

K A T A N N I N G Senior high school

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On Saturday 1 April the Year 10, 11 and 12 Students attended the 'Dripping in Luxury' Senior School Ball. This was a fantastic evening enjoyed by all who attended. Thankyou to Miss Murray, The P&C and all parent helpers involved to make the Ball a success for our sStudents.

BANK DETAILS TO MAKE PAYMENTS

You may prefer to pay school accounts and excursions costs 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 and Credit Card payment facilities.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Carers

We have come to the end of Term One, and it has been a very busy term.

Fogarty EDvance School Improvement Program:

The Senior Leadership team members attended the Fogarty School improvement workshops in Perth this term.

Using the EDvance School transformation framework, the team unanimously agreed that the School sat between Stage 1 and Stage 2 of the School Transformation Framework. However, to move the School from Stage 1 - Underperforming to Fair, the team identified three elements from Dempster's Leading for Learning Framework to focus on to improve student outcomes, namely:

1. Curriculum and Teaching: Focus on developing a Whole School Instructional Framework.

2.Conditions for Learning& Student Voice: Consolidate the Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) system in the School.

3. Building Staff capability in all areas.

Swimming Carnival:

We had our swimming carnival at the local swimming pool on Wednesday, 8 March.

The Swimming carnival was a huge success. A big thank you to all the students, staff, and parents who attended and participated in different ways. Special mention goes to Mr Ben Rosenstreich, who organised and coordinated the carnival, and to many staff who put in the extra effort to ensure the day was successful.

On Wednesday, 22 March, 19 students represented the School at the inter-school swimming carnival in Mount Baker. Congratulations to Emma Forman, who won the Year 7 Champion for 2023 at the inter-school carnival.

NAPLAN:

NAPLAN testing commenced on Wednesday, 15 March, in week 7, and we completed the testing on Thursday, 23 March.

It was a smooth and successful process, with minimal disruption to the teaching and learning environment. Thank you to Deputy Principal Larissa Powell for her leadership and Mrs Caroline Bouffler for the coordination and timetabling process. It was good to see our students trying their best.

Year 7 Parents Meet & Greet:

Was held on Monday, 20 March, in the school library. Seeing so many of our families attending the session was wonderful, the evening certainly had a terrific feel to it.

Research shows that a positive relationship between teachers, parents, and students is critical for maximum student achievement. Supporting learning can be as simple as asking your child how their day was or what they enjoyed about it.

Year 9 Cohort Update:

Following consultation with staff, students, and parents regarding Year 9 classes for 2023.

We are pleased to advise that, commencing Term Two, the Mathematics, Science, and English learning areas will be split into three classes. This has been achieved by considering the current timetabling and staffing constraints.

We continue to look at ways to support the large class sizes in the Humanities and Social Sciences and will share our strategies as they are determined. Thank you for your support, patience, and feedback regarding our Year 9 Classes.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Board Training:

Combined KSHS and Braeside Primary School, school Board training was held on Tuesday, 14 March 2023. About 15 members attended the training at KSHS. Thank you to all members that managed to participate.

It was a very productive and informative training session.

The School has started implementing some of the learnings from the training, for example, updating the School's Councils and Boards Register online (CAB) to share with the School Board next term and comparing the School Board and Staff code of conduct.

The School Board comprises of four staff members: Mr Innocent Chikwama, Miss Sarah Watson, Mr Calvin D'Sylva, and Ms Heather Van Den Rydt.

Five parents' representatives are Mrs Lisa Forman (School Board Chair), Mrs Louise Stade (School Board Secretary), Mrs Davina Davies, Mrs Tania Edwards, and Mrs Kelly Holzknecht.

The Board has three community members: Mr Ian Hanna, Mr Connor Wood, and Ms Corry Why.

The School Board meets twice a term in week four and week eight and is open to the public.

Progress Reports:

Term One progress reports were sent out to parents via Connect on Wednesday this week and will be followed up by Parent Teacher Interviews on Thursday, week one in term two.

These interviews are an excellent opportunity to catch up with your child's teachers and to set goals with them for achievement in Semester One.

Outside Meetings:

I met with the Katanning Shire President, Liz Guidera, and Deputy Shire President, John Goodheart, to update them on the School's direction in week 4.

A planned meeting and school visit with Peter Rundle, MLA member for ROE, followed this in week six, and he donated three books to the School.

On Friday, 24 March, the School had visits from Shelley Payne, a Member of the Agricultural Region, and Ziagul Sultani, a Community Engagement Officer from the Office of Multicultural Interests.

School Ball:

Katanning Senior High School Senior School Ball was held on Saturday, 1 April. For our senior students, attending the School Ball as young adults is an extraordinary occasion and highlight of the school year.

I enjoyed seeing our students' dripping in luxury,' wearing their finery and having a good time together. I sincerely thank the P&C, teachers, and the Ball committee for organising such a great event.

I look forward to next year's School Ball being just as good!

Innocent Chikwama - Principal



G.S.S.S.S.A Interschool Swimming Carnival

The Great Southern Secondary Schools Sporting Association Division 2 Swimming Carnival was held in Mount Barker during Week 8, Term 1.

Students who won championship events at the Katanning SHS Faction Carnival were invited to represent our school, racing against Denmark Senior High School, Mount Barker Community College, North Albany Senior High School and Bethel Catholic School. At the end of the event Katanning SHS placed fourth overall.

Individual events consisted of the 100-meter freestyle and 50-meter events in freestyle, breaststroke, backstroke and butterfly.

Our students were impressed and intimidated by the level of competition. A few of the athletes from other schools train 6 times a week. Congratulations to our Katanning SHS competitors who supported each other both in and out of the pool throughout the event.

Congratulations to Emma Forman, she swam excellently and earned Champion Girl for her year group.

Huge thankyou to Lisa Forman and Bodhi Anyon for volunteering and assisting the school with out time keeping responsibility.

Team HPE





STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP



On Friday 10 March the Student Leadership Group coordinated and held a cake stall at recess.

This was well received by the school community and raised over \$450 to go towards future wellbeing activities for the whole school.

The next planned event was held today, a Easter Egg hunt.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP CONT.

GRIP Leadership Conference 2023

On Friday 24 March the student Leadership Group travelled to Albany to attend the GRIP Leadership Conference.



The GRIP Student Leadership Conference is unique in that it concentrates specifically on training student leaders for their role as school

leaders.

The 11 students who attended came away with new skills, a new perspective and new ideas for making a positive contribution as a leader. Students chose elective workshops to tailor their experience to their own leadership role.





DRIPPING IN LUXURY SENIOR SCHOOL BALL

























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WORKPLACE LEARNING

In preparation for their placement students have been working towards completing a WorkSafe SmartMove safety certificate. The certificate is made up of a general module and an industry specific module. The general module contains information around Work Health and Safety (WHS) laws and common workplace hazards. There are interactive activities that allow learners to apply knowledge they have obtained from the learning.

The general component is followed by one of 16 industry modules. Completing the certificate is a requirement before undertaking WPL. Any student can complete a certificate in preparation for workplace readiness.

WorkSafe SmartMove - WHS training resource (safetyline.wa.gov.au)

Sarah Smithies

Workplace Learning Coordinator



ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES Semester 1 2023 For up to date information please visit the School Website: www.katanningshs.wa.edu.au			
	TERM 2 2023		TERM 2 2023
6 April	Last Day of Term 1	27 April	Parent Teacher Interviews
7 April - 23 April	School Holidays	1 May - 12 May	OLNA Year 11 & 12 Students
24 April	SDD - Students do not attend	4 May	Netball WA School cup - Albany
25 April	ANZAC Day SLG ANZAC Day Service	8 May	GSSSSA Interschool Cross Country Carnival
26 April	Term 2 Commences	18 May	Perth Careers Expo

Although the best of care is taken in planning school events, the above dates are subject to change without notice. We recommend staying up to date with information advertised in the school newsletter and on the school website.







Katanning Senior High School is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services. Commencing Term 2, News, Events, Notices and general messages will now be sent using the School Star app.

Only parents and community members can access content in this secure app for iPhone and Android.

We encourage all parents/carers to down load the School Star app today.



CAREER PRACTITIONER



Welcome to 2023, it's going to be an exciting year for our Careers Program.

During Term 2 we have the following projects on the go our Year 9 Career Taster Program (CTP) has started.

This is an exciting opportunity to challenge students thinking, spark their 'career curiosity' and make connections between education and post-school opportunities.



Our school has organised a series of career taster experiences, starting with the Mindflight7 Virtual Reality Work Experience Road Tour for Year 9 students on Tuesday 4 April.



During Advocacy classes, all Year 9 students have started on their course of study, ECDUCD001 Undertake Early Career Discovery, to develop their career self-awareness, exploring career pathways and resources to support early career decision making.



Students will receive a certificate when they complete the course.

Next term, Careers Week will be happening from 15 to 21 May 2023.

We are organising for senior school students to attend the Perth Careers Expo at the Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre on Thursday 18 May 2023.



This is a big day out and one of the excursion highlights for our students. More information will be available at the start of Term 2.

Year 10 Career Counselling will begin at the beginning of Term 2, aiming to help assist students to better understand themselves and prepare them for their subject selections for Year 11 and 12, or other alternative pathways.

Students and parents are welcome to contact me for more information and support: Email – <u>heather.vandenrydt@education.wa.edu.au</u> Phone – 9891 1110

Heather Van Den Rydt Career Practitioner Katanning Senior High School





THE HASS OFFICE HERALD

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"Ye Olde Manorial Court finds some Defendants Guilty, while God intervenes for Others"

Written by J. Ly, L. Russell, & N. Tonga

Following a local round up of scoundrels in the Katanning Shire by the local 'Reeve', the Manorial Court was called to session by Lord's Steward, Jong Ly. The session was dominated by defendants accused of such crimes as stealing, heresy, and witchcraft, and, was attended to by all local villagers. Whilst some of the defendants chose to be judged by a jury of their peers, others chose to prove their innocence through trials by combat and trials by ordeal. The wildly raucous affair led to the conviction of three peasants. Three defendants were found not guilty through trials of ordeal and combat.

All villagers are invited to the executions next Monday.

"HASS Class found Preparing to Remove Organs, Claim to be Recreating Ancient Egyptian Funerary Ritual"

Written by J. Ly, L. Russell, & N. Tonga

Katanning HASS teachers were surprised upon entrance to their classroom to find their students engaged in a series of strange activities. Upon questioning, the students remained adamant that they were recreating "Mummification," a strange ancient burial rite.

One student was caught painting the Eye of Horus onto a Sarcophagus, while others were found writing in strange lettering that upon further inspection appeared to be Hieroglyphics. Another group in a separate part of the room were wrapping each other in linen bandages, and others were creating elaborate Death Masks and crafting Canopic Jars. The students were halted before embalming could occur.





CLONTARF



a great start to 2023 with heaps of loved having them visit. activities for Term 1.

In Week 8, nine of our Year 8 and to compete in the Clontarf Cup. 9 boys took off on camp to off the jetty on day one.

Day two we jumped in with morning! Fremantle Clontarf Academy and their morning training session.



With big numbers, we played a massive game of footy which the boys loved.

We joined them for breakfast and then hit the road to go visit Clontarf Head Office in Bentley.

The students did a presentation on Katanning and our come down and play. Clontarf Academy, got a tour of the office and prepared morning tea for the staff.

The boys up at Clontarf have had All the staff in head office said the boys were great and

In Week 9, we took five of our senior school students

Fremantle. The boys got to enjoy At the start of the trip, the boys headed over to a swim at the beach and fishing Braeside Primary to take the year 4/5 class for a footy session.

All the students from both schools had a great

The trip also included a night out in Point Peron. We bunked up with four other academies for the night, which included a swim, some group challenges and a quiz night. The boys competed hard all day at the Clontarf Cup and a lot of fun was had!



The Clontarf Cup is one of our big events for the year, with academies traveling from as far as Carnarvon to

We have heaps planned for Term 2 and can't wait to crack on!

Scott Thomson - Director Clontarf Director







BUSH RANGERS







The Bush Ranger Cadets have had a great start to the year with kayaking, cooking, creek clean up, maintenance work at Piesse Lake, a trip to Kulin water slide and camp to Walpole.

On camp we hiked up Mt Frankland, visited the Tree Top Walk and Giant Tingle Tree, kayaked in the Nornalup Inlet, swum and snorkelled at Greens Pool and visited the Denmark Dinosaur World where we got to hold lizards, snakes and birds.

We also created a sculpture for the Cadet Creation Challenge and won the Environmental Conservation division. This will soon be on display at the Piesse Lake Eco Centre.

If any prior-Bush Rangers have uniforms at home, we would appreciate it being returned to the school. If any students would like to join, they are welcome to do so in Term 2.

Miss Watson - Unit Leader



PBIS/RAPT

It is great to see students showing their RAPT values – Respect, Achievement, Perseverance and Tolerance and earning PBIS Rewards Points for their positive behaviour.

We have had the RAPT shop open in Week 5 (when 94 students earnt 151 prizes) and in Week 9 (when 87 students chose 155 prizes).

Our first whole school reward will be hot dogs when we reach 40,000 points and, as of the end of Week 9, we have over 27,000 points so are well on our way.

We encourage all students to continue to demonstrate positive RAPT behaviour to help make our school a great place to be.



The PBS Team



SCIENCE

This term in Science Year 7's have completed an 'Introduction to Science' unit which focuses on the Scientific Method and then started looking at states of matter and separation techniques in Chemistry.

Year 8's have been exploring energy transfer and transformation in Physics, while the Year 9's have learnt about the interdependence of body systems and the impact of disease in Biology.

Year 10's have also been studying Biology; focussing on genetics and the theory of evolution.

Our upper school students in Integrated Science, Human Biology and Chemistry have all had a good start to their courses and are learning interesting things.

We look forward to an inquisitive year.

The Science Team



MATHS

It's easy to *add* up all the ways that Maths skills can *multiply* our understanding of our world, *subtract* uncertainty and *divide* problems into manageable sections.

Students in Year 7 started the year looking at the order of operations, while the Year 8's explored data collection and analysis techniques.

Year 9s worked out how to find area of complex shapes before moving on to index laws, while the Year 10's investigated interest and linear equations.

Year 11 and 12 students are working on a range of topics, including intensive sessions with Ms Sanders for those who need to pass OLNA.

Students in Years 7-10 have access to Mathletics (or OLNA WA for selected Year 10,11 and 12's) to practice and consolidate their skills and have been given their log in details. We encourage students to access this platform at home as part of their study strategies. We're *counting* on a great year of learning.

The Maths Team



SCHOOL NURSE

Anxiety in pre-teens and teenagers

Anxiety is very common in the pre-teen and teenage years. This is because adolescence is a time of emotional, physical and social change, which is happening at the same time as teenage brains are changing. Pre-teens and teenagers are seeking new experiences and more independence. It's natural for teenagers to feel anxious about these changes, opportunities and challenges.

For example, pre-teens and teenagers might feel anxious about starting secondary school, looking a particular way, fitting in with friends, starting their first job, performing in school plays or going to school formals. Also, as their independence increases, they might feel anxious about responsibilities, money and employment.

Helping pre-teens and teenagers manage anxious feelings

Learning to manage anxiety is an important life skill, which you can help your child learn. Here are ideas. Encourage your child to talk about anxieties

Just talking about the things that make them anxious can reduce the amount of anxiety your child feels. Talking and listening also helps you understand what's going on for your child. Acknowledge your child's feelings

Your child's anxiety is real, even if the thing they feel anxious about is unlikely to happen. This means it's important to acknowledge your child's anxiety and tell them you're confident they can handle it. This is better than telling them not to worry, because telling a child not to worry sends the message that worry isn't a valid feeling.

When you acknowledge your child's feelings with warmth and compassion, it helps your child to use self-compassion in challenging situations too.

Encourage brave behaviour

This involves gently encouraging your child to set small goals for things they feel anxious about. Just avoid pushing your child to face situations they don't feel ready to face. For example, your child might be anxious about performing in front of others. As a first step, you could suggest your child practises their lines in front of the family.

You can also help your child by encouraging them to use:

Positive self-talk – for example, 'I can handle this. I've been in situations like this before'

Self-compassion – for example, 'It's OK if I do this differently from other people. This way works for me'

Assertiveness – for example, 'I need some help with this project'.

It's also good to praise your child for doing something they feel anxious about, no matter how small it is.

Visit <u>https://raisingchildren.net.au/</u> to learn more about managing anxiety in children.



COMMUNITY NEWS



