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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 6 2021

PRINCIPAL MATTERS

It is pleasing to find the community health situation more settled in comparison to where we were in 2020. This has delivered a relaxation of some guidelines around school activities. Fantastic news as it gives us an opportunity to restore many events removed from the 2020 calendar, such as our informal Year 7 Meet and Greet afternoon barbecue. This will make the school experience far better for students and staff. Let's be positive about this and hope at some stage that parent access to the school and events is opened up further.

We certainly enjoyed relaxing with some familiar and some new families who had the opportunity to talk to staff. Year 7 have had some pleasing results in their Best Start test which assists us to support their learning needs as they transition into High School and a more specialised curriculum pattern.

COVID-19 Guidelines

The guidelines for 2021 have relaxed somewhat but there are still some important restrictions in place. School sport, camps and general excursions can resume taking into account hot spots and community restrictions and orders around hygiene and transport. This is unlikely to impact us to a great extent unless a hotspot and location of concern arises in Western NSW. Visitors are still not allowed on site unless they have an exemption determined by the Department or are considered essential for educational delivery. Parents can come on site for short periods and for defined purposes. This includes attending to administrative issues with the office (uniform/ payments etc), prearranged appointments with a teacher or picking up/ dropping off a student. Parents are still not permitted at general events to spectate if events are held at school. Events held offsite can accommodate this as long as there is a plan in place. At the moment there are a small number of special events that we can hold on site with parents but for very short periods of time. It is a little confusing at times with the constant variations but the Department of Education is trying to keep everyone safe according to Health guidelines, whilst at the same time ensuring school operations and community contact is kept as normal as possible.



What's on?

2021

Monday 8/03/2021

International Women's Day

Tuesday 9/03/2021

School Captains Youth Leadership

Wednesday 10/03/2021

Thursday 11/03/2021

Friday 12/03/2021

Monday 15/03/2021

Harmony Week

U15 Girl's & Boy's Touch Football

Tuesday 16/03/2021

CSU Bathurst Explore Day

Wednesday 17/03/2021

Thursday 18/03/2021

Pop-up Restaurant

Friday 19/03/2021

A focus on Literacy

The government late last year announced that it would be allocating funding for schools to be used in a tutoring program designed to ensure that students were not disadvantaged long term by the disruption to learning in the 2020 school year. The funding allocated to our school has enabled us to employ some extra teachers in the Learning and Support space for 2021.

Mrs Crossman and Mrs Purvis are both working several days per week to deliver the program along with Mrs O'Brien who has developed the model of support and will coordinate the program. We welcome Sue Purvis who has recently moved to our community and value her expertise as a Primary teacher with skills in Reading Recovery. The tutoring program has several areas depending on student need.

Intensive Support in Literacy and Numeracy through 1:1 tutoring support with reading recovery and numeracy support along with the completion of Quick Smart and MacqLit programs with a trained instructor.

Senior Student HSC Minimum Standards support for those students who have yet to meet the credential receiving in class support and 1:1 support during study periods.

Below Stage Support for students who will receive in class support from teacher tutors and small group tuition in the Quick Smart Program.

Staff have profiled their classes according to student need in literacy and numeracy in order to better differentiate instruction to point of need for each student. This is an important process to ensure we allow all students to achieve support in developing foundational skills in literacy and numeracy so they can effectively engage in the content of curriculum in the secondary setting. There is an increased complexity placed on student's reading comprehension as they progress toward their senior years. Staff are also engaging in the "Deadly 3" – A targeted approach to building student knowledge, understanding and skillset in the areas of building content vocabulary, reading fluency and effective reading comprehension. These are the last 3 skills in what educators call the Big 6, so named as the students need to master them to be able to read for meaning. The other skills are oral language and early literacy experiences, phonological awareness and letter sound knowledge (phonics).

All students in Years 7 and 8 make use of our Renaissance Star reading program which is implemented via our librarian Mrs Fuller. This software is aligned to readers and the students complete online activities which allow us to track their development in reading comprehensions skills as well as target reading resources for their zone of proximal development. We are pleased with the initial results from our trials last year, where the majority of students have shown growth in their reading skills. We have purchased the Mathematics component and staff are currently training to introduce this in the classroom as part of our suite of strategies to support literacy and numeracy across Kandos HS.

*"The more that you read, the more things you will know.
The more that you learn, the more places you'll go!"*

~ Dr Seuss

Until next time...

Dyanna Thommeny
Principal

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GRIN BIN WINNERS

Kaysi Munday
Connor Gibson
Ryan Fuller
Chris Edwards
Chloe Mackander
Miah Currie
Tansy Fisher
Natasha Abrahams
Jenna Benjamin
Madeline Connellan
Jessica Reynolds
Laandi Buckland

\$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Ms C. Heilman
Mrs L. Thorn x 2
Mrs N. Vidler
Mrs K. Reynolds
Ms T. Newitt
Ms T. Therese x 2
Ms M. Toufayli
Mrs P. Munday



SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2021 RESULTS



Age Champion	Girls	Boys
12 years	Emily Gallaher	Oskar Sander
13 years	Teegan Reynolds	Tyrone Nepata
14 years	Jessica Gallaher	Ryan Fuller
15 years	Tegan Godwin	Ky Reddish
16 years	Lainey Fuller	NFP
17 years +	Brooke Howe	Flynn O'Brien



1st Phillip
2nd King
3rd Hunter
4th Macquarie







BASKETBALL GALA DAY

Well done to all students who participated in the opens Basketball Gala day held in Orange. We were the youngest and shortest teams by far, but we played with the most sportsmanship. The MVPs for the girls team were Jessica Reynolds starting with 27 points for the day and also Latara Hammond who started with about 27 fouls for the day. The MVPs for the boys team were Oden Osgood and Aaron Large. All players should be commended on their excellent effort and determination and I look forward to taking you all again next year.

Mr Skourmallas.



Jessica, Latara, Jenna, Hayley, Roxy
Teegan, Haidee, Halli & Alexandra



Zachary, Naz, Noah, Aaron, Peter
Charlie, Ky, Oden & Matthew

Short Film Challenge

FOR AGES 12-25

Entries close 15 April 2021



FIRST PRIZE	SECOND PRIZE	THIRD PRIZE	PEOPLE'S CHOICE AWARD (Voting closes 4 May 2021)
\$300	\$200	\$100	\$250
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Terms and Conditions

- Films must be no longer than three (3) minutes** – this includes any credits.
- “Book” must appear somewhere in your film** – this can be a physical item (such as a book) or a concept (booking tickets). The time stamp of your “book” must be included on your entry form.
- There can be no more than five (5) people on your creative/production team.** There is no limit on the number of actors in your film.
- The competition is open to amateur filmmakers only.**
- Content must be appropriate** for a youth competition and adhere to the Parental Guidance (PG) Australian Classification rating.
- Entries must be submitted via USB** to one of Mid-Western Regional Council’s Customer Service Centres or a Mid-Western Regional Council Library branch **by 4.30pm on Thursday 15 April 2021.**
- The creative/production team must gain permission from all actors** for their likeness to be viewed and screened publicly and on social media.
- Films can be in any style** – live action, animation, stop motion etc.

9) All entries must be original work by the creative team. 10) Entrants must be aged 12 – 25 11) At least one member of the creative/production team must live, study, or work in the Mid-Western Regional Council area. 12) Persons under the age of 18 should ask permission from their guardian before entering the competition. 13) Each creative team can submit a maximum of one film. 14) All entries must have titles. 15) Employees of Mid-Western Regional Council are not eligible to enter this competition. 16) Entries may be displayed publicly and/or used for publicity purposes. 17) Entrants’ likeness may be used for publicity purposes. 18) Entries must be submitted via email and be suitable for display on Mid-Western Regional Youth Council and/or Mid-Western Regional Council’s social media pages. 19) Suitability of entries for publication on social media will be at the discretion of Mid-Western Regional Council staff, and discussion will not be entered into. 20) Entries will be judged by a panel of at least two persons, comprising at least one representative from Mid-Western Regional Council. 21) The judging panel reserves the right not to award a prize if the entries are not deemed of a suitable standard. 22) The winner of the People’s Choice Award will be by members of the public via a voting system on Facebook. 23) Winners of the People’s Choice Award will be determined by the most ‘likes’ received per film/entry by 4:30pm on Tuesday 4 May 2021. 24) Determination / awarding of prizes is final and no correspondence will be entered into. 25) Prize winners will be announced via Mid-Western Regional Youth Council’s social media channels, and winners contacted privately via email – prize distribution may be delayed due to social distancing requirements. 26) Mid-Western Regional Youth Council will take all reasonable care with entries, but will not accept responsibility for any entries not received due to technological failure, damage, distortion, or similar that may occur to entries. 27) Council will endeavour to display all entries, but may not be able to do so due to display area restrictions. 28) Prizes not claimed by 31 December 2021 will be forfeited by the winner. Privacy Policy: To read the privacy policy visit: midwestern.nsw.gov.au/Privacy-Statement

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Short Film Challenge Entry Form

Title of film _____

Name of contact person _____

Address _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Details of Creative/Production team

	Name	Age	Phone
1	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____

Have you obtained permissions from all actors in your film?
(this includes permission to film, use their likeness, play film publicly and place on social media)

Yes No (your film is ineligible for entry)

Have you obtained all other permissions for your film? (eg. songs, music, footage, images)

Yes No (your film is ineligible for entry)

At what time stamp in your film does "Book" appear: _____

I have read and agree to the terms and conditions of the competition on behalf of myself and the full creative/production team

Yes No (your film is ineligible for entry)

Name: _____ Signature: _____
(If entrant is under 18, parent/carer's signature is required)

Parent/Carer's Name: _____ Signature: _____

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AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE VISIT

Thank you to members from the Navy and the Army who visited our school to deliver an information session for senior students.

They highlighted different career paths within the Australian Defence Force. More information can be found at:

<https://www.defencejobs.gov.au/joining/>

Mrs Julie Parsons
Careers Advisor



CHS LAWN BOWLS

Kandos High played Portland High in the second round of the CHS Western Lawn Bowls Knockout at The Rylstone Club on the 3rd of March. The match was very competitive with Portland taking an early two point lead which they maintained for most of the match. With one end remaining Portland held the advantage with a 14-13 lead. With some great bowling and team work under pressure Kandos managed to steal the win with a 4 point final end. The team will now progress to the top eight and play in the Western Final in Orange on the 29th of March.

Mrs Nikki O'Brien
Head Teacher Learning and Engagement



Bailey, Ty, Flynn & Khy

WOLLONGONG DISCOVERY DAYS

Year 12 students travelled to Wollongong on Monday 15th and Tuesday 16th February and participated in Wollongong University 'Discovery Days' program. They stayed at UOW Kooloobong Village and experienced university life first hand. They participated in various activities aimed at helping broaden their future career opportunities and had a great time doing so. Thank you Mr Curtis for driving the students.

Mrs Julie Parsons
Careers Advisor



FROM THE OFFICE

Attendance letters were sent home last week, please either phone the office or return these to the school to explain any unexplained absences.

Last year there were many cancelled activities. Some parents have fees in advance credited to your families school account. These will appear on Student Statements being mailed out soon. Please contact the school to enquire if you have any funds that can be applied to upcoming excursions and activities. They are not limited and can be used to make purchases from the office, for items such as uniforms etc.

YUMMY YUMMY FRUIT SALAD!

Acacia students enjoying food tech making, tasting and eating fruit salad.



FROM THE DATA TEAM!

When we surveyed our students, we discovered 76% were allowed to have their phone in their room after bedtime.

Did you know that most mobile phones now have a bedtime mode which stops notifications and calls when active.



STUDY SKILLS TIP FOR MARCH - 4 REASONS NOT TO PUT OFF STARTING ASSIGNMENTS

Here are four reasons why you should start working on your assignment immediately.

1. GET YOUR BRAIN THINKING ABOUT THE TOPIC:

Even if your assignment is not due for weeks, start thinking about it immediately. At the very least, ensure you review and understand the requirements the day you get your assignment. Even if you are not thinking about it directly, your subconscious will be hard at work.

2. FIND LIBRARY AND ONLINE RESOURCES:

Although the school or local library may not be your main source of reference, you should drop in soon after receiving the assignment. Your teacher will probably have alerted the school librarian to the assignment, and reference books etc, may well be displayed. These will disappear quickly if the whole class has the same assignment. Reference books can sometimes be a useful general overview for an assignment and they help clarify a direction as you begin to immerse yourself into the assignment topic. Your librarian can also guide you to online journals or databases that may be useful.

3. STARTING EARLY MEANS MORE TIME TO EXPLORE & ASK FOR HELP IF NEEDED:

If you do some initial research on the assignment, you could find yourself needing more direction in your next research. For example: Perhaps there isn't enough information, or perhaps you find you don't understand important concepts, or perhaps you need to speak to your teacher to get further clarity. If you find this out early, you will still have plenty of time to plan, research, write and present your assignment. Imagine if you didn't start your assignment for a week or so, and then discovered you needed more guidance. You could easily run out of time. Starting early also gives you a longer time to think through and develop your ideas.

4. CREATE A SAFETY NET:

Starting your assignment immediately will give you a safety net in case you get sick or something unexpected happens. Assignments are usually given over a period of time because they require more time; students must plan a strategy or schedule to ensure they are completed. You should always have a schedule that allows for the unexpected.

So get started today!

Learn more this year about how to improve your results and be more efficient and effective with your schoolwork by working through the units on www.studyskillshandbook.com.au - our school's access details are:

Username: kandoshs
Password: 28success



Mudgee Walk, Talk and Roll

Mudgee Walk, Talk and Roll is a FREE peer group for people living with disability, their family, friends, carers and the broader community.

All are very welcome!

Come out, have a chat while we walk, talk and roll through Lawson Park Track.

Afterwards, join us at Muffin Break – they are offering special deals for our group – you can buy Coffee and a Muffin or a Milkshake and a Muffin for \$8.00.

Walk details: Meet us at 9am at the Lawson Park Track behind Big W every second Thursday on the following dates:

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| • March 4 | • April 15 |
| • March 18 | • April 29 |
| • April 1 | • May 13 |

For more information please call Katrina on 0408 694 784.

You can also contact Social Futures on our dedicated hotline number: **1800 522 679** or by email: lac@socialfutures.org.au



We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land where we live and work and their continuing connection to land, water, sea and community. We pay respects to Australia's First Peoples, to their unique and diverse cultures, and to Elders past, present and future.

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Join us on  

The
flavours of
Italy!

Menu - Alternate Drop

Entrée

Margherita or Meat Lovers Pizza

Main

Spaghetti Bolognese or Chicken Carbonara

Dessert

Crostini or Lemon Gelato

**Vegetarian and gluten-free options
available. Any other dietary considerations -
just ask.**

Venue: MPC

Time: 6.00 p.m.

RSVP and

**Payment: 15th
March 2021**



Kandos High School
Catering Crew
Pop-Up Restaurant
Come and enjoy a

**beautiful 3 course
meal for only \$20.00
per
person**



**Thursday 18th
March 2021**

TAKE-AWAY AVAILABLE

**Contact the school's Administration Office for more
information and bookings 02 63794103**

Come and Play Netball



**The game we all love is back and better than ever in 2021!
Registrations are now open, so why don't you come and play netball**

Our registration day is for all players aged 8+ wishing to play this upcoming season but don't have a club or team.

Registration Day - THURSDAY 4 MARCH, 4:30-6:00PM

Glen Willow Netball Courts, Pitts Lane

Mudgee District Netball Association
e. committee@mudgeedistrictnetball.hwy.com.au
w. mudgeena.nsw.netball.com.au
m. 0421 358 123

We are looking for players in the following age divisions

NetSetGo - 5 to 7 years
Junior - 8 to 18 years
Senior - 18 and over

Find out more at netballnsw.com.au

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NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW AECG INC AND NSW DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

SCHOOLS WILL RESPECT THE IDENTITY, CULTURE, HERITAGE AND LANGUAGES OF ABORIGINAL STUDENTS AND BE WELCOMING AND RESPECTFUL PLACES

NSW AECG AND THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION WILL WORK TOGETHER SO EVERY ABORIGINAL CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON CAN ACHIEVE THEIR POTENTIAL THROUGH EDUCATION

ALL STUDENTS IN NSW WILL UNDERSTAND THE TRUE HISTORY OF THE LANDS ON WHICH THEY LIVE

ABORIGINAL PARENTS, CAREGIVERS, COMMUNITIES, STUDENTS AND STAFF ACROSS NSW HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO HAVE THEIR VOICES HEARD IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF THIS NEW PARTNERSHIP AGREEMENT

HIGHLIGHTS THE IMPORTANCE OF CONSULTATION WITH COMMUNITIES AT THE LOCAL LEVEL, ACKNOWLEDGING THE AECG'S GRASSROOTS STRUCTURE

WALKING TOGETHER, WORKING TOGETHER

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UPCOMING PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES

Just a reminder that payments and permission notes are due for the following:

- School Captains Youth Leadership, permission note due 8 March 2021
- U15 Girls and Boys Touch Football, permission note and \$10 due 8 March 2021
- CSU Bathurst Explore Day, permission note and \$20 due 15 March 2021
- Pop-up Restuarant bookings through the office, \$20 per head, due 17 March 2021
- Year 8 Wild West, permission note and \$40 deposit due 29 March 2021
- Course Fees and Voluntary Contributions



PARENT PAYMENTS

Cash, cheque or EFT payments can be made directly at the school office. Alternately, parents have the option to pay by using an online option, the Parent Online Payments (POP), via Kandos High School's website, by clicking on the "[Make a Payment](#)" tab and following the instructions.

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