Principal’s Report

Welcome to all of our new students and families, as well as our returning students to our fantastic community. What a great start we have had. It is inspiring to see our students in full school uniform including black shoes. I have received many comments on how professional our students look. Please remember if you need support to speak to the Year Advisers, Stage 4 Mr Howley and Ms Dedini, Stage 5 Miss Dean and Mr Walton, Stage 6 Mrs Nyman and Ms Thatcher.

This year we have produced a school calendar. These calendars will be given to families to replace the fridge magnet style of the past. Year Advisers will distribute one to each family. Please give us feedback on them. I think they are wonderful. The pictures and information look great.

As the back to school allowances have been deposited in your bank accounts, it would be of great benefit to our school if school fees could be paid as soon as possible at the front office. Thank you for your continued support in this area.

We are still waiting for our student numbers to be finalised and then our staffing can be completed for what will be another busy and productive year.

You will have noticed the front car park extension. I am hoping it will be opened by Monday (weather permitting).

You might have also noticed 20 young apprentices in their fluro shirts practicing their skills and being guided by the Master Builders Association. I am so impressed with their work ethic and keenness to this program. I am grateful for the seven hand-made outdoor tables and chairs that they have generously donated to our school for our students to enjoy. They are sturdy, heavy and of great quality. These young people have done a marvellous job.

Ms Hoyn has introduced “Sancho” to our school. He is a beautiful black Labrador pup in training for the Guide Dogs. Our students have welcomed him and are learning about what is needed to train these dogs to do what they do best, helping people!

During February our renovations to the front foyer will finally begin! We are looking forward to seeing a great ‘make over’ of the school entry. This will mean that students, staff and visitors will not be able to access the entry while the trades people work their magic. Alternative entry will be made and students will be told this as it is decided.

As you can see it is a busy start for the year, with lots of things happening as well as delivering quality educational opportunities for our students. Please feel comfortable in discussing any concerns or ideas with your child’s teacher, Head Teacher, Year Adviser, Deputy Principal, School Counsellor or myself. This is vital to ensure our partnership is strong and solid.

Ms C Toohey
Principal
Welcome back from the Maths Faculty

WOW another new year! Welcome back to all our old and new students, especially Year 7.

I have returned from being Stage 4 Manager to Head Teacher Mathematics and I am very excited to be working with my fellow Maths teachers again. This year we have on staff Mrs Bennett, Mrs Hood, Mrs Sammut, Mr Walton and Mr Ursino. Mrs Sterjovska has been promoted to Head Teacher at Five Islands Secondary College and I know we all wish her every success in the future but we will miss her cheery personality.

All students should have received by now a copy of their assessment schedule for this year. Students were asked to glue them into their Maths books. If any student does not have an assessment handout, please speak to your teacher. I have also provided this information to be placed on the school website.

The Mathematics Faculty is keen to work with every student to achieve their very best. It is expected that every student will bring all their books and equipment they need to succeed in achieving this every lesson. Calculators are necessary for every lesson and can be purchased from the school office if they need one.

It is an expectation that all students will have homework or revision to do most nights in Mathematics. To help students with this, I encourage all students to attend the After School Tutorial held in the Library every Tuesday and Wednesday afternoon from 2.30pm until 3.30pm. There will be Mathematics teachers available to assist at all levels of Mathematics.

If any parent or carer has any concerns or queries regarding their child in Mathematics, please feel free to contact myself or their child’s teacher at the school on 4261 4011. I look forward to working with all students in 2016 so they are happy and successful in their Mathematics studies.

Mrs K Lowis
Head Teacher Mathematics

UPCOMING EVENTS

Tuesday 9 February
- Year 7 ID Photos
- Year 6 to 7 Information Night 5.30pm Library

Wednesday 10 February
- P&C Meeting 7pm

Wednesday 17 February
- Zone Swimming Carnival

Tuesday 23 February
- Year 7 to 10 Welcome BBQ

Wednesday 2 to Friday 4 March
- Year 7 Camp
- Year 7 Immunisation

Wednesday 9 March
- Regional Swimming Carnival
- P&C Meeting

Monday 14 to Friday 18 March
- Year 12 Semester 1 Exams

Friday 25 March
- Good Friday

Monday 28 March
- Easter Monday

P&C News

The first meeting for the P&C will be held at the school in the Library on Wednesday 10 February commencing at 7.00pm.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Wednesday 9 March.

Volunteers are urgently needed to help in the school canteen especially at recess from 10.40am till 11.10am, once a month or more if possible.

Please contact the school on 4261 4011 if you are able to help.

All welcome.

Judy Bertinato
P&C President
Library News
2016 is proving already to be a busy year for the Library. We hope you all had a wonderful Summer and found a little bit of time to pick up a great read.

Our After School Tutorial Centre will kick off in Week 2, with students able to come along to the Library at 2:30pm, have a bit of afternoon tea and get help with homework and assessment tasks until 3:30pm every Tuesday and Wednesday. Students are welcome to ask their teacher along to get some extra assistance too!

The Library is moving to a new computer system called Oliver. This new system will allow students to access their library records, check overdues, look at the catalogue, check out e-books, find out about book availability and even write reviews for texts they have read! We’re pretty excited about the new system coming and hope it will make it easier for our students to get the resources they want. In the meantime, we are holding back on our loans, as the new system will be implemented in Week 3.

As always, we love to hear what books students and teachers have enjoyed and want to share with the rest of us. We are taking recommendations for books for future purchases throughout the year. If you love a book, let us know!

Ms M Etheridge and Ms J Lynch
Library

To keep up to date on everything that is happening at Kanahooka High School check out our Facebook page

Misprint Apologies
The Sports Unisex Shorts (Black) are available from the canteen at a cost of $22.00 not $18.00 as incorrectly printed on a Kanahooka High School Flyer.
Specsavers Dapto is having a FREE children’s vision screening testing day on Saturday 13th February, between 9am and 3pm.

If you would like any further information please contact 4260 8645.

Dapto Junior Football Club
2016 Registrations
Sunday 7th February
10am to 2pm
Dapto Citizens Bowling Club
Cost $130

Rhinos JRL Rego Day
Saturday 13th February
11am - 2pm
Dapto Citizens Bowling Club

Junior League for boys and girls from U6-17 (can play if turning 5 this year)

Girls League Tag U12 , 14 , 16
Rhinos are based in Dapto / Unanderra and play in the Illawarra Junior League Comp.
Home ground - Lindsay Mayne, Unanderra

Rego is $75 and includes socks and shorts

To register online Google Huntley Rhinos
For further information contact
Michelle at huntleyrhinosjrl@gmail.com or phone 0412 013 464

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FSC WIN Network
Senior Boys Academy

For boys aged 13 - 16 years

Monday nights 5:00pm - 6:30pm
Ian McLennan Park, Kembla Grange

Summer Term:
Monday 15 February -
Monday 11 April
(8 Weeks)

Summer Term Cost $160

Registrations
Now Open

Coaches:
Noel Spencer
Jason Spencer

www.footballsouthcoast.com