Congratulations to:

- Year 12 Subject and Special Award Winners
- All Year 12 Leaving Students
- Year 12 Parents and Guardians for their partnership with the school
- All staff and student exhibitors who entered work in the Katanning Agricultural Show.

FAREWELL TO THE CLASS OF 2015

BANK DETAILS TO PAY FEES
You may prefer to pay school accounts through Direct Deposit. The school bank account details are as follows:

Bankwest Katanning
Account Name: Katanning Senior High School
BSB Number: 306014
Account Number: 4967409

Please ensure you add the student name to the payment details.
The school also has EFTPOS/Credit Card payment facilities.

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From The Principal

On the evening of Thursday 29 October we celebrated the achievements of our Year 12 students – the class of 2015 within our Valediction ceremony. It has been a privilege to know and work with these young people over the last five years, in particular Head Girl Rebecca Drake-Brockman and Head Boy Jarrin Bielby who have led their fellow students so capably this year in their leadership roles.

Ms Tamika Turich, a former student at Katanning Senior High School and now Manager at Juniper Bethshan Lodge in Katanning, gave an inspirational and motivating speech relating her personal journey through education, training and employment. Her honesty and perceptions through the eyes of a young person from the local community were both enlightening and encouraging.

As I watched our students receive various prizes and graduation folders presented by guests and Heads of Learning Areas, I was reminded of the diverse backgrounds of our students and the unique experience that they have had at Katanning Senior High School.

The support of our parents and guardians in partnership with the school has enabled individual pathways to be developed to suit each young person’s post school goals. Some of these have included completion of Certificate III courses online at GSIT to complement the Certificate II available at school, online and audio visual ATAR courses which have broadened the opportunities of our ATAR students and Work Placements that have led to employment directly from school.

There were 43 graduates this year and each student is to be applauded for their efforts and achievements in their final year at school. The list of awards within this Newsletter highlights the number of different courses available within our small regional high school.

The speeches by the outgoing Head Girl and Boy and our 2016 Head Girl Sheridan Kowald and Head Boy Cooper Morrow were outstanding and showed the passion our young leaders have for their school. Their speeches were thoughtful, considered and well written. Each year I am impressed with the quality of our students and their capacity to step up and represent their fellow students at formal events and within the School Board.

Spirit Day

Our school spirit was also on display at Spirit Day which celebrates our values of Respect, Achievement, Perseverance and Tolerance in a day of fun activities organised by the Student Leadership Group and Miss Watson. Not quite sure where Miss Watson gets all her energy from but she is amazingly creative and passionate as she works with students on what is a very important day for our school. The costumes of students and staff were fantastic as they proudly represented their designated House.

Making our school stronger for your child

Throughout Term 4, the Change 2 Team and the Prescribed Improvement Strategy Committees have worked long and hard on developing our improvement plans. This work has involved all teachers and some non teaching staff members as they have devised plans to improve the overall performance of all of our students through improved teaching and learning. These plans are detailed and cover Teaching led by Science Teacher Miss Sarah Watson, Teaching Environment led by School Psychologist Mrs Billie Zadow, Leadership led by Head of Mathematics Mr Stephen
Dennis, Relationships led by Teacher in Charge of The Arts Ms Melanie Le Guin and Resources led by Business Manager Mr Patrick Kennedy.

The Project Manager Mr Stephen Ralph has presented the plans as they developed to the School Board and has been the leader of the Change Team. These leaders have done a tremendous job of working with their teams to develop comprehensive plans with explicit targets and strategies to improve school performance.

If you would like to know more about our plans for improvement please contact leaders at the school or discuss with the Community and Parent representatives on the School Board.

Head Boy and Head Girl 2016
Cooper and Sheridan have now commenced on their leadership journey as they attend School Board meetings, work with the Student Leadership Group and encourage fellow students to participate in the Athletics Carnival. I have already been impressed with their maturity and enthusiasm as they step up to their roles of Head Boy and Head Girl.

From Cooper and Sheridan
We are proud to be students at Katanning Senior high and believe that our personal qualities, skills and initiative will enable us to represent our school in a positive way. We will strive to make student voices and opinions heard. We will be approachable toward staff and students, open minded for concerns brought to the table and will take in any ideas students or staff may have to improve and make a difference in our school and community.

We feel that we have a good understanding of what the job of Head Girl and Head Boy requires and a clear understanding of the hard work and passion that this job demands. Now that we have been elected we have the chance to show that we can be great leaders of our school and we are very excited about this opportunity.

ATAR Exams
We wish our Year 12 ATAR students all the best in the external exams and trust that through their hard work, they will achieve their desired results.

Our Year 11 ATAR students will commence exams in Week 6 of this term. We also wish them the best in their endeavours.

Nicki Polding
Principal

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2015/2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

**TERM 4**

- Mon 2 Nov: WACE Exams commence
- Thursday 5 Nov: Athletics Carnival
- Thurs 5 Nov: School Board Meeting 6.00pm
- Fri 13 Nov: WACE Exams finish
- Fri 20 Nov: Year 11 Exams commence
- Fri 27 Nov: Year 11 Exams completed
- Thurs 3 Dec: School Board Meeting—6.00pm
- Weeks 7 & 8: Year 7 Transition Days (Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday)
- Wed 9 Dec: Year 7 Orientation Day

**END OF TERM 4** THURSDAY 17 DECEMBER

**2016 DATES**

**LEADERSHIP TEAM DAYS—22 & 25 JANUARY**

**SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAYS—28/29 JANUARY**
All staff attend. (Students do not attend).

**FRIDAY 29 JANUARY**
The School is open for Enrolments, payments of Charges and Contributions, applications for Secondary Assistance Scheme and Officemax Order Collections.

**MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY—DAY 1 FOR STUDENTS**

Katanning Senior High School Vision—Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership
YEAR 12 VALEDICTORY CEREMONY

SPECIAL AWARDS

BRIGADIER ARNOLD POTTS, DSO, OBE, MC ENDEAVOUR AWARD  
Atiqullah Rezai

KATANNING SHIRE SPORTS CITIZEN OF THE YEAR AWARD  
Sajad Nazary

LIONS CITIZENSHIP AWARD  
Samara Nicholson

ADF LONG TAN LEADERSHIP AND TEAMWORK AWARD  
Rebecca Drake-Brockman

GREAT SOUTHERN INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD  
Shaiyan Dickson

CALTEX BEST ALL-ROUNDER AWARD  
Jarrin Bielby

EDITH COWAN UNIVERSITY PERSONAL EXCELLENCE AWARD  
Georgia Kowald

WESTSCHEME VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND TRAINING AWARD  
Boyd Woods

KATANNING REGIONAL BUSINESS ASSOCIATION (KRBA) AWARD  
Sharna Garlick

EXCELLENT COURSE ACHIEVEMENT AWARD - WACE  
Jarrin Bielby

BEST AND BRIGHTEST WSA/VET AWARD  
Corey Hull

BEST AND BRIGHTEST WACE ROTARY DUX AWARD  
Digby Patterson
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Promotional images of award recipients and guest speaker.
GSSSSA BASKETBALL CARNIVAL

The Great Southern Secondary Schools Sporting Association (GSSSSA) Basketball Tournament is an annual event which brings together schools from around the Great Southern Region. The tournament was held at the Albany Leisure Centre on Tuesday 20 October.

Katanning Senior High School entered one girls and one boys team with members selected from Years 8, 9 and 10. The competition at the event was fierce, with schools competing for championships across three grades. After five fixtures for both team, Katanning came away runners up in the Boys ‘C’ Division and in fifth place in the Girls ‘C’ Division.

All students who took part represented the school well, demonstrating excellent team spirit and sportsmanship throughout the event.

A special thank you to Sheridan and Georgia Kowald who volunteered for umpiring duties and Cooper Morrow who demonstrated fantastic leadership as the coach of the boys team.

We look forward to returning in 2016 bringing the silverware back home to Katanning.

Team HPE

YEAR 10 SPECIALISED PHYSICAL EDUCATION

In Term 3 all Year 10 specialised students have participated in fitness testing and training. The students had a choice between a variety of resistance exercises or increasing their cardiovascular capacity. This year the HPE department has purchased some new equipment for the gym and the students have been involved in the cleaning and maintenance of the equipment. As the program progresses, we hope to see continued success and achievement.

The HPE Team

YEAR 7 TRANSITION

It’s that time of the year again when we welcome Year 6 students from surrounding primary schools. During Weeks 7 and 8 of this term, Year 6 students will attend Katanning Senior High School to familiarise themselves with the physical layout of the school as well as getting a feel for what a high school day entails.

The students will be accompanied by their class teacher but will be taught by High School teachers for some lessons.

Transition days are Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday of Weeks 7 and 8 commencing Tuesday 24 November.

Year 7 Orientation Day will be on Wednesday 9 December when all Year 6 students attend. There will be a Parent Information session where parents and guardians will have the opportunity to speak with Administration staff and teachers.

Mrs Julie Brown
Middle School Program Coordinator
A large number of Katanning Senior High School students entered exhibits at the Katanning Agricultural show held on Saturday 26 October. Entries were across many categories including Photography, Art and Craft, Woodwork and Metalwork and Cookery.

There are too many prizes awarded to list all winners here, so we acknowledge and congratulate all exhibitors. Several students won Outstanding Exhibit and there were many First, Second and Third Prizes awarded. There is certainly no shortage of talented creative artisans among our student body.

Our thanks also goes to Mrs Rosalie Baxter and Mrs Debbie Doig who gave invaluable assistance to the students, guiding them in completing their entry forms. Their efforts were very much appreciated.

Some of the exhibits are pictured below.
During the Term 3 school holidays, 11 Bush Rangers, Miss Watson, Miss Waters, Mrs Hiddlestone, Mr and Mrs Prosser and their daughters went to Shark Bay for a reward camp. It was a long drive up with overnight stops in Gingin and Horrocks and Geraldton and the Avon Valley National Park on the way back.

The purpose of the camp was to work with a local ranger on conservation projects. This included: pruning vegetation at Monkey Mia, pulling up prickly caltrop weeds, removing old poly pipe and fencing wire, picking up rubbish on beaches, pruning vegetation from paths and brushing (using pruned branches to cover bare areas and help with revegetation). This was hot and intensive work but our reward was working in beautiful locations and swimming and fishing in the afternoons.

We also enjoyed 4 wheel driving (only getting bogged on two occasions), soaking in a pool filled by a natural hot spring, playing games in the evenings, dissecting a dead stingray and seeing lots of animals including; a thorny devil and other lizards, dolphins, a sea turtle, emus and their chicks, crabs and fish.

Overall it was a fantastic experience in a stunning location and we learnt a lot about the natural environment and conservation efforts.

Miss Sarah Watson  
Unit Leader
Spirit Day this year was held on the first Friday of Term 4, with lead-up games of Human Hungry Hippos happening in Week 10 of Term 3 and Week 1 of this term. Leading up to Spirit Day the Student Leaders and House Captains worked hard to organise activities, as did members of each form group.

This hard work paid off as there were heaps of fun activities for everyone to enjoy on Spirit Day, including: an inflatable obstacle course, human roller balls, human foosball, giant Jenga, chess and Connect Four, bubbles, cream pie and water balloon throwing (thanks to the staff who volunteered as targets), a can toss challenge, mystery boxes, an ice challenge, ten pin bowling, music, games, a water relay, face painting and puzzles.

Well done to everyone who dressed up in their house colours; there were heaps of fantastic costumes and creative outfits. Thanks to everyone who supported and participated in Spirit Day. The money raised from the activities will be used to purchase house banners for use at sports carnivals and school events.

Miss Watson
Spirit Day Coordinator
In the last week of Term 3, Katanning Senior High School held its annual NAIDOC celebrations. In the lead up to NAIDOC Week all year 8s and 9s were involved in some fantastic drama workshops with a team from renowned theatre group Yirra Yaakin. Yirra Yaakin is one of Australia’s leading Aboriginal performing arts organisations which produces award winning, world-class theatre that is entertaining and educational. The team included Taylah, Jessica, Rubeun, Sete and Rebecca.

The workshops were planned to tie in with our NAIDOC week celebrations and were run by a team of professional artists including performers, writers and musicians. Although the focus was on Aboriginal culture for NAIDOC week, the workshops aimed to teach students about respecting cultural diversity and being culturally proud.

All Year 8 and 9 classes attended three Culture 2.0 workshops spread over six periods across several days. The workshops built up from a range of theatre games which not only developed the student’s cooperation skills but also allowed students to see how displaying mutual respect can have an impact. By the third workshop participants explored what they think culture is and then in small groups developed and even performed a small act.

Every member of the Yirra Yaakin team studied at WA Academy of Performing Arts (WAAPA) which some readers may remember Kelvin was able to visit earlier in the year. After a chat Rebecca invited Kelvin to join the group in leading the last workshop giving him some firsthand work experience at something he may very well do in the future.

During NAIDOC week the majority of activities happened on the Thursday, with guest speakers and a shared BBQ lunch. Students from the Follow the Dream Outreach centres at Narrogin Senior High School and Gnowangerup District High joined us for the day.

First the students listened to Tom and Joe from AIME. AIME stands for Australian Indigenous Mentoring Experience. AIME works much like Follow the Dream in that it is an educational program to support Indigenous students through high school and into university, employment or further education. The boys spoke to the students about resilience and the importance of education and motivation to keep on the track to success.

Then all students and staff from across the school were invited to share in a BBQ lunch. The lunch included kangaroo sausages and hamburgers and crumbed crocodile steak, all lovingly prepared by me and cooked by the Clontarf boys. Although the Noongar students are no strangers to kangaroo meat, crocodile is not something they are familiar with. So why cook it? NAIDOC is about celebrating Aboriginal culture and achievement across the nation, so tasting crocodile meat is sharing in that culture.

After lunch, Stephen Loo, a former Katanning resident and student of Katanning Senior High School shared his story about life and career pathways. Stephen stressed to the students that family plays a major part in your success but you can’t achieve without having you own personal drive. He shared his experiences and taught students about the many opportunities there are for Aboriginal people nowadays. But the biggest point he made was that if students are willing to work hard the world is their oyster.

Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald
Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success Coordinator
The Leeuwin is back out on the ocean after her annual refit and maintenance period and all geared up for a new exciting season of voyages. We have had an influx of applications for the remainder of 2015 and now have waiting lists for these voyages, but would like to spread awareness of our 2016 program which includes three Summer school holiday voyages, a journey down South to Busselton and our April trip up to the iconic Monkey Mia.

We would also like to share with you the chance to save $120 on the voyage fare by booking any 2016 voyage for the 2015 price of $1,980 if you book before the end of the year.

A Leeuwin voyage is a life-changing experience, teaching participants key skills such as communication, teamwork and leadership through the unique medium of a traditional tall ship. Students in years 10, 11 and 12 can earn 5 WACE points towards their senior graduation and can use the voyage as part of their Duke of Edinburgh Award or Queen’s Scout Award.

Although there have been some changes in our scholarship program we continue to be supported by many local service clubs, businesses and local governments who are willing to support financially disadvantaged youth. Scholarships are not unlimited however and we recommend that anyone looking to apply for a scholarship sends their application in as soon as possible. For those looking to raise the voyage fare themselves, we have also developed a fundraising pack full of ideas and tips to help them achieve their goal.

For more information and to see our voyage program for 2016, please visit our website www.sailleeuwin.com. Alternatively you can contact our team on (08) 9430 4105 or by email at office@sailleeuwin.com.

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Sajad, James and Imogen with crewmates on board the Leeuwin
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Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.
Research has shown that adolescents with higher emotional intelligence:
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- have more stable and satisfying relationships as adults.

Emotional intelligence may also be a better predictor of academic and career success than IQ!

Where: Collecting Expressions of Interest for Katanning.
When: Term 4 2015 or Term 1 2016.
Contact - Rebecca Hopkinson
Parenting WA – Great Southern
Tel: 0427 170 069
Email: rebecca.hopkinson@dlgc.wa.gov.au

HEALTH ISSUES AROUND ALCOHOL AND YOUR CHILDREN

The peak medical organisation in Australia – the National Health and Medical Research Council - recommends that for children and young people less than 18 years of age, not drinking alcohol is the safest option.

Young people have developing brains and avoiding alcohol is important. Drinking is associated with poor decision-making, loss of control and risky behaviour such as unsafe or unwanted sex, injury, violence, car crashes and other undesirable outcomes which may last a lifetime.

Children under 15 years of age are at greatest risk of harm from drinking. Drinkers under the age of 15 years are much more likely than older drinkers to undertake risky or antisocial behaviour connected with their drinking.

For young people aged 15-17 years, the safest option is to delay the start of drinking for as long as possible. Risky behaviour is more likely among drinkers aged 15–17 years than older drinkers. If drinking does occur in this age group, it should be at low levels only and in a safe environment, supervised by adults.

What can parents do?
- Supervision is one of the most important things parents can do. Know where your young person is going and what she/he is doing. Parents are legally responsible for their teenage children.
- Talk to your young person about alcohol, drinking and your expectations of his/her behaviour.
- If your young person is having a gathering at your place – be there and supervise.
- If your young person is going to a gathering, check that other responsible adults are supervising.
- Drink safely and moderately – your actions speak loudly to your children.
- Don’t buy alcohol for your son or daughter.
- Talk to other parents about these issues and form a united front.

For further information http://www.dao.health.wa.gov.au/
COMMUNITY NOTICES

COMMUNITY HARVEST
Community Harvest is a Foodbank Agency situated at 17 Albion Street (across the road from the Katanning Community Resource Centre). This “not for profit” agency is now open to support people on low incomes to access reduced priced grocery items. If you have a Health Care card, Pensioner Concession card or a Seniors card, you can drop in and get what you need. Opening hours are currently Monday to Wednesday from 9.00am—11.00am, Thursday 9.00am—3.00pm and Friday 9.00am—12.00pm.

JUNIOR CRICKET
Training for Under 13 Cricket has started for all students in Years 4, 5, 6 and 7. 4.30pm on Wednesdays and Fridays at Quartermaine Oval. For more information, contact Benjamin Quartermaine on 0448 553 083.

KATANNING AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB
Expression of Interest Meeting
Is your child interested in joining the Katanning Amateur Swimming Club year? Then your attendance at this meeting is very important.
Date: Monday 9 November 2015 at the Katanning Leisure Centre at 5pm in the upstairs office.
For further information contact Tania Wolfe Club Development Officer - 0419 932 605.

Free Parent and Carer Cyber Safe, Cyber Smart Seminars
The Department for Child Protection and Family Support, Western Australia Police and Edith Cowan University are providing free parent and carer Cyber Safe - Cyber Smart seminars.
Dates: 16, 17 and 18 November.
For more information about these seminars, go to the website at www.childrenwa.org.au.

KADA COMMUNITY SURVEY
The Katanning Alcohol and Drug Action group is currently conducting a community survey designed to gauge the level of knowledge and awareness of services and supports. If you would like to participate in this survey it is available at the offices of the Katanning Shire, St Luke’s Family Practice and through the Migrant Resource Centre and SAC until mid-November. You can also complete the survey online by following the link below.
The link to the survey is: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/S2GL9CG and KADA would like to have as many adults as possible complete it by Friday 13th November. If you require further information about this community survey please contact Joanna Steel, Population Health Coordinator on 9821 6287.

‘To give is to receive: True Service Learning’
Service-Learning Conference hosted by The University of Notre Dame Australia, 27-28 November 2015. Staff and students are invited to attend this ground-breaking conference on service-learning. The conference will showcase student projects and explore how these experiences impact students’ personal development and the lives of others. Featuring special guests “How Ridiculous” on overcoming childhood poverty.
Register now: at: nd.edu.au/slc2015