



KHS Newsletter

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Feb March 2021

- Thurs 4th March - Year 6 Sneak Peak and Parent Info Evening
- Mon 8th Mar - Year 7 & 10 Vaccinations
- Tues 9th Mar - KHS Cross Country (Periods 1-3)
- Thur 11th Mar - Aboriginal Dance Event
- Mon 15th - Wed 17th Mar - Year 7 Camp
- Mon 15th Mar - Japanese Drumming Incursion for Japanese elective students

Year 7 Great Aussie Bush Camp

The bus will be departing KHS Monday 15th March 6:30 am and returning Wed 17th March approx 3:30 pm. Follow the KHS facebook page for updates on the arrival.

Final Payments due Friday 5th March. Letters and Info packs have gone home with all students. Please return the excursion consent form and the medical form ASAP. Please contact front office if you have any questions.



We bid a fond farewell to Karen Paterson

Karen has worked in the KHS front office for over 20 years. On Friday 26th February we marked her final day at work before she left for new adventures. The front office staff decorated Karen's desk with balloons, the hospitality students put on a beautiful spread and students took the opportunity to thank Karen for the bandaids, tissues, care and attention she has shown them over their time at the school. She will be missed.



Writers Group

Creative Writing Group: Wednesday recess in Room 9. All welcome. See Ms Brazil if you have any questions.

KATOOMBA HIGH SCHOOL P&C ASSOCIATION

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

17 March 2021 at 7.30pm in the Katoomba High School Staff Common Room

The 2021 Annual General Meeting of the Katoomba High School Parents and Citizens' Association will be held on Wednesday 17 March 2021 commencing at 7.30pm.

Following acceptance of the minutes from the 2020 AGM and the tabling of the Annual Audit Report for the year ended 31 December 2020, all current office bearer roles will be declared vacant and nominations called for the following positions:

- President
- Vice Presidents x2
- Secretary
- Treasurer

All P&C members are encouraged to attend the AGM to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions on the executive and sub-committees.

For more information concerning any aspects of the P&C including the conduct of the AGM, and the roles of executives and sub-committees, please go to the NSW P&C Federation

website: <http://www.pandc.org.au/faq.seo>

The AGM is open to all parents



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and carers who wish to attend, however only financial members are eligible to vote and/or nominate for vacant positions. The annual \$2 membership fee can be paid to:

Katoomba High School P&C Association

BSB 633000

Acct 169 614 187

At the completion of the AGM the March general meeting will be held.



Stymie coming to KHS

Stymie is an online program that helps combat the bystander effect by enabling students to report incidents of bullying and harm, safely and anonymously. KHS launched the Stymie program this week. All students were given information on Stymie Monday March 1st.

- The bystander effect occurs when the presence of others discourages an individual from intervening in an emergency situation.
- Social influence affects how bystanders behave, and students are less likely

to stand up to bullying behaviours in public when the number of onlookers is high.

This bystander effect is also caused by a diffusion of responsibility—the belief that someone else will help.

Taking into account that our kids are very socially invested, many of them don't feel as though they can speak up and often, they just don't know how.

Rather than trying to work against this peer pressure, Stymie recognises the nuanced nature of their social currency, by providing security and anonymity to the bystanding community.



To report an incident or concern, or to learn more about Stymie, members of the KHS Community are encouraged to visit www.stymie.com.au

Dobell Drawing at the National Art School

Generously funded by the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation, the Dobell Drawing School offers an opportunity for Stage 6 Visual Art students from government high schools in Sydney's west and south-west and nominated regional areas to participate in one of five workshops. Emiko Seika attended the Portrait Weekend workshop. Here is one of her outstanding charcoal drawings.



Extra Curricular Creative and Performing Arts Activities:

Instrumental Ensemble: Wed Morning 8:15 The Studio

Dance Ensemble: Rm 26 Friday morning

Drama Ensemble: Wed lunchtime The Studio

Choir- See Ms Capper Tuesday Morning 8:15 outdoor area

Clay Club: Muditation Room 5 Thursday Lunchtimes



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Enviro Collective Donates to Bushfire Recovery

The Enviro Collective with their 2020 fundraising have chosen to donate \$130 to One Tree Planted, who will plant 100 trees in Bushfire affected areas of Australia. The remaining fundraising money is going towards new books and games for the library. The collective has grown in students this year and new members are currently working on recycled crafts for an artisan up-cycle stall at school in Term 2.



was beach swims and pizza to finish off the day of fieldwork!



Year 12 Geography Visit to Kurnell and Wanda Dune Forests



Exciting projects are being planned by senior student Charlotte Mah with the local agriculture community group "Farm It Forward." A group challenge has been organised by Lily Wardell in Year 10 and is running for all of March. Students will be nominating a beverage to give up for a month to raise money for water sanitation or infrastructure projects in Papua New Guinea and other nations.

Stay tuned for a link to donate!

On Friday 26th and Saturday 27th a group of KHS Year 12 Geography students visited the Kurnell and Wanda dune forests as part of their Ecosystems at Risk unit. It was pretty cool to meet with Professor Bruce Thom from Sydney University, who has been fundamental in policy around Coastal Management in NSW for more than 40 years. He guided the students around Kamay National Park, including a stop at 'Cooks Landing', a hugely historical and contested site of colonisation. Students gained invaluable knowledge. Then it





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Blue Mountains Stories: A Year Like No Other

Blue Mountains residents were asked to submit stories from a year like no other. Entries could include story, reflection, poem or letter and/or an original photograph. Congratulations to Ariel Fraser, Abbie Payne, Arlan Brown-O'Keeffe on their awards for this fabulous competition.



Abbie Payne



Ariel Fraser



Arlan Brown-O'Keeffe

Year 7 Art



Year 7 art students have been exploring elements of design. Looking at line, shape and texture and using the work of Australian artist Joy Hester for inspiration.

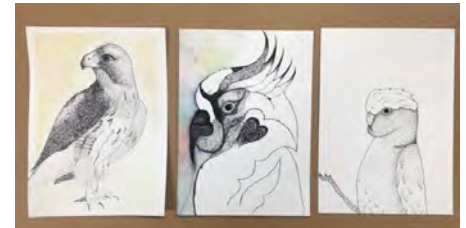


Year 10 Visual Arts are exploring our wonderful, local bird life.



Top: Keira, Eden

Bottom: Jaelyn



Rinoa

Tyler

Lily

BM Cultural Centre Workshops

'Open Sessions' is a free program held at the Cultural Centre for young people aged 13-18 wanting to share creative interests in an encouraging and inspiring environment.

It runs from Thursday March 4 to March 25.

Afternoon tea provided.



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day which can vary from 14 km to 32 km in length. The team camps in different locations every night beginning in Yarrowonga and ending in Swan Hill. We're pleased to have one member of the school teaching staff join us to support the students.

The MMP is a fundraising event where every participating team supports a charity of their choice. Previously we have supported, Wimlah Women's and Children's refuge, MYST and the Foundation for National Parks and Wildlife Murray River Turtle Project. **The team will be raising money for the Katoomba High School P&C this year. Watch out for information about our upcoming Rockwiz trivia night in Term 2.** For more information about the event please go to the website www.massivemurraypaddle.org.au

The registration fees are reduced March 15 - 31 and then increase closer to the date of the race. March fees are \$150 per student/\$295 per adult. Every student paddler must have an accompanying family member.

The MMP is a challenging, rewarding and fun experience for everyone involved and we are looking forward to getting back out onto the water again this year after the cancellation of the event last year. If you are interested in knowing more about this team, please contact Janice Price 0466 587 131, parent member of the organising committee. Spaces are limited.



Jack Wade & Caitlyn Martin

Sports Report

The school swimming carnival was held on Friday the 12th of February. On a dry overcast day, we had many amazing performances from our Katoomba High School swimmers. Records were shattered by Lili Roth (two records), Jack Roth (three records), and a special mention must be given to Julia Ross in year 7. Julia broke records in freestyle, butterfly, and backstroke, breaking a total of four records, some of which were our oldest standing records. Burraborang was the winning house on the day and showed plenty of house spirit. A good day was had by all and we look forward to next years carnival.

In other sporting news; Congratulations to Jack Wade of year 10 in making the Nepean Zone Basketball team that will compete at the Sydney West level later this term.

Outside of the school system, Caitlyn Martin of year 10 has been selected in the NSW Under 18's basketball team that will play at the National tournament in Melbourne on the 8th of April. This is a tremendous achievement and recognises her

Massive Murray Paddle (MMP) 2021

For the third year, a group of school families is travelling down to the NSW/Victorian border to participate in the Massive Murray Paddle in November. This parent organised, school supported group will paddle 404 km in 5 days down the iconic Murray River in kayaks. It is a relay event where everyone will paddle one leg of the race every



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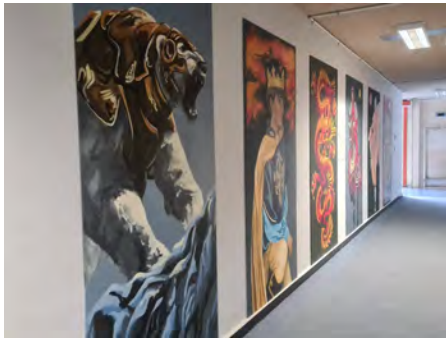
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consistent hard work and skill in training and games.

If you are a Katoomba High School student that is achieving in the sporting arena outside of school, please share your successes with Mr McDonnell and Ms Jones.

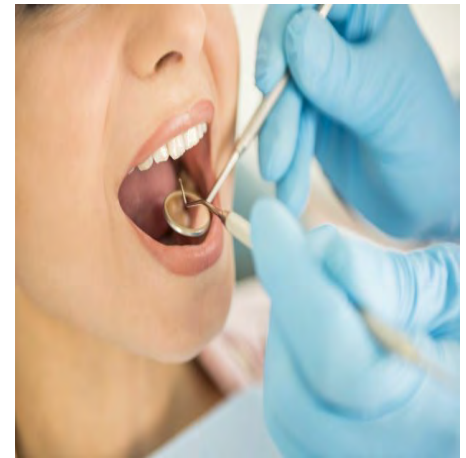
The School Beautification Project

In 2020 the KHS P&C were successful in obtaining a grant to make the school more beautiful. Sama Cooper (ex-KHS student) has been working her magic to create pieces of art to bring the halls to life.



Dental Visit

Katoomba High School will have a Dental Van coming to the school in term 2. Consent forms will be sent out soon. Those students who participate will be seen for free regardless of their Centrelink status. The visit includes check up, clean and basic fillings.





School Dentist will be visiting Katoomba High School From 27th April 2021 - 30th April 2021

Our innovative mobile dental service was created to meet the needs of the fast paced/time poor lifestyles of many parents. We are changing the game by bringing our dental team and equipment to your School to provide our onsite dental services to students.



Service snapshot:

Children from families eligible for Family Tax Benefit A may be eligible for up to \$1000 of free dental over a 2-calendar year period.

Not eligible for Family Tax Benefit A?

Your child will still be seen for **FREE** in the clinic for an examination/Clean/Fluoride Treatment if required.





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KHS VACCINATION PROGRAM 2021 Session one: March 8th 2021

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

Parent Information Kits that include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement have been sent home to parents/guardians earlier this term. It is not too late to return a signed consent form for your child if you haven't already done so.

In 2021 the following vaccines will be offered FREE to Year 7 and 10 students: -

Year 7 vaccinations

- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 2-dose schedule
- dTpa vaccine (diphtheria, tetanus & pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose.

Year 10 vaccination

- Meningococcal ACWY

The vaccination clinic dates are as follows:

- Monday March 8th year 7 first visit and catch up for year 11 (missed doses from 2020)
- Monday May 24th year 10 Meningococcal - year 7 second visit - catch up for years 8 and 11
- Thursday September 9th, year 7 third visit - years 10, 11 12 catch up for previously missed doses

Information packages for year 10 students will be distributed closer to the second clinic date

Please feel free to contact either the school on 47822622 or the Nepean Blue Mountains Local Health District office on 47342022 if you have any questions. Additionally, further information regarding vaccination can be obtained by visiting www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation

Additional year 7 vaccination consent forms are available at the front office or the school library.