Stage 6 Report

As we head into Term 4, Year 12 have just about completed their HSC exams and we wish them well for their futures. Year 11 have stepped up and are now on the HSC path. New assessment booklets have been issued with all the important dates and assessment weightings in each subject.

Students have also been able to make changes to their patterns of study. With over 40 students making changes, it is pleasing to note that more than half of the students have committed to using their study periods with our University Tutors to work on modules including Essay Writing, Coping with Stress in the HSC and Time Management Skills.

A Preparation for the HSC Information Night will be held for all senior students and their families on Tuesday 24 November at 6pm in the school Library. The Stage 6 Team will be available that night to assist with all your questions.

This evening will focus on how to best prepare for the year ahead and what support mechanisms are available for our students.

Mr T Panecasio and Mr A Glasgow
Stage 6 Leadership Team

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mon 12 October to Wed 4 November
- HSC Exams

Mon 26 October to Fri 6 November
- Retail Work Placement

Wednesday 4 November
- SRC 2016 Induction
- Netball Gala Day at Fred Finch Park
- UOW Science Fair
- P&C Meeting 7pm

Monday 9 November
- Aspire, Dream, Believe Program Pd 3 & 4

Tuesday 10 November
- Year 8 ESSA Science Test

Wednesday 11 November
- Year 12 Formal

Tuesday 17 November
- Year 10 Surf Education Excursion

Wednesday 18 November
- Year 9 Surf Education Excursion

Tuesday 24 November
- Year 8 Surf Education Excursion
- Preparation for HSC Information Night

Tuesday 1 December
- Year 7 Surf Education Excursion

Friday 11 December
- Year 7 2016 Orientation Day

Thursday 3 December
- Year 7 2016 Orientation Day

Wednesday 16 December
- Last Day Term 4 for students
Two Fridays ago marked the first two, of many new and exciting excursion adventures to different places for the Life Skills program in the Support Unit.

We walked to Lakeside Park and despite the 30 degree heat, we spent the day having fun, chatting, and playing on the exercise equipment at the park. We had a barbeque for lunch, cooked by the students and aides, and enjoyed thoroughly by all, especially Emilee C who said that eating is always her favourite part.

Five students enjoyed a ride around Lake Illawarra with Ms Cairns and Mr Rugg. They stopped and had a rest at Mullet Creek before continuing on their way back to the park. Mr Rugg said that “it was rewarding to take the students on a ride of approximately 14 kilometres, and to give them a brief history tour of the lake.”

Kane V in Year 9 said that “the trip to the lake was awesome, very fun for the teachers to bring us out on a good excursion. I think that school will be a better place with more excursions.”

The students in Support have also been participating in cooking activities with Ms Thatcher in the new kitchens. So far they have made pinwheels and wraps.

Ms M Cairns
Head Teacher Support
Science News
After a hectic Term 3, with the Student Research Tasks and Science Fair to contend with, the Science Faculty is back into the swing of things for Term 4. All Stage 4 and 5 students have completed their final assessments for the year and teachers are busily writing reports. Term 4 is seen by many students as the ‘wind down’ term, this is far from the case. There is still so much to learn in 2015, Chemistry, Physics and my particular favourite, Forensics in Year 9.

What can parents and students be doing to prepare themselves for 2016?

⇒ Ensure that all classwork and assessments have not only been completed but, the teacher feedback has been evaluated.

⇒ Make sure you ask your Science teacher any of those burning questions you have been thinking about, but have been too afraid to ask.

⇒ Ask your Science teacher what you will be learning next year and if they have any suggestions for you to improve for 2016.

⇒ If you are a Year 10 student who has selected a Science subject for Year 11, ask your teacher for the HSC Preparation Booklet for the specific course you have chosen. This will help you revise the prerequisite knowledge required for senior school.

Learning Science is fun at any time, so make sure you attend class and give it your all in Term 4. Who knows, you might just have that ‘light bulb’ moment that sparks a lifetime of wonder and discovery.

Happy experimenting!

Mr H McKay
Relieving Head Teacher Science

NSW Health Whooping Cough Alert
There has been a recent increase of Whooping Cough (Pertussis) amongst primary school aged children and a modest increase in high schools.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping Cough caught at school can spread to any younger brothers and sisters at home. Whooping Cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping Cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and is worse at night. The infection can occur even in fully vaccinated children.

- Children with symptoms should see a GP.
- If your doctor diagnoses Whooping Cough, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.
- Whooping Cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades. If your school aged child has younger siblings, it’s a good idea to check that they are up to date with their vaccines.
P&C News
There is a change of date for the next meeting of the P&C. It will now be held on Wednesday 4 November in the Library commencing at 7.00pm.

Judy Bertinato
P&C President

Just a reminder, if you have any outstanding fees you can make payments at the front office or over the phone.

Kanahooka HS is proud to present the “Mathemagicians” Mathematics club.

Hosted in Room 713 (Maths computer lab) from 2.30/2.45pm-3.30pm on Tuesdays of Week 5 and Week 10 of each term.

Come along and dare to challenge yourself with some mind boggling activities and discover the mysteries behind our magical numbers

[or for some afternoon tea :)]

With only 8 super sessions available during the year, great prizes and rewards, make sure you don’t miss out!

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