



NEWSLETTER



KMHS OPEN BOYS FOOTBALL

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R.O.S.E.
Recognition Of School Excellence



To Mrs Donna James, on being appointed as Principal to our fine school. We look forward to her continued excellent leadership.



Rewarding outstanding levels of school attendance with a \$10 Canteen Voucher sponsored by the P&C

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

BOUDDI	DHARUG	GIRRAKOOL	POPRAN
2729	2945	2548	2877

CALENDAR

MONDAY April 24	TUESDAY April 25	WEDNESDAY April 26	THURSDAY April 27	FRIDAY April 28	MONDAY May 1	TUESDAY May 2	WEDNESDAY May 3	THURSDAY May 4	FRIDAY May 5
School Development Day No students at school	ANZAC Day Public Holiday	All students return for start of Term 2					Life Changer Program Captains' Speeches Stage 3 Parent info evening	Athletics Carnival	





FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

WELCOME TO THE LAST NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1...!

This term has certainly moved at a busy pace, with our school community working hard to ensure our students have fantastic opportunities for learning and personal growth.

YEAR 7 - A GREAT START!

Thankyou, to all families, for supporting Year 7 on the beginning of their **high school journey**. Year 7 is a talented year group, who conduct themselves according to our values: '**Unity Knowledge Respect**', most recently on the **very successful Year 7 camp**.

The camp is such an important activity for the students to develop teamwork, create trust relationships and to build resilience by stepping out of their comfort zones. Thank you, also, to our team of staff who attended, led by Mr Flakus, our fantastic Year 7 Advisor. Your efforts are greatly appreciated.

YEARS 11 AND 12

Updates on Senior Assessments

Term 1 has been a busy term, especially with Year 11 beginning their Preliminary year for their HSC pathway, and Year 12 already half-way through their HSC year. The rigor of senior study is very different to the junior school and, for some students, the senior course can be a challenge.

Kariong Mountains High School has a detailed assessment policy in place to support senior students. A copy is available on our [website](#). Both Years 11 and 12 were issued with these at the beginning of term. Some key points for students and parents to remember in relation to the Assessment policy:

All students are to sign for the assessment book and retain a hard copy.

The Assessment Policy is also found on the school website.

Misadventure: in the event of a major illness or problem occurring, students must see Mr White, DP, as soon as possible. The student **MUST** see the DP on their **FIRST** day back at school to apply for a misadventure and submit appropriate paperwork. A medical certificate or statutory declaration needs to be submitted with the paperwork for the task mark to be counted. Examples of the documentation needed are found in the Assessment policy.

Technology glitches are not a valid reason for misadventure. Students must be organised and have a backup plan of using a USB to back up their work and printing at school if the need arises.

It is also a good idea to map tasks on a calendar or organiser so that they have a visual reminder of what is needed for time planning.

Thank you, to our parent community for your ongoing support of this important process.

ATTENDANCE UPDATE

As previously explained, KMHS is a focus school for improved attendance. To improve, this is certainly a team effort by all in our school community to commit to processes, understand requirements of attendance with the Department and to ensure, most importantly, that all students are engaging in valuable learning time by attending consistently.

I'm pleased to report that KMHS has shown significant improvement in the two terms that we have been involved in the focus group, with our **overall attendance improving by 9.8%** to date. Sustaining this improvement is vital for our students' learning success, so thank you to all parents and carers for your ongoing support and working with the school.

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:



Learn



Build friendships



Develop life skills

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just...

they miss weeks per year

and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

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STAGE 3 TASTER DAY & PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

KMHS is planning a Years 4/5 **Student Taster Day** and a **Parent Information** evening on Wednesday 3rd May. This is an exciting date on the school calendar as we bring together students from the Kariong Mountains Learning Community to orientate themselves and learn more about their local high school. The parent information evening is designed to inform parents of the learning opportunities provided by the school. All partner schools will have an information letter distributed to parents by the end of this term.

PRINCIPAL APPOINTMENT

Excitedly, I can inform the school community, that pending a two-week appeal period, I have been successful in the merit process to be offered the substantive Principal position here at Kariong Mountains High School. ***I am truly honoured and grateful for the opportunity to lead our fantastic school community.*** My commitment to our parents and carers is to work with you in your child's learning journey to ensuring we provide quality learning opportunities, ensuring all students reach their future potential. ***I look forward to our journey together.***



To all our students and families, have a safe break, rest up and we look forward to seeing you all back for another busy Term 2.

Happy Easter 😊

Mrs Donna James
Principal

Don't miss this yummy fundraiser - supporting our school!

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DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 1, Week 10

Students are required to complete a number of assessment tasks in all subjects throughout the year. For students in Years 10 to 12 the rules for assessment submission are far more strict and explained in the policy and schedule booklets they signed for earlier in the term.

When students do not meet the requirements of an assessment task, for example, submitting it late or not all, they are issued with a 'N Warning Letter.' The letter provides details of the task and how the student can rectify the problem. Students are also required to demonstrate diligence to satisfactorily meet the requirements for each course. This includes attendance and completing class work. N Warning letters can also be issued for those not demonstrating diligence.

If students fail to meet the requirements of a course(s), they will be 'N Determined'. This means they will not be eligible for their RoSA in Year 10, Preliminary or HSC. Students in this position will have had support provided to them throughout the year, with several opportunities to redeem themselves.

The [Assessment and Reporting Policy](#) and [Assessment Policy booklets](#) are also available on our website. If you have any questions regarding this please feel free to contact me.

Positive Behaviour for Learning

As part of PBL (*Positive Behaviour for Learning*), we have a reward system that involves \$10 canteen vouchers. For each Week A, students in Years 7 to 9, who have positive memos on Compass for the term are entered into a draw. Their names appear on a spreadsheet with a random number generator used to select the lucky student. The same process occurs for students in Years 10 to 12 for Week B. The winners are advertised in each newsletter.

I wish all students a happy and safe holiday and am looking forward to another productive term.

Mr Scott White
Deputy Principal

Congratulations to our Canteen Voucher winners:

Max - Year 8
Keiana - Year 12

KMHS Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL AWARD



Collaboration in Kariong Mountains Learning Community (KMLC)

Local primary school principals and our high school principal, Donna James, have been working together to create learning opportunities to engage and enrich Stages 2 and 3 students in working as a collective.

As Literacy Lead Teacher, I was thrilled to run a **Critical Thinking Challenge Workshop** on Tuesday 28th March and then offer a two-hour **Creative Thinking Workshop** on Monday 3rd April, to stimulate new approaches to writing creatively.

To kick off Term 1, the two enrichment workshops focused on developing Stages 2 and 3 minds. **Both went off with a bang - in a good way!**

By working together with our primary schools; Somersby, Central Mangrove, Peats Ridge, Kulnura and Kariong - also known as our **Primary Partner Schools (PPS)**, we have seen how successful this collaboration is proving to be in inspiring a love of learning and working collectively. The proud looks on everyone's faces (*the primary school kids, our Year 9 Literacy Leaders and our wonderful staff*) at the end of the workshop **said it all**.

Workshop 1: Critical and Creative Thinking Workshop

We had a new and exciting adventure this week. First thing in the morning, we packed up the car with all our props, clues, and technology, including four of our **Year 9 KMHS Literacy Leaders**, and headed out to a much more rural environment.

Students from Kulnura and Somersby made up the four groups, who spent all morning focused on 'escaping'.

Sherlock Holmes 360° degree Virtual Escape Room

I dare you to escape from this room....

You have probably heard of the new craze in education and for socialising - **'Escape Rooms'** - where you must overcome a series of puzzles, mysteries, and hurdles to escape with the answer at the end. The first workshop focused on critical thinking. Teams were each given a Year 9 expert, where they had 90 minutes to attempt to solve the mystery through focusing on each clue and using teamwork.

Students were intrigued by playing this fully immersive 360° Sherlock Holmes digital escape room. The experience helped students use their analytical skills while learning across age groups, with students from other schools and KMHS student leaders.

Engaging and fun, this interactive, immersive digital escape had students complete six challenges. These included analysing footprint evidence

(comparing shoe prints with the culprit's shoe print), decoding a Vigenère cipher, reading graphs, and analysing the interactive study of Sherlock Holmes in their quest to solve literacy-based challenges to finally escape the room.

Thank you, to Somersby Public School for sharing your lovely learning environment/library space with all of us! We were made to feel so welcome and appreciated by our PPS staff there, thank you.

Mrs Roberta Von Heupt
Literacy Lead Teacher



Above are some photos of our very focused groups.

CAPA - ARTIST HIGHLIGHT

DRAMA

BRIANNA

Brianna is a Year 12 Drama student, who came to KMHS halfway through Year 11 and thought she would give Drama a go. She has never looked back.

Brianna has a real passion for directing and has chosen to do the HSC individual Project- Director's Portfolio. She has taken up many directing opportunities including directing scenes from the play by David Williamson 'The Removalists.'

Brianna is a great asset to our Year 12 Drama class, always willing to take on any role and help out where she can.

Brianna is also thinking about taking her love for drama beyond school and is interested in enrolling in a Drama course to further extend and develop her skills.

Photos on the right show Brianna and her drama peers rehearsing and performing at KMHS.



KOKODA YOUTH LEADERSHIP CHALLENGE



Congratulations,
to Patrick in Year 11, who has
been accepted to participate
in the 2023 Kokoda Youth
Leadership Challenge!

*"This year's trek will take
place in the September
school holidays.*

*All 16 local high schools were invited to nominate a
Year 11 student.*

*The Kokoda Trail is a 96 km trek through the
rugged Owen Stanley Range in Papua New
Guinea, where Australian and Japanese forces*



fought a fierce battle in 1942.

*Gosford RSL Club congratulates the three young
adults who have been
selected this year.*

*They join 26 previous
trekkers sponsored by
Gosford RSL Club."*



*Text above sourced from Gosford RSL website -
map image sourced from Wikipedia.*



YEAR 10 CAMP



To all our Year 10 Parents and Carers

It is with regret that I am informing you that **Year 10 will not be going to the Gold Coast for the end-of-year excursion**. An alternative option that will hopefully be closer and more cost-effective is currently being researched. Once an alternative option has been found and some indicative pricing has been established this information will be shared with all students, parents, and guardians.

A large deposit was requested by the service provider by a certain date and student deposits were required to help subsidise this large amount. The number of deposits made by students was not enough to secure the dates at the preferred accommodation. Alternative and cheaper accommodation was also sought, however, this too provided to be challenging and we were unable to secure anything that best met our school's requirements.

Current deposits will still be kept and held as credit for the new venue, once it has been confirmed.

All outstanding deposits (\$100.00) are still required, to make sure that the camp can go ahead. If you have not completed the deposit payment for your child, please contact the school to finalise this as soon as convenient. Behaviour contract notes are also still required to be signed and returned as soon as possible.

Mr Sean Klempert
Year 10 Advisor

WOLVES WIN AGAIN!



Open Boys Football

Congratulations, to our **Open Boys Football** team, who have progressed to the Sydney North Round of 16 in the State Knockout competition.

The boys defeated Northlakes HS 8-3 in a goal-scoring fest, in front of a very large and vocal 'away' crowd. Huge performances from **Riley** (*scoring a double*), **Elliot** (*with a strong defensive performance at left back*) and **Jared** (*providing pin-point crosses all game*).

Earlier this week, the team met a determined Brisbane Water Secondary College side, and again faced a tough 'away' crowd. In the tightly contested game, we saw excellent performances from **Nathan** (*goalkeeper*), **Flynn** and **Jack**, ensuring that Kariong defeated our southern neighbours, 3-1 and moved into the 3rd round of the state-wide competition.

The team will play their next game early in Term 2. Good luck, boys!



COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS



Central Coast Youth Week 20 – 30 April



Click to view the full calendar of events and activities online.



Tips for Parents and Carers for Participating in the 2023 Premier's Reading Challenge

Download PDF

Mt Penang Roadworks & Infrastructure Upgrades:

View Phase 5 Flyer (PDF)



Term 2 Courses



Term 2 is fast approaching!

We have some wonderful FREE parenting programs lined up in Term 2, and registrations are now open!

As always, our courses have limited spaces, so it's best to book in early. In most cases, childcare is available. Registration is easy. You can register yourself or client by calling 43401565, email ccfss@ccfss.com.au or register [online here](#).

We deliver a variety of different courses across the Central Coast each term. If there is a course you are interested in that's not currently being delivered in your area, you can check back next term. If you would like to express your interest in a course being delivered in your suburb or at your local school, pre-school or playgroup in 2023, please call us!

[View Current Course Calendar](#)

Easter school holiday program

Full details at centralcoast.nsw.gov.au



Create a Plate	Hogwarts Wizard Tournament	Macrame Gnomes	Dino Doings: Explore the World of Dinosaurs
Tuesday 11 April, 10.30-11.30am, Toukley Library Monday 17 April, 10.30-11.30am, Umina Library Come along to decorate your own porcelain plate. Take your finished creation home and bake your design in the oven to set it for use! Ages 6-12 years. \$5.50	Wednesday 12 April 10.30am-12.30pm Bateau Bay Library Engage in Magical Battle in this Tabletop gaming event! Places are limited and bookings essential. 12-17 years, Free	Wednesday 12 April 1-2.30pm Toukley Library Wipe away school holiday boredom and create simple Macrame Gnomes for a relaxing afternoon at the library. 0-14 years, \$5.50	Wednesday 12 April 2.30-3.30pm Kariong Library Learn about the world of dinosaurs and fossils in this fun STEAM event. \$ 8 years, \$5.50



Glow Games	Glow Disco	Glow Room Sensory Fun	Glow Construction
Thursday 13 April, 12-1pm, Erina Library Do you love games and participating in fun competitions? Test your arm, eye and coordination in these glowing games held in 'The Midnight Zone' immersive glow room. Score points	Wednesday 12 April, 2-3pm, Erina Library Do you love dancing? Come along to the Disc-glow in the 'Midnight Zone' immersive glow room. You will dance to funky tunes and play some fun disco games. If you wear something white or	Wednesday 12 April Thursday 13 April Friday 14 April 10-11am Erina Library This immersive hands-on workshop will ignite the	Wednesday 12 April, 12-1pm Thursday 13 April, 2-3pm Erina Library Unleash the engineer within and try your hand at challenges using glowing building materials in 'The Midnight Zone' glow room.

Click to view the Central Coast Easter Holiday program online.

