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Newsletter

Term 4 Week 6 2021



FAREWELL YEAR 12 AND GOODLUCK!

Last Friday we were able to formally farewell our Year 12 students. While the heavens might have opened, it did not dampen the spirit of those who were celebrating the culmination of 13 years of education. COVID restrictions again meant for a second year that parents, family and the extended school community were not able to join the students, physically in the hall. Thanks to technology, the assembly was broadcast live to various locations for viewing. In addition, the event was filmed and each student will receive a USB copy with the assembly and student interviews in the future. A big thank you to our tech support crew for making this all possible.

This day also saw a change in student leadership. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Raynor Pearce, Raymond Sack, Miah Currie and Oden Osgood for their leadership during what was a challenging time and welcome the new leadership team for 2022 of Annalise Healey, Jessica Reynolds, Latara Hammond and Ryan Moore.

Following their induction, the new student leaders this week accompanied Mrs Vidler and Mr Curtis to our local primary schools where Year 6 students were provided with information on their upcoming Orientation Day on the 24 November and had the opportunity to use our coded Sphero Balls. More details on these visits can be found in this edition of the newsletter.



What's on?

2021

Wednesday, 24 November 2021

Year 6 Transition Day

Wednesday, 1 December 2021

Year 6 Transition Day

Saturday, 4 December 2021

Year 11 - Election BBQ Fundraiser

Thursday, 9 December 2021

Term 4 Merit Assembly

(Current COVID restrictions prevent parents from attending)

Saturday, 11 December 2021

Year 12 Formal - Kandos Community Hall starting at 5:30pm (all COVID guidelines will need to be followed inc. proof of double vaccination)

Monday, 13 December 2021

Annual Presentation Day 2021

(Current COVID restrictions prevent parents from attending)

Thursday, 16 December 2021

Last day of Term 4 for students

Friday, 17 December 2021

Last day of Term 4 for staff

Tuesday, 1 February 2022

Years 7, 11 and 12 return to school

Wednesday, 2 February 2022

Years 8, 9 and 10 return to school

Friday, 11 February 2022

Swimming Carnival

Wednesday, 16 February 2022

Year 7 and parents BBQ

Ms Besant and Mr Curtis took our CLIP class to the Rylstone Cemetery on Tuesday, where they were joined by members of the Kandos RSL Sub-Branch and placed poppies at the final resting place of our service men and woman. The afternoon concluded with the reciting of the Ode and with Ms Newitt playing the Last Post. Thank you to all of those who were involved in this activity and to Mrs Herbert for making all the poppies. We are so fortunate to be able to live in a community where we can work so closely with organisations to pay respect and recognise the service of our local men and women.

On Saturday the Rylstone Markets will be held and Kandos High School will have a stall. Come down see the range of items that are on display and for sale, including our very own honey and student created succulent terrariums.

The Department of Education have now released guidelines for celebrating our students achievements at our Annual Presentation Day. Unfortunately, at this time, COVID restrictions will prevent parents from attending. Should there be a change to these guidelines, we will notify of any changes and will welcome parents back onsite.

Finally, on behalf of the staff and student body, I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best as they undertake their HSC Examinations. This time is merely the closing of one chapter and shortly you will commence the next chapter of your life.

Take care and see you all again soon...

Deb Johnston

Relieving Deputy Principal

GRIN BIN WINNERS

Eleanor Vidler
Rebrenna Siskovic
Jasmin Abrahams
Kelly Bray
Clare Chadwick

\$2 TEACHER VOUCHER

Miss E. Kelson
Mrs B. Anderson
Mrs K. McDonald
Mrs S. Prosser
Ms M. Toufayli



CLIP VISIT TO RYLSTONE CEMETERY

On Tuesday, 11 members of the CLIP Class attended Rylstone Cemetery with local Returned Servicemen and Servicewomen to mark the graves of veterans for Remembrance Day. The students were thoroughly respectful and responsible in carrying out this task and received positive feedback from the veterans who were present on the day. They were accompanied by Ms. Besant, Mr. Curtis and Ms. Newitt who attended to play The Last Post and Reveille.

The main focus for the CLIP class this year has been to participate in the "A Living History" project. The students will interview Veterans to create profiles of each of them, as well as some of the conflicts Australians have been involved in. This project is being funded by the Local Schools Community Fund and is aimed at creating real and positive relationships between the Kandos High School students and the local community.

If any community members would like to share the stories of a family member in this project please feel free to contact the school.

Deb Johnston
Relieving Deputy Principal



ABCN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP WINNER!!



Congratulations goes to Caitlin Healey!!

One of the hardest parts of the remote learning period was keeping everybody connected and making sure that all students were able to take advantage of any opportunities available to them. This became evident when the deadline for the prestigious Australian Business and Community Network Foundation Accelerate scholarship fell in the middle of the lockdown period.

Our school's scholarship coordinator's team of Mrs O'Brien, Ms Johnston and Mr Nassis, along with this year's candidate, Year 10 student Caitlin Healey worked hard together to submit a quality application and hoped for the best.

It is with great pride and pleasure that we announce Caitlin Healey as one of only 25 successful applicants, nationwide!! This scholarship will assist Caitlin for the next three years with mentoring and financial support from the program. In short, it will assist her with any fees or costs associated with education and/or assisting her to undertake further education.

The small group of successful candidates underlines the quality of the essay Caitlin submitted and all at Kandos High School wish her well in the future opportunities that such a prestigious grant affords.

Caitlin is pictured with one of Kandos High School's grant coordinators, Mr Nassis.

YEAR 12 GIFT

Year 12 Construction students have been busy building seating within an outdoor reading nook as a gift to our school from the Class of Year 12 2021!

The new seating is also dedicated to Mrs Ivy Tomlinson for her 32 years on staff at KHS.

On behalf of the students and staff at Kandos High School, thank you Year 12 for such a thoughtful gift!



Memory of Ivy Tomlinson 32 Years Service KHS

YEAR 9/10 INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY METAL

Students in Year 9/10 Industrial Technology Metals, welding and making chook feeders.



NSW PONY CLUB JUNIOR MOUNTED GAMES

Congratulations to Charlie MacKenzie in Year 8 for being selected in the NSW Pony Club Junior Mounted Games Team to ride at the Nationals hub in Kootingal.

Charlie has been in the state squad this year and has been travelling to Bungendore and Woonona every month for training (pre-COVID).

Charlie rides his Australian Stock Horse Charlie who he has been training himself in Mounted Games this year.

Well done Charlie!!!



2021 HSC VISUAL ART

KHS STUDENT WORK EXHIBITION

What a year it has been! Come along to
Gallery 47/ The Saffron Kitchen Rylstone to see
this year's Kandos High School's 2021 HSC
Visual Arts student work on display!

DATES

23-29th November
2021

VENUE

47 Louee St, Rylstone
NSW 2849

GALLERY TIMES

Open 7 days
6:30am–3:30pm

CHECK-IN ASSESSMENT FOR YEARS 7 AND 8

Year 7 and 8 students participated in a reading and numeracy Check-in assessment last week.

The Check-in assessment is a NSW Department of Education online reading and numeracy assessment available to support schools to assess and monitor student learning.

The assessments can supplement existing school practices to identify how students are performing and to help teachers tailor their teaching more specifically to student needs.

Students with disability may receive the same level of support during the assessment that they would normally receive in the classroom.

These results will be used in 2022 to target our learning programs for these students.

If you have any questions or would like further information, please contact Nikki O'Brien via email nikki.obrien1@det.nsw.edu.au or the school.

Nikki O'Brien
Head Teacher Learning and Engagement



WORLD TEACHERS DAY

We would like to give a heartfelt thank you to all our teaching staff which was recognised on World Teacher's Day, 29 October 2021.

The teachers at Kandos High School go above and beyond to ensure that all student needs are met and encourage them to explore new horizons.

Our students academic achievements (outstanding results in last years HSC and this years NAPLAN Literacy and Numeracy), sporting achievements (both individual and representative teams), extra-curricular studies and excursions would not be possible without the dedication from our wonderful teachers.



THANK YOU!

YEAR 12 MAJOR PROJECTS

Kandos High School would like to congratulate our Year 12 students for completing Major Projects in another difficult year!

The students have shown great resilience and produced projects once again that reflects their commitment to the HSC Projects range from a Trailer to Entertainment Units, and an Engine Lift Stand. The students have been able to showcase a wide assortment of projects.

Even though we had COVID again impact on schools, these students remained positive and worked with enthusiasm. Some students had to manage multiple Major Projects for different courses and the completion of these works is a testament to not only the student, but the support provided by family.

The students will sit their theoretical Industrial Technology Examination in the coming weeks. Once again for a small school we have shown that we can match it with our bigger metropolitan cousins.

Michael Vaughan
Industrial Arts Teacher





REMEMBRANCE DAY

Remembrance Day is a day of special significance to all Australians, commemorating the loss of Australian lives in all wars, conflicts and peace operations.

On Remembrance Day, 11 November 2021, students and staff at Kandos High School participated in a ceremony to fly the Australian National Flags at half-mast to remember the sacrifice of all those who have died for Australia. Followed by a minute of silence at 11:00 am.





AGRICULTURAL HAPPENINGS

With Todd and Shane robbing the bees, the messy work started with the extraction process. Students had to uncap the honey and then spin the frames to remove the honey.

Students have also been up cycling coffee jars and have been making succulent terrariums.

The succulent jars and Ag Plot Honey will both be for sale at the school stall on Saturday at the Rylstone markets.

Deb Johnston
Relieving Deputy Principal



WE'VE SHAUN THE SHEEP

A big thank you to Rod Moore who came to our school to shear our 3 coloured sheep.

Latara Hammond showed him how shearing a ram is done while Jess Reynolds was our superstar rousie throwing our fleeces for skirting.

Jess Reynolds and Latara Hammond
Year 11 Students



EXPLORING MEASUREMENT

Students in Wambinya have been exploring measurement in Maths this term.

They took advantage of the weather and went outside to measure the perimeters of different objects around the school.



Year 11 Hospitality Grazing Boxes

Thank you to everyone who supported our Year 11 hospitality students by purchasing a grazing box, they looked great and taste delicious!

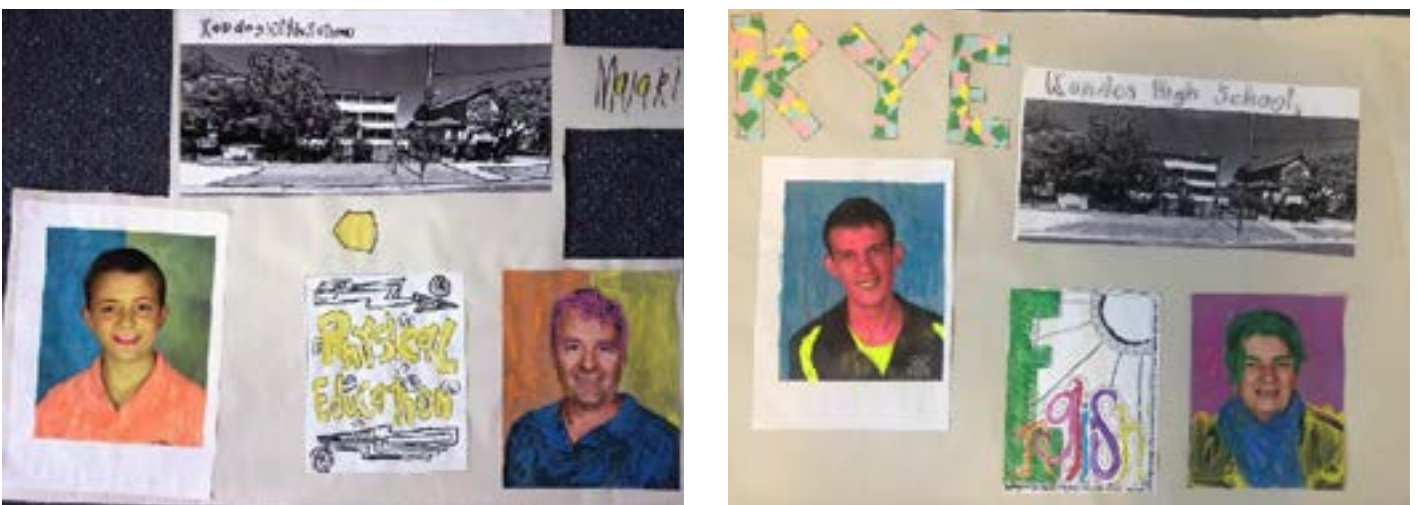
Life Skills Art

'I love my School!'

Students in the Support Unit have been creating some fantastic art by modifying photographs and other pictures over the course of the term. The theme has been "I love my School!" and students identified some of the things they like best about coming to Kandos High, such as their favourite subjects and staff.



Students used various techniques with school pictures to create their art pieces. Through marker shading, students made their school look like it was from a graphic novel, while through highlighter shading students made their own class photos resemble popular 60's art! And for fun, students painted pictures of some of their favourite staff, making them look far funkier than they ever have in real life.



Well done to all our students for their hard work and fantastic artistic skills!

Mr. Hopkins
Support Unit



MUDGEE LIONS CLUB



'COVID HERO' AWARD

As a Thank You to those who went above and beyond during the covid pandemic, the Mudgee Lions Club would like to acknowledge and reward their efforts.

Nominate someone who you think went Above and Beyond in our local community. In one of the following categories



HEALTH PROFESSIONAL

Those who have helped to keep us healthy



ESSENTIAL SERVICE WORKER

Someone who worked through the pandemic to make sure we could still get our essential goods



CLEANER

Those people that made sure workplaces and shopping plazas were hygienic



TEACHER

Kept kids learning and making sure they didn't fall behind while home schooling



STUDENT

Who have had an unusual school experience and many challenges over the past 2 years

Lucky Draw recipients for Health Professionals, Essential Service Works, Cleaners and Teachers will receive a \$100 Mudgee Money Gift Card
Students Lucky Draw will have 4 x \$25 Mudgee Money Gift Cards

Nominations Close 26th November 2021

Prefer to nominate online? go to 2MG.com.au or REALFM.com.au



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SCHOOL LEADERS VISIT LOCAL PRIMARY SCHOOLS

Transition visits have been taking place this week with Mrs Vidler, Mr Curtis and our 2022 School Captains visiting our local schools. Our 2022 Year 7 students received information regarding their upcoming visit to Kandos High School as well as engaging with our Sphero Ball robots!

Kandos High School is looking forward to welcoming our future Year 7 students for their transition visit on Wednesday, 24 November!

Natasha Vidler
Year 7 Year Advisor 2022





Twitch is a live streaming video platform owned by Twitch Interactive, a subsidiary of Amazon. The site primarily focuses on video game live streaming, including broadcasts of eSports competitions, in addition to music broadcasts, creative content, and more recently, "in real life" streams. Content on the site can be viewed either live or via video on demand.

What is Twitch?

The leading live streaming platform where people play games, make crafts, and showcase their day-to-day lives, attracts over two million broadcasters every month. The number grows each year, thanks in part to how easy it has become to live stream, and platforms like Facebook, Instagram and YouTube also increasingly encourage people to share and watch live stories. With the push of a button on your game console or phone, you can share whatever you're doing at that exact moment with friends and strangers alike. The rise of popular (and profitable) influencers on platforms like YouTube and Twitch has also made the idea of being an online influencer aspirational. Some parents note that their children pretend to unbox toys to a nonexistent audience, and teachers report that their students often say they want to pursue YouTubing as a career.

If live streaming is a practice, the person behind the camera is the product. While there are things you can practice and improve, your popularity as a streamer comes down to whether or not people like you or find you interesting.

Challenges

Live streaming can be a fun activity, but not being able to edit your content at a later stage poses challenges. Whatever you say is out there for good, and users should be conscientious of the dialogue they use.

Choosing just to stream the game is the safest possible option available, adding in live video streaming of yourself can open up challenges with accidental leaking of personal information. It allows anyone and everyone to see what you look like and your personal environment. Be wary of accidentally leaving personally revealing objects in frame (i.e. a school uniform, or a letter with an address). Ensure that you have conversations with your young person about potential risks involved, such as stranger contact, potential bullying or their information being taken advantage before letting them livestream.

Sexualised Content

There is a prevalent subculture of sexual and lewd behaviour popular thanks to the ability to send monetary donations to streamers. Users have found other ways around the new clothing guidelines, wearing revealing attire, or acting salaciously.

Chat Rooms & Private Messages

Twitch allows its viewers to join in on the conversation with chat rooms. Many Twitch channels are known for their offensive humour and thousands take the opportunity to spew racist bigotry, insults, and other hate speech.

Twitch have released an 'AutoMod' feature which can be enabled on channels to block certain offensive words before they are published, although there are ways around such features, such as deliberately misspelling banned terms.

There is also a 'Whisper' feature, which allows you to talk privately with other users. This allows people to share messages in secret to members of a channel or chat room, which could allow for cyberbullying, grooming or other malicious activity.

What can parents do to keep their kids safe?

We always advocate for communication first. Discussing these issues with your child is the best way to reach a mutual understanding about what is and isn't okay in your family or community.

If you don't want to restrict Twitch in your home, there are some steps you can take to minimise the risks.

- *Ensure you know what channels your child is subscribing and watch a snippet of their content.*
- *Immediately block any strangers that try to send personal messages, or ask your child for any information on themselves.*
- *Don't let preteens watch Twitch content unsupervised.*

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YOUTUBE



Age rating according to app provider

YouTube is free video sharing website and application that is owned by Google. The platform allows its users to upload, create and watch other users videos. With over 1 billion users it is one of the most popular platforms on the internet.

Anybody can access videos on YouTube, but in order to upload a video the user must create their own YouTube account. If a user sees inappropriate content they can 'flag' or report it if it violates YouTube's community guidelines. Many popular types of videos on YouTube are music videos, 'how to videos' and gaming videos.

YouTube Kids

With over 400 hours of content uploaded to YouTube every minute it is extremely difficult for Google to keep up with the monitoring of inappropriate content.

For users under the age of 13 we recommended using 'YouTube Kids'. YouTube kids is free to download and use. Users can have up to 8 profiles attached to the one account. Each profile can have it's own viewing preferences.

The platform has features like 'watch history', 'block channels' and filters to keep videos more 'child friendly'. Parents can also create timers for video use which can enable time restrictions on their children's screen time.

YouTube Premium

YouTube Premium is a monthly subscription service that removes advertisements from all videos on the platform. Users can also restrict the videos so that they're more limited with no 'suggested' videos that often occur after a video has been viewed.

More often than not the suggested videos are not suitable for younger people. This platform is especially ideal for teenagers. Videos can also be downloaded and watched at any time without an internet connection. This function is fantastic for family trips in cars and airplanes.

Privacy Settings on YouTube

Public Anyone is able to search and view the users videos.

Private Only people the user allows can search for and watch their videos.

Unlisted Only people that the user sends the link to can view their videos.

'Comments on users videos' is turned on as a default option, however this can be disabled. To do so, these are the steps to follow:

- Sign in to YouTube on a computer.
- Go to Creator Studio > Video Manager.
- Select the box next to any of the videos you want to manage.
- At the top of the screen, click the Actions menu.
- Select More actions > Comments.
- Select or unselect Do not allow comments.

How to make your account private

Click the 'Edit' button, and then choose 'Private' or 'Unlisted' from the 'Privacy Settings' drop-down menu.

If your YouTube account is linked to Google Plus and you set your video to private, you see a field into which you can enter the email addresses or profile names of people with whom you want to share your video.

How do I block another user on YouTube?

- Login to your YouTube account.
- Click on the name of the user you want to block. This will take you to their profile.
- Click the three dots on the top right of their profile
- In the drop down menu, you will be given the option to 'Block User'.

How do I report another user on YouTube?

- Login to your YouTube account.
- Click on the name of the user you want to report. This will take you to their profile.
- Click 'About' on their profile, the hit the flag button.
- In the drop down menu, select the option that best suits your issue.

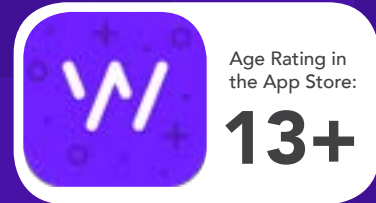
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WHISPER



Whisper is a social anonymous confession application. It allows users to superimpose text over a picture in order to share their thoughts and feelings anonymously. However, you post anonymously, but it displays the area you are posting from. You can also search for users posting within a kilometre from you.

Anyone can post an anonymous message to the service in the form of an image with text overlaid on a picture. When the user opens the app, they will see six such images. Each one has a "secret" on it. The user can then respond to a message publicly or privately.

Users don't have a public identity in the app. While they do have persistent handles, there's no way to contact them except through the messages they post.

NOTE: Although Whisper is rated age 13+ on the developers website, it is actually 17+ on the Apple store.

Challenges

Due to the anonymity, kids are posting pics of other kids with derogatory text superimposed on the image. Also, users do not have to register to use Whisper and can use the app to communicate with other users nearby through GPS. Sexual predators use the app to locate kids and establish a relationship.

How do I block a user on whisper?

To block a user from within chat, tap on the ellipsis in the upper right corner and click the 'Block' icon. You can also block a user if you swipe left across a chat in the inbox screen and press Block.

How do I delete my Whisper account?

Unfortunately there is no quick way to delete your whisper account. This is the information about the process from the Whisper website. *'Upon your request, we can delete your account. You may make such request by emailing Support from the app. You can elect to delete all of*

*your Whisper content OR completely delete your account. **Note:** Completely deleting your Whisper account will prevent you from joining the Whisper community in the future on your device. You will only be able to browse content.'*

Many whispers seem to be an attempt to get replies and likes (called 'hearts'). Talk about how to evaluate whether a user might be stretching the truth to get a response.

The images in Whisper could lead to some uncomfortable discussions about the sexualization of everyday topics.

The Carly Ryan Foundation does not recommend the use of Whisper for anyone under the age of 18.

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SNAPCHAT



Snapchat is a popular messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (called snaps) designed to disappear after they're viewed.

How does it work?

On Snapchat, users go by a handle.

To add friends, you can upload your contacts, search for people you know or use the 'Quick Add' feature which suggests friends of friends or strangers easily. You can also automatically add someone by taking a picture of their "Snapcode," a special QR code unique to each user.

To begin a conversation every Snap starts with a photo or video. Snapchatters can layer text, emojis, doodles, and more on top, and choose how long they want the Snap to be displayed (up to 10 seconds, or until the receiver clicks off). Then, you can send the Snap to one or more friends. Stories is a feature that lets you string Snaps together into one longer narrative that stays available for 24 hours.

Be mindful who you are sharing images with and always remember that everything on the internet is permanent. Make sure you are happy for potentially anyone to see your snaps and share without permission.

Live Stories

Live Stories are compilations of Snaps submitted by Snapchatters from events and locations around the world. Discover allows you to explore channels from established publishers who curate their own content. The Discover screen in Snapchat also includes a selection of the day's Live Stories.

Video and Text Chat

Snapchat also allows for one-on-one chat. Like Snaps, chats are cleared when a recipient leaves the Chat screen. But you always have the option to save a message you'd like to keep.

Lenses, Filters and Stickers

There are many ways to customise the look of your Snaps. Lenses add real-time special effects and sounds to a Snap. Filters offer different design overlays. Geo-filters are a popular way to customise your Snap at specific locations or events around the world. Stickers are colourful images and cartoons that give you additional ways to share content.

Memories

Memories is a private collection of the Snaps and Stories that you choose to save and that don't disappear. You can use Memories to create new Stories and Snaps. You can also choose to store certain Memories in the password-protected "My Eyes Only" section, which is an important feature for parents to be aware of.

Snapcash

Snapchat's payment feature is not for users under 18, but you should know about it so nobody "borrows" your debit card to pay someone back or receive money via Snapchat. Snapchat partnered with Square Inc., to enable users to link their Snapchat and debit card accounts to be able to make peer-to-peer payments for things like paying someone back for lunch.

Spectacles

Spectacles consists of sunglasses with a built-in video camera. The glasses light up to show that you are taking a Snap, this may not be obvious to everyone at first so if your kids are using Spectacles, talk with them about protecting other people's privacy by asking permission before recording them. You can connect the glasses directly to a phone via Bluetooth or WiFi to add videos to Memories.

Challenges

Snapchat is the number one application used for 'sexting' or 'sending nudes' between underage people. Users must be mindful of the social and legal consequences of sending images like these. If the user is under 18 years old it is illegal for them to produce, distribute or possess these types of images.

Child abuse pictures are illegal if they are:

- asked for;
- taken;
- received and kept; or
- sent, posted or passed around

The maximum penalty for sharing child abuse material can be up to 15 years in jail this includes an offenders details placed on the sex offender register.

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UPCOMING PAYMENTS & PERMISSION NOTES

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

- 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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