



KARIONG MOUNTAINS
HIGH SCHOOL

NEWSLETTER

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Week 4
Term 2
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SCHOOL NEWS:

2025

**KMHS
Selective
Class**

**APPLICATIONS
OPEN**
**SUBMIT BY
31 MAY**

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HIGH SCHOOL**
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Congratulations!
WINNER of a \$10 Canteen Voucher
Archie - Year 7
Sponsored by the P&C

**KMHS Athletics Carnival
2024**

NEW DATE!
**THURSDAY
13th JUNE**

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

To Carolyn, our fabulous canteen manager, for her amazing work, enthusiasm and customer service!

CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

BOUDDI	DHARUG	GIRRAKOO	POPAN
6364	6101	6279	6037

2024 CROSS COUNTRY & CANTEEN WEEK



**Well done, KMHS Cross
Country runners!**

20 - 24 MAY 2024

**CELEBRATE
Canteen
WEEK**
 valuing staff & volunteers

AMAZING!
THANK YOU!
YUM!
YOU'RE A STAR!
THE BEST!

KMHS AND OUR P&C

CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
27 May	28 May	29 May	30 May	31 May
	Central Coast 2024 Reconciliation	Year 10 P-Tech Mentoring	CC Dance Festival Rehearsal	Zone Cross Country
	Star Struck rehearsal			RYSS - Women's cultural group
				Romeo & Juliet Performance
3 June	4 June	5 June	6 June	7 June
	NAISDA Dance Program	Stage 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews	The Tempest - Year 12	Othello - Year 11
			Leadership - Parliament House visit	



RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

It has been a privilege to relieve as Principal over the previous fortnight. It has been an opportunity to view our school from a different perspective and I am very happy with what I have seen. The dedication of our staff to the teaching and wellbeing of our students is outstanding. I would also like to thank Mr Cartner for undertaking the Deputy Principal duties so capably during this time.

SCHOOL FUNDING

In recent weeks, you may have seen that all government schools have had their funding reduced. Our school has had no control over either these cuts or the timing. Upon her return, Mrs James will make decisions on our school priorities to minimise the effect on teaching and learning.

HSC STRATEGY

Kariong Mountains High School will continue to focus on developing strategies for building improvement in HSC results and student outcomes in Stage 6.

The focus for developing this professional learning is to establish a community of practice that develops an important pedagogical practice.

SUBJECT SELECTION

We are excited to invite parents of Year 8 and Year 10 students to our upcoming **Subject Selection Information Evening** on Wednesday 12th June.

This is an opportunity for families to learn more about the subject selection process, and for our staff to showcase the wide variety of subjects that are on offer for students in Stages 5 and 6.

Subject Selection Evening

STUDENTS AND PARENTS WELCOME



YEAR 8
→ Year 9, 2025
4pm

YEAR 10
→ Year 11, 2025
6pm

**12th
June**

SUBJECT SELECTION EVENING - CONTINUED...

We will be providing valuable information that will assist you in making informed decisions about your child's academic future. During the evening, our staff will present an overview of the subjects available for students to select, display samples of amazing work by past students and be available to answer any questions you may have.

Our local university has also offered to come along on the night, so if you or your child have any questions regarding the many choices at university, be sure to come along.

We understand that subject selection can appear daunting for some families, therefore, we strongly encourage you all to attend this opportunity for reassurance, information and questions answered.

Mr Scott **Yellow** and **Navy**
Relieving Principal

UPCOMING PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS

STAGE 6 (YEARS 11 - 12)



**Parent/Teacher
Interviews**



4pm

**5th
June**

STAGE 4 (YEARS 7 - 8)



**Parent/Teacher
Interviews**



4pm

**26th
June**

STAGE 5 (YEARS 9 - 10)



**Parent/Teacher
Interviews**



4pm

**3rd
July**

Bookings for Parent/Teacher interviews are done through the Compass portal.

A notification will be sent to parents when bookings are open (for each stage).

Subject selection booklets and assessment schedules can be accessed on the school website:

[Stage 6 Subject Selection](#)

[Stage 5 Subject Selection](#)

[Assessment Schedules](#)



RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Colder weather is here.

May is certainly delivering on the colder weather with 8° Celcius mornings becoming the normal. As we push into June, it is important that students are in the **correct school uniform**. The new hooded jumper is very warm and our students report that it is comfortable. Our uniform **does not include black** and neither black pants nor black jumpers are to be worn at school. If a student is unable to access the correct uniform, a note from home is required. Students serve detentions for repeated uniform violations.

PBL Focus

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) focus over the next two weeks is **following teacher directions**. We are encouraging students to be on time to class, take note of the learning intentions and success criteria for the lesson and actively listen to and follow teacher instructions. We also encourage students to seek clarification if unsure of the directions given.

It was wonderful to see over 100 students receive their Bronze and Silver awards at the PBL assembly for positive behaviour during Term 1. Our next award ceremony will honour students meeting award criteria during Term 2 and be presented with their certificates mid Term 3.

Bullying / Harrassment via Social Media

Bullying and harassment are always cause for concern in schools and are dealt with under the school's behaviour and discipline policy. **All students have the right to feel safe** and to engage in school activities safely.

Recently, we have seen a spike in bullying and harassment via social media. Whilst the school has some ability to manage bullying under the behaviour policy, it largely falls to parents to manage their children's use of social media and to take measures to protect children from this form of harassment.

The **eSafety** website is a good place for parents to access useful information. If you feel your child is a victim of social media abuse, the **eSafety commissioner** website can provide helpful resources and support: <https://www.esafety.gov.au/>.

Trivia Night: Fundraising for Breakfast Club

KMHS staff and community members recently joined forces with the Kariong/Somersby Rotary Club for a Trivia Night to raise funds for our highly valued breakfast club. It is with great humility, I can advise that of the 12 teams and over 80 people in attendance, our teachers' **Wonderful Wolves team** emerged victorious.

As recently as yesterday, we received results of the final accounting, which determined that \$3,000 was raised. Many thanks to the Kariong/Somersby Rotary Club, for their continued support of our school since we opened in 2010.

Mr Jamie Cartner
Relieving Deputy Principal



TERM 2 ASSESSMENT CALENDAR

DUE:	Year 10 Subjects	
Week 5	PASS	
Week 6	Forensics Outdoor Recreation	
Week 7	Child Studies Food Technology	Science
Week 8	Music	IT - Timber
Week 9	Dance Engineering	Maths 5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Week 10	Commerce	English
DUE:	Year 11 Subjects	
Week 5	Business Studies	
Week 6	Physics PDHPE	
Week 8	Maths Extension English Extension Legal Studies	CaFS SLR
Week 9	English Advanced English Standard English Studies	Expl. Early Childhood Biology Hospitality
Week 10	Maths Advanced Maths Standard Numeracy	Food Technology Inv. Science
DUE:	Year 12 Subjects	
Week 5	English	
Week 6	Engineering Work Studies	
Week 7	Geography Mathematics Numeracy	Music 1 SLR
Week 8	Biology CaFS Food Technology	Legal Studies Modern History
Week 9	Ancient History Business Studies Chemistry	Physics Visual Arts
Week 10	PDHPE	

AROUND THE SCHOOL

Mrs Dwyer's group had a picturesque day at Glenworth Valley. The students were able to feed the horses, cows, goats and even emus! They explored the creek and enjoyed a picnic in the paddock. They also learnt all about the different jobs available at Glenworth.

Thank you Glenworth Valley Wilderness Adventures for such an amazing experience!



From Term 1, our Year 8 students have been working hard with their vegetable gardens in Bara. Above, Ruby and Jade are showing their 'school-grown' radish plants!



Well done, Year 10 Child Studies students, who were Kindy teachers for the afternoon at KPS! Our students taught Sport and also supported in the Special Education class. Great effort and the kids loved it.



Year 11 Music Industry class visited The Grove Studios, where they got to see the studios and learning spaces - and even record a few songs to understand the recording process in a world class studio. The students also met with 2023 KMHS graduate, Jack Slaven, who is now undertaking a Diploma of Music at The Grove Studios Academy.