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New School Captains



Congratulations to our new school captains, Jack Ryder and Anna-Lisa Smith and vice captains, Kristy Smith-Ritchie and Max Thompson. These students were recently voted in by the school community as the best student leaders to take our school forward into 2011. We know that you will respect and support them as they lead our student body this term and in 2011.

Secondary Parent-Teacher Interviews

Year 10 and 11 students have successfully completed their Semester Two examinations. Year 10 students are now preparing for the external School Certificate examinations and Year 11 students have commenced their HSC program.

Parents and guardians are encouraged to attend the Secondary Parent-Teacher interviews that are scheduled for Monday 25th October between 3:30 PM and 6:00 PM in Room 2. Teachers will be available to discuss the Semester Two Reports and to provide advice on how to improve results in the School Certificate examinations and HSC examinations.

Student reports will be issued directly to parents/guardians attending the interviews or posted home if you are unable to attend. Interviews should be kept to a maximum of ten minutes. Longer interviews may be organised at a mutually suitable time with the teacher.

To enable efficient use of teacher time, interviews will be organised by appointments only. Please contact KAS on 6562 7023 or email info@kas.nsw.edu.au to book interview times.

SCHOOL PICKUP

Thank you to those who have adjusted to the new pick up arrangements after school during the HSC period. We would encourage you to stay in your car and proceed around the roundabout to collect your children as this is the safest and most efficient pick up method we are currently able to employ. If you arrive between 3:15 and 3:25 the buses have usually left and you should not have to wait in the roundabout long. Thankyou for your cooperation.



From The Principal...

The HSC at KAS

This week our Year 12 students commenced their HSC examinations. As this current class is our first group of HSC students to progress through the school, my hat goes off to them for the commitment and endeavour they have shown over the preceding months as they have prepared for this important conclusion to their secondary school journey.

It is not easy being the first to do anything. Whether it is starting a business, walking on the moon or being the first cohort of students in a growing school to complete the HSC program, starting out on something new and successfully completely it, is a major achievement. Without the benefit of having more senior students to model themselves upon, our current Year 12 class have boldly broken the ground at KAS for the students who will follow them. Subsequent HSC classes at KAS in the coming years will for all time owe a debt of gratitude to our current HSC class for the legacy they have created. They should be proud of themselves, because I know that their school is proud of them!

It would be remiss to not also acknowledge the dedicated teachers at KAS who have guided the current HSC class through their school journey. From those who in past years have mentored their learning through the primary years, through to our current committed HSC teachers who have patiently called upon their own experience and professionalism to lead our students to the point where they can confidently approach their final examinations. Our school community owes our teachers a debt of gratitude, rarely will you find a group of individuals who would or could do more to support students in their learning.

If you haven't already, take the time to acknowledge our current HSC class and their teachers. Despite the stress of this period, it should also be time to reflect on the journey to this point. We, as a whole school community, have much to celebrate in their achievement.

Kind Regards
Rohan Deanshaw
Principal

The fruit and vegetable promotion continues in the canteen until this Friday, so keep on purchasing those fresh items. Mrs Pead tells us that there are many prizes left!



2011 Staffing Update

Further to last week's 2011 staffing update, KAS is pleased to announce that a further key teaching appointment has been made for the 2011.

Mrs Nicole Green	Secondary Teacher (English)
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Mrs Nicole Green is an experienced Secondary English teacher who is currently Head of the English Department at Northpine Christian College, a large Adventist K-12 campus in Brisbane. Mrs Green's experience in both delivering learning content and managing a large English Department will further enhance the ongoing progress and development of the learning program at KAS.

Last week we reported the appointment of Mr Neil Bustos to a Secondary teaching position at KAS. Mr Bustos, originally from Melbourne, will bring a range of experience and expertise to KAS, including a wealth of practical knowledge regarding overseas service programs. Aside from teaching, Mr Bustos also has an engineering background, which will no doubt help to provide a rich learning environment for students studying either Maths or Religion in his classes in 2011.

Sadly for KAS, Mrs Cherie Reid, our current Year 5 teacher, has accepted a Head of Primary position at Henderson College, a P-10 Adventist school in Mildura, Victoria. Mrs Reid will be missed at KAS; however, we wish her all the best as she takes on her new leadership role at Henderson.

More information will follow in the coming weeks in regards to the other appointments for 2011.

Re-enrolment for 2011

Documentation has now been mailed out to all KAS families (apart from current yr 6 students, which occurred earlier this year) in regards to re-enrolment for 2011.

Please assist us by returning the completed documentation to KAS asap as the information provided will assist us greatly as we plan for an expanded learning program in 2011.

With a high number of families seeking new enrolments at KAS in 2011, ensuring places for current families is our first priority, as such, by completing the documentation and returning it to KAS immediately, your child's place at KAS for 2011 can be assured.

Thank you for prompt your assistance with this matter.

Congratulations to Jack Ryder who recently received an award for his external subject Aboriginal Studies. Well done, Jack. We are all very proud of your progress!

Waste Into Art Exhibition



We have had three entries accepted into the Waste Into Art Exhibition and we are very proud of Year 10 students **Christine Deeth**, **Wynonna Dixon** and **Holly Cairncross**. We would encourage our school community to visit the Gladstone Art Gallery to view the exhibition. Opening night is 21 October at 6PM and the exhibition is on from 18-24 October.



Closing the Gap

By age 3, children of professional parents are a full year ahead of their poorer peers. By age 10, the gap is 3 years. When asked about the number of children who don't complete school in her city, a Finnish official replied, "I can tell you their names if you want". Singapore narrowed its achievement gap from 17% to 5%.

How to close the gaps?

- Get children into education early. Children from poor backgrounds who go to quality pre-school earn more, have better jobs and are less likely to end up in prison or divorced.
- Increase the time spent at school so there is more time to learn.
- Recruit the best for teacher training and train them well. Evaluate teachers regularly, invest in further training and give bonuses only to the top teachers.
- Give individualised attention to struggling children. One in three Finnish students get extra help each year from a tutor.

(How to Close the Achievement Gap by Mona Mourshed and Fenton Whelan, Newsweek)

HIGHER SCHOOL CERTIFICATE INFORMATION –FOR EVERYONE TO READ!

The Higher School Certificate examinations begin this Thursday. Our students will be taking their exams in the hall. As you can imagine, the noise of children can be quite distracting so we need to make alternate entry and exit arrangements into and out of the school.

During the HSC Examination period, students who are walked into school need to be walked through the main bus gate and around to the left, rather than past the seating and bubblers. Also, students who sit on the benches at the back of the hall will now wait for their pick ups on the COLA. As you drive around we will call your child up to the gate for you. If you normally park and walk to the bottom gate, you will need to come through the main entrance gate (where the bus students line up) and proceed to your left to collect your children from the COLA.

We understand that these arrangements are not ideal, but want to give our Year 12 students the very best chance at success.

For your information, the following lists each HSC examination that our students may be involved in:

Wednesday 20 October: HSC Exam – PDHPE – 1:55 PM to 5:00 PM
Thursday 21 October: HSC Exam – General Mathematics – 9:25 AM to 12:00 PM
Monday 25 October: HSC Exam – Textiles & Design – 1:55 PM to 3:30 PM
Tuesday 26 October: HSC Exam – Food Technology – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM
Tuesday 26 October: HSC Exam – Music I – 1:55 PM to 3:00 PM
Friday 29 October: HSC Exam – Studies of Religion II – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM
Wednesday 3 November: HSC Exam – Chemistry – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM
Friday 5 November: HSC Exam – Biology – 9:25 AM to 12:30 PM
Friday 5 November: HSC Exam – Industrial Technology – 1:55 AM to 3:30 PM
Wednesday 10 November: HSC Exam – Visual Arts – 1:55 PM to 3:30 PM



Primary Awards



Secondary Awards

Our secondary students recently received their rewards for behaviour. If the child was in the top 10 merits in the class they received a Lou's voucher. Students in the top 5 receive a Lou's voucher and a movie afternoon. The top student from each year level received these prizes as well as a Big W gift voucher. Students who have gained 50 merits at KAS also receive an Emerald award, which is a certificate and a patch to be sewn onto their jackets. Congratulations students, keep up the good work.



HEADLICE

Please check your child's hair daily as we are having several children coming to school with lice. If lice are found in their hair, you will be asked to collect your child from school immediately, and asked to treat it before they return to school. We understand that this is inconvenient to many peo-

Announcements

YEAR 12 TEXTBOOKS

Year 12 students are asked to kindly return their textbooks to the library after their exams as our new Year 12s are waiting to use them.

LOST SCHOOL JUMPER

A size 14 jumper that has KC on it has gotten itself lost. If you have it please hand it in to the school office.

SMENCILS!



Smencils are environmentally-friendly coloured pencils that kids love. There are ten different pencils:

- . Bubble gum
- . Orange
- . Cinhamon
- . Tropical Blast
- . Chocolate
- . Sarsparilla
- . Cotton Candy
- . Very Berry
- . Grape
- . Watermelon

Available now in the uniform shop!

\$1.20 each



NIPPERS

Kempsey Crescent Head Nippers season starts Sunday, 17th October. It is for under 6s right through to under 13s and our KAS students are sure to know many people there. You can register any Sunday from 17th October at the surf club at Crescent Head from 9AM-11AM.

FLUTE AND PIANO TUITION

Jenny Fink is an experienced performer, composer, teacher and accompanist. She is available during school hours for lessons in flute, piano, recorder, theory, musicianship and composition. Jenny studied at the Sydney Conservatorium of Music and the University of Sydney, graduating with honours. She has performed in Japan and the U.S.A. All ages welcome. Please phone Jenny on 65667683 for further information.

Kempsey Blood Donor Centre

Kempsey District Hospital, 119 River Street

Now open every Monday 8am-3pm & Thursday 12pm-6pm

Donated blood is used to help people with cancer, heart stomach & bowel disease, burns victims, people undergoing surgery, mothers and their new born babies.

Your help is needed to ensure blood products are available for those in need.

If you are aged between 16 & 70 years, and in good health, chances are you can give blood.

Phone 13 14 95 to make an appointment or visit

www.donateblood.com.au

"Fun Gymnastics at Kempsey PCYC"

Let's have fun with a new coach and some new equipment on the way our gymnastics program has had a makeover with the introduction of Gym for life which includes loads of tumbling and fun. Do you want to be part of a display team and show off your skills? Then come along and join in the fun Gymnastics a great way to make friends and have fun

When: **Thursday afternoons Cost \$8**

Coming Soon: Trampoline

For more information contact Kempsey PCYC on 65628399

KEMPSEY BASKETBALL

Kempsey Basketball are commencing their junior development season with 'Come and Try' afternoons for all primary aged children interested in learning a new sport. When: Thursdays 4-6PM at Melville High School Hall. Cost is \$2. For more information ring Ev Jacobs on 0418 463278

CAREERS COLUMN

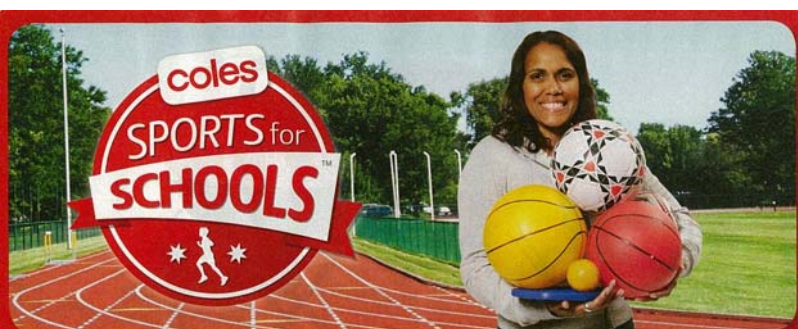
A reminder to Year 10 Students that Work Experience forms are now overdue

APPRENTICESHIP

Country Energy are offering 85 apprenticeships in 2011 in the following areas: Powerline worker, Cable joiner, Gas distribution Carpenter, Electrical Technician, Electrical Technician (Sub-station).

These spread over the following locations Queanbeyan, Walgett Griffith, Armidale, Wagga Wagga, Tamworth, Forbes, Moruya, Leeton, Maclean, Bathurst, Orange, Dubbo

Visit www.countryenergy.com.au/careers or 1800255777



Sports gear for your school!
Collect vouchers now at Coles!

Collect a voucher for every \$10 you spend in store from 2 September - 31 October 2010.
Pick up a leaflet in store or visit coles.com.au/sportsforschools.

Excludes purchases on gift cards, mobile recharge, calling cards, iTunes, tobacco and tobacco related products



TOTAL TO DATE: About 10 000—too many to count!!! 1 1/2 weeks to go.

Announcements

SCHOOL UNIFORM

If you would like to purchase uniform for next year at 2010 prices, you are encouraged to do so during the early part of Term 4. No more uniform supplies will be ordered so once these supplies are exhausted there will be no more until January next year.

FREE

2 x student desks with drawers.
Phone 65621712 or talk to Mrs Hardy

SECONDHAND UNIFORM

There is currently some secondhand uniform on display in the uniform shop at reasonable prices. If you would like to purchase some, you will need to come to the uniform shop in the advertised hours.

To resubmit any secondhand items please email ideanshaw@kas.nsw.edu.au. Anyone is welcome to advertise secondhand uniform in good condition. Contact Mrs Deanshaw with all of your details.

1 sz 14 prim. Girls skirt \$21
1 sz 12 primary girls slacks \$17.50
2 sz 10 primary girls blouses \$17 each
1 sz 8 sports polo shirt \$16.50
1 sz 10 sports shorts \$11.50

Near new Grosby school shoes, Size 7 & 8, 2 for \$30ONO. Contact Sandra Read 6566 8165 or 0402 640 976

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

Wed, 20 Oct 3-3:30PM
Thurs, 21 Oct 3:10-3:30PM
Mon, 25 Oct 8:30-9AM
Thurs, 28 Oct 3:10-3:30PM

Dates to remember for 2011

Term 1 31 Jan-8 Apr
Term 2 27 Apr-24 Jun
Term 3 18 Jul-23 September
Term 4 10 Oct-8 Dec

WORK DUE DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
4	Science	Magnetism Homework Project	1.11.10
7	English	Metaphors and Symbolism	27.10.10
10	Religion	Yearly Test	1.11.10
10	Geography	Topographic Map Skills Topic Test	25.10.10 26.10.10
10	Art	Greek Pottery	2.11.10
12	Chemistry	Homework, study cards and worksheet	22.10.10
12	Biology	Homework, study cards and worksheet	22.10.10

Calendar

Yr 7 2011 Orientation Day	20 Oct
Secondary Choir Outing	21 Oct
NCSA Netball	21 Oct
Yr 10/11 Parent Teacher Interviews	25 Oct
Home and School Meeting 6PM	26 Oct
Koorong Kids Club Orders Due	5 Nov
The Shack	5 Nov
School Certificate Examinations	8-12 Nov
Home and School Meeting 6PM	9 Nov
Yr 12 Formal	11 Nov
Yr 7-9 Exams	15-19 Nov
Year 10 Work Experience	15-26 Nov
Primary MegaWater Fight	26 Nov
The Shack	26 Nov
Yr 10 PreHSC Prog Commences	29 Nov
Carols in the COLA	5 Dec
Presentation Evenings	8 Dec
KAS Picnic Day & Last day of School	9 Dec

SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
Kindergarten (Mrs Hardy)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 1 (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Tuesday Monday
Year 2 (Mrs Hosea)	Sport Library	Monday Tuesday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Monday Tuesday
Year 4 (Mr Bibby)	Sport Library Music	Tuesday Thursday Friday
Year 5 (Mrs Reid)	Sport Library Music	Thursday Friday Friday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library Music	Mon + Thurs Tuesday Friday
Year 7 & 8	PE Sport	Tuesday Thursday
Year 9 & 10	PE Sport	Tuesday Friday