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Newsletter

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

While I have been relieving as Principal for the past 3 terms, I am pleased to inform you that that Miss Thommney will be returning next term. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank the staff, students and parents of our school community for the trust and support that has been shown in my leadership during what has been a challenging and ever evolving time for education. Thank you to Miss Kelson who has been relieving as Deputy Principal and Mr Skourmallas who has been in the Head Teacher Science/PE position for this term.

After 5 years as our School Counsellor, last week we farewelled Miss Campbell who has taken a position at the University of Queensland. Miss Campbell supported students across our school community and was an involved in Twin Town Players and Cementa. We wish Miss Campbell all the best in her new chapter.

This week I was fortunate enough to have been invited to attend the Moolarben Spirit Awards. This award recognises a junior and senior student who have an outstanding attitude towards their schooling and community. Congratulations to Halli O'Brien and Jess Reynolds on their nominations for this award.

Thank you to parents and students for the vigilance that has been shown in managing COVID this term. Notifying the school of positive cases and of being a close contact has enabled us to slow the spread of this virus. Unfortunately, due to increasing COVID cases within our school community as our term came to an end the Neon Themed Disco and Merit Assembly had to be postponed. Thank you for your understanding, new dates for these events have been set in Week 3 of next term.

On the 25th April students and the community are invited to attend locally held services to commemorate Anzac Day. Dawn Services will be held at the Cenotaphs in Rylstone at 6:00am and Kandos at 6:30am. The march to the Kandos Community Hall for the 11:00am service will assemble at the Band Rotunda in Kandos at 10:30.

I wish all of our staff and students a well deserved holiday. Take this chance to recharge, spend time with family and find some time to eat some chocolate.

Mrs Johnston



What's on?

2022

Monday, 25 April 2022

ANZAC Day - *Best We Forget*

Wednesday, 27 April 2022

All students return to school

Thursday, 28 April 2022

KHS ANZAC Day Service

Friday, 29 April 2022

FACTS Day CSU

Monday, 2 May 2022

Opens Western Regional Touch

Tuesday, 3 May 2022

School Photos

Wednesday, 4 May 2022

Opportunities Excursion

Thursday, 5 May 2022

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Stage 6 Parent / Teacher Night

Friday, 6 May 2022

Monday, 9 May 2022

Girls Open Squash

Tuesday, 10 May 2022

Year 7 Parent / Teacher Afternoon Tea

Wednesday, 11 May 2022

Neon Disco

Thursday, 12 May 2022

Term 1 Merit Assembly

Friday, 13 May 2022

THANKS COL

This week in one of our morning chats, Colin Farrar let me know that he was finishing up at the end of the week as our Crossing Attendant. Col, a huge thank you for all of your work in keeping students, parents and staff safe on our crossing. I am sure you will miss our morning and afternoon chats and the zooper doopers on hot days. You have been a valued member of our school community and will be dearly missed.

Mrs Johnston



WESTERN REGION REPRESENTATIVES

Well done to all of our students who have attended trials for selection in Western Region Representative Teams. Congratulations to Jess Reynolds and Halli O'Brien for their selection in the Open Girls Squash Team and Teegan Reynolds who made the Under 15s Girls Squash Team. After travelling to Blayney and then to Peak Hill for the second trial, Ryan Mackander has also successfully made the Under 15s Rugby League Team.



SHEEP ON THE MOVE

Agriculture students have been busy preparing our sheep for showing. After drenching Alf, Roo and Martha (yes there are a few Home & Away fans in the class) and our competition wethers students put their leading skills to the test and took the sheep to the streets, walking them to their clean paddock.

Thank you to “Robmar” who again, kindly donated the drench for our sheep. Your ongoing support of our agriculture programme is genuinely appreciated.

Mrs Johnston
Agriculture Teacher



GRIN BIN WINNERS

Athina Grimshaw
Lilliarna George
Jasmin Abrahams
NFP
Brayden Moore
Jessica Reynolds

\$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Ms T. Therese
Mrs S. Prosser
Mrs N. Vidler
Mrs L. Thorn
Miss E. Kelson
Miss M. Toufayli



VAPING IN YOUNG PEOPLE

The take-up of vaping by young people is increasing. Research shows that 1 in 5 young people 16 – 24 years have vaped.

Vapes are not safe.

Vapes can contain the same harmful chemicals found in cleaning products, nail polish remover, weed killer and bug spray.

Do you know what they're vaping?

<https://www.health.nsw.gov.au/vaping>



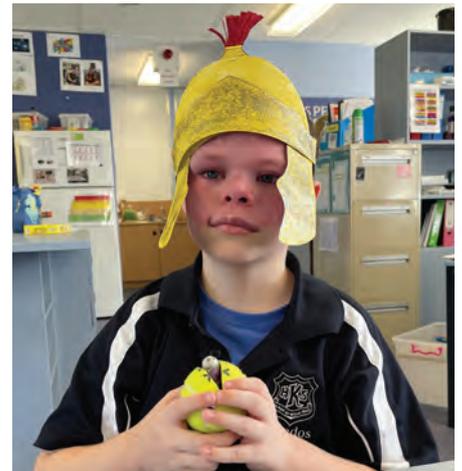
DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?



ROMAN SOLDIERS

Our students have been learning about Italy in Acacia for HSIE, and looking at Roman Soldiers. Malaki and Brad enjoyed making their own helmets and becoming Roman Soldiers this week.

Mrs Vidler
Support Teacher



EXPLORING ENGLISH THROUGH STORYBOARDS

Support students were happily engaged in creating visual storyboards for English. Great to see those interactive screens getting used so well, creating digital art!



BRASSICA PLANT TRAIL

Last year, students travelled to “Wigelmar” where they had a farm tour with owner, Phill Kennedy. While on the tour, students were told of the benefits of using forage brassica to feed stock. As a result of this excursion, Year 12 students are currently undertaking a plant trial comparing oats to brassica. Thank you Phill, for the learning opportunity that you provided our students last year and we are confident that with some rain and sunshine our crop will be as munchable as your crop.

Mrs Johnston
Agriculture Teacher



HARMONY DAY PHOTO WINNERS

Congratulations to Year 9/10 Agriculture for winning the Harmony Day Photo Competition with a photo of the chickens when they were only a week old. The chickens are now a little bigger, but just as photogenic.

Mrs Johnston
Agriculture Teacher



NSW CHS U15s TOUCH CHAMPIONSHIPS

Last week, Halli O'Brien and Teegan Reynolds represented Kandos High School and Western Region at the NSW CHS Under 15s Touch Championships at Nelson Bay.

The girls represented the school and region with pride and displayed good sportsmanship. The Western team finished the carnival in 6th place missing out on the finals.

Kerry Reynolds was the Coach and Western Girls Convenor for the carnival. Alex Grimshaw was also selected into the Western team, but unfortunately was unable to attend the carnival.

Well done girls!



OPENS GIRLS NETBALL TEAM

Kandos High Schools Opens Girls Netball Team competed in the Western School Sports Associations (WSSA) knockout in Dubbo on Monday 14 March 2022.

Mrs Reynolds was very proud of the teams performance and sportsmanship displayed on the day. Although they lost their first four games and were beaten 28-1 in two of them, they never stopped trying or dropped their heads.

They went on to finish the day on a high winning the last two games easy. Well done girls!



AG FAMILY GROWS

We're a tad excited to be welcoming two young steers to the ag plot. Pictured out enjoying their pasture, with mum.

We would like to thank Coopers Country Meats for their generous donation of these two steers and their ongoing support of our school community. We're looking forward to welcoming them in August!

Mrs Johnston
Agriculture Teacher



VETERANS EDUCATE OUR STUDENTS

Today, students from the Creating Links to Industry Program (CLIP), Mr Vaughan, Ms Besant and Mr Della Libera joined with members of the Kandos RSL Sub-Branch for lunch.

This was an opportunity for our students to interview the servicemen and hear firsthand about their experience serving in the Australian Defence Force.

Thank you to all that attended, for being a part of our school community and sharing your time with the students. We really appreciate everything you have done for future generations.



2022 ABCN ACCELERATE PROGRAM

Year 11 student Caitlin Healey met with her ABCN mentor, Gillian Trahorsch, pictured together with myself.

Gillian works for law firm Hall and Wilcox and will provide Caitlin with support to make informed decisions about her education and career.

Caitlin was one of 42 successful applicants from around Australia to be accepted into this program and is an opportunity that will be of huge benefit to her in the future.

Mr Nassis
PDHPE Teacher



CONGRATULATIONS JAYDEN!

We're very pleased to announce that former Kandos High School student Jayden Dann is the winner of the Brett Graham Scholarship cook-off.

Jayden has won an all-expenses paid trip to London to work with Graham at his restaurant The Ledbury, and a cash prize.

Well done Jayden, we're very proud of you. Good luck on your adventure abroad, chase your dreams.

Mrs Parsons
Hospitality Teacher



STAFF CELEBRATING HARMONY WEEK WITH FOOD

On Wednesday 23 March, our staff celebrated culture through food. Staff made dishes to share and it was a grand feast with many cuisines represented from different countries including Mexico, Greece, India, Thailand, Lebanon, China, America, Japan and France. A huge thank you to Lee McMurtrie for co-ordinating the event.

All food was kindly donated and the funds raised from the lunch have been used towards student welfare. Well done team KHS!



HARMONY CEREMONY

Kandos High School celebrated Harmony Week with a special whole school assembly. We had planned to mark the occasion with a smoking ceremony in our cultural garden. However the rains arrived to change our plans.

A big thank you to Peter Swain, Aboriginal Elder of Dabee Wiradjuri Country and our school community who helped with this event, it was a great opportunity for reflection and working together.



SUPERVISION OF STUDENTS BEFORE 8:30AM

Kandos High School aim to offer a safe and caring school environment for all students and staff. However, lately we have had students arriving on school grounds prior to 8:30am.

While their enthusiasm for being here is great, we need to inform our school community that prior to this time there are no staff supervising or on duty in the playground.

With students safety in mind, we ask that you please keep your children at home until 8:30am, if this is possible. We thank you for your support and understanding.



REMINDER TO ALL SCHOOL VISITORS

Our gates are locked at 9:00am daily and late students must present through the office.

We aim to provide a safe environment for all students and staff. As a part of our policy, the Department requires all visitors and contractors to present to the office to QR code in and to access school grounds. Access to school grounds prior to or after school must be done with authority to do so. Failing to present through the office maybe regarded as unauthorised entry.

Our visitors and contractors register is generated from the QR code information collected and forms a vital part of the system used in the instance of an emergency. This is also used for alerting visitors that they may have been exposed to COVID. Please help keep our school community safe.

Thank you for your understanding and support.



OPEN BOYS SQUASH TEAM

Congratulations to our Open Boys Squash team, Ryan Moore, Brayden Moore, Noah Kernaghan and Mitchell Moore who narrowly defeated Dunedoo Central School on Friday 25 March, 2 matches each, 9 games to 8!

Well done boys, onto the next round!



OPEN GIRLS SOCCER

Our Opens Girls Soccer team traveled to Kelso to play against Cowra High School. Cowra had just beaten Blayney High School 9-1 and contained several representative players. After an encouraging first half, where we had a number of near misses, the girls came off at half time 4-1 down.

On resumption the girls were able to score the next 2 goals to leave the game hanging in the balance, right until the end when Cowra scored their last goal with just 30 seconds of play remaining. A 5-3 loss to such good opposition was a very commendable result and the girls did themselves, our school and their coach proud. Well done girls.

Thank you also to Kelso High School for your hospitality, it was very much appreciated.

Mr Nassis
Coach



TOM KEMP MEMORIAL SHIELD

Rd 1: Kandos HS Vs Forbes HS

Yesterday, Kandos High Schools Rugby League team went up against Forbes High School. With some light rainfall forcing some silly errors we were down 24 to 10 at half time.

However after some much needed orange slices, the team was able to come back and win the game 26 to 24. The sportsmanship and comradery demonstrated by the students made myself very proud to be their coach.

All students have earned a good break but will be looking forward to facing Molong Central early next term. Special thanks goes out to Mitchell Large for stepping up as our last minute ref and to Teegan, Jess and Latara for also being late fill ins for linesman, scorers and timekeepers.

A big thank you to all the community members that came down and supported our students. It was great to see so many spectators watching one of our first Rugby League wins in a long time.

Mr Skourmallas
Coach





GREAT AUSSIE BUSH CAMP

Year 10 students attended a 3-day camp, last week, to the Great Aussie Bush Camp near Tea Gardens. This trip is a part of their Outdoor Educational Program, that incorporated a range of activities designed to foster positive relationships amongst peers (team building) whilst challenging the students to work cooperatively to achieve both group and personal goals.

A big thank you to Mr Nassis and Mrs Prosser for assisting me with this trip. We hope the students that attended, enjoyed the camp and made many enjoyable memories. For more photos, [visit our website](#).

Mrs Besant
Year Advisor





LIFE READY EXCURSION

The Life Ready Excursion is designed to let year 12 students have exposure to cultures and settings they don't normally experience. It is an opportunity for them to be exposed to seeing both the good and the bad that large cities have to offer, whilst being mindful of their surroundings. They had to travel via public transport and navigate the city.

The students squeezed a lot into their days under the supervision of Mrs Reynolds and Mrs O'Brien, they enjoyed a walk through the Botanical Gardens, the Rocks precinct and visited the Museum of Contemporary Art. Took a ferry ride and experienced a ghost tour. Caught a light rail ride to a scrumptious Japanese Teppanyaki banquet dinner and watched 9-5 The Musical at Capital Theatre. They caught a bus to Paddington and participated in a Cook 4 Good Workshop (cooking and distributing food to the homeless as well as workshops on life choices and drug and alcohol education) and set a record by cooking 128 meals for the homeless. An average of 8 meals cooked per person. Well done Year 12!

For more photos, [visit our website](#).







YEAR 7 POEMS

We have been working on autobiographies this term and these are some poems that students have created. Aren't they amazing!

Mr McDonald
English/HSIE Teacher

Woman of The Future

I am all I see
My dog chasing carrots down the paddock
Kids playing with barbie dolls

I am all I hear
Sheep baaing in the background
Sisters fighting to their hearts content

I am all I feel
My clothes around me
Laughing with my friends

I am all I taste
My mums delicious cooking
The disgusting taste of Brussel sprouts

I am all I remember
Fun holidays with my family
Stacking my motorbike millions of times

I am all I think
What I'm going to eat for dinner
What movies are the best of all time

I am like
A curious and young bird
But
One day I'll unlock all the mystery's of the universe

I am the
Woman of the future

By Amelia Taylor

Woman of The Future

I am all I see

My cat sprawled out over my doona
Football flying through goal posts

I am all I hear

Birds chirping in the trees
Splashes of water and squeals from the pool

I am all I feel

Prickly grass beneath my toes
Wet sand in between my fingers

I am all I taste

Roast dinners cooked on the BBQ
Lifesavers melting in my mouth

I am all I remember

My first motorbike ride
Cooked chip on a stick

I am all I've been taught

Things you do in the past can affect you later
All actions have consequences good or bad

I am all I think

What should I do?
What if I fail?

I am like a

Chick too scared to jump out of its nest

But

One day I'll fly away and be free because

I am the woman of the future

By Alara Aydin

Miles of the future

I am all I see

Students ordering me around
People forgetting assessment tasks

I am all I hear

Deep fried versions of songs
Toby Fox's OST

I am all I taste

Cheesy grease of pizza
The frosted feeling of ice cream

I am all I remember

"don't touch the blue bottle milo!"
"and the school captain for 2021 is...
Miles San Martin!"

I am all I've been taught

Big elephants crunch apples using some eggs
Brackets first before anything else

I am all I think

I must push on and succeed
I wonder what to do today

I am like a tortoise

but these things are my shell
I am the Miles of the future!

By Miles San Martin



NEON DISCO

WEDNESDAY 11 MAY
 6:30pm - 9:30pm
 (doors open at 6:15pm)

ASSEMBLY SAVE THE DATE

Term 1 Merit Assembly - Thursday 12 May
 commencing at 2:00pm
 entry to the hall via Dangar Street gate

You're invited to join us in celebrating student success. All attendees must sign-in and follow the schools social distancing rules, as per our guidelines.

We hope that you can join us and thank you for your continued support.



RYLSTONE & DISTRICT HISTORICAL SOCIETY

COMMEMORATIVE DINNER

IN RECOGNITION OF 200 YEARS SINCE COLONIAL SETTLEMENT OF THE RYLSTONE DISTRICT

SATURDAY 23 APRIL, 2022 • 6.30PM
 RYLSTONE MEMORIAL HALL

KEYNOTE SPEAKER - MR JOHN BROADLEY
 RENOWNED HISTORIAN AND AUTHOR

Join us as descendants of the First Nation's people, founding families and people new to the district mark this significant event!

Tickets \$70 by contacting:
 rylstonehistory@westnet.com.au

Calculators

All students should have their own scientific calculator for use in class every day.

Year 7 and 9 will need to have their own calculator for the NAPLAN tests and the Half Yearly tests in Term 2.

Kandos High School students, and the Maths faculty prefer to use the *Casio fx-82au plus* or *fx-82au plus II*.



If you need to buy a calculator, make sure it is the *Casio fx-82au plus* or *fx-82au plus II* available from the school office for \$24 this Term. As of Term 2, there will be a price increase to \$32 each.

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