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KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL IS A PROUD MEMBER OF THE DAPTO LEARNING COMMUNITY

Principal’s Report
Welcome back to a busy term for everyone. Congratulations to Mrs Richards as our newly appointed permanent Senior Administration Manager. Suzanne brings a great wealth of experience to the position. I am looking forward to working with her. Suzanne is very excited about the directions of the school and working with students, staff and parents to make Kanahooka an even greater place.

Mr Jones has retired and I am privileged to be Acting Principal until the merit selection process is finalised.

Mr Panecasio will be relieving Deputy Principal and Ms Etheridge, relieving Head Teacher, Teaching and Learning. Mr Glasgow will continue his work at Picton High School and Mr Banasiak will stay as relieving Head Teacher HSIE as will Ms Thatcher as relieving Head Teacher Support.

The executive team have been very busy planning for the second semester and will be trialling new ideas that continue to improve learning opportunities for students.

The NAIDOC Week celebrations of last term, was an outstanding success and we were so proud to see our students on WIN News for the opening of the Indigenous Garden. Congratulations to everyone involved. The garden is amazing and adds a richness to our school. I am looking forward to watching it grow and develop. Once again K Factor was a blast.

We are focusing on school uniform. We all expect students to comply with wearing our uniform. We are able to help with the purchase of uniforms if need be from the Canteen or Lowes Dapto Mall. With the cold weather please remember our colours are Green, Red and Black jumpers/sloppy joes (no Hoodies). Girls you can purchase our new black cardigan for $40 from the canteen. It looks very professional with black dress pants or skirts. Remember if you wear tights, you need to also wear a skirt!

If a student must leave the grounds during school time, they must have a sign out pass from the front office and you would be aware of this. Staff are on gate duty to ensure student’s comply with this. Please assist us in reminding your children of this process.

Don’t forget the After School Tutorial Centre is up and running every Tuesday and Wednesday 2:30-3:30 with afternoon tea.

Year 12 are getting ready for their last term before Graduation, lots happening for our fantastic senior students.

Join us on Facebook, check out our webpage and call us at anytime if you have a concern.

Parent Teacher night next Tuesday 29 July 3:00pm to 6:00pm in the Library.

Burners are back on fire. Keep up that awesome attendance!

I look forward to working with everyone to continue to create an amazing school environment.

Chris Toohey
Acting Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS 2014
Monday 28 July
• Education Week starts
Tuesday 29 July
• Years 7-12 Measles Immunisations Catch Up
• Parent/Teacher Interviews 3-6pm Library
Friday 1 August
• Jeans 4 Genes Day
Tuesday 5 August
• Premier Sporting Challenge
Wednesday 13 August
• P&C Meeting 7pm Common Room
Thursday 14 August to Fri 22 August
• Year 12 Trial HSC
Sunday 17 August to Wed 20 August
• Ski Trip
Wednesday 20 August to Fri 22 August
• School Camp
Author Visit
At the beginning of June we had the amazing privilege to meet YA author Oliver Phommavanh. Oliver travelled down to run some writing workshops with a select few Years 7 and 8 students, as well as some very lucky Year 6 students from Hayes Park and Lakelands Primary schools.

Oliver told some hilarious stories, and got students to participate in some fun, creative activities, such as Ways to Kill a Mosquito, and Two Truths, One Lie. We also learnt that Oliver sometimes shows up on The Footy Show!

It was a great day. We’d like to thank Oliver for visiting, Ms Goodwin for organising the students and our visiting students from Hayes Park and Lakelands for coming along to enjoy this experience with us.

Ms M Etheridge

Trade Readiness Course
Congratulations to Tiarne-Mary Carpenter and Rhylee Brisbane for their participation in a Trade Readiness Course at Wollongong TAFE last term.

The students completed a 5 day course that involved attendance from 8.30am - 5.00pm each day.

The course gave them intensive hands on skills in the automotive industry. They produced this amazing work and should be very proud of their efforts.

Kanahooka High has a number of female students completing courses in areas that have in the past been considered non-traditional for women. Tiarne-Mary Carpenter is completing Automotive - Airbrushing, alongside Morgan Kill and Tori Hasiuk. Tamara Childs and Tamarra Hasiuk, from Year 10, are also doing TAFE courses in Construction - Painting and Construction - Carpentry. It’s great to see students taking on challenges and learning new skills. Well done.

Ms A Phelan
Careers

P&C News
The P&C would like to congratulate staff and students, especially Jos Burns, for another wonderful K Factor. A great evening was enjoyed by all.

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

Judy Bertinato
P&C President
Welcome back to a new semester! Semester One was jam packed and I expect things to be no different this semester. The Science faculty have reviewed the formal assessment process for the new curriculum and has made some amendments. If you are subscribed to our email distribution list or have liked our Facebook page, details regarding these changes have been sent out. Students have also been notified of these changes.

On another note, students have submitted their research projects and we are working on poster boards for the Science Fair. We will be running the Science Fair presentation night in Week 8. This Fair was previously going to be run in Science Week in August, however, due to the ski trip and Year 7 camp we have moved it so all students can attend. Once we have the availability of our guest judges confirmed, an exact date will be provided to students and advertised on the school Facebook site. Don't forget there are some awesome prizes on offer and the top 10 entries will be entered in the UOW Science Fair in November. I have seen some fantastic ideas and hard work, so it should be an interesting and rewarding night.

During the holidays two Year 9 students were lucky enough to attend the Wollongong University Science Experience. The girls have written about their experiences below. We would like to thank the University of Wollongong for sponsoring these places in this event.

Over the next few weeks, Year 11 Science students will be experiencing Science in their studied field at Wollongong University. These days will be run by University students and will give them a taste of University life and studying Science. More information is to come regarding these excursions.

The Burners News
The Burners had a very successful first semester with almost 60 students attending the liquid nitrogen demonstration. The next Burners session is Wednesday 13 August and will have a Biology focus. We will be dissecting rats. If you wish to attend, please put your name on the list on the staffroom door so that we can make sure we order enough rats.

Ms C Dove
Head Teacher Science

Nothing in life is to be feared, it is only to be understood. Now is the time to understand more, so that we may fear less - Marie Curie

Science Experience Wollongong University 2014
We were selected by the Science Faculty to attend the University of Wollongong for a sponsored three day Science Experience in the second week of the school holidays. During the three days we learnt about different components of Science including Chemistry, Biology, Physics, and Earth and Environmental Science. We worked in the Science Laboratories conducting experiments such as extracting DNA from strawberries, learning about archaeology and nursing skills. We also visited the Innovation Campus, Science Centre and Planetarium. We had a fantastic time and would recommend this valuable experience to all.

Jessica Barnes and Emily Ryan
**School Athletics Carnival**

Despite some cold and miserable conditions, nearly four hundred students made this year’s Athletics Carnival a day to remember. With many of the participants dressing up in their house colours, there was a vast array of red, blue, green & yellow “fashion statements”. Whilst all were impressive, no one was more inspirational than the entire English staff, with their collective impersonations of the Despicable Me “Minions.” Sadly, their teamwork did not extend to the relays and tug-o-wars that completed the day festivities, with the green and blue houses performing the best during the novelty events.

Not that the focus was solely on winning, as everybody’s high level of participation resulted in four wonderful team efforts. When the dust had settled at 2.30, the ‘fashion gurus’ from Yellow house had been squeezed out of third place by the mighty Greens. The Blue house had looked like the champions earlier in the day due to a host of fine individual performances. The overall lead then changed several times during the afternoon, until the Reds ‘stole’ the day’s honours with some concerted team efforts during the last few novelty events. Like their NSW State of Origin namesakes of years gone by, it was certainly frustrating to finish so close, however, the fun and satisfaction that we all enjoyed made everyone a winner!

Individually, there were a host of fine performances, with the following students achieving the highest level, by winning their respective age championship.

Congratulations to:

**12 Years Champions:** Alana Agostini and Andrew Lau-Bird.

**13 Years Champions:** Chantelle Croker tied with Beatriz Monterio Rebelo and Julian Veleski

**14 Years Champions:** Daniela Monteiro Rebelo tied with Kiana Elford and Alex Kearton

**15 Years Champions:** Emily Ryan and Ty Wood

**16 Years Champions:** Ebony-Rose Allan and Jayden Dudek

**17+ Years Champions:** Yemaya Roughley-Hutchison and Cyrus Villanueva

In addition to all the students who participated with such a positive and enthusiastic attitude, I would like to make ‘special mention’ of the students who helped with organising and administrative duties on the day.

I would also like to thank my colleagues (teachers) for their wonderful effort and enthusiasm throughout the day, which resulted in the carnival being so enjoyable.

Mr D Nunn
PDHPE

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**Brekkie Club**

Welcome back to another new semester. We wanted to let all Kanahooka students know that we have moved from the quad and are now situated in Room 301 every Tuesday morning from 7.30am until approx. 8.20am.

We are serving banana pancakes, cereal, toast, fruit and juice. All are welcome and we look forward to serving hungry Kanahooka students.
**HSIE News**

Students in Years 7-10 are now studying Geography for the next semester. They will be studying various topics ranging from Global Environments to Australia’s Physical and Human Environment. Classes will be engaged in an increasing amount of learning outside the classroom through fieldwork.

Students have already been outside identifying environmental issues around the school, developing research action plans on these issues and conducting fieldwork like soil tests, litter counts, and field sketches to provide a greater insight into the local environment.

From this fieldwork and research plans, students will develop strategies to improve the school environment through things like soil and plant regeneration and the improvement and creation of the schools natural environment.

All students have been issued with an assessment schedule which describes the types of assessments and when they are due. All years will have one major take home task, three in-class tasks and an examination. There is a section for parents to sign and state they received this schedule and students are encouraged to put this schedule somewhere as a reminder when tasks are due.

**HSIE Electives**

History elective have been investigating the myth surround King Arthur, and Year 10 commerce are creating their own businesses and investigating in school business opportunities.

*Mr M Banasiak*

*Relieving Head Teacher HSIE*

**Southern Illawarra Zone Athletics Carnival**

Forty two students represented the school at the Zone Athletics Carnival on Friday, 27 June. Once again, there were a host of fine individual performances including the following highlights.

- 1<sup>st</sup> – Alana Agostini – 12 yrs Girls High Jump
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Beatriz Monteiro Rebelo – 13 yrs Girls High Jump
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Jessica Barnes – 15 yrs Girls Javelin
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Sareenna Forno – 16 yrs Girls Discus
- 1<sup>st</sup> – Josh Bell – Boys 17 yrs 800m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Amber Bree D’Amato – Girls 13 yrs Javelin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Andrew Bird – Boys 12 yrs High Jump
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Ryan Chambers – Boys 15 yrs Boys 1500m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Myles Dileva – Boys 16 yrs Javelin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Josh Bell – Boys 17 yrs 200m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Josh Bell – Boys 17 yrs 400m
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Josh Childs – Boys 17 yrs Javelin
- 2<sup>nd</sup> – Cyrus Villanueva – Boys 17 yrs Long Jump

Importantly, congratulations to all students who represented their school and their family by the positive manner in which they conducted themselves.

To the students progressing through to the Regional Championships in Canberra on Friday 1 August, congratulations and good luck.

*Mr D Nunn*

*PDHPE*
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.

**Punctuality for School**

It is very important for your child’s progress that they be in class ready to start at 8.30am. If students miss the beginning of the lesson they are not getting the explanation that the rest of the class receive from the teacher. This impacts on development of their knowledge and understanding.

School begins at 8.30am. We need all students to be at school before 8.30am so that when the bell goes for the start of the day they can proceed directly to first period.

If your child is late we ask that you give them a note explaining the reason for their lateness. We would also ask that you write and sign the note.

Beginning Week 3, Monday 28 July students who are late to school without a parental explanation will be issued a lunch detention.

**Admin News**

Your child has received a student information form. We are asking if you could please fill in the information on both sides as the Department has made changes to the Enrolment Form regarding permission to be photographed. If your child did not receive this they can collect one from the Front Office. Your assistance in returning this to the Front Office ASAP is appreciated.

Just a reminder that school fees can be paid at the Front Office between 7.45am and 3.00pm. We now have the facility to accept payments over the phone with a credit card.

If any personal details have changed could you please return the following information.

*Mrs S Richards - SAM*

STUDENT NAME: ____________________________________________________________ YR: ________
ADDRESS: _____________________________________________________________________________
TELEPHONE NUMBER: ____________________________________________________________________
PARENT CARER DETAILS: _______________________________________________ ____________________

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If your child is in Year 12 and you are concerned about the timing of the vaccination clinic and your child’s performance in the HSC trials/exams, you can take your child to the GP to be vaccinated at a later date. It is important to ensure your child is fully vaccinated for MMR before he/she travels overseas and/or enrolls in a higher education health course.

**Where can I get more information?**

More information will be provided in the Parent Information Kits that will be sent home soon. Additional information is available on the NSW Health website at...

After School Fitness Program
Is up and running again in Term 3! All students who want to get active, improve fitness and most of all have fun are welcome!

When: Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons
Time: 2:45 to 3:45pm
Where: Kanahooka High School – Fitness Room
What to bring?: Water Bottle and Towel

A big thank you to all students who participated last term! I am very proud of your constant efforts to improve and achieve your best. A special mention to David Whitehouse in Year 11 who has demonstrated great commitment to the program and is always improving. Well done to all!

Mr R Cox

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.

Outreach Course Semester 2 2014
Dapto Campus

Want to find employment in the Community Sector?
Not sure what training to do?
Why not come and do the following course at Dapto TAFE:

10697 Skills for Work and Training
Introduction to the Community Sector

Monday and Thursday 9:30 am – 2:30 pm

This course is fee exempt but there is a $25 student contribution fee

For further information please contact Kathy Finigan Outreach Coordinator on 42218999

HSC EVENT @ YOUR LIBRARY

Author Lyndall Hough BA MA
(Writing) talks about:
◊ HSC English Paper 1;
◊ Examination techniques;
◊ General writing techniques.

Preparing for HSC English Paper 1 - Belonging @ Dapto Library
Monday 28 July 2014, 4pm to 6.45pm
Cost: Free
Pizza and soft drinks provided

Bookings essential
Library staff will be conducting a PowerPoint presentation of the Library’s Databases and resources at 4pm.
Lyndall’s talk will commence at 5pm.
Contact Dapto Library on 4227 8555 for details.

TWIGHLIGHT SOCCER & BASKETBALL

SATURDAY NIGHT FUN
All 12-18 year old young people are welcome

To be held at Llawarra Sports Stadium – Saturday Nights 7.00 to 11pm – NO COSTS involved. The program is community funded.

- Buses are organised to pick up at central location to travel to the venue.

- On completion of the tournament, each young person is transported to his/her home and to the care of the parents or guardians.

- A nutritious meal is served on arrival.

- Participants are allocated to teams, games are rotated to include a personal development workshop.

- Rotarians, Volunteers together with PCYC staff support the program each night.

- Venue is secure and safe.

- It is a FUN night, FUN program, come along and be part of this great event.

For further information contact Rebecca on 0408 851 879
On completion of the attached registration form, arrangements will be made and organised with information for where to meet to be transported to the Llawarra Sports Stadium

ACT NOW: Phone Bec on 0408 851 579 to book the bus
AND complete the attached form, bring it with you
JOIN US AND HAVE FUN

Please see Kanahooka High School front office for registrations forms.