



KHS Newsletter

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May

- Monday 11th began the transition for students to return to school one day a week.
- Wednesday 20th KHS P&C (unofficial) Zoom meeting.
- Tuesday 26th May 6pm Year 12 Parent/Carer University Process

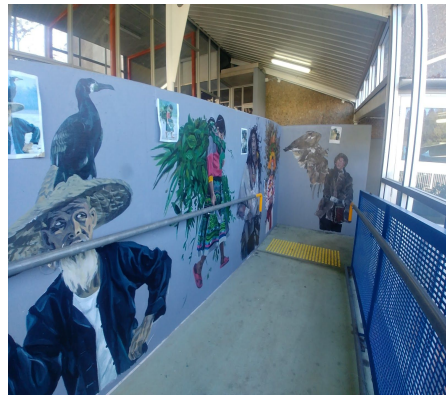
Principal's Message

This week marks the first week of the Phase 1 return for many of our students. A heartfelt thankyou to all Katoomba High School families for your ongoing support during this transition back to school. Please do not hesitate to contact the school if you have any questions.

Mrs Boyall

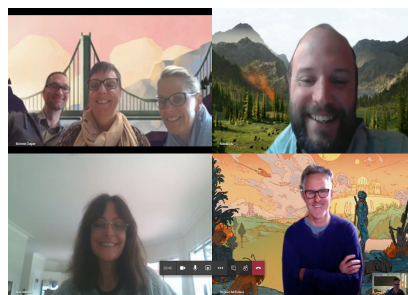
Art at Katoomba High School

Talented Artist Sama Cooper completed her year 12 Higher School Certificate last year at Katoomba High School. Samas' artwork was selected in the prestigious Art Express exhibition at the Art Gallery of NSW. She has been working on a wonderful mural at Katoomba High School that represents cultural diversity.



TAS Staff Meetings

Ever wonder what your teachers are doing during these very interesting times? Well, this is what the TAS faculty have been up to. Every morning when everyone is not present at school, TAS teachers connect online for a morning meeting to discuss what work is being done and to plan our day. In this photo we have all played with our backgrounds as a bit of entertainment. All of us have been very impressed with how our students have engaged with their online learning. Keep up the great work everyone.



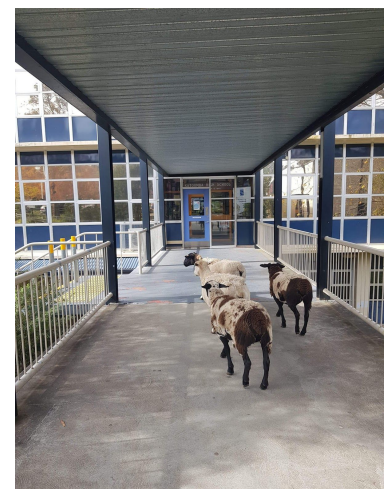
Art Project for the School Community

Everyone in the school community is invited to participate in a collaborative art piece that portrays all that is the year 2020. We are keen to capture a visual representation from the school community of this unique time that can be used to create a display to hang in the school. Email a picture/photo that is a positive depiction of this time for you and your family. Send in as many photos/images as you like to imelda.eames2@det.nsw.edu.au



Sheepish Visitors Flock to School

Everyone was surprised when the sheep escaped their enclosure and went on a tour of the school. With fewer students at school, the sheep have been enjoying their surroundings a little too much.





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Subject Selection

The subject selection process is now being planned and organised. Due to COVID alternatives are being considered for Subject Selection Night. All parents will be provided with further details in the next newsletter.

If you have any subject selection questions please contact Mrs Tully at the school.

Gazette Guest Journalist Jack Roth

Check out this week's [Gazette](#) to read an excellent article by year 11 student Jack Roth (budding journalist). Jack is mostly known for his exceptional athletic talent in the triathlon and cross country areas but now he can add journalism to his skills repertoire. The Gazette article emphasises Jacks' appreciation for the support provided to him by his teachers during this time. While studying from home, he has been very diligent and productive, Jack indicates that "The main benefit of physically being at school is the wealth of teacher knowledge and experience". Congratulations Jack on an excellent article.



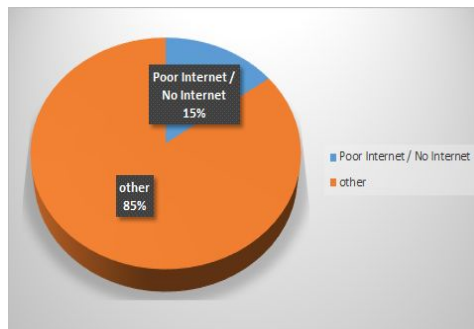
Parent / carer Survey Feedback

At the end of Term 1 parents/ carers were invited to complete a survey. The aim of the survey was to get a better understanding of the technology situation in households.

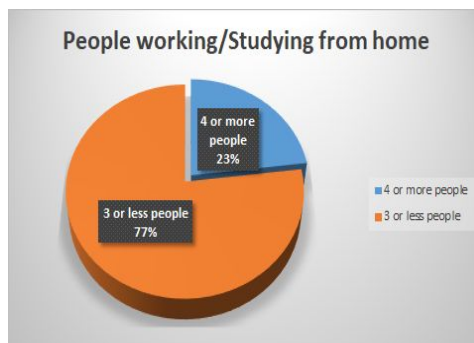
We were keen to gauge how our community has been affected by unemployment and job insecurity.

There was also a focus on identifying the areas the school is doing well and areas that require improvement. Thank You to those 104 parents/carers who completed the survey.

Of those that responded: Nearly 1/6th do not have internet access or the access is poor.



Nearly 1/4 have 4 or more people working or studying from home

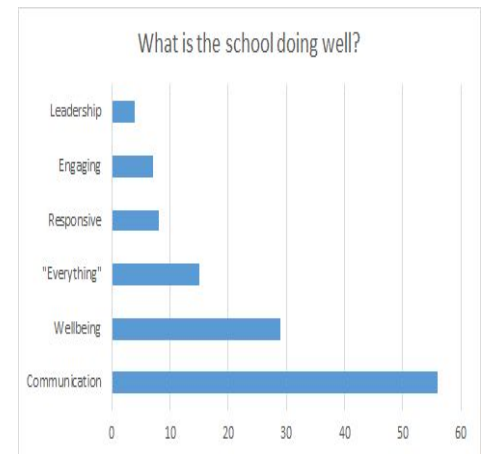


33% report their children have shared access to a device.

In the household just over half (51.5%) reported a reduced income due to COVID-19

64.1% have had someone in their household become unemployed as a result of COVID-19

When asked what the school was doing well, the overwhelming response was *Communication* (56 references) and *Wellbeing* (29 references) with comments also referring to the school leadership, how the school is engaging and connecting with parents and students. Another focus was on how responsive the school is to parent/student questions and concerns.



Areas for improvement centred on the need for more support to understand the systems in place and suggestions about what the school could look to do in future with online learning. All suggestions will be considered carefully.

Blue Fringe Arts 2020 Opportunity

Blue Fringe Arts is an art and literature festival for people with a lived experience of mental health concerns. The festival accepts entries from anyone in the community including young people high school aged. Participants can enter one piece in each of the categories Art, Sculpture, Photography, Textile and in the Literature section they can enter a Poem or Short Story. Last year Katoomba High School had a number



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of students enter and receive recognition of their work. Art entries close October 15th and literature entries close September 7th. Contact Belong Blue Mountains Neighbourhood Centre on 4782 1117 or Springwood Neighbourhood Centre on 4751 3033 for more details.



Challenge Yourself with History.

While meeting the challenges that Covid 19 present has been on the minds of us all, one day soon it will all be History. In the meantime, there are still some enrichment opportunities that students can become involved in to challenge themselves and bolster their thinking skills. The National History Challenge is an annual event held across the nation. According to the web site, it is " a research-based competition for students. It gives students a chance to be an historian, researching world history, examining Australia's past, investigating their community or exploring their own roots ". The theme this year is 'Contested History'. This is 'arguably' the best topic in years. The due date for submission of entries is 28/8/20. For more details, see the web site or your History teacher.
<http://historychallenge.org.au/>

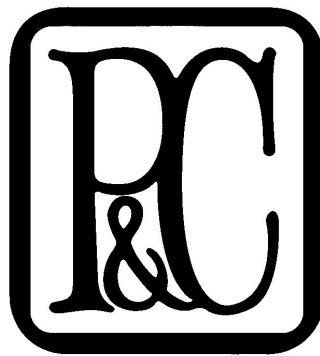


KHS P&C

The current physical distancing

restrictions mean that it is not possible for the KHS P&C to meet face to face. However the P&C are still keen to catch up with the parent/carer community via a Zoom meeting. **Wednesday May 20th 7:30pm.**

It will not be an official meeting (no minutes will be taken and no decision will be made). It is more an opportunity to check in with each other. If you would like to join the Zoom meeting please email Katoomba High School P&C President Cate Paterson
catriona.j.paterson@gmail.com



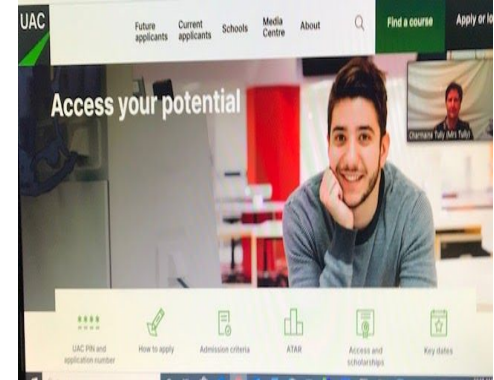
Zoom in for University Applications for Year 12

University applications have opened for entry in 2021. On Wednesday 13th May a zoom seminar was held for Year 12 students and their parents. Approximately 25 people participated in the session and feedback was very positive. Thank you to everyone who joined in.

For Year 12 students and their parents who were unable to make the seminar we have scheduled another seminar for 6pm on Tuesday 26th May. An email will be sent out next

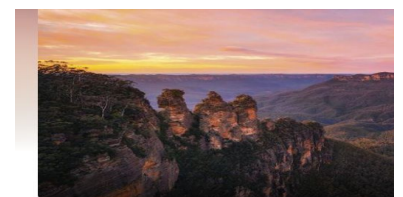
week with the link to join. Hope to see you there.

Mrs Tully
Careers Adviser



Katoomba High School Community Connections

A private group consisting of current Katoomba High Parents, Carers and family members has been created. It is a platform to connect with each other, have a laugh, share the wonderful things you experience with your young people and chat with others within our community. The page will be monitored by Katoomba High School Community Liaison Officer, Imelda Eames and Head Teacher Wellbeing, Angie Wilson, just to ensure posts are kept positive for all members of the group. If you have any specific queries or issues please contact us or the school directly. Search for **Katoomba High School Community Connections**. You will need to answer a few questions in order to join the group.



Katoomba High School Community Connection
Private group · 168 members



MYST GOES DIGITAL!



WE WILL LET YOU KNOW
WHEN DROP IN RESUMES -
AS SOON AS WE KNOW!!



YOUR YOUTH WORKERS ARE STILL HERE!
BUT CAUSE OF THE 'RONA' AND YOUR SAFETY WE
ARE MOVING INTO THE DIGITAL SPACE TO GIVE YOU
ACCESS TO YOUTH WORKERS, DOCTORS, BANDS,
FOOD AND FUN!!!



SHORT VIDEO CHALLENGE!!

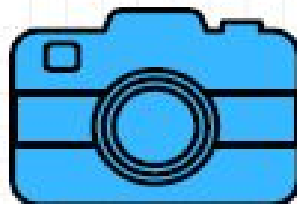
TAP INTO YOUR CREATIVE
SIDE & WIN PRIZES!
YOU MUST BE 12 - 24,
RESIDING IN THE BLUE
MOUNTAINS AND SUBMIT BY
22ND MAY AT 5PM.
PLEASE SEE FACEBOOK FOR
MORE DETAILS!!

WE ARE ON FACEBOOK,
INSTAGRAM, YOUTUBE
AND TWITCH...LOOK OUT
FOR US!



Q&A WITH MYST
YOUTH
WORKERS
GOING UP ON
YOUTUBE!

KYC TAKEAWAY
EVERY FRIDAY -
MESSAGE US IF
YOU WANT
SOME
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CARE PACKS AVAILABLE - PLEASE CONTACT US
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