



# Newsletter

Term 2 Week 4 2022

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## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

I drove into Fleming Street last week feeling refreshed and excited after being on leave but also feeling a little bit trepidatious. Are we in the “new normal” now? What have I forgotten? How are the students and staff feeling with all the interruptions to school? How are the students progressing academically? How are they coping mentally? How are we providing quality teaching amidst the teacher shortages impacting across the state? Are we meeting our system generated targets? When is the Annual Report due? What obstacles lie ahead for us as a school in a very challenging educational and political landscape? Why do we keep getting more programs or policies to implement at a time when we just need to batten down the hatches and get back to what we do best, quality teaching and learning? What really matters MOST? This fog of educational concern soon disappeared as staff and students greeted me as I went for a wander around the school and after my first cup of coffee it was back to business as if I had only been away for a few weeks. That’s what matters most, PEOPLE!

Kandos High School is fortunate to have very committed staff, who will go above and beyond for our students. They epitomise the majority of staff in our Public Education system, ask anyone of us who we truly work for and you will be told it is our students, our colleagues and our community. We recently celebrated the achievements of our students with the Term 1 Merit assembly, our Term Showcase presentation certainly evidenced the wonderful achievements of students in academic, sporting and creative pursuits throughout the term.



## What’s on?

### 2022

**Monday, 23 May 2022**

Tom Kemp Shield, Molong

**Tuesday, 24 May 2022**

Try-a-Trade Excursion

**Wednesday, 25 May 2022**

**Thursday, 26 May 2022**

**Friday, 27 May 2022**

Athletics Carnival

**Monday, 30 May 2022**

Reconciliation Week

**Tuesday, 31 May 2022**

Reconciliation Week

**Wednesday, 1 June 2022**

Reconciliation Week

Stage 4 Opportunities Excursion

**Thursday, 2 June 2022**

Reconciliation Week

Stage 4 Opportunities Excursion

**Friday, 3 June 2022**

Reconciliation Week

North West Equestrian Expo

Western Squash Final



Although Term 1 commenced with operational measures to limit the spread of COVID, it is hard to believe that this year is possibly the first time in two years we are able to experience a somewhat normal school year, without lockdowns and remote learning. It is clear the pandemic has disrupted almost every element of our lives, the education of our children has been no exception, the importance of face-to-face learning is perhaps now more fully understood, and research is clearly indicating the negative impact remote learning has had on student mental wellbeing.

It was truly fantastic to see the school with all the new infrastructure in place that we have purchased or been allocated under the Department's Digital Strategy to improve the school space and our digital resources in the classrooms.

Walking the corridors, I was met with lots of visuals reminding students of what is on, who is on what team, the celebration of achievements, or examples of student work on display. The new display boards give the walls a modern feel and are visually appealing unlike the shabby predecessors. Colourful stair signage reminds us of our school values and motivational or thoughtful quotes as we walk to lessons. Cultural signage in areas reminds us we are on the land of Wiradjuri People and of our shared responsibility to respect and connect with culture and country.

It is refreshing to see the digital uplift within our learning spaces with upgrades to connectivity to the internet and classroom devices and interactive boards. The program aims to put regional schools on the same level as our metropolitan counterparts. The school is now using the cloud-based system Microsoft Teams for administration to support student management and learning. Further training in collaborative tools to be integrated into teaching and learning will happen across Term 3.

National Reconciliation Week is upon us running from 27 May to 3 June. A time for all Australians to learn more about our shared histories, cultures and achievements and to explore how we all play a part in achieving reconciliation. The theme for this year, "Be Brave. Make Change" is a challenge to individuals, families, communities, organisations and government - to Be Brave and tackle the unfinished business of reconciliation so we can Make Change that will benefit all Australians.

Courage or being brave is defined as the mental or moral strength to venture, persevere, and withstand danger, fear or difficulty. Our recent circumstances and challenges have revealed that we all embody this ability. What assumptions might we challenge, what brave actions might we complete in our daily lives of living, working, playing and socialising?

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

~ Elmer Davis

Until next time...

*Dyanna Thommeny*  
**Principal**

## GRIN BIN WINNERS

Chantelle Jones-Sack  
Oskar Sander  
Shania Norris  
Ty Stone

## \$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Mrs N. Vidler  
Ms L. Besant  
Mrs L. Thorn  
Mrs T. Therese



# 2022 NSW RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADOR PROGRAM

Congratulations to Blainey Heath on her selection as a Rural Youth Ambassador. Blainey has been invited to represent our school in Sydney this month.



## OPEN BOYS SOCCER



# ANZAC DAY

It was fantastic to see so many students representing Kandos High School at the dawn services in Kandos and Rylstone; and later marching with staff in Kandos.

Well done to our school leaders Jessica, Annalise, Ryan and Latara. You all spoke very well and should be very proud of your contributions to these ceremonies. A time of reflection.



## ANZAC ASSEMBLY

Kandos High School proudly hosted our annual Anzac Day ceremony on the first Thursday of Term. We were honoured to have distinguished guests from the RSL Sub Branch attend the service.

It included an activity led by year 11 student Caitlin Healey who had researched statistics on World War 1 and broke the students into groups representing the soldiers that were either wounded, dead or able to return home.

A very visual reflection of war.



# SHEARING SCHOOL

Some of our stage 5 and 6 students ended their school holidays with an early start. They completed a full day of learning about working and wool harvesting in the shearing industry at Coomber.

We would like to thank the trainers from Australian Wool Innovation; the Evans family for hosting the event; and Mackander Shearing for supporting our students. What a fabulous opportunity for them to gain first hand experience, locally, in the shearing industry.



## FACTS DAY AT CSU BATHURST

Year 11 and 12 students attended the careers FACTS day at Charles Sturt University in Bathurst on Friday 29 April, learning all about university entry.



## JAMIE MANNING

On Tuesday 3 May, the school welcomed a special guest speaker, Mr Jamie Manning. Who provided our students with an informative talk. Thank you for sharing your story with our students. Your resilience and positive attitude is inspirational.



## THANK YOU

Kandos High School would like to thank Peter Marchant from Rylstone for his kind donation of straw. This will be used, whilst our students are competing, at the upcoming Holbrook Sheep and Wool Show.



## YEAR 11 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY METALS & ENGINEERING PROJECTS

The students had the task of researching, designing and fabricating fireplace tools.

Great job Year 11!

# KHS OPENS BOYS & GIRLS TOUCH TEAMS

On Monday, 2 May, our Open Boys and Girls Touch teams traveled to Bathurst to compete in the Western Knockout. Both teams played extremely well and came away with a couple of wins, with both teams finishing 3rd in their pool. The boys were led by a determined Ky Reddish but had an extra tough day having to play with only two subs after a couple of late withdrawals. The girls were led by Jessica Reynolds in her final campaign after representing Kandos High and Western Region every year since Year 7. The girls showed they are a team to watch, only going down by one try in each of their losses.

Our try scorers were:

Izaak Orchard 3, Jessica Reynolds 2, Teegan Reynolds, Alex Grimshaw, Halli O'Brien, Billy King, Matt Brown, Daniel Keeley, and Lukas Farrugia all scoring 1 try.

Congratulations also go to Jessica Reynolds and Halli O'Brien who were selected in the Western Region Open Girls team to compete at the State Championships in Milperra.



## GREATER WESTERN SELECTION - SECONDARY U15s RUGBY LEAGUE TRIALS

We are excited to announce that year 9 student Ryan Mackander competed at the North West Region trials in Coonabarabran representing in the Western Region U15s team. They came away with the win 46 – 22.

Ryan is one of 18 players who were selected to form the Greater Western Team to compete in Wollongong, later this month, at the NSWCHS Rugby League Trails. We would like to congratulate Ryan on his achievement and wish him well at the upcoming game.



## DO IT FOR DOLLY

Dolly's Dream is committed to changing the culture of bullying by addressing the impact of bullying, anxiety, depression and youth suicide, through education and direct support to young people and families.

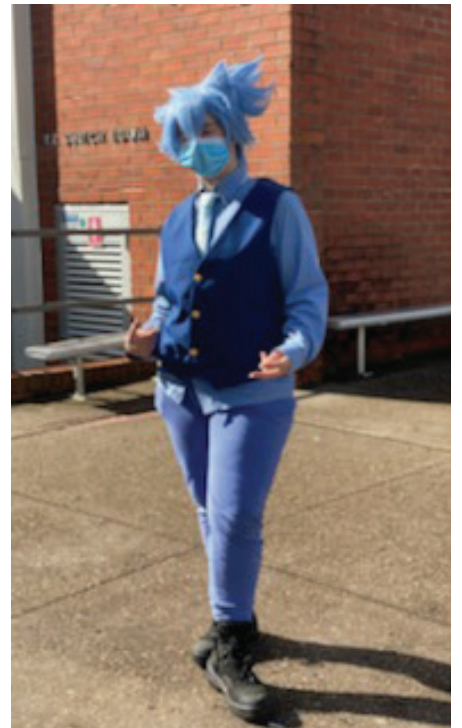
Last Friday students and staff wore blue to show their support for Do It For Dolly Day.

They completed friendship building activities at lunch. Gold coins were collected and we're pleased to announce that we've raised \$482.50 (\$300 of which was kindly donated by the SRC from the profits they made at the disco). For more information please see:

<https://dollysdream.org.au/>







# NEON DISCO







# Kandos High School



*A vibrant and caring learning community*

*At Kandos High School, we provide a comprehensive secondary education where the wellbeing of the whole school community is paramount. The staff at Kandos High School are highly skilled, experienced and professional. The school offers a broad range of subjects and flexible programs, which cater for the individual needs and interests of our students. As a small school, students receive the personal attention necessary to achieve their full potential.*



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*Please contact the school principal, Dyanna Thommeny for further information or to arrange a visit.*

# TERM 1 MERIT ASSEMBLY



Special presentations were made at our Term 1 Merit Assembly to Blainey Heath, who received the Dux Award for 2021 on behalf of her sister Raynor Heath and to Kay Cooke for completing 30 years of teaching with the NSW Department of Education.



## YEAR 7

### BRONZE AWARDS

Jocelyn Cafe

Pyper Wilkinson

## YEAR 9

### BRONZE AWARDS

Lleyton Boyd

Willow Connellan



## YEAR 10

### BRONZE AWARD

Chloe Farrugia

## YEAR 11

### BRONZE AWARDS

Amelia Burlington

Madeleine Connellan

Christopher Edwards

Kendal Kennedy

## YEAR 12

### BRONZE AWARDS

Lainey Fuller

Latara Hammond

Chloe Mackander

Jessica Reynolds

Ty Stone

### SILVER AWARDS

Latara Hammond

Jessica Reynolds



## TERM 1 SPORTS AWARDS

Sport	Best and Fairest	Encouragement
Lawn Bowls	Ky Reddish (11)	Oscar Harrison (11) Noah Kernaghan (11)
Opens Netball	Lainey Fuller (12) Roxy Sultana (9)	Brienna Fuller (8) Shani Bray (10)
Open Girls Soccer	Jessica Reynolds (12) Alexandra Grimshaw (9)	Latara Hammond (12) Kelly Bray (11)
Squash	Ryan Moore (12)	Brayden Moore (11) Mitchell Moore (8) Noah Kernaghan (11)
Open Boys Soccer	Jordan Sant (11)	Oscar Harrison (11) Ky Reddish (11))
Rugby League	Ky Reddish (11) Matthew Brown (9)	Izaak Orchard (11) Todd Jones (11)



# YEAR 6 TRANSITION

Last Wednesday, 35 students from year 6 participated in their first day of transition at Kandos High School. It was full of activities with their peers. We're looking forward to seeing them again soon.



# 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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