Congratulations to:

- All staff and students for a very successful Get Up ‘n’ Go Day.
- Makaela Knapp and Tessa Quartermaine (Year 11) and Nicholas Lay and Steven Paini (Year 12) who have been elected to the Student Leadership Group for 2016.
- Our Year 7 students for settling into high school so quickly.

TERM 1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 25 February</td>
<td>School Board Meeting 6.00 pm KSHS Conference Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 2 March</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 6.00pm KSHS Conference Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 14 March</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 15 March</td>
<td>KSHS Inter House Swimming Carnival—Katanning Aquatic Centre</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 17 March</td>
<td>Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00pm—7.00pm</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 22 March</td>
<td>Year 8 Immunisations</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 31 March</td>
<td>Interschool Swimming Carnival—Mt Barker</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To ensure any email communication with the school is dealt with in a timely manner, please send your email to Katanning.shs@education.wa.edu.au.

Head Boy Cooper Morrow and Head Girl Sheridan Kowald with Perth Scorchers and former Test Cricketer Brad Hogg

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: 306-014
Account Number: 496740-9

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

KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL
Golf Links Road Katanning WA 6317

Principal: Ms Nicki Polding
Deputy Principal: Mr Trevor Carruthers
Middle School Program Coordinator: Mrs Julie Brown
Senior School Program Coordinator: Mr Frank Gaudin
Business Manager: Mr Patrick Kennedy

Phone: (08) 9821 9800 Fax: (08) 9821 2912
Email: Katanning.SHS@education.wa.edu.au
Website: www.katanningshs.wa.edu.au

Katanning Senior High School Vision—Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership
From the Principal

So how do you determine the performance of a school? Is it by the performance of the outgoing students, the range of educational programs available or activities which focus on the health and well being of the students?

Our Year 12 students finished 2015 with an overall WACE achievement at 98%, Vocational Education and Training (VET) completion at 91% and an overall attainment rate (an ATAR greater than 55 or a Certificate II or higher) of 96% with the highest ATAR being 94.45. Overall this represents ongoing improvement since 2013. With the median ATAR for students applying for University being 72.2 our students were accepted into a range of courses including Engineering and Science. Three of our students received commendation awards for their achievement in the VET program; Imogen Mills, Paw Benny and Boyd Woods. Boyd’s results placed him in the top 100 VET students. The pathway planning completed at school has seen our students successfully enter the workforce and apprenticeships, TAFE and University for further study while others are on exchange programs overseas or taking a gap year.

We continue to develop our academic and vocational programs to cater for the diverse learning needs and pathway aspirations. The academic program includes ATAR Physics, Chemistry, Human Biology, History, Economics, Mathematics and English. These courses are delivered either face to face, via audio visual or online through the School of Isolated and Distance Education. The mix of delivery modes enables a broader range of options to be available for a small group of students pursuing a direct entry to university via an ATAR. In 2016 the vocational program, which is completed by more than 85% of students at Katanning Senior High School, is enhanced with the now operational Trade Skills Centre enabling the delivery of the Certificate II Engineering course. Year 11 and 12 students in this course are pictured at right with their teacher Mr Luther McPhee.

Our Vocational Education and Training program includes Certificate II courses in Business and Information Technology, Visual Arts (Creative Stream), Visual Arts (Digital Stream), Sport and Recreation, Tourism and Engineering. To enable two students who completed their Certificate II in Business last year to pursue the Certificate III in 2016, we have created two school based traineeships in Business and Administration. There are also various students undertaking school based traineeships with businesses in Katanning and Kojonup.

The health and well being of our students is very important with significant support provided on a daily basis by the Student Services team under Mrs Brown’s leadership. Members of the team include our new School Psychologist Ms Laura Hegney, Chaplain Mr Jono Prosser and Nurse Mrs Sharon Muir along with the AIEOs Mrs Marrisa Willey and Mrs Sonya Woods, Aboriginal Education Team Leader Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald and the Program Coordinators Mr Frank Gaudin and Mrs Julie Brown. The team provides a broad range of emotional, health and behavioural support. Last week, our Get Up ‘N’ Go day, organised by Mr Robin Dark and his many helpers was another one of our initiatives to support the health and well being of our students. We are once again very appreciative of the many community and sporting organisations that have supported this day for the last four years. Their valuable contribution is further acknowledged in the Get Up ‘n’ Go Day article following. Feedback from the Student Leaders was very positive with cricketer Brad Hogg being a big hit. The various health presentations, sporting activities and interaction with the Emergency Services were all well received by our students (the younger students loved activating the siren). Throughout the day there was a really positive vibe with our guests very complimentary of our students.

Katanning Senior High School Vision—Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership
Have you met our new staff yet?
This year we welcome four new teachers to the team. Mrs Megan Nenke comes to us from Lake Grace District High School and despite being a long way from her home state of Colorado in the USA, has settled easily into the school. Mr Andrew Patrick, who worked as a relief teacher last year, joins the Science team along with graduate Mr Rory Calkin. Ms Chantelle Cable in HPE joins us from Kalbarri District High School.

In the non teaching area Mrs Terri Whiteaker and Mrs Barbara Anderson join the Education Assistant (EA) team, Miss Laura Hegney joins us as School Psychologist while Billie Zadow is on maternity leave and Tyron Durack replaces retiree Bill Page as School Gardener.

Farewell to Clontarf Director Brad Tomilson
Unfortunately we have to say farewell to Brad due to family commitments which will take him to the Goldfields. We all thank Brad for his terrific leadership of our Clontarf Academy over the last year. Brad has ensured that the program developed, the school attendance of the boys improved and he very quickly became part of our team. We wish Brad all the best for the future and hope that he can catch up with us whenever he is back in the Great Southern. The new Director is Michael Harris who comes to Katanning from Broome Clontarf Academy.

Welcome to Deadly Sista Girlz Program Manager Melissa Riley
This year Melissa joins us as we continue to develop the Deadly Sista Girlz program at our school. Melissa brings a wealth of life and work experience to the role and is an amazing role model for our girls. She also has the cultural understandings to help our girls connect with their Aboriginal culture and identity which will assist them in achieving their goals at school and beyond. We welcome Melissa who I am sure will be a terrific mentor for our girls along with trainee Sharae Miniter.
COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

Do you know our community partners?
At Katanning SHS we are very lucky to have some amazing community partners who support our Workplace Learning Program and Health and Well Being priority. Within our Newsletters you will often see advertised various community services supporting our students and their families. In this edition we have the School Dental Therapy Centre services and contacts, information about the WA Country Health Service Vaccinations Program, Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Scholarships, CY O’Connor Institute Agribusiness Degree Taster, Nursing and Midwifery Work Experience, University and TAFE reminders, Wanslea Programs and the Australian Government Mobile Services Centre from Centrelink. There is also notices about Katanning Community Harvest and the International Women’s Day Lunch on Tuesday 8 March in the Town Square at 11.00am.

Come and meet our staff at the Parent Teacher Night on Thursday 17 March
This is a terrific opportunity to meet your child’s teachers, discuss their progress to date and raise any concerns that you may have relating to their achievement. Teachers and School Administrators will be available from 4.00pm until 7.00pm. In this newsletter are instructions on how to book your teacher appointments through SOBS (Schools Online Booking System). Between appointments please feel free to catch up with me regarding your child or just to say hello.

Ms Nicki Polding
Principal

Bulk Mailout
In the next few weeks, there will be a bulk mailout containing a number of important documents for parents and guardians. These will include statements of outstanding accounts, student information update form, request for email address and NAPLAN information (for Year 9 parents only). Keep an eye on your mailbox.

Do we have your email address?
In this technological age, the use of email and SMS is becoming more widely used to communicate with parents, guardians and the wider community. The rising costs to schools of postage also makes electronic communication more financially efficient. You may notice that information from the school is being sent by email more frequently. If you have recently begun using an email address or think that you haven’t provided one to the school on your enrolment form, please don’t hesitate to notify the school of your email so we can continue to keep you informed of important events and information.

2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

TERM 1

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Fri 19 Feb</td>
<td>NEWSLETTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 25 Feb</td>
<td>School Board Meeting 6.00pm Conference Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 2 March</td>
<td>P&amp;C Meeting 6.00pm Conference Room (TBC)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 7 March</td>
<td>Labour Day Public Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 8 Mar</td>
<td>OLNA Testing</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>to Thurs 24 Mar</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 11 March</td>
<td>NEWSLETTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Sat 12 March</td>
<td>Senior School Ball</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 14 March</td>
<td>School Photos</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 15 March</td>
<td>KSHS Swimming Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 17 March</td>
<td>School Board Meeting 6.00pm Conference Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 25 March</td>
<td>Good Friday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mon 28 March</td>
<td>Easter Monday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 29 March</td>
<td>Easter Tuesday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 31 March</td>
<td>Interschool Swim Carnival</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 1 April</td>
<td>NEWSLETTER</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 6 April</td>
<td>Youth Focus Hawaiian Ride</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Thurs 7 April</td>
<td>School Board Meeting 6.00pm Conference Room</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Fri 8 April</td>
<td>End of Term 1</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

TERM 2

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Date</th>
<th>Event</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Mon 25 April</td>
<td>ANZAC Day Holiday</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tues 26 April</td>
<td>School Development Day (Student do not attend)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Wed 27 April</td>
<td>STUDENTS START TERM 2</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

EASTER BREAK

Katanning Senior High School Vision—Excellence in Teaching, Learning and Leadership
Katanning Senior High School’s fourth Get Up ‘N’ Go Day was conducted on Thursday February 18 with the normal timetable suspended. Students moved through a series of activities that featured the provision of sports coaching, a variety of Act, Belong, Commit activities, presentations by representatives from a range of Health and Community groups as well as a series of seminars on respect and identity by presenters from the Youth for Christ organisation. At the end of the day highly interactive sessions were run for students in years 7, 8 and 9 while Year 10 students attended a motivational presentation to support career aspirations. Students in Years 11 and 12 received important information relating to pathway planning from Deputy Principal Mr Carruthers. These activities were organised by the school’s Student Services Team.

Groups presenting to students included:

- Community Policing from Albany
- Katanning Roadwise Committee
- Regional Health
- Shire of Katanning
- Football West
- Hockey WA
- Katanning Fire and Rescue Service
- SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware)
- Palmerston
- WA Cricket Association
- Great Southern Netball
- WA Football Commission

A large number of our staff members provided activities on the day. Sarah Watson and Steve Dennis presented a workshop on behalf of the Katanning Dramatic Society and teachers from The Arts and Business areas, Corena Witham, Suzanne Gray, Melanie Le Guin and Alexis Van Leeuwen worked with students on Visual Arts activities.

The school thanks Woolworths Katanning and our School Canteen for their help with the day. We also acknowledge Kobeelya Conference Centre who gave us the use of Kennedy Hall free of charge as well as providing accommodation for presenters.

A highlight of the day was the presentation to the whole school by Mr Brad Hogg who spoke about following your dreams and resiliency. Brad then spent the afternoon coaching some of our young cricketers. We thank him very much for supporting our health and wellbeing initiative.

The feedback from students about our Get Up ‘N’ Go Day has been very positive and our guests were very complimentary about the level of participation and the positive attitude of our students.

Mr Robin Dark—Coordinator Get Up ‘n’ Go Day
ONLINE LITERACY AND NUMERACY ASSESSMENT (OLNA)

Want to know about the OLNA?

Some students in Years 10, 11 and 12 are about to sit the OLNA. You may have heard about it, but are not sure what it means to your child.

OLNA stands for the Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment, which some students will use to demonstrate they have achieved the required standard of literacy and numeracy for their Western Australian Certificate of Education (WACE). The School Curriculum and Standards Authority (SCSA) awards the WACE at the end of Year 12 to students who have met all the requirements. You can find more about the requirements on the Authority website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au.

Some students prequalify for the literacy and numeracy requirement through their performance in the Year 9 NAPLAN test. We will inform you whether your child needs to sit the OLNA, which is held in March and September each year, starting in Year 10. This means students will have up to six opportunities before the end of Year 12 to demonstrate the standard.

The OLNA has three components – reading, writing and numeracy. The reading and numeracy components comprise 45 multiple choice questions; the writing component is an extended response of up to 600 words. Students are allowed 50 minutes for the reading and numeracy components and 60 minutes for the writing. The table below provides a quick guide to each component.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>Numeracy</th>
<th>Reading</th>
<th>Writing</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Number of Questions</td>
<td>45</td>
<td></td>
<td>1 (600 word limit)</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Question type</td>
<td>Multiple-choice</td>
<td></td>
<td>Open-ended</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>Online point and click</td>
<td>Typed online</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Time</td>
<td>50 minutes</td>
<td></td>
<td>60 minutes</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Delivery</td>
<td>Randomised 1 of 3 forms</td>
<td>Randomised 1 of 2 forms</td>
<td></td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Adjustments</td>
<td>Extra time, pause, coloured background and higher quality images</td>
<td></td>
<td></td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

To prepare our students for the sorts of questions they can expect and to familiarise them with the online assessment software, we provide access to practice and example tests on a secure website. The link to the secure website for practice and example tests is available on the Authority’s website at www.scsa.wa.edu.au under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment > Students > parents and carers.

For students with a disability, we have guidelines to help set the appropriate adjustments for equal access. Information about disability adjustments is available on the Authority’s website under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment/Disability adjustments.

If you want to know more, go to the Authority’s website and look under Senior Secondary > Online Literacy and Numeracy Assessment. There you will find more information, answers to frequently asked questions and a brief video. You can also send questions to olna@scsa.wa.edu.au.
REPORT FROM THE NEW ART ROOMS!

All years have settled into their new art rooms which received a welcome facelift over the summer holidays including new flooring and painting. The students’ enthusiasm for their work is greatly reflected in their sparkling new environment.

It’s easier to find our work and put our books away!

The new rooms are so clean!

I love working in the new art rooms!!

Year 7
The Year 7 students have settled in well to their new roles as class monitors, taking responsibility and showing initiative in managing themselves and their new equipment. Each week three new students are elected for the role and the student that performs the best in their role is the winner.

Monitors for Week 2
Ms LeGuin’s Class
- Jackson Barberien (Winner)
- Paora Kingi
- Somarah Dickerson

Ms van Leeuwen’s Class
- Montana Matveev (Winner)
- Josh Hope-Blyth
- Reuben McGill

Ms Melanie Le Guin—Teacher in Charge, The Arts

YEAR 7 CLUBS

What do a handful of skewers, a metre of masking tape, a metre of string and one marshmallow have to do with the skills of a successful student? In Week 1 the Year 7 students gathered together on the front lawn to work together in groups of people unfamiliar to them with one simple objective—to build the tallest free standing structure that would support the weight of the marshmallow.

The globally famous ‘Marshmallow Challenge’ is both a fun and instructive team building exercise. The objective is to demonstrate the importance of creativity, innovation and collaboration between team members within the student cohort.

Each week in Term 1 the Year 7 Teaching Team will be dedicating one session a week to building the skills needed for good leaders and effective communicators all while achieving a common goal.

The Year 7 Team—Miss D’Souza, Miss Hulin and Ms Malek

Eric Thomas, Simon Mason, Jacob Plant, Aaron Thomas and Errol Riley working on their structure

Pictured: Robert Pepall, Jaylon Anyon, Reuben McGill, Elijah Quartermaine, Josh Hope-Blyth and Ryan Reeves
The P&C School Ball Committee has organised the “Garden of Lights” Senior School Ball for 2016. Tickets are $35.00 per person and can be purchased from Mrs Allen in the Library before school and at lunchtime.

Year 12 students arrive at 5.00pm for pre-ball refreshments with the Year 11 students welcome from 6.15pm. The ball will finish at 12.00pm.

Students are reminded that they need to be in Good Standing and have an attendance of 90% as at 11 March 2016. This means that if you have been absent for more than two and a half days this year, you will be ineligible to attend the ball. If you are unsure of your attendance, see Mrs Fitzgerald before you purchase a ticket.

Please note the school ball is an alcohol free event managed under the school’s Behaviour Management Policy and normal school rules apply.

Can You Help?
Do you have a gorgeous ball dress languishing in your wardrobe? Would you be happy to see it live another life as part of the “Garden of Lights” Senior School Ball in 2016? If you want to loan or donate your ball gown, please bring it to the school or contact Caitlyn Fitzgerald on 9821 9800.

The P&C is also looking for someone to run the alcohol free bar on the night. If you are a parent of a Year 11 or 12 and would like to help out, please call Cheryl Chambers on 0487 635 538.

Ms Caitlyn Fitzgerald and Mr Jasper Garde—School Liaison Senior School Ball

SCHOOL BALL AND ALCOHOL

With the Katanning Senior High School ball just around the corner, parents and young people are reminded that the National Health and Medical Research Council Guidelines (NHMRC) state that for under 18s, no alcohol is the safest choice.

There is growing evidence showing that alcohol has harmful effects on the developing brain - decision making, personality, memory and learning are particularly affected and this can lead to long-term consequences for their memory and mental health. Alcohol can also increase the risk of accident and injury. We all want our young people to be able to reach their full potential and so no one should supply alcohol to under 18s.

Secondary supply laws and after ball parties
Secondary supply laws are now in effect, making it an offence to supply anyone under the age of 18 with alcohol in a private setting without the permission of a parent or guardian. This offence carries a maximum penalty of $10,000.

For anyone planning a party for those under the age of 18, copies of ‘Hosting a Party for Teenagers’ are available at the school, at Palmerston on Daping Street, or on the Alcohol.Think Again website. This booklet has tips and factors to consider before hosting a party or allowing teenagers to attend a party elsewhere.

Further information
For more information regarding alcohol and young people, including information on the new secondary supply laws, see www.alcoholthinkagain.com.au.

If you’re concerned about the drug or alcohol use of someone in your family, the Parent and Family Drug Support Line has professional counsellors available 24 hours a day on 1800 653 203.

Joanna Steel—Population Health Coordinator
WA Country Health Service—Great Southern
The Bush Ranger Cadets have started again for 2016 and we are happy to welcome lots of new students to the unit. Bush Rangers is a free program sponsored by the Department of Parks and Wildlife and Cadets WA and is open to all high school students who wish to learn about interacting positively with the environment in a very fun way.

During our first session we did some get-to-know-you activities and made structures out of newspaper to show the six building blocks of the Bush Rangers program; flora, fauna and ecosystem observations, data collection and analysis, conservation concepts, practical conservation work, teamwork and positive results.

This term our activities will include working on our vegetable garden, enhancing our water safety skills, orienteering and camping skills. We are going on camp at the end of Week 9 to the William Bay National Park near Denmark which will be lots of fun.

Last year, we applied for a Lotterywest grant. The great news is our application was approved and now $9,200 is available for the purchase of equipment to be used by the Bush Rangers Unit. We look forward to putting this money to good use. We plan to purchase camping, hiking and gardening equipment.

Miss Sarah Watson—Unit Leader

It’s been a busy start to the year with our students getting straight back into their ASDAN modules. One of these modules has been an activity in Expressive Arts. Students were required to take photos to create a display. They could choose any subject for their presentation. After finding an amazing spider and web in the lower quad, they decided to look for more spider webs around the school. As the cleaners are so thorough, this was harder than it sounds!

Ms Sarah Taylor—Education Assistant, Inclusive Learning
GRADUATES

We are always keen to hear from former Katanning Senior High School students or their parents, who can give permission for us to publish a photo and information, to acknowledge their achievements in our newsletter.

Please send a photo and details of the course completed or dream job to:
Katanning.SHS@education.wa.edu.au

We congratulate former students **Braid Bouffler** and **Tanya le Roux** on graduating from Murdoch University with a Bachelor of Education. We wish them all the best as they embark on their teaching careers.

---

**Working Together**

A Chaplain has a pastoral care role at school. A listening ear for students, parents and staff as well as a link between school and community based services. We work with many people from different cultures and religious backgrounds. With students, I may discuss troubles with friends, home life, behaviour or anything else that is impacting on their ability to learn. “A problem shared is a problem halved” is an appropriate adage for my work in the school.

**About Jono**

I have studied various topics over the years including a BSc in Biology and a Bachelor of Theology. I have worked as a Chaplain at Falcon Primary School, Ocean Road Primary School and Comet Bay College. I am married to Jocelyn and we have two wonderful daughters. Our latest family pet is Bumblebee, the Guinea Pig. I am currently studying a Post Graduate Certificate in Mental Health Practice through the University in New England. YouthCARE is providing me with excellent training as well.

Chaplains in government schools in WA are employed by YouthCARE and come from a variety of Christian denominations. I work at Katanning Senior High School two days each week (Tuesday and Thursday).

I am here to listen to students, family members and staff who have worries or concerns. Please don’t hesitate to catch up with me to have a chat, and encourage students to do the same.

**Jono Prosser—your School Chaplain**

The Katanning YouthCARE Council is supporting these schools in your local area:

- Katanning Primary School
- Braeside Primary School
- Katanning Senior High School
- Nyabing Primary School
- Pingrup Primary School
- Woodanilling Primary School
- Katanning TAFE

You can support your local Chaplain by donating grain through your local CBH depot.

*All donations are a tax deduction*

**Katanning YouthCARE Council**

**CBH Delivery No: 10053379**
SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Are you a Centrelink concession card holder? Eligible holders of the following cards may be eligible for up to $350 towards school expenses;

- Centrelink Family Healthcare Card
- Centrelink Pensioner Card
- Veteran’s Affairs Pensioner Card

Applications open Friday, 29 January 2016 and close 8 April 2016. Forms are available from school reception. Please bring in your concession card and banking details for receipt of payment.

ENQUIRE AT RECEPTION FOR MORE INFORMATION.

CONTRIBUTIONS and CHARGES

WIN A NEW IPAD AIR—BE IN IT, TO WIN IT!

Pay your student charges and contributions in full and/or apply for Secondary Assistance Scheme prior to 8 April 2016 and be placed into the draw to win!

Student contributions, charges and excursion payments can be made by the following methods; Cheque, cash or EFTPOS/Credit Card and/or Direct deposit

---

PUBLIC TENDER

FOR SALE BY PUBLIC TENDER

2002 Mitsubishi Rosa bus; 25 seater

Tender documents available at Katanning Senior High School reception.

Tender Close: 4.00pm Wednesday 9 March 2016

For further information please call Patrick Kennedy, Manager Corporate Services at Katanning SHS on 9821 9800.
ABORIGINAL HEALTH DAY

On Thursday 10 February, more than 50 Aboriginal students from Katanning Senior High School attended The Aboriginal Sexual Health Day at the Katanning Bowling Club. The day was run by Aboriginal Health and conveyed numerous important messages to the students. During the day students participated in different activities and enjoyed healthy snacks like fruit and fresh cooked damper.

The day was organised by Aunty Iris and Aunty Kayleen, from Aboriginal Health, who worked all day to ensure the students took home the important messages and information about sexual health. Several supporters from Albany came up to help for the day. In the afternoon the students had a visit from Uncle Robbie who works for the Wirrpanda Foundation. Robbie often reminds the students that he could talk for days about the things that are important for Aboriginal people—and one of those things is health. He reminded students of acknowledging when they might need assistance and the importance of seeking help.

Locals including Mr Brian Perrett, Uncle Joey and Uncle Shane, offered the students some bowls coaching and many of the students enjoyed it so much they spent most of the morning out in the blistering sun playing. There were a few surprises from students who showed they have a natural talent for the art of lawn bowls.

At the end of the day, on behalf of the students, Rhys Johnston Diack thanked everyone involved. Although it was so hot, the students really enjoyed the learning experience.

The Aboriginal Education Team would like to thank everyone involved in the day, including the Bowling Club for the use of their facilities and equipment. A special thank you goes to Tania Wolfe, who helped Ms Fitzgerald with some of the paperwork needed for the excursion.

Aboriginal Education Team
Caitlyn Fitzgerald, Andrea Atkinson, Marrisa Willey, Sonya Woods, Sharae Miniter, Melissa Riley, Brad Tomlinson and Willy Roe

MAGAZINES WANTED

To add to our collection of reading material available to students, we are looking to gather a variety of different magazines about such topics as: sport, health and fitness, car, travel, business, fishing, surfing and gardening. If you have had a tidy up over the holidays and have magazines that you want to find a new home for, we would love to take them off of your hands!

Magazines can be dropped off at the Front Office.

Michelle Dolan
Literacy Coordinator
Welcome back to school!
Summer holidays always seem to be over in a flash and like always the best beach weather happens when we are back at school! Welcome back to all students but especially to my Follow the Dreamers.

What is Follow the Dream?
Although it’s been a part of Katanning Senior High School for more than a decade, lots of people are unsure what Follow the Dream is and so I often get asked what the program is about.

Here’s a little bit of information which you might not know.

Follow the Dream’s full name is Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success but it’s commonly referred to as FTD.

It’s a voluntary after school program for aspiring Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander students, which runs tutoring sessions Tuesday to Thursday and a homework session on Fridays.

Any Aboriginal student can apply for the program, however students are only selected by demonstrating an applied commitment to their schooling. This includes having a sound attendance rate, a C grade average across their classes and being a role model to other students in terms of behaviour and approach to schooling.

FTD offers not only tuition but also individual pathway planning by means of career counselling, pastoral care and mentoring.

The Program Coordinator monitors attendance closely and maintains case management for those who need support. In 2015 FTD students at KSHS was 17% higher than the State’s average attendance for Aboriginal students.

The Program Coordinator keeps in touch with former students and can offer support post school.

The program helps to support the ‘Closing the Gap’ targets for education.

FTD operates in schools across the state of Western Australia and in 2015 there were 1092 students enrolled.

Students participate in a range of activities designed to strengthen their skills and supplement the learning of course work.

What’s in store for 2016?
As always there are big plans to improve upon our 2015 achievements and extend the students even further in 2016. You’ll have to keep watching this space to see what we get up to.

Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald
Program Coordinator
Follow the Dream:  Partnerships for Success
2015 was an extremely successful year with attendance for Clontarf participants of 82.6% which was better than the overall attendance for all students at Katanning Senior High School which was 71.2%.

We began Term One welcoming six new Year Seven students to the Clontarf program. At an induction held with the boys, they showed me they have great values, were good blokes and currently have a high school attendance rate, with most boys sitting near 100%. Unfortunately we have lost a few boys from last year who have moved to Albany, Perth and Mandurah. We wish them all the best.

This term will be very busy;
- The Year 10 boys will be attending Braeside Primary School once a week to help the students in Year One and Two with a reading program.
- The boys will continue with Meals on Wheels once a week delivering meals to elderly and disabled residents in the Katanning township.
- There will also be sessions on designing and creating a sculpture for Lake Ewlymartup with Landcare.
- The Katanning Basketball Challenge will be held between 4.00pm to 8.30pm on Wednesday 24 February and 9.00am to 2.00pm on Thursday 25 February. The Katanning Academy will be competing with seven other Clontarf academies. Come along and check it out, everyone’s welcome.
- The senior boys will be off to Kalgoorlie for the Goldfields Cup football carnival in April.
- The boys will again have their Health checks and Health talks.
- There will be visits to work places and employment seminars.
- Special guests will be speaking to the boys on a regular basis.
- Training is every Tuesday and Friday mornings.
- Afterschool activities every Monday.

Unfortunately I will be leaving Katanning at the end of Week Five because of family commitments. I have had an incredible time in Katanning and I am extremely disappointed to be leaving. I would like to thank everyone who has been involved in supporting the Katanning Clontarf Academy and hope you continue to do so.

A new director has been appointed and his name is Michael Harris. Michael comes to us from the Broome Clontarf Academy and has been a part of the Clontarf Foundation for nine years. He brings a wealth of experience and we are looking forward to working with him. Michael will start at the Katanning Academy in Week 5.

Brad and Willy

Reece and Simon delivering Meals on Wheels to our senior citizens accompanied by Clontarf Regional Manager

Thomas and Nui helping Braeside students with their reading
YEAR 8 VACCINATIONS

The 2016 school based vaccination program will be offered to both males and female students in Year 8, throughout the course of the school year. The Department of Health recommends all eligible students receive vaccinations to prevent the following diseases:

- Human papillomavirus (HPV)
- Varicella (Chickenpox)
- Diphtheria-tetanus-pertussis (Whooping cough)

Human Papilloma Virus (HPV) is a very common virus which affects both males and females; it is highly contagious and can cause a number of cancers in both males and females.

**Gardasil** is the vaccine available that can protect against some of the most common types of HPV. In particular, protection is proven against two HPV types which cause 70% of cervical cancer in females, and 90% of HPV-related cancers in males.

The vaccine consists of three injections, over a six month period. It is important to have all three doses to maximise immune response and develop maximum protection.

**Varicella** is a single dose vaccine which will provide good protection against chickenpox – which is an acute viral infection that has sudden onset. Although usually a mild disease of short duration in healthy children, sometimes chickenpox will develop into more severe illness and is of risk to unborn babies if contracted in early pregnancy. It is safe to vaccinate someone who has already had chickenpox disease if the severity of the disease is unknown.

**Adacel** will provide a booster dose to enhance protection against previously immunised childhood diseases diphtheria, tetanus and pertussis (whooping cough). Protection against pertussis decreases over time, and a booster dose is recommended to reduce the incidence of pertussis infection and circulation in the community.

Vaccination Consent Forms have been sent home with all Year 8 students. Parents/legal guardians are asked to complete and sign the form and return it to school as soon as possible. Please complete the relevant section, sign and return even if you DO NOT want your child vaccinated. If you do not receive a Consent Form from your child by the end of Week 2, please ask at the school office.

If you have any queries, please don’t hesitate to contact Sharon Muir – School Health Nurse on 9821 9800 or Trish Norrish – Public Health Nurse, Community Health Katanning on 9821 6278.

LOST PROPERTY

There are a lot of uniform items in the Lost Property Box including several school jackets. If these items are still unclaimed by Friday 26 February 2016, they will be donated to Student Services.

FORMER STUDENTS HONOURED

We would like to acknowledge our former students who were recipients of Australia Day honours in 2016.

Woodanilling Shire Young Citizen of the Year – Mitchell Baxter
Woodanilling Shire Community Group – Brad and Stuart Garstone, who along with their father and a friend, formed a team that rode in a fundraiser for Cancer research. They raised $16 000.00.

Congratulations to Mitch, Brad and Stuart for their outstanding contributions.
The School Dental Therapy Centre hours are 8:15am—4:30pm Monday to Friday. The Centre is based at Katanning Primary School.

Children aged 2-17 years old are eligible for the Child Dental Benefits Schedule (Medicare voucher) if parents qualify for Family Tax Benefit A. They can take this voucher to the Katanning Dental Centre.

In regards to seeing children for their recall/examination appointments, these will start around late January/early February 2016. We will also be visiting primary schools for Orthodontic Screening in February/March (dates to be confirmed).

Students aged between 5-17 years old up to Year 11 are eligible to access the School Dental Therapy Program.

The School Dental Clinic staff are:
   Dental Therapist- Louise Abbott
   Dental Clinical Assistant- Christine Aitken.

Telephone contact is 9821 1734 or mobile 0400 612 364.

FROM THE NURSE

Common Skin Infections
There are several skin infections including impetigo and ringworm which can be spread easily among school children.

Impetigo
Impetigo (school sores) is a contagious bacterial skin infection which should be treated if it occurs.
It is often found on the face especially around the nose and mouth and can be identified as a small patch of blisters that break into red, moist areas that ooze fluid and after a few days present as a golden or dark-yellow crust resembling grains of sugar.

If you have impetigo there are several things you should do to prevent it from spreading to other areas of the body, as well as to other individuals. These include:

- using antibacterial soap to wash hands
- using a clean towel or fresh paper towel to dry the body or hands
- washing linens and clothes in hot water
- cleaning surface areas in the home with antibacterial products
- keeping fingernails short
- avoiding schools and childcare centers while infection is contagious

Ringworm
Ringworm is a common fungal infection of the skin that causes a scaly, crusted rash that may appear as round, red patches on the skin. Other symptoms and signs of ringworm include patches of hair loss or scaling on the scalp, itching, and blister-like lesions.

Ringworm is contagious and can be passed from person to person by contact with infected skin areas or by sharing combs and brushes, other personal care items, or clothing.

Wash hands well with soap and water and dry them thoroughly to prevent spreading. Early treatment is important and your doctor or pharmacist will be able to advise you.

For further information please refer to www.aboutkidshealth.ca/Dermatology
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation

APPLICATION FOR MINDEROO FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP

This scholarship is born out of a desire to play a role in the lives of young members of our community, and to help those people fulfill their opportunities and potential. This Scholarship is targeted at individuals whose educational or employment outcomes are being impaired by financial or personal hardship outside of their control.

The Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation operates Youth Explorer Voyages on the sailing vessel STS Leeuwin II for young people aged between 14 and 25. Voyages cater for individuals from all walks of life and backgrounds.

Voyages include programs designed to help young people build skills such as self-confidence, communication, teamwork and leadership which are often necessary to obtain and make the most of future education and employment.

Added to this, the School Curriculum and Standards Authority of Western Australia has endorsed Leeuwin voyages of five nights or more as a suitable program for youth in Years 10, 11 and 12 to earn five points towards their Western Australian Certificate of Education, which is equivalent to one unit of study in one subject (endorsed as a Personal Development or Outdoor/Physical Ed. program).

The full fare for a weeklong voyage on the STS Leeuwin II is $2,100. Scholarships from the Minderoo Foundation cover up to $1,500, leaving $600 (minimum) to be covered by the applicant or other sponsors. The voyage fare covers: sail training program, all meals on-board, use of wet weather gear, any shore visits (weather permitting), accommodation on-board and a twelve month membership to the Leeuwin volunteering program.

In cases of extreme hardship further funding may be granted by Minderoo Foundation to help cover the remaining voyage fare, transport, accommodation and/or equipment costs; these will be dealt with on a case by case basis.

Eligibility for a scholarship is assessed on the information provided by applicants. Please complete each question and send your application to:

Minderoo Scholarship Officer
Leeuwin Ocean Adventure Foundation Limited
PO Box 1100 Fremantle Western Australia 6959
Or Fax to: (08) 9430 4494
charlotte@sailleeuwin.com

Scholarship application forms are available from Mrs Allen in the School Library.
Upcoming voyages sail on 2—8 March, 9—15 April or 18—24 June.
How are students supported?
All participating students will receive a half day orientation to the program at NurseWest, prior to their placement. Throughout their placement, students may see very sick patients and will be encouraged to debrief with their mentors and supervisors regularly.

Students will have access to the staff at NurseWest who will be on hand to provide additional support and mentoring.

Upon completing their placement, students will receive a half day debrief which will again take place at NurseWest. Students will also receive information on nursing and midwifery pathways as well as participating in various simulated activities.

Eligibility
Students need to be:
- in Year 10
- participating in a formal work experience program at school
- able to get consent from their parents or guardian to participate
- interested in a career in nursing or midwifery
- able to submit a current copy of their immunisation record.

Need more information?
- email NurseWest at: GREAT@health.wa.gov.au
- Phone: 6444 5307
- Visit www.nursing.health.wa.gov.au

Online application
Students can apply online, during Term 1 each year, via the link ‘GREaT Work Experience’ at nursing.bigredsky.com

www.nursing.wa.gov.au
Produced by Nursing and Midwifery Office—© Department of Health 2016
TERTIARY REMINDERS

VERY URGENT!

Pathway Information Evening – Joondalup Campus
Tuesday 2 February 6.00pm. Register at: https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry/events

South West Engineering Information Evening
ECU South West Campus (Bunbury)
Wednesday 3 February at 6.00pm.
Register at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/L6H7FFT

Pathway Information Evening – Mount Lawley Campus
Tuesday, 16 February 6.00pm
Register at: https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/593VKPS

Alternative Uni Entrance 2016

Curtin University Events
Uni Ready Enabling Program is for students who failed to get an ATAR, or the ATAR required for university entry. Closing date is 5 February.

For more information go to: http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/school-leavers/how-to-get-in/flexible-entry-pathways/uniready.cfm

Murdoch University: OnTrack Sprint
If you have missed out on a university offer Murdoch University provides a free 4 week course that can help you to start a degree at Murdoch. For more information go to: http://www.murdoch.edu.au/OnTrack/About-OnTrack-Sprint/

Edith Cowan University: Uniprep
Edith Cowan provides a number of alternative pathways into university. For more information go to: http://www.ecu.edu.au/degrees/uniprep and https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/course-entry

University of Western Australia
The UWAY scheme identifies conditions that may secure a late place at UWA. Details are available at: http://www.studyat.uwa.edu.au/undergraduate/entry-pathways/uway#ter

Notre Dame University
provides a year long bridging program for people who have not been offered a place. Details are available at: http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/alt-entry

Central Institute provides a comprehensive list of its University Pathways that give credit points into degree programs.

Murdoch University’s Headstart
The HEADSTART program enables capable Year 11 and 12 students to participate in university units on the same basis as undergraduate students at Murdoch University. The units can be included in the students WA Certificate of Education (WACE), although they cannot be used towards the calculation of an ATAR.
For more information go to: http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/Domestic-students/Teachers/

TAFE Courses start in early February. Vacancies still exist in many of the courses that provide credit points towards degrees. Check your local college for details.
ADF Education Awards

Closing date for the Year 12 awards is 28 February. 2016.

The Australian Defence Force Academy (ADFA) Education Award is presented annually to Year 12 students in recognition of leadership potential and academic and sporting achievements exhibited during Year 11. Applicants must apply prior to 28 February in the year they undertake Year 12.

See the ADF website for more details.

FORWARD PLANNING

ACER Scholarship Tests for 2017 Entry

Applications close: Wednesday 2 March 2016

Test Date: Saturday 19 March 2016

The ACER Scholarship Tests consist of a series of academic ability tests used by independent schools to select students for the award of a scholarship.


Teachers’ Big Day Out at Curtin Uni

2 May 2016

For career coordinators, teachers, year coordinators and other key influencers of Year 11 and 12 students. The Big Day Out showcases Curtin University courses and facilities.

Register at:
http://news.curtin.edu.au/events/teachers-big-day-out/

Book a Tour

Your school can book a tour of Curtin at any time. For details go to:

Further information is available in the School Library. You can also contact Mr Frank Gaudin, Senior School Program Coordinator on 9821 9800.

A reminder that there is a combined universities expo scheduled on Thursday 3 March in the school Library for Year 10 and Year 12 students. All Perth universities will be in attendance to provide students with information about courses, accommodation options and any general enquiries.
MONDAY
Lift off to Learn (Aboriginal Families with children 0-5 yrs)
Location: Gnowangerup District High School
Time: 9-11.30am

More than Music after school program youth activity
Location: Noongar Centre Gnowangerup
Time: 3.30-5.00pm

TUESDAY
Family Fun and Learning (Aboriginal Families)
Location: Relationships Australia Building Tambellup
Time: 9-12noon

Family Fun and Learning (Migrant Families)
Location: Coorlingah, Beaufort Street Katanning
Time: 9.30-12noon

WEDNESDAY
Lift off to learn
(Aboriginal Families with children 0-5 yrs)
Location: Tambellup Primary School
Time: 10.30-12.30pm

Afterschool Group
Location: Braeside Primary School
Time: 3.15-4.15pm

THURSDAY
Family Fun and Learning (Aboriginal Families)
Location: Gnowangerup at the old Kindy building
Time: 9.12noon

FRIDAY
Family Fun and Learning (Open to all families)
Location: Coorlingah, Beaufort Street Katanning
Time: 9.30-12noon

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT MOBILE SERVICES CENTRES

A Mobile Service Centre will be visiting your locality soon:

Date of Visit: Monday, 29 February 2016
Servicing Times: 10.00am—4.00pm
Location: Opposite the Council Chambers, Austral Terrace

Australian Government Mobile Service Centres travel to rural and regional locations. The Mobile Service Centres provide an opportunity for personalised service to community members who may not have easy access to a Department of Human Services office. Staff who travel with the Service Centres can assist with a range of Program services such as Centrelink, Child Support, Medicare, Australian Hearing and the Australian Tax Office. A unique feature is the Australian Hearing touch screen that enables customers to perform hearing assessments.

A Social Worker and a representative from the Australian Taxation Office will also be available.

The Mobile Service Centres are equipped with:
- a private interview room
- a soundproof Australian Hearing testing room
- service/assistance desks
- a waiting area
- a publication display area
- self-service computer access
- LCD display screens
- disabled access
- wireless IT connectivity for greater servicing flexibility.

**Women’s Parity**

Katanning Women’s International Day will be held in the **Town Square**

**Tuesday 8 March 2016 at 11:00am-1pm**

**Bring and Share lunch**

The theme is Women’s Parity and the colour scheme is white, green and purple, representative colours of the women’s suffrage movement. Everyone is invited to bring a picnic lunch and wear white, green and purple on the day as a sign of unity with the women of our community and across the world.

Guest speakers will give a short address on the theme of Parity to encourage us in our walk as women. Women's support agencies have been invited to share information on their services.