty

September 2013 School Holiday Activities (for 9-14yrs old)

*Places are limited. First in first served. Registrations taken for all excursions only if accompanied by permission note and payment of fee BEFORE the date of excursion. For more information and enquiries visit us or ring on 4262 1918.

Monday 23 September 2013

The Amazingly Gross Race @ Horsley

Horsley Community Centre, 1pm-3pm
Ever watch "The Amazing Race" on TV? Think it should be more gross? Come join the crazy and prepare to get messy. Bring a partner or meet one on the day! Cost \$4 (incl. GST)

Tuesday 24 September 2013

Excursion to the Science Centre - Fairy Meadow

A fun excursion to the Science Centre in Fairy Meadow, with travel, entry and lunch provided. Travel by bus, meet and take off at 9.30am sharp from The Horsley Community Centre on Bong Bong Rd Horsley. Returning at 2.30pm. Cost \$11 (incl. GST)

Thursday 26 September 2013

Beading @ CareWays in the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre

Bangalow Room. 10am-12pm
Come along and make something beautiful out of beads!
Cost: \$4 (inc. GST)

Tuesday 1 October 2013

Games Day - Xbox, PSII, Pool, Dodgeball Competitions

The Lair @ CareWays (Dapto Ribbonwood). 1pm-3pm
Come and join in the fun and compete to be Games Day Champion (and score Choccy!) Cost: \$4 (incl. GST)

Wednesday 2 October 2013

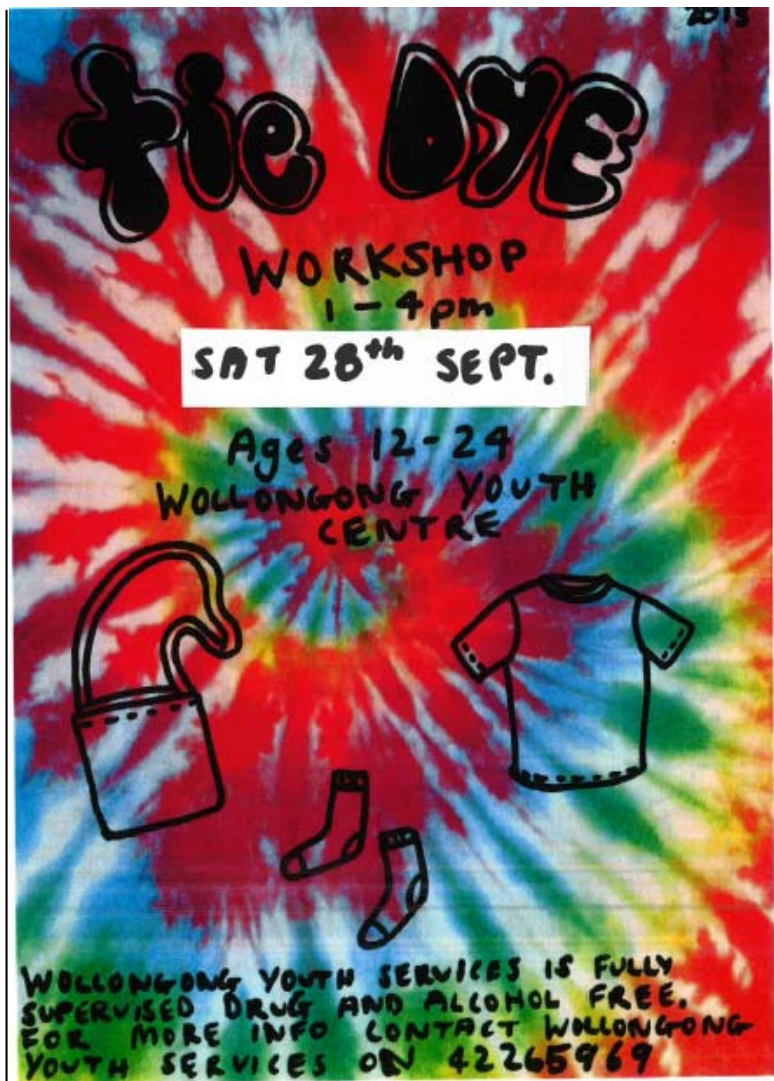
Cooking Day @ Horsley

Horsley Community Centre, 12pm-2pm
Come join us at Horsley to cook up something yummy (and eat it!) Cost \$4 (incl. GST)

Thursday 3 October 2013

Excursion to the Movies - Shellharbour

Movie excursion to Shellharbour Greater Union Cinemas. Cost of excursion is \$11 (incl. GST). Travel, movie tickets and lunch provided. Travel by bus. Meet and take off at 9.00am sharp from Heining St entrance of Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. Returning at 2.30pm.



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Or for more information visit www.rheetaekwondosc.com



Bling a Bra for October
Decorate a bra in remembrance of women we have lost, show support for women battling and celebrate the lives of women who have taken breast cancer on and won.

To Enter: Send or take your designs to you closest BreastScreen by Monday 21 October 2013

Stocklands Shopping Centre - Shellharbour	35 Berry St Nowra	299 Crown St Wollongong
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Winners to be announced at an Afternoon Tea at The Lagoon Restaurant, Wollongong on Monday 28 October 2013 @ 2pm. To attend the Afternoon Tea RSVP by 21 October 2013 to Sarah on 9113 3633 or register online at blingabrawollongong@eventbrite.com.au

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