Congratulations to:
- Arafie Taylor and Jasmine Butterworth who have been elected to the Student Leadership Group as Year 7 Representatives.
- Staff from Katanning Senior High School who have enabled the school to gain accreditation as a White Ribbon School.
- Boyd Woods (Year 12 in 2015) elected to be the Vice-Captain of the South Fremantle Football Club Colts team.
- All involved in a very successful P&C Senior School Ball. Full report and photos in next newsletter.

TERM 1 IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR PARENTS AND THE COMMUNITY

Thurs 17 March  Parent Teacher Interviews 4.00pm—7.00pm
Thurs 17 March  School Board Meeting 6.00pm—Admin Conference Room
Tues 22 March  Year 8 Immunisations
Thurs 24 March  KSHS Inter House Swimming Carnival—Katanning Aquatic Centre (PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF DATE)
Thurs 31 March  Interschool Swimming Carnival—Mt Barker Aquatic Centre
Mon 4 April  School Photos (rescheduled due to technical issues)

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

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

Last Tuesday I had the opportunity to accompany a group of our Student Leaders and invited guests to the Katanning International Women’s Day event held in the town square. The town square was decorated in the women’s suffrage colours; purple for dignity and self-respect, green for hope and new life and white for purity in personal and public life. These colours were adopted by the Women’s Social and Political Union headed by Emmeline Pankhurst in 1910. Our girls also assisted the organisers in setting up and packing up as well as cooking sausages on the barbecue.

Elder Gabrielle Hansen opened proceedings with Welcome to Country and shared her life story as one of the Stolen Generation. She was joined by Gabrielle Miller who also shared her personal journey through adversity, followed by a song. Our Head Girl Sheridan Kowald, supported by her fellow Student Leaders, gave a speech on women in sport and the inequalities they face in pursuit of their dreams within male dominated sports including basketball, soccer and at the Bathurst 1000 motor race. Many of the audience were surprised to hear that the Vice Captain of the Matildas (the women’s national soccer team) only earned $27,000 a year while Tim Cahill earns that in a day! Sheridan was an excellent role model for the younger girls, speaking with confidence and passion.

Karen Lipio from the Department of Health came to Katanning from the Philippines. She shared the challenges of adapting to a new language and culture while Anna Boschman from WA Country Health Services shared her experiences growing up in Kuwait and having to learn Arabic. It was terrific to have a multicultural perspective on the theme of women’s equality.

How great are our girls!

After the event I received the following email message form Linda Warren, Senior Prevention Officer with Palmerston Albany.

“I’m just getting in touch to tell you how great it was to have your involvement in International Women’s Day. It was great having so many of the young women from KSHS involved. Sheridan’s talk was fabulous! I love that she spoke on a topic she was clearly passionate about and that she addressed both income and media interest inequalities between genders in professional sports. It added a really important aspect to the overall discussion. Some of those statistics she shared, though sadly not surprising, were nonetheless startling.

Also, all the eager helpers for the food and sausage sizzle were very welcome and a great assistance in the running of the event.

I hope you can pass along this feedback to the young women, they showed themselves to be a very polite, considerate and cooperative group when I spoke with them and a pleasure to be around.”

P&C Senior School Ball

The P&C “Garden of Lights” Senior School Ball was held at the Katanning Leisure Centre last Saturday. What a wonderful sight to see our Senior School girls and boys in their beautiful gowns and suits. The students thoroughly enjoyed the evening and were a credit to the school. There will be a full report with photos in the next newsletter.
So what did the Student Leadership Group do on their Leadership and Planning Day?

Last Thursday, Head Girl Sheridan Kowald and Head Boy Cooper Morrow organised and ran an outstanding team building leadership planning day for the Student Leadership Group. This involved planning and organising a full day workshop which included getting to know you activities, a guest speaker, sessions on public speaking, planning assemblies and fundraising as well as team building exercises which had the students working together in small groups.

The preparation, thought and development of the day was outstanding! I am very impressed with the maturity, insight and leadership displayed by Sheridan and Cooper who, with very little guidance from me, designed a team building day which was well appreciated by their fellow leaders as demonstrated by the energy, feedback and evaluation of the program.

The participation of each young leader representing Years 7 to 12 was also outstanding. Every Student Leader listened attentively as guest speaker Mr Frank Gaudin shared his experiences in leadership and the pursuit of the Paralympic dream. Mr Gaudin qualified for the 2000 Paralympics as a swimmer for South Africa in the 100m Breaststroke and represented Australia in the three person Sonar Sailing at the International Federation for Disabled Sailing World Championship in 2014. From this presentation each student wrote a speech on ‘what student leadership means to me’ and with some guidance, presented their speech to their fellow student leaders. I was really impressed with the variety of approaches and the thought put into each response.

The getting to know you and the team building activities ensured that this group of young leaders is well placed to lead their fellow students throughout 2016. I am greatly privileged to work with such dedicated and outstanding young people.

Parents have many opportunities to connect with our school

It is fantastic to see the number of parents and family members working with students and staff at the high school. Joining the **Ball Committee** was one way that parents could work in partnership with students and staff to bring together a Senior School Ball which will feature in our next Newsletter. We also have parents assisting in the **P&C School Canteen** but would greatly appreciate more especially as we also prepare lunches for students at Braeside, Katanning and St Patrick’s Primary Schools. Other parents are contributing by being elected or appointed **members of the School Board** which meets two to three times a term. The Public Meeting of the School Board will occur in May when any vacated positions will be advertised. Please contact Board Chair Steve Blyth at steve@blythtreefarm.com.au or myself at the school on 9821 9800 or via email Nicki.Polding@education.wa.edu.au if you are interested in this opportunity.

First assembly awards

At our first assembly, students who won Art Awards from the school’s ‘Art ‘n’ Mix’ Art Exhibition 2015 were applauded. Jane Thompson, Emma Smart, Millie Valenti, Putri Taylor, Ratu Taylor and Zar Lwin Tun received certificates in recognition of their excellence. Putri Taylor won the Principal’s Art Award with Millie Valenti and Brittany Hanna winning the Principal’s Commendation Awards. Former students Erin Brokenshire and Millicent Boetel were also acknowledged.

Year 12 student Abbie Wintle was presented with the Edith Cowan University Excellence Award Scholarship which is awarded to a Year 11 student who best reflects the values of the university. Abbie was selected at the end of 2015.
ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL
Did you know that under Section 25 in the School Education Act 1999 you are required to explain your child’s absence from school within three school days from the start of the absence.

Don’t know the best way to do this? We have some options for you:
1. Telephone the school on 9821 9800
2. Send a text message to 0407 385 241
3. Send a written note with your child and have them hand it into the Front Office
4. Send an email to Katanning.shs@education.wa.edu.au

Remember to tell us your child’s name and the reason for their absence.

By providing us with this information you will ensure your child’s attendance record is up to date and it will also assist to reduce postage costs ensuring that school funds are directed to classroom activities.

AWAY FROM SCHOOL?

Trade Skills Centre Open to Community
We have a special Dads TSC Day event coming up early in Term 2 where fathers and sons can come in to join a workshop in the Trade Skills Centre using the new equipment. So watch this space and the Website to learn more about this opportunity.

Farewells
Even though we are only in Term 1, we have had to farewell two of our teachers. Unfortunately Health and Physical Education teacher Miss Chantelle Cable has had to return to Perth for personal reasons.

Long term Senior Teacher Mrs Andrea Rundle made the decision to resign in order to support her husband’s political aspirations. Andrea was officially farewelled at a special morning tea during the School Development Day Program. She was thanked for her passion, commitment and contribution to both the education program and Country Week over the last thirteen years.

We wish both these teachers all the best in their future endeavours.

Nicki Polding
Principal
MATHEMATICS AND SCIENCE

Mathematics and Science
This year in Mathematics and Science we welcome Mr Andrew Patrick, Mr Rory Calkin and Ms Heidi Tyler to the Learning Area along with returning teachers Mrs Melissa Patterson, Mrs Tracie O’Regan, Miss Genevieve Hulin, Miss Jillian D’Souza and Mrs Rachel Whitehouse as well as our Laboratory Technician Miss Amy Waters. Mr Stephen Dennis is currently enjoying Long Service Leave so Miss Sarah Watson is the acting Head of Learning Areas Mathematics and Science for Semester 1.

Science
The Science Learning Area has had a good start to the year with students displaying great enthusiasm when conducting experiments and learning about the world around them. Year 7 students have been developing their Scientific Inquiry Skills and getting to use exciting high-school specific equipment. The Year 8 classes have been learning about energy transfers and transformations while in Year 9, students have been looking at the connections between human body systems. Students in 10.1 have started their Chemistry unit while those in 10.2 and 10.3 are learning about the history and exploration of the universe. In Years 11 and 12, students in Chemistry, Human Biology, Physics and Integrated Science are all well into their units of study and are learning many fascinating things.

Ms Sarah Watson—HoLA Science

Mathematics
Since the beginning of Term 1 our Year 7 to 10 students have been working hard to develop and expand their number skills. The Year 11 Mathematics Applications class has been learning all about consumer arithmetic. They have been developing their skills to manage money through various activities including calculating interest, budgeting and evaluating investments in shares.

The Year 12 Mathematics Applications class has been analysing bivariate data. Recently they took various measurements from Year 8 students to determine the best way to predict a person’s height. The students analysed the data and determined that arm length had the strongest relationship. Thanks to the Year 8 students from Ms D’Souza’s Mathematics class, who willingly participated in the activity.

Mrs Melissa Patterson—Teacher of Mathematics
To support your child’s literacy development, we have introduced a number of exciting new initiatives across the school this year.

Word walls are a common site in classrooms with subject specific vocabulary explicitly taught to all students. The students are encouraged to use words from the word walls in their written work and oral discussions.

All Year 7 to 10 students now complete a weekly literacy period. During this time, the students have been learning how to make their writing more interesting. Boring words, simple sentences and basic paragraphs are out. Instead, “sizzling starts”, “dynamic dialogue”, “tightening tension” and “showing” rather than “telling” is in. Already this program has seen positive developments in the students’ writing.

During the literacy period, students are also explicitly taught “task” words. These are common words that appear in assignments and exams. It is essential that when words such as: describe, compare, explain, state, suggest are written, students have a common understanding of what these terms mean and what the question is asking of them.

The Year 7 students also have the support of an Education Assistant in their English classes for several periods during the week. This allows for small group reading to take place, targeted to the needs of all students. An intensive oral language program is also being run with the support of an additional teacher.

Literacy support classes have been introduced in Years 8 to 10 to provide intensive support to small groups of students requiring some extra help to reach their literacy goals and identified literacy needs.

What can you do to help improve your child’s literacy? The answer is simple; encourage your child to read. It doesn’t matter if it is a novel, the newspaper, a fishing or farming magazine, it all counts as reading and the results are the same.

Mrs Michelle Dolan
Literacy Coordinator
Specialised Physical Education ‘On Target’ at KSHS

The Year 10 Specialised Physical Education class has recently begun training in Archery under the watchful eye of Mr Gardiner and Mr Treloar. Each Specialised Physical Education group completes one theory lesson each week along with two practical ‘hands-on’ sessions. The group is trained in safety protocol from Archery Australia as well as the correct use of protective equipment and proper technique when shooting and retrieving arrows. In the coming weeks the group is set to begin competitive shooting as they refine their technique with the use of adjustable sights.

The Katanning Senior High School Health and Physical Education Learning Area would like to acknowledge the contribution of Kojonup District High School for their loan of equipment and the Wise family of Woodanilling for their loan of straw bales for use as target butts.

Keep your eyes peeled for our Year 10 Specialised Physical Education group throughout the year as they venture beyond school grounds to learn new skills in Golf, Fitness and Water Polo.

Fitness Equipment Wanted

The Year 9 and 10 Specialist Physical Education groups will begin fitness training in Term 2. Currently the Physical Education Learning Area has established and renovated a small fitness gymnasium in the grounds of the Katanning Residential College.

We are calling for donations of used fitness equipment (treadmills, exercise bikes, weights stations etc.) to help us upgrade our facility to meet the demands of larger class sizes in the Specialised PE program.

So if you have a treadmill or other piece of fitness equipment that is currently gathering dust please contact Health and Physical Education staff on 9821 9800. Pick up can be arranged.

Team HPE

Katanning Senior High School
2016 Swimming Carnival

Due to circumstances beyond our control, the Katanning SHS annual swimming carnival has been deferred until Thursday 24 March.

The carnival is a whole school event that runs all day, starting at 9.00am at The Katanning Aquatic Centre.

There will be championship races for our aspiring Olympians, as well as novelty events such as The Egg and Spoon Race and The Ring Relay for everyone to get involved in.

Spectators are welcome and parents are urged to register their interest for the 4 x 50 Metre Freestyle ‘Golden Flipper’ Staff vs Student vs Parent race!
As the Country Week Coordinator I would like to take the opportunity to confirm some facts around this year’s event.

Any student who meets the eligibility criteria is able to attend, as in previous years, however this year we are calling on students to be more accountable. The students are encouraged to take ownership of the team that they are part of and want to succeed. In order for this to occur they need to be committed to training and improving themselves as a team. The responsibility of the students also extends to the return of all paperwork in a timely manner and attending all Country Week meetings.

This year’s costs have increased from previous years because we have had to change our accommodation. In previous years we were able to stay at Trinity College because their students had to vacate the premises during university breaks. This is no longer occurring and the students staying at Trinity College no longer leave during their breaks. The most affordable and efficient accommodation that could be located was the Rendezvous Hotel in Scarborough. The smaller team in 2016 has also contributed to an increase in the costs. The cost per Katanning Senior High School student to attend Country Week is similar to that of like schools.

Katanning Senior High School is attempting to keep the cost per student as low as possible while maintaining the whole Country Week experience.

Any questions can be to me via email, David.Gardiner@education.wa.edu.au or by phoning the school on 9821 9800.

This year Katanning Senior High School is sending six teams to compete at High School Country Week. Team coaches are:

- **Boys Volleyball**: Graham Treloar
- **Girls Volleyball**: Genevieve Hulin
- **Boys Basketball**: Coach to be confirmed
- **Girls Basketball**: Jasper Garde
- **Touch Rugby**: Rory Calkin
- **Netball**: Jillian D’Souza

**David Gardiner**  
Country Week Coordinator

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**INCLUSIVE LEARNING**

There was much excitement in Room 23 last week - we had a garden bed delivered! The garden bed will be used by Inclusive Learning to enhance the students’ learning experiences. It will allow the students to take ownership of the garden bed and be responsible for its upkeep. Colt spent some time with Mrs Whiteaker filling the garden bed in preparation for planting as a part of his Workplace Learning. Mr Kan contributed a bucket of worms to improve the soil. The students will start a mini enterprise selling produce grown in the garden once the garden is established.

A big thank you to Ashley and the team at Katanning H Hardware for their assistance and for delivering the garden bed and soil.

We have also been working on a Word Wall to help students with their Literacy.

**Ms Sarah Taylor**  
Education Assistant  
Inclusive Learning
HOME ECONOMICS

Over the January holidays a work bench designed for students with special needs was installed. This is a great opportunity to cater for students in wheelchairs. The bench can be adjusted to different heights according to their needs.

For the first time, Year 10 student Shanniah Barker can be more involved in preparing her recipes, using a stove top and having a sink within reach for her.

Mrs Louise van Neikerk
Teacher-In-Charge—Home Economics

The Year 8 students have just completed their first sewing project. They have done a fantastic job and really enjoyed creating some very imaginative “Crazy Critters” which are pictured at right.

Ms Sushila Malik
Teacher of Home Economics

TRADE SKILLS CENTRE UPDATE

Classes are now up and running in the new Trade Skills Centre, at Katanning Senior High School. Projects have been started by Year 11 and 12 students and they have begun learning how to operate and use all the machinery properly and safely.

Construction of equipment such as benches that the students are required to build, is currently underway and all other items for the workshop are increasingly being moved in.

Exciting times are also ahead, as groups such as the Men’s Shed and the Katanning Action Network have made contact with the school presenting their interests in having a joint community/school project established in the near future.

Mr Luther McPhee—Teacher-in-Charge
Design and Technology

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY

Year 12 student Emma Smart created a quilt which was used as a backdrop to the stage in the Katanning Town Square on International Women’s Day last Friday. Emma’s quilt depicted women working in a variety of fields, both individually and as a group. This quilt reflected the theme of Parity which was the focus of this year’s International Women’s Day, highlighting the inequalities which still exist for women in the workforce.

Emma’s quilt is pictured at right and it is also featured in the photos used in the Principal’s article on this event.

Ms Melanie Le Guin
Teacher In Charge—The Arts

Dylan and Thomas welding in the TSC

Shanniah and Keisha-Lee preparing their recipe at the new bench
HASS is home to new teacher Megan Nenke.

I grew up in the beautiful state of Colorado in the United States of America. However, I spent every summer and Christmas in Singapore and travelling around South East Asia with my dad.

I started my university studies at the University of Colorado, studying Geography and Secondary Education. After two years there the wanderlust in me wanted to go on an adventure, so I transferred to the University of Notre Dame Australia in Fremantle. I completed a Bachelor of Arts, majoring in Geography and minoring in History. I then continued on at Notre Dame to do a Graduate Diploma of Secondary Education.

My first teaching job sent me to John Paul College in Kalgoorlie where I taught for a year and a half before getting married and moving to the farm. I then taught at Lake Grace District High School. After teaching Physical Education, Health, Fire and Emergency Cadets, and Home Economics (cooking and sewing) I decided to return to my passion, Humanities and Social Sciences, (HASS) and that is how I came to be at Katanning Senior High School.

While in school and at university I spent my time lifeguarding, managing the pool at the local recreation centre, teaching swim lessons, and working for the Department of Sport and Recreation.

What haven’t I taught? I have taught Humanities and Social Sciences, English, Religion, Music, Health, Home Economics, Cadets and Physical Education. Science and Maths are the only subjects I’m missing!

I have joined the Bush Rangers Unit here at Katanning Senior High School and I am really enjoying the experience and the enthusiasm of the Cadets.

I started playing hockey last year and I am also a member of my local Parish Pastoral Council. I enjoy rock climbing (indoors and outdoors), hiking, swimming, reading, and especially travelling. I have a passion for the Humanities and Social Science courses and enjoy working with a diverse range of students and nationalities.

Mrs Megan Nenke—Teacher of HASS

Hello from Harro.

Hi everyone, my name is Michael Harris but everyone calls me Harro. I am the new Director of the Clontarf Academy here in Katanning having taken over from Brad Tomlinson. My thanks to Brad for all the work he and Willy have put into the Katanning Academy and for helping me to transition into the role here.

I would also like to say thanks to everyone who has made my move from Broome to Katanning easy by being so friendly and welcoming. My wife Jessica and I have an 8 month son named Hudson and we are settling in well.

I have worked with Clontarf since 2008, working in Kununurra for 4 years and then Broome for 4 years. Prior to moving into the Clontarf program I played for Swan Districts Football Club starting in the Colts in 1998, then playing in Reserves and League teams from 1999 until 2006. A highlight of my time at Swans was playing in the Grand Final of 2006 in which Swan Districts were the Premiers.

I am getting to know the Clontarf lads and we are already moving on with the programs we have planned for this term. We have training on the school oval every Tuesday and Friday mornings at 7:30am, with breakfast provided after training. Staff are invited to come along to training and even if you don't train there is always a position helping make breakfast for the boys.

Thanks to the teachers who have already started helping at training. It’s much appreciated. I’m also looking forward to making connections with the families of our Academy members.

Michael “Harro” Harris
Katanning Clontarf Academy Director
STUDENT SERVICES

School Psychologist

My name is Laura Hegney and I am the School Psychologist in the Katanning district. The School Psychology Service provides support to schools within the Department of Education. The role of the School Psychologist is to provide support to both students and staff when dealing with difficulties relating to three key areas: Behaviour, Learning, and Social and Emotional Development.

To complete my Bachelor of Psychology, I completed an Honours thesis assessing the role and impact that multimedia technology has on learning. I also have a Diploma in Education with a major in School Psychology and a minor in Special Education. My passion evolves around individual differences and how this impacts learning across environments.

In my role as a School Psychologist I provide services to multiple Department of Education schools, therefore, I am available at Katanning Senior High School 1.5 days per week (Mondays and half day on Thursdays).

Students are always welcome to book in to see me (using the purple appointment request form at Student Services or Front Office). If parents have any concerns, it is preferable that these are raised firstly with either the Middle or Senior School Program Coordinators.

Ms Laura Hegney
School Psychologist
School Psychology Service

From the Nurse

Year 8 Immunisations
The previous newsletter contained important information about the WA Health Department’s Year 8 vaccination program. Parents and guardians are reminded that immunisations for Human Papillomavirus (HPV), Chickenpox and Whooping Cough will be given to Year 8 students on Tuesday 22 March at the school. Consent forms have previously been sent to all parents and guardians of Year 8 students.

If you haven’t already done so, please return signed and completed forms to the Front Office at Katanning Senior High School. Please return the forms even if you DO NOT want your child vaccinated. If you didn’t receive a form or you have misplaced it, please contact the school for a form.

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

Student Health Care Summary and Health Care Plans
Parents or guardians who have not yet returned health records and health care plans, please complete and return them as soon as possible as these important documents are essential for meeting the health care needs of your child while in school. If your child has a newly diagnosed health condition it is important that you advise the school as soon as possible so that health records can be updated. Please contact the school on 9821 9800 or come to Front Office to collect the relevant paperwork.

Sharon Muir—School Nurse
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.

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

Pay your student charges and contributions, in full, prior to the end of Term 1 and be included in the iPad draw.

- 2nd Prize is $250 towards School Excursion Charges or 2017 Contributions and Charges
- 3rd Prize is 2 x $100 School Excursion Charges or 2017 Contributions and Charges
- 4th Prize is one of 3 x $50 Canteen Vouchers

COMMUNICATION TO PARENTS

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.

Student on school grounds
Parents and guardians are advised that students should not be on school grounds before 8.30am. If students are on school grounds prior to this time they will be directed to sit in a designated area.
Sizzling start
And just like that we are one eighth through the school year already! What a sizzling start to the year it’s been. Now some readers may not have realised this but in the first two sentences I’ve thrown in a numeracy and a literacy reference. This is especially important at the moment because we have already commenced our OLNA testing and before you know it will be time for NAPLAN.

Previously Follow The Dream has not placed too much focus on these tests but they are becoming more and more important to students. Students who are able to meet Band 8 on their Year 9 NAPLAN testing prequalify and do not need to sit OLNA testing in Year 10, 11 or 12. In collaboration with Mrs Dolan the Literacy Coordinator, I have been working to keep a focus in tutoring on literacy to keep in alignment with the rest of the school. Now as my strength is anatomy and physical skill requisition. I have also been working with our English tutors Ms Hulin and Mr Garde. I have visited some of Ms Hulin’s literacy classes and will continue to attend to learn more about the structure of the Seven Steps to Writing Success program. Ms Hulin and Mr Garde are helping to replicate a similar approach in Follow The Dream. But why you may ask are we doing this? Repetition of the skills learnt in the literacy sessions will help to transfer the knowledge from the student’s short term to long term memories and so assist them in their upcoming tests. Not only are we practising our writing skills but this term our focus is Respect and we are clarifying our understanding of just what that is. What it looks like, feels like, sounds like, how we show respect and how we know that someone respects us. We’ve looked at the different ways that people show respect and are learning to understand these different ways.

Brain training
Our tutoring tasks vary and students for the most part get to decide what they are working on except for when I am being bossy and tell them what they need to do. They can work on a variety of things from spelling and vocabulary work to times tables and mapping trajectory. Okay, well we don’t map trajectory strictly speaking, that’s what we say when the students get to play basketball after they have finished their tasks.

Each term I will introduce a new brain training task. This term the students are working on the Stroop Effect. Sounds fancy but I bet you’ve tried it before but didn’t know. Named after John Ridley Stroop, the Stroop Effect is a demonstration of inference in the reaction time of a task. In our task, the students pick 30 cards with names of colours written on them. However the point is to say the colour the word is written in and not the word itself. The students are training themselves to be able to complete the task as fast as they can. So far Kelvin has impressed with a whopping rate of 30 cards in 31.65 seconds. Kelvin’s time is way in front of mine (56.91 seconds), but I can see Ethan and Paddy catching up to him very quickly with some practise. Although we are enjoying the fun of this task with the tutors (who are getting very competitive—cough cough Miss D) it does have benefits for the students including strengthening brain pathways, memory and processing speed. I’ll let you know who wins our little competition at the end of the term.

Last but certainly not least
Finally it’s very important for me to recognise the work of Follow The Dream students in other areas of the school. Nearly every day all the students at this school make me proud in some way or another. Most of my Follow The Dream students are in Clontarf as well as DeadlySista Girlz and they are representing themselves and their families wonderfully. Well done to Kelvin who was described by Gavin Greaves (Regional Director of Clontarf) as an exceptional public speaker. Kelvin impressed everyone at the recent Clontarf Basketball Challenge and he spoke wonderfully when farewelling Clontarf Academy Director Brad Tomlinson. Also well done to all the Deadly Sista Girlz (not just my Follow The Dream girls) on the way they conducted themselves at the Nannas’ (and family) morning tea last week. And lastly to Kiara who is putting herself out there as a Student Leader. She is learning more and more about leadership every day and will no doubt use what she learns out in the community as well. Congratulations to all of you who are striving to excel!

Mrs Caitlyn Fitzgerald
Program Coordinator
Follow the Dream: Partnerships for Success
Dear Parents and Caregivers

The Katanning Senior High School P&C (Parents and Citizens) would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and explain what we do in your school and how you may assist.

Our role in your school includes the fostering of community interest in educational matters and assisting in the provision of resources, facilities and amenities. For example, our current projects include preparations for the Senior School Ball, funding of two full scholarships for Country Week, and the day to day running of the canteen, among other activities. In the recent past we have bought sporting equipment and provided funds to support incursions/excursions and Year 12 Valediction. We have just presented the Senior School Ball and would like to express our appreciation to all those parents who supported the school and P&C by volunteering their services leading up to the event and on the night. The ball was very successful and enjoyed by all who attended.

The P&C needs your assistance to continue to provide these wonderful services for your children, so we are asking that you get involved and come to our meetings, which are advertised in the School Newsletter and on the P&C Facebook page. We would love to see some new faces and hear your fresh ideas. PLEASE NOTE THE NEXT MEETING DATE IS WEDNESDAY 4 MAY AT 6.00PM.

How To See Your Ball Photographs:
1. Go to www.blissstudio.com.au
2. Go to Schools Tab
3. Go to Schools 2016
4. Register to create an account
5. Use Access Code: BWB9787 to take you to the photographs
6. Place your order on-line. If you do not wish to place your order online, order forms are available at the school for postal orders.
7. Due date for orders is Wednesday 6 April 2016.

Cheryl Chambers
P&C President

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**Parenting WA - Tuning in to Teens**

**Emotionally Intelligent Parenting**

**A four session program for parents of teens aged 10 - 16**

Would you like to learn how to:

- communicate with your teen more effectively?
- better understand your teen?
- help your teen manage difficult emotions?
- help to prevent behaviour problems in your teen?
- help your teen make friends and deal with conflict?

**Tuning in to Teens shows you how to help your adolescent develop emotional intelligence.**

**Where:** Katanning (venue TBA)
**When:** Monday 2 May, Thursdays 12, 19 and 26 May
**Cost:** Free
**Contact:** Parenting WA Great Southern
Ph: 9841 4057

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*Government of Western Australia*
*Department of Local Government and Communities*
Recently over three weekends, six teams from the Katanning Junior Basketball Association represented Katanning at the 2016 Basketball WA Country Championships held at the State Basketball Stadium in Perth. The teams were Under 13 Girls, Under 13 Boys, Under 14 Girls, Under 15 Boys, Under 16 Girls and Under 18 Boys. The Katanning teams competed against country teams from all over the state. All players are to be commended on their outstanding sportsmanship and behaviour. They all displayed a high level of skill and competitive spirit and as well as great all round team efforts, there were some excellent personal performances.

The Boys U/18 team was made up of Chayde Terry, Corey Sellars, Daniel Steer, Reece Nicholson, Stuart Norrish and Kelvin Woods. Michael Kowald coached the team, Ian Norrish was team Manager and Julie-Anne Norrish umpired.

The Boys U/15 team members were Corey Sellars, James Cronin, Caleb Keley, Nasruddin Ibrahim, Declan O'Neill, Simon Mason, Deklan Georgy and Seth Plant. Well done to all the boys who demonstrated great skill and sportsmanship. Thanks to Mr Paul Keley for coaching and Mrs Julene Cronin for scoring and managing the team.

Girls U/16 and Under team was comprised of Miriam Bolton, Aaliyah Wilson, Kiara Taylor, Cyaniqah Rangawhenua, Kasey Warren, Nakeesha Miniter, Gabby Milan. The team was coached by Lita Collard, Kylie Aggis managed the team and former student Julie-Anne Norrish umpired for the team.

Girls U/15 Girls team was comprised of Imogen Van Zyl, Jayde Wolfe, Jaimie Lee Quarmby, Cora Bliss, Rosanna Woods, Ebony Riley and Shoniqua Woods. The team was coached by Tania Wolfe.

The U/13 Girls team was comprised of Sydney Bolt, Montanna Mason, Meleikah Narrier, Sophie Wolfe, Jaida Taylor, Taylor Warren and Jasmine Butterworth. Team Coach was Gail Butterworth, Manager Richelle Warren and Scorer Amy Bolt.

The Under 13 Girls, Under 14 Girls, Under 16 Girls and Under 18 Boys all played hard fought games with mixed results. They never gave up and are a true credit to themselves for their positive attitudes.

The Under 15 Boys won their way through to the Grand Final but unfortunately were defeated on the day by Narrogin SHS 47-32. This was a great effort by the boys.

The Under 13 Boys were undefeated and also played in the Grand Final. They were the Champions of their division, winning against a determined Australind SHS 25-18. An outstanding effort from all of these boys.

Congratulations to Miriam Bolton, Jayde Wolfe, William Roe and Corey Sellars who were named in All Star teams as voted by the umpires.

A huge thank you to the Coaches, Managers, Scorers and Umpires who accompanied the teams. Without these amazing volunteers our kids would be unable to experience this wonderful event.

Mrs Gail Butterworth
Country Week Coordinator—Katanning Junior Basketball Association
GREaT NURSING AND MIDWIFERY WORK EXPERIENCE

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

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ROTARY LONG TERM YOUTH EXCHANGE PROGRAM
Applications Now Open for 2017 Exchanges.
Closing date for applications is 31 March 2016.

12 months in a foreign country attending school with board and accommodation provided by host families is offered by Rotary International District 9465. To be eligible, students must be over 15 and less than or just turned 18 years of age at the time of departure in January 2017. The exchange program is available to all young West Australians and not just for those with a Rotary connection.

This is an educational and cultural exchange and each student's principle purpose is to act as a "Youth Ambassador" for Australia. Anticipated countries of exchange may vary each exchange year but could include Germany, Hungary, Brazil, Switzerland, Denmark, Japan, France, Italy, Belgium, Sweden, Czech Republic, Mexico, Iceland, Spain.

Students gain firsthand experience of different cultures and lifestyles and have the opportunity to adapt to a new environment. At the same time, they inform their host community about the Australian way of life and help build the two key objectives of the program of better international understanding and goodwill.

Travel expenses are paid by the student's parents, an initial cost of approximately $6500, although financial assistance is available for those who meet the District criteria.

Applications close on 31 March 2016 for exchanges which will commence in January 2017. They should be submitted to your local Rotary Club closest to your home or school and must be made to one club only. Those students at boarding school can apply through their home Rotary Club. More information can be found at http://www.rotaryyouthexchange.org.au/ or check out the District 9465 Rotary Youth Exchange Facebook page.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to participate in the involvement of family and friends to act as host families for overseas inbound students as a reciprocal arrangement.

Please contact District Secretary Linda Bilney on 0427 341 022 or Email yepsec9465@gmail.com for an initial application form or to obtain answers to any queries.
COMMUNITY NOTICES

KATANNING NETBALL ASSOCIATION
Junior registration was held on Tuesday 15 March.
Net Set Go—School years K, PP, 1 and 2. Commences May 14 and runs for 11 weeks.
Starters—School years 3 and 4
Sub Juniors—School years 5 and 6
Juniors—School years 7 to 10
NB: Players in Years 8 or 9 who are turning 14 in 2016 and intending to play Senior Netball must be registered and playing Juniors.
If you are eligible for Kidsport funding, bring your completed forms and a copy of your Health Care Card to registration.
KNA Development Training for players in Years 5 to 10 starts Wednesday 27 April from 4.00—5.00pm at KLC.

KATANNING NETBALL ASSOCIATION—NEW RULES WORKSHOP
A workshop to discuss the new Netball rules will be held at the Katanning Leisure Centre on Sunday 10 April, 2016
10.00am—12.00pm Rules Discussion (Focus on New Rules)
12.00pm—1.00pm Lunch
1.00pm—2.00pm Rules Discussion (Completion) followed by Match Play from 2.30pm—3.30pm.

HARMONY FESTIVAL—SATURDAY 19 MARCH
Saturday 19 March from 3.00pm to 9.00pm in the Town Square. Activities include henna and face painting, Chinese Lion Dance, fashion parade, Kung Fu display, stilt walkers, market stalls, international food village and stage performances. At 3.00pm, there will be a KAN flag display and malay drumming and at 7.00pm there will be a community concert—“The Australian Beatles”. Everyone is welcome.

WANDERERS COLTS PRE-SEASON TRAINING
For players with Dates of Birth from October 1999 to 2002.
Wednesdays and Fridays from 5.30pm at Quartermaine Oval. Call Michael Kowald on 0487 214 424.