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Hello Term 4

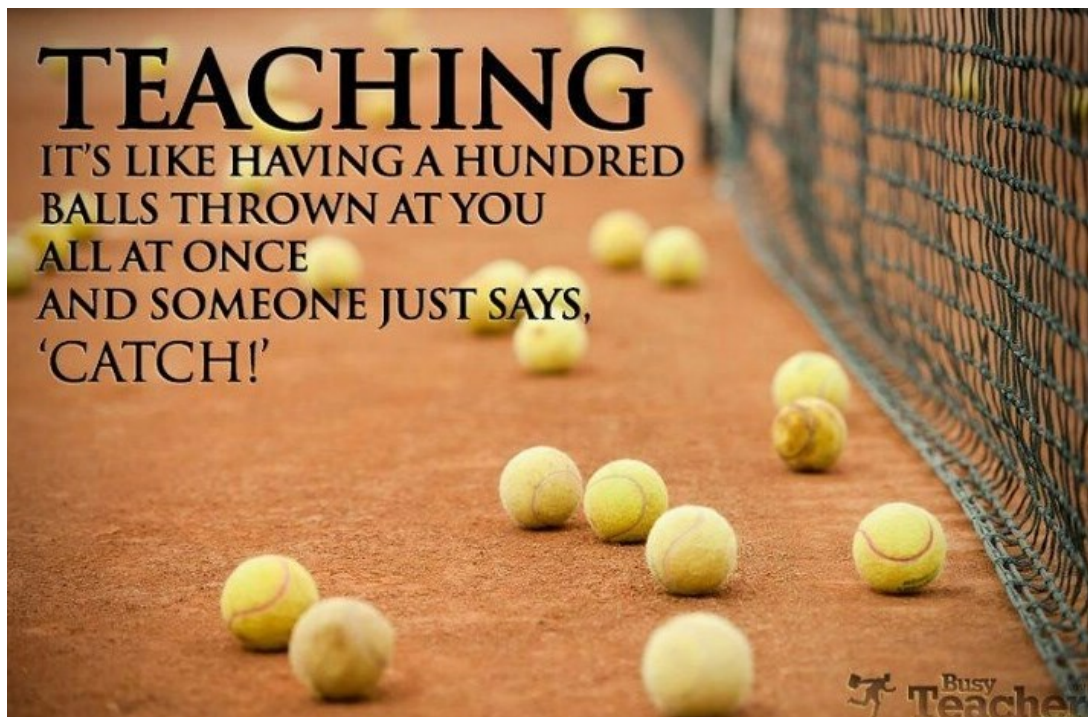
Welcome back everyone for what will be a very busy Term 4. Our well wishes go to the outgoing Year 12 students as they complete HSC exams and to the Year 12 students who start on their employment paths.

Congratulations to our Year 11 students who now step into the first Term of Year 12. It will go quickly so we hope you take every opportunity offered to you.

Year 10 are having conversations with our staff regarding what their futures look like, in order for us to plan our curriculum needs for each student. More will happen around this in the next few weeks, please watch our Facebook page for more details.

Years 8 and 9 have been selecting Electives for next year and we are also busy getting ready for our incoming 2023 Year 7 students. Our Primary Schools are very impressed with our Peer Support Leaders and work that is being done in that space.

Indeed it is a busy, busy Term 4!



C Toohey
Principal

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

New School Captains

Congratulations to Rowen P and Tye P who are our new School Captains.

I am sure they will do a splendid job and hope they enjoy the journey ahead.



SOUTHERN STARS

Southern Stars

What a spectacular time the students had!

Here are some of the professional photographs we received recently.





Hospitality Excursion to The Star Casino

What a fantastic day out. The day was 7am to 4pm, a BIG DAY OUT!

Students were lucky enough to have a behind the scenes tour of the kitchens at the Star Casino in Sydney. The establishment operates the kitchens 24 hours, 7 days a week, and employ about 4000 staff. Students gained knowledge on a range of jobs in the hospitality industry. They saw massive equipment from automated pastry rolling machines and sushi machines to mixing bowls so big that you would be able to fit into and stock kettles. They learnt about the Forbes Star Rating system given to hotel chains.

The tour ended with an all you can eat buffet at the casino. Students did not know where to start. The buffet consisted of fresh prawns, mussels, sushi, pizza, Indian curries, roast meats and vegetables, Asian foods, mini hamburgers and chips, salad station, it had it all. The best feature was the dessert station with two chocolate fountains (white and milk chocolate). We left in a food coma and we all had naps on the trip home.

The students were polite, courteous and a pleasure to be with for the day.



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Food
Glorious
Food

The Star Casino
certainly had it all!



Hospitality Kitchen Operations for Graduation 2022

I had the privilege recently to work with some amazing students organising, preparing and presenting the Graduation 2022 Morning Tea for 300 people. This was their first time catering on such a large scale.

Some of the students volunteered as they are interested in food service and catering, they all did themselves and the school proud. A big thank you to the following students; Y10 Food Technology Lahnee A, Y11 Food Technology Serai R and Charlotte H, Y11 Kitchen Operation Charlotte W, Xanthe M, Makensie R and Jack G.

This was a big three day operation, making three varieties of slices, preparing sandwich fillings, making scones and scrolls and of course the washing and cleaning of all the equipment and kitchen. No job was too big or too small, they just got in and completed it.

On Wednesday 21 September students were at school by 7.30am to start production of fresh sandwiches and wraps to be ready by 9.30am.

Events like this would not happen without the amazing behind the scenes staff, our two kitchen assistants Jodie and Skye. The ordering of food, trips to the shops for last minute things, locating equipment, working with students, and assisting with cleaning – thank you both.



Year 12 Graduation Day

Our wonderful
catering
students
presenting
their work.





Food Glorious Food

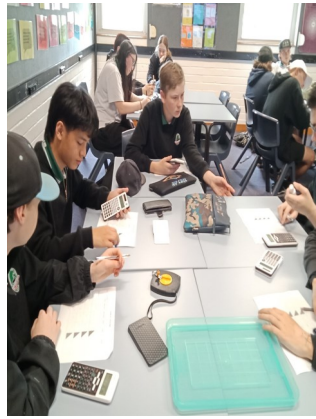
Students working diligently preparing large scale construction of food for the Year 12 Graduation



MATHEMATICS

Year 9 Solving Real Life Mathematics Problems using Trigonometry.

9MATS class have put into practice their Trigonometry theory. They collaborated in teams, using clinometers and tape measures, to calculate the height of various “tall” structures in the school.

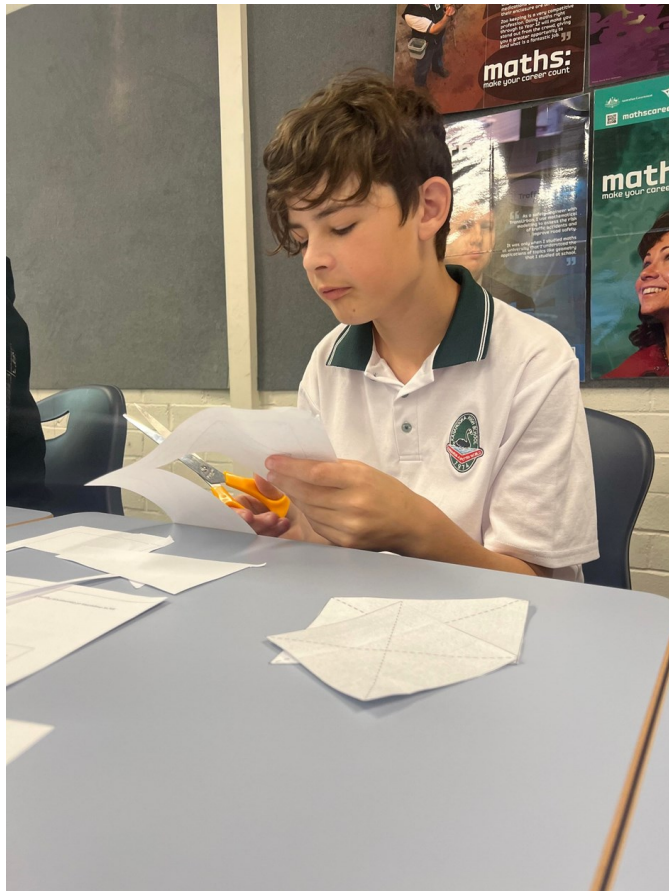


K Lowis

Head Teacher Mathematics

MATHEMATICS

Mrs Heffernan and 8MATV were busy this week exploring the properties of quadrilaterals!



WELLBEING

Welcome back to Term 4, hope you all had a lovely holiday break.

Students regularly have the opportunity to connect with their Year Adviser during Roll Call and break times.

Students have started Term 4 with a Year Meeting where Year Advisers have discussed the term ahead with their year group. We wish Year 12 all the best with their Higher School Certificate examinations and also with their future endeavours.

Feedback from the students on the attendance initiative 'Operation Roll Call' from last term was positive, so we are proceeding with the initiative again this term. The initiative aims to support regular attendance at school.

Roll call classes have the opportunity to be in the running for an improvement in attendance reward halfway through the term and overall winners have the opportunity to win an overall reward at the end of the term.

Congratulations to the Term 3 winners who were rewarded with a pizza party in Week 10. Winning classes were Stage 4: 7RC1, Stage 5: 10RC3, Stage 6: 11RC3 and Transition: INTS1RC.

Well done to all involved.



WELLBEING

On Friday 21 October, Year 7 and 8 students will have the opportunity to be involved in the Warner Youth Education presentation.

The workshop has been designed to help provide education and awareness around Graffiti prevention and improving pro-social behaviours. For more information about graffiti in the community please refer to the graffiti flyer.

GRAFFITI HURTS EVERYONE

WORKING AS A COMMUNITY TO HELP STAMP OUT GRAFFITI



Graffiti is a highly destructive problem which affects the entire community. It has damaging economic, social and environmental consequences and costs many millions of dollars each year to police and clean up. Every dollar spent on graffiti removal is a dollar that could be used in other positive ways in our community.

HOW STUDENTS CAN HELP

Your child will be exploring the issues of graffiti in an educational presentation. Delivered by leading educationalists Warner Youth Education and supported by the New South Wales Government, the Graffiti Education program informs young people about the legal, social and personal consequences of graffiti. It encourages them to be part of the solution by developing a sense of civic pride.



HOW PARENTS CAN HELP

- ✓ Encourage your child to discuss with you and others what they learned in the presentation.
 - ✓ Encourage your children to become involved in a range of local youth, programs and events.
- For information visit the website wollongong.nsw.gov.au

UNDERSTAND GRAFFITI LAWS



Tough graffiti laws in New South Wales give police special powers to search, arrest, fine or charge individuals. Penalties range from community services and/or compensation and can include:

- Marking property without owner's consent.
Max penalty: \$2,200 fine or imprisonment for 12 months.
- Possession of a graffiti implement with intent.
Max penalty: \$1,100 fine or imprisonment for 6 months.

REPORT GRAFFITI!

For details on graffiti removal, visit Council's website at wollongong.nsw.gov.au

Report graffiti on private property to your local Police station:

Police Action Line 131 444

Wollongong Police 4226 7899

WELLBEING

This term, our school is taking part in the *Tell Them From Me* student, staff and parent/carer surveys. The survey will provide us with valuable feedback on what our students, staff, parents/carers think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the *Tell Them From Me* survey to help them improve. The survey is completed online and is run by an independent research company, The Learning Bar which specialises in school-based surveys.

Staff in schools will **not** be able to identify individual students, staff and parents/carers from their responses. This survey will help our school better understand how to improve student wellbeing and engagement. It will help the school identify what works to improve student outcomes. More information about the survey and the research is available in English at education.nsw.gov.au/ttfm

We value parent and carer feedback and encourage you to complete the Tell Them From Me survey which is accessible via the link <http://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/ttfm23>

Outside of school, the Koonawarra Youth Connect offers students support across a range of areas on Thursday afternoon between 3:30pm-5:30pm. For more information, please refer to the CareWays Community flyer.



CareWays
community

FOR YOUNG PEOPLE
AGED 12 - 18 YEARS

**KOONAWARRA
YOUTH CONNECT**

THURSDAYS
3:30PM - 5:30PM

DURING SCHOOL TERMS ONLY

KOONAWARRA COMMUNITY CENTRE
36 FOWLERS ROAD, KOONAWARRA

   @CAREWAYS

FOR MORE INFORMATION
PHONE: 4261 8426 OR EMAIL
help@careways.org.au

FREE!

Free wi-fi
Video games
Table tennis | Sports
Resume writing | Trivia
Cooking classes | Card games
Arts & crafts | Health workshops
Information sessions | Puzzles
Board games | Books | Bingo
Movies | Free afternoon tea

CareWays community Connected, caring and supportive communities



WELLBEING

Thank you for your patience with Immunisations.

Due to the public holiday at the end of last term Year 7 and catch-up Immunisations with NSW Health have now been scheduled for Tuesday 15 November 2022.

The schedule is as follows:



Year	Vaccine	Number of Doses	Completion Status
Year 7	Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine	2 doses at least 6 months apart	Dose one - Completed Dose two scheduled for 15 November
	Diphtheria-Tetanus-Pertussis (Whooping Cough) vaccine	Single dose	Completed
Years 10	Meningococcal ACWY vaccine	Single dose	Completed

Please note that to improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses during Year 7 or 8 (for HPV and dTpa vaccination) and during Year 10 or 11 (for Meningococcal ACWY vaccination) if consent was signed in 2021 or 2022.

Parents and carers who wish to withdraw their consent for Immunisations for any reason may do so by writing to the school or phoning the school.

The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is available on the NSW Health website at www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation/Pages/withdraw_consent.aspx.

A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic either as a physical card or a text message sent to the mobile number recorded on the consent form. Details about vaccinations given at school will also be uploaded to the Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) to support complete vaccination histories.

My Wellbeing, Learning and Support team are always happy to help and provide support. If you have any questions, and/or if there is anything, we can do to assist I encourage you to reach out to us.

J Thompson
Head Teacher Wellbeing, Learning and Support

It has been a fantastic year for learning so far in Science and while we draw closer to the end, there is still quite a bit before we are there.

Year 7 are currently finishing their learning in the Forces unit of work. This topic introduces students to basic Physics concepts before they study these again in more depth across Years 8, 9 and 10. They will soon move into our Space unit of work after completing their Semester Two Examination which will be held in class throughout Week 4.

Year 8 have just started their Chemical Science unit of work which deepens their understanding of key concepts in Chemistry. The Semester Two Examination for Year 8 is scheduled for Week 4 and will be completed before students begin studying Resources as their final unit of work for Year 8 and Stage 4.

Year 9 have been delving deep into the world of Waves, studying the behaviour of light and sound and how these are transmitted. Year 9 will also be completing their Semester Two Examination in Week 4 before moving into Healthy Bodies as their final unit of work for 2022.

Year 10 are nearing the end of their Chemical World unit of work where students apply their understanding of Chemistry to a variety of new situations and explore other factors which can influence the way chemical reactions occur. Year 10 will complete their Semester Two Examination in Week 3 before finishing the Stage 5 Science course with the Universe unit of work.

On behalf of the Science faculty, I would also like to wish the best of luck to our outgoing Year 12 students as they complete the HSC examinations. We wish you every success for the future.

I would also like to welcome our new Year 12 Science cohort as they begin their HSC studies. I look forward to watching you continue to tackle every challenge in your learning across our Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Investigating Science and Marine Studies courses.

And finally, I would like to share some photos capturing the learning of students in Science and the STEM elective over the past few weeks.

Check out the self-propelled robots that STEM students have been programming to follow pathways, using different colours on the track to help the robots make decisions about their next movements.

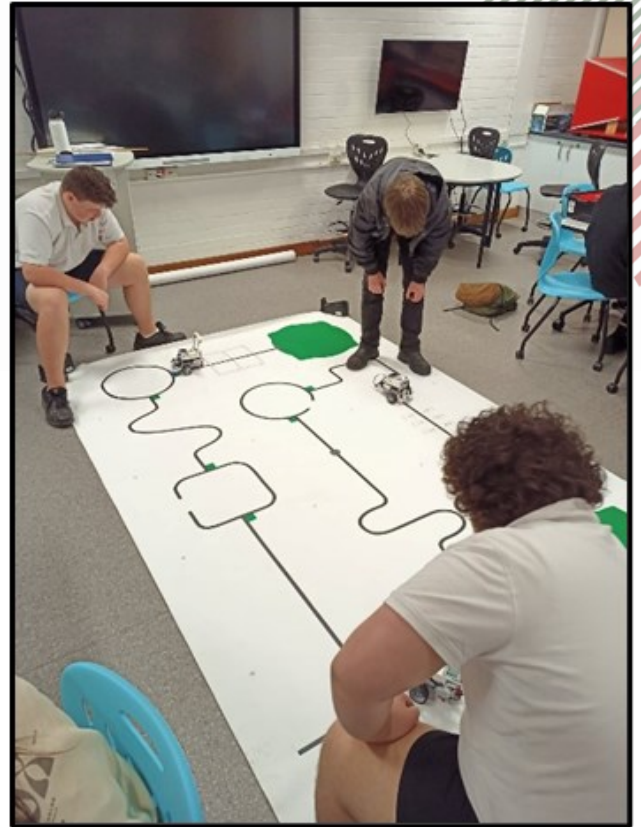
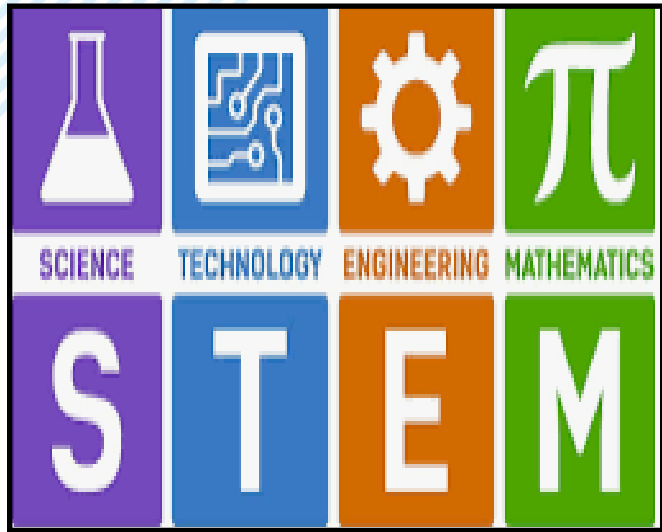
There are also some snaps of Year 10 as they have tested how different factors such as surface area and concentration affect the rate of a chemical reaction.

M Gunner
Head Teacher Science

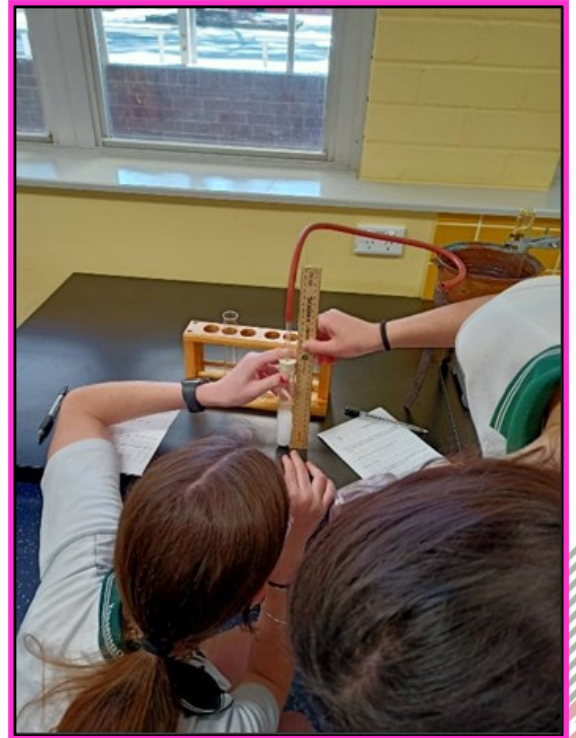


Science Faculty
Towards a Better World





CHEMICAL
REACTIONS



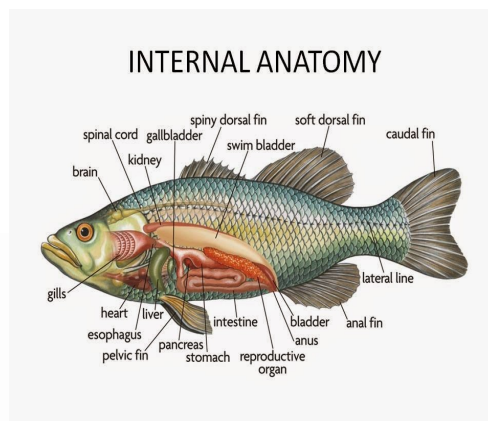
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Year 9 Marine and Aquaculture Technology

Year 9 Marine and Aquaculture Technology students have continued to maintain their team aquariums throughout the year. Students have developed their knowledge of marine ecosystems and skills in teamwork, problem-solving and safe use of equipment. Recently, they conducted a fish dissection to identify the internal and external anatomy of fish.

K Dunn
Science



Science Faculty
Towards a Better World





The Year 10 Clontarf boys visited Blackwoods Unanderra store in Week 2. The boys had a tour of the warehouse and investigated the different jobs that were on offer there.

Zach D has recently finished his SBAT at Blackwoods and will commence full time work in the next week. The students learnt about the benefits of working while at school, and the opportunities it creates going into full time work.

M Montague
Clontarf



STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: TERM 3 SPORT SUPERSTAR

Brittney has been extremely busy during her final year at KHS. She has represented our school with grit, grace and determination every time she stepped out into the spotlight. Brittney placed **1st at Regional Athletics in High Jump** and went on to represent the South Coast at the Combined High Schools Track and Field Championships.

This term she was also recognised by the NSW CHS Association for her ongoing success in Gymnastics. She was awarded **MVP at the NSW State School Gymnastics Championships** and presented with her **5 Year Service Award** in the sport.

Brittney is to be congratulated on her success across both sports in her final year at Kanahooka High School. Well done Brittney!



STUDENTS IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SPORTS PERSON OF THE WEEK



Tahlia represented Kanahooka High School and the South Coast region at the NSW CHS Tennis Championships. Tahlia had a great tournament winning some of her games against much older opponents. What a fantastic achievement Tahlia. Wishing you all the best in your future tennis endeavours.

NOTICEBOARD

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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.



Early Departures

Please be reminded that when writing out an early departure for your child that you put the following details:

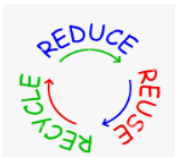


**Student's Full Name
Date and time
Reason
Signature**

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Do you have any school uniform items you have outgrown or no longer need?

Donations of uniform items are greatly appreciated and can be dropped off at the office.



Not feeling well at school?

1. Inform your teacher
2. Your teacher will send you to the office with a note
3. The Office staff will then call home

This is the correct procedure.



***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.

Term Dates 2022

Term One	1/02/22 to 8/04/22
Term Two	27/04/22 to 1/07/22
Term Three	19/07/22 to 23/09/22
Term Four	10/10/22 to 19/12/22

Term Dates 2023

Term One	31/1/23 to 6/04/23
Term Two	24/04/23 to 30/06/23
Term Three	17/07/23 to 22/09/23
Term Four	09/10/23 to 19/12/23