

KANAHOOKA

HIGH SCHOOL

Proud member of Dapto Learning Community and Curriculum Network Illawarra

Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

What a busy Term 3 we have had! I am sure we are all looking forward to the Spring break.

I would like to congratulate our HSC candidates and wish them well for their study as they prepare for their final exams in Term 4. To those who are starting their careers and apprenticeships, I hope you have enjoyed your time at Kanahooka High and remember all the great times that you have experienced at school.

Congratulations Year 11 as you now graduate to Year 12. I can promise you the next 12 months will go very quickly.

This also means that Year 10 are now considered to be senior students as they prepare for entry to Stage 6. Year 10 will be completing their subject selections as Term 4 unfolds.

Term 4 will remain very busy. The preparation for the incoming Year 7 students in 2017 will see Mr Philpot and Mrs Lewis are kept very busy indeed.

We farewell Mrs O'Neil in the Mathematics Faculty. She has accepted a transfer to Woonona HS. We hope that she enjoys her role in her new school.

I trust you have noticed the "clean up" on the western side of the school grounds. The containers have been moved and the fencing around the Ag plot has been dismantled. A lot of rubbish has also been cleared. I am looking forward to the installation of a new clean Ag plot designed by the Science Faculty. Students will be able to access the school via the single gate in Term 4, which is located near the Joan Street entrance.

Please be aware that we have no control over the Whooping Cough outbreak that has recently occurred. I can assure you that the staff are just as concerned as the parents are. We advise you to seek medical opinions if you are concerned or students are not feeling well.

I hope you have a great Spring break and enjoy the weather. Stay safe and look after each other. I look forward to seeing you all return to school on Monday 10 October.

*Ms C Toohey
Principal*

Please DO NOT park at the top of the school drive waiting for your child as you are holding up traffic that is entering the school and trying to leave. Please move to a parking space or drive around again so as not to hold up traffic.

There is also NO parking in the Disabled parking space at the front of the school unless you are displaying a Disabled Parking Permit.



YEAR 11 ANCIENT HISTORY 'BIG DIG' EXCURSION



On Thursday 1 September 2016, twelve Year 11 Ancient History Students joined Miss Rush and Mr Clout on an excursion to Sydney to visit an archaeological site. Here is the students' summary of the day;

"The train ride up to The Rocks, Sydney was full of laughter and excitement about the day ahead. We arrived at The Big Dig Archaeological Centre, where our guide, Jena, taught us about artefacts and how important they are to archaeologists and historians when understanding the past. Jena took us on a guided tour of the archaeological site that was unearthed in the early 1990s. During our guided tour, a few students were involved in role playing the life of convict George Cribb. Once we finished at The Big Dig, we headed down into The Rocks exploring the alley ways, the old townhouses including Susanna's Place ... which unfortunately we couldn't access as it was closed. The most exciting time we had was when we got our kebabs and gelatos on our way back to the station; where the ride home consisted of mostly snoring with a little bit of laughter."

Connor P and Kassidy C

The students and staff who attended had a day of new experiences and exploration, gaining an understanding that you don't have to go to Egypt or Greece to see an archaeological site, you only have to visit The Rocks, Sydney if you want to see how the early convicts and free settlers lived during the early to mid-1800s.



Callum A, Connor P and Sandie M with Jena role playing George Cribb's life in The Rocks

Excavation of a mid-1800's house foundations



Artefacts found on The Big Dig site in 1994

Miss M Rush



SCIENCE FAIR

On Wednesday 15 September, the Science Faculty at Kanahooka High School ran the third annual Science Fair. It was a spectacular night with 40 entries, 12 being from our feeder primary schools, Koonawarra, Mt Brown and Hayes Park. It was great to see so many enthusiastic students take part in this event. I would like to thank all students who entered as this event would not be a success without your efforts. This event saw numerous students take home prizes, including season passes to Jamberoo Recreation Park and vouchers to Hangtime, C1 Go Cart and Illawarra Fly. We would like to thank all these sponsors for their generous donations.

The prize winners from the event are as follows;

High School

- 1st – Glen S and Jack M 'Speedy Flames'
- 2nd – Paige W and Maddison A 'May the beef be with you'
- 3rd – Harrison V, 'Fruit Power'

Primary School

- 1st – Madison W and Shaylen H 'Tsunamis'
- 2nd – James S, Hayley M and Campbell S 'What material blocks WIFI signals'
- 3rd – Charlotte M, Allanah B and Kirsten H 'Chocolate is the answer.... Who cares what the question is'

Encouragement Award

Beau M and Mackenzie S 'Kick or Throw'

Principal's Award

Brad S and Maddison H, Caitlyn M 'Decomposing teeth in soft drink'

Scientists Choice Award

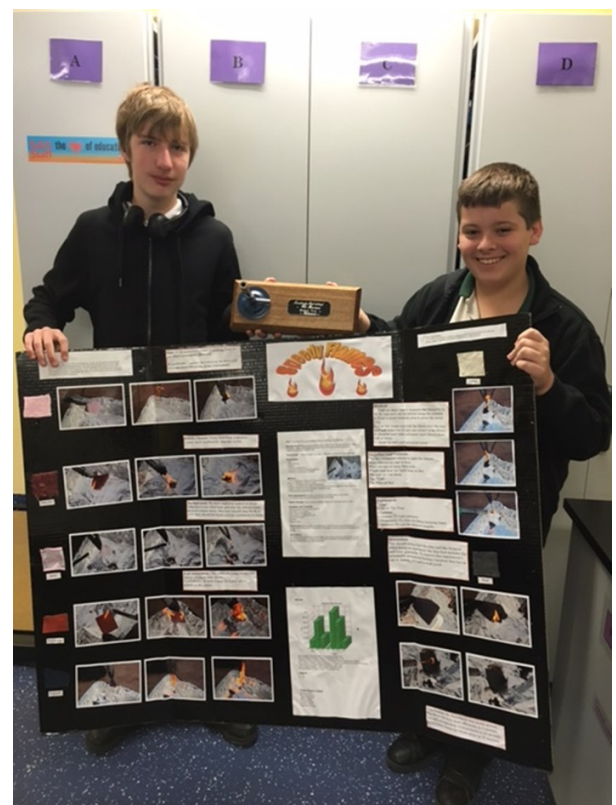
Chelsea B 'Which gender sees things more detailed'

Creativity Award

Shelby P 'Run away liquids'

Finally, I would like to thank the Science Faculty for all their efforts in making this event a success, in particular Mrs Kohlhardt for co-ordinating the night. Without the extra efforts from the teachers involved, this night would not be possible.

Mrs C Cohen
Head Teacher Science



CONGRATULATIONS 100% ATTENDERS TERM 3

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day. Regular attendance is essential for young people to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day missed puts a student behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Congratulations to the following students, who achieved 100% attendance for Term 3;

Year 7 - Aidan A, Shania A, Ryan C, Caitlin C, Emma C, Emma D, Callum H, Kaci H, Jycen I, Caleb K, Cameron L, Courtney M, Taylor M, Glen S, Grace S and Myles S

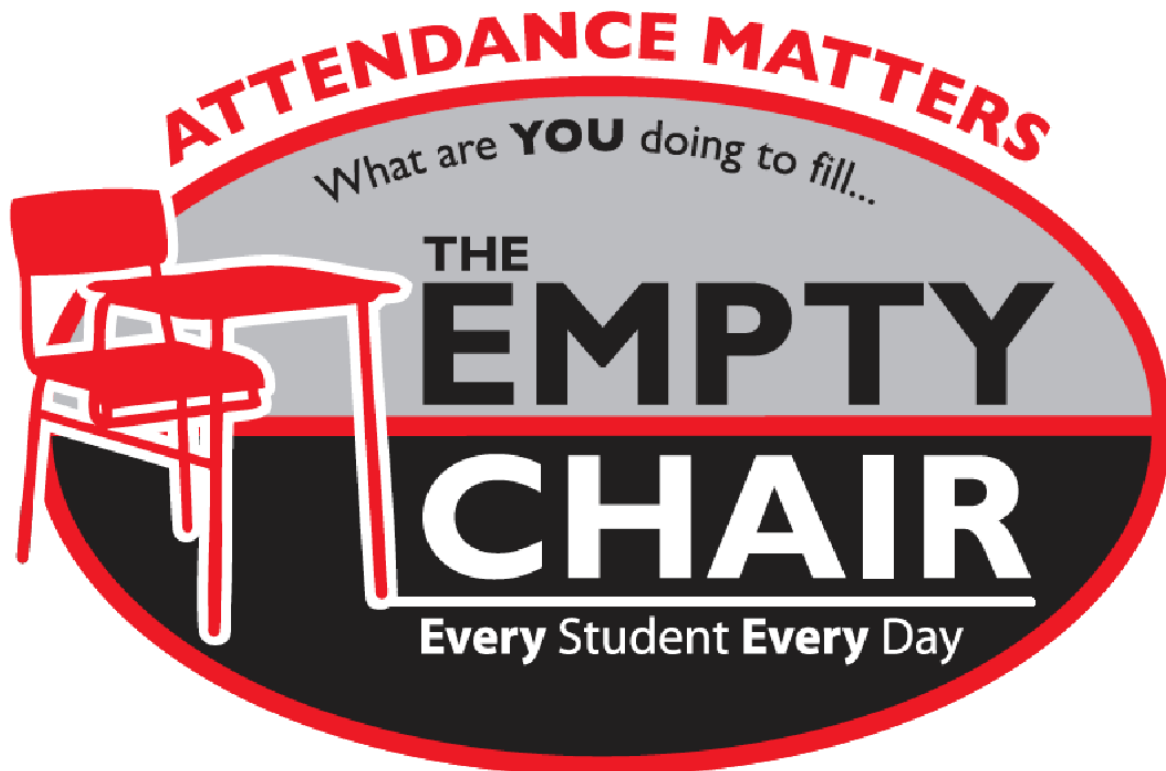
Year 8 - Belinda B, Imogen C, Jonathon G, Samantha J, Alec N, Joshua S and Elise S

Year 9 - Hayley A, Rose D and Madeleine L

Year 10 - Keegan A, Kyle B, Samuel C, Blake C, Daniel M, Jake N, Jack P, Jamie P, Joel P and Maddison T

Year 11 - Jack A, Jessica B, Benjamin C, Emilee C, Lilli Clark, Jordan D, Chelsea H, Alyssa L, Hannah M, Maddison M, Connor P, Emily R, Logan S, Peter S, Yasmyn S, Jack W and Brandon W

Year 12 - Tarryn B, Kyle S, Bethany S and Maddison W



SUPPORT NEWS

TARONGA ZOO EXCURSION

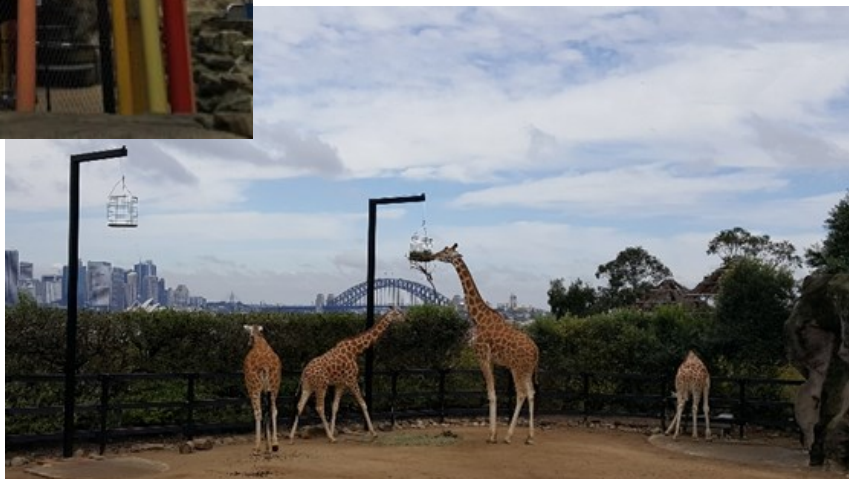
During Term 3 one of the Maths classes in the Support Unit have been designing their own zoo. We thought it would be a great reward to take students on a Life Skills Excursion to Taronga Zoo on Wednesday 14 September.

We walked through the reptile house, went on safari in Africa, took a trip around Outback Australia and got to pat some farm animals as well as getting up close and personal with the lemurs.

Everyone had a fantastic day and brought their very best behaviour with them.

'The Fishing Cat was my favourite.'
Grace P

'It was awesome seeing the students have such a great time and being able to participate in the seal show.'
Mr. Rugg



SUPPORT NEWS cont.....

ALL ABILITIES NETBALL GALA DAY

On Wednesday 7 September, ten students from the Support Unit participated in the All Abilities Netball Gala Day at Berkeley.



Each student worked hard at learning new skills and putting 100% effort into each activity.

They played match games towards the end of the day and put their new skills to good use.



All of the students were complimented on how well they behaved and their amazing participation in every event.



*Mrs R Forrest
Support*



PERFECT PETZ MOVIE EXCURSION

On Friday 16 September, students from Year 7 Perfect Petz elective, along with Mr Philpot and Mrs Lowis, went to the Gala Cinema in Warrawong to watch "The Secret Life of Pets".



We caught the local buses there and back, had a food stop at McDonalds, and thoroughly enjoyed ourselves.



Below are comments from the students;

'Last Friday Perfect Petz went to the movies and McDonalds. We saw the movie, 'The Secret Life of Pets'. We laughed a lot and really enjoyed the day out.'

Emma C

'The movie was funny and was really good. We also got to go to Maccas before the movie.'

Caitlin C

'Good movie, very funny, would recommend that you see it.'

Sam T

'It was cool, awesome and it was a good day.'

Caitlin J



Mrs K Lowis
Head Teacher Mathematics



ART EXHIBITION



Kanahooka High School is holding the 'Shadows' exhibition of student artwork at Dapto Mall. The exhibition is located on the lower level of the mall near OPSM and Rockmans, and will run until Monday 10 October 2016. The pieces have been prepared this term by the Year 9 Art Class and our Support Unit along with selected works from Art elective classes and HSC major work. Art teachers Mr Traicevski and Miss Green have guided our students in producing an array of pieces that have impressed both the public and Mall management.



This week Dapto Mall have unveiled their 'Recreation Station' on Level 1, opposite the kids play area between Quicksilver and Yes Optus. The new gaming and chill out zone offers games like air hockey and bikes for a quick race for a small fee, or grab a drink and a bite to eat and sit back and watch the clips for free on the TV. The Recreation Station will be there for a limited time and is open everyday from 9am to 5.30pm.

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

Mr R Mar



GRADE SPORT WRAP UP

As Term 3 comes to an end, we also see the finish of another successful season of Grade Sport. This year we had Kanahooka, Albion Park, Dapto, Oak Flats, Warrawong and Warilla High Schools enter the competition.

Kanahooka High School students have again represented our school with pride by displaying positive attitudes, fair play and great sportsmanship. We are proud of all our students who took on the challenge of being a member of a grade sport team.

We have shown our strength across a range of sports and were successful in making the Grand Final in four sports! **Junior Girls Netball A, Junior Boys Soccer, Senior Girls Volleyball and Senior Boys Basketball!** A true reflection of our student's sporting ability!

Junior Girls Netball A were our **CHAMPIONSHIP WINNING** team! Well done to Mrs Ursino and her wonderful team;

Maddison A, Amber D, Paige G, Skye G, Leah P, Samantha P, Kruby R, Chloe T, Brooke W and Sarah Y

Congratulations to our following recipients of **Most Valuable Player**;

Junior Girls Oztag A -	Amielle C
Junior Girls Oztag B -	Rhiana C
Junior Boys Oztag A -	Tyrell S
Junior Girls Netball A -	Skye G
Junior Girls Netball B -	Belinda B
Junior Girls Newcombe -	Charm S
Junior Boys Soccer -	Julian V
Senior Boys Soccer -	Cooper W
Open Girls Soccer -	Jade M
Junior Boys Basketball -	Brody M
Senior Boys Basketball -	Liam O
Senior Girls Touch -	Monique H
Senior Boys Touch -	William D
Senior Girls Volleyball -	Lyniana K

Thank you to all grade sport students for their hard work, teachers who dedicated time and effort into coaching and refereeing of the games and a special mention to Caylin H who dedicated his time to being a Senior Girls Touch Football Referee each and every week.

We look forward to another successful season in Grade Sport next year!



**Breakfast club is open every
Tuesday**



All students welcome!

Open: 7:30-8:20am

Location: Room 301

Pancakes, Cereal, Toast, Juice & more



*Miss C Dean
PDHPE*



SOUTHERN STARS



In Week 5 this term, Kanahooka High School was represented by 27 girls from Years 7 to 11 at the annual Southern Stars Arena Spectacular at WIN Entertainment Centre. The girls did themselves and the school proud by performing in front of over two thousand people for each of the four shows spread across the Friday and Saturday evening and matinee. The girls carved up the dance floor to songs such as 'Let it Rain,' 'We are Australian' and 'Supernova' and proved that it is possible to perform on the big stage after eating copious amounts of pizza, lollies and chocolates. These excellent performances were the culmination of three terms worth of hard work, commitment and dedication of the girls, who stayed back after school for hours rehearsing in the hall, as well as attending numerous rehearsal days and costume fittings. A big thank you must also go to Mrs Poole who made all of the girls costumes from scratch! Mr Jardine would also like to thank the girls for the way they conducted themselves, their help with organisation and make-up and most of all for always laughing at his hilarious jokes!

*Mr B Jardine
Southern Stars Co-ordinator*



PROMOTING A POSITIVE CLIMATE - VIVO

Kanahooka High School is pleased to announce the introduction of **VIVO**! This is an online rewards system where teachers will award students “points” for positive behaviours across a range of categories (*Teamwork, Participation, Leadership, Initiative, Trust, Enthusiasm and Achievement*).



Parents/Carers will have access to login to the VIVO System from home to monitor and support the progress of their child.

Our system encourages students to become active members of the school community, take greater responsibility for their own learning and to do their best. Our staff hold high academic and social expectation relationships of their students.

Staff will give points to students as they see appropriate, in class, playground, sport or any other extra curricula opportunity.

Recognising Student Achievement:

Students will have the opportunity to “spend” their VIVO Points in our KHS VIVO shop. There will be a large range of items available and will vary in point value. As well as this they will be recognised on the following basis;

Each term students who have achieved:

1 certificate will be invited to have a morning tea with Stage Advisers. The certificate will be presented at the morning tea and a recognition letter sent to parents.

3 certificates will have the same morning tea but will be asked to invite staff. These students will also be eligible for a semester excursion.

Students who have been recognised in the **7 categories** will be invited, with their parents/caregivers to the annual Presentation Day Ceremony. They will receive a medal for

“Outstanding Contribution to KHS Values”.



Lend us a hand



NOAH SOUTHALL TRIVA NIGHT

Saturday 8 October, 2016 | Dapto Leagues Club
6:30pm for 7pm start | MC – Jade Papesch from Wave FM

- ♥ \$29 per ticket (includes finger food & 10 rounds of trivia)
- ♥ Tables of 8 available
- ♥ Live entertainment, raffles, silent auction & prizes
- ♥ To book tickets contact Ros on 0402 867 592 or visit donate.kidzwishfoundation.org.au/tickets/trivianight

THEME: GREEN (NOAH'S FAVOURITE COLOUR)



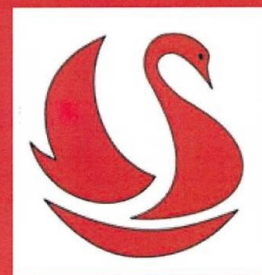
Proudly
Supporting



Back row (from left to right) Isaac Payne,
Tarryn Billington, Matthew Young
Front row (from left to right)
Victoria Southall, Shaina-Lea Johnson

All staff and students at Kanahooka High School
wish you the best of luck
with all your plans and dreams for your future.

KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL



We would like to wish each and every student taking part in the HSC Good Luck with their examinations. May you have clear thinking during each and every exam and may your efforts over the past 13 years through your schooling pay off.

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Coming in Term 4.....

IT'S A

Kanahooka High School Bake Off!

BAKE

\$10 Entry Fee

OFF

- **Best Cupcake Competition**
- **Best Tasting**
- **Best Presentation**
- **Most Original Design**

Winners will receive Kanahooka High School Greatest Baker Award. All entries will be judged on the day and then available for purchase!

Learning for Life Scholarship

*Southern Illawarra:
Dapto & Shellharbour*



everyone's family

Attention Year 7 & 8 families who require financial support for educational needs.

What is the Learning for Life scholarship?

Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children's success at school, TAFE and University. Learning for Life helps each child reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.

The Scholarship is granted to a student to help support the financial obligations of an education. Two payments a year can assist with purchasing school uniforms, shoes, textbooks, course materials and paying for excursions.

Who is eligible?

To be eligible for the Learning for Life scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a valid *Health Care Card* or *Pension Concession Card*.
- Demonstrate a commitment to education i.e. students must have and keep a 90% attendance rate.
- Children attend Kindy to year 8 and have been referred to us by a partner school. Our partner high schools include Dapto Kanahooka, Lake Illawarra and Warilla. Primary schools include Mt Brown, Koonawarra, Lakelands, Barrack Heights, Mt Warrigal, Warilla North, and Warilla.

What we ask of families:

To continue to receive scholarship payments over the course of their child's education, families must:

- Show a commitment to their child's education by ensuring their children attend school regularly.
- Complete a short student profile for their sponsor each year.
- Provide a copy of end of year school reports.
- Keep receipts of educational expenses and be able to show these if requested.
- Participate in regular contact and work with their Family Partnership Coordinator.

How do I apply for the Learning for Life scholarship?

If you feel that you know of a family who could benefit from this program, please send a completed referral form to Alisha McLuckie. One family can have up to 4 children on the scholarship. They must all meet the required criteria.



For further information, please contact
Alisha McLuckie on 0466 745 454
alisha.mcluckie@thesmithfamily.com.au



Australia's
Biggest
Morning
Tea

**BECAUSE OF YOU,
WE RAISED AN
AMAZING \$4.6M TO
HELP BEAT CANCER.**

Thank you!

7 September 2016



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Mrs Vera Rupa
PO Box 302
DAPTO NSW 2530

Dear Vera,

I wanted to write to say a BIG thank you on behalf of the team at Cancer Council and the thousands of Australians affected by cancer.

Thank you for stepping forward again to host a morning tea and make a difference to the lives of people in need.

The \$394 you raised has helped us reach an outstanding \$4.6M in New South Wales. Your wonderful contribution means that we can save even more lives and brings us one step closer to beating cancer.

Because of amazing people like you, Cancer Council can continue to fund lifesaving cancer research, prevention and support programs.

I would also like to thank you for registering to host again in 2017. We will be in touch with you next year to provide all of the details you need to make your next morning tea another fabulous and unforgettable success.

Vera, your commitment has made a huge difference to so many lives. From the bottom of my heart, thank you for helping us provide more hope and support to Australians affected by cancer.

Warmest regards,

Jim L'Estrange
Chief Executive Officer



Health Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District Public Health Unit

Dear Parent or Guardian and staff,

13/09/2016

A child from the **Kanahooka High School** has been diagnosed with pertussis (whooping cough). I am writing to provide advice and to ask that you watch out for the symptoms of pertussis in your child, especially over the next 3 weeks.

What is pertussis?

Pertussis is an infection of the respiratory tract that can cause bouts of coughing, sometimes breathing difficulties and vomiting. It can be a very serious infection in small children. The illness can last for many weeks. It usually starts with a snuffle or a cold.

What should people who are sick with pertussis do?

If your child or a family member develops symptoms, contact your family doctor as soon as possible and take this letter with you.

This is extremely important if there is a baby less than 12 months of age living in your household.

Your doctor can advise whether pertussis is likely and arrange for early treatment if needed. Treating people who have pertussis with antibiotics can stop the infection spreading, but is more effective if started early.

To help prevent this infection spreading, people who have been diagnosed with pertussis should not attend child care, school or work until they have completed the first 5 days of a course of the recommended antibiotics. If antibiotics cannot be taken, then they must stay away for 3 weeks after onset of the cough.

How is it prevented?

Vaccination is the most important way of reducing pertussis in our community. It is important to double check that your child is fully up to date with his or her immunisations against pertussis. If in doubt, please ask your doctor to check.

NSW Health recommends adult booster vaccine every 10 years to protect from Diphtheria, Tetanus and Whooping Cough.

Need more information?

For more information, please see the Pertussis Factsheet, or call the Public Health Unit on 02 4221 6700 or visit the NSW Health www.health.nsw.gov.au

Yours Sincerely,

Curtis Gregory

Director

Wollongong PHU, Illawarra Shoalhaven LHD

Public Health Unit – Wollongong Office

Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health District

ABN 16 323 767 470

Locked Bag 9, Wollongong, NSW 2500

Tel (02) 4221 6700 Fax (02) 4221 6759

GONE FISHING 16TH OCT 2016 DAY

LAKE ILLAWARRA

REDDALL RESERVE
10am-3pm

Free fishing workshops, casting comps,
goodie bags, activity marquees,
touch tanks and kids' activities are just
a few of the exciting events on offer!



FOR MORE INFO VISIT:
dpi.nsw.gov.au

GONEFISHINGDAY.ORG



**Dyslexia
Empowerment
Week** 16-22
Oct 2016

*Rethink
Dyslexia!*

Welcome to a Screening of Outside the Square Film 2



Empowering Students with Dyslexia in Australian Schools

TARGETED TEACHING FOR STUDENTS WITH DYSLEXIA

Effective practices provide students with the opportunity to learn and succeed.

- ✓ Appropriate teaching strategies ✓ Building self-esteem and developing resilience
- ✓ Classroom accommodations ✓ Assistive technology ✓ Intervention
- ✓ Adjustments for exams and assessments ✓ Multisensory techniques

With Special Guest Speakers

- WHEN:** Thursday, 20 October 2016
From: 6pm (for a 6.15pm screening)
- WHERE:** Wollongong West Public School Hall
Phillips Street West Wollongong
- RSVP:** 17.10.16 wollongongdyslexia@gmail.com



Specific Learning Difficulties



Wollongong West Public School
Education and Learning Centre



UPCOMING EVENTS

Friday 23 September

- Year 12 Mystery Day
- Mufti Day
- Last day of Term 3

Monday 10 October

- Students and Staff return for Term 4

Thursday 13 October

- HSC Exams commence:
10.20am - 12.30pm English (Standard and Advanced) Paper 1
1.55 - 3pm Music 1

Friday 14 October

- HSC Exams:
9.25 - 11.30am English (Standard and Advanced) Paper 2
1.55 - 4pm Hospitality (VET)

Monday 17 October

- HSC Exams:
9.25am - 12.30pm Senior

Tuesday 18 October

- HSC Exams:
9.25am - 12.30pm CAFS
1.55 - 5pm Aboriginal Studies

Thursday 20 October

- HSC Exams:
9.25am - 12.30pm Biology



Our school is in the process of creating a Community Cookbook and we need your recipes! If you and your family have some great family

favourites, please send them in to the office or email them to the school -

kanahooka-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

P&C NEWS

The **canteen** is in desperate need of **volunteers**.

The times required are
10.30 to 11.15am
and/or **12.50 to 1.30pm**.

If you can help please **contact the canteen on 4261 4011**. Any assistance you can give would be hugely appreciated.

Kanahooka High School P&C Committee

Dapto Smile Dental Centre

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General, Cosmetic and Emergency Dentistry for all age groups.

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9.30 am to 2 pm.

02 4208 3060

After hours & weekend
appointments available
on request



21 Bong Bong Road Dapto, Corner Bong Bong Rd & Marshall Street