



NEWSLETTER



NEW FISHING EQUIPMENT FOR MARINE STUDIES AND OUTDOOR RECREATION!

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*Year 12 2022,
Congratulations on
completing your HSC!*

REMINDER:
Permission notes and payment due for the Grant Molony Visual Arts Workshop.



P&C MEETING: MONDAY NOVEMBER 14
7pm in the School Library

COME AND MEET OUR NEW RELIEVING PRINCIPAL



CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
November 7	November 8	November 9	November 10	November 11	November 14	November 15	November 16	November 17	November 18
Year 12 Formal	Aboriginal Mental Health	Stage 4 Wellbeing Day Outdoor Rec - Fishing	STARS Assembly White Card Course						





FROM OUR RELIEVING PRINCIPAL

Hello to our wonderful Kariong Mountains School Community.

There is so much to celebrate as the term progresses, with students and staff working tirelessly to achieve their learning goals for 2022.

World Teachers' Day

October 28 was World Teachers Day, and I would like to recognise the great teaching staff at Kariong Mountains HS for their care, compassion and desire to achieve the best outcomes they can with your children. On another note, I will also recognise our World Teachers Day recipient for 2022, Mr Kane Burns and share his award citation with you all:

"Kane is a creative and innovative thinker, leading the development of an integrated future focused learning curriculum and a thriving, vibrant music program at KMHS."



A passionate teacher who inspires success for all students, Kane is to be congratulated on this well-deserved award.

HSC 2022

With the completion of the HSC this week, I'd like to congratulate all students, staff and parents at KMHS for the support that has been given to reach the 'final hurdle'. I wish all students well as they move onto their new journey beyond the KMHS gates and look forward to celebrating at the Year 12 Formal on Monday 7th November. A special thankyou to Ms Miller, the Year 12 Year Advisor, for her great support over the years, of this special group.

Communication is the Key

The support relationship between parent / carers and the school is pivotal to student success. Please ensure that you stay informed via our school social media. In addition, it is becoming more common practice to e-mail information home to parents/carers, rather than paper copies. Checking and updating your e-mail address with the school will ensure the communication channels will remain open.

Every Day Counts: KMHS is a priority school at present for student attendance. As the term progresses the KMHS attendance team will be monitoring student attendance and implementing processes for success. Critical to improvement of student attendance is the partnership between parents / carers and the school to support our students attending. Please ensure that you notify the school of your child's absence ASAP so the student records are updated consistently. Student attendance above 95% equates to improved learning outcomes and consistent learning for students. In addition, starting this week, SMS notifications to parents and carers will be sent for students arriving late to school. Your support in this area is greatly valued.

Thankyou

Mrs Donna James
Relieving Principal

NSW Department of Education



Every Day Counts

A day here or there doesn't seem like much but absences add up.

2 Days = 4 Weeks

Each month = Per school year

This lost learning puts your child **educationally at risk**

Student attendance at school has a dramatic impact on academic achievement, social and emotional wellbeing for individual students.

Quality student attendance results are most likely to be achieved when schools and families work in partnership to support every student.

- ✓ **Above 95%**
Expected Attendance
- **90%-95%**
Minimum Standard
- ✗ **Below 90%**
Educationally at Risk



Let's support attendance in our students together.

education.nsw.gov.au





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

STARS is back for Term 4!

One of my favourite celebrations of the year where our hard-working students are recognised for their efforts throughout the semester.

Criteria for STARS nomination:

Consistent attendance above 90%

Consistent application and positive attitude to learning

4 nominations required - students in Years 7-10

3 nominations required - students in Years 11-12

Teachers have submitted their nominations and our office staff are busy organising the certificates and ceremony. The presentation will be held on Thursday, November 10, commencing at 12 noon. Recipients will have received their invitations by email.

Attendance

Attendance continues to be an important aspect of a student's education. Put quite simply, they can't learn if they are not here. **Some friendly reminders:**

Students are expected to attend every day the school is open unless sick or on approved leave

Absences must be explained within 7 days (note, phone call, email or Compass app)

Absences for 2 weeks or more (for example, a holiday) requires a written exemption from the Principal.

Our Relieving Principal, Mrs James, has organised a team to improve our overall attendance patterns across the school with strategies recommended by the Department of Education.

Tile attached below has been drawn from the Department's website.

Days missed = years lost

A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = 4 weeks = Over 1 year missed

1 day per week = 8 weeks = Over 2.5 years missed

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Mr Scott White
Deputy Principal

FREE WEBINAR

DO YOU KNOW WHAT YOU'RE VAPING?



FREE WEBINAR FOR PARENTS AND CARERS
THURSDAY 10 NOVEMBER
7:00 - 8:00PM

REGISTER HERE

Webinar overview

This webinar will answer your questions about vaping:

- ▶ What are the harms of vaping?
- ▶ What is the impact of nicotine on young people?
- ▶ What are signs to look out for to know my child is vaping?
- ▶ What are the sources of support to quit nicotine (smoking and vaping)?
- ▶ What can I do to support my child?
- ▶ Is the sale of vapes legal?
- ▶ What is the situation for children under 18 years of age?
- ▶ What are schools doing to address vaping?

CAREERS NEWS:

Congratulations to Brayden in Year 10 who has secured an apprenticeship as a Boilermaker at Crossmuller. Brayden was part of a work experience program through the partnership of our school, P-TECH and Crossmuller and was selected for his new role. Keep working hard Brayden!



KMHS Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Award



CONGRATULATIONS to our Canteen Voucher WINNERS:

**Clarissa- Year 8
Patrick - Year 10**



NORTH CHALLENGE

North Challenge

I was privileged to be invited out of retirement to watch the Kariong Mountains/Brisbane Waters Woy Woy team participate in the 'North Challenge' competition.

North Construction & Building is a regional commercial construction company that was looking to work with youth in planning for the future. With the dedicated work of our Head Teacher Careers, Ms Cutting, an inaugural competition was devised and our school grabbed the opportunity to demonstrate the futurist thinking and problem solving skills of our students. We had no difficulties in identifying Ivanna, Zoe and Chelsea.



Although they did not get first place in the competition, the feedback from the judges was very positive, with our team being told that they had 'nailed' the marketing, work culture and values aspects of the criteria.

From my point of view, they really showed solid research into the extent of homelessness on the Coast and an extraordinary understanding of how a solution could be found that was both cost effective and be implemented with dignity for those who are struggling.



A genuine example of our values of Unity Knowledge Respect working to improve society.



Thank you to North Construction for working with schools and allowing their minds to bring a different, well-researched perspective to this critical issue.

Ivanna, Zoe and Chelsea should be very proud of their participation and presentation

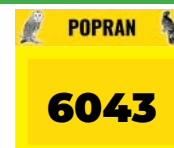
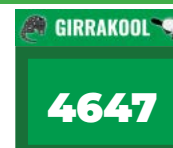


in this competition. I really hope that some of them will choose to work in this field post school as they can bring so much to the table.

Ms Anne Vine



CURRENT HOUSE POINTS



AROUND THE SCHOOL



Year 8 busy modelling the phases of the moon in a most delicious way!



Year 7 HSIE class decoding hieroglyphics as part of their Ancient Egypt topic.



Outdoor Rec & Marine Studies students can't wait to use new fishing supplies from AFTA (Australian Fishing Trade Association).



COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS



GET ACTIVE WITH SCOUTS!

Scouts welcomes children and young people from Kindy to Year 12, offering a safe and supportive environment where your child can make new friends, learn life skills, and embark on exciting adventures!

**1st Kariong Scout Group is currently open for members in-
Cubs (ages 8-10), Scouts (ages 11-14), and Venturers (ages 15-17)**

Come and try out for a few weeks!

Email Melinda.Teni@nsw.scouts.com.au for more info.



Scouts is an eligible provider of the NSW Government's Active Kids Program. Scan the QR code to claim your child's Active Kids voucher and SAVE \$100 on joining and membership fees!

**REWARDING
EXCELLENCE
IN TEACHING**



**FREE WEBINAR FOR
PARENTS & CARERS**

**WEDNESDAY 16 NOV
7:00 - 7:30PM**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

**Free workshop for
parents and supervisors
of learner drivers**



All workshops 6-8pm
Tuggerah Library
Thursday 3 November

Erina Library
Thursday 10 November

Woy Woy Library
Thursday 17 November



Webinar overview

In this webinar, we will be providing an overview of:

- ▶ The Rewarding Excellence in Teaching project
- ▶ Why the project is important
- ▶ How you can be involved and share your views.

You will have the opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation.



Sustainable Future Festival

Join us on **November 12 - 13**

As we share interesting and innovative ways to replace waste, minimise our carbon footprint and keep our Central Coast as beautiful as ever.

