



# NEWSLETTER



## SNOW EXCURSION 2022

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*Thank you to our SAS Staff who continually support our students and teachers on a daily basis. Your commitment and compassion make you more than valuable assets to our school and we could not function without you.*

## KMHS teachers 'in character' for 2022 Book Week event:



*Congratulations and well done, to Trinity, who recently performed for over 450 attendees at the NSW Deputy Principal conference, at the Crowne Plaza in Terrigal.*



### CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
September 12	September 13	September 14	September 15	September 16	September 19	September 20	September 21	September 22	September 23
HSC Performance Evening	Year 11 Exams Year 8 Dance Ensemble	Year 11 Exams P-Tech Crossmuller	Year 11 Exams Year 7 Dance Ensemble	Year 11 Exams Plant Lovers Fair 17-18 September	Year 11 Exams Luna Park: Year 12 Fun Day	Year 11 Exams	Anne's Farewell Assembly Year 11 Exams		Year 12 Graduation



## RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### This week is SASS Recognition Week

to thank the amazing efforts of our office staff, subject assistants, grounds staff and school learning support officers. Our SASS are crucial to the functioning of the school in assisting both students and teachers. They regularly go beyond the call of duty to make our work so much easier. I regularly see a sticker from a previous campaign which reads 'SCHOOLS NEED US' and that is 100% true.

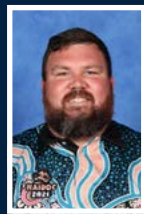
**Thank you SAS Staff for everything you do!**



### Education Week Award Recipients 2022

Whilst on the theme of recognition, recently our school hosted the Education Week Awards ceremony. Congratulations to Ms Sayal, Ms Miller and Brad.

**Following are their citations:**



*'Brooke's enthusiasm for dance and the personal time that she has given to the promotion has led to student success, both at state and national level.'*

*'Megan is committed to providing quality education, whilst also supporting and nurturing students through extra-curricula opportunities and promotion of their successes on Facebook.'*

*'In his role as a School Learning Support Officer, Brad has developed strong relationships with students and their families, promoting success and pride in culture.'*

### Anti-Violence Presentation

During Hub time on Wednesday last week, Senior Constable Peter Hughes (*Youth Engagement Officer*), gave a presentation on anti-violence. There was an engaging 10 minute video featuring well known athletes and also some advice on how to access support and be positively supportive. Our students were very attentive and Senior Constable Hughes was impressed with the respect and interest that was demonstrated.

### Former Student Success

One of our former students, **Zenden Hart**, has recently been awarded a four year scholarship at St John's University in New York. Zenden's bio on St John's University (*see image below*) cites his impressive career as a soccer goalkeeper to date, along with season highlights since joining the St John's team.



**Congratulations Zenden, our school is so proud of your achievements!**

If there are any other good news stories out there, please let us know so we can continue to celebrate successes.

### Farewell Assembly for Ms Vine

Our long-serving and foundation Principal, Anne Vine, is formally retiring at the end of term after more than 40 years of wonderful service to Public Education.

A special assembly will be held for Anne on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> September at 9:30am. Former KMHS community members are cordially invited to pay their respects in farewelling our illustrious leader.



*Mr Scott White  
Relieving Principal*







## RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Over the last couple of newsletters, we have focused on how to get our students wanting to go to school and becoming engaged with their learning. To that end, we investigate our third core value of **Knowledge**. In the previous two articles we focused on valuing, learning and applying ourselves.

**In this article we will explore the third aspect of knowledge – Being Curious!**



**Albert Einstein** often downplayed his talents. One of his many endearing quotes is ***“I have no special talent. I am only passionately curious.”***

A number of years ago, I attended an educational conference with the keynote address given by **Dr Karl Kruszelnicki**. He discussed how we are indoctrinated to believe that being able to solve problems is a key to success, however, it is not being able to solve problems that makes us successful, but knowing what questions to ask based on our observations. In other words, developing an inquiry mindset.

As educators, we see our most pleasurable moments when students wrinkle their brows and ask probing questions regarding a concept that intrigues them.

Many of the strategies our teachers use to foster an inquiry mindset come from the principles of formative assessment. These strategies can be as simple as asking a student at the end of a lesson to write down one thing they found curious in the lesson. Another strategy is to get the students to reflect on a Positive from the lesson, a Minus and an Interesting (P.M.I).

So, as educators and parents, how can we foster an inquiry mindset in our children to help them develop the critical learning skills they will need to successfully navigate the adult world? The following suggestions are taken from: <https://www.teachthought.com/learning/inquiry-driven/>

**1. LET CHILDREN EXPLORE AND LEARN THROUGH PLAY.** Again, Albert Einstein famously said ‘Play is the highest form of research’. Sometimes just giving students materials and letting them go and see what comes back can open their minds and allow their curiosity to run free.

**2. TURN AN ACTIVITY INTO A PROJECT.** The principles of project based learning are often employed when students are tasked with creating a product or project and to achieve the product they need to discover what they need to learn to effectively complete their product. At home, getting children to create gifts, cards, theming the house for parties or events can be great ways of getting them to learn along the way. The ASAP program in years 7 and 8 is built on learning via a project or product.

**3. THE TEACHER OR PARENT IS NOT THE ONLY EXPERT.** I remember often asking my mother how to spell a word and the response ‘look it up in the dictionary’. I then had to guess the first letter and work through the dictionary until I found the word. Mum stopped being the expert and allowed me to develop an inquiry skill.

**4. CREATE A WONDERWALL.** Message boards or chalk boards with post-it notes are great ways to promote inquisitive learning. In a particular class, the teacher introduces the learning intention of the lesson and then gets the students to write a question on a post-it note and place it on the board. At the end of the lesson students collect a random question and answer that question. This is a great strategy for promoting an inquiry mindset.

Hopefully, between teachers and parents we can continue to develop an inquiry mindset in our students and increase engagement by fostering a thirst for knowledge.

Until next time.

Mr James Cartner  
Relieving Deputy Principal

## CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

<b>BOUDDI</b>	<b>DHARUG</b>	<b>GIRRAKOOL</b>	<b>POPAN</b>
<b>3682</b>	<b>4880</b>	<b>3595</b>	<b>4584</b>

We make time to ask  
**RUOK?**<sup>TM</sup>

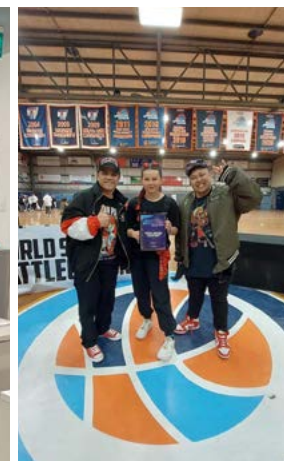




# KMHS DANCE SUCCESS

Last weekend, KMHS Hip Hop crew dancers Amy and Jacinta competed in the Central Coast World Supremacy Battlegrounds Qualifiers. Out of 48 entrants our girls were named the **MOST IMPROVED CREW!** Finishing in 4th place, they have successfully qualified for the **NATIONALS**.

**Congratulations girls!** Ms Sayal and the school are so proud of your achievements!



**Gold Award:  
Most Improved  
Dance Crew!**



# MATHEMATICS AT KMHS

## From the Maths faculty...

Early in Term 2, Years 7 and 9 completed their NAPLAN numeracy assessment online to demonstrate their understanding of a wide variety of mathematical concepts.

Students performed exceptionally well with an increase of 10% of Year 9 students achieving in the top 2 bands and a 3.5% increase of students in Year 7.

Results also show KMHS students achieving above statistically similar school groups in both Years 7 and 9 and we are extremely proud of their commitment to their studies!!

**Huge congratulations,** to Ben (Year 9) and Abdullahi, Lachlan, Nate, Cooper and Tyler (Year 7), who achieved the highest possible band for their numeracy assessment!!

**Well done to all of you.**



# VISUAL ARTS

## Year 7 Visual Arts

Year 7 students have been busy creating clay masks for their ceramics unit.

Exploring artists and culturally significant masks from around the world, the students aim to create a mask that conveys a hidden side of their identity.

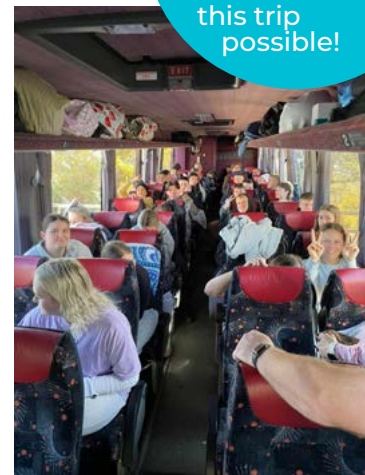




# SNOW EXCURSION

THANK YOU TO OUR AMAZING YEAR 9, 11 & 12 STUDENTS WHO MADE THE 2022 SNOW TRIP ONE THAT OUR TEACHERS AND STUDENTS WILL REMEMBER FOR A LIFETIME!

**THANK YOU** to organising teachers and staff, who made this trip possible!







PERSISTENCE,  
MOTIVATION &  
TEAM WORK WITH  
A GOOD DOSE  
OF LAUGHS AND  
POSITIVE ENERGY!





# COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

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