



NEWSLETTER



2023 SWIMMING CARNIVAL

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WELCOME Year 7 2023

Parent 'Meet & Greet' BBQ

WED
15th Feb
6pm



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



To Ms Huey and all staff and students involved in making the 2023 KMHS Swimming Carnival a great success, with fabulous participation, atmosphere and team spirit.

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



CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
February 13	February 14	February 15	February 16	February 17	February 20	February 21	February 22	February 23	February 24
	Senior Ceramics Workshop	Year 7 Parent BBQ 6:00pm Year 11 Assessment Information 6:30pm						School Photos	

Thank you to our Year 10 Peer Support Leaders





FROM OUR RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

**Welcome back to our
wonderful Kariong Mountains
School Community!!!**

I trust all families have had a great Christmas break and are looking forward to another busy year at KMHS.

As relieving principal, I strongly believe that building positive relationships with our wider school community is paramount for student success. It is a team effort by all of us that will lead to our students reaching their potential. In this newsletter, I have outlined some key focus areas that the school is working towards for 2023:

ATTENDANCE

During last term, I regularly communicated on the importance of all students attending school every day. The department's expected attendance rate, for all students, is **95% or above**. Research has shown that students, who miss two days of school a month (*equates to four weeks of a school year*), are educationally at risk of not completing optimum learning.

I believe attendance is a team effort between the school and families. Please contact the school immediately if your child is not able to attend, as all absences need to be justified. Any unjustified absences will be followed up with a message from the office and contact from the school attendance officer.

As partial absences also contribute to long term attendance concerns, please be mindful of supporting your child in arriving **on time** to school. Below is a link to the *Department's Attendance Policy* for further clarification:

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/content/dam/main-education/policy-library/associated-documents/pd-2005-0259-02.pdf>

UNIFORM

Kariong Mountains High School prides itself on being a 'uniform' school. It is a requirement of students to wear the uniform appropriately and every day. A school uniform:

- ▶ **Provides a platform** for a student to feel included and have a sense of belonging with the school.
- ▶ **Provides safety** for students as they are readily identifiable in the school setting.
- ▶ **Economically supports** parents and carers as additional clothing is not required throughout the week.
- ▶ **Prepares students** for expectations of employers, for future pathways, in respect to professional dress.
- ▶ **Contributes to** the development of our core value **Unity**.

Hooded jumpers and tights/leggings are not allowed to be worn as part of the uniform. In addition, students are required to wear leather or suede upper shoes, in line with the department's WHS policy.

The **'Back to School Vouchers'**, found at Service NSW, can be used to assist in the purchase of uniforms. Our on-site uniform shop is open on Tuesdays and Fridays from 8:00 to 9:00 am.

Thank you to all families for your support in this area.

MOBILE PHONES:

It is accepted that most students will bring mobile phones to school and that it is **students' responsibility** to ensure they are used correctly.

Mobile phones are not to be used in the classroom setting and are to be placed in students' bags before they enter the learning environment.

Students, who are found to not follow the school rules in the classroom, will have their phones forwarded to the front office for safe keeping until the end of the school day.

Your assistance in discussing these requirements with your child is greatly appreciated.

WELCOMING FAMILIES TO KMHS

Throughout the year, KMHS will be providing a number of opportunities for families to engage with the school, including: parent information evenings, **'Meet and Greet BBQ'**, performance evenings, award assemblies and other special events.

My aim, this year, is to also encourage our new and younger families to visit our school and experience the great things we have to offer in curriculum, welfare support and diverse educational pathways. Our first event for the year is the **Year 7 Meet and Greet BBQ** and **Year 11 Assessment Information evening** on **Wednesday 15th February**. More details on these two events are to come. Please visit the school website and our socials on Instagram and Facebook for updates. We look forward to seeing our community in the times ahead.

Kariong Mountains High School is a great school, with many initiatives available for students to achieve success and achieve to the best of their ability. Navigating the adolescent years is often a challenging path, and it is my firm belief that the partnership between school and our families is critical to achieving success for our students. Clear and positive communication is a fundamental need and one that I will continue to foster with our school community. I welcome your input for our school and the positive relationships we can build in the future.

Looking forward to sharing success with you and our students in the year ahead.

*Mrs Donna James
Relieving Principal*





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Term 1, Week 2

Welcome back to all students. I hope all families had a safe and happy break. As always, the new scholastic year is shaping up to be as busy as ever with quality learning and many other extra-curricula opportunities. Let's make this a positive year by setting goals and focusing on achieving these high expectations.

FOLLOWING ARE A FEW SHORT ORGANISATIONAL REMINDERS:

School Uniform

We are a 'uniform' school and this sits within our value of **Unity**. All students are expected to wear full school uniform every day. On rare occasions, where this is not possible, students need to see me before 8:50am to get a uniform pass. A note from home is also required. Detentions will be issued to students, who do not comply.

Start of the School Day

School starts at 8.50am each day (9:05am for seniors on most days depending on their timetable, 8:50am on Wednesdays) and students are expected to be on time. When a lateness is expected, a note for the front office is required.

Attendance

Attendance is key to student achievement. When students are absent from school a notification from parents / caregivers is required on or before the day of return. This can be done via a note, email or phone call.

Early Leavers

If students are required to leave early for a legitimate purpose, please contact the office in the first instance. Arrangements can then be made to have your child ready to be collected and we can update our attendance records.

Contact Details

Please check your Compass information to ensure all contact details are accurate. This is essential if we need to make contact with families, sometimes due to emergency circumstances.

Elective Subjects

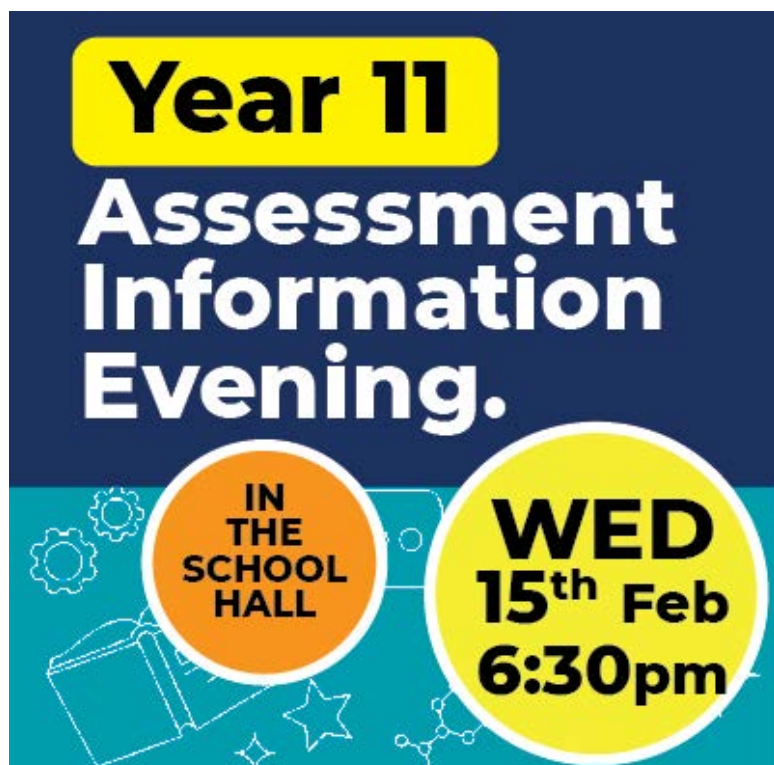
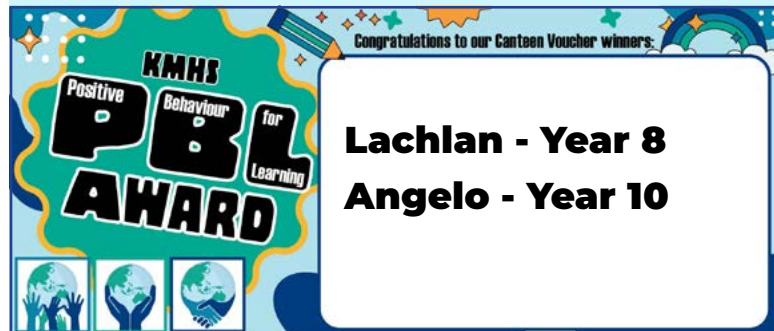
Years 10 and 11 students are now eligible to change their elective subjects and the paperwork is available from me. Students are to remain in their current classes until advised otherwise. Assessment policy and schedule booklets will be issued to students in the near future.

2023 KMHS Swimming Carnival

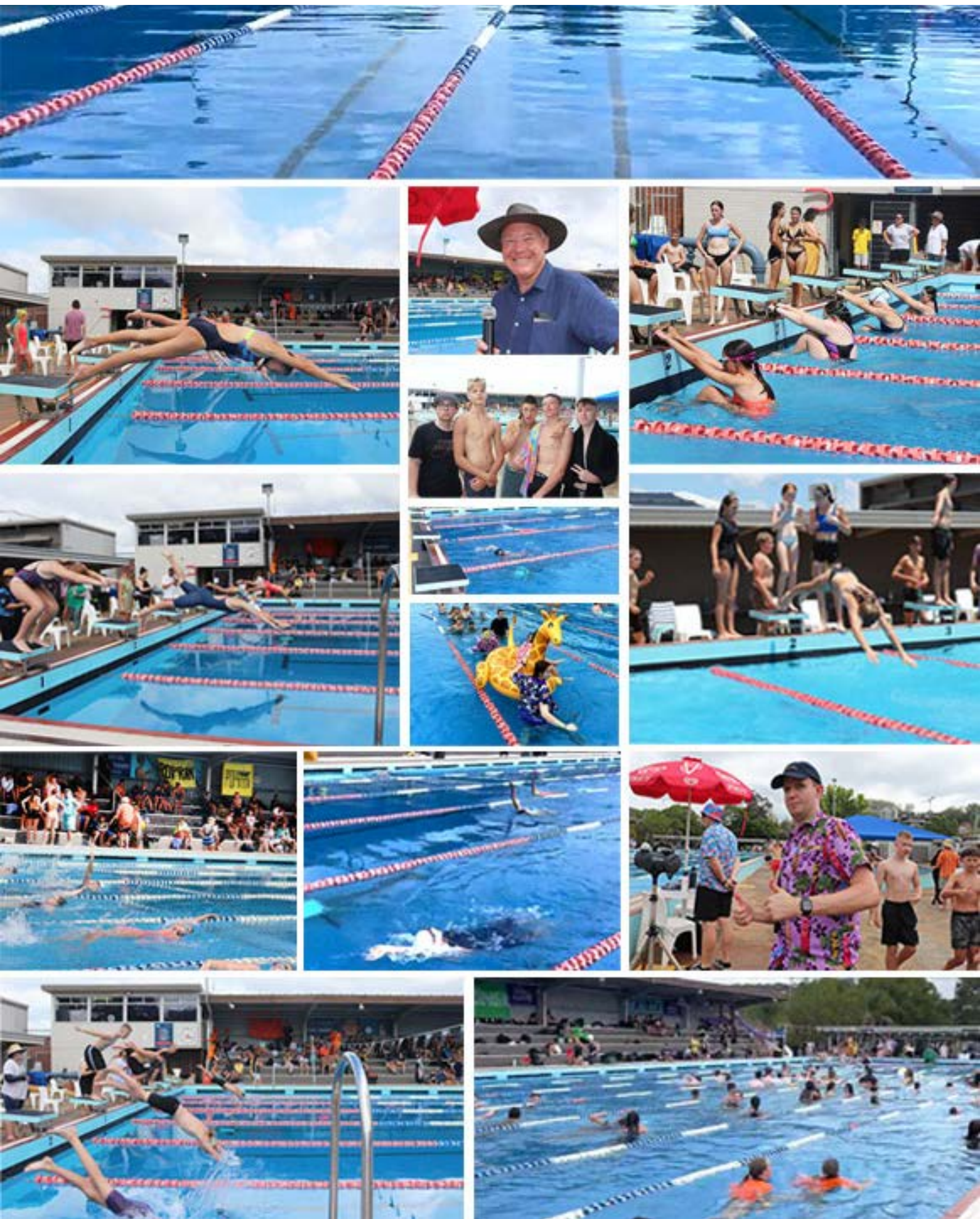
The Swimming Carnival, held last week, was another great success. The atmosphere and participation were excellent as always. Well done to Ms Huey and her team for their hard work to ensure it was a great day for all.

I am looking forward to another positive year at our fine school. With students embracing our values of **Unity Knowledge Respect**, great outcomes can be had by all.

Mr Scott White
Deputy Principal



SWIMMING CARNIVAL PHOTOS





COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

Mount Penang infrastructure upgrades

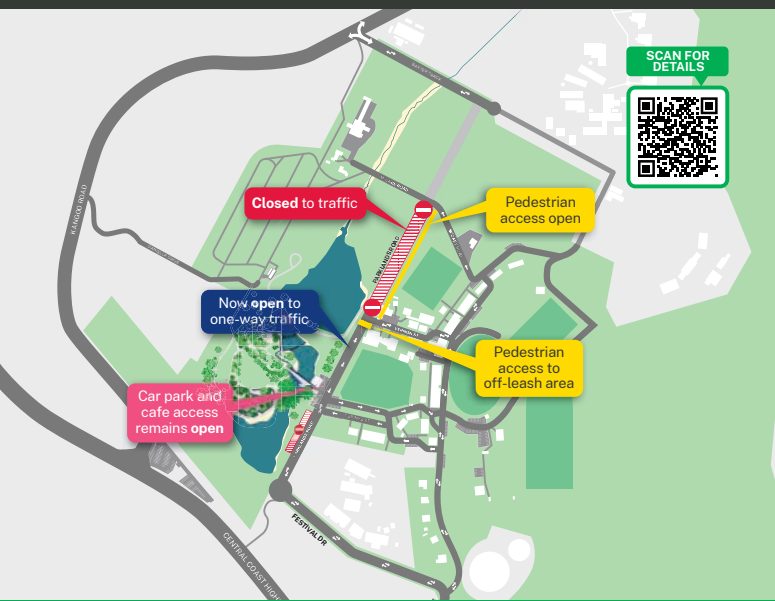
The next phase of Parklands Road works

- Parklands Road between Vernon and Carinya streets now open to one-way traffic.
- Pedestrian access to off-leash area via Parklands Road and McCabe Road.
- McCabe Road is temporarily one-way only, with exit via Baxter Track.

Contact details

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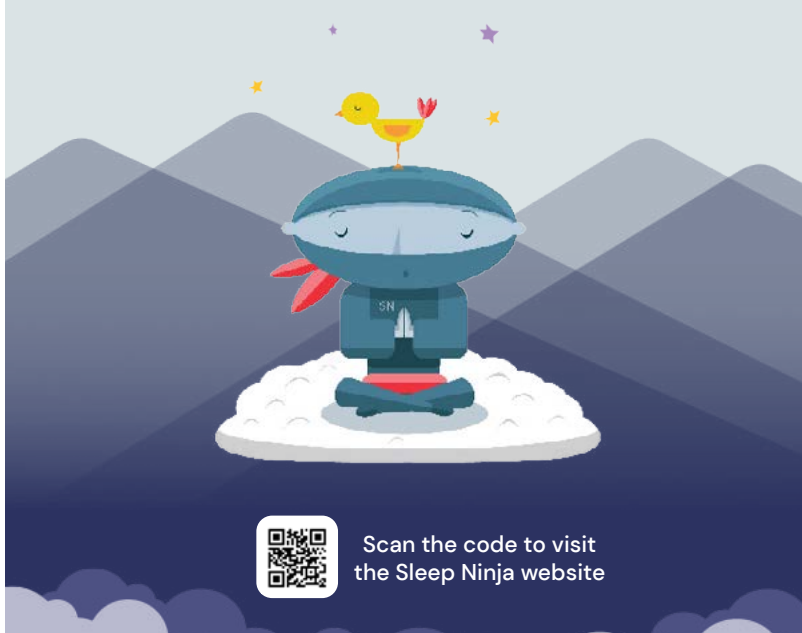
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DELPRAT COTTAGE & GARDEN

MARCH OPEN DAY

Dates: Saturday 4th & Sunday 5th March 2023

Times: 10am to 4pm

Location: Delprat Cottage & Garden,
133A Ingall St,
Mayfield North, 2304

For more information visit:
<https://delpratgarden.com.au/>

On Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th March, we will be opening the Delprat Garden and Cottage in Mayfield North to visitors and the public.

The Delprat Garden project is collaboration between the School of Architecture and Built Environment at the University of Newcastle, Newcastle Industrial Heritage Association, Bosque Landscape Architecture, and UTS PhytoLab scientists. The garden is an experimental design, environmental and heritage education project. It aims to activate the garden and cottage through educational programmes of public events while serving as a living phytoremediation laboratory. Phytoremediation is a low cost, natural process where plants absorb harmful toxins from the soil. Located at the Delprat Cottage (133A Ingall Street, Mayfield North, NSW) on former BHP land, the garden aims to restore degraded land in a beautiful, expressive and educative manner.

This Open Day is generously funded by the Newcastle Port Community Contribution Fund. Across the two days there are a number of activities scheduled for young and the young at heart. For more information about the garden see <https://delpratgarden.com.au/>.

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