



# KHS Newsletter

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## What's On

### August

- Tuesday 20th Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival Matinee
- Wednesday 21th UBM Music Festival Evening Performance

## CAPA - MUSIC

### BREATHING UNDERWATER PERFORM AT THE OPERA HOUSE

(Rory McKay (Yr11), Magnus Blomquist (Yr8), Tessa McKay (Yr7))



This talented vocal group successfully auditioned to be featured solo artists at the PULSE Opera House concert in August. We are so proud of these talented students.

## The Upper Blue Mountains Music Festival

This fabulous festival of music celebrates the extraordinary efforts of the music teachers in the upper mountains primary schools. This year there will be one matinee performance on Tuesday 20th August, at which our own Tegan Krempl (Yr9) will be a featured soloist, performing one of her original songs. There will also be one evening performance on Tuesday 20th August. This will

feature our talented Year 8 student, Lily McKay, who will perform a cello duet with her teacher, Trish McMeekin.

## Senior Performance Night Showcases Student Talent

The event provides a great opportunity for students to refine their performance skills while also preparing for the Higher School Certificate examinations. Students performed in front of their fellow students and parents. Their music, drama and dance enthralled the audience with a variety of themes and techniques being used.





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## Gunar Garung Opening at Katoomba Public School

Katoomba Public School have created their own outdoor learning space modelled after Birriban. The name is Gunar Garung meaning Mountain Top baby and is a combination of a Dharug and a Gundungurra word. It has been a few years in the making and some of our Aboriginal students were part of the original group consulted. They were invited back for the launch of the space.



## Did You Know? ...

The Blue Mountains Community Choir-Katoomba rehearses at our school each Thursday evening, 7-9pm? No audition is necessary and all are welcome. Come along and have a sing.

## Spectacular School News

This year, students from Katoomba High School are participating in the Choral, Dance, Aboriginal Dance, Drama and D'Artes ensembles at this prestigious event. Rehearsals, as set out in the information note already distributed to students, commence later this term and go throughout term 4, culminating in 4 grand performances on November 22<sup>nd</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> November at Qudos Arena. The School Spectacular Choir

will rehearse during the Sport periods, Wednesdays period 5 and 6, during Term 4.

KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL MASSIVE MURRAY PADDLE TEAM PRESENTS:

**ROCKWIZ**

TRIVIA NIGHT  
Fundraiser for the FNPW Murray River Turtle Project  
AUGUST 24TH  
PALAIS ROYALE, KATOOMBA  
7PM

BYO Food Drinks available at the venue

Tables of 10 Tickets \$10 Eventbrite - KHS Rockwiz

Come dressed as your favourite musician or musical era!

Special musical guest: Mark O'Connor

## New Lambs

Three lambs were born to two of the ewes at school, taking the total for the year to four. Lambing rates on the school Agriculture plot are now at 133% with two ewe and two ram lambs dropping since April. The new mothers are feeding their offspring well but the lambs will enjoy a good pat from students this term studying the Agriculture and Food elements of Mandatory Technology.



## Multicultural Day

Friday August 2nd Katoomba High School celebrated multiculturalism with a performance by African Beat and a feast provided by the TAS Hospitality students. Pepsi, Mohammad and Lucky from African Beat did a sensational drumming and dance performance. The performance was so engaging Katoomba High School students jumped up and danced enthusiastically with them. Teachers also got up on stage with Mrs Boyall, Mr Tognolini and Ms Daley showing some fancy moves. One of the many highlights was Mr Tognolini doing the 'worm' on stage. Hospitality students showed off their skills with food from Asia, Turkey, Italy and South America.

## Attendance Matters - Every Minute, Every Day

School attendance is very important for learning, engagement, social development and future pathways.

Parents are required to provide an explanation of their child's absences to the school within seven school days from the first day the child is away. These explanations can be:

### Written

Letter from the parent or a doctor's certificate explaining the absence.

### Verbal

Phone call or conversation with attendance/administration personnel

### Electronic

Email or text message explaining an absence



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Please note that prolonged or recurring illness must be substantiated by medical certification.

Thank you for supporting our efforts to improve student attendance. If you need clarification about the compulsory attendance requirements or become aware of any issues impacting on your child's attendance or engagement at school please contact, a Year Advisor, Deputy Principal or myself as necessary. We're here to help.

Bradley McLeod

Head Teacher - Administration

embodied. With ancient food inspired by the writer Epicurus and costumes created at home, chatting with their classmates they reflected on their actions as Romans but mostly ate a lot of bad food. In Year 7 students study the ancient history of Australia, Europe and China.



Meet the Romans - 7A History students immersing themselves in the past.



## ATTENDANCE MATTERS: Every Minute, Every Day

*How many days have you missed this semester?*

### 0-6 Days Normal Range -

Taking full advantage of teaching, learning and engagement

### 7-10 Days Below average -

This rate of attendance equals over 1 year of schooling between Kinder and Year 10

### 11-20 Days Needing support -

This rate of attendance leads to missing around 2 years of school between Kinder and Year 10

### 20+ Days - We'd love to help -

crucial learning gaps, disengagement and social development may occur due to missing the equivalent of 2-3 school years.

## WHAT HAVE THE ROMANS EVER DONE FOR US?

Roads? Water Supply? laws? crucifixion? How about many of the values we live by? To end the term on a fun note and to bring together our studies of Roman History, students took on the role of a Roman such as Julius Caesar or Livia. They had to relate their actions and character to those Roman values they felt they most