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CANTEEN UNIFORM PRICES

Blouse (White with emblem) $20.00
Cardigan (Black with emblem) $40.00
Girls Shorts (Black) $28.00
Girls Tunic $50.00
Jackets (Jnr/Snr) $30.00
Polo Shirts (with emblem) $20.00
Sloppy Joe (Jnr/Snr) $20.00
Sports Shirt $30.00
Unisex Shorts (Black) $20.00
Unisex Sports Shorts $18.00
Uniform Sales available from Canteen between 7.30am and 12 noon
Kanahooka High School has a new school sport on offer, in addition to the many varied options students have on Thursday afternoon. The group is made up of interested students of all years who are willing to extend their knowledge in the field of general construction. The first project the students have been tasked with is a twelve metre retaining wall that runs alongside a storage shed. This building was identified as a priority due to the deterioration and water damage from the ongoing debris that built up alongside its north side.

Student’s clearing away debris in preparation for the retaining wall project.

The students will deepen their understanding about the construction industry and participate in workshops to build their interest and capacity to work safely whilst in a secure environment. The group is managed by construction teacher Mr Ivatt, who himself is a qualified carpenter, with assistance from Mr Rupa, who has offered his extensive knowledge of landscaping and bush regeneration. When asked why he felt construction be offered as a sport Mr Ivatt replied, “I believe that gaining an understanding of the construction industry is not only for those students who are interested in working in the industry but an important skill to prepare all students as future tenants and homeowners”.
On Tuesday 2 December a group of nineteen students at KHS undertook a full day of training in the Workplace Health and Safety (WHS) White Card. The course requires the students to demonstrate a personal awareness of WHS legislative requirements, and the basic principles of risk management and prevention of injury and illness in the construction industry.

The White Card is a credit card sized ID that you receive once you have completed the Workplace Health and Safety Course (White Card training). It is required in order to work on a building site in NSW, Queensland, South Australia and Victoria and shows that you have received the necessary training in safe workplace practices. You will also need to have a White Card if you wish to select Construction as an elective in Years 11 and 12 due to the mandatory (70) hours of work placement and or undertake work experience from Year 10 onwards. KHS run the White Card for students every year and depending on demand can run extra training sessions when required.

For more information please contact Mr Ivatt or Ms Phelan.

Mr T Ivatt
TAS
**Movember Bake Off**

You might notice a number of staff, especially the Front Office ladies, jogging around the streets, hopping onto treadmills or doing fitness classes around the district. They are trying to lose the kilos they put on by purchasing Chef Philpot’s daily tasty morsels throughout the month of Movember. Instead of just shaving off his moustache and growing it back, Mr Philpot went into baking mode, creating a new range of slices and cakes every day throughout Movember. The staff snapped them up, sometimes before he even got inside the door. The school cleaners were waiting to pounce at the end of their morning shifts. Mrs Davies would be salivating by 8am. Mrs Rupa would buy half a dozen on the pretence she was sharing them with Mr Rupa. Mrs Arrighi was having morning AND afternoon tea. The most important thing is that by buying the Mars Bar Slice, the Oreo Cheese Cakes, the Strawberry Cup Cakes and the Malteser Slice, to name a few, they helped Mr Philpot raise $430 for Men’s Health through the Movember fundraising period.

*Mr J Philpot*
*Relieving Deputy Principal*

**V8 Supercar Excursion**

On Friday 5 December, twenty Support Unit students and twenty Mainstream students headed to Homebush for the annual V8 Supercar excursion. The weather was very hot, however the students had a great day watching the on track and off track action. The students were able to visit the indoor and outdoor pit garages and spotted a number of V8 Supercar drivers. All students are to be congratulated on their behaviour.

*Mrs L Jennjson*
*Relieving Head Teacher Support*
8K English News
To finish off a fantastic year of English, Mrs Ates’ 8K class had the opportunity to learn about the Gothic Genre. As part of the unit we had to complete a group project where we created a gothic themed board game. We had to plan and design our games, present a design brief to the class and finally we were able to get working on building our games. We used recycled materials to build our board game and a range of materials from Visual Arts. Everyone in 8K enjoyed the process of making their games. We would like to thank Mr Traicevski for supplying a range of paints and brushes to help us with our projects.

Madison Pritchard

Support Movie Excursion
We went to the movies on Friday 5 December and saw Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day. It was really funny because we laughed at every part of the movie, then after the movie we had lunch in the mall. We had a brilliant day out.

Chloe Exley

On Friday we went to Warrawong and went to see a movie. I enjoyed it when the mother saw her son naked and when the family went crazy. I liked the part when the son went to his driving test and when the father’s shirt caught on fire.

Kane Van Hout

We really recommend this movie. Everyone can enjoy it!

Support Unit

Celebration Day
On Tuesday 16 December we had a Celebration Day at Kanahooka High School. Students came dressed up in their best Christmas or Happy Holiday outfits. There was a BBQ at lunchtime and the teachers versed the Student Year Groups in touch football and volley ball. Mrs Lowis did a dog agility demonstration. The senior boys basketball team demonstrated some of their drills and skills.

Students and staff brought in an item of non-perishable food which was donated to the St Vincent de Paul Society, to make up hampers for families in need. The St Vincent de Paul run a number of successful programs at KHS, including the Vintage Car Club, Breakfast Club and 2 Scholarships per year to our students, so we thought it would be appropriate to support their efforts.

Mr J Philpot
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**Kanahooka High School’s Boys’ Basketball Team**

The KHS Boys’ Basketball team travelled to Canberra last week to compete in the Australian School Championships. The boys competed against teams all across Australia. They put in an amazing effort every game and showed that KHS can compete at an elite level. The team started off with a bang by winning the first game by 15. They kept a high level of play throughout and managed to finish 6th in their division, which is a massive achievement for the team’s first year competing in this competition.

There were a lot of highlights within the six day trip. The top was Dean Pender’s behind the back pass to Cyrus for the full court layup. Another highlight throughout the comp was the dynamic duo of Cyrus Villanueva and Cameron Billett. The two complemented each other superbly. Calvin Perelaer was the thug player in the team; he fouled out in the first three games and was tied first in most fouls per game. Joshua Ryan drained 3 pointers at crucial times to bring the team back when needed.

The team themselves would personally like to thank the P&C for the support and donations to help us make this dream a reality. Our thanks also go to Ms Toohey for the massive support she showed us on this trip. The team would most of all like to thank Miss Dean and Mr Jardine for taking a week out of their lives to come take care of the ten boys that went away. The two showed massive maturity dealing with the boy’s jokes and Rig’s eating habits and all ten of them would like to thank them as much as possible.

*KHS Boys’ Basketball Team*

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**Lost Property**

There is a variety of lost property items in the front office which will be disposed of at the end of the year, so if you have lost something come to the front office and check it out before it is gone.
The final meeting of the P&C for 2014 was held on 10 December. Many students took advantage of the Uniform Shop on Orientation Day. Many thanks to our Canteen Supervisor, Jan Whitaker whose efforts have produced a well-stocked uniform shop with appropriate storage areas.

The next meeting of the P&C will be held on 11 February, 2015 and the Annual General Meeting will be held on 11 March, 2015.

Merry Christmas to all.

Judy Bertinato
P&C President

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P&C News

To Whom It May Concern:

We would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your membership to our Loyalty Club program which has been in operation since early 2010.

During this time we are very proud to say that we have donated back to the majority of Schools and Sporting Clubs in the Illawarra a staggering amount in both Vouchers and Product contributing to many fundraising efforts for all involved.

Being a locally owned and run small business, we understand that without community support, many sporting clubs would cease to exist and Schools would find it hard to give their students that little bit extra. In saying that, small to medium business within the Shellharbour/Illawarra area have been hit hard with changes to legislation implemented over the past few years.

Although the horizon looks brighter, pursuant to the terms of our program, we regretfully have to cease to operate our Loyalty Rewards Program under its current terms.

We will still give card holders the 10% discount in store, but the 5% rebate back to the Club’s/Schools has been terminated as of 10th December 2014.

Thank you for your time within our program and we know that fundraising and rewarding your students/members will always be in high demand; we will continue to contribute with donations wherever possible.

Kind regards

Sarah Corcoran

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AUSTRALIA DAY AQUATHON
in the Song

IN THE SONG

INDIVIDUAL OR TAG TEAM

LADIES’ TRYAQUA 3000M SWIM 2K RUN

SHORT AQUA 4000M SWIM 2K RUN

LONG AQUA 7000M SWIM 7K RUN

KIDS AQUA 1400M SWIM 2K RUN

COMMUNITY WALK 3.5K WALK

AQUATHON.COM.AU

MONDAY 26 JAN

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Merry Christmas to all.

Judy Bertinato
P&C President
Just a reminder that as the school term comes to an end, if you have any outstanding fees you can make payments at the front office or over the phone.