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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 10 2020

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

Dear parents, carers and members of the school community,

Welcome to the final newsletter of 2020. I would like to thank the entire Kandos High School learning community for your support and commitment in ensuring we provide our students with a quality education as we continue to strive for excellence in all that we do. It was not the year we had planned for and I doubt anyone imaged that the world would be struck with a pandemic that would impact all our lives so dramatically. But there were certainly some gallant stories that unfolded. We held our community together on the back of drought, fire and the pandemic. Education continued in NSW and delivered when other professions were shut down. The commitment of staff to support our students was demonstrated by their ability to create online learning platforms and printed packages for students who did not have a reliable internet connection in a very short turnaround. It was truly remarkable to watch their dedication to the education of our students.

This was followed by our students, staff and parents working together to continue a range of quality teaching and learning experiences during remote learning. We have responded at sometimes ridiculous hours and short notice to emerging situation to get the job done in supporting our students. We got Year 12 through the HSC, with some great results despite COVID, potential prank bomb threats and bans on our graduation ceremony. We have endured new policy announcements, ongoing changes throughout the year and major restructure of the Department's State hierarchy. We are able to deliver the seemingly impossible when our professional judgement is trusted and valued. A job well done, but, we all look forward to 2021 delivering some sort of normal back to our daily routines.

Presentation Afternoon

Students and teachers excitedly look forward to the end of the school year as a time to celebrate accomplishments and growth. On Monday we celebrated such tales of success with our students and some of our generous community groups that support the school with funding and scholarships. It was great to see so many students receive awards and prizes to recognise their substantial effort and celebrate their achievements. Although parents were unable to attend, a photographer took lots of photos that will be available for parents via Facebook.

Staffing

It is at this time of the year we farewell a number of staff from the Kandos High School learning community, some retiring and others moving to new positions. After 29 years of dedicated service to Kandos High School and influencing the lives of many students, staff, parents and community members we wish Cath Heap all the best in her retirement. Zoe Hudson is moving on to Maitland HS which is nearly as close to home as she could wish and Tara Steinbeck will be moving to Gulgong HS, where her and her partner and the growing baby bump will be starting a new family journey. All three have played an important role at Kandos HS, and will be greatly missed by staff and students. We wish them all the best in the future.

We recently ran a panel for the Head Teachers Mathematics positions, which did not see a successful candidate appointed, this will be readvertised early next year, with the classroom teacher vacancy. In the interim many thanks to Emma Kelson who will be looking after the PDHPE and Mathematics staff, Kay Cook has stepped in to fill the Mathematics position in term one.

Kerry Reynolds has been appointed to the substantive PDHPE position after many years of service on temporary engagements. Nikki Obrien will be leading Student Wellbeing as Head Teacher Learning and Engagement for 2020, this is a project position for a year to streamline systems, data and practice across the school supporting student wellbeing and engagement. This position will also coordinate the student support officer that the Department will appoint next year and coordinate the recent funding to support student learning needs for these who have been impacted by lost learning time due to the pandemic.

What's on?

2021

Monday 25/01/2021

Tuesday 26/01/2021

Australia Day

Wednesday 27/01/2021

Staff Development Day

Thursday 28/01/2021

Staff Development Day

Friday 29/01/2021

Years 7, 11 and 12 Students return

Monday 01/02/2021

Years 8, 9 and 10 Students return

Tuesday 02/02/2021

Wednesday 03/02/2021

Thursday 04/02/2021

Friday 05/02/2021

2021 Return to school routine

There will be two Staff Development Days in 2021 on Wednesday 27th and Thursday 28th January. This means that Years 7, 11 and 12 students return to school on Friday 29th January and students in Years 8-10 return to school on Monday 1st February.

HSC Results

Our Higher School Certificate results and ATAR's were released this morning and overall there were many pleasing results and some outstanding achievements that staff and students will be celebrating. For those students who did not get the marks they hoped for, remember your HSC and ATAR results do not define who you are or what you will become. It is simply a means of reflecting upon your progress throughout Stage 6 and progressing to further education and employment. Congratulations to all our Year 12 students and we wish you all the best in your future endeavours.

Name	Band 6	Band 5	Band 4	Band 3	Band 2	Band 1
Agriculture	0	2	2	3	0	0
Ancient History	0	1	1	3	2	0
Biology	0	0	6	1	0	0
Chemistry	0	0	0	3	0	0
Community and Family Studies	0	4	1	1	0	0
Drama	1	1	1	1	0	0
English Advanced	1	2	1	0	0	0
English Standard	0	0	6	12	0	0
English Studies Examination	0	0	0	0	1	0
Hospitality Examination (Kitchen Operations and Cookery)	0	0	0	1	0	0
Industrial Technology	0	2	1	0	0	0
Mathematics Advanced	0	0	0	4	0	0
Mathematics Standard 1 Examination	0	0	1	1	1	0
Mathematics Standard 2	0	2	5	4	2	0
Music 1	0	1	2	0	0	0
Personal Development, Health and Physical Education	0	2	2	2	2	0
Textiles and Design	0	5	1	0	0	0
Visual Arts	0	3	3	1	1	0
Band Total	2	25	33	37	9	0

Please have a relaxing and safe holiday a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, we look forward to seeing you in 2021.

"The new year stands before us, like a chapter in a book, waiting to be written."

Melody Beattie

Dyanna Thommeny
Principal

GRIN BIN WINNERS

Jarad Nelson
Jessica Gallaher
Elie Miller
Clare Chadwick x 2

\$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Mr N Nassis
Mrs Z Hudson
Mr D Skourmallas
Mrs N O'Brien
Ms L Besant

ANNUAL GRIN BIN WINNERS

iTunes Vouchers

Jessica Gallaher \$20
Clare Chadwick \$30
Shauna Grimshaw \$50

Googleplay Vouchers

Chloe Robertson \$20
Blainey Pearce \$30
Dean Blain \$50



MRS CATHY HEAP

Happy Retirement to Cathy Heap!!

Cathy has been a Mathematics Teacher at KHS for 29 years.

We wish you all the best in your retirement, and you will be greatly missed!!



Farewell and good luck!!

ZOE HUDSON

We would like to say farewell to Mathematics Teacher, Mrs Zoe Hudson who has accepted a position at Maitland High School.

Zoe has been at KHS for 3 years.

Congratulations and we will miss you!!

TARA STEINBECK

Congratulations to PDHPE Teacher Tara Steinbeck, who has accepted a position at Gulgong High School.

Farewell and don't be a stranger!!



BARNARDOS

Kandos High Staff and Students donated a huge number of gifts to Barnardos to bring cheer to the local community.

Thank you to everyone for your generosity.

Cheryl Murray - organiser



YEAR ADVISER AWARDS



Shania Norris Year 7 -

Having a positive attitude



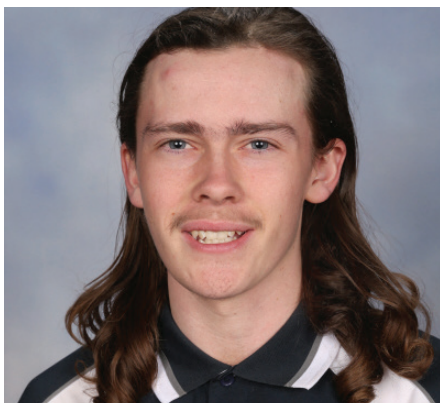
Ky Reddish Year 9 -

Positive attitude and always helpful and hardworking



Alejandra Rodriguez Hannouf
Year 8 -

Making positive choices



Benjamin Abrahams Year 11

Consistent application and working to the best of his ability



COOROONGOOBA

A great day was had by all at Coorongooba Campground in Glen Davis at part of the rewards excursion.

Blake Perrin showed his knowledge of the Scar Tree that was carved by Peter Swain and local Aboriginal Elders.

Thank you to Snr Constable Shane Rankin for spending time with our students.



TERM 4 MERIT ASSEMBLY

Congratulations to all award recipients at the Term 4 Merit Assembly.

YEAR 7 BRONZE

Matthew Brown
Campbell Bulmer
Lochlan Harrison
Zachary Sack
Dakota Smith
Harley Stone

YEAR 8 BRONZE

Kirilee Besant
Lauren Cooper
Shauna Grimshaw
Billy King
Aaron Large
Bree Mackenzie
Elie Miller
Ricky-J Siskovic

YEAR 9 BRONZE

Lukas Farrugia
Vivienne George
Alexander Harris
Ella Lapich

YEAR 10 BRONZE

Daisy Bufete
Oliver Ellis
Jack Murphy

YEAR 11 BRONZE

Nathan Boyd
Justin Cooper
Luke McKinnon
Alex Morrissey
Seth Robinson
Nicholas Walker



YEAR 7 SILVER

Natasha Abrahams
Aleisha Brennan
Haidee Burlington
Bridget Grimshaw
Blake Perrin
Teegan Reynolds
Chloe Robertson
Rebrenna Siskovic

YEAR 8 SILVER

Chloe Farrugia
Lachlan Mason
Emily Sack
Felikss Sander
Kye Semple

YEAR 9 SILVER

William Derwent
Vivienne George
Todd Jones
Laura Kubbere
Brayden Moore
Lindsey Pateman
Ella Quarmby

YEAR 10 SILVER

Tara Cubis
Jessica Reynolds
Ty Stone

YEAR 11 SILVER

Benjamin Abrahams
Shannon Odgers
Gnomoss Robers

YEAR 12 SILVER

Gordon Smith

YEAR 7 GOLD

Lleyton Boyd
Willow Connellan
Alexis Farrugia
Charlie Mackenzie
Shania Norris

YEAR 8 GOLD

Jasmin Abrahams
Jessica Gallaher
Alejandra Rodriguez Hannouf
Gabriela Rodriguez Hannouf
Jorja Witcher

YEAR 9 GOLD

Reine Annovazzi
Dean Blain
Amelia Burlington
Madeleine Connellan
Christopher Edwards
Caitlin Healey
Ky Reddish

YEAR 10 GOLD

Gina McDonald

YEAR 11 GOLD

Laandi Buckland
Charlotte Hoetink
Brooke Howe
Raymond Sack
Ava Vidler
Mackenzey Wilson
Emma Wisser



YEAR 7 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Willow Connellan
Alexandra Grimshaw
Bailey Kuchta
Roxy Sultana

YEAR 8 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Tegan Godwin

YEAR 9 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Amelia Burlington
Blainey Pearce

YEAR 10 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Clare Chadwick
Latara Hammond
Annalise Healey

YEAR 11 PRINCIPAL AWARDS

Laandi Buckland
Mackensy Farrar
Oden Osgood
Montgomery Smith
Emma Wisser





NAIDOC DAY

On Friday 4 December, KHS students celebrated NAIDOC Day, "Always was, always will be".

A smoking ceremony was performed, followed by a BBQ and then sports activities and art.

Thank you to Peter Swain for spending the day with our students.



NIC NEWLING VISIT

On Tuesday 8 December, we were fortunate enough to have Nic Newling visit to present his 'We are Champions' talk to years 10 and 11 students.

Nic's stories and experiences of mental illness within his family really struck a chord with the students.

Nic emphasised the importance of seeking help and removing the stigma surrounding mental health issues.

We look forward to welcoming Nic back to speak to other cohorts over the coming years.



UNDER 15'S BOYS TOUCH

The under 15's Boys Touch team travelled to Orange for a gala day on 24th November.

They played with gusto through all four of their games, growing in confidence during the day. The boys got a win against Gilgandra and fought off Canobolas right until the final whistle.

Some excellent teamwork and sportsmanship was demonstrated by every player.

Well done boys!



STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR DECEMBER - SWOT ANALYSIS

Reflection on Triumphs and Tribulations

With the end of the year fast approaching it is a good time to reflect on your approach to school this year and what you have learnt from the challenges you faced. So as the holidays approach, take a moment to do a short SWOT analysis on your personal approach to school and learning. You may also like to discuss these questions with a teacher, parent or friend.

STRENGTHS:

- What did you do well at school this year?
- What subjects or topics were you good at?
- What worked for you in your approach to learning?
- What are you proud of achieving?
- What new skills did you develop?

WEAKNESSES:

- What were your greatest challenges in achieving your personal best at school?
- What did you find difficult this year?
- What skills do you feel need more work?
- What areas of your approach did you struggle with?
- When did you feel not confident about your ability to succeed?

OPPORTUNITIES:

- What could you do to build your strengths and deal with your weaknesses?
- Who did you encounter this year that might be able to help you on this journey?
- What will be different about next year that will create opportunities to change?
- What could you personally do differently in your approach to school next year?
- What one thing could you change that would make the biggest difference to you being a more effective learner?

THREATS:

- What are the biggest obstacles to you making changes in your approach?
- Are there other students you sit with who make learning difficult?
- What is stopping you from achieving the top marks you are capable of achieving?
- What challenges do you face in staying motivated to do your work for school?
- What challenges do you face in managing distractions and procrastination?

A note to Parents: In these school holidays it is important for students to have a decent break, recharge and spend time with friends and family doing things they enjoy. Certainly, if students are weak in areas such as literacy or numeracy, some practice on a regular basis over the holidays would not go astray. It is essential however that Year 11 students allocate some time these school holidays consolidating the work from Year 11, ensuring study notes are up to date and they are organised and prepared for the challenges ahead in Year 12. All students may find it useful to complete some of the study skills units over the holidays, particularly on their areas of weakness.

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YEAR 9/10 AGRICULTURE



Year 9/10 Agriculture boys have been learning to pave with Mr Kevin Murphy.

Year 9/10 Agriculture girls heading off to sell fresh produce harvested from the Ag plot.



FEBRUARY ART SHOW - CALL TO CREATIVES

BTB Members are holding the Inaugural art show in February 2021. The theme is Horse and Hound.

The shop will transform into a gallery.

Each Artist may submit two works in photography, painting, sketch, print or sculpture.

All works are on sale for the month of February at the Bathurst Tack Box.

All artists are invited to submit their work for display by January 30th 2021.

It is hoped that an opening night will be on

Saturday February 13th.

The event is supported by Arts Out West

Youth prizes will be awarded as follows:

Packers Prize: \$100 sponsored by Bathurst Tack Box

Most popular: \$100 sponsored by Bathurst Tack Box



Year 12 students for 2021 look good in their new jerseys!



COMMUNITY BUS IS STILL RUNNING THROUGH THE HOLIDAYS

Connecting Kandos

The Kandos High School community bus will leave Kandos and Rylstone every Wednesday morning (including school holidays) to go to Mudgee TAFE and Mudgee township.

This is available for students of KHS and all community members.

- Leaving Kandos High School
8.40am (\$10 per person, \$5 per student)
- Leaving Rylstone Community Hall
8.50am (\$10 per person, \$5 per student)
- Also picking up at Lue Public School
9.10am (\$5 per person)
- Departing Mudgee TAFE to return
1.30pm
- Departing Mudgee township (Coles bus stop)
1.40pm



Any enquiries please see KHS front office.

 your health link

PHOTOGRAPHIC COMPETITION

OPENS 1 DEC 2020

GREAT PRIZES TO BE WON

FREE ENTRY

THEME
WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER -
KEEPING SAFE AND HEALTHY DURING THE PANDEMIC

PRIMARY - HIGH SCHOOL -
OPEN - MOBILE CATEGORIES
ENTRIES CLOSE 24 JAN 2021
YOURHEALTHLINKPHOTOCOMP.COM.AU



Health
Mid North Coast
Local Health District

Bringing services to your community

January
12, 2021
9:00am to
3:30pm



We're bringing NSW Government services to communities with our Mobile Service Centres

Access frequently used services including:

- Driver Knowledge Tests
- Cost of Living service
- Birth, death and marriage certificates
- Driver licence and Photo Card applications and renewals
- Working With Children Checks.

Visit service.nsw.gov.au/msc to find out when we're next near you.

Next in town



12th of January 21 from 9:00am to 3:30pm at Kandos Community Centre, 44 Angus Avenue, Kandos



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NSW





YEAR 12

WHEN YOU LEAVE SCHOOL YOU HAVE

180 DAYS

... before you **lose access** to:

- ⊘ Your school **email** account
- ⊘ Your **Google Drive** contents
- ⊘ Your Microsoft **OneDrive** contents
- ⊘ Any Google **Classrooms** you were joined to
- ⊘ Any Microsoft **Teams** you were a member of

Kandos High School and Community Bus proudly sponsored by

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SUMMER SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

17 December 2020 – 26 January 2021

Mid-Western Regional Youth Council is proud to present a range of youth activities and events across the region, as part of the summer school holidays.

Keyrings and necklaces

Design and create your own keyring and pendant necklace (and maybe even a bracelet). There'll be beads, beads and more beads to help craft your one-of-a-kind pieces.

WHEN Wednesday 6 January 2021, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
AGES 12–25 years
WHERE Mudgee Library, 64 Market Street, Mudgee

Keyrings and necklaces

Design and create your own keyring and pendant necklace (and maybe even a bracelet). There'll be beads, beads and more beads to help craft your one-of-a-kind pieces.

WHEN Thursday 7 January 2021, 2.00pm – 3.00pm
AGES 12–25 years
WHERE Kandos Community Hall, Angus Avenue, Kandos

Short Film Workshop (two days)

Join expert award-winning film makers from Project Zone, and learn all the tips you need to create your own short film in this two-day hands-on workshop. Lunch and snacks will be provided on both days.

WHEN Monday 11 and Tuesday 12 January 2021, 10.00am – 4.00pm
AGES 12–20 years
WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee

Tenpin Bowling at Dubbo

We've booked a bus to go bowling at Dubbo. Join us for laughs, pizza, and bowling.

WHEN Wednesday 13 January 2021, 9.00am – 4.00pm
AGES 12–18 years
WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee (pick-up from Gulugong also available)

Yoga

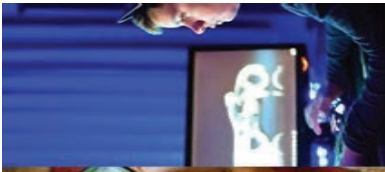
Looking for a workout program that's easy to learn, requires little or no equipment, and soothes your soul while toning your body? Then join us at this beginners yoga session. All participants receive their own free yoga mat so you can continue to stretch at home.

WHEN Thursday 14 January 2021, 2.00pm – 3.15pm
AGES 12–18 years
WHERE Gulugong Memorial Hall, 112 Herbert Street, Gulugong

Video Game Design Workshop

Experts from Devika will show you everything you need to know to develop and make your own video game similar to the Super Mario Bros series. You will learn how to use the Unity gaming framework and how to deploy the game for use on PC and mobile devices, plus gain skills on how to market the game to various stakeholders.

WHEN Monday 18 January 2021, 10.00am – 4.30pm
AGES 12–20 years
WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee



Kokedama

Kokedama is a form of Japanese garden art, and a unique way to display your plants. Learn how to make your own hanging kokedama at our workshop.

WHEN Thursday 21 January 2021, 11.00am – 12.30pm
AGES 12–25 years
WHERE Gulugong Memorial Hall, 112 Herbert Street, Gulugong

Summer Photo Competition

Today's the last day to enter your water-inspired photo into the competition, for your chance to win up to \$50 in Mudgee Money. See the competition flyer for more details.

CLOSES Monday 25 January 2021, 5.00pm
AGES 12–25 years
SUBMIT Email entries to youth.services@midwestern.nsw.gov.au

Kokedama

Kokedama is a form of Japanese garden art, and a unique way to display your plants. Learn how to make your own hanging kokedama at our workshop.

WHEN Tuesday 19 January 2021, 2.00pm – 3.30pm
AGES 12–25 years
WHERE Rylstone Memorial Hall, 73 Louise Street, Rylstone

Laser Tag at Bathurst

Get your trigger finger ready because we're taking a bus to Bathurst for a 3 game extravaganza of laser skirmish fun. Pizza and laughs will be had. Please note enclosed footwear must be worn.

WHEN Wednesday 20 January 2021, 9.00am – 5.00pm
AGES 12–18 years
WHERE The Stables, 84 Market Street, Mudgee (pick-up from Lue, Rylstone, and Kandos also available)



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*From all the staff at Kandos High School:
We wish you a very Merry Christmas
and a Happy New Year!!*



RETURN OF SCHOOL IN 2021

Staff return on Wednesday 27 and Thursday 28 January 2021 for Staff Development Days.

Students in Years 7, 11 and 12 return on Friday 29 January 2021.

Students in Years 8, 9 and 10 return on Monday 1 February 2021.