



Newsletter

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ONLINE PAYMENTS

It is now possible for parents to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac.

Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting \$ Make a payment.

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' this to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the students name, and class and reference number OR
- the students name, and date of birth.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. There is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number if you are aware of them, these are optional fields OR there is also the option to enter the Student Registration Number and Invoice number these are not used at our school, please leave blank.

This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child's account.

For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Administration Office 6379 4103.

What's on?

2017

Monday 04/12/17

Homework Centre

Tuesday 05/12/17

Showcase 6.30pm

Wednesday 06/12/17

Merit Assembly 2.00pm

Thursday 07/12/17

Rewards Excursion to Wet & Wild

Friday 08/12/17

Monday 11/12/17

Homework Centre

Annual Presentation Day 1.00pm

Tuesday 12/12/17

Wednesday 13/12/17

Thursday 14/12/17

Friday 15/12/17

Students last day of 2017



NSWJCL - COUNTRY NSW CHESS GRAND FINAL



The KHS Chess Team travelled to the Sydney Academy of Chess in Parramatta for the New South Wales Junior Chess League (NSWJCL) Grand Final on Monday (13/11).

It was an early start, with alarm clocks set to 4am! The trip down included the compulsory brekkie at Macca's and the usual road trip banter, with a little chess news, some programming talk (mostly about AI) and the general acknowledgement that computers are now owning humans at chess –although Magnus Carlsen, the Human World Champion, is still awesome! And yes, there is a computer Chess World Champion, called Komodo, and it can give odds to any human player on Planet Earth!

After much conversation about simulated reality and such, we arrived at Parramatta Business Centre and found our way to the playing room. It's worth noting that of the 5 Regional winners in the Grand Final, Kandos High was the only fully public school to make it this far – a fantastic achievement.

The organisation was exemplary, with Bev Peters and Richard Gastineau-Hills from NSWJCL co-ordinating the event with experienced ease. Chess clocks, board pieces and tournament management? No problem. Air-conditioning? Not so much! We all had to smile, if a little ruefully.

After introductions, the match proceeded with a time control of 40 mins implemented, meaning that each game could take up to 80 mins to complete. Therefore, over the course of four games, each player could spend 5+ hrs over the board – a real mental marathon! Many games indeed went close to the final flag.

The standard was unsurprisingly high, with the favourites by reputation, Merewether, at first analysis the team to beat. Kandos produced a fine win in round 1, taking 3 out of the 4 points on offer. By the second half of the draw, Kandos was doing nicely but had to then successively play the eventual Runners-up and Winners, Merewether and Smith's Hill respectively. The tyranny of tiredness began to emerge in match 3, with good opportunities for Kandos to tie – only to see it snatched away at the last, with all our boards working hard for wins and draws. Kandos 1, Merewether 3! This left us a lot to do in the final round and the boys looked a little delirious at this juncture, despite refuelling on pizza. Still, they put up decent resistance against a remarkably fresh-faced Smith's Hill, who seemed to have suffered less from neuron attrition and played some convincing chess to best us. All participants valued the experience. It's not often that a shared interest in chess can be so fully enjoyed and I'm sure our team, whilst a little disappointed not to have found a way to re-energise for the final round, are nonetheless satisfied with 3rd place - and rightly so!

As their chess coach, it was an absolute pleasure for me to watch the fight - and fight they did. We also got to eat copious amounts of pizza, the panacea for all pains! A special mention has to go to Jack Cunningham, who played against Merewether's board 2. According to the Merewether coach, this player had not lost a game in about three years until this one. I might add that it was a tough, tough game, and Jack played some moves which required accurate calculation and a good dose of confidence - it was not a game for the faint-hearted.

All that remains is to congratulate our excellent Kandos team on their status as Western Region Champs and 3rd Place Country NSWJCL Championship trophy winners. Kandos High School should be very proud of this outstanding result.

Darryl Brown





YEAR 12 - 2017

Congratulations to students in Year 12 for 2017, the formal which was held on Friday 17 November, ends 13 years of schooling for our students, we wish them the very best of luck for the future.
Thank you to photographer Matt Teague from Feather & Birch for the fantastic photos of our graduates.



ACACIA & BANKSIA AT DUNN'S SWAMP

On Wednesday 15th November, 8 students from Acacia and Banksia travelled to Dunn's Swamp. Students were involved in measuring the water quality by determining which water bugs were present. If sensitive water bugs were found, the quality of the water is high. If mainly tolerant water bugs are present, the quality of the water is lower. A net was used to collect the water samples, which was emptied into a white tub. Using pipettes, the students were able to transfer the water bugs into a shallow tray for identification. Using bug identification charts, the students found the water quality at Dunn's Swamp to be: Good.



The students also reflected on the practices of traditional Aboriginal people. They visited the Dabee rock shelter at Dunn's Swamp, or Ganguddy, the traditional name, and viewed the hand stencils on the rock walls. Mrs Turner explained that the Dabee people would have met there to seek shelter from the sun and would also meet other tribes there to discuss tribal matters. The students also collected interesting bark, leaves, twigs etc found on the ground to bring back to school to be used as part of an Aboriginal-themed artwork



The students enjoyed being in the beautiful surroundings of Dunn's Swamp and exploring the area with a bushwalk concluding in a rock climb to a magnificent lookout. Many thanks to all the staff and students involved. It was a fantastic day!

Belinda Stone



CONGRATULATIONS IEVA PERKONS

Well done to Ieva, who was among other Year 11 students from across the Mid Western area who have been recognised for their scientific achievements.


Ieva was presented with the Victor Chang Cardiac Research Institute award for outstanding achievement in Science at Kandos High School.

Congratulations!



PCYC | Safer Drivers Course
For Learner Drivers

Module One:
15th December
2017 4pm to 7pm



ADTA
SAFE DRIVERS FOR LIFE

PCYC | POLICE CITIZENS YOUTH CLUBS

PCYC are an accredited provider of the Safer Drivers Course.
Guiding young people in the right direction since 1937

The Safer Drivers Course involves two modules:

Module one: A three-hour facilitated group discussion on how to manage risks on the road. This will involve a maximum of twelve participants and will be delivered by a facilitator.

Module two: A two-hour in-vehicle coaching session to develop low-risk driving strategies. This will involve two participants and a coach. Course cost: \$140

Participants must have completed 50 hours of actual on-road driving experience to be eligible for the course. Credits gained under the 3 for 1 scheme cannot be included.

Participants who complete the course will receive 20 hours credit recorded in their learner driver log book.

To find your closest club or book into the next available course check out our website:
www.saferdrivers.org.au
Call us on 9625 9111 or drop into your local club to find out more

GRIN BIN WINNERS

Eliza Quarmby x 2
Laandi Buckland
Jasmine Maw
Luke Hundy

TEACHERS - \$2 VOUCHER

V Kunkel
A Monaghan
K Reynolds

ACCEPTANCE WEEK

Acceptance Week is a week of activities organised by the SRC to promote the awareness and ultimately the need for acceptance of all. Acceptance can relate to race, religion, sexual orientation, disability, culture as well as personal preferences of music, dress, shape, size, political viewpoints etc.

This year's theme was based on the book by Linda Kranz "There is only one you" – this book was the story of the advice 2 parent fish gave to their young son who was about to venture out into the world. The week's activities were aimed to provide the student body with a range of activities that were interesting, fun, and different to what they would usually be doing at school. The purpose behind doing these activities was for them to be thought provoking around the topic of accepting others.

Activities were scheduled for Roll Call, Recess and Lunchtimes each day. Some of the activities we had done before, in previous Acceptance Weeks, as they were popular, supported our ideals of mixing, mingling and doing things differently. We also included a number of new activities which we hoped people would consider just as much fun.

This year we had Ben Houlison – a Paralympian as a guest speaker, talking about how to make the most of your life and developing an attitude of accepting yourself. We thank Sibelco Australia for helping us organise his visit.

The painting a river pebble in the form of a fish was our whole school activity. This activity emulated the illustrations in our theme book and gave everyone the opportunity to create an individualistic representation of themselves. These pebbles will be used to make a permanent display in our school.

We had a wonderful week with fabulous participation from students and staff.
Cheers

Mrs Fuller and the fabulous KHS SRC





SOFALA & DISTRICT ANNUAL A & H SHOW

25 FEBRUARY 2018

8.00am - 4.00pm

Admission charge:

Adults \$10

Pensioners with card \$8

Students with card \$8

School children under 15 FREE

Free Camping

Hot Showers

BBQ available

Entertainment

Exhibition stalls

Kurremi Garden Railway

Animal Nursery

Side show

Bucking Bull

Helicopter rides and much more.

Sofala Show Lady 2018

Tiny Tot - boy or girl

Sofala Junior Show Girl

Catering by Sofala Progress Association

SHAUN BROWN'S CRICKET COACHING

NSW COUNTRY CAMPS

Mudgee

16 -17 January 2018

9.00am - 3.00pm

Venue TBC

7 - 16 year olds

\$149 (early bird before 24 November \$139)

Freecall 1800 35 14 15

or Book online www.cricketchoaching.com.au

The camps are designed for the keen young player of all abilities and run on the popular two day format across NSW.

As always, they provide 12 hours of coaching, with all camps running from 9am - 3pm.

Camps cover T/20, Test and One Day skills.

Fun safe environment

Photo example reports

Video analysis

Great master coach ratios 1:12

insightful talks from former test players



Transport
for NSW

School travel update

Application information - June 2017

Information for parents, guardians and students

Our school has partnered with Transport for NSW to use the new online School Portal for endorsing school travel applications and submitting School Drive Subsidy and Private Vehicle Conveyance Scheme attendance checks.

You are now able to manage all your school travel needs online including applying for school travel passes, tracking the status of your application and tracking the status of your School Drive Subsidy application and payments.

The application process has also been simplified so that a new or updated application for school travel passes is only needed when a student is:

- applying for a school travel pass for the first time
- requesting an additional pass as a result of a new shared parental responsibility situation (e.g. joint custody).
- changing school or campus
- changing home address
- receiving an expiry notification
- repeating a school year
- changing their name
- requesting a new transport operator.

This means students who are progressing to year 3 and year 7 only need to reapply if they are changing circumstances.

Students who are not residents and are temporarily in Australia can also provide their visa subclass number or exchange program when applying online, making the application and approval process much faster.

Parents, guardians and students can apply or update their details online at:

www.transportnsw.info/school-students

If you do not have access to the internet contact 131 500 for assistance.

Note: Student attendance checks will be available for completion by schools after the last day of semester (1 July 2017).