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Term 4 - Week 6

13 November 2015

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

Stage 4 Manager's Report

Term 4 has certainly been very busy for Stage 4.

Week 2 saw collaborative Personal Learning Plan (PLP's) interviews being conducted for our Stage 4 Indigenous students. These were a wonderful sharing experience and Year 7 students have chosen teachers of Stage 4 to be their mentors. This means that teachers and students get a better understanding of where they have come from, where they are now and what their goals and aspirations may be in the future. It was great to hear that many wanted to go to University, work with animals (including being a Veterinarian and Zoo Keeper), Teachers, Police Officers or getting an apprenticeship. Thank you to Ms J Burns (AEO), and the Stage 4 team for all your efforts.



Week 3 was the start of Year 8 moving into Stage 5 supervision by Ms D Walmsley and Mr P Kipp. I have enjoyed working with Year 8 students this year as they have developed in maturity. Their electives for Year 9 have now been finalised and I hope all students are happy with their choices.

The Stage 4 team are currently working on the organisation for Year 6 Orientation Day to be held on Thursday 3 December. Peer support training for approximately 40 of our current Year 7 students will be conducted over the next few weeks to prepare them for their leadership roles.

The Orientation Day plans to be an exciting, informative and fun-filled day for our incoming Year 7, as they get a taste of life at high school. More detailed information will follow over the next few weeks.

*Mrs K Lewis
Stage 4 Manager*



UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 24 November

- Year 8 Surf Education Excursion
- Preparation for HSC Information Night

Wednesday 25 November

- SRC 2016 Induction

Tuesday 1 December

- Year 7 Surf Education Excursion

Thursday 3 December

- Year 7 2016 Orientation Day

Wednesday 9 December

- P&C Meeting 7pm

Friday 11 December

- Presentation Day

Tuesday 15 December

- Year 7-10 Reports Distributed

Wednesday 16 December

- Last Day Term 4 for students

Friday 18 December

- Last Day Term 4 for staff

Wednesday 27 January 2016

- Staff return for Term 1 2016

Thursday 28 January 2016

- First day for Years 7, 10, 11 and 12

Friday 28 January 2016

- First day for Years 8 and 9

News from the Library

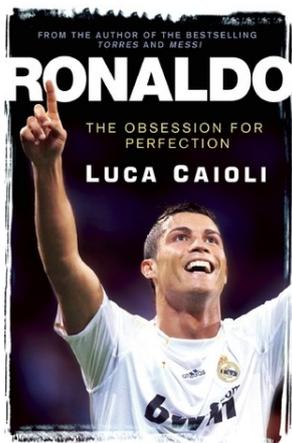
The ever-changing library has changed again! We are thrilled to be enjoying our new soft furnishings, and “campfire” tables with ottomans. These spaces have become great places for students and teachers to collaborate and work together. Keep watching for more new spaces in the library coming soon!

We will be completing our stocktake for the year next week (Week 7). It is essential that students (and teachers) return overdue books, to ensure that our stocktake is accurate, and that all students have equal access to our school resources. If you have an overdue, or have been contacted regarding one, please speak with our friendly library staff about your options.

We have also made sure that this year we’ve purchased plenty of books that students love to read and share. We will be receiving loads of great new titles in the coming weeks, so come and speak to us about your holiday reading!



*Ms M Etheridge
Teacher Librarian*



Book Review - Ronaldo: The Obsession for Perfection

'Ronaldo: The Obsession for Perfection' is a biography about Cristiano Ronaldo's personal life and professional football career, written by Luca Caioli. It tells the journey of how Ronaldo became a professional football player, inspiring his fans to not give up on your dream and keep going. It also gives an insight into his personal life. I absolutely loved this book and give it 5 stars. I would recommend it to people aged 10 and above and encourage everyone to read this book.

*Byishimo B
Year 8*

2016 Bus and Rail Passes

From Term 1 2016, the School Student Transport Scheme will be issuing School Opal cards to students eligible for travel under the scheme. Many students with a current SSTS pass won't need to reapply, as a new pass will be issued automatically and delivered to the school for distribution.

However, you will need to complete an online application form if:

- applying for SSTS for the first time
- progressing from Year 6 to Year 7
- changing name, school and/or address
- requesting a new additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation.

Online applications for School Opal Cards are available from Monday 2 November.

For details about eligibility and how to apply visit <http://www.transportnsw.info/school-students>, which has comprehensive information for parents about the Scheme.

900 Block News

Young Mother Support

Term 4 saw the beginning of a weekly mums program run by Honora Jenkins from PureArt Projects. The program aims to provide support, fun family activities and early baby education for our group of young mums completing their HSC.



This week we were able to congratulate Morgan K with her daughter Layla who successfully completed her HSC with us this year.



Cooking Program

Continuing on with our popular Friday food program, the 900 program has been involving students in creating healthy and cost effective meals. Valuable skills and knowledge have passed between staff, senior and junior students on different menu ideas and practical skills which has boosted confidence in the kitchen.

NRL Community School to Work Program

Kanahooka High School has teamed up with the *School to Work* program which is facilitated by the NRL in order to increase the amount of Indigenous youth transitioning straight into employment or tertiary education once leaving school. Daniel Holdsworth, a former NRL player, will be working alongside a number of Aboriginal students

providing one-on-one career planning and mentoring, relevant work experience and the opportunity to participate in cultural activities.



CANTEEN UNIFORM PRICES

Blouse (White with emblem)	\$20.00
Cardigan (Black with emblem)	\$40.00
Girls Long Pants (Black)	\$31.00
Girls Shorts (Black)	\$28.00
Girls Skirt	\$25.00
Girls Tunic	\$50.00
Polo Shirts (with emblem)	\$20.00
Sloppy Joe (Green and Red)	\$20.00
Sports Shirt	\$30.00
Unisex Jacket (Black)	\$40.00
Unisex Long Pants (Black)	\$28.00
Unisex Shorts (Black)	\$22.00

**Uniform Sales available from Canteen
between 7.30am and 12 noon**

P&C News

Uniform price lists are available from the office and uniforms are available from the school canteen between 7.30am and 12 noon.

At the last meeting the P&C donated \$2,760.00 to provide items to be put in the Orientation Bags for Year 7, 2016.

The next meeting will be held in the Library on 9 December commencing at 7.00pm. All welcome.

*Judy Bertinato
P&C President*

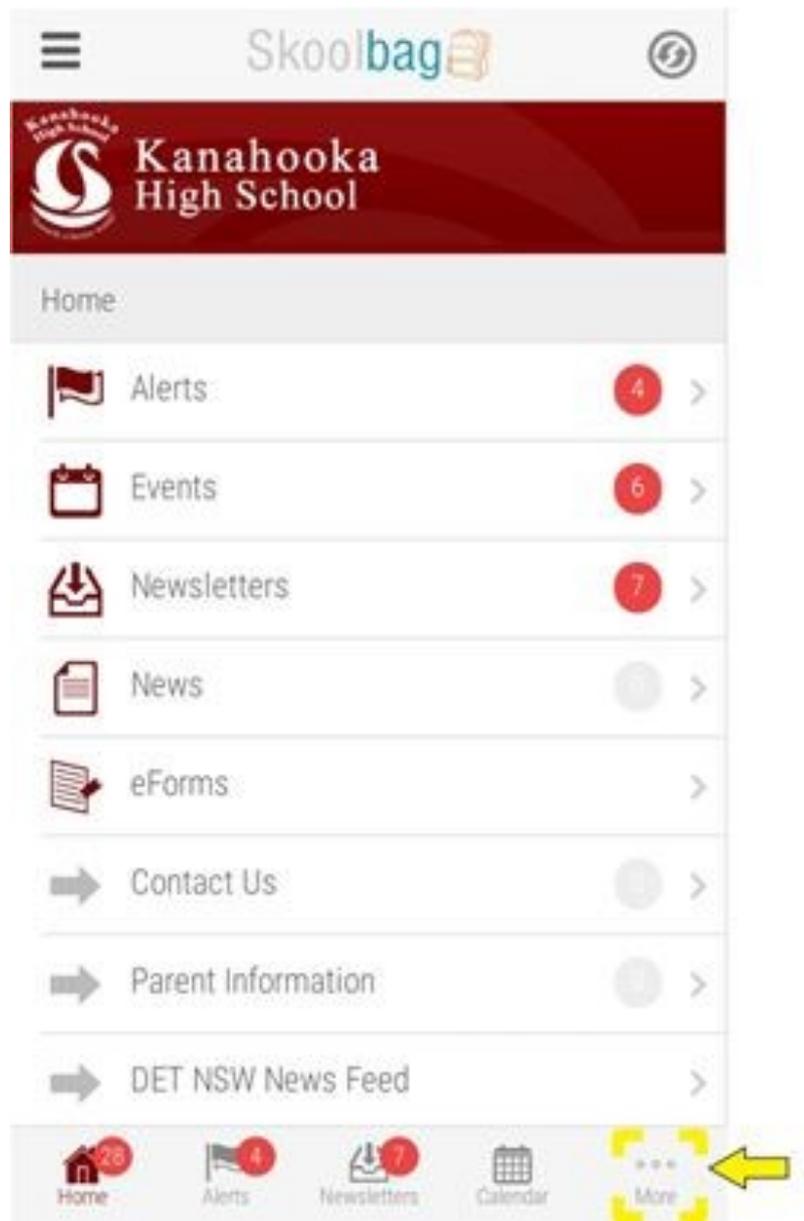
Kanahooka High School and Skoolbag

Choose which message you want to receive!

Kanahooka High School is now utilising the Skoolbag App as another means of communication between the school and our community. Skoolbag can deliver only the messages that you want to receive!

This means that you won't receive messages, alerts or notifications which don't apply to your child/children at KHS.

At the very bottom of your screen on the right is the "more..." button. Click here and then choose the "Setup Push Notifications" button. Now choose the classes that apply for your family.



Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding fees you can make payments at the front office or over the phone.



2015 Camp Quality Convoy

Based on the book 'Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes', the Support Unit have been making paper cranes to raise money for the 2015 Camp Quality Convoy. They are available at the office for a donation (\$2 minimum donation please) to support this very worthwhile cause. They would make a lovely addition to your Christmas tree or a small gift for a friend or relative. The convoy is on Sunday 15 November.



How To Install Skoolbag On Your Smartphone

For iPhone and iPad users:

1. Click the "App Store" icon on your Apple device.
2. Type your school name in the search, using suburb name will help.
3. You will see your school appear, click "Get" then "install".
4. The app is FREE to download.
5. When installed click "Open"
6. Select "OK" to receive push notifications, when asked.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



For Android users:

You must first have signed up with a Google Account before installing the app.

1. Click the "Play Store" button on your Android Device
2. Click the magnifying glass icon at the top and type in your school name, using suburb name will help.
3. Click the school name when it appears in the search.
4. Click the "Install" button.
5. Click "Accept" for various permissions (please note, we do not modify any of your personal data on your device).
6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



Please Note: Some brands of Android phones need the setting in "Notification Manager" changed to "Allow" instead of "Notify" in order for the push notifications to work. The phone must also be running at least version 4 system software to run the app.

For Windows 81 Phone and Windows 81 or 10 device users:

1. Go to the Windows Store on your 81 Windows Phone or Windows 81/10 Device
2. Search for "Skoolbag" in the keyword app search
3. Install the Skoolbag app
4. Find your school either by using the keyword search or location service.
5. Click the "Pin" icon to pin the school tile to your Windows Phone home screen.
6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
7. Toggle the Push Categories that are applicable to you by tapping the on/off switch.

Please Note: The Skoolbag Windows App is for 81 version Windows Phones, or Windows 81 and 10 devices.



Find out more at www.skoolbag.com.au

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Students Gain Extra Skills

It's wonderful to see so many of our students exploring their career options and gaining extra qualifications.

Last May fifteen students completed a 2 day course in Financial Literacy funded by the Smith Family. The course helped students gain awareness about taxation, loans, scams to avoid and the basics of budgeting. Thanks to the Smiths Family for the opportunity and well done to our students for their great attitude and hard work.



In Term 3, seven students participated in projectABLE. This wonderful program helps students explore career options in the Community and Disability Sector. The program was hosted by The Disability Trust.

During the projectABLE workshop, students learnt about the following:

- Disability awareness, attitudes and advocacy
- The importance of inclusion and participation for people with disability in the community
- Career opportunities in the disability sector
- Engagement opportunities in the disability sector

Well done Kanahooka for being great ambassadors for the school.

If you are interested in exploring a career or gaining a new skill, see Ms Phelan to see if there is a course or excursion you can join.



*Ms A Phelan
Careers Adviser*



Sick Bay

From Term 4 if your child is sick, we will provide a chair in the administration area or in the fresh air, until a parent, carer or emergency contact is able to pick them up.

Stage 5 Manager's Report

Halfway through Term 4 and the Christmas holidays are coming up quickly. Year 8 have settled into our Stage 5 group and are working very well.

Uniform

I would like to thank parents and students for working with us in coming to school in correct uniform. It is very gratifying to report on the vast improvement in our school uniform in 2015. The majority of students are now complying with Kanahooka High School's Uniform rules. Please remember all items of uniform are available from the Canteen and we encourage families to begin to plan for next year.

Dream, Believe, Achieve

Approximately 20 students have been participating in this program conducted by the St George Illawarra Dragons. There are two components to the program. In the first period of the session the students worked through a Personal Development Program. This program focuses on improving the student's interpersonal skills to allow them to become more successful at school. The students have discussed the goals they want to achieve and how they could change behaviour to make those goals more achievable. Dan Hunt, who played over 150 first grade games with the Dragons, spoke to the group about mental health. Dan was able to inform the students about challenges he has faced with his personal mental health issues. The second period of the session has been dedicated to playing minor rugby league games. All students have enjoyed this aspect and by lunch time they all needed a rest and a drink.

The presenters from the St George Illawarra Dragons have said a number of times that the students from KHS are the best behaved students that they have encountered while presenting this program. All students involved deserve congratulations for their efforts.

Top Blokes Program

Ten boys from Year 9 have been participating in this program during Terms 3 and 4. It has been conducted for one period each Monday. The program educates boys becoming young men. The program has helped our boys explore various social trends that affect young men's health and wellbeing.

The presenters report that the boys have been highly engaged in all activities. Again the boys' behaviour has brought credit to our school. With only one week remaining in the program, the boys have been introduced to skills which they can use to help them in their journey in becoming mature and responsible young men.

As always, if there are any questions or concerns about your child, please do not hesitate to contact Ms Walmsley, Stage 5 Deputy Principal or Mr Kipp, Stage 5 Manager on 4261 4011.

*Mr P Kipp
Stage 5 Manager*



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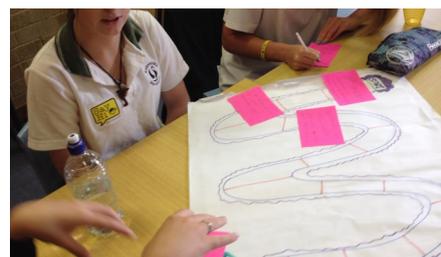
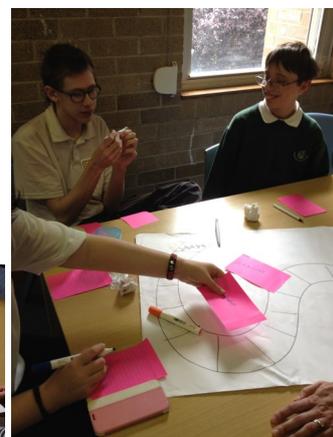
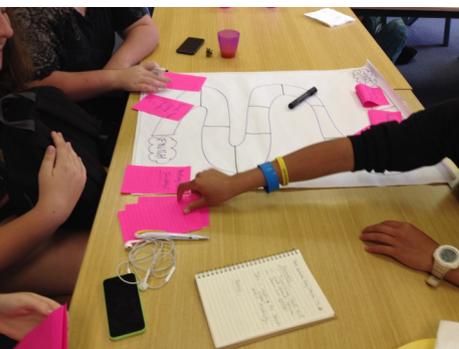
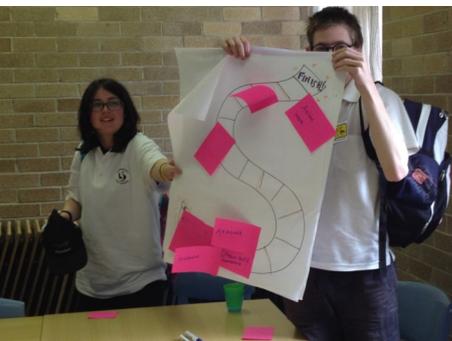
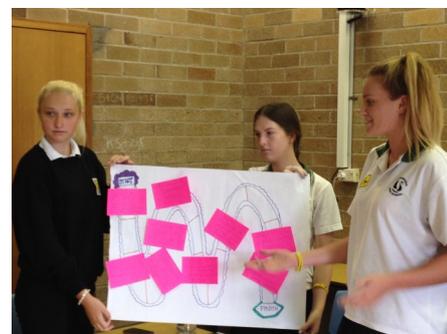
Say Hi Day is Coming!

Our Social Inc group is planning a number of fun activities as part of Say Hi Day, Term 4, Week 8.

Social Inc projects involve young people working together in small groups in their school community to inspire inclusive relationships. On Wednesday 28 October, students from Years 9, 10 and the Support Unit worked together to plan Say Hi Day at Kanahooka High. They came up with many great ideas including Say Hi Hot Potato hashtag ("what is that?" I hear you say), Giant Volley Ball, lunchtime Anime movies (thanks to Grace P for the great idea!) and Mufti Day.

Social Inc meets every Wednesday in the Library. Get involved. Everyone is welcome.

*Ms A Phelan
Careers Adviser*



2014 White Ribbon Day walk

Illawarra 2015 White Ribbon Day walk



Say no to violence against women!

25 November 2015

White Ribbon Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence Against Women

7am - 9am

The walk starts at Andrew Lysaght Park (east of the WIN Entertainment Centre) and finishes at Stuart Park. Following the walk we'll hear from DV survivor Shelly Walsh and Dr Michael Flood, an internationally respected expert on violence prevention.

More information and the walk registration form is at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalk>

You can also visit the walk's Facebook page at

<http://tinyurl.com/illawarraWRDwalkFB>

Organised by the Illawarra Committee Against Domestic Violence in support of the White Ribbon Campaign