



KHS Newsletter

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Week 9

What's On December

- Wednesday 18th Last day of school
- Wednesday 18th Graduated Year 12 students morning tea

2020 January

- Tuesday 28th Pupil Free Day
- Wednesday 29th years 7, 11 & 12 first day back
- Thursday 30th year 8, 9 & 10 return

The full calendar of events including assessment are on the [Student/Parent Portal](#).

Principal's Message

This year KHS celebrated its centenary. It was a wonderful day and was a great reminder that for over 100 years the school has been absolutely committed to the young people in the Upper Blue Mountains. This continues to be the focus, as student wellbeing and learning is at the heart of all that we do. 2019 has in many ways been a difficult year but the strength of a community is seen, not in times of comfort, but during times of challenge. Whilst there have certainly been challenges this year, the support of the students, parents and community has been overwhelming. Thank you!

Thanks also to the dedicated P & C, who in addition to their unwavering philosophical support of the school's values, have also raised \$7,500 to fund extra seating for our growing number of students. Thanks also to the dedicated teaching, support and office staff at the school. Without your support

and dedication, the extensive teaching and learning opportunities that exist at Katoomba High would not occur.

I would particularly like to thank Ms Le Marquand for her dedication and commitment to the school. Ms Le Marquand's secondment to Head Office in Parramatta is continuing into 2020. So on behalf of the school I would like to wish her the very best in her new role.

Parents and carers, thank you for trusting us with your son's/daughter's education. Your trust motivates us every day to continually reflect and improve our practice. A final thank to the wonderful students at KHS. As a collective you are talented young people with enormous potential. Seeing you grow and develop is inspiring and as Principal I could not be prouder of your achievements. In concluding I would like to wish everyone in the KHS community a joyous and peaceful Christmas break and I look forward to seeing you next year.

Mrs Boyall



Schools Spectacular.

44 students were selected to represent Katoomba High School at the 2019 Schools Spectacular

"STARS". Students performed in the **Aboriginal Dance, D'Arts, Combined Choir, Combined Dance, Pulse and Combined Drama** segments.

5,500 students across NSW Public School's packed the stage at Qudos Bank Arena to perform in a dazzling and imaginative display of movement, colour and music. The show celebrates the optimism and joy of all its participants with each performer contributing to the diversity and talent that enriches our public schools.

Fourteen students from Years 7-11 participated in the Combined Schools Spectacular choir. This meant learning 34 items by memory, in four-part harmony, and then adding in some choreography and sign language. We rehearsed at school and in Sydney and eventually joined with the other 2,800 choir members.

We thank the school and community for their support of this valuable program. A special mention goes to Bendigo Bank Katoomba Branch for their generous donation which contributed to making this experience possible.

"Schools Spec was an amazing experience and it was a great way to meet new people. You get to conquer your fears of being in crowded places performing with 5,500 students and being on stage in front of a massive audience of 10,000 people. I look forward to doing spec again :)

- Nic Warren D'Arts.



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Room 9 Transformation

Room 9 is moving from the stage after 30 years to a classroom. This is part of the renovations around the school to accommodate our growing numbers. Students doing Drama will be permanently moving to the Carpeted basement.

The stage has hosted many students over the past 30 years and at one point was the only stage shared between the vibrant performing arts courses at Katoomba High School.

Year 10 Drama Perform Animal Farm

Students in Year 10 Drama recently performed their version of George Orwell's "Animal Farm". The book tells the story of a group of farm animals who rebel against their human farmer, hoping to create a society where the animals can be equal, free, and happy. Ultimately, however, the rebellion is betrayed and the farm ends up in a state as bad as it was before, under the dictatorship of a pig named Napoleon. The production was innovative and engaging demonstrating outstanding ensemble skills. Animal Farm is The performance was student directed by Lotte Weber, Imogen Denis, Molly Normand. Congratulations to all of the Year 10 Drama students.





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Mighty Murray Paddle

Katoomba High School proudly participated as the only public school in the recent kayaking marathon along the River Murray. This year 13 of our students and their families raced in 4 boats completing 404 kms, camping along the river and living the spirit of the race 'connecting river, people and country'. Hamish, Saxon and Marcus Clark, Tom Murphy, Lucas van den Dolder, Lily and Jack Roth, Nate Scott-Smith, Will Lanyon, Sophie Topp, Polly Besser, Lucy Berryman and April Neale paddled with force as did their families. Beautiful team work was shown in the face of strong winds and soaring temperatures, one race day was cancelled due to 43 degree temperatures and fire risk- that day students loved exploring the town of Eucha, and were keen to get back on the water for the finishing leg into Swan Hill.

The event has been running for 51 years and brings international competitors. Students met race veterans and showed genuine comradery throughout the event. The event has an important fundraising element to it, and in the last 4 years alone has raised \$800,535.00 for Australian community organisations. This year our Katoomba Team chose to fundraise for the National Parks Wildlife Fund, and one of their projects for the survival of the Murray River Long Neck Turtle. We raised \$2435.00 at the fantastic RockWiz night back in September. As the participating teacher I would like to thank all the families for their teamwork and Janice Price and Jenny Lanyon who did the most outstanding job of team managers. Looking forward to next year and

invite anyone interested to get in contact.



Gaming Group

Katoomba High's Gaming Group meets on Tuesdays and Fridays at lunch to play games, conquer enemies and build a collective of like minded gamers who wish to improve their understanding of their games. With an average of Twenty-Eight students every



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meeting, the stakes were high to prove who is the best in Katoomba High School. This desire to improve has resulted in a spectacular best-of-five grand finales for our Super Smash Brothers Ultimate League. Super Smash Brothers Ultimate is a highly acclaimed party fighting game, created by Nintendo, which has captured the attention of gamers everywhere and has become a staple of our Gaming Group. The Grand Finale was between Trystan Ham and Oliver McLeod, both from Year 9, and was won in a decisive fashion by Oliver and his now signature character, Mario from the Mario Brothers series. The Gaming Group will continue next year with an announcement of the meeting days starting next year.



The Big Fix at KHS

When a school receives a phone call from a person who says something along the line “We are a local organisation who have twenty or so young people who are willing to donate their time, energy and resources to create a permaculture garden along with a pond and herb spiral on the grounds of your school.” The school replies “Yes please!”

And that in a nutshell is how Katoomba High School was introduced to Lis Bastian and her wonderful team of enthusiastic people from The Big Fix Blackheath. In a little over four hours, Lis and her team designed and created an area consisting of a vegetable garden, pond filled with aquatic plants and a herb spiral containing 10 or so varying species of herbs. We have been gifted a treasured, living space that is admired by all.

Thank you to Lis and The Big Fix team

Please have a look at their website - <https://thebigfix.org/>



Year 11 Business

In late Term 3 the Business Studies class ran their own business at Katoomba High School, ‘The One Stop Sanga Shop’. Students worked in Operations, Marketing, Finance and Human Resource groups leading up to the event learning valuable business and team work skills to do with planning and operating a small business. On the day students came together in an impressive way to run a fun and super successful barbeque, generating \$355.00 profit.

The class decided as an act of corporate social responsibility, to share their profits between two very worthy organisations. This week half was donated to The Women’s Health and Resource Centre in Katoomba, for the Art Space program which is available to all students. A reminder to all about the Young Women’s Drop in-clinic that provides bulk billing doctor’s services- open every Thursday between 3:30-5:30pm, no appointment necessary.

The other half of their profits were donated to the counselling program for Rural Aid, which assists farming families in need of support during





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the present drought, Ms Ladd delivered the cheque to Zoe Cox, one of the counsellors in Blackheath this week.

The event was fantastic and on behalf of the class, a huge thank you to the TAS Faculty who helped with facilities and all the staff and students who were customers on the day. Well done Year 11, now 12 Business class!



the whole community to attend. We will be looking for families to billet the 18-20 year old singers from Uganda and Kenya for 5 days. Keep informed via facebook, email and the newsletter.

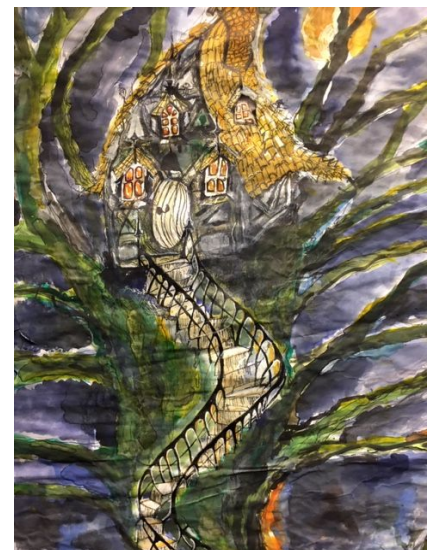


Numeracy Passport

Some Year 8 students have been awarded a movie ticket kindly donated by United Cinemas The Edge for their effort in completing a 'Numeracy Passport' this term. As part of the schools Numeracy Initiative, students took their passport around the school and at home to record when numeracy (maths in real life) was occurring. This project engaged not only the students but some teachers in bringing numeracy to life in their faculty areas. Students were impressed by the effort that teachers went to in showing how numeracy is integral to every subject.

Treehouses

Year 9 art have created some amazing treehouses.



University excursion

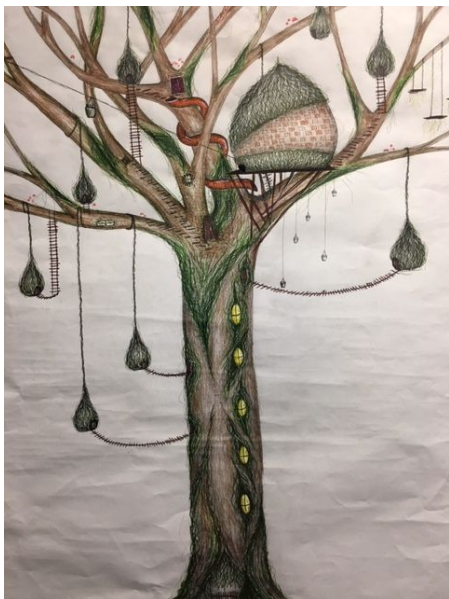
Year 10 and 12 students recently attended a U Day at Western Sydney University Parramatta and Penrith campuses. Students had the opportunity to attend a number of information seminars and speak with current students. It was a wonderful chance for students to see a university in action.

Mrs Tully
Careers Adviser



Ubuntu African Choir visit in 2020

KHS is delighted to announce we will be hosting the Ubuntu Choir in May 2020. The choir will hold a fundraising performance at KHS for



Uniforms

Uniforms can be purchased the first week back in 2020 from Tuesday January 28th to Friday January 31st before 11:15am from the front office.

What's on in the School Holidays

John Mawurndjul: I am the old and the new

7 December 2019 – 19 January 2020. Exhibition at Blue Mountains Cultural Centre during school holidays. John Mawurndjul: I am the old and the new reunites works of art from national and international collections made across a 40-year period. The artist has led the development of this exhibition, which describes in Kuniñjku (and English) his places of special cultural significance known as kunred, as well as the sacred places and spirits – or Djang – that resurface time and time again in his art-making. We also encounter the animals and spirit beings that populate these locations including female water spirits (yawkyawk), rainbow serpents (ngalyod) and mischievous mimih spirits.

The Blue Mountains Library

On offer in January are the following workshops:

Koi Fish Windsock Kites - 21 Jan - Blaxland Library – 6 to 12 years

Summer Tie-Dye - 22 Jan - Katoomba Library – 6 to 12 years

Colour Theory Workshop - 22 Jan - Katoomba Library – 11 to 17 years

Hat Design - 23 Jan - Springwood Library/HUB – 6 to 12 years

Rube Goldberg Machine - 23 Jan - Springwood Library/HUB – 11 to 17 years

All workshops cost \$6 per student and can be booked and paid for in person at any of the library branches.



Book Supply List for 2020



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All students will be given a Diary and will need to purchase a replacement if it is lost or damaged (\$2.20 from the Front Office). Books can be readily purchased in the local area. Students will need a pencil case with pens, pencils, ruler, eraser, sharpener, etc. Calculators, Aprons, Safety Glasses, Ear plugs and Visual Art Process Diaries are available for purchase at the front office.

YEAR 7 BOOK/CLASS REQUIREMENTS			
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book (Stapled)	-	English
1 x 20 leaf	Display Folder	-	English
1 x 128 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	History
1 x 128 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Geography
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	PD/Health/PE
1 x 192 page	Exercise Book	-	Language
1 x 128 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Science
1 x 192 page	Exercise Book	-	Mathematics
	Scientific Calculator	-	Mathematics
	30cm ruler		Mathematics
	Compass and Protractor		Mathematics
1 x 96 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Music
1 x 20 leaf	Display Folder/Apron/Safety glasses	-	Mandatory Technology
1 - VAPD	Visual Arts Process Diary	-	Visual Arts
	1x 2B pencil, 1 x 3B pencil		Visual Arts
YEAR 8, 9 & 10 BOOK/CLASS REQUIREMENTS			
Specific ELECTIVE course requirements are detailed in the subject selection booklet			
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book (Stapled)	-	English
1 x 60 page	Display Folder	-	English
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Science
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	History
1 x 128 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Geography/Commerce
1 x 196 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	PD/Health/PE
1 x 192 page	Exercise Book	-	Mathematics
	Scientific Calculator	-	Mathematics
	30cm ruler		Mathematics
	Compass and protractor		Mathematics
1 x 20 leaf	Display Folder	-	Technology
1 x 96 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Technology
1 x 64 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Spare
1 x 128 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	LOTE Elective
1 x 96 page	A4 Exercise Book	-	Music Elective
1 - VAPD	Visual Arts Process Diary	-	Dance Elective
1 - VAPD	Visual Arts Process Diary	-	Drama Elective
1 - VAPD	Visual Arts Process Diary	-	Visual Arts Elective
	1x 2B pencil, 1 x 3B pencil		Visual Arts Elective
YEAR 11 & 12 BOOK REQUIREMENTS			
Students in Years 11 and 12 can choose what type of books to record their notes in consultation with class teacher. Examples could include: loose leaf paper and folder or A4 books.			



**Blue Mountains Refugee Support Group &
Rural Australians for Refugees
Present**

RAR Student Poster Competition 2020

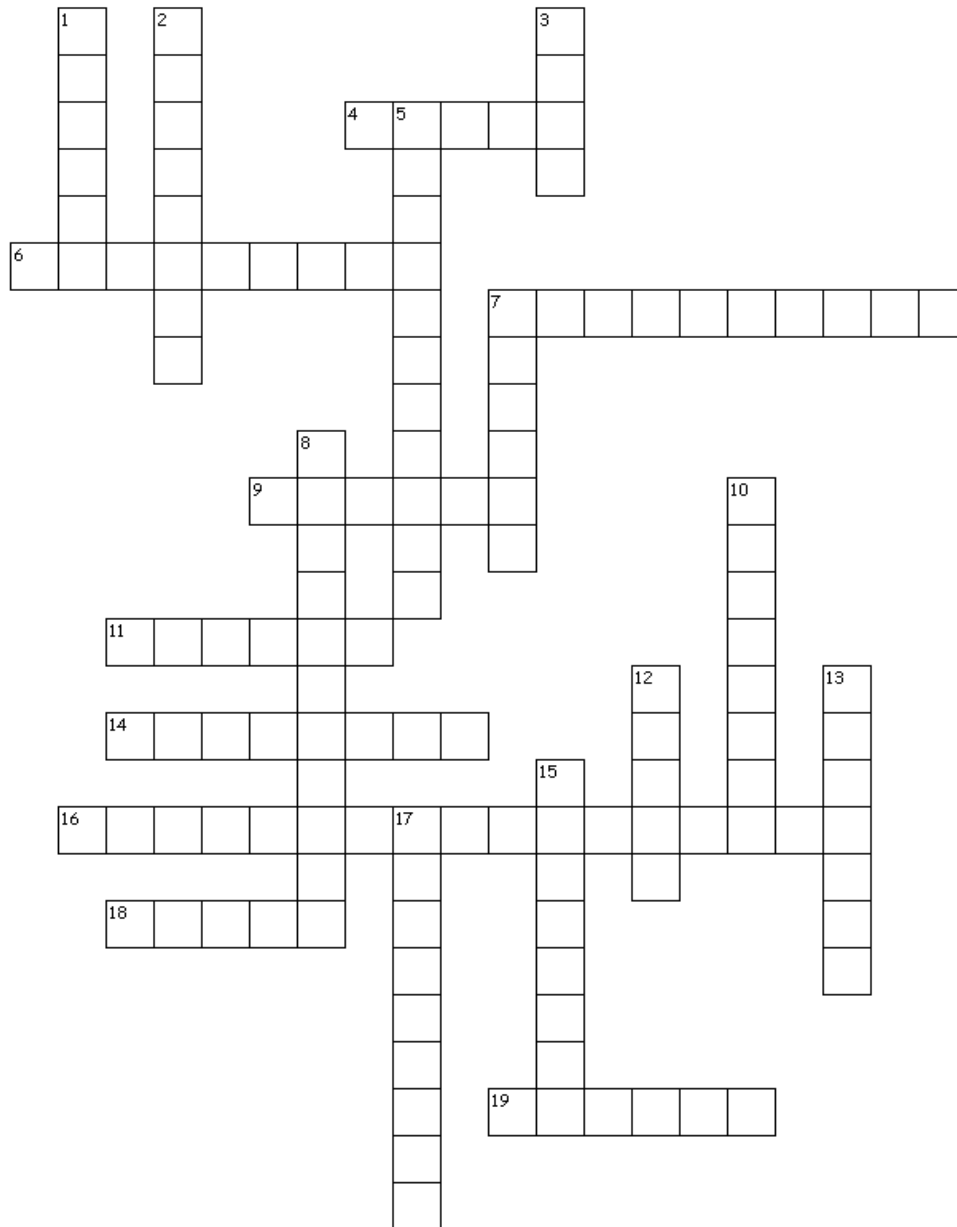
**We are challenging young Australians of High School
age to make an A3 poster which will make a positive
change in attitudes to people seeking asylum**

**\$100 PRIZE FOR THE WINNING POSTERS
ENTRIES CLOSE 30TH MAY 2020**

Winners will be announced at the Rural Australians for
Refugees sixth National Conference held in the
Blue Mountains July 2020
more info January 2020 on
bmrsg.org.au OR ruralaustraliansforrefugees.org

7A Maths Crossword

Created by the students of 7A, 2019.



Across	Down
<p>4. An angle greater than zero degrees but less than ninety degrees (5)</p> <p>6. The continuous line bordering a shape (9)</p> <p>7. A fraction out of 100 (10)</p> <p>9. A number that divides another number without a remainder</p> <p>11. A shape with infinite lines of symmetry (6)</p> <p>14. The opposite of multiplication (8)</p> <p>16. A sequence where each number is the sum of the two preceding it (9,8)</p> <p>18. A number with exactly two factors (5)</p> <p>19. The value of the first decimal place (6)</p>	<p>1. An angle larger than a right angle and less than a straight angle (6)</p> <p>2. Multiplying a number by itself (8)</p> <p>3. The amount of surface a shape covers (4)</p> <p>5. Give the position of a point on a number plane (11)</p> <p>7. What do indices and superman both have? (6)</p> <p>8. The set of all possible outcomes in a probability experiment (11)</p> <p>10. Opposite of subtraction (8)</p> <p>12. Another word for subtraction (5)</p> <p>13. Mathematics with unknown quantities (7)</p> <p>15. Less than zero (8)</p> <p>17. A number with more than two factors (9)</p>