



NEWSLETTER



YEAR 7 SEWING CLASS



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CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
August 14	August 15	August 16	August 17	August 18	August 21	August 22	August 23	August 24	August 25
HSC Trials	HSC Trials	HSC Trials	HSC Trials	HSC Trials	Year 11 Electronics Exam due	Year 8 Let's Talk Workshop	Taronga Zoo Year 7	Showcase Crew Night	CPC Primary School Visits
		Science Week Expo	Your Next Step - Dance Challenge	Entrepreneurship Uni Newcastle			CC Rep - Trainee + Apprenticeship talk		CC Showcase Performance & Crew Night 2
		P-Tech Work Experience	Max Potential Presentation						

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To Monira and Liran, our outgoing school captains, for their dedication and achievements in the leadership role over the past year.

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

BOUDDI	DHARUG	GIRRAKOOL	POPRAN
6104	6765	5975	6309





FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

CELEBRATING EDUCATION WEEK 2023



Celebrating Education Week 2023 has been a highlight for Kariong Mountains High School and myself in the last fortnight.

The theme **175 Years: Learning, Celebrating and Embracing** has been a significant part of the recognition for this special week on the Kariong Mountains calendar.

LEARNING

As Principal, I am exceptionally proud of the teaching and learning our students and staff complete together daily.

A standout this week was the recognition of our Year 12 student Bella, who achieved first place for her NAIDOC artwork! Bella's artwork was on display in the Aboriginal Services unit at Gosford Local Court. The exhibition showcased artistic talents of **First Nations** high school students in the Gosford area. Bella's talent, combined with the support of her art teacher Ms Skerritt, received special recognition by winning first place in the display.

The theme for NAIDOC this year is **'For Our Elders'**, which was the main inspiration behind Bella's work. To be able to acknowledge the past and present issues surrounding the exclusion of indigenous people within Australia and to represent those who have suffered and been silenced at the hands of colonialism is represented through the red handprint. **Congratulations, Bella, on this great achievement.**



CELEBRATING

Kariong Mountains HS had the pleasure of hosting this year's Public Education awards for the Kariong Mountains Learning Community.



Congratulations, to all award recipients from the learning community, and I would like to formally recognise the achievement for our own school's recipients:

Beth Boshier: Outstanding service to KMHS as a founding member of the P and C. Beth demonstrates a dedicated and loyal support of the KMHS school community.

Mr White: A passionate student centred educator who models excellence in proactive and visible school leadership as Deputy Principal and Public Education service.

Mr Hipwell: outstanding service to KMHS in leading implementation of successful student transition pathways. Mr Hipwell provides exemplary commitment to supporting students' success.

I also want to congratulate our former Principal, Anne Vine, who received the Service Medal in recognition of her outstanding contribution to public education.



EMBRACING

Embracing leadership and the potential of our students to strive in this area was showcased with the induction of the new school leaders for 2023/2024.

This year, the school expanded the leadership team to include vice-captains and prefects. Congratulations, to the following students in achieving this, and best wishes for your leadership journey ahead – **I look forward to working with all of you:**

Captains: Ivanna Maggi and Patrick Ainsworth

Vice-captains: Chelsea Dixon and Caleb Smith

Prefects: Kynan Hudson, Justin Lin and Thomas Yang

To our outgoing school captains, Liran and Monira, **thank you, just doesn't seem enough.** In the time I have been Principal here, I have watched you grow into the role of responsible leaders, who model integrity and respect.

On behalf of our school, thank you, both, for your support and efforts in the leadership role. I wish you every good fortune on your journey ahead – **I'm sure you will both shine bright.**

Enjoy photos from the leadership induction ceremony on the next page.

*Mrs Donna James
Principal*



A LETTER FROM OUR MP:



Dear Kariong Mountains High School,

Congratulations on leading the charge in advanced skills development with your Year 12 students participating in the Pathways to Manufacturing program.

Kindest regards,
Dr Gordon Reid MP



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Progress on our curriculum planning for 2024.

Our timetabling team are working hard setting elective patterns for Years 9 and 11 of next year. Students currently in Years 8 and 10 are encouraged to check their emails regularly and respond promptly to requests for information.

I wish all students to have a great Term 3 where our values of Unity, Knowledge and Respect are on display in all classes.

AECG Awards

Unfortunately, I was unable to attend the AECG Awards at Narara Valley High School on Monday afternoon this week due to illness.

Congratulations, to all recipients, on your well-deserved recognition. Please see article with photos on [page 5](#) of this newsletter.

Mobile Phone Policy

Much to the dismay of most students, the government ban on mobile phones for students at school will commence **from the first day of next term**. I am currently in the process of preparing more detailed communication of procedures. Our school will be using the signal blocking lockable pouch system.

Following are summary points from the Department of Education policy, which commences at the start of Term 4:

No mobile phone use for all students in Years 7 to 12

Applies to all aspects of the school day, including breaks

Covers exemptions for learning, wellbeing/medical purposes

Covers all school organised events: excursions, sports carnivals, etc.

Covers the use of canteen and other services students may pay for (cashless transactions).

Mr Scott White
Deputy Principal



TAS

Faculty NEWS

TAS, AS ALWAYS, has been under the pump with programs, projects, processes, and practicals. The mid-year rotation has seen our Stage 4 students move around through timber, kitchen and textile-themed units of work so they can get a taste and appreciation for everything we do, and our Stage 5 students are heavily into both their theory and practical projects for timber, engineering, and the kitchen as well. There's nothing like practical, project-based, hands-on learning and students have been having a blast with lots of creative, well finished projects proudly being taken home.



STAGE 6 VET STUDENTS are also busily completing their cluster task course work requirements as well as all the practical components their VET courses require. Year 11 VET students will be shortly engaging in their first work placements (*welcome to the real world!*).

YEAR 12 VET CONSTRUCTION STUDENTS have been building, tiling and demolishing:



YEAR 12 VET HOSPITALITY STUDENTS have been producing quality café food products and services across the board. Both groups are now also preparing themselves for the trial HSC.



YEAR 11 STAGE 6 STUDENTS are now in the final stages of completing their course work for the preliminary HSC.

YEAR 12 STAGE 6 STUDENTS are madly putting the finishing touches on what are shaping up to be some incredible final major works and portfolio submissions for our practical subjects. We are seeing some good old honest hard work being put in on the theoretical courses as well. HSC trial exam preparations are well underway for these students.



TAS CONTINUED...



STUDENTS IN TAS HAVE BEEN EXCELLING AND PRODUCING FANTASTIC QUALITY WORK FOR ALL THE TAS DISCIPLINES WITHIN OUR SYLLABUS CURRICULUM.

As the relieving head teacher, I am very proud to see that the hard work and dedication of the TAS staff here at KMHS is paying huge dividends with the success, happiness and engagement of students completing these courses.

I feel privileged to be at the TAS helm of a very creative, innovative, and expert team to support and facilitate course, school and state educational directives for our KMHS students' learning pathways.

I would also like to thank our not so new leader, Principal Donna James, along with the office staff, as well as the rest of our whole school staff, for continuing to support TAS in each and every way to help make it the success that it has become.

A special mention to the Hospitality team for all their assistance in catering for multiple events throughout the year, including; carnivals, special school welcome events, **Education Week** afternoon tea, **Industry Breakfast**, TWA, Year 12 graduation morning tea and more.

To coin a hospitality phrase...

THAT'S A WRAP FROM TAS!

Mr Sean Klempert
TAS Head Teacher | Year 10 Advisor 2023

2023 ANNUAL AECG AWARDS EVENING

It was a wonderful evening to be accompanied by **Ms Megan Miller** - HT Wellbeing, **Ms Lisa Bell** - HT English, **Ms Alicia Spinelli** - Girls' Supervisor and **Brad Bennett** - LAST and Aboriginal Education Support Teacher, to celebrate our 2023 AECG region certificate winners.



It was great to see the family support on the night with huge applause, as students from Kindy (**so cute**) to Year 12 were rewarded for their cultural participation, dedication to learning, project participation and resilience.



Congratulations, Sierra and Brad from KMHS! Mr Bennett was surprised to hear his name called out to receive his award for organising events

and elders to support the students at both Kariong Public School (*one day a week in the Stage 3 to 4 Transition Program*) and Kariong Mountains High School.

Ms Roberta Von Heupt
Aboriginal Education Lead Teacher
Literacy Lead Teacher



English Faculty NEWS

WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER BUSY TERM IN ENGLISH. We wish all of the Year 12 cohort the best in all of their individual Trial HSC exams and group performances.

YEAR 7 – are studying true stories and articles about “Survival.” The assessment task is a report or news article text in Week 9.

YEAR 8 – are studying a range of texts involving mystery and solving crimes in a “Crime Fiction” unit. The assessment task will be a crime fiction narrative in Week 9.

YEAR 9 – are undertaking a novel study for “Overcoming Adversity.” The assessment task will be a creative writing narrative in Week 7.

YEAR 10 – are looking at advertising and persuasive techniques in the unit “Perspective and Representation” where they develop an understanding of critical thinking. The assessment task will be a short answer exam-style task in Week 7.

YEAR 11 – are completing their final term of Preliminary English. Advanced and Standard English are studying their Module B texts, with an exam in Week 9, whereas English Studies are preparing a portfolio of their selected work to showcase their learning this year.

YEAR 12 – are into their final term of the HSC with Advanced, Standard and Studies studying a range of texts including plays, novels, poems, films, song lyrics and visual texts in the units. All English students completed their Trial Exams on the 7th and 8th of August. Advanced and Standard will undergo revision of all modules in preparation for the HSC English Exams on the 11th and 12th October.

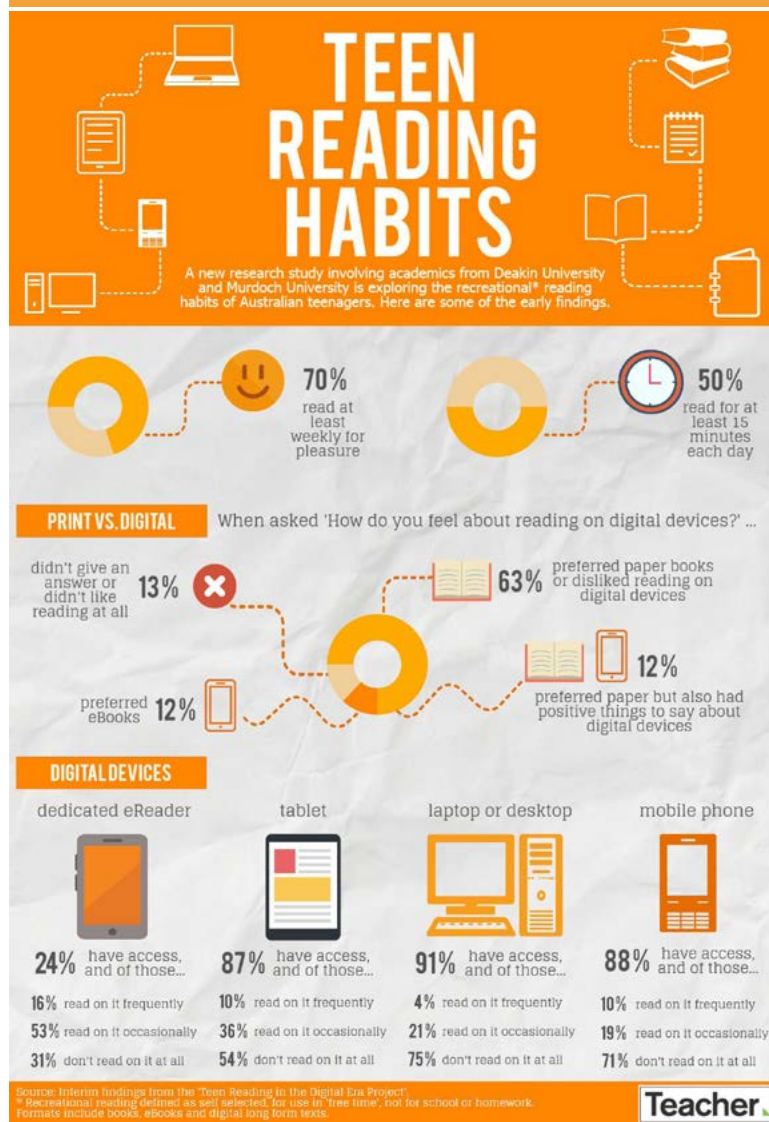
DRAMA – have finalised their IP and Group Performances. Their *Trial Practical* was on 9th August and their written is 17th August, with their HSC Performances scheduled for 28th August.

As always, please continue to encourage and nurture a love of reading. It is a key part of our students’ success and should be part of their regular routine.

Ms Lisa Bell
Head Teacher English

“Reading for pleasure is associated with numerous benefits — from improvements in reading achievement and comprehension, writing, vocabulary, and general knowledge to improved empathy, understanding of self and others, and wellbeing. The more you enjoy reading, the more you read. The more you read, the better you become at reading. The better you become, the more you read — a virtuous cycle.”

- Keeping teens reading extract 2nd March 2020



PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE 2023

CLOSES FOR STUDENTS NEXT FRIDAY: 18 AUGUST 2023

Head to your PRC Link via your DoE Student Portal

It's time to make sure you have entered **all 20 books** into your online reading log!

KMHS CANTEEN



SOME OF OUR DAILY SPECIALS:



MONDAY

FLAME GRILLED BURGER (CHEESE OR CHICKEN)

TUESDAY

MEATBALL OR TRIPLE CHEESE SUB (ROTATES)

WEDNESDAY

CHICKEN NUGGETS OR
BUTTER CHICKEN ON STEAMED RICE (ROTATES)

THURSDAY

NACHOS (TOMATO SALSA OR BEEF)

FRIDAY

TOASTED TORTILLA PIZZA WRAP
(BBQ CHICKEN, CHEESEBURGER OR DOUBLE CHEESE)



MENU

2023 CANTEEN MENU



FOOD ALLERGIES?
TALK TO THE CANTEEN SUPERVISOR

VOLUNTEERS WELCOME

**PARENTS, CARERS & GRANDPARENTS
ARE ALWAYS WELCOME TO HELP OUT IN
THE CANTEEN!**



If you can spare a day a week, fortnight or month, we'd love to have your help! Please contact the school, and Carolyn, our canteen supervisor will be in touch to arrange times.



Karing Mountains High School PARENT TOOLKIT



School Website

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Make a Payment

Via parent portal on Compass or on the school website



Assessment and Reporting

Information documents and resources

[INFORMATION PAGE](#)



Parent Portal - Compass

Student attendance, reports, notices & more

[LINK TO PORTAL](#)



School Uniform

Uniform shop is open Tuesday & Friday 8-9am

[INFORMATION PAGE](#)



Attendance

Notify the school if your child is absent

[PARENT PORTAL](#)

Phone: 4340 0246



Sick Bay

Keep your child at home if they are unwell. The school will contact you to pick up your child if they become unwell during the day.



School Canteen

Orders can be made via Flexischools or the canteen

[VIEW CANTEEN MENU](#)



School Policies

Attendance | Behaviour | Devices & more

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Contact the School

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Social Platforms

Follow current events on KMHS socials:

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[INSTAGRAM](#)



Communications

Remember to notify the school if your contact details have changed.



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

COASTAL TWIST

Young Coasties!! Time to get your
PRIDE on at Coastal Twist Festival!



Coastal Twist Festival is back again to fill the Central Coast with LGBTQIA+ art, culture and JOY!!

Over 50% of this year's festival program is accessible to youth, and their families. So fly your pride flag high at Coastal Twist 2023, because INCLUSION MEANS YOU!

[SEE THE WHOLE FESTIVAL PROGRAM HERE](#)

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FIFA WOMEN'S WORLD CUP

**LOTS OF GREEN AND
GOLD SUPPORT FOR
THE MATILDAS!**



Check out these
books in the library:

