



# NEWSLETTER



## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 2 KMHS STAFF ON A CULTURAL DISCOVERY WALK

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### KMHS Athletics Carnival 2023



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*Cooper (Year8), who raised \$4000 for Bear Cottage. What an outstanding effort!*

### CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

| BOUDDI      | DHARUG      | GIRRAKOO    | POPRAN      |
|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| <b>3003</b> | <b>3313</b> | <b>2841</b> | <b>3105</b> |

### Well done, KMHS!

Records were broken, memories were made and it was great to see everyone getting involved and cheering each other on.

Thank you, to Mrs Huey for all her hard work organising such a great carnival.

### CALENDAR

| MONDAY<br>May 8 | TUESDAY<br>May 9         | WEDNESDAY<br>May 10                                     | THURSDAY<br>May 11                       | FRIDAY<br>May 12 | MONDAY<br>May 15 | TUESDAY<br>May 16 | WEDNESDAY<br>May 17                                                      | THURSDAY<br>May 18                                        | FRIDAY<br>May 19   |
|-----------------|--------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|
|                 | APRA Songmakers workshop | Life Changer Program Year 7<br>APRA Songmakers workshop | Open Girls Volleyball<br>Open Boys Touch | Year 10 Macbeth  |                  |                   | TTFM Student Survey<br>Captains' Speeches<br>Life Changer Program Year 7 | iBelieve Yrs 7/8<br>iDream Yrs 9/10<br>iSucceed Yrs 11/12 | Zone Cross Country |





## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### WELCOME BACK TO OUR STUDENTS AND FAMILIES

Term 2 promises to be a busy term, with Kariong Mountains offering many opportunities for our school community to enter our gates and experience our great school.

## ANZAC DAY COMMEMORATIONS

Kariong Mountains High School proudly marched at the Gosford March on Anzac Day and then held an ANZAC service at school on Wednesday for all students and staff. This is such an important day of recognition, and I personally would like to thank the staff, with special mentions for Mr Cartner, Mr Tagg, Mr Hutchinson and students, who attended or contributed to both events.



A special mention for Year 11 student, Pat Ainsworth. Pat has been selected by Rotary to walk the KOKODA trail later this year. Pat is to be congratulated on this incredible achievement and we look forward to hearing of his experience when he returns.

## YEARS 4/5 TASTER DAY AND INFORMATION EVENING

This week we welcomed our partner schools' Years 4 and 5 students and staff to experience Kariong Mountains High school for a taster day. It was wonderful to welcome our partner schools and the students certainly enjoyed the experience. I'd like to celebrate our partner schools for supporting such a day and Mrs Von Heupt and her team for their organisation and contributions.

It was wonderful to meet the attending parents at the 4/5 students at the information evening on Wednesday. This was a great chance for staff to meet more families in our community and for parents / carers to learn more about the wonderful education Kariong Mountains HS offers.

Our **Year 7 Parent Information Evening** for 2024 will be held on 8/11/2023. Further information will be distributed throughout the primary schools closer to the date.

The **Kariong Mountains Learning Community** is committed to ensuring partnerships are fostered to support all students in our community, in positive learning pathways, that provide successful educational outcomes. I look forward to many more experiences for our students in the year ahead, with our partner schools Kariong PS, Somersby PS, Kulnura PS, Central Mangrove PS and Peats Ridge PS.



## SENIOR PATHWAYS INFORMATION EVENING 14/6/2023

Year 10 will be entering an important phase of their schooling with the **Senior Pathways Information evenings** being presented this term. These evenings provide crucial information needed by students and parents to make informed decisions for subject selections in Years 11 and 12. Information on the nights will include:

**Variations in HSC pathways**

**NESA requirements for alternate pathways**

**Transition to Stage 6 - what's involved.**

It is an expectation that all Year 10 students attend the information evening to understand the selection process and requirements for a Stage 6 pathway. Students will also receive the subject selection booklet at this evening.

Interviews will be conducted with all Year 10 students on Friday 16/6/2023 to discuss the suitability of their chosen pattern. Further information will be distributed closer to the date by Mr Hipwell.



## ★★ STARS ASSEMBLY ★★

Recognising student achievement is an integral part of our school's high expectations and success. STARS Assemblies are held in Terms 2 and 4 to recognise students, who consistently apply themselves and are achieving to the best of their potential.

Our Term 2 STARS Assembly will be held on **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> May**. Parents of students receiving awards will receive a letter of invite in Week 3 or 4.

## NSW CURRICULUM REFORM

**A complete overhaul of the NSW Educational Curriculum is currently underway** and the release of the new syllabi that drive this curriculum has started this year. The process of a total overhaul will take many years to be completed, requiring schools to redevelop every teaching and learning program – a significant task and complex planning is required.



Each syllabus has specific content and specialised focuses and all are structured with common threads that guide the changes. There are three core elements that underpin the directions of every subject syllabus:

- **A FOCUS ON DEEP LEARNING** – Teaching and learning is focused on developing students' deep knowledge of important concepts, principles and methods on each subject. Factual and procedural knowledge remain essential, but the syllabi of the new curriculum prioritise depth rather than breadth of learning.
- **INTEGRATION OF KNOWLEDGE AND SKILLS** – Learning in each subject is a mix of theory and application, with no subject focused only on knowledge or only on skills. New syllabi develop skills in applying knowledge (*for example, critical and creative thinking*) and provide opportunities for students to develop and demonstrate such skills.
- **PROGRESS IS BASED ON ATTAINMENT** – The new syllabuses are untimed. They do not specify when every student must commence, or how long they must learn, each syllabus. Students' progress to the next syllabus once they understand the prior syllabus. Students, who require more time can have it; students ready to advance are able to do so.

Implementation of all new syllabi will be a five-year process. All staff are undertaking significant professional learning with planned time to prepare them for each subject's implementation phase. Whilst a challenge, staff are embracing the new focus and look forward to the learning opportunities they will provide our students.

Lastly, I'd like to use this opportunity to inform the school community of my official appointment, in the holidays, to the principal role here at Kariong Mountains High School.

I am excited and grateful to have been given this opportunity and I look forward to a long and successful partnership between the school and our learning community of families and partner schools.

*Mrs Donna James*  
Principal

## SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

Photos below show KMHS staff enjoying a cultural discovery walk with Uncle Stu sharing stories from the sites.



**KMHS Yarning Circle**  
Photos above show construction and landscaping in progress at the school.





## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Term 2, Week 2

Welcome back to all students and I hope all had a safe and relaxing break.

I am looking at building on our expectations from Term 1, with our continued emphases on uniform compliance and respect. Thank you, to our supportive parents, previously and in the future, in addressing these important areas of our school.

### STARS Awards

STARS awards are back for Term 2. STARS recognises students, who consistently apply themselves with diligence to their studies. The criteria to be awarded a STARS certificate is as follows:

- ★ **Attendance above 90% (explained).**
- ★ **Consistent application in attempting all tasks to the best of their ability.**
- ★ **Consistent positive attitude to learning.**
- ★ **90% completion of homework where applicable (Years 7-10).**
- ★ **No N-Warning letters (Years 11 -12).**
- ★ **<=3 negative Compass entries (uniform excluded).**

Students in Years 7-10 need 4 nominations while students in Years 11 and 12 require 3 nominations.

As stated earlier in the newsletter, our Term 2 STARS Assembly will take place on Thursday 25th May. The families of recipients will be informed beforehand with further details.

### Anti-Racism Contact Officer

In addition to my role as Deputy Principal, I am also our school's Anti-Racism Contact Officer. My three main roles in this position are:

- Promote anti-racism education.**
- Support complaint handling.**
- Monitor incidents of racism.**

Mr Scott White  
Deputy Principal

Following is an excerpt from the Department of Education Anti-Racism Policy:



Dear parents and carers,

With your support, we do the very best we can to ensure that our students feel safe and are able to reach their potential.

The Department of Education rejects all forms of racism and is committed to the elimination of all forms of racial discrimination in NSW public schools.

The Department's Anti-Racism Policy aims to ensure that no student, employee, parent, carer or community member experiences racism within the school environment.

The policy asks all members of the school community to assist in countering racism by demonstrating respect for the cultural, linguistic and religious backgrounds of others, and by behaving in ways that promote acceptance and harmony in the school environment.

## STAGE 6 SUBJECT SELECTION INFORMATION

At Kariong Mountains High School, we support students to undertake a pathway that best meets their interests and career aspirations. This involves a careful process where staff collaborate with students and their parents/carers. Below is the timeline with key dates for Stage 6 Subject Selection:

**7<sup>th</sup> of June: 7:15 - 8:15pm**  
**Subject Selection: Parent**  
**Information Evening**

**16<sup>th</sup> of June:**  
**Subject Selection Student Interviews**

**We would love to see all parents and carers attend the Subject Selection Parent Information Evening, to deepen their understanding of the information students will use to make their decision.**

Further information will be sent out in coming weeks.



# WOLVES INTO THE FINAL!



On Friday morning, our Open Boys Soccer team hit the road (*another away game*) and defeated Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College!

*The game was delayed slightly as we waited on a TLSC player to arrive... He trains with the finals bound A-League Mariners side and coach Nick Montgomery had held the squad back! A fair player to come up against in a school team.*

At 2-0 down and a missed penalty for us, things were looking **pretty ominous**, but our boys fought back to level the scores at 2-2 just before half time. They weathered an early second-half storm from the TLSC boys and ultimately, Flynn's back-heel (*yes, back-heel*) proved the difference.

The boys will play in the **Central Coast FINAL** vs the winner of Gosford/Terrigal High. The convenor has said that this is likely to be a HOME game for us. **More details to come.**

**Congratulations, boys on an outstanding result and good luck in the FINAL!**



# 2024

## Academic Stream Selective Class



**KARIONG MOUNTAINS**  
HIGH SCHOOL  
UNITY ✓ KNOWLEDGE ✓ RESPECT

**COMPLETE  
APPLICATION  
PACKAGE**

Entry into this class is through a selection process, which takes the following into consideration:

### Selection Criteria

- NAPLAN results and school report
- Positive mindset to learning
- Capable literacy and numeracy skills
- Teacher support statement recommendation from current teacher

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