

# Newsletter 4

# KAS

Term One

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## Announcements

### YR 10 & 11 INFORMATION EVENINGS

Thank you to all students and families that were able to join us for their information evenings this week. We hope it was helpful in helping you understand the academic requirements as well as the importance of establishing healthy lifestyle habits.

### YR 9 CAMP

From Monday 14 Mar- Friday 18 Mar, our Year Nine students will be involved in a canoeing camp at Nymboida. They will spend the first few days canoeing down the river and camping each night. The last night will be spent in cabins at the Nymbodia Canoe Centre where they will also have the opportunity to tube down the river. Please return all notes that have been sent home by next Wednesday 2 March.

### CLASSROOM ROUTINES

Here at KAS it is important to us that we provide an environment that supports learning. Currently, teachers in all year groups are working out seating plans that will mean students in each secondary class will have an allocated place for them to sit each lesson. Students will be seated next to other students whom they don't distract or get distracted by. It is an expectation that all classes line up in two lines before entering the class with the teacher which will help to ensure the class starts with the expectation of learning.

### MOBILE PHONES

Students have been frequently reminded at school that mobile phones should only be seen/used in breaks before school, lunch and recess. If they are seen by a teacher at any other time, they will be confiscated and sent to Mrs Lesic who will keep them in a locked cupboard. These mobile phones will be returned only when an adult comes to collect them directly from the school.

### FUNDRAISING

Years 10, 11 and 12 are currently fundraising for their expeditions later in the year. If you would like to support the pie drive, please see a year 10 student or contact the school office. Both classes are currently delivering phonebooks to Kempsey, Nambucca, Macksville and surrounding areas. Yr 11 is having Fiji Friday this Friday where all students may wear free dress in exchange for \$2. If you have some ideas to help with their fundraising efforts, please contact Mr Chapman or Mr Bustos. They would love to hear from you.

### UNIFORM

Thankyou to all those parents who are making sure their children are leaving home in complete school uniform. We are noticing that many students have a sense of pride about their uniform, even the secondary students with their hats! Well done KAS students and families!

### TERM ONE SURVEY

At KAS we are very serious about ensuring that all aspects of our school program are meeting the needs of our valued school community members. As such, we have prepared a short survey that will provide all school community families with the opportunity to provide feedback on their perceptions of the school program to date in 2011. The survey this year is able to be completed online at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/kas-survey-term12011>. You can also find the survey on our school website under the 'News and Events' section. If you would like a paper copy of this survey, please contact the school office. The survey should be completed by 12 March, 2011. Thankyou for your assistance with this.

### HOME AND SCHOOL MEETING

The first Home and School Association meeting will be held on Tuesday evening 8 March 2011 commencing at 6.00 pm. This year our meetings will be held in Room 2 which is two rooms up from the old Room 4. Enter the school through the 'bus gate', turn left and follow the path. All parents and friends of the school are invited to attend this meeting. The meeting is always a pleasant time to have a cuppa and something to eat, while meeting other parents and discussing ways in which we can support our school.

### YR 9-11 ELECTIVE CLASSES

Friday of this week is the last date for student in Year 9 to 11 to change electives. Please see Mr Mazzaferri if you would like to make any final changes.

## From the Principal...

### Academic Success – Genes or Just hard Work?

In the last few weeks, KAS has held Information Evenings for various classes in both the primary and secondary schools. One of the key purposes of such evenings is to help families develop further understanding, not only of the academic requirements of various awards such as the School Certificate and the HSC, but also the general processes and programs of the school.

A common theme to come out of such evenings is the feedback received from parents relating to the lack of commitment shown by their children towards homework or study more generally. In discussing this factor with a number of students, it would appear that there is some reluctance to acknowledge that plain hard work at any level will result in them achieving academic success. It is almost as though some students feel that one is either 'gifted' to succeed at school or apparently 'destined' to perform poorly.

Consequently, many students seem to opt for the path of least resistance, and rather than choosing to invest their time in what they consider to be arduous study, they choose the softer option of TV, the internet and other pursuits, which may ultimately lead them nowhere towards achieving the academic success they are capable of.

Consider for a moment the following information taken from *Fortune* magazine, a well respected business monthly:

*"What makes Tiger Woods great? What made Berkshire Hathaway (Charts) Chairman Warren Buffett the world's premier investor? We think we know: Each was a natural who came into the world with a gift for doing exactly what he ended up doing. As Buffett told Fortune not long ago, he was "wired at birth to allocate capital." It's a one-in-a-million thing. You've got it - or you don't.*

*Well, folks, it's not so simple. For one thing, you do not possess a natural gift for a certain job, because targeted natural gifts don't exist. You are not a born CEO or investor or chess grandmaster. You will achieve greatness only through an enormous amount of hard work over many years. And not just any hard work, but work of a particular type that's demanding and painful.*

*Scientists worldwide have conducted scores of studies since 1993... the first major conclusion is that nobody is great without work. It's nice to believe that if you find the field where you're naturally gifted, you'll be great from day one, but it doesn't happen. There's no evidence of high-level performance without experience or practice".*

*(Fortune magazine 30 Oct. 2006)*

KAS has published recommended amounts of homework for each secondary year level. These can be found in the various handbooks and build on the homework program in the primary school. At the end of the day, homework alone will not cure every ill; however, it goes a long way towards supporting the knowledge and skills gained at school.

For some students homework is hard work. It is, however, undeniably a key element to success at HSC level and beyond. No child can be expected to embrace the required 2-3 hours of nightly homework at HSC level unless they have established study patterns well before the HSC years arrive. All members of the KAS community are encouraged to support our students as they struggle with the "hard work" of homework and build the required self-discipline which will lead to personal achievement not only at school but also in life beyond the classroom.

Kind Regards

Rohan Deanshaw  
KAS Principal

## Announcements (con't)



*Get ready for an exciting  
High Seas Adventure!*

*When?? Saturday mornings  
9:30am-12:30pm*

*May 7 to June 4*

*Where?? Kemspey Adventist Church  
Hall (Here at school)*

*Registration forms coming soon!*

### SECONDARY SCHOOL DATES TO REMEMBER

Class	Subject	Task	Date Due
7	Religion	Debate	7.3.11
9/10	Visual Arts	Figure and Portraiture Critical Essay	Draft 22.2.11 Final Copy 2.3.11
10	History	Case Studies	25.3.11
11	English	Character Monologue	11.3.11
		Character Questions	16.3.11
		Journal Task	8.4.11

**See the full newsletter on our website!**

### UNIFORM UPDATE

#### OUT OF STOCK

We are currently out of stock of secondary hats. We are assured that they will be delivered soon. If you need a secondary hat you are advised to pay for one now so that you don't miss out.

#### COOLER WEATHER

As the weather starts to cool down we will have strong demand for jumpers, vests and jackets. Currently, we have just about a full stock of all sizes in all items. If you would like to ensure that you get what you need, when you need, please purchase at your earliest convenience.

#### HATS

We are finding that many students are 'losing' their school hats, despite the best efforts of the teachers to encourage students to return their hats to a specific place after use. Parents, please make sure your child's hat is clearly named. In some cases this is difficult and fabric paint used on the inside of the hat to write the child's name might be more successful. Please encourage your child to be responsible for their own hat and to ensure that they keep a track of it at school.

## Calendar

20-25 Feb	Yr 6 Canberra Trip
24 Feb	Secondary Swimming Carnival
1 Mar	NCSA Swimming Ballina
4 Mar	Koorong Kids Book Club orders due
4 Mar	Clean Up Australia Day
7-11 Mar	Yr 12 Semester 1 Exams
8 Mar	Home and School Meeting 6PM
11 Mar	PreKindy - Yr 1 Grandparents Day
14-18 Mar	Yr 9 Camp

### UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

The Uniform Shop is open every  
Thursday at the following times:

**8:30AM-9:00AM**

**11:30AM-12:30AM**

**3:00PM-3:30PM**

Please note: The Uniform Shop will only be opened on  
**Thursdays** from now on due to decreased demand.

### SPORT & LIBRARY TIMETABLE

CLASS	SUBJECT	DAY
PreKindy (Mrs Humphries)	Library	Friday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hardy)	Sport Library	Monday Thursday
Kindergarten (Mrs Hodgekiss)	Sport Library	Monday Thursday
Year 1 (Mrs Dixon)	Sport Library	Tuesday Wednesday
Year 2 (Mrs Hosea)	Sport Library	Tuesday Friday
Year 3 (Miss Salt)	Sport Library	Wednesday Friday
Year 4 (Mrs Smythe)	Sport Library Music	Wed + Fri Thursday Tuesday
Year 5 (Miss Hasan)	Sport Library Music	Friday Thursday Tuesday
Year 6 (Mr Humphries)	Sport Library Music	Tues + Fri Wednesday Tuesday
Year 7 & 8	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 9 & 10	PDHPE Sport	Thursday
Year 11	PDHPE	
Year 12	PDHPE Sport	Thursday