



KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

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Katanning Senior High School 2023 Valedictorians.

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

We recently farewelled our Year 12 class of 2023 with much optimism and pride as they prepare to take their places in the world or give them time to study for their final ATAR examinations.

We held three events to celebrate their transition from school, commencing with the Year 12 Leavers Breakfast on Thursday 5 October, in the school staffroom, followed by the final assembly celebrated by the whole school community as they made their way through the gymnasium to their chosen music for the last time.

The outgoing school captains, McKenzie French and Bodhi Anyon, delivered an excellent final speech.

Finally the students were invited to an Adventure World excursion as a last opportunity to relax and socialise before leaving school.

A complete list of award winners among our Year 12 students has been published in this newsletter. McKenzie French is our ATAR Dux, and our VET Dux is Joshua Whitehouse.

On Valedictory evening, I paid tribute to the numerous KSHS staff and special guests who contributed to such a successful event, especially the Year 12 Coordinator, Ms Shelby Murray along with administration staff Mrs Renae Garrity and Mrs Sarah Smithies.

World Teachers Day

Hats off to Teachers we celebrated World Teacher's Day on Friday 27 October, with personalised thank you messages from students to our staff members.

We are grateful to the students for their time and effort in recognising their teachers and the School Board Chair, Lisa Forman, for an all-staff email thanking and acknowledging our staff.



Alta-1

The school was informed last week that Alta-1 will sadly be closing at the end of the year. This is negative news for our community as Alta-1 supported and met the needs of students in the community. The school is working with the Wheatbelt Regional Office to plan for a smooth transition of approximately 16 students from Alta-1.

Athletics Sports Carnival

The 2023 Athletics sports carnival was held on Friday 3 November and was very successful

The Champion and Participation Shield winners were announced at the School Assembly, Glenroy and Condeena respectively, along with individual trophy winners.

Congratulations to the HPE team for putting on a fantastic Athletics Carnival. We thank Mr Gardiner, Miss Palmer and Mr Rosenstreich for their leadership and coordination of this event.

We indeed live and breathe our school's moral purpose: At KSHS, we work together to enable success for our students.

We thank Youth Care and Student Services for supporting our staff and students wellbeing with coffee and a free lunch.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL CONT.

Staffing

We welcomed Ms Laura Kopsis this term, who joined the Science Team as the new Lab Tech backfilling Mrs Amy Wise. Ms Ann Ward won the Manager of Corporate Services fixed-term position and will backfill Mrs Kara Flugge's position whilst she takes her leave. Ann brings experience from Wagin District High School and is the current Manager of Corporate Services at Williams Primary School. We aim to amplify our school improvement journey with Ann's experience commencing in Week six.

Still, on staffing, I am excited to inform you that the school has endorsed Ms Chris Roberts and Ms Serena Sandwell to pursue the Leap program and will support them with the time and resources required in 2024.

Ms Jodie Collins has informed the school that she will be returning from leave to commence the year with us in 2024. Unfortunately, we have not been able to fill the IT support position in the school with a permanent staff member at this stage, however it will be advertised again before the end of Term 4.

I am pleased to inform you that the Program Coordinator (Level 3) Highly Accomplished and Lead Teacher (HALT) advert is now live on jobs.wa.gov.au website. If you know any fabulous teachers, please inform them of this employment opportunity at KSHS.

We say thank you and goodbye to Ms Habibah Mohd Sarip, who won a substantive teaching position at Kalgoorlie Boulder commencing 2024. Ms Sarip has been at the school since May 2007, and we thank her for her unwavering commitment and service to our school community and wish her well in the move to the Goldfields.

School Board

Over the next few weeks, parents and carers will be asked to vote for candidates nominated for our Independent Public School Board membership. I want to urge parents to take the time to participate in this process and select parent and carer representatives that best reflect the positives that you would like to see in your child's school.

The School Board guides the Principal and staff on governance and strategic planning matters. Voting forms will be available via email, so please ensure that you have an up-to-date email address listed with the school.

With only five weeks to go, I encourage our students to finish strong and do their best. We look forward to some fantastic events for the rest of the term, including end-of-year reward excursions.

Innocent Chikwama - Principal



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Education

Every student, every classroom, every day



FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SENIOR SCHOOL

Term 4 started with great enthusiasm for our senior secondary students. With Week 1 being the final week of secondary school for the Year 12 there was evidence of trepidation, sadness, as well as exhilaration of what the future entailed.

Week 1 was filled with many activities aimed at celebrating this wonderful group of students including staff vs students basketball and volleyball, incursions by Red Frog, a sumptuous breakfast cooked by and enjoyed with staff, a leavers day at Adventure World, as well as a cracking final assembly.



A sincere thank you to Ms Murray, Mrs Garrity, and Mrs Smithies for the hard work behind the scenes to ensure a fantastic farewell week.

From an academic standpoint the Class of 23 recorded excellent results with 97% meeting the requirements of the achievement standard.

A sincere thank you to parents and teachers for your continued support to ensure success for our students.



Our VET program also had a fantastic success rate with numerous students gaining Cert II and Cert III qualifications.

Thank you to our external training partners, McIntosh & Son, AIET, TAFE as well as our inhouse trainer Mr Adams for your continued support of our students.

Many of our Year 12 who had completed workplace learning have accepted offers of employment and have transitioned successfully to life beyond school.



We are in the middle of the ATAR exam period for our Year 11 and 12 students, I wish all students completing exams the very best of luck and success.

Carrying on with the good news stories we had three of our inaugural Curtin UniReady students progress their university aspirations by making applications to Curtin University and one receiving an early offer to pursue primary teaching.

Congratulations to our graduating Class of '23!! I wish you every success life has to offer, thank you for the memories.



Mr D'Sylva
Deputy Principal Senior School



ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES Semester 2 2023

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

	TERM 4 2023		TERM 4 2023
11 Nov	Remembrance Day	8 Dec	End of Term Reward
15 & 16 Nov	Year 6 Transition Day	14 Dec	Students last day
29 Nov	Year 8 -11 SLG Nominations		

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**

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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 download the School Star app today.



VALEDICTION

CLASS OF 2023

Elle-Rae Aldridge
Tiana Arthur-Wright
Lynthia Coyne
Makel Elwin
Mia Hamon
Chantelle King
Dylan Lopez
Jade Martin
Lily O'Neill
Kwe Plar
Caleb Quartermaine
Mischa Rodney
Zolekah Sein
Kanlayanee Suedee
Chad Thornborough
Emilie Willey

Bodhi Anyon
Yasmin Bouquet
Jae Eades
McKenzie French
Madison Human
Caitlyn Logan-Fowler
Paige Marris
Darcy Moran
Kyle Penny
Nadirah Potter
Toby Quartermaine
Gabriel Sanchez
Musahirin Shakirin
William Thaw
Joshua Whitehouse



ATAR DUX

Australian Defence Force Long Tan Youth
Leadership and Teamwork Award

McKenzie French

Vocational Education and Training Dux

Joshua Whitehouse



SUBJECT AWARD WINNERS

Subject	Award Recipient
English ATAR	Madison Human
English General	Mia Hamon
Mathematics: Applications ATAR	McKenzie French
Mathematics: Essentials General	Joshua Whitehouse
Human Biology ATAR	McKenzie French
Integrated Science General	Chantelle King
Career and Enterprise General	Caitlyn Logan-Fowler
Physical Education Studies ATAR	McKenzie French
Physical Education Studies General	Bodhi Anyon
Health Studies General	Mia Hamon
Media Production and Analysis General	Mia Hamon
Visual Arts General	Nadirah Potter
Food Science and Technology General	Mia Hamon
Children Family and Community General	Caitlyn Logan-Fowler
Materials Design and Technology: Metals General	Elle-Rae Aldridge
Materials Design and Technology: Wood General	Musahirin Shakirin
UniReady	Chantelle King
Certificate II Automotive Vocational Preparation (VET)	Darcy Moran
Certificate III Business	Lily O'Neill
Certificate III Civil Construction Plant Operations	Joshua Whitehouse
Certificate II in Engineering Pathways (VET)	Dylan Lopez
Workplace Learning (Endorsed Program)	Joshua Whitehouse



VALEDICTION



Ampol Best All-Rounder
Mia Hamon



Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award
Elle-Rae Aldridge



Buddy O'Donnell Committed Cadet
Bodhi Anyon



Lions Citizenship Award
Bodhi Anyon



Brigadier Arnold Potts DSO OBE MC Endeavour
Award
Caitlyn Logan-Fowler



Shire of Katanning Sports Citizen of the Year
Award
Toby Quartermaine



YEAR 9 CAREER TASTER PROGRAM

On Wednesday 25 October, 10 students from Katanning Senior High School attended the Try Beauty Therapy Career Taster Program at South Regional TAFE Albany.

Students had the opportunity to hear from Emma, a Qualified Beauty Therapist about her career journey in the Beauty Industry and what a typical day entails.

The girls were shown the extensive salon training rooms and were very impressed with the range of treatment options and makeup available at the training salon.

Students were led on a tour around the TAFE campus and then learnt about how the skin is one of the bodies largest organs (weighing a whopping 3.6kg) and participated in a practical activity whereby they made their own body scrubs using all natural ingredients.

Whilst Mr Gaudin was very disappointed that he couldn't get his nails painted, a great day was had by all who attended! This career taster enabled the students to obtain a better understanding of what jobs are available in this industry and course options should they wish to transition into this industry.

If you weren't able to attend but would like more information on this industry, please see Miss Vaughan in the careers office or email michelle.vaughan@education.wa.edu.au



Yalagan Group Training

Year 9 students welcomed Paul Bennett from Yalagan Group Training to the school.

Paul delivered a presentation on potential employment pathways in the mining, trades, construction and rail sectors, he took students through the process of writing a Job Hazard Analysis prior to commencing work to ensure any hazards are identified and risks mitigated.

Students then built an exclusion zone around the job site and were harnessed up to complete a confined space and working at heights simulated activity on the Yalagan Group Training trailer.

The aim of the program was to give students a taster to what working in these industries would be like and it was very impressive to see the students' level of teamwork and involvement in the tasks.

A huge thank you goes to Mr Gaudin for organising the incursion and Ms Stone and Dr Okan for supervising the students on the day.

Miss Michelle Vaughan - Career Practitioner

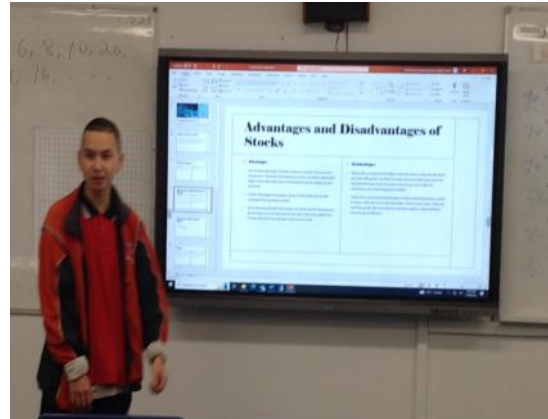


MATHEMATICS

This term, Maths team started using “The Building a Thinking Classrooms” strategy as part of whole school instructional model (WISM).

This evidence-based teaching strategy offers a distinct and unique opportunities for students to stimulate independent thinking, collaboration, and group work in a randomized group setting.

Initial trial with year 7 and 8 cohorts shows some positive results as students break down social barriers within the room, increase knowledge and active participation in mathematics lessons.



Year 12 General students presenting investigation report on “Investment Options”.



Year 10 students investigating the relationship between arm span and person’s height.



Year 8 students doing some head-on class activities.



MATHEMATICS CONT.



Year 7 students in a randomised group setting utilising the “Building a Thinking Classrooms” strategy to solve fractions and decimals.

Dr. Evans OKAN - Mathematics Teacher

ENGLISH

We are excited to share with you the latest activities, themes, and assessments that the English Department at Katanning Senior High School has been facilitating with our students. It has been a busy and productive term, with each year level engaging in unique and enriching learning experiences.

In Year 7, our students have been studying persuasive speeches. They have been learning about the power of effective communication and the art of persuasion. Through this unit, students have developed their critical thinking skills and have been encouraged to express their opinions confidently. We are proud of their progress and look forward to seeing their persuasive speeches in action.

Moving on to Year 8, our students have been exploring the dangers of technology through the lens of persuasive speech. They have delved into the ethical implications of technology and have learned how to construct persuasive arguments to convey their concerns. This unit has not only enhanced their public speaking skills but has also encouraged them to think critically about the impact of technology on our society.

In Year 9, our students have been immersed in a film unit of study with a special focus on Aboriginal Australian culture. They have been introduced to the conventions of film, including visual codes, genres, themes, setting, characterisation, and narrative structure. Through analysing and discussing various films, our students have gained a deeper understanding of Aboriginal Australian culture and its representation in the media. This unit has fostered cultural appreciation and empathy among our students.

Meanwhile, our Year 10 cohort has been exploring the power and historical evolution of language through a unit on Shakespeare. They have been studying Shakespearean texts and have been encouraged to critically analyse the context and relevance of these texts in modern society. This unit has not only deepened their understanding of Shakespeare's works but has also allowed them to develop their argumentative skills as they debate the enduring impact of Shakespeare on our world today.

As the year comes to a close, we would like to extend our best wishes to our Year 11 students who will be finishing for the year. We are proud of their achievements and wish them success in their future endeavours. We would also like to wish our ATAR students good luck in their upcoming exams. We know that they have been working diligently to prepare for these important assessments, and we have every confidence in their abilities to excel.

Mr Luke Russell



THE HASS OFFICE HERALD

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“LOCAL ACADEMIC INSTITUTION INCORPORATES LEADING DIGITAL PLATFORM INTO ITS EDUCATIONAL REPERTOIRE”

Written by L. Russell

Katanning Senior High School has been using the digital platform "Education Perfect" in conjunction with practical and direct instructional lessons for the last year with great success in the Humanities and Social Sciences (HASS) Department. The platform has been used to enhance student learning and engagement in subjects such as History, Geography, and Civics.

The platform has now decided to offer a free trial of Education Perfect to the English, Mathematics, Science, Arts, Health, and Languages Departments at the school during Term 4. This will allow all students to experience the benefits of the platform and provide feedback on its effectiveness.

Education Perfect is a digital platform that offers a range of resources and activities to support student learning.

It provides interactive lessons, quizzes, and assessments that are tailored to each student's individual needs.

The platform also offers real-time feedback and progress tracking, allowing students to monitor their own learning and identify areas for improvement.

The benefits of Education Perfect for students are numerous. It provides a fun and engaging way to learn, which can help to increase motivation and interest in subjects. The platform also allows students to work at their own pace and provides instant feedback, which can help to build confidence and improve learning outcomes.

Parents can also benefit from Education Perfect. The platform provides parents with access to their child's progress and performance, allowing them to monitor their child's learning and provide support where needed.

It also provides parents with a better understanding of the curriculum and the learning outcomes that their child is working towards.

The free trial of Education Perfect at Katanning Senior High School is an exciting opportunity for students to experience the benefits of this digital platform.

With its engaging and interactive resources, Education Perfect has the potential to enhance student learning and improve outcomes. Parents can also benefit from the platform by gaining a better understanding of their child's learning and progress.

If you'd like some more information on how to access this resource at home, please don't hesitate to contact Year 7-10 Coordinator Luke Russell on 9891 1100, or at lucas.russell@education.wa.edu.au



Education Perfect



“DISCIPLES OF VULCAN EXPOSED PRODUCING RITUAL ARTIFACTS AT LOCAL SCHOOL”



One anthropological expert has suggested that the artefacts were prophetic visions akin to Doomsday predictions.



The students, who range in age from 12 to 13, have since been reprimanded by the school. However, some members of the community are calling for a more severe punishment, citing concerns about the influence of ancient Roman gods on impressionable young minds.

Written by L. Russell and N. Tonga

In a shocking turn of events, a group of Year 8 Katanning Senior High School students have been accused of using the school art rooms for the purposes of worshipping the Roman God, 'Vulcan', by a staff member with strong links to the Ancient History Department at U.W.A..

The students, however, claim they were actually completing a Geomorphic Hazard assignment by building dioramas of earthquakes, tsunamis, and volcanoes.

According to the staff member, the students had been secretly meeting in the art rooms for weeks, using materials such as clay, paint, and glitter to create elaborate dioramas of natural disasters. However, it wasn't until a teacher stumbled upon the group mid-worship that their true intentions were revealed.

The teacher, who wishes to remain anonymous, described the scene as "utterly bizarre."

"They had candles lit, incense burning, and were chanting in Latin," the teacher said. "At first, I thought they were just really into their assignment, but then I realized they were actually worshipping Vulcan."

The harrowing scenes of destruction included volcanic eruptions spitting boiling magma, tsunami waves swallowing cities, earthquakes ripping apart towns, and avalanches destroying pristine mountain sides.



"This is a clear case of indoctrination," said one concerned parent. "We can't have our children worshipping pagan deities in school. It's just not right."

Despite the controversy, the students themselves seem unfazed by the whole ordeal. "We were just trying to get into the spirit of our assignment," said one student. "We didn't mean any harm."



HOME ECONOMICS

It becomes a bit emotional seeing our beloved Year 12 departing for their next journey of life after school. I wish them all the success in their future endeavours.

Year 11 Food Science have been really busy in planning, cooking and catering for the Year 12 Valediction ceremony. They enjoyed working as a team and represented Home Economics excellently.

We are grateful for our volunteers who helped on the night, serving the food to our special guests and thank them immensely for their time.



Children Family & Community students have made their second project for the community. They take pride in designing and producing a patchwork quilt and donating it to the Royal Flying Doctors Service for fundraising. Mrs Lyn Leach president of RFDS visited the class to thank the students and collected the quilt.

All students enjoyed cooking Nasi Goreng and Cinnamon Scrolls as their last recipe of the year.



Year 7 students were very proud of themselves on designing and producing eight different types of scones. Our judges were impressed with the quality and variety of scones, and I am pretty sure they were enjoyed thoroughly.



Year 8 students have finished their first project pencil case whilst learning to use the sewing machine. They are now busy learning healthy eating. Last week they made cabbage parcels.



Year 9 students have successfully finished their stunning aprons and are now onto the designing stage of their own recipe for the assessment task on food labelling.

Year 10 are quite busy in learning international cooking after finishing the most amazing cross stitch projects.



This year at the Katanning Agricultural Show we displayed a total of 155 entries from Home Economics in different categories including craft, cooking and sewing.

We won eleven first and ten second prizes with two trophy winners. Congratulations Helen Htoo and Terehia Potaka-Osborne, what a wonderful achievement!

Congratulations to all our Katanning Show winners. We look forward to displaying more entries next year.



Sushila Malik - Home Economics Teacher



ASSEMBLY



Year 7 award winners



Year 8 award winners



Year 9 award winners



Year 9 award winners



Year 10 award winners



WORKPLACE LEARNING

This term has seen some of our Year 10 students go out into the community for their first taste of work experience. 11 students were placed across 10 employers in various industries. Some of the students already hold parttime jobs, while for others, it was their first time in a workplace environment, utilising the opportunity to start building core skills for employment. The students received positive feedback from employers, some even being made offers of employment. A credit to their efforts.



Keiran assisting out on site



Eh Plah packing away equipment after use



Austin has just replaced the oil in an engine



Sam reattaching a door after repair



A big thank you to all our employers.



2023 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

Friday 3 November Katanning Senior High School held the Athletics Carnival.

What a wonderful day it was seeing so many students participating and enjoying the carnival through novelties, track and field and all events in between.

Congratulations to all who competed on the day.

The students competed for two shields on the day the Participation and Championship Shields.

Congratulations to Condeena winners of the Participation Shield.

The Championship Shield winners for 2023 was Glenroy.

The HPE team would like to thank all the staff for their efforts assisting throughout the day.

Team HPE



2023 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



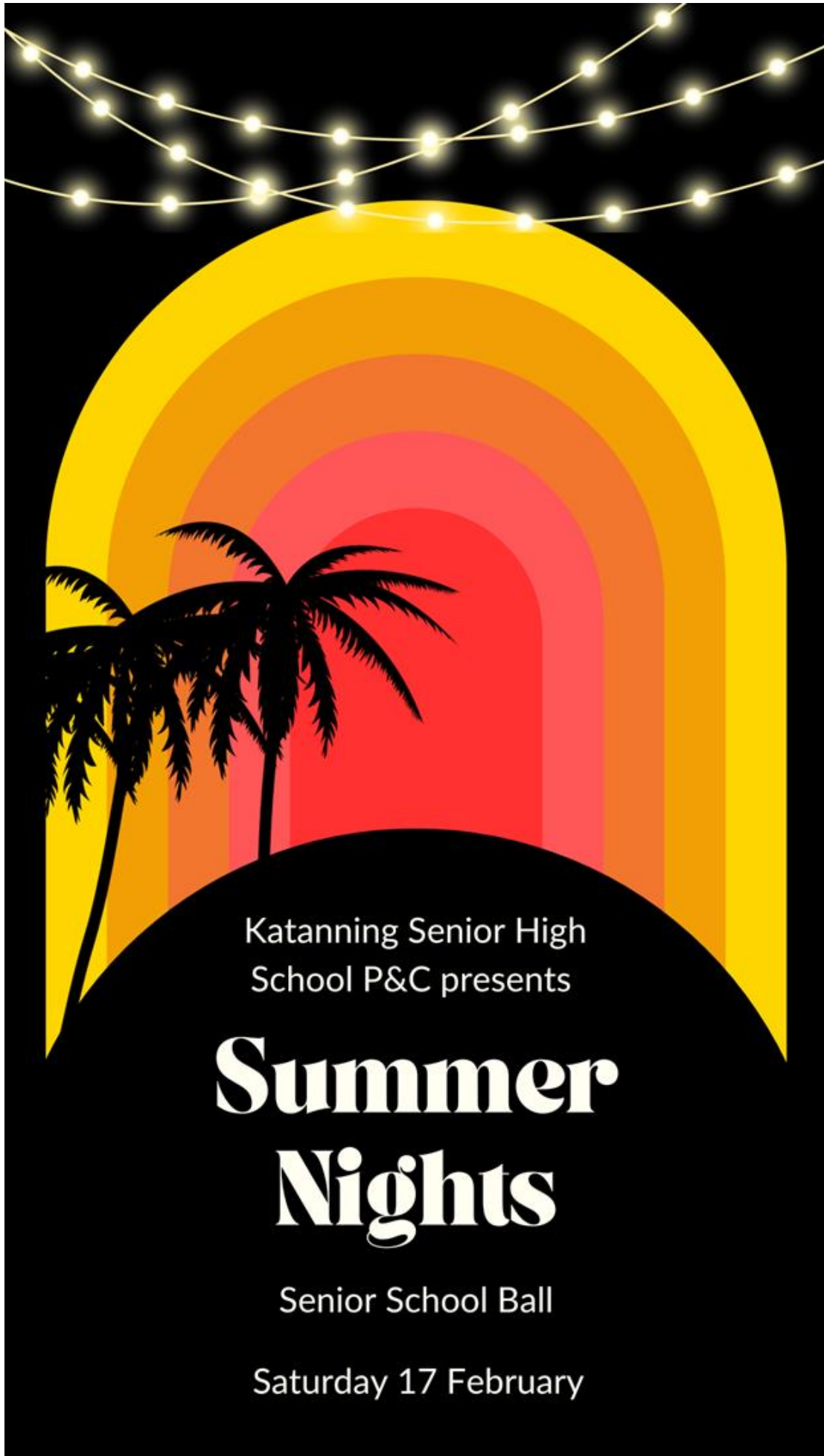
2023 ATHLETICS CARNIVAL



Yr 7 Girls Runner up	Kyleah Mcroberts	Yr 10 Girls Runner up	Bridie Valenti
Yr 7 Girls Champion	Lara Rodney	Yr 10 Girls Champion	Tyneisha Taylor
Yr 7 Boys Runner up	Adam Edwards	Yr 10 Boys Runner up	Hisyam Hadimansah
Yr 7 Boys Champion	Liam Nel	Yr 10 Boys Champion	Thomas Hamon
Yr 8 Girls Runner up	Lilly Quartermaine	Yr 11 Girls Runner up	Hallee Beeck
Yr 8 Girls Champion	Olivia Aldridge	Yr 11 Girls Champion	Zoe Keley
Yr 8 Boys Runner up	Liam Brewer	Yr 11 Boys Runner up	Christian Moulden
Yr 8 Boys Champion	Wade Green	Yr 11 Boys Champion	Chayce Mckenzie
Yr 9 Girls Runner up	Sharie O'Clarit	Boys Open 1500m	Thomas Hamon
Yr 9 Girls Champion	Leah Edwards	Girls Open 1500m	Kaydance Boyd
Yr 9 Boys Runner up	Harry Harris	New Record Yr 7 Boys Shotput - Liam Nel	
Yr 9 Boys Champion	Nathan Smith	Yr 10 Boys 100m - Record matched - KC Nel	



SAVE THE DATE



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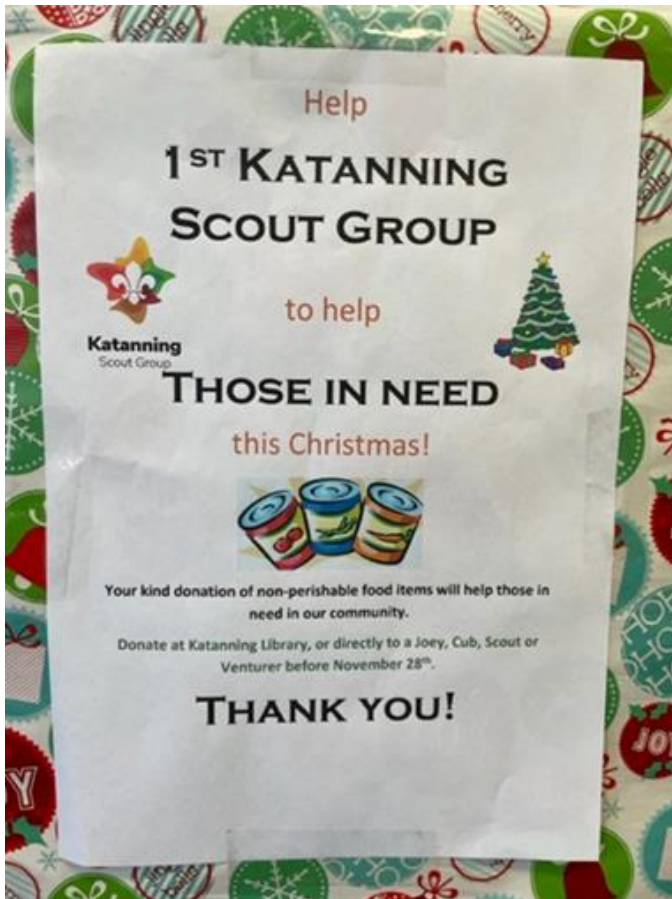
Summer Nights

Senior School Ball

Saturday 17 February



COMMUNITY NEWS



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2024 JANUARY JUMP-START PROGRAM

Tuition for all students Entering Year 7 to 12
Including NAPLAN & OLNA

15 January to 20 January 2024

Venues

- Christ Church Grammar School
- Hale School

The January Preparation Program aims to prepare students for Term 1 (2024) before the academic year begins. The classes will revise those important components from the 2023 syllabus that are vital for success in the new year. The program will also preview what students can expect in their courses in 2024.

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- ✓ Gain an overview of the syllabus and preview Important concepts
- ✓ Receive expert teaching from ATAR specialist teachers
- ✓ 6 hour courses (3 hrs a day for 2 days) in January
- ✓ Receive an excellent refresher for students who commenced the new year's work in Term 4



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