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Newsletter

Term 1 Week 9 2021

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLANNING

The school plan is our map of how we are supporting learning over the next four years and aligning resources to achieve our priorities. This is currently in draft form, but is due to be uploaded and published on our website at the end of the term. There has been valuable feedback from staff, parents and students that has contributed to the key directions and the activities that will support learning and engagement at Kandos High School into the future. As always if anyone would like to view or provide feedback on the draft plan a copy is available at the front office, or an electronic copy can be requested.

Our three strategic directions for improvement across leading, learning and teaching are focused on:

- 1. Monitoring, analysing and providing differentiated instruction to ensure student growth and attainment;**
- 2. Providing quality teaching and learning experiences for our students to reach their potential; and**
- 3. Excellence in educational leadership and engaging with our learning community.**

Activities within these areas are informed by research and evidence-based practise and we will continue to build on and enhance the work previously undertaken as we focus on learning and working in partnership with our parents and community. I will provide further snapshots of what the school planning teams are focusing on as the plan is implemented over the next four years.

TELL THEM FROM ME SURVEY

Mrs Fuller is currently organising a schedule for our students to complete this survey early next term, which asks them to provide feedback on a range of areas such as engagement, wellbeing, teaching practices in the school and the learning environment. Feedback from this survey is used by the school to improve any areas of concern that might be identified and to ensure we maintain the activities that students feel are a strength in supporting their learning and achievement. Information for parents and carers is available along with a non-consent form if you do not wish for your child to partake in the survey. This will need to be returned to roll call staff by week 10 to opt out. I highly recommend students participate to ensure we have a strong student perspective as part of our decision making.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/student-wellbeing/tell-them-from-me/information-for-parents-and-carers-your-childs-participation>

What's on?

2021

Monday 22/03/2021

Tuesday 23/03/2021

Wednesday 24/03/2021

Thursday 25/03/2021

School Photos

Western Region Rugby League Trials

Friday 26/03/2021

Monday 29/03/2021

Western Bowls Knockout Final

Mock Interviews

Tuesday 30/03/2021

Year 7-8 Careers Excursion

Wednesday 31/03/2021

Year 7-8 Careers Excursion

Western CHS Golf 18 hole -

Stroke Play Championship

Thursday 01/04/2021

Last day of Term 1

Tuesday 20/04/2021

Students return for Term 2

DIGITAL STRATEGY

Kandos High School has been nominated for inclusion in the Department of Education's Rural Access Gap program which aims to improve the resourcing for online learning in rural communities. The Digital Strategy team met with Mr Vaughan and myself this week and we look forward to having improved technology resources and staff release time to ensure the effective implementation of this in collaboration with the team. Staff will also be able to access a suite of professional learning resources that will further support utilising technology to enhance teaching and learning. The school server infrastructure will be decommissioned in the future and Kandos High School move to a cloud-based system via Microsoft or Google platforms.

Further information is available on the government website.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/campaigns/schools-digital-strategy/rural-access-gap>

*"Someone's sitting in the shade today
because someone planted a tree a long time ago."*

~ Warren Buffett

Until next time...

Dyanna Thommeny
Principal

YEAR 12 EASTER RAFFLE

Tickets are going on sale tomorrow for Year 12s easter egg fundraiser! There are 3 prizes... win your share of chocolate for Easter.

They are \$2 per ticket or 3 tickets for \$5 and will be drawn on Thursday 1 April 2021. They will be available to the public for purchase from the office. Funds will be used towards the Year 12 Formal later this year.

NSW STATE OF ORIGIN TOUCH TEAM

Last Thursday, the NSW Touch Association announced their final State of Origin Squads for the 2020 State of Origin series being played later this year after being postponed due to COVID-19.

Squads will gather in Sydney on March 26-28 for the final team selections as NSWTA prepare to defend the SOO shield in Coffs Harbour on June 18-19, 2021.

A huge congratulations to our PDHPE teacher Mrs Kerry Reynolds for being selected in the Ladie's 40 squad. We are very proud on your selection!



**Final State of Origin
Squads for the
2020 State of Origin**

GRIN BIN WINNERS

Lilliarna George
Teegan Reynolds
Jasmin Abrahams
Lindsey Pateman
Clare Chadwick
Peter Keeley

\$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Miss E. Kelson
Ms M. Toufayli
Mrs W. Murphy
Ms T. Therese
Miss S. Pennell



FROM THE DEPUTY

ATTENDANCE IS IMPORTANT

Over the last few weeks I have been talking to students about the importance of attending school on a regular basis. Did you know that if a student takes just one day off each week, that is the equivalent of almost one term per year and over their six years of high school this equates to about one and a half years of missed opportunities to learn and grow?

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to learn, build friendships, develop life skills and create good lifelong habits. Patterns of lateness have serious impacts on your child's education. Just 20 minutes a day equals twelve days per year. Our roll call / assembly / year meetings are 20 minutes long. They are an important way that we communicate with the students and yes at times there is learning done in them. Missing one 50-minute lesson per week means that your child is missing up to 30 days per year.

This is why it is important to try to make appointments for your child outside of school time whenever possible. This can be difficult at times and we understand that, so when your child is away from school, please encourage them to catch up on any work they have missed.

REASONS FOR ABSENCES

When your child is absent from school, there is a responsibility to report the reason for that absence as soon as the child returns. Whenever possible, parents and carers are encouraged to explain the absence before it occurs.

To explain an absence from Kandos High School, parents and carers may:

- Send a note or email the school
- Telephone or SMS the school, or
- Visit the school

Possible reasons for absences or partial absences include:

MEDICAL REASONS	FAMILY REASONS	OTHER
Cold/flu Stomach ache Diarrhea Headache/Migraine Fever Broken bone Vomiting Infectious Illness (eg. Chicken pox) Serious nose bleed Asthma Unexplained rash Injury Medical Appointment Dental Appointment	Funeral Moving Residence Arrival/departure of an immediate relative from overseas Unavoidable involvement in a serious family incident	Misadventure and unforeseen events (eg fire, flood) Participation in a special event eg, attendance at a religious ceremony Short family holiday Transport difficulty Unavoidable delay

Carol Heilman
 Deputy Principal



UNDER 15's BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH

On Monday the 15th of March our Under 15's boys and girls Touch teams were up bright and early to make the drive to Orange to compete in the Western Region Selection Trial. Both teams were drawn into a tough pool with eventual winners Orange. All players should be proud of the sportsmanship they showed and the improvements they made. The boys battled it out for a 3-3 draw with Gilgandra in the first round followed by a tight lost to Bathurst 6-4. They then faced Orange who outclassed everyone on the day and beat the boys 8-1. The girls had a great day and narrowly missed a spot in the Semi-Final's. They had a convincing win over Gilgandra in the first round 8-0 followed by a loss to Orange 8-1 and a 3 all draw with Parkes.

Congratulations go to Teegan Reynolds and Halli O'Brien who were selected in the Western Region Team that will contest the State Titles to be held in Woolongong in May.

Congratulations also go to Mrs Reynolds who was selected as the Convener and Coach of the team.

Nikki O'Brien
Head Teacher Learning and Engagement



Seanna, Roxy, Summa, Hayley, Haidee
Aleisha, Alexis, Alex, Mia,
Halli & Teegan



Jonathan, Zac, Ryan, Ky, Aaron, Matthew, Charlie, Ryley, MacAlister & Ricky-J

OPENS BOYS AND GIRLS CHS SOCCER

Last Thursday students represented the school at Kelso High School playing in the knockout CHS soccer competition.

The boys played against Kelso High School and were out skilled rather quickly. We declared Kelso the winner on the day and then the boys switched team players and had a very friendly game for the remainder of the time. The highlight was Zac taking a penalty shot out against Aaron, being on opposing teams.

The girls played against Orange High School and borrowed 3 Kelso High School players to field their team. Orange dominated the first half, however the girls dug deep in the second half and their defence was amazing to watch!

Well done to all players and thank you to the Kelso players for your sportsmanship and hospitality.

Nick Nassis

PDHPE Teacher



Zac, Blake, Ricky-J, Ryan, Tyler, Matthew, Luke Ty, Aaron, Charlie, Mitchell & Jonathan



Tailah, Shanae, Caitlin, Sophie, Haidee, Roxy, Alex, Jess Emily & Ella



ALL IN A DAY'S WORK

Year 11 and 12 Agriculture students spent the day at "Robmar" where they had a hands on experience completing sheep work. Students weighed sheep to determine the drench dose which it seemed was the easy part of the exercise. Working as a team, students had to drench 200 sheep, drafting the wethers from the ewes. New knowledge and skills were gained from this activity....along with patience.

A big thank you to Robin and Robert Johnston for allowing students the opportunity to put theory learnt into a real life farming activity.

Deb Johnston

Head Teacher Teaching & Learning

Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies



BEE-ZY APIARISTS

With the addition of the new queens last year, the school hives are full of busy bees who have filled frames of honey that needed to be replaced. Students in 9/10 Agriculture suited up and worked as a team to remove full frames of honey and put in empty frames ready for filling in the future. This was the first time that these students had worked with an active hive and at the end of the day they walked away with a new experience, some honey to extract and more importantly were sting free.

Deb Johnston

**Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies**



THE ART OF AI

Millie, our cow has just completed a round of artificial insemination and students from Year 11 and 12 were lucky enough to experience the final step first hand. Wes and Gussie from Cudgegong Valley Vet Services explained the process to the students – from the first hormone injection, sire selection, straw storage and defrosting through to talking students through the process of insemination in real time.

A HUGE thank you to Wes and Gussie for taking the time to talk to students and provide a valuable insight into this ever growing breeding strategy. Students are looking forward to the next step which is pregnancy testing.

Deb Johnston

**Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies**



SCHOOL MERINO WETHER CHALLENGE HAS STARTED!!

Agriculture students from Years 9, 10 and 11 recently travelled to Dubbo for the start of the Wether Challenge. Students worked with industry experts in a range of fields including wool classing, sheep nutrition and breeding and formed friendships with students from other schools. At the end of the day, 6 wethers were collected and transported to the Ag Plot. The hard work starts now with students needing to train the wethers to be led and provide food rations that will produce a good quality carcase and wool clip for the judging in August.

Deb Johnston
Head Teacher Teaching & Learning
Head Teacher Technology & Applied Studies



ELEVATE EDUCATION'S PARENT WEBINAR

Dear Parents,

You may recall that parents of Kandos High School have exclusive access to Elevate Education's Parent Webinar Series for Term 1, 2021. The recent webinar was on **Tech Devices - setting boundaries and promoting self-regulation with teens**. It aired live on Wednesday 10th March, but you can [access the replay](#) below.

The next webinar is on Wednesday 24th March, and covers [Note Making Strategies – how to favour understanding over rote](#). You can register for that event below.

Webinar replay

Watch the [Tech webinar here](#).

Download the [resources here](#).

[Join the next webinar](#)

The webinar is run **live online from 6pm – 7pm** where the presenter will share Elevate's key research and skills and will conduct a live Q&A so you can ask them questions directly.

Should you have questions or would like to contact Elevate directly, their details are listed below.

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<https://au.elevateeducation.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/ElevateEd/>



2021 Hockey Season

KICKS OFF 24th April 2021
REGISTER before 10th April 2021

WHERE: Victoria Park, Mudgee

SENIORS held SATURDAY from 12:30pm
JUNIORS held FRIDAY from 4:30pm



For further information follow us Facebook or;
Email: mudgeehockey2850@gmail.com
Website: www.revolutionise.com.au/mudgeedha

FLAVOURS OF ITALY POP-UP RESTAURANT

Last Thursday, the school hosted our first pop-up restaurant for 2021. The event was supervised by Julie Parsons and staffed by our senior students Lainey, Daisy and Clare as part of their Year 11 assessment. Other students volunteered in the catering crew to support the success of the event. Many thanks to all of our community members that came and supported the event.





CSU EXPLORE DAY

Students from Years 10, 11 and 12 travelled to Bathurst for Explore Day to see what Charles Sturt University is all about last Tuesday.

There were a range on information sessions, hands on workshops and tours to discover what University is really like.

Julie Parsons
Careers Advisor





A weekend adventure with your daughter awaits!

Enjoy quality time with your daughter and experience the multi-award winning Daughters and Dads program developed by the University of Newcastle, filled with traditional camp adventure activities.

OUR DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PARTICIPANTS:

- Enjoy quality one-on-one time together
- See daughters develop confidence and skills in a range of sports
- Have fun being active together with fun dad-tested activities
- Learn about building self-esteem and resilience in girls



DAUGHTERS AND DADS WEEKENDER PROGRAM INCLUSIONS

- Two-night weekend stay at Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre. Each dad and their daughter will have a private room at our scenic centre and your stay includes all outdoor recreation activities and meals
- Our fun practical sessions focus on rough and tumble play, sport skills, and fitness
- Our theory sessions focus on building confidence, self-esteem, and resilience in girls
- The emphasis is on fun and the program caters for all physical activity and skill levels
- Daughters and dads both receive a program t-shirt, drink bottle and activity book

WHEN	PROGRAM TYPE	WHERE	COST
5.30pm Friday 14 May - 3.00pm Sunday 16 May	Weekender	Lake Burrendong Sport and Recreation Centre 205 Tara Rd, Lake Burrendong NSW	\$208 dad/carer \$153 daughter

*Father or significant male role models/father-figures are welcome
*Daughters should be primary school aged, minimum of five years old

To book your place visit:

 sport.nsw.gov.au/daughtersdads
or for more information call 13 13 02

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LOCATIONS
ACROSS NSW

NSW PRIDE U12s CLINICS

One-day hockey development clinics run across the state



Wherever you are in NSW,
there's a clinic for you!

Join Hockey NSW coaches and NSW Pride players for some fun development camps this April in over 20 locations across NSW.

Interested, **but when?**

Various clinics from April 6 - 16

I'm in, **sign me up!**



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More Questions? **Contact us!**



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creative KIDS

Claim your \$100 voucher today.

Parents, guardians and carers can apply for a voucher with a value of up to \$100 per calendar year for each school-enrolled child and young person aged 4.5-18 years.

The voucher may be used with an approved Creative Kids provider for registration, participation and tuition costs for performing arts, visual arts, coding, languages, literature, music and other eligible creative and cultural activities.

Vouchers are valid from **January until December** each year.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHER

1



Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account

2



Click on the Creative Kids icon found in your **SERVICE** tab

3

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Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)

4



Print a copy of the voucher or email it to yourself*

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHER

1



Find a provider by visiting our website: service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids

2



Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider when you book.

- Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab
- Visit service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids for terms and conditions and FAQs



CLAIM TWO \$100 ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS



All NSW school-enrolled children are eligible for **two \$100 Active Kids vouchers** each year. The vouchers can be used with any approved Active Kids provider, to help cover costs towards registration or membership fees for sport and active recreation. **Voucher one is valid January to December** and **voucher two is valid July to December**. After 1 July, the second voucher can be claimed immediately after the first voucher.

HOW TO CLAIM YOUR VOUCHERS



1 Visit service.nsw.gov.au and login to your MyServiceNSW Account



2 Click on the Active Kids icon found in your SERVICE tab

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3 Fill out the requested information (you will need your current Medicare card)



4 Print a copy of each voucher or email it to yourself

Visit sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids for terms & conditions and FAQs

HOW TO USE YOUR VOUCHERS

- 1** Find a provider by visiting our website: sport.nsw.gov.au/activekids
- 2** Once you have chosen an activity give the voucher number to your activity provider, or log onto your provider's website and enter the voucher number

*Vouchers can always be found in your MyServiceNSW account by looking in the My Applications tab



UPCOMING PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES



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

- Western Bowls Knockout Final, permission note and \$10 due 25 March 2021.
- Years 7-8 Careers Opportunity Excursion, permission note and \$25 due 20 March 2021.
- Year 8 Wild West, permission note and \$40 deposit due 29 March 2021.
Remaining \$100 due Tuesday 27th April 2021.
- Western CHS Golf 18 hole Stroke Play Championship, permission note due 24 March 2021.
- Year 10 Excursion to Sydney, permission note and \$50 deposit due 30 March 2021.
Remaining \$200 due Tuesday 27th April 2021.
- Year 12 Life Ready Excursion, permission note and \$40 deposit due 29 March 2021.
Remaining \$160 due Tuesday 27th April 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.



msp photography
Capturing School Moments

Student photo envelopes have been sent home last week. If you have not received your envelope, would like a family photo envelope or have any enquiries, please don't hesitate to contact the office 6379 4103.

Envelopes must be returned to the school with correct payment or an order reference number if they have been ordered online by Wednesday 24 March 2021.

**Students, please remember to
wear full school uniform on Thursday!**

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