



Newsletter

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Newsletter Highlights



Presentation Night



SRC Summer Soiree

What's on?

2024 & 2025

Wednesday, 18 December

Last Day of Term

Tuesday, 24 December

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, 25 December

Christmas Day

Tuesday, 31 December

New Years Eve

Wednesday, 1 January

New Years Day

Thursday, 6 February

All Students Return to School

Wednesday, 12 February

Year 7 Parent & Teacher
Meet & Greet

Friday, 14 February

Swimming Carnival

Monday, 17 February

Wollongong Discovery Days
Excursion

Tuesday, 18 February

Wollongong Discovery Days
Excursion

Wednesday, 19 February

Year 7 School Camp

Thursday, 20 February

Year 7 School Camp

Tuesday, 25 February

Year 11 & 12 Life Ready
Excursion

Wednesday, 26 February

Year 11 & 12 Life Ready
Excursion

Year 9 Great Aussie Bush
Camp

Principals Report

As we come to the end of 2024, it is the perfect time to reflect on the achievements, growth, and memorable moments that have defined our year at Kandos High School.

This year has been filled with academic, sporting, and community successes that showcase the dedication and talent of our students, staff, and school community.

One of the most significant changes in 2024 was the introduction of our new school houses: Wollemi, Rocky, and Ganguddy. These houses have brought fresh energy to the school, fostering a stronger sense of belonging and camaraderie among our students.

Our sporting achievements have continued to shine, with our Girls Squash Team securing their third consecutive State Championship title. Congratulations to the team and to Mrs Reynolds for her unwavering dedication and guidance. A special mention goes to Halli O'Brien, who received the prestigious NSW CHS Blues Award for Squash. This honour places her among sporting legends like Ian Thorpe, Ellie Carpenter, and Jess Fox.



In the creative and practical arenas, Year 12 student Cooper Duff had his Industrial Technology Major Project, a meticulously crafted smoker, selected for the Shape Awards and displayed at The Rocks NESA exhibit. It was the only metal project on display, a true testament to Cooper's exceptional skill and effort.



Our students also excelled academically, with impressive results in the Big Science Competition, Australian Geography Competition, and Junior Science Olympiad. These achievements reflect the dedication and talent of our students across a range of disciplines.

Community engagement remains at the heart of Kandos High School. Our students participated in the Rylstone-Kandos Show, assisting with stewarding and judging, and honoured ANZAC Day with their involvement in the ceremony and parade. Additionally, our Show Team continued to compete across the state, with several students qualifying for the 2025 Royal Easter Show.



Congratulations to Seanna Duffield, who earned both the Moolarben Spirit Award and the Junior Encouragement Award for her contributions to the school and community, an inspiring example of the values we uphold at Kandos High School.

Looking ahead to 2025, we are introducing changes to enhance school operations and learning opportunities. In consultation with the SRC, we will no longer have a 20-minute roll call; instead, students will begin their day with Period 1, where roll marking and notices will take place. Recess and lunch breaks will be extended, and the school day will still conclude at 3:20 pm. A new approach to assessments, developed in collaboration with the P&C, will blend formative and formal assessments to better reflect student progress. Additionally, the Self-Select Class for Years 7 and 8 will encourage students to take greater ownership of their learning.

A heartfelt thank you goes to our P&C for their continued support and to our teaching staff for their dedication. I look forward to working together in the year ahead.

Finally, we say goodbye to Mr Daniel Skourmallas, who is transferring to Muswellbrook to be closer to his family. Mr Skourmallas has been an integral part of Kandos High School for the past five years, contributing to our Aboriginal Programs, coaching various sports, and supporting students and staff with his generous spirit. His motto, "for others, not for self," has left a lasting impression, and he will be greatly missed. Thank you, Mr Skourmallas, for your service to our school.

As we close 2024, I want to express my deepest gratitude to our staff, students, and families for their hard work and support. Together, we have created a vibrant and inspiring school community. I look forward to seeing what 2025 holds as we continue to grow and achieve great things.

Wishing everyone a safe and joyful holiday season. Thank you for a wonderful year at Kandos High School.

Deb Johnston

Relieving Principal



Thank You to Our Student Representative Council

As we reflect on the year, we would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to our outstanding Student Representative Council (SRC) and their dedicated coordinator, Mrs Nikki O'Brien, for their incredible work in making Kandos High School a supportive, inclusive, and vibrant community.

Throughout 2024, the SRC has been at the heart of many memorable events, including Do it For Dolly Day and the Do it For Dolly Sleep Out in the MPS Hall, Harmony Day, Pink Up Day, RUOK Day, the Summer Soirée, school discos, and the Biggest Morning Tea. These events have not only brought our school community together but have also raised awareness and supported important causes.

The passion, creativity, and dedication of our SRC and Mrs O'Brien have made a lasting impact, creating opportunities for students to connect, reflect, and celebrate together. Their hard work has helped foster a sense of belonging and pride within our school.

Thank you to the SRC and Mrs O'Brien for your tireless efforts and commitment to Kandos High School. We look forward to seeing the exciting initiatives and events you will bring to life in 2025!



Presentation Night

2023 Dux Award

Kandos High School proudly recognised Blainey Heath as the Dux of the School for 2023 at our annual Presentation Night.

Blainey's exceptional academic achievements throughout the year were a testament to her dedication, resilience, and passion for learning. Her hard work has set a wonderful example for her peers, and this prestigious award is well-deserved recognition of her efforts.

Although we had hoped to celebrate Blainey's success earlier in the year, her absence from assemblies made this moment at Presentation Night even more special.

Congratulations, Blainey! Your determination and commitment have truly paid off, and the entire Kandos High School community is proud of all you've accomplished. We wish you every success in the future!



Community Generosity Shines Once Again

Our region's incredible generosity and community spirit were on full display again this year, thanks to the dedicated volunteers of the Community Charity Shop. Their tireless efforts and the support of those who donate and shop there raised an astounding \$6,000 for each local public school, including Kandos High School.

This year, Colleen Yates, representing the Charity Shop, visited Kandos High School to present this generous donation. In recognition of her and the shop's outstanding contribution, our District Education Leader, Miss Debbie-Lee Hughes, awarded Colleen a special Department of Education Award. This honour celebrates the profound impact of Colleen and the many volunteers who dedicate their time to supporting our schools and community.

A heartfelt thank you goes to Colleen, the Charity Shop team, and everyone who helps make their work possible. Your generosity continues to make a real difference in the lives of our students and schools.



Honouring Peter Swain: A Legacy of Culture & Mentorship

Kandos High School had the privilege of celebrating the remarkable contributions of Peter Swain, a proud Wiradjuri Dabee man, as he steps into retirement and prepares to leave the district.

Peter has been a highly respected Aboriginal Cultural Educator and artist, deeply connected to his Dabee heritage from the Wiradjuri Nation. Over the years, he has shared his cultural knowledge with communities far and wide, emphasising the importance of connection to Country, culture, and heritage. As a skilled artist, Peter's mixed media works, traditional artefacts, and didgeridoo performances have brought culture to life, enriching education through the arts.

Within Kandos High School, Peter has been an invaluable mentor to our students, particularly our Indigenous students, fostering pride in their culture and strengthening their sense of connection and identity. His teachings have also left a lasting impression on non-Indigenous students and staff, promoting respect, understanding, and inclusivity within our school community.

As a gesture of gratitude, Peter was presented with a Wollemi Pine, a symbol of resilience, endurance, and legacy – qualities he has so beautifully demonstrated throughout his time with us.



Peter, your impact on Kandos High School and the wider community is profound. You have enriched the lives of so many, and your legacy will continue to inspire us for years to come. We wish you all the very best in your retirement and hope this new chapter brings you joy, peace, and fulfillment.

From all of us at Kandos High School, thank you for everything.

Christmas Raffle Winners

Congratulations to Simone Norbat, who won First Prize, and Jean Johnston, who claimed Second Prize in the Year 11 Christmas Raffle!

A huge thank you to everyone who supported this fantastic fundraiser. Your generosity will go a long way in helping to make the Year 12 Formal in 2025 an unforgettable celebration for our students.

Well done to Simone and Jean, and a heartfelt thank you to our amazing school community for getting behind this event and showing your support.



**David Van Duin
Memorial Trophy**



Feliks Sander receives his award from Mr Brent Barlow representing KRR.FM

**Margaret Buckley
Memorial Prize**



Chloe Farrugia receives her award from Mr Brent Barlow representing KRR.FM

**Terry Yates Love of
Literature Award**



Nyah Watmuff receives her junior award from Mr Terry Yates

**Terry Yates Love of
Literature Award**



Sienna Kimmorley receives her senior award from Terry Yates

**SHAPE Industrial
Technology Nomination**



Jessica Gallaher & Emily Sack receive their award from Mr Michael Vaughan

Show Team Jacket



Tegan Godwin receives her Royal Easter Show Jacket from Miss Millie Brown

Show Team Jacket



Bronte MacPherson receives her KHS Show Team Jacket from Miss Millie Brown

Robmar Agricultural Award



Tegan Godwin receives her award from Mrs Deb Johnston

Clive Cafe Agricultural Trophy



Matilda Poole receives her trophy from Mrs Deb Johnston

Bunnings Junior Technology Award



Audrey Beck receives her award from Mr Ky Reddish representing R&K

R&K Engineering Award



Jocelyn Cafe receives her award from Mr Ky Reddish representing R&K

**R&K Engineering
Award**

**R&K Engineering
Award**

**Kandos Rylstone
Teachers
Association Award**



***Pyper Wilkinson
receiving her award
from Mr Ky Reddish
representing R&K***

***Tamarah Duff
receiving her award
from Mr Ky Reddish
representing R&K***

***Jessica Gallaher receives
her award from
Mrs Julie Parsons***

**Vocational Education &
Training (VET) Award**

**Jess Allerton
Memorial Trophy**



***Jessica Gallaher & Emily Sack
receive their awards from
Mrs Julie Parsons***

***Jacob Kiely receives his award
from Mrs Jenny Murray
& Mrs Helen Fuller***

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 7**



*Hayley Ashford
receives her award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 8**



*William Moxham
receives his award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 9**



*Miles San Martin
receives his award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 10**



*Oskar Sander
receives his award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 11**



*Teegan Reynolds
receives her award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**Rotary Citizenship
Award - Year 12**



*Halli O'Brien
receives her award
from Mrs Helen Fuller
representing Rotary*

**100% Attendance
Award**



***Mia Reddish
receives
her award from***

Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes

**100% Attendance
Award**



***Emily Gallaher
receives
her award from***

Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes

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Award**



***William Moxham
receives
her award from***

Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes

**The Rylstone Club
Positive Behaviour for
Learning Award**



***Lleyton Boyd receives
his award from
Mr James Johnson***

representing The Rylstone Club

**Learn Through
Doing Award**



***Ryley Sack receives
his award from
Mrs Cheryl Murray***

**Australian Defence Force
Long Tan Leadership
& Teamwork Awards**



***Oskar Sander receives
the Year 10 award
from Mr Glen Evans***



***Kirilee Besant receives
the Year 12 award
from Mr Glen Evans***



***Felikss Sander Receives
his award from
Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes***

**Moolarben Spirit
Award**

**Moolarben Spirit
Award**

**Rueben F. Scarf
Award**



***Will Moxham receives
the Junior award
from Mr Roy Aguire
representing
Moolarben Coal***



***Oskar Sander receives
the Senior award
from Mr Roy Aguire
representing
Moolarben Coal***



***Ricky J Siskovic
receives his award from
Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes***

Kandos High School Best All Rounder



Emily Sack receives her award from Ms Debbie-Lee Hughes

**Western Region
Representatives**



Mia Reddish receives her award for Cross Country & Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Emily Gallaher receives her award for Cross Country, Swimming & Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Finlay Aguire receives her award for Cross Country & Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Jocelyn Cafe receives her award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Kiesha Duffield receives her award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Pat Lus receives his award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Issak Monaghan receives his award for Cross Country & Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



William Moxham receives his award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Oskar Sander receives his award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Amelia Taylor receives her award for Athletics from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Alex Grimshaw receives her award for Soccer from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

**Western Region
Representatives**



Teegan Reynolds receives her award for Squash from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

Western Region Representatives



Halli O'Brien receives her award for Squash from Ms Felicia Fichera representing Endeavour Enterprises

Western Region Champions & State Squash Champions



Tim Lus representing TG Lus Electrical presents Mia Reddish, Teegan Reynolds, Halli O'Brien & Aleisha Brennan with their awards

NSW Squash State Champion & Runner Up



Teegan Reynolds receives her Runner-Up award & Halli O'Brien receives her State Champion Award

CHSSA Blue Award



Halli O'Brien receives her Blue Award from Tim Lus representing TG Lus Electrical

**Champion Swimming
House**



***State member for Bathurst
Paul Toole presenting House
Captains for Wollemi Emily
Gallaher & Oskar Sander
with their award***

**Champion Athletics
House**



***State member for Bathurst
Paul Toole presenting House
Captains for Wollemi Emily
Gallaher & Oskar Sander
with their award***

Dabee Shield



***State Member for Bathurst
Mr Paul Toole presenting
House Captain for Rocky
Jack Deseraux
with their award***

**Academic
Achievement Shield**



***State Member for Bathurst Paul Toole
presenting House Captains for Rocky,
Jack Deseraux, & Ganguddy, Teegan
Reynolds, with their award***

House of the Year

Wollemi

**Sports All
Rounder Award**

**Excellence in
Sports Award**



***State Member for Bathurst
Paul Toole presenting
Teegan Reynolds
with her award***



***State Member for Bathurst
Paul Toole presenting
Halli O'Brien
with her award***

Presentation Night Donors

Kandos High School extends its heartfelt gratitude to the generous donors who have contributed to the success of our Presentation Night. Your support has made a significant impact, helping us recognise the achievements of our students and celebrate their hard work throughout the year. Your contributions reflect the strong community spirit that surrounds Kandos High School, and we are incredibly thankful for your continued encouragement and generosity.

Birch Family Butchery Rylstone
Bogee Pastures
Bunnings
DLH Solicitors Rylstone
Endeavour Energy - Kandos Field Service Centre
Endeavour Enterprises Dry Hire Pty Ltd
Kandos Community Club
Kandos Family Medical Practice
Kandos Museum
Kandos Rylstone Community Radio
Kandos Rylstone Pharmacy
Kandos/Rylstone Teachers Association
Mark & Sharon Cafe
Moolarben Coal Operations
Mrs Cheryl Murray
Ms. J Lewis-Phillips & Mrs S. Norbat
Mudgee Veterinary Hospital
R & K Engineering NSW
Robmar
Rylstone Ag Supplies Pty Ltd
Rylstone Hairdressers
Rylstone Kandos Rotary Club
Rylstone Newsagency & Post Office
Rylstone Retro Records
Sisters Bazaar
TG Lus Electrical
The Hon. Paul Toole MP Member for Bathurst
The Community Charity Shop
The Rylstone Club Limited
Twin Town Players
Yengarie Timbers

Support Unit Celebrates Christmas

On Friday, 13 December, the Support Unit held a small Christmas party to mark the end of the year and celebrate the season.

Students and staff shared some tasty treats and played a few games in a classroom decorated with a touch of festive cheer. It was a relaxed and enjoyable way to finish the term, reflecting on the achievements of the year.

Thank you to the Support Unit staff for putting the event together and to everyone who helped make it a pleasant end-of-year celebration.



Year 6 Orientation Day

On 5 December, Kandos High School welcomed our future Year 7 students for a fun and engaging Orientation Day. The day was filled with activities designed to give students a taste of high school life and help them feel part of the Kandos High School family.

The morning began with a Numeracy session to sharpen their skills, followed by hands-on experiences in Science and Art. Students then headed to Agriculture, where they pampered our cows, Rob and Mar, with a special “spa treatment” before the pair set off for their holiday break.

After lunch, the excitement continued at the pool. Students enjoyed swimming, games, and plenty of laughs, wrapping up a fantastic day of learning and bonding.

It was wonderful to see so much enthusiasm and curiosity from our future Year 7 students. We can't wait to welcome these bright young faces back in the new year to officially begin their high school journey at Kandos High School.



Finance Literacy with The Business Concierge

On Wednesday, 4 December, Kandos High School welcomed Howard and Ben Smith from The Business Concierge to deliver invaluable lessons as part of the Department of Education's Life Ready Curriculum. The sessions were designed to equip students with practical life skills to navigate adulthood with confidence.

Throughout the day, students developed their understanding of financial literacy, including budgeting for life, distinguishing between credit and debit cards, and learning about credit files. They also explored the basics of superannuation, gaining essential insights into managing their financial futures.

Workshops like these provide students with the tools they need to make informed decisions about their finances and future opportunities. A big thank you to Howard and Ben for their expertise and for supporting our students in preparing for life beyond school.

Stage 4 Students Explore Career Pathways in Newcastle

On Tuesday, 26 and Wednesday, 27 November, Kandos High School's Stage 4 students embarked on the annual Opportunities Excursion to Newcastle. This two day experience provided students with valuable insights into life in a larger city while exploring a range of career and education pathways to inspire their future aspirations.

Students visited the University of Newcastle and two campuses of Newcastle TAFE, where they gained a deeper understanding of further education options.

They explored the history and heritage of Fort Scratchley, walked the Anzac Bridge in a reflective and resilience-building activity, and toured TOCAL to learn about agricultural pathways.

Staying at Newcastle Beach YHA, students were immersed in the vibrant city atmosphere, an experience that broadened their horizons and encouraged independence. These opportunities not only spark ideas for future careers but also empower students to make informed decisions about their education and career pathways.

A special thank you goes to Mr Craig Parsons for volunteering to drive the bus, Mr Andy Kiely and Mrs Julie Parsons for guiding the students, and Mrs Helen Fuller for her exceptional organisational efforts. Well done to all the students for embracing this inspiring opportunity with enthusiasm!



Stage 4 Students Explore Career Pathways in Newcastle

On Thursday, 30 November, Kandos High School's senior students participated in the PCYC Safer Drivers Course, an important program designed to help young drivers develop the skills and knowledge needed to stay safe on the road.

Teenagers are significantly overrepresented in car accidents, with drivers aged 17-25 accounting for around 25% of road fatalities in Australia, despite making up only 10-15% of licensed drivers. These statistics highlight the critical need for initiatives like the Safer Drivers Course, which equips young drivers with essential skills in hazard awareness, decision-making, and safe driving techniques.

The course combines classroom learning with practical experience, providing students with the tools to manage risks and make safer choices behind the wheel. It's a valuable step in helping young drivers gain confidence and responsibility on the road while contributing to a safer community.

A big thank you to Mrs Kerry Reynolds for her efforts in ensuring this program was available to our students. Your hard work is making a real difference in promoting road safety.

Congratulations to our students for taking this important step toward becoming safer and more responsible drivers!



Work Experience - Amia's Unique Work Placement

During Week 7 of Term 4, Year 10 student Amia Jupp gained invaluable insight and hands-on experience during her Work Experience placement at Macquarie Valley Funerals and Monuments.

Amia embraced a wide range of tasks, including assisting with funeral services, managing music, engraving plaques, and even helping to construct a cremation coffin. Her responsibilities extended to supporting funeral proceedings in Gulgong during extreme heat, where she demonstrated remarkable dedication and professionalism. Amia also had her first ride in a hearse, which she later polished to perfection, showcasing her attention to detail.

Later in the week, she broadened her experience by exploring the mortuary and monument side of the business. Her maturity and willingness to tackle every task with care and respect were outstanding.

A heartfelt thank you to Macquarie Valley Funerals for offering Amia this meaningful opportunity and supporting her throughout her placement.

Well done, Amia! Kandos High School is incredibly proud of your hard work and professionalism during this unique and valuable learning experience.



Building Mental Fitness with The Black Dog Institute

On Wednesday, 29 November, Kandos High School hosted Mental Fitness sessions led by the Black Dog Institute and Creative Community Concepts. These engaging workshops provided students with practical strategies to build resilience, manage stress, and develop a positive outlook on life.

The sessions were designed to empower students with tools to prioritise their mental health and wellbeing, equipping them to navigate challenges with greater confidence and balance.

A big thank you to the Black Dog Institute and Creative Community Concepts for their invaluable support in delivering these workshops. Together, we're fostering a stronger, healthier, and more connected school community.



A huge congratulations to Year 10 student Neddy Saliba-Duck, who has secured an apprenticeship in Carpentry with Blitz Constructions. This exciting opportunity will see Neddy working hard while completing a Certificate III in Carpentry at TAFE, gaining valuable hands-on experience and industry skills.

We are incredibly proud of Neddy's achievement and know this is just the beginning of an amazing career journey. Well done, Neddy! We look forward to seeing all the fantastic things you'll accomplish in the future.

If you're interested in exploring traineeships or apprenticeships, Mrs Julie Parsons is the person to speak to. She can provide valuable guidance, support, and information about the opportunities



Youth Leadership Camp

From 9 to 11 December, four Kandos High School students, Alexis and Romeo Ellery, Grace Mascord, and Jacob Kiely, attended the Youth Leadership Camp, hosted by Creative Community Concepts and funded by Regional Youth Central West.

The camp offered a dynamic mix of activities, including pedal karts, archery, kayaking, and stand-up paddleboarding. Alongside these adventures, students participated in thought-provoking workshops on child safeguarding rights and explored what it means to be a leader. Leadership games, trivia, and teamwork challenges encouraged collaboration with peers from Lithgow, Portland, Gulgong, Coolah, Dunedoo, Yeoval, and Molong, creating a strong sense of community among attendees.



We are proud to share that Romeo Ellery was recognised with an award for his outstanding leadership skills, while Grace Mascord was honoured for her exceptional contributions to afterschool activities. These accolades highlight their dedication and ability to shine as leaders.

Congratulations to Alexis, Romeo, Grace, and Jacob for representing Kandos High School with pride and making the most of this incredible opportunity to develop their leadership and teamwork skills.

A heartfelt thank you to Creative Community Concepts and Regional Youth Central West for organising and funding this wonderful experience.



A Fresh Look for Our Tech Rooms

Every five years, the benches in Kandos High School's Metal and Timber Tech rooms receive a much-needed revamp, with benchtops replaced and re-varnished to ensure a functional and welcoming workspace. This year, the important task was entrusted to two talented students, Charlotte Swan from Year 9 and Audrey Beck from Year 10, under the expert guidance of their teacher, Mr Mick Vaughan.

Charlotte and Audrey worked diligently to restore the benches, demonstrating their skills and dedication to creating a workspace that will serve future tech students for years to come. The result is a beautifully refreshed and functional learning environment, and their hard work has made a lasting contribution to the school.

A big thank you to Charlotte, Audrey, and Mr Vaughan for your hard work and commitment. The effort you've put into this project is truly outstanding, and the results speak for themselves!



End of Year Grin Bin Winners

At Kandos High School, our Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) reward system encourages students to model our core values: positive relationships, respect, and responsibility. Teachers recognise these behaviours by awarding Grin Bins, which are entered into a fortnightly draw for small prizes.

At the end of the year, we host the exciting Big Draw, where five lucky students are selected for a special prize. This year, we are thrilled to congratulate:

- Scarlett Jupp
- Akyah Wilkinson
- Kasper Sander
- Amelia Taylor
- Ryan Thorn

Each of these outstanding students has won a \$20 gift voucher to Ahmedis IGA in Kandos!

Congratulations to all our winners, and a huge thank you to our staff and students for



Year 7 Creative Creations

Our talented Year 7 students have been hard at work designing and crafting these amazing desk organisers with the guidance of our newest Technology teacher, Mr David Fleming!

Students carefully cut, varnished, and decorated their organisers, adding a unique touch by using wood burning techniques to create cool and creative designs. The results are not only functional but also showcase their skills and creativity.

A big shoutout to Year 7 for their fantastic efforts and to Mr Fleming for inspiring and supporting their craftsmanship. These organisers are a true testament to the students' hard work and attention to detail!



A Night to Remember - Summer Soiree

On Wednesday, 4 December, Kandos High School's SRC hosted the inaugural Summer Soirée, an elegant evening of celebration to mark the end of the year. Students arrived dressed to impress, embracing the formal dress code and the sophisticated atmosphere of the event.

The night featured unlimited free slushies, refreshing fruit punch, and delicious nibbles, creating the perfect backdrop for students to enjoy time with friends in a fun and relaxed setting. The school hall was transformed into a space of style and charm, making the evening truly special.

The SRC is thrilled with the success of the event and hopes the Summer Soirée will become an annual tradition to celebrate the achievements and memories of each year. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported this fantastic evening—we can't wait to see you at next year's soirée!





Year 8 & 10 Solar Ovens

Students from Year 8 and Year 10 at Kandos High School recently combined creativity and science to construct solar ovens using pizza boxes generously donated by Dominos. Taking full advantage of the Australian summer sun and the recent high temperatures, they put their ovens to the test by cooking up delicious nachos.

This hands-on activity was a fantastic opportunity for students to learn about renewable energy and sustainability while enjoying the practical (and tasty!) results of their efforts. The solar ovens showcased how simple materials and the power of the sun can come together to create an eco-friendly cooking solution.

A big thank you to Dominos for supporting this project and to our students for approaching the challenge with enthusiasm and creativity. Well done, Year 8 and Year 10, your solar-powered nachos were a brilliant success!





Kandos High School

2025 Updates



New Bell Times

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
PERIOD 1	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am	Assembly 9.00-9.26am YA Meeting 9.28-9.55am	9.00 – 9.55am
PERIOD 2	9.55- 10.45am	9.55- 10.45am	9.55- 10.45am	9.55- 10.45am	9.55- 10.45am
RECESS			10.45-11.10am		
PERIOD 3	11.10- 12.00pm	11.10- 12.00pm	11.10- 12.00pm	11.10- 12.00pm	11.10- 12.00pm
PERIOD 4	12.00- 12.50pm	12.00- 12.50pm	12.00- 12.50pm	12.00- 12.50pm	12.00- 12.50pm
LUNCH 1			12.50-1.15pm		
LUNCH 2			1.15-1.40pm		
PERIOD 5	1.40-2.30pm	1.40-2.30pm	1.40-2.30pm	1.40-2.30pm	1.40-2.30pm
PERIOD 6	2.30-3.20pm	2.30-3.20pm	2.30-3.20pm	2.30-3.20pm	2.30-3.20pm



Kandos High School

2025 Updates



New Sport Days

Wednesday

Year 7 & 8

Thursday

Year 9 & 10

Mudgee Connect



Weekly bus service for

Kandos, Rylstone, Lue, Charbon and Clandulla Communities

New service

Weekly Wednesday bus service from Clandulla, Charbon, Kandos, Rylstone and Lue for a 4 hour visit to Mudgee

Timing

- ⇒ Departure — approx 9.00 am, depending on your point of origin
- ⇒ Arrive Mudgee — approx 10.00 am
- ⇒ Depart Mudgee—approx 2.00 pm
- ⇒ Arrive home — approx 3.30/4.00 pm

Cost

One way Adult	- \$3.60
One way Child/concession	- \$1.80
RED Ticket (All day)	- \$2.50

To book

- Online - via link below or scan QR code
<https://events.humanitix.com/community-link-bus-q5p7sve5>
- Phone - 0488 741 079 or 0428741078 (Leave message)
- Bookings close each Tuesday at 4pm, day prior to trip



scan QR code

Bus Stops

- Charbon Coach Stop, Cooper Dr opp Cement Avenue, Charbon
- Clandulla Coach Stop, Meed Street after Neville Street, Clandulla
- i. Rylstone Coach Stop, Louee St after Cox St, Rylstone or
ii. nominated address within town 50kmh limit
- i. Kandos Coach Stop, Ilford Rd after Angus Ave, Kandos; or
ii. nominated address within town 50kmh limit
- Lue Coach Stop, Lue Road, opp Martin Road, Lue

Important

- Children under 12yrs must be accompanied by an adult
- In buses up to 12 seats children aged 0-7 must be in an approved child seat. This service has three child restraints for use on request, 24 hours notice is required.

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For more information contact: Eastend Bus Service ~ 0488 741 079 ~ info@eastendbusservice.com.au

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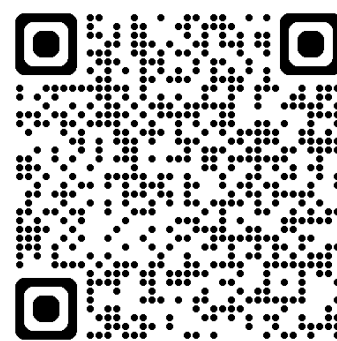


School Holiday Activities

Looking for something fun to do during the school holidays? Check out these exciting activities happening across the region for young people aged 12-24! Most events are FREE (except movie screenings) but require bookings via Eventbrite.

Here's what's on:

- Rock Climbing Wall Fun
- Audio Workshops
- Level Up Gamers Extended Version
- Youth Fishing Competition at Lawson Park
- Pump Track Workshops
- Dubbo Excursion: Cultural Centre and Ten Pin Bowling
- Comedy Workshop
- ELK STEM Workshop
- Animation Portrait Workshop
- Wicked Movie Screening (PG)
- Board Game Day
- Water-Themed Art/Photography Competition
- Water Writing Competition



Don't miss out on these fantastic events to make your holidays memorable! Be sure to book your spot early. Scan the QR Code for more information and bookings

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PUMP TRACK OPENING EVENT



Thursday, 19 December – 11am
Mudgee Pump Track
(adjacent to Mudgee Dog Park)

Kick start your Christmas School Holidays and be the first to ride Mudgee's new Pump Track.

Live broadcast by RealFM
and FREE Zooper Doopers.



UPCOMING PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES

Just a reminder that payments and permission notes are due for the following:

- 2025 Wollongong Discovery Days
- Year 12 Biology Textbooks
- 2025 Year 11 & 12 Life Ready Excursion
- 2025 Year 9 Camp

Cash, cheque or EFT payments can be made directly at the school office. Alternately, parents can make payments using our new financial system in Sentral. Directions on



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Have a Happy & Safe Summer Holidays!

Term 1 2025
Thursday, 6 February

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