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Term 4 - Week 11

14 December 2015

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

Principal's Report

What a fantastic year this has been for all of our community. We have celebrated many positive changes to our school.

We have made significant changes in:

Managing the school in three Stages, which has resulted in creating a stronger positive culture for the school.

Ensuring that our students are in uniform, instilling a sense of pride in their school and being recognised as belonging to the Kanahooka High School community.

Revising our teaching and learning programs, enabling staff to deliver quality teaching practices and students to engage in learning.

Connecting with business partners to forge relationships that will give our students the best possible outcomes for future employment opportunities.

Improving the physical appearance of our school, the creation of better gardens and the upgrade of the basketball court, renovating the library, improving classrooms and staffrooms.

With those changes has been great celebrations.

The graduation of the largest number of HSC students to complete Year 12.

The amazing ANZAC and Remembrance Day ceremonies.

The improvement of student attendance.

The Science Fair, Mathemagicians, Burners Club, Uni Tutors, After School Tutorial Centre, Principal 4 a day and NAIDOC Week.

Successful fundraising for Cancer Council, One Girl and Convoy.

Southern Stars, Dance Festival, Social Inc - Say Hi Day, STEM, Young Parenting Programs, JET, Support Art Program, Japanese student visit, Ski trip, Max Potential with Dapto Leagues Club, AIME, In2Uni, Master Builders Pre Apprenticeships and the X Factor with the Cyrus Virus.

We say farewell and congratulations to Mrs Van Loo who has been promoted to Head Teacher English at Corrimal High School and Mrs Sterjovska to Head Teacher Maths at Five Islands Secondary College. Both will be missed and I thank them for their dedication and care to the students and staff at Kanahooka High.

Next year all students need to wear black leather or leather like shoes. This is a work health and safety issue for protection of student's feet. Student Assistance is available if needed. Please contact the Deputy Principal for your child's stage if you require further information. We are a full uniform school and we thank you for your continued support to improving our school.

Finally I would like to congratulate everyone for a very successful year and wish you all a Merry Christmas and fantastic New Year. Stay safe and I look forward to seeing you all in January.

Ms C Toohey Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS

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, 8, 11 and 12
 Sports Uniform to be worn
 Friday 29 January 2016
- First day for Years 9 and 10

SRC Annual Report

This year has seen the SRC participate and organise a number of activities that have raised money for the school and money for charities.

Through a number of Mufti Days they have raised money for CanTeen, Jeans for Genes, the Cancer Council, One Girl and Leeton High School.

A number of students have participated in conferences this year. Isaac P, Matthew Y and Tarryn B attended the Throsby Round Table hosted by Stephen Jones, as well as attending the Elevate Young Leaders Conference.

2015 again saw a strong showing of representatives at the ANZAC Day march in Dapto. All students involved represented the school with pride and must be congratulated on their maturity.

More recently the SRC were responsible for the running of the Remembrance Day ceremony held at school. All staff involved were impressed by the professionalism that was shown.





The SRC have also volunteered in support of other school activities, including the Stage 4 Wellbeing Day.

Your Representatives for 2016 are:

Year 8 – Belinda B, Imogen C, Ella S, Brandon W

Year 9 - Lucas B, Macarthur P, Makalah W

Year 10 - Georgia L, Daniel M, Jessica M, Sophia P

Year 11 - William D, Kiana E, Chelsea H, Alyssa L, Ashley R, Emily R, Tamarrah W

Year 12 - Tarryn B, David H, Mackenzie H, Shaina-Lea J, Isaac P, Victoria S, Izabella V, Matthew Y

I look forward to another successful year working with our SRC.

Mr W Carney SRC Co-ordinator

Student return 2016

Years 7, 8, 11 and 12 2016 students return on Thursday 28 January 2016. Students are to wear sports uniform as it is Thursday.

Years 9 and 10 students return on Friday 29 January 2016.



TAS News CO2 Drag Racing

This semester the Year 8 Technology class (8TEC3) has been lucky enough to participate in a CO2 Drag Racing project. The project is based around the science of aerodynamics, jet propulsion as well as production and design. The students conducted independent research to figure out what kind of design would produce the best results. The students were given specific criteria to design and create a dragster to their liking and needed to ensure it complied with the racing guidelines. Each student has produced their own dragster, all with varying capabilities. Once the cars were complete the class started double elimination races which have produced some interesting results, with some cars that were predicted to win not living up to their expectations. The elimination rounds will continue over the next week until we crown the overall champion.





Mr D Mendygral

TAS



Principal's Conference

Earlier this term the Principal's Conference was held at Kanahooka High School and the Hospitality Class provided coffee for the day. The Principals were impressed with our students who were very professional in their approach.

Mr S Traicevski Relieving Head Teacher TAS/Home Ec/Art







Careers News

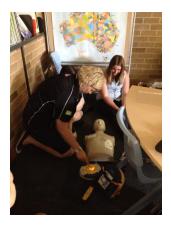


First Aid

Twelve students and three staff gained their First Aid Certificates last week. What a great qualification to have! Well done and thank you from the whole community.









Vintage Car Club

Thank you St Vincent de Paul for Vintage Car Club 2015. It was a great opportunity for students with an interest in cars to learn hands on skills from your dedicated volunteers. If you are in Year 9 and have an interest in cars this might be a program that you wish to do next year. See Ms Phelan for more details.



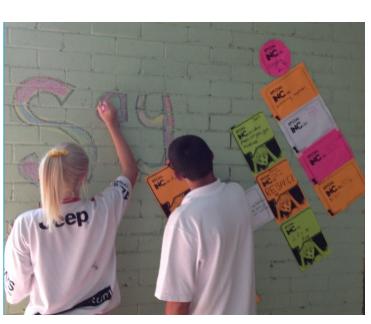














Say Hi and Social Inc

Thanks everyone for a great year of Social Inc. The purpose of Social Inc and Say Hi Day is to encourage friendship between all students, especially students with a disability. Say Hi Day was a great success with students joining in and having fun in a range of activities. Students at Kanahooka did what they do best... got involved, had fun, treated each other with respect and made us proud. A special thanks to the team who planned the day - Social Inc. and The Support Unit. These students gave up many lunch times to plan and promote the events of the day - Hot Potato, Giant Volleyball, Anime Workshop, Guest speaker Dan, Egg and Spoon Championship and more. Thanks also to the community for your generosity. We raised \$180 to be donated to the Cerebral Palsy Alliance.

> Ms A Phelan Careers Adviser



P&C News

The last meeting for 2015 was held on 9 December and at that meeting it was decided to purchase a vending machine for bottled water. It will allow students access to cold water all day which we feel is essential in the hot weather. It will be situated adjacent to the canteen.

The next meeting will be held on 10 February 2016 and the Annual General Meeting to elect the P&C Committee for 2016 will be held on 9 March 2016.

Wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Judy Bertinato P&C President

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\$20.00
\$40.00
\$31.00
\$28.00
\$25.00
\$50.00
\$20.00
\$20.00
\$30.00
\$40.00
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or gender questioning children (of all ages)

Many parents and carers can feel isolated and alone on their journey of understanding and supporting their child's gender identity.

If you would like to meet other parents and carers, share experiences together, hear from guest speakers, and learn more about a range of health, legal and social topics relevant to transgender and gender diverse young people and their families, contact us to find out more.

This group will be facilitated by two local parents, in conjunction with The Gender Centre and headspace Wollongong.

First Tuesday of the month. 5.30pm (for 6pm start) until 8pm.







Thank you to our Presentation Day Sponsors

Kanahooka High School would like to acknowledge and thank the following businesses and individuals for their generosity and support of our student's achievements and accomplishments in 2015 at the Presentation Day Ceremony last Friday.

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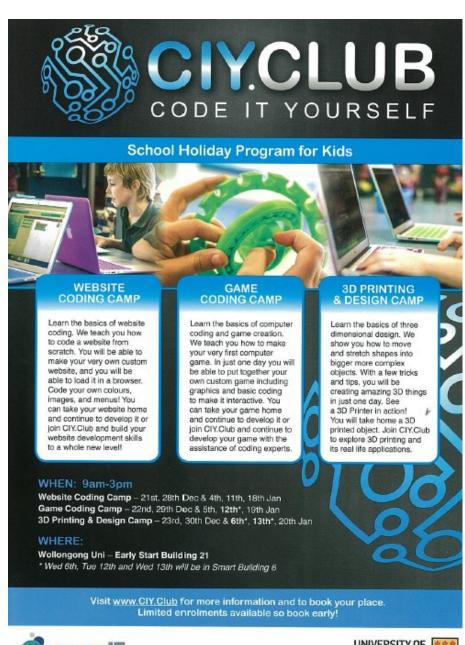
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