NAIDOC Week Activities
ON YOUR MARKS, GET SET...OOPS, NO EQUIPMENT

Semester 2 is off and running…it’s Week 4 already and Stage 4 are getting on with their learning. Teachers have got resources and interesting learning activities happening in the classrooms and the students are engaged in gaining knowledge in a whole range of topics.

But we need your help mums, dads and caregivers. Are you able to regularly check in with your child and see that they have their equipment ready for use in their classes please? Quite often when I enter classes to see the work students are completing, many of them don’t have the very basic of school equipment: Black/Blue/Red Pens, Pencils, Rulers, Exercise Books. This leads to work not being completed properly or in the appropriate time, or activities being lost because your child is doing it on paper and misplaces the task. Pride in well-kept books seems to be slipping with graffiti strewn over books, covers torn and work slipping out.

Your child would benefit from you checking in with them daily to ensure they have what is needed for that days’ lessons. Perhaps it is PE Practical lesson day…have they packed their change of PE uniform so that they can participate? There might be an excursion or workshop coming up…have they given you that note from the darkest corner of their bag?

Help us so that we can help them. Let’s all do our bit to train our students for personal success in their classes.

Mr J Philpot
Stage 4 Deputy Principal

‘WHAT YOUNG PEOPLE NEED’ SURVEY

TO ALL PARENTS AND CARERS: Term 3 Survey about ‘What Young People Need’
Kanahooka High School has been invited to participate in the study being conducted by researchers at the University of New South Wales. The New South Wales Department of Education, The Smith Family and the Advocate for Children and Young People are partners on the project.

Students in Years 8 and 9 classes have been invited to participate. Students in selected classes will be sent home with a Parent/Guardian Information Statement two weeks before the survey takes place. Students will complete the survey in Term 3, in Week 4 or 5.

The survey will take 25-30 minutes during class time and will ask about the types of items and activities that all young people should have. It will ask young people about their overall well-being and life satisfaction, including asking about some basic information about themselves, their family and their friends and social networks.

Participation is voluntary, so your child can decide on the day whether they would like to participate. If you are happy for your child to participate you do not need to do anything.

If you would NOT like your child to participate, please sign and return the 'Withdrawal of Participation Form' that will be sent home with your child, or let Mrs A Hood know that you do not want them to participate.

If you have any concerns and are unsure whether this study applies to your child, please contact Mrs A Hood on 4261 4011.

For more information about the study please visit: www.sprc.unsw.edu.au/deyp/

Mrs A Hood
Survey Co-ordinator
SHERBET MASTER CLASS
Recently in Kullillah, students were invited to attend a sherbet master class with Mr Crighton and Mr Rostron. This activity was a very tasty way for students to put into practice their maths skills by using different ratios of bicarbonate soda, citric acid and jelly crystals. Stay tuned for more practical learning activities being held in Kullillah during lunch and recess times throughout the year.

NAIDOC WEEK
Another successful NAIDOC Week was held at Kanahooka High School early Term 3 with plenty of activities available to students to participate in throughout the week.

To begin celebrations, Koori students ran the Monday morning assembly, explaining to the school the meaning behind this year’s theme ‘Songlines’, the history of NAIDOC and conducted a flag raising ceremony.

Tuesday Yarn Time was hosted in the library where we had community members come to share their stories with both Indigenous and non-Indigenous students. A special guest to mention is Aunty Lindy Lawler who recently won Female Elder of the Year at the Regional NAIDOC Week Awards. Art work that Aunty Lindy and the Elders group made were purchased by the school on the awards night and are now on display.
NAIDOC WEEK cont...
Celebrations continued Wednesday night with the judging of the Songlines art competition, supper for all attendees and a screening of Cleverman in the library. Congratulations to Maninga C and Robin C who won the competition with their great works of art and all other entries. Thank you to Mr Philpot who baked a delicious cake with the Aboriginal flag on top that everyone enjoyed.

During Friday lunch a bush tucker BBQ was held under the COLA for all students to come and sample. A special thanks to Riley C who helped out on the BBQ, cooking kangaroo rump, emu sausages and crocodile to perfection. Possum stew and Johnny cakes were also on offer which were a big hit with everyone including our visiting Japanese exchange students.

On behalf of Kanahooka High School I would like to thank all the students, community members and staff that helped celebrate and make this year’s NAIDOC week happen.

Mr B Rostron
Kullillah

SCHOOL PHOTOS
Our school photos have arrived and will be distributed to students on Monday 15 August.

SPECIALTY GROUP PHOTOS
Proofs have been delivered for our specialty group photos (SRC, Support Unit, Koori Students, Year 12 Muck Up). These photos are $15 each and order envelopes are available from the front office. All orders must be in by Wednesday 31 August.
On Friday 5 August the Perfect Petz Interest Elective visited Companion Animal Veterinary Hospital. Here are some excerpts from the student’s recollections:

‘Last week Perfect Petz went to the vet. We went through looking at the sick animals. Some had just been through surgery. Some dogs were greyhounds and were there because their owners couldn’t take care of them and one dog was just there for boarding purposes. Companion Vet is building some new kennels for bigger dogs and more cats. At the end of the excursion we went to McDonalds and then we walked back to school.’ Emma C

‘We saw a lot of sick animals and how they recover. We got a tour of the vet in Dapto. We also got to see an operation on a dog and patted the greyhounds.’ Taylor M

‘What I liked most about the vets was seeing all the cats and dogs getting better. I did not like seeing the dog getting an operation’ Ashleigh S

‘We went to see the vet table where the dogs have their check-ups and their needles then we went into the lab where the dogs’ blood tests are done. We saw a dog waking up from an operation. We patted a greyhound and then we washed our hands. We had a look at Best 4 Pets, went to McDonalds and then we walked back to school. Macie D
YEAR 11
Year 11 completed the competencies of ‘Use Food Preparation Equipment’ and ‘Use Hygienic Practices’ for food preparation. The students had to complete a practical component and made Rustic Chicken tarts with a side salad. The technical skills assessed were: precision cuts of vegetables, making a white sauce and using equipment correctly. Here are some pictures of the student’s final food item.

The students are now learning about the art of coffee making and preparing and serving non-alcoholic beverages. The students will be participating in Milkshake Tuesdays making milkshakes and hot chocolates for students at recess. Drinks cost $3.00 and help support buying new equipment for the Hospitality coffee shop. The students will also be running the coffee shop for teachers once a week selling and making a variety of coffees and drinks.

YEAR 11 HOSPITALITY WORK PLACEMENT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS
Year 11 students will be completing their first work placement during Weeks 4, 5 and 6 of this term. Work placement is compulsory and is a Board of Studies requirement. The students have received their work placement packages and are required to contact the employer to get the necessary paperwork filled out before the commencement of their work placement. Parents will also have to complete the necessary paperwork. Please make sure your child’s Medicare number is on the paperwork. Work placement is an important part of completing VET Hospitality as it gives the students real life experiences and employability skills. The students will be required to wear a uniform (black polo shirt, black pants, black leather like shoes and apron). Students will able to hire a uniform for $15.00.

YEAR 12 HOSPITALITY
Year 12 have completed their HSC Trial exams and are busy completing their final competencies, assessments and preparing for their HSC exams. The students have been learning about how to make different types of sandwiches in their practical competencies. Pictured are some of the sandwiches made last term.

Ms P Coogan
Hospitality
On Tuesday 9 August, the first of the Year 5 and Year 6 After School Taster Activities was held at Kanahooka High School. It was the “Mathemagicians” afternoon and we had students from Hayes Park, Lakelands and Koonawarra Primary, as well as several parents, who worked through problem solving and logic strategies activities.

All students were engaged and everyone enjoyed their afternoon. A big thank you to the Maths Staff (Mrs Hood, Mrs Bennett and Mrs Lowis) for organising this great event.

Next week it is the Science Burners turn!

Mrs K Lowis
Head Teacher Mathematics

CANTEN NEWS
Attention all students
To avoid the canteen queue place an order before school and pick up your order at recess or lunch from the pre-ordered food window.
We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begins with students coming to school each and every day. Regular attendance is essential for young people to achieve their educational best and increase their career and life options. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day missed puts a student behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

If your child has to be absent from school, you must tell the school and provide a justified reason for their absence within 7 days.

**Justified reasons for absences may include the student:**

- having an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably, these should be made after school or during holidays)
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- being required to attend an exceptional or urgent family circumstance (such as attending a funeral)
- being sick, or having an infectious disease.

**Absences for reasons such as some of the following may not be justified:**

- Shopping
- Sleeping in
- Working around the house
- Minding younger siblings and other children
- Minor family events such as birthdays
- Hair cuts

**100% ATTENDANCE**

We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate the many students who have achieved 100% attendance in Semester 1.

**Year 7 - Rhys B, Caleb K, Charm S, Taliha T**

**Year 8 - Madeline A, Belinda B, Tyson R, Holly W, Teleah W, Brandon W**

**Year 9 - Hayley A, Lachlan G, Tiffany O, Macarthur P, Anthony R**

**Year 10 - Keegan A, Samuel C, Mollie C, Daniella M, Cooper W**

**Year 11 - Zak C, Lilli C, Kiana E, Brandon K, Alyssa L, Emily R**

**Year 12 - Shania-Lea J, Matthew Y**
**SCHOOL ATTENDANCE cont......**

**HOLIDAYS**
From the beginning of 2015 the Department of Education implemented a new attendance policy. Family holidays and travel related absences now require an application to be submitted to the Principal **PRIOR** to the leave taking place. Families are encouraged to take holidays with their child during school holidays and the Principal will decline the leave if they believe it is not in the best interest of the student. Please see the front office if you require an application form.

**SPORT**
Sport and other physical activities help the healthy physical and mental development of children. Sport and sport carnivals are normal school activities and students must attend. Any absence explained as ‘not wanting to attend the carnival’ will be recorded as unjustified. Appointments should not be made on a Thursday afternoon. Where unavoidable, an appointment card or doctor certificate should be sent in to the front office.

**SMS ABSENCE NOTIFICATIONS**
Each day we send out an SMS for whole day absences and late arrivals where no explanation has been provided. Parents can respond to the SMS with the reason for absence. If you respond to the SMS, you do not need to provide a written note. If more than one child in the one family is absent, you must respond to each SMS for it to record against the correct student in the system.

From time to time, errors are made and an SMS has been sent when students are in fact present. We appreciate parents contacting us to check. This has allowed us to follow up and correct the mistake so that it does not remain in the system.

We ask all parents to ensure their contact details remain up to date to ensure absence information gets to you promptly.

_Mrs K O'Connor_

**LIBRARY NEWS**

This term the library is hosting a new e-sports program at recess and lunch, with a tournament that will test students’ skills in Warcraft. The library was abuzz with students using strategy and collaboration to win territory and increase their skills. Mr Rostron ran a workshop on how to Warcraft effectively this week, and all who participated are now experts in the game. Research shows that game-based learning can increase student engagement, and participation at school, so the Kanahooka High School Library is happy to host something students clearly enjoy.

The school is looking to run an E-Sports tournament with Lake Illawarra in the next few weeks, which is exciting news. Further details to come on this.

_Ms M Etheridge_
_Teacher Librarian_
UPCOMING EVENTS
Sunday 14 to Wednesday 17 August
- Ski Trip
Monday 15 to Friday 19 August
- Year 11 Retail Work Placement
Friday 19 August
- Year 7 Perfect Petz RSPCA Cupcake Day
Monday 22 to Friday 26 August
- Year 11 Information Technology Work Placement
Tuesday 23 August
- Illawarra Schools Trades Road Show
Friday 26 to Saturday 27 August
- Southern Stars at WEC
Monday 29 August
- HSC Visual Arts Major Works due
Tuesday 30 August
- Japanese Excursion to Kirrawee HS
Friday 2 September
- RYDA Crossroads Driver Safety Course
Monday 5 September
- HSC Music Major Works due
Wednesday 7 September
- Year 8 Powerhouse Museum Excursion
Wednesday 14 September
- Science Fair 4-6pm in Hall
Friday 16 to Friday 23 September
- Year 11 Yearly Exams

P&C NEWS
The canteen is in need of volunteers.
The times required are 10.30 to 11.15am and 12.50 to 1.30pm.
If you can help please contact the canteen on 4261 4011. Any assistance you can give would be greatly appreciated.
Kanahooka High School P&C Committee

Breakfast Club
Breakfast club is open every Tuesday
All students welcome!
Open: 7:30-8:20am
Location: Room 301
Pancakes, Cereal, Toast, Juice & more

Dapto Smile Dental Centre
General, Cosmetic and Emergency Dentistry for all age groups.
All Major Health Funds, Veteran Affairs & Area Health vouchers accepted
- Gap Free for all health funds – check up, fluoride, x-rays, clean
- Non Health fund – Free check up (limited time, T&C apply)
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Call 02 4208 3060 for an appointment
Timings
Mon - Fri
9 am to 3:30 pm
Sat
9:30 am to 2 pm.
02 4208 3060
After hours & weekend appointments available on request
21 Bong Bong Road Dapto, Corner Bong Bong Rd & Marshall Street
RSPCA Cupcake Day Fundraiser at Kanahooka High

Year 7 Perfect Petz has registered to participate in the RSPCA Cupcake Day. This is to be held on **Friday 19 August**. On that day Year 7 will be making and selling homemade delicious cakes. Please support this worthy cause.

Our cupcakes may not look exactly like the photo above!!!
Learning for Life Scholarship
Southern Illawarra:
Dapto & Shellharbour

Attention Year 7 & 8 families who require financial support for educational needs.

What is the Learning for Life scholarship?
Learning for Life provides families with opportunities to increase their children’s success at school, TAFE and University. Learning for Life helps each child reach their potential by supporting their education from primary through to post-school studies.

The Scholarship is granted to a student to help support the financial obligations of an education. Two payments a year can assist with purchasing school uniforms, shoes, textbooks, course materials and paying for excursions.

Who is eligible?
To be eligible for the Learning for Life scholarship you must meet the following criteria:

- Possess a valid Health Care Card or Pension Concession Card.
- Demonstrate a commitment to education i.e. students must have and keep a 90% attendance rate.
- Children attend Kindy to year 8 and have been referred to us by a partner school. Our partner high schools include Dapto Kanahooka, Lake Illawarra and Warilla. Primary schools include Mt Brown, Koonawarra, Lakelands, Barrack Heights, Mt Warrigal, Warilla North, and Warilla.

What we ask of families:
To continue to receive scholarship payments over the course of their child’s education, families must:

- Show a commitment to their child’s education by ensuring their children attend school regularly.
- Complete a short student profile for their sponsor each year.
- Provide a copy of end of year school reports.
- Keep receipts of educational expenses and be able to show these if requested.
- Participate in regular contact and work with their Family Partnership Coordinator.

How do I apply for the Learning for Life scholarship?
If you feel that you know of a family who could benefit from this program, please send a completed referral form to Alisha McLuckie. One family can have up to 4 children on the scholarship. They must all meet the required criteria.

For further information, please contact
Alisha McLuckie on 0466 745 454
alisha.mcluckie@thesmithfamily.com.au

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Free 8 Week Parenting Program

An 8 week relationship based parenting program for parents and carers of children aged 0 to 8 years. The course focuses on how parent/child relationships can be strengthened, by providing strategies for helping caregivers become more attuned and responsive to their young children’s emotional needs.

Southern Youth and Family Services invites you to learn new ways to understand your child’s needs and behaviour and to learn unique and effective ways to respond to these needs and behaviours.

COS Registered
Parent Educators: Kristin Nisbet & Courtney Hill
Course Days: Each Thursday of the dates below 10:00am-11:30am
Dates include: 20th & 27th October; 3rd, 10th, 17th & 24th November; 1st & 10th December
Cost: Free
Location: 33 Pioneer Drive Oak Flats, NSW, 2529
RSVP: Thursday 13th October
Contact: Kristin (0409306534) or Courtney (0421634537)
Light refreshments provided.

WARILLA BARRACK POINT SLSC
OPEN DAY
9am SUNDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2016
Displays, Surf Rescue Demonstrations, Sausage Sizzle, Games and much more.
7 Osborne Parade, Warilla NSW 2528
www.warillasurf.org.au
YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6
AN INVITATION TO ATTEND
KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL
AFTER SCHOOL TASTER ACTIVITIES

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STARTS TUESDAY WEEK 4 THROUGH TO WEEK 9
3.30PM UNTIL 4.30PM

MEET @ FRONT FOYER
KANAHOOKA HIGH SCHOOL – ROBERT STREET ENTRANCE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Mrs K Louis @ 43614011