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CALENDAR

MONDAY 4 December	TUESDAY 5 December	WEDNESDAY 6 December	THURSDAY 7 December	FRIDAY 8 December	MONDAY 11 December	TUESDAY 12 December	WEDNESDAY 13 December	THURSDAY 14 December	FRIDAY 15 December
Outdoor Rec Fishing HSC Music Assessment Task Year 10 Camp + Year 9 Peer Support Leaders Camp	Year 10 Camp + Year 9 Peer Support Leaders Camp	Year 10 Camp + Year 9 Peer Support Leaders Camp Macquarie Uni Talk Evening of Excellence Yarning Circle Opening			Presentation Day Outdoor Rec Fishing Presentation Evening		Wollombi Cultural Excursion	Music Tour - Primary Schools	Music Tour - Primary Schools Outdoor Rec Fishing LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS

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*To Mrs Miller, for her exemplary leadership
in Student Wellbeing and the Stage 6
Preparation Program.*



Congratulations!
WINNER of a \$10 Cartoon Voucher
Isabella - Year 8
Patrick - Year 11
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CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

BOUDDI	DHARUG	GIRRAKOO	POPRAN
8103	9159	8326	8856





FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

HELLO TO OUR WONDERFUL KMHS COMMUNITY!

Nearing the end of the school term, I am excited to report on the great initiatives and events planned for the remainder of the KMHS school year:

YEAR 7 TRANSITION - 2024

Year 7 transition is in full swing with the school recently hosting a **'Meet and Greet BBQ'** for students and families, followed by the successful **Orientation Day**, held this week.



It is an absolute pleasure to welcome new students and families through our school gates. We look forward to working together, throughout their high school journey.

Kariong Mountains High School is a proud member of the Kariong Mountains Learning Community. Our **Transition Program** is designed and implemented to ensure that students are known, valued and cared for, even **before** they step into the KMHS uniform.

Throughout this year, the **Student Services Team** has worked tirelessly with our partner schools; building student profiles for all students, providing opportunities for students to attend KMHS and familiarise themselves with the high school setting and meet our staff and students at length to gather the information required for a successful transition. **Thank you, to our partner primary schools:** Kariong, Somersby Peats Ridge, Kulnura and Central Mangrove, for their ongoing support and partnerships in the education of our students.

STAGE 6 PREPARATION PROGRAM

It is well documented, that students transitioning from **Year 10 (Stage 5) to Year 11 (Stage 6)** benefit from supports and skills development that ready them for this next stage. This year, the school has introduced an alternate curriculum for two weeks, encompassing skill-building and welfare/social skills programs, to support Year 10 as they transition to Year 11 in 2024.

As I write this, Year 10 are currently following their **Year 11 timetable for one week**, enjoying first-hand experiences in the subjects they have chosen for next year.

The Stage 6 Preparation Program also provides an opportunity for students to refine their subject patterns in readiness for a seamless transition to stage 6 in 2024.

EVENING OF EXCELLENCE

Our annual **Evening of Excellence** and the **OPENING OF OUR YARNING CIRCLE** were both scheduled to go ahead this week.

Unfortunately, I did need to make an early decision, to **move the events to Wednesday 6th December**, due to the extreme **weather forecast** and considering the safety of visitors to our school. The school hopes our community are in a position to reschedule to attend.



PRESENTATION DAY AND NIGHT

Invitations have been sent out this week, for our presentation events, occurring on **Monday 11th December**. We look forward to welcoming our school community as we celebrate our students' achievements in 2023.

STUDENT REPORTS 2023

Student reports for 2023 are currently being written and reviewed. A reminder that reports are published on the school Compass portal. Should you need assistance in accessing this, please contact the school for assistance. All reports will be published on Wednesday, 13th December.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS

As we head into the last few weeks of term it remains important that your child attends school every single day. Being at school is the best place for students to learn as well as to keep social connections and build life-long skills.

We understand that families are eager to see and reconnect with loved ones and take a well-deserved break, but please remember that planned travel should only be taken during scheduled school holidays.

Students should be at school every day during school terms, including until the end of term, unless they are sick or are absent for a justified reason.



Missing a day here or there may not seem like much, but absences add up and can negatively impact your child's learning and wellbeing. When your child misses one day a week, that's 40 days of school and 8 weeks of learning in one year. Over an entire school journey this adds up to 2.5 years of lost learning.

We want to do everything we can to help all students be at school every single day, because every day counts. If you have any concerns or questions, please contact the school.

THANK YOU!

Mrs Donna James
Principal



Days
missed =
years lost

If your child misses as little as



day per week

they will miss



weeks of school
per year

which adds up to over

2.5

years missed over
their school life

HSC ASSESSMENT CALENDAR - TERM 4

Due	Subject
Week 9	CaFS Geography IT Timber Investigating Science Modern History Music 1 Sport Lifestyle and Recreation
Week 10	Biology Chemistry PDHPE Work Studies



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

As the year draws to a close, we continue to have the same high expectations of behaviour and application to studies. Maintaining regular routines and completing class work will contribute significantly to us being able to finish the year on a high.



Year 11 has been in the process of finalising their HSC subjects and the vast majority have settled on their pattern of study. There is still opportunity for change next year and the same procedures will need to be undertaken. **'Confirmation of Entry'** forms have been signed and filed and the parents of students, who are not eligible for an ATAR will have a letter sent home. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Year 10 - All My Own Work

Over coming weeks, all of Year 10 will be completing **'All My Own Work'** modules, which are mandatory for enrolment in Year 11 courses.

The program deals with issues such as plagiarism, cheating and ethics. This will occur during Hub lessons and students are also welcome to complete the modules in their own time.

DoE - Student Behaviour Policy

Last week, I undertook professional learning for the introduction of a new Department of Education Student Behaviour Policy. This will be the third policy in as many years.

At the beginning of next year, the school's policy will be posted on our website with a link in our first newsletter.

Significant elements will be communicated to students and the community throughout Term 1.

Mr Scott White
Deputy Principal



PDHPE Faculty NEWS

Over the past five weeks, Year 7 students have participated in an intensive swimming program at Gosford Olympic Pool.

Our students ranged from beginner swimmers to squad swimmers!

They all gave their best efforts each week, encouraging each other and enhancing their personal skills and ability. We couldn't be prouder of the behaviour, effort and enthusiasm from our Year 7 sport students!



Last Friday, our Stage 4 students participated at the Zone Sports Gala day.

Throughout the year, these students have displayed sportsmanship, excellent attitude and positive team work skills.

Our students represented KMHS with pride and a great day was had by all!

*Mrs Jess Meyer
Head Teacher PDHPE*



Mathematics Faculty NEWS

With the end of the year near, the mathematics faculty would like to congratulate all students on a fantastic year!!

It has been extremely pleasing to hear your teachers talk about the wonderful achievements, successes and progress students are making across all years.

Congratulations, to all students, who have been nominated to receive an award in recognition of the hard work and consistent effort you have displayed throughout the year.

We want to wish you all a **safe and relaxing holiday** and fingers crossed Santa fills your stockings with calculators, protractors and set squares, so you can be well prepared for another year of **thinking mathematically**.

Mr Alex Blyth
Head Teacher Mathematics



BOSS CHALLENGE

A HUGE congratulations, to Year 8 and Year 9 Commerce, on running a most successful Boss Challenge!

The students had the opportunity to work on their entrepreneurial skills through running a business. Collectively, the students generated over \$1100 in profits. All proceeds will go to a charity of their choice.

Thank you, to all staff and students, who participated in running and supporting these fabulous stalls.



BOSS CHALLENGE



Photo spread showing entrepreneurial Year 8 and Year 9 commerce students with their fabulous stalls in full swing!



COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

KARIONG COMMUNITY CAROLS

Saturday 16th December
5:00 - 8:00 pm
Kariong Mountains High School



Sausage Sizzle
Stalls for Community information

Kariong Community Baptist Church

Kariong/Somersby
Rotary
Club



SCHOOL INFORMATION
PACK

4:30-5:30pm 16th Feb to 3:30pm 18th Feb 2024
Sydney Academy of Sport, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen

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