Adieu / Mata, ai mashou / Farewell
My last days at Kanahooka High School are filled with a degree of sadness, as I head towards retirement, after nearly ten years as Principal of this great school and living in this growing city of Dapto. I began my teaching career in 1975, as a 22 year old classroom teacher of the Social Sciences, and spent the next 30 years in many towns across the Riverina, Western and North Western NSW. I came to Kanahooka High School in 2005, having served the previous 7 years, as Principal of Batlow Technology School, in the South Western Alps of NSW.

I have thoroughly enjoyed working with the parents and community members, the teaching and non-teaching staff and especially the students at Kanahooka High School, as we collectively have strived to provide young people with the best opportunities to be successful in their lives after school. Some of our students have gone on to further study at university and TAFE, while others have gained apprenticeships and employment opportunities straight from school.

We have achieved so much as I reminisce on our collective successes over my time here.

Next week we will be celebrating NAIDOC Week, with Yarn Time, K Factor, a smoking ceremony and the launch of the native garden project. All parents, carers and community members are invited to come along and help me to celebrate NAIDOC, with the students and staff of Kanahooka High School. I am very proud of all those who have worked so hard to make sure next week’s NAIDOC celebrations will be successful.

I would like to thank each and every one of you, for making my time at Kanahooka High School such a memorable experience, on which to finish my nearly 40 years of teaching and to wish you all the very best.

I look forward to continuing my association with Kanahooka High School and know that we will continue to see great things happening at Kanahooka High School.

Peter K Jones
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014

Monday 23 June
- NAIDOC Week - Yarn Times

Tuesday 24 June
- NAIDOC Week - K Factor 5 to 7.30pm

Wednesday 25 June
- NAIDOC Week - Garden Launch, Smoking Ceremony, Mufti & BBQ
- Year 6 After School Program - PDHPE

Thursday 26 June
- NAIDOC Week - Indigenous Games

Friday 27 June
- NAIDOC Week - Mural
- Southern Stars Rehearsal
- Years 7-11 School Reports
- Last day Term 2

Monday 14 July
- Staff Development Day

Tuesday 15 July
- First day for students Term 3

Wednesday 23 July
- Taste of TAFE Excursion

Thursday 24 July
- Japanese Exchange Students arrive

Monday 28 July
- Education Week starts

Tuesday 29 July
- Years 7-12 Measles Immunisations Catch Up

Wednesday 13 August
- P&C Meeting 7pm
**Modified Education Program News**

**Science Rocks MEP**

Last week our Year 10 students were involved in several science experiments to test the laws of gravity. Students were given the opportunity to turn the room into a lab and set up several different experiments. Students Hannah Whitmore, Joshua Elm and Harry Carusi-Smith all showed great enthusiasm towards this module of work and were fascinated by the results collected. Well done guys.

**MEP and Support Excursion**

On Tuesday 17 June, thirteen students from MEP and Support were lucky enough to attend a guided tour of the Nan Tien Temple. The students were given a lesson on Tai Chi followed by a tour of the grounds and lunch. The highlight of the day was when the students were given a chance to ring the Gratitude Bell, this bell is used to show gratitude to your parents and loved ones. The day was a free excursion provided by Janelle from the St Vincent de Paul Society and the students can’t thank her enough for the experience they were treated to.

**Work Experience**

We would like to congratulate three of our students for the successful completion of their work experience. Mikayla Leplaw-Stollery was at Coles in Dapto and enjoyed her time there. She is currently looking for casual work in the retail industry. David Bettoncelli went to Lowes in Dapto where he was given much praise for his attitude and work ethics while he was there. Tristan Page was at the local horse stables helping to prepare horses for the day, his 4am starts were not an issue and he showed a positive attitude while there and is now doing work experience with a local builder.

*Mr J Dinardo*

**The Burners’ Club**

I was privileged to attend The Burners’ Club on Wednesday 11 June, held in the science laboratory at Kanahooka High School.

Fifty students, including some Year 5 students participated.

The teachers delivered highly engaging activities including using liquid Nitrogen to freeze fruit.

I encourage students to attend this worthwhile activity and thank the Science staff for their hard work.

*Mrs K O’Sullivan*  
*Deputy Principal*
Breakfast Club
Breakfast club is open every Tuesday.
All students welcome!
Open: 7:30-8:15 am
Location: Room 301
Banana Pancakes, Cereal, Juice & more

EFTPOS now available at the school office.

Maths News
Our Year 11 General Mathematics students have had a busy Semester One. They have completed seven topics, the Semester One Examination and their first Focus Study. Focus Studies were introduced to the General Mathematics course in 2013 and give students the opportunity to apply their mathematics knowledge, skills and understanding to everyday situations.

This first study involved Mobile Phones and Communication. Students are about to commence the second Focus Study, Mathematics and Driving. This aims to develop an awareness of the responsibilities and expenses involved in owning, maintaining and driving a motor vehicle.

Mrs L Bennett

Year 8S Mathematics class recently competed in an in-class equation solving knockout. It ended in a final showdown between Adrian Harper, Georgia Lewington and Kyle Brown. It was a hard fought and extremely close contest with Georgia coming out victorious and being crowned the 2014 Equation-Solving Champion.

Mr D Shaw

I am currently relieving Mr Thomas' classes, in Mathematics, PDHPE Theory and ICT, until the end of third term.

I would like to thank all teachers and students for their warm welcome and support during my transition period.

If any parent has any questions regarding their child's progress please feel free to make contact with me.

Mrs K Sammut

On Wednesday 11 June, Mrs Lowis and Mrs Hood remained back at school to give some Year 6 students a taste of high school Mathematics. We played “The Nasty Game” which deals with place value and then played “Make 100”, which gives students strategies to add numbers. Both of these activities are from the Counting On program and the Year 6 students enjoyed their time with us.

Mrs A Hood

The Year 10 Information and Software Technologies class is currently undertaking the software development and programming unit. They have been learning to produce programs in Visual Studio and also in Scratch. Next term they will begin their major project which involves designing and programming their own computer game. Year 11 Software Design and Development are learning about planning and designing software solutions. They are also learning how to program in Python, which they will use later in the year for their project work.

Mr A Walton
News from the Language Centre
On 14 May, Year 10, 11 and 12 Japanese students went on an excursion to the Japanese Tanken Centre. We learnt many different things on this excursion, such as expanding our Japanese vocabulary and learning the ways of the Japanese House Culture. We were given Japanese snacks and a tasty Obento box for lunch. We played games which enhanced our knowledge of Japan. Our Japanese hosts were very polite and were very helpful towards us, helping us learn more. It was a long, fun day and we would definitely do it again.

Monique Walters & Katherine Gallacher

Japanese Exchange Students arrive Week 2, Term 3

Support News
Flagstaff Vocational Pathways
When I went to Flagstaff I really enjoyed it because we got to go into the fine food section and to pack food for Meals On Wheels. We had to wear special clothing as it was very cold in there. These meals are given to nursing homes to feed the elderly.

I also went into the laundry section and had to fold towels and other things. After the towels were folded we had to tie them into small bundles. The people in there were very nice and helpful.

One of the days we got to grind coffee and then it went into a big machine where we then had to put it into special bags to be sealed.

Olivia Paez

National Collection of Data on School Students with Disability
Our school is participating in the collection of nationally consistent data on school students with disability.

We will be collecting information already available in the school about the support that is being provided to students with disability.

The data collection will have no direct impact on your child and they will not be involved in any testing process.

If you do not want your child to be counted in the data collection you must complete a form which can be collected from Kanahooka High School’s front office. It must be returned to the school before 28 June 2014. A decision to exclude your child will not affect the support they currently receive.

Further information about the data collection can be collected from the front office or found at:
Regional Cross Country

On Friday 30 May a number of Kanahooka High School students travelled to Nowra to compete in the South Coast Regional Cross Country Championships. The South Coast Region stretches from Bulli High in the north to Eden High in the south and west to Yass High.

The course at Nowra is renowned for its difficulty. As opposed to the flat course for the Zone Cross Country there are a number of hills which really test the athlete.

All of our students performed magnificently!

The results of the day were:

U/12 Girls: Sarah Young - 31st
            Jennifer Wilson - 32nd

U/16 Girls: Ebony-Rose Allan - 28th

U/17 Girls: Kaitlyn Kelly - 23rd

U/14 Boys:  Kyle Gauci - 9th
            Jamie Powell - 21st

U/15 Boys:  Joel Gladden - 31st

To just reach the Regional Championship is a great achievement which deserves the highest praise. Congratulations to all of the above athletes.

Kyle Gauci’s 9th placing has seen him be selected in the South Coast Team to represent the region at the State Cross Country Championships at Eastern Creek. Congratulations go to Kyle for his selection in the Regional Team.

Mr P Kipp
Head Teacher PDHPE

SAVE THE DATE

Illawarra Coal
RUN WOLLONGONG
WE’RE BACK & CAN’T WAIT TO BE BIGGER & BETTER!
SUNDAY OCTOBER 19, 2014
100% of every registration goes straight to the redevelopment of Wollongong Children’s Ward & Illawarra Shoalhaven Children’s Assessment Unit.
RUN, WALK OR ROLL … JUST GET INVOLVED!

REGISTRATIONS OPENING SOON AT RUNAUSTRALIA.COM.AU
Measles, Mumps and Rubella High School-based Catch-up Vaccination Program 2014

Many teenagers and young adults are catching measles, especially while travelling abroad or from someone who has brought the disease into Australia from overseas.

Who is at increased risk?

Teenagers and young adults are at higher risk of measles, mumps and rubella (MMR) because many of them missed one or both of their routine MMR vaccinations as infants and/or the second dose of MMR vaccine was not included on the National Immunisation Schedule during their childhood.

Up to 2 in 5 students are not fully vaccinated against measles, mumps and rubella (MMR). Teenagers and young adults are also likely to travel for schoolies or other holidays to countries where measles is more common, including Thailand, the Philippines and Bali.

NSW Health has identified a need to offer a high school-based catch-up MMR vaccination program in a number of selected NSW high schools.

What can you do?

Our school has been identified as possibly having a high number of students who have not received MMR vaccination. Two doses of MMR vaccine provide life-long immunity. The local Public Health Unit will be offering one dose of free MMR vaccine to students in Years 7-12 starting in the 2014 3rd term. Parent Information Kits will be sent home soon and parents should:

- read the information provided
- check your child’s vaccination records
- complete the consent form if you would like your child to be vaccinated and return the signed consent form to school

Parents can check your child’s immunisations in their Blue Book or ask your GP. If parents are unsure or unable to find their child’s records, it is safe for your child to receive another dose of MMR vaccine.

After vaccination, a Record of Vaccination will be given to children and parents should inform your GP that MMR vaccine has been given. If this is the child’s first dose of MMR vaccine, you should contact the GP to arrange for your child to receive a second dose of free MMR vaccine in 4 weeks’ time.

What is measles?

Measles is a very infectious virus that is spread by coughing and sneezing and causes fever, cough and a rash. Measles is often a severe disease that has complications such as middle ear infection, lung infection, and diarrhoea. Measles infection during pregnancy can cause in miscarriage and premature delivery. Brain inflammation can result in permanent brain damage.

What is mumps?

Mumps is an infectious disease causing swollen neck glands and fever. One in five male teenagers/adults with mumps develops inflammation of the testes. In females, mumps infection in the first three months of pregnancy may cause miscarriage. Mumps can sometimes cause fertility problems, permanent deafness and brain inflammation.

What is rubella?

Rubella, also known as German Measles, is an infectious disease causing rash, fever and swollen glands. A number of patients develop bruising or bleeding and many develop brain inflammation. Infection in the first three months of pregnancy will result in nine out of 10 babies having a major congenital abnormality, such as deafness, blindness or heart defects.

Why is vaccination important?

MMR vaccine is safe and has been used for over twenty years. Any link between MMR vaccine and autism or other health conditions has been disproven by many studies and experts.
The MMR Catch-Up Program Day for Kanahooka High School is Tuesday 29 July 2014 so therefore forms need to be returned by Friday 25 July.

Students’ Reports 2014
Staff will report students’ academic achievements by using the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) common grades A-E for mainstream Years 7-11. It is not a BOSTES requirement that the achievements of Life Skills students be reported using grades.

Common Grade Scale
A - Outstanding: The student has an extensive knowledge of the content and can readily apply this knowledge. In addition, the student has achieved a very high level of competence in the processes and skills and can apply these skills to new situations.

B - High: The student has a thorough knowledge and understanding of the content and a high level of competence in the processes and skills. In addition, the student is able to apply this knowledge and these skills to most situations.

C - Sound: The student has a sound knowledge and understanding of the main areas of content and has achieved an adequate level of competence in the processes and skills.

D - Basic: The student has a basic knowledge and understanding of the content and has achieved a basic level of competence in the processes and skills.

E - Limited: The student has an elementary knowledge and understanding in few areas of the content and has achieved very limited competence in some of the processes and skills.

Semester One reports for Years 7-11 will be distributed to students on 27 June.
Exemption from Attendance

If your child is going to be absent from school for a period of time e.g. travel or sickness, you can apply for an Exemption from Attendance at School. This form is available at our Front Office and needs to be approved by the Principal, Mr Jones.

P&C News

The next meeting will be held in the Common Room on Wednesday 13 August at 7.00pm.

Year 7 Enrolments for 2015

Reminder: All enrolment forms for Year 7 2015 should be returned to the Office ASAP.

Please bring in a copy of the Birth Certificate and Immunisation Record (Blue Book). We can copy this for you. Any enquiries please contact the Office on 4261 4011.

Kanahooka High School After School Tutorial Centre

All welcome and it’s FREE!

Held in the School Library with Teacher supervision.

Refreshments provided.

Every Tuesday & Wednesday

Time: 2.30pm to 3.30pm

Come along and get help with your homework, assignments and assessments.

Mobile Phones at School

Please remember to only call your child at recess or lunch breaks.

Urgent calls can be left with the front office on 4261 4011.