



**KARIONG MOUNTAINS**  
HIGH SCHOOL

# NEWSLETTER

Unity ✓ Knowledge ✓ Respect

**Week 11**  
**Term 1**  
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## UPCOMING EVENTS:



**KARIONG MOUNTAINS**  
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UNITY ✓ KNOWLEDGE ✓ RESPECT

**Positive Behaviour for Learning**

**AWARDS**  
Ceremony

CELEBRATING STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT FOR  
CONSISTENTLY UPHOLDING OUR SCHOOL VALUES.

**8<sup>th</sup> May 2024**  
**11 am**  
**in the school hall**

**KMHS**  
**STAR**  
**ATTENDER**

Congratulations!

WINNER of a \$10 *Carman* Voucher

Blake - Year 8

Sponsored by the P&C



**R.O.S.E.**

Recognition Of School Excellence



## HARMONY DAY AT KMHS



*To all our students, staff and families  
for your hard work, engagement and  
support throughout Term 1.*

## CURRENT HOUSE POINTS

<b>BOUDDI</b>	<b>DHARUG</b>	<b>GIRRAKOOL</b>	<b>POPAN</b>
<b>4439</b>	<b>4340</b>	<b>4467</b>	<b>4283</b>

## CALENDAR

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<b>29 April</b>	<b>30 April</b>	<b>1 May</b>	<b>2 May</b>	<b>3 May</b>
SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY (NO STUDENTS AT SCHOOL)	Star Struck - Aboriginal Dance Rehearsal		Taronga Zoo Excursion	Small Schools Cross Country
<b>6 May</b>	<b>7 May</b>	<b>8 May</b>	<b>9 May</b>	<b>10 May</b>
		PBL Awards Ceremony	Athletics Carnival	Life Changer - Year 11



## FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

### WELCOME TO THE FINAL NEWSLETTER FOR TERM 1

This term has certainly moved at a busy pace, with our school celebrating success in transition, performance and the completion of our new school plan for the next four years - we have exciting times ahead!

### YEAR 7 - A GREAT START!

Thank you, to all families for your support with Year 7 beginning their High School journey. They are a talented year group, who are conducting themselves according with our school values **'Unity Knowledge Respect'**, as recently demonstrated on the very successful Year 7 camp. The camp is such an important activity for the students to develop teamwork, create trust relationships and for them to build resilience by stepping out of their comfort zones. Thank you, also, to our Year 7 wellbeing team of staff who attended, led by Mrs Doyle and Mr Treece. **Your efforts are greatly appreciated.**

### SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN 2024-2027

After completing external validation in 2023, I have led the executive team here at KMHS in writing the upcoming new school plan. I am excited about how it has developed and look forward to working with our school community to ensure its implementation is successful.

In writing the new school plan, the executive team, students and the P&C also reviewed the **vision statement**. The timing of the new school plan was seen as an opportunity to define our vision in line with our new directions.

**As a result...**

## KMHS' NEW VISION STATEMENT:

Kariong Mountains High School is a united educational community, where students, staff and families are known, respected and cared for.

Every student is provided the very best curricular and extra-curricular opportunities, to maximise their learning potential.

Successful post school pathways sit at the forefront of planning and growing with all our students, realised through building strong educational connections with our learning community, tertiary and vocational institutions, business and industry.

We take great pride in our school's core values **'Unity Knowledge Respect'**, which form the essential foundation for supporting and fostering student growth.

- **Unity** - building connections and a sense of belonging.
- **Knowledge** - providing an enriched academic and vocational culture with a holistic approach.
- **Respect** - actively modelling and reinforcing positive engagement with the whole school community.

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

The three new strategic directions are structured as:

- ▶ **Student Growth and Attainment**
- ▶ **Learning Culture**
- ▶ **Planning for Future Success.**

The new plan will be approved for publication by the end of this term. I will share this with our school community at the beginning of next term.

## LET'S CELEBRATE KMHS EVENING OF MUSIC

Monday night, this week, the CAPA faculty hosted the school's annual **Evening of Music**. This event showcases the talents of our rising music stars.

Thank you, to all students, who stepped out of their comfort zones to shine a light on the wonderful talent we have here at Kariong Mountains High School. Special thanks too, to our parent and carer community, for coming along to support our students. Lastly, Mr Burns and Mr Hutchinson's own talents in teaching their students the valuable lessons and passion for music, were so evident this week, thanks to both staff members for their support, organisation and contributions!



Live music being performed by students at the 2024 KMHS Evening of Music.

## YEARS 11 - 12: UPDATES ON SENIOR ASSESSMENTS

Term 1 has been a busy term, especially with Year 11 beginning their Preliminary year for their HSC pathway, and Year 12 already half way through their HSC year. The rigour of senior study is very different to junior school and for some students, the senior course can be a challenge.

Kariong Mountains High School has a detailed assessment policy in place, to support senior students. A copy is available on [our website](#). Both Years 11 and 12 were issued with these at the beginning of term. Some key points for students and parents to remember in relation to the Assessment policy:

- ▶ All students are to sign for their assessment booklet and retain a hard copy.
- ▶ Assessment Policies are on the school website.
- ▶ Misadventure: in the event of a major illness or problem occurring, students must see the deputy principal, Mr White, as soon as possible.
- ▶ If a student has been absent, they MUST see the deputy principal on their FIRST day back at school, to apply for a misadventure and submit appropriate paperwork. A medical certificate or statutory declaration needs to be submitted with the paperwork for the task mark to be counted. Examples of the necessary documentation can be found in the Assessment Policy booklet.
- ▶ Technology glitches are not a valid reason for misadventure. Students must be organised and have a backup plan of using a USB to back up their work and print at school if the need arises.
- ▶ It is also a good idea to map tasks on a calendar or organiser, as a visual reminder of what is needed for time planning.

## YEARS 7 - 10 ASSESSMENT SCHEDULES

**Year 10 Assessment Schedules** have been issued in the final weeks of Term 1. **Assessment Schedules** for Years 7, 8 and 9 are currently being written and will be distributed to students by Week 3 next term. These schedules will also be published on the school website.

Please take the time to go through the schedule with your son or daughter, as prior planning of time for effective completion of assessments, will ultimately lead to further success for all students.

Thank you, to our parent community for your ongoing support of this important process.

## COLDER MONTHS AHEAD...

Firstly, a huge thankyou to all families for your efforts and support in ensuring our students enter the gates each day in the KMHS uniform. The improvement is certainly noticeable, and this is also supporting the settled culture in the school.



**TERM 2**  
**GET READY FOR COLDER WEATHER**  
**UNIFORM SHOP**  
**OPEN:**  
**TUESDAYS AND FRIDAYS**  
**8 - 9am**

Once we head into Term 2, the weather will turn colder. **Students are allowed to wear PLAIN NAVY BLUE tracksuit pants, on the provision that there is no branding.**

The school uniform shop has school tracksuit pants and hooded jumpers for sale.

*Below is a link to the online site for uniform ordering:*

### KMHS Uniform Shop information

As we enter the holidays, can I say thank you to our fantastic KMHS school community, for your support and efforts this term.

*To all our students and families, have a safe break, rest up, and we look forward to seeing you all back for another busy Term 2.*

Mrs Donna James  
Principal



Wishing all our families  
**A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAY BREAK**  
**WELCOME BACK TO THE START OF TERM 2 ON TUESDAY 30th APRIL**

## KMHS P&C Meeting and AGM



**Monday 20th May 2024**  
**In the School Library**  
**General Meeting @ 7pm followed by AGM @ 8pm**  
Executive positions will be open for election at the AGM (to all interested financial & present members).  
We would love to see new faces joining our P&C team, so please feel free to come along and see what the P&C is all about - no pressure to join!

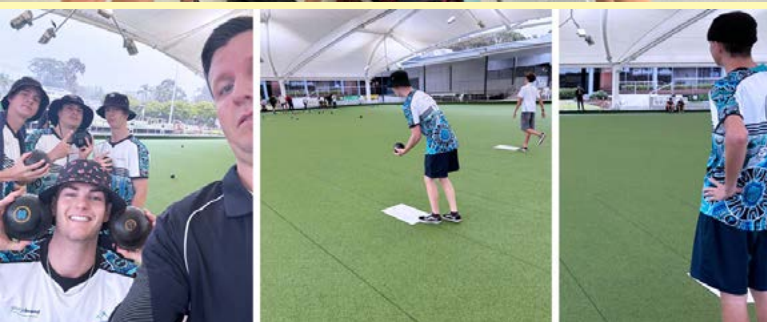
# THE GREATEST SPORT ON EARTH...

## A KMHS First Ever

At roughly 9am last Friday (*with storms looming on the horizon*), our first ever Lawn Bowls team in KMHS history, took to the greens at one of the seven wonders of the Central Coast, the almighty **Bateau Bay Bowling Club** (*Central Coast's answer to the Las Vegas Sphere*), to play the **greatest sport on Earth**.

The inaugural team of four students with their almighty coach travelled north with a quest to raise the *highly touted Lawn Bowls trophy*.

Prepared for rain, hail or shine (*plenty of rain was had*), the team walked onto the hallowed turf and bent the knee in honour of the great Sir Francis Drake and Mick



Molloy (*Australia's answer to Brad Pitt*). KMHS Lawn Bowls team wearing their bucket hats with pride.

The boys played some scintillating games of bowls and were highly competitive against the other schools.

## What a day!

Yours in bowls and banter,

Mr Ashley Hutchinson  
Almighty Lawn Bowls coach (and teacher)

## ASSESSMENT CALENDARS TERM 2

DUE:	Year 10 Subjects	
Week 3	History	Photography (PDM)
Week 4	Marine Studies PDHPE + PDHPE CPC	Visual Arts
Week 5	PASS	
Week 6	Forensics Outdoor Recreation	
Week 7	Child Studies Food Technology	Science
Week 8	Music	IT - Timber
Week 9	Dance Engineering	Maths 5.1, 5.2, 5.3
Week 10	Commerce	English

DUE:	Year 11 Subjects	
Week 1	IT Timber	
Week 2	Sport Coaching PVDI Visual Arts	
Week 3	Construction	
Week 5	Business Studies	
Week 6	Physics PDHPE	
Week 8	Maths Extension English Extension Legal Studies	CaFS SLR
Week 9	English Advanced English Standard English Studies	Expl. Early Childhood Biology Hospitality
Week 10	Maths Advanced Maths Standard Numeracy	Food Technology Inv. Science

DUE:	Year 12 Subjects	
Week 2	IT Timber SLR	
Week 3	PVDI	
Week 5	English	
Week 6	Engineering Work Studies	
Week 7	Geography Mathematics Numeracy	Music 1 SLR
Week 8	Biology CaFS Food Technology	Legal Studies Modern History
Week 9	Ancient History Business Studies Chemistry	Physics Visual Arts
Week 10	PDHPE	



# YEAR 7 **CAMP** PHOTOS



# AROUND THE SCHOOL

## Sustainable Living

Year 7 and 8 Bara class have been working hard on their latest project. They are designing their very own 'tiny home', as they study and learn about sustainable living.



*Bara students tackling sustainable living by design.*

## Dance Elective

*Well done, Year 9, on completing your first Dance Elective assessment 'Leading class mates in a warm-up'.*



## NAISDA Workshop



*Thank you, to our wonderful teacher Juanita and NAISDA's creative producer Jasmine, for their wonderful insight and nurturing during the 'Kinship and Connection' workshop at KMHS.*

## Eye of the Tiger

Year 9 have been working on their 'Eye Of The Tiger' assessments, involving the creation of a new game and then teaching their class how to play it. They have designed some great games, which will surely feature in regular competitions at KMHS. *Well done, Year 9!*



## Work Experience



*Noah, in Year 11, working hard at refining his metal working skills. Thank you, to Reds Global in Somersby, for their support in taking on work experience students.*

# COMMUNITY NEWS & EVENTS

## Phillip House Mt. Penang Trivia Night

All proceeds to be donated to **Kariong Mountains High School Breakfast Program**

Having a large catchment area, KHMS has many students that do not have the opportunity to have a nourishing breakfast before they start their school day due to the time constraints of traveling by bus for hours to and from school and the farming demands of their parents. Arriving early and leaving late to school putting them at a disadvantage to other students. The school runs an excellent breakfast for these students and all money raised will go towards food supplies.

Kariong/Somersby **Rotary Club** Come and join us for a night full of fun and entertainment great prizes, raffles and games

Saturday 4th May 2024 at 7pm

Phillip House 21 Old Mount Penang Road  
Kariong NSW 2250

Tables of 6-8 people - make up a team or come and join a table on the night  
Tickets \$25 per person  
BYO Drinks and Nibbles

Buy tickets at :

<https://www.trybooking.com/CPQXB>



**TEEN FIT**  
PLANET FITNESS **PASS**



# TEENS 15-19 WORK OUT FOR FREE

## 30 MAR - 28 APR 2024

Register now for FREE access to your nearest Planet Fitness!  
[teenfitpass.com.au](https://teenfitpass.com.au)

Under 18? Sign up with a parent or guardian in-club or online.  
Must show proof of age when signing up!

## Rotary Walking for Wellness Family Fun Day

# COME JOIN US

### Sunday 7th April

Walk the foreshore Long Jetty to  
The Entrance  
3.5km Walk Start Time 9:30AM

**Health and wellness information booths  
and activities**

Food, Drinks, Amusements and Entertainment

**Raising awareness and funds for health  
and wellbeing on the Central Coast**



SCAN ME

Entry gold coin donation

People of all ages & abilities  
plus family pets (on lead)

**STAR104.5**  
Central Coast

Kariong/Somersby  
**Rotary Club**

**omnia**  
Inclusive  
Employment  
Solutions

Employment  
For All.

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY Activities

**Monday  
15 April** Shapes & Shakes  
(Clay & Milkshakes)

**Friday  
19 April** Hole in Fun: Putt Putt

**Tuesday  
23 April** Captivating Cupcakes  
(Painting & Cupcakes)

**22<sup>nd</sup> and 26<sup>th</sup>  
April** The Beauty Box  
(Makeup basics)

**Friday  
26 April** Australian Museum:  
Ramses Exhibit



Register with Bec  
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