

KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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Friday 25 August we welcomed back Book Week to Katanning Senior High School. Students and staff had a great time dressing up as their favourite book characters.

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:

Commonwealth Bank

Account Name: Katanning Senior High School BSB Number: 066 - 040 Account Number: 1990 7187

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 families, students, and community members,

We indeed have a great school.

I am dedicating this Principal's article to celebrating this fact.

Families, parents and carers, and Katanning community members, you can be proud of your local high school, the students and staff that make it great and the things they achieve daily throughout our classrooms, on our sporting fields and outside our school.

The following is just a sample of what has been happening this term.





Our Automotive Year 12 students have already completed their Cert II, delivered in partnership with McIntosh and Sons in our world-class Trades Skill Centre.

The students are now ready to be introduced to the industry world as indisputably the best-trained cohort to date. Three students have already applied for apprenticeships. We wish them all the best.

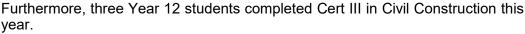
We continue to punch above our weight in NAPLAN testing. We performed above our like schools in all areas in Years 7 and 9. Deputy Principal Larissa Powell presented the results to the School Board on Thursday 7 September.

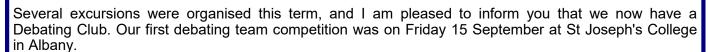
A detailed analysis is in this newsletter edition. However, as with all results, we still have more work to do to ensure that all our students reach their full potential.

We celebrated a fantastic Book Week organised and coordinated by Miss Shelby Murray and the English/ HASS team in Week 6.

Eye-catching book-themed displays were created in the school and topped up with a dress-up day on a Friday. I am confident that students were inspired to read and grow. It is incredible to see what happens when communities work together to enable success for all students.

Most Year 12 students have completed Workplace Learning for the year, amassing more than 1000 hours over their two years in the program. Credit to the Workplace Coordinator, Mrs Sarah Smithies, for supporting and guiding the students in navigating the real world of work.





The Bush Rangers Cadets continue to provide camp excursions to our students.

Term 3 Positive Behaviour Support (PBS) and Good Standing reward excursions occurred throughout the term.

Student attendance and engagement with Follow the Dream have improved drastically with one-on-one tutoring provided to our students during school hours.

When our students represent the school on excursions, we frequently receive positive phone calls from members of the public telling us what a great image of the school they are projecting in the community. This happened not once but twice last week.





FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

The School Spirit/Reward Day was celebrated on Friday 9 September and was marked with a fun carnival atmosphere and brilliant weather.

To make the day even better, we had music, face painting, card making, food stalls, a puppy for our wellbeing and free lunch for all our school community.

These moments are essential in fostering a positive school culture and promoting collegiality among our staff and students.

The P&C had their Annual General Meeting on Monday 11 September and elected new office bearers below.

The school is grateful to the P&C for their fundraising activities, advocating for the school in the community and running the School Ball in collaboration with the school.

President: Megan Lydeamore Vice President: Danielle D'Aprile

Secretary: Lisa Forman Treasurer: Shannon Beeck

Executive Positions: Katherine Anderson, Tenelle Quartermaine and Rachel Whitehouse.

The school has changed the banking provider due to Bankwest closing business accounts. We have moved to Commonwealth Bank since Monday 4 September 2023. Please see the administration page for the updated details.

To all of you, have a great Spring holiday. I look forward to celebrating my second KSHS Year 12 Valediction Ceremony early next term, Katanning Agriculture Show and welcoming a new class of Year 6 students as they go through their transition to high school and working with you all to continue to build a school that our staff, community, and students can be proud of.

Innocent Chikwama - Principal





Every student, every classroom, every day



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

NAPLAN testing was carried out in March this year.

All available Year 7 and 9 students took part in the slightly earlier testing window.

The logistics of having all students on-line and participating at once is challenging, and staff managed this beautifully.

2023 NAPLAN testing was the first under the new proficiency levels. In the past the students were given a Band rating (1 – 10).

The new ratings are **Exceeding**, **Strong**, **Developing** and **Needs Extra Support**. OLNA pre-qualification falls somewhere in the Strong level.

KSHS continues to outperform 'like schools' and our predicted mean, for all testing areas. Particular areas of celebration include, Year 9 Writing (below), where we scored **1.8 standard deviations above** our predicted mean.

NAPLAN Comparative Performance for Writing NAPLAN Comparative Performance for Numeracy

Writing	Performa nce	Students
	2023	2023
Year 9	1.8	59

Numeracy	Performa nce	Students	
Numeracy	2023	2023	
Year 9	1.7	58	

Above Expected - more than one standard deviation above the predicted school mean

Expected - within one standard deviation of the predicted school mean

Below Expected - more than one standard deviation below the predicted school mean

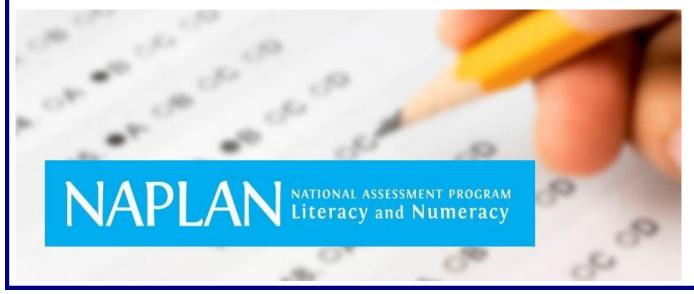
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Year 9 Numeracy scored 1.7 standard deviations above and **Year 9 Reading** score 1.5 standard deviations above the predicted school mean. Huge congratulations to all staff and students.

At KSHS we had 21 students pre-qualify for OLNA Reading, 16 students pre-qualify for OLNA Numeracy and 12 students pre-qualify for OLNA Writing. A fantastic start to their journey towards WACE graduation.

All Year 7 areas were above the predicted school mean and we look forward to working hard with these students to show continued growth and achievement when they are tested again in 2025.

Larissa Powell - Deputy Principal





ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES Semester 1 and 2 2023

For up to date information please visit the School Website: www.katanningshs.wa.edu.au

	TERM 3 2023		TERM 4 2023
22 Sept	Last Day of Term	9 Oct	Staff Development Day
		10 Oct	Students return
		13 Oct	Year 12's final day
		18 Oct	Year 12 Valediction

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.

UPDATE of Banking Account Details

Please note the school has changed banking provider to the Commonwealth Bank from 4 September 2023.

To ensure payments are received straightaway for all transfers for excursions, activities and fees, we advise the new details are:

*** NEW *** BANK DETAILS

KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Commonwealth Bank

BSB: 066 040

Account: 1990 7187









Katanning Senior High School is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services. 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.



THE HASS OFFICE HERALD 000

"HISTORY PRODIGY WOOS CROWD IN W.A.'s MOST PRESTIGIOUS UNIVERSITY"

Written by L. Russell

Esteemed academics of Ancient History were the recipients of two events befitting a Greek God this Ms Tonga, recent recipient of the "Royal Air Forces' month, when local genius and debating champion, Teacher's Àustralia.

Alongside the highly recognised guest speaker was Upon completion of her address, Ms Tonga had to HTWA.



Attendees were in awe of the keynote speaker, who Ancient History. shared her knowledge of practical lessons related to the period of the Roman Empire.

At least one attendee had to be medically treated due to the mania that overcame him when Ms Tonga took to the lectern.



What followed was a deep and profound analysis of the benefits of practical history lessons in a secondary setting.

Ex-POW Association (Australian Branch) Prize in Ms Natasha Tonga, spoke to peers at the History History", worked the crowd into frenzy with her Association of Western Australia confident speaking style and charismatic manner, (HTAWA), held at the University of Western ultimately leaving a delirious crowd thirsting for more.

a Czech-based archaeologist, a Classic-Era wait several minutes for the wild applause of the Professor of Historical Studies, and President of gathering before she could field the multitude of questions that ensued on all sorts of matters related to ancient history.

> Ms Tonga had to be escorted from the building for fears of admirers rushing and ultimately overrunning the History prodigy.

> She returned to her hometown of Katanning the following day to resume her calling as a secondary History teacher at the local High School.

> Due to the overwhelming response from academics in W.A., Ms Tonga was asked back to U.W.A. later in the month to give another lecture to a sell-out crowd of highly-motivated ATAR students studying



BOOK WEEK

Katanning Senior High School recently celebrated This was a great way to create a cozy and inviting Book Week with a series of exciting activities atmosphere that encouraged students to read. organized by English teacher, Miss Shelby Murray.

The week-long event was aimed at promoting reading and encouraging students to develop a love for books.

The celebrations kicked off with daily quizzes on book trivia, which tested the students' knowledge of popular books and authors.

The quizzes were a fun way to engage the students and get them excited about the upcoming activities.

Winners of each year group were Amber Flugge, Forman, and Bodhi Anyon.

One of the highlights of the week was the Mad the treasure. Hatter's tea party in the library.

The library was transformed into a wonderland, exploring the school. complete with decorations and costumes.

Students were treated to tea and snacks while they discussed their favourite books and characters.

Another exciting activity was the read aloud, where students gathered in the library to listen to their teachers read from their favourite books.

This was a great way to introduce students to new books and authors and encourage them to explore different genres.





The book cafe in the school library was another popular activity. Students were able to relax and and drinks.







Jaye Campbell, William Collis, Maddi Garrity, Harry The "Where's Wally?" treasure hunt was also a hit with the students. They had to search for hidden 'Wallys' around the school and solve clues to find

This was a fun way to get students moving and



The week culminated in a Book Week dress-up and parade.

Students dressed up as their favourite book characters and paraded around the school. This was a great way to showcase their creativity and love for books.

Congratulations Harry Forman Lilly Quartermaine, and Bethany Collis for winning best dressed.

read their favourite books while enjoying snacks Overall, the Book Week celebrations at Katanning Senior High School were a huge success.

> The activities were engaging, fun, and encouraged students to develop a love for reading.

> Thanks to the efforts of Miss Shelby Murray and the English department, the students were able to experience the joy of reading and discover new books and authors.

Luke Russell



SCIENCE

KSHS celebrated National Science Week 2023 on the theme of Innovation.

On Monday 14 August we hosted a **STEM** Innovation Day for over 200 Year 5 and 6 students from Primary Schools in our region.

Students participated in workshops in coding, robotics and STEM activities run by our KSHS students.

We had a sausage sizzle lunch and an incursion on Einstein First, from the University of Western Australia.



Our student presenters did a fabulous job of sharing their knowledge clearly and with enthusiasm.

Thank you to everyone involved, most especially Mrs Rachel Whitehouse who coordinated the day.





The remainder of the week we completed Innovation Challenges in our science classes, including building balloon buggies, water pumps and balloon rockets.



Students explored Future Foods by tasting meal worms, crickets, and cookies/cupcakes with cricket powder; as well as making seaweed spheres using sodium alginate, which is becoming a biodegradable alternative to plastic.



There were daily quizzes for students, with Sophia Sein and Nickolas Menz winning the lower school and upper school prizes.





Our thanks to Ms Watson who organised the activities and the food, her Chocolate Chip Cricket Cookies were delicious.

Thank you to the Great Southern Schools Network for funding the event.



Science Team



DEBATE CLUB

KSHS recently competed in the regional interschool debating competition hosted by St Joseph's College Both KSHS teams enjoyed a win on the day! and the Western Australian Debating League.

secrets of debate before journeying to Albany for the tournament. tournament.



Each loss was narrow and the adjudicators The teams trained in the weeks beforehand with their commented on how evenly matched the teams were coach Ms Tonga to steel their nerves and learn the which was impressive for our debaters at their very first



two debates in impromptu format, the students were to the school RAPT values! given an hour on the day with no technology, no notes. and no teachers to prepare their cases.



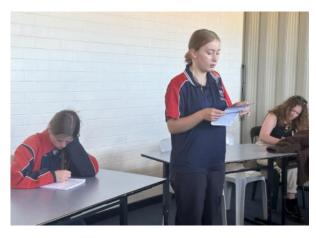
The topics were:

- That we should introduce (mandatory volunteer work to help the environment);
- 2. That as a parent we would be brutally honest with our children;

That we regret the narrative that children are the future.



Debating is not easy: the students were only allowed A highlight of the debates included one of our students to prepare one topic given ahead of time! For the other making an argument for teaching tolerance- a nice link



eco-conscription Thank you to Mr Treloar for giving up his time to take the squad to Albany and all the KSHS staff who made the excursion possible.

Natasha Tonga - Debate Club Teacher

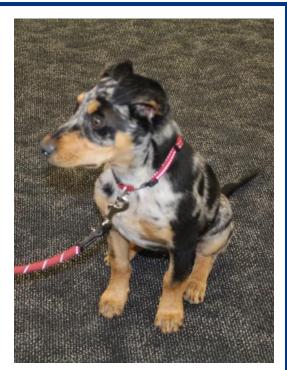




SPIRIT DAY 2023













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ASSEMBLY



Year 7 award winners



Year 8 award winners



Year 9 award winners



Year 10 award winners



Year 11 award winners



Year 12 award winners



HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7 Food and Fibre students have been busy learning some hand sewing skills, button sewing, hemming, plain simple stitches and few decorative stitches.

Students are in the final stage of finishing of their teddy bears.





Year 8 Food and Fibre students are learning basic sewing machine skills.

They have received their "L Plate" and "P Plate" students are working towards getting a full licence in understanding basic techniques of machine sewing. They are busy in designing and producing their pencil case project.

The Year 11 Food Science and Technology students enthusiastically participated in a "Big Bake Off" competition.





Students produced scones, pancakes, chocolate cakes, cookies, and muffins.

Congratulations to our overall winners Ceanne Mader and Evelyn Jack.

A special thanks to our judges who dedicated their precious time in visiting our class every week to judge the students baking.

All students thoroughly enjoyed cooking and selling food on the Home Economics stall on Spirit Day.



Students are currently busy learning about macronutrients and producing healthy lunches for themselves.

Year 12 Food Science and Technology students have been learning about the principles of food preservation.

They are learning different preservation techniques by adding chemicals (salt and sugar), preparing lemon chutney, dehydrated beef jerky, and anaerobic breakdown (fermentation) of dill pickle sauerkraut.



Well done to all Year 12 students who produced these delicious creations of strawberry jam, raspberry jam, kimchi, chilli pickle, dehydrated apples and along with other wonderful produced recipes.

The vegetables used in the preparation of quick pickle, broccoli tote, cauliflower pizza and healthy lunch were grown in Home Economics garden.

A massive thank you to the gardeners who maintain the school garden, this allows us to grow amazing produce to be used in Home Economics classes.

Craft club is also on and off enjoying their creativity.



Sushila Malik - Home Economics Teacher



WORKPLACE LEARNING

Term 3 Workplace Learning has been completed. Some students chose to go back to the same employer, while others wanted to experience a new industry.

Ceanne spent her second placement this year at Katanning Vet Clinic. She found there were similarities between a vet practice and a dental practice. They both have to sterilise instruments and deal with clients. A good example of students learning transferable skills.

Hallee returned to St Patrick's Primary School and this time spent her placement with younger students in kindergarten. She thoroughly enjoyed working in a kindy environment.









Leroy joined the Parks and Gardens team at the Shire of Katanning. He enjoyed being out around town maintaining public spaces.

Kaitlyn's first placement was at Premier Smash Repairs, where she experienced many aspects of the panel beating industry. Kaitlyn enjoyed being in a workshop environment.

McIntosh & Son was Cyle's choice for WPL again.

Sarah Smithies - Workplace Learning Coordinator













CLONTARF



Hi all and welcome to our Clontarf Term 3 update!

We've had an awesome term so far and a few more things to go to finish off strong.

Firstly, we'd like to thank all the staff, students, the local Police and Woolworths for making our Super Training a massive hit!

A great morning of exercise was topped off by our Year 7's

Clontarf Pillar Presentation.

We hope all involved had a great morning and look forward to the next one.

We've had some great afternoons of sport too. In week 2 we headed out to Narrogin for some basketball, in week 5 we travelled to Wagin to verse them and Narrogin in the new Tri-Series and in week 8 we had Narrogin come and visit us.

Mixing in with Narrogin Academy and Wagin DHS has really mixed up our Monday after school sessions which has been great.

Our Senior School students in Week 5 headed down to Albany for the annual basketball carnival. We didn't manage to go back-to-back but still had a great camp.



On our way to the camp we made a stop in Tambellup. The boys all got to work and helped in their community garden.



The boys went out on a cultural walk in Albany, went for a swim and participated in some boxing.





In Week 9 we had students head up to a camp in Rockingham. We teamed up with Albany for the football carnival and won the carnival which was great for the boys. The boys also went to Serpentine Falls for a swim and enjoyed hanging out with other schools at the camp site.

Scott Thomson - Director



BUSH RANGER CADETS

This term the Bush Ranger Cadets have planted reeds at Piesse Lake, rode bikes, cooked on campfires and cleaned up rubbish around the school and at Minerup Lake Reserve.

We are very thankful to KROS (Katanning Regional Op Shop), for their kind donation of \$500 which we used to purchase shovels and mattocks to aid our planting efforts.











Having good tools certainly makes the job easier!

Miss Sarah Watson - Unit Leader

COMMUNITY NEWS











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BASKETBALL

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN 870 PP

Tuesday Night Comp & Training

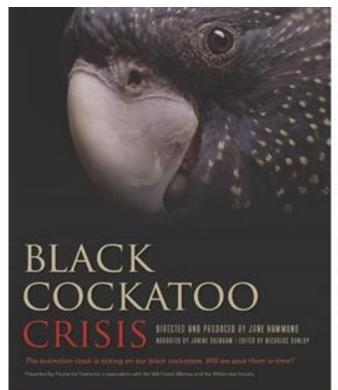
(a) Katanning Leisure & Rec Centre

Kidsport has increased to \$300 per eligible child per year. To see if your child is eligible visit: https://bit.ly/3YNafuu

Register via PLAYHQ - Katanning Basketball Association or

https://www.playhq.com/basketball-wa/org/katanning-basketball-association/ad8d09fd

17th Oct 24th Oct 31st Oct 7th Nov 14th Nov 21st Nov 28th Nov 5th Dec 30th Jan 6th Feb 13th Feb 20th Feb 27th Feb 5th Mar BYE 12th Mar



Community Movie Night

Katanning Town Hall Sunday 8th October 2023

5.30pm doors open, 6pm start.

Followed by a live Q&A session with filmmaker Jane Hammond and BirdLife Australia Carnabys Cockatoo specialist Dr Sam Ryken.

Entry by gold coin donation

Join us for this award-winning documentary on endangered black cockatoos. See these incredible birds, learn about the threats they're facing – including mining right here in their breeding grounds at Badgebup – and how we can protect them for the future.

Presented with support from Katanning Landcare, Katanning CRC, Shire of Katanning, WA State NRM Program and Great Sauthern Bloom Festival

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Shaping the future

VacSwim

Enrolments now open!
Places are limited, so get in early.

Help keep your child safe in the water. Enrol now for the school holidays.



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COMMUNITY NEWS

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SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER HOLIDAY EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGAMS

Tuition for all students Year 11 to 12

Week One 25-29 September Venue - Christ Church **Grammar School**

Week Two 2-6 October Venue - Hale School

The September/October School Holiday Programs will offer Year 11 & 12 students comprehensive subject revision. These classes assist in preparing students for their Final Exams. *20% school discount per subject*

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Tennis Coaching Registrations OPEN

2023 Term 4 Junior Tennis Coaching

with Tennis West Accredited Coach, Justin McGuire



When: Monday pm and Saturday am

Commencing: Term 4, 15TH October (Saturday) & 17th October (Monday)

Where: Katanning Country Club Tennis Courts

How much: \$120 per child.

Who: School aged children pre-primary to year 12, no experience required.

How long: Lessons go for three quarters of an hour over an 8-week period.

Register now to Claire Groves, 0427 258 254, Claire.boag@bigpond.com Please include: full name, DOB, postal address, contact name, contact phone number, and email address and preferred day,

Questions? Call, text, or email Claire for any extra information you might need.

