

KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL

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Welcome back to Term 4 and the commencement of face-to-face learning for all students.

I will be relieving as Principal at KHS for the remainder of 2021, whilst Ms Christine Toohey takes some well-earned long service leave. My substantive position is as Deputy Principal at Kiama High School and I am looking forward to working with the entire Kanahooka community.

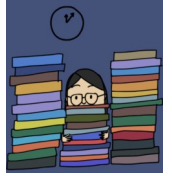
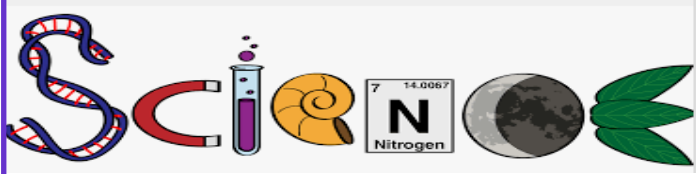
I would also like to introduce Mr Adam McKeown who was successful in gaining the permanent Deputy Principal position at the beginning of Term 3. He comes to the school as an experienced leader and will be the supervising Deputy Principal of the current Year 8 and 11 cohorts.

As a teaching staff, we have enjoyed seeing students return to face-to-face learning. This is an ever-changing landscape so please check Facebook, Sentral Parent Portal and emails for regular updates. If you do not have access to the Sentral Parent Portal, please contact the school via email or phone to receive your access code. If you require assistance or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the school.

K Powell
Relieving Principal



SCIENCE



Year 12 Science revision is in full swing, with a dedicated bunch of students cramming knowledge into their brains by the bucketful over the last two weeks.

Restricted to the Library, students are spending their time wisely, completing practice HSC exams, whilst enjoying a bit of light hearted fun along the way (such as harassing their Chemistry teacher). This year students will be completing examinations in four Science subjects, these are:

Biology - Monday 22 November – 9:25am – 12:30pm

Science Extension - Wednesday 24 November – 10:20am – 12:30pm

Chemistry – Monday 29 November – 9:25am – 12:30pm

Earth and Environmental Science – Wednesday 1 December – 1:55pm – 5:00pm

The Science Faculty wants to congratulate all the students for completing Year 12 and wish those entering their examinations the very best of luck. We all know that you have done your absolute best to prepare in these difficult times and that the hard work will pay off.

H McKay
Head Teacher Science

Welcome to a couple of more new faces this term. Ms Emily Farrugia joins the HSIE faculty and Ms Marissa Jeuring joins the Learning and Support team.



Introducing....
Emily Farrugia (Left)
and
Marissa Jeuring (Right)
A Big Welcome to KHS!



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Deputy Principal's Report

It is so lovely to see students back in classrooms and enjoying spending time with their friends. A few things have changed since we were last at school in regard to which Deputy is overseeing what year group. In addition to Mr McKeown joining the team overseeing Years 8 and 11, Mrs Cohen is now overseeing Year 7 and 10 and Mr Bird, Years 9 and 12.

Year 7 and 8 Students

We will be spending time on reviewing class placements for 2021. With a particular focus on targeted streamed classes for Year 7 and 8 to further support their learning needs. There will be further information to come regarding this in the coming weeks.

Year 10 Students

Over the next 7 weeks there will be some fine tuning of Year 10 subject choices for 2022. Mrs Cohen will be contacting any student who still needs to make final selections so that we are ready to go for next year.

Year 11 Students

Year 11 students have started their Year 12 HSC courses and some are adjusting their program of study at the moment. For now, this means they are changing the level of English or Mathematics they study.

Some students have indicated that they would like to drop a subject and study 10 units to the Higher School Certificate. It is imperative that decisions made now do not impact on results at the end of Year 12. No courses will be able to be dropped until the end of Week 5.

The best advice that can be offered to students is to study 12 units to the HSC as statistically these students perform better than those who study 10. Interviews may be conducted with students who are looking to drop a subject into Year 12. Students received their Assessment Booklets via email and their Wellbeing Google Classroom.

With the return to learning on-site, students will also receive a physical copy of these booklets. It is important that students read these documents carefully and understand the requirements for completing their HSC.

We look forward to finally meeting the cohorts we are responsible for. The Deputies are always available for students and their parents/carers if needed. Please do not hesitate to contact us via email or phone.

S Bird, C Cohen and A McKeown
Deputy Principals



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Kanahooka High School 2021 HSC Exam Timetable

HSC Week	Date	Examination	Duration
1	Tuesday 9 th November	ENGLISH ADVANCED – PAPER 1	9:50am – 11:30am
		ENGLISH STANDARD – PAPER 1	9:50am – 11:30am
		ENGLISH STUDIES	9:50am – 12:30pm
	Wednesday 10 th November	ENGLISH ADVANCED – PAPER 2	9:25am – 11:30am
		ENGLISH STANDARD – PAPER 2	9:25am – 11:30am
	Thursday 11 th November	NO EXAMS FOR KHS STUDENTS	
	Friday 12 th November	MODERN HISTORY	1:55pm – 5:00pm
2	Monday 15 th November	MATHEMATICS ADVANCED	9:20am – 12:30pm
		MATHEMATICS STANDARD 1	9:20am – 11:30am
		MATHEMATICS STANDARD 2	9:20am – 12:00pm
	Tuesday 16 th November	ANCIENT HISTORY	9:25am – 12:30pm
		JAPANESE CONTINUERS	2:00pm – 5:00pm
	Wednesday 17 th November	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT, HEALTH AND PHYSICAL EDUCATION	9:25am – 12:30pm
	Thursday 18 th November	LEGAL STUDIES	1:55pm – 5:00pm
	Friday 19 th November	COMMUNITY AND FAMILY STUDIES	9:25am – 12:30pm
3	Monday 22 nd November	BIOLOGY	9:25am – 12:30pm
		INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY TIMBER	1:55pm – 3:30pm
	Tuesday 23 rd November	DRAMA	9:25am – 11:00am
		BUSINESS STUDIES	1:55pm – 5:00pm
	Wednesday 24 th November	SCIENCE EXTENSION	10:20am – 12:30pm
	Thursday 25 th November	NO EXAMS FOR KHS STUDENTS	
	Friday 26 th November	VISUAL ARTS	1:55pm – 3:30pm
4	Monday 29 th November	CHEMISTRY	9:25am – 12:30pm
	Tuesday 30 th November	NO EXAMS FOR KHS STUDENTS	
	Wednesday 1 st December	HOSPITALITY (VET)	9:25am – 11:30am
		EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE	1:55am – 5:00pm
	Thursday 2 nd December	DANCE SECTION I	9:25am – 10:30am
		DANCE SECTION II	10:40am – 12:00pm
	Friday 3 rd December	FOOD TECHNOLOGY	9:25am – 12:30pm



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Year 12 Final steps leading into the HSC

What a resilient, committed bunch our fantastic Year 12 students are! Despite the complexities of remote learning, Year 12 have continued to engage in their learning in strong collaboration with their teachers.

Our HSC students have just one week of classes left. On Tuesday 9 November, our Year 12 students will walk into the Library for their first HSC exam.

Here is some information to assist our Year 12 HSC students to prepare for their exams:

- Please review the HSC Exam timetable within this newsletter carefully. Students are encouraged to print it off, highlight their exams and post the timetable in a public place in the home (the fridge is often a great space as we know how often it is visited by hungry teenagers!)
- We urge students and their parents/carers to ensure that you pay close attention to the times on the HSC exam timetable. Students should arrive for their exams no earlier than 30 minutes prior to the exam start time. This is to prevent mingling of large numbers of students.
- The HSC Exam COVID protocols will be released by Facebook in Week 5. If you haven't already done so, parents/carers are strongly encouraged to "like" the Kanahooka HS Facebook page in order to receive notifications of important HSC announcements. It is vital that students read that information carefully, so they are best prepared for HSC exams each day.
- HSC students can continue to attend classes during Week 5. All students still have access to Google Classrooms to seek support from their teachers right through the exam period.

I would like to extend the well-wishes of our entire school community to our fantastic Year 12 students. We are all behind you Year 12, all the very best for your final exams!

Congratulations to Charm B, VET Student of the Year and Tiarne M, VET Certificate of Excellence. Both completed the VET course Hospitality, Food and Beverage.



Year 12 students engaging in socially distanced learning during Term 4 HSC classes

Year 12 Graduation and Formal

Stay tuned for more information. Letters to be sent shortly.

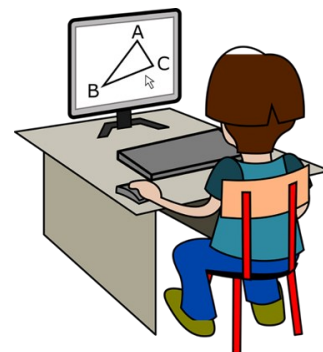


S Bird
Deputy Principal



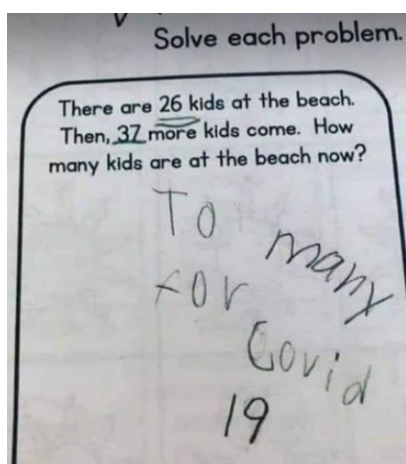
MATHS

It's finally over! The online learning, the Zoom lessons, and the uploading of work. Congratulations to all students, our weekly Maths Wizards, and to the overall winners .



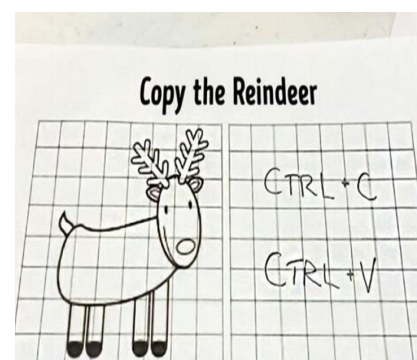
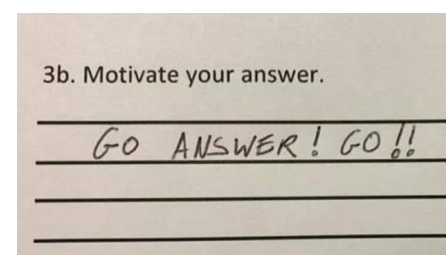
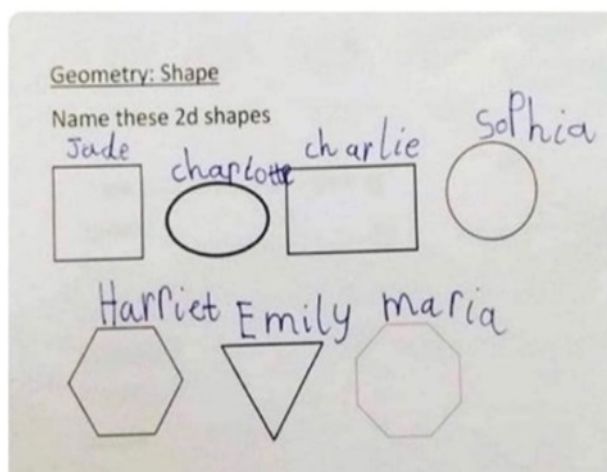
These students will be receiving a Gift card on their return to school. The Maths Faculty are looking forward to seeing all students return, though we probably won't recognize some of them as they will have grown taller and maybe longer hair!

We suspect getting up before 10am might also be a challenge for some of our students, so hopefully these will put a smile on everyone's face ...



K Lowis
Head Teacher Mathematics

When a student outwits the teacher...



TRANSITION CENTRE

The return to school this week has been so exciting for students and staff.

Staff have spent the last couple of days commenting to each other on how amazing and settled our students are. We had the opportunity to be rewarded with a BBQ by Clontarf and cooked by our very own Ben D and Kyen O.

It's been a long 17 weeks but we are super enthusiastic about getting active again and learning how to be the best learners we can be.

Bring on the rest of 2021 and watch this space for more news from the Transition and Support Crew.



J Burns
Head Teacher Transition Centre

Next year students of Kanahooka will have a new way to receive information about sport and how to elect which sports they are interested in.

The Sports Organiser will be sending out an online form where students list their details and what knockout competitions they would like to represent KHS in.

The information will then be sent back to the student as a receipt and available on file at school so students can be contacted when the competition/sport date is approaching.

The form will also contain a selection for the Combined High School Championships where students can elect to trial for sports to make the South Coast Team. This will include contact sports such as Rugby League and Rugby Union as well as a range of non-contact sports such as gymnastics, golf and squash.

The PDHPE Faculty want to support and foster our students' skills in sport as best we can, and we encourage our students to seek out the opportunities available.



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See below for a snippet of the form.

4. Play in school knockout competition - Represent KHS in following sport *

- ☐ Touch Boys Open Competition
- ☐ Australian Football Boys Under 15's Competition
- ☐ Basketball Boys Open Competition
- ☐ Basketball Boys under 15's Competition
- ☐ Football Boys Open Competition
- ☐ Squash Boys Open Competition
- ☐ Netball Girls Open Competition
- ☐ Squash Girls Open Competition
- ☐ Football Girls Open Competition
- ☐ Volleyball Girls Open Steve Birt Memorial Shield
- ☐ Netball Girls Under 15's Debra Hanson Cup
- ☐ Touch Girls Opens Phil Stewart Memorial Shield
- ☐ Table Tennis Opens Competition
- ☐ Bowls Open Competition

5. Trials for the South Coast team to compete at the combined High School Championships.

C Kent
PDHPE Teacher

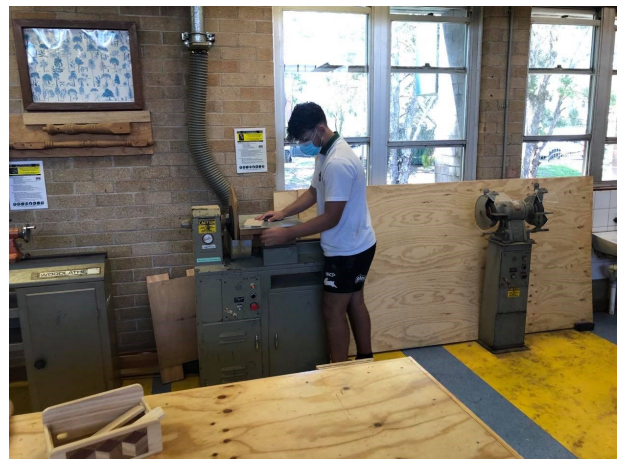
Industrial Technology Timber

Our Year 10 Industrial Technology class are glad to be back working on their projects.

Here are some of the projects that they started way back in Term 2, including a jewellery box and a charging station for their phone.

The students are enjoying the opportunity to finish them off.

Pictured are: Nicholas T, Kevin O, Bryson R and Mohamad M



ABORIGINAL EDUCATION



Connecting

OUR MOB



KHS

Hi everyone! We are happy to be back to face-to-face learning and reconnecting. We will be implementing some new and exciting cultural programs which will kick off next year.



The Personalised Learning Pathways will continue to be prioritised during Term 4. I will contact you to ensure your child's educational and wellbeing supports are in place. Watch this space....

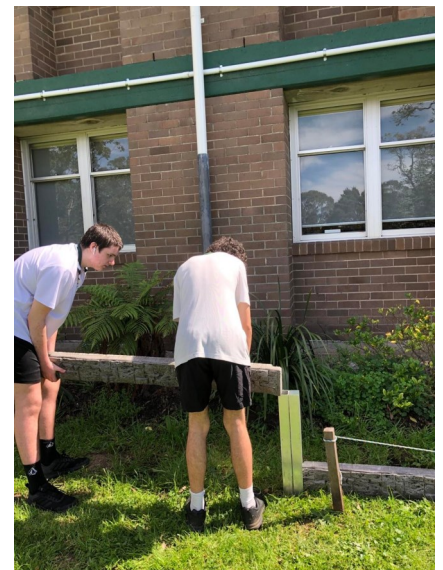
J Scheers
Aboriginal Education Leader



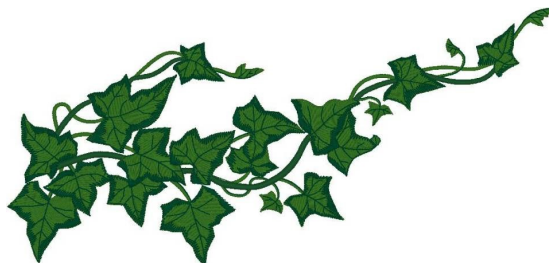
During lockdown Year 11 Work Studies did a unit of work on Personal Finance and sharpened their skills in workplace communication.

The students were excited to come back to school this week and get back to the garden project they started in Term 2.

This week they continued building the formwork, measuring out the space and making sure everything was straight before putting in the edges of the garden. The students and their teachers are looking forward to seeing this project progress over the course of this term.



K Pickering
Head Teacher HSIE



ENGLISH

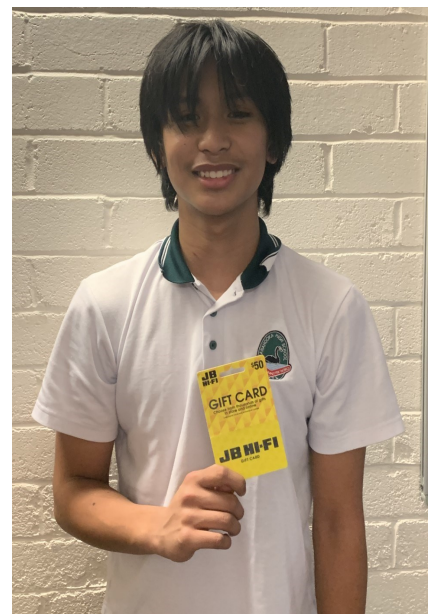
Congratulations to the English Extraordinaires and Performing Arts Stars

Returning to school has been wonderful this week. English and Performing Arts classes are in full swing.

We have been able to finally announce the English Extraordinaires and Performing Arts Stars voucher winners.

The students were presented with their vouchers by Head Teacher, Mr Philpot. The winners were; Blade D in Year 7, Kaylee G in Year 8, Dio A in Year 9, Charlotte W in Year 10 and Cohen F in Year 11.

Aleisha M in Year 9 Dance won the Performing Arts Star Award. Congratulations to all of these well deserving winners.



J Philpot
Head Teacher English

LEARNING SUPPORT AND WELLBEING

Welcome back to Term 4!

It has been wonderful to see students learning and connecting with their friends. The Learning Support and Wellbeing Team continue to run initiatives supporting students with targeted learning opportunities.



Left to right: Avalon Rose, Isaac Grogan and Summer Simon

I'd like to introduce our Student Learning Support Officers from the Wellbeing Faculty.

Over the past year, they have supported many students across different areas of the school.

You might have heard our names being mentioned!

Avalon Rose loves to walk her dog and is always up for a chat.

Isaac Grogan is passionate about fitness, physical and mental health.

Summer Simon loves to surf and be active in her free time.

They work together to ensure the student feel comfortable in their learning environments. Our SLSO's assist students both socially and academically with their learning.

COVID ILSP

I am pleased to let you know that the COVID Intensive Learning and Support Program will continue in Term 4.

Our Covid Tutors will continue to offer literacy and numeracy support across each stage.

Please contact the school if you would like to talk about the program.

ISLHD School-Link newsletter has been released for Term 4.

ISLHD School-Link facilitates collaboration between education, health and other services to support school-aged children and young people to achieve optimal mental health and remain engaged in education.

Please see link for the newsletter:

**[https://
www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/
services-clinics/school-link-
illawarra-shoalhaven](https://www.islhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services-clinics/school-link-illawarra-shoalhaven)**

S Jones
Head Teacher LAST/Wellbeing



2022 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a School Opal card or travel pass for 2022 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for a school travel pass for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, or who have repeated a year or received an expiry notification from Transport for NSW for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details before **the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications and current entitlements are updated and remain valid. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

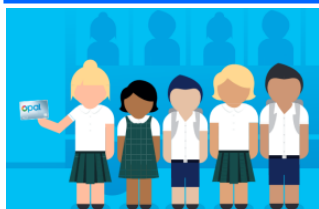
If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), they will receive an expiry notification via email.

Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply.

[Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply.

Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2022.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.



School Student Transport Scheme site change

On 1 October 2021 the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) information and application portal was moved to transportnsw.info. This will assist families to find all their travel information in the one place.

Travel from Term 1 2022

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for the School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) open at the start of Term 4 2021 for travel in 2022, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year.

The start of the year is a difficult period for local bus operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations increasingly difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel on a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Please also remember that students using Opal cards must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).

NOTICEBOARD

Making Payments for School

POP is now the preferred payment method. Its fast and easy ... details are here →

We can no longer accept payment over the phone.

You can still come in and pay in person if required.



Our school has a new look **online payment page!**

We're now accepting payments for Kanahooka High School via the school's website. To make a payment simply:



Visit our school website on your mobile, tablet or desktop computer
www.kanahooka-h.schools.nsw.gov.au



Select 'Make a payment' from the main page menu



Enter the required student, contact and payment details

Note:
You are NOT required to provide the 9-digit Student Registration Number.
You are NOT required to provide the Statement or Invoice Number.



Check your email for a copy of the receipt of payment



Education

Don't forget to Check in!

A single School Visitor Check-in system is now in place for every school across the state.

The Department of Education has partnered with Service NSW to provide a streamlined, digital school sign-in system for visitors and contractors at every NSW government school.

Benefits of the new system include:

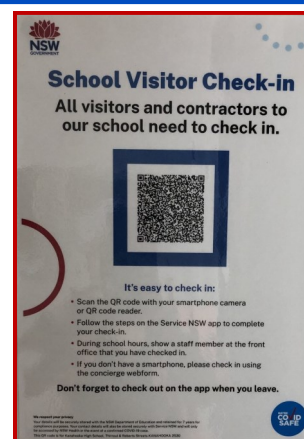
- Accelerating your check-ins to as fast as 20 seconds!
- Linked to NSW Health's COVID-19 contact tracing ensuring every school is compliant with the NSW COVID-19 Mandate

Who can use School Visitor check-in

- Visitors such as parents and carers, contractors, service providers and volunteers.
- Students or visitors under the age of 18 are not required to use School Visitor Check-in.

For more information visit School Visitor Check-in on the department website.

Remember to Check out!



Got a favourite song?

Like to hear it all week?

**Did you know you can request a song
for the school bell?**

You can place your requests in the note box
located in the Main Office Foyer.

Get the Newsletter Emailed

Help reduce waste by receiving an electronic copy of the
newsletter. It is also a great way to ensure the
newsletter does not get lost in transit.



Our fortnightly newsletters are published to our
website and Sentral parent portal. If you would like the
newsletter emailed directly to you please advise by phone
4261 4011 or email us directly:

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

**EFTPOS is available at the
school office or you can POP
online via the school website.**



SCHOOL UNIFORMS

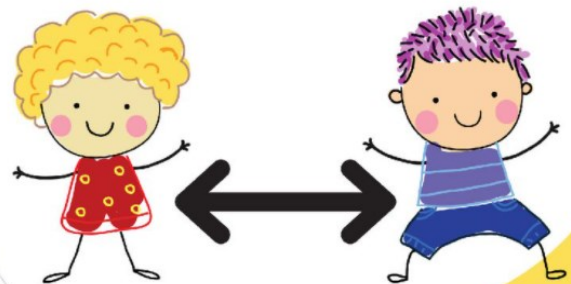
KHS is no longer selling school
uniforms at the office.

You can purchase school
uniforms at Lowes Dapto.

**Did you remember to
WASH YOUR HANDS?**



**Keep your
distance**



P&C News

Mrs Karen Davies, one of our dear long standing members of KHS P&C passed away
last term.

Mrs Davies worked at KHS for many years. She was an avid reader and every term
donated a bag full of new books to the Library. She will be greatly missed.

