



NEWSLETTER NO.8 14 DECEMBER 2023



Katanning Senior High School was proudly represented at the Remembrance Day service on Saturday 11 November, by both student leaders and cadets.

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.

KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL Golf Links Road Katanning WA 6317

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

As we bid farewell to 2023 and embark on the blissful journey of the summer holidays, I extend heartfelt wishes to our incredible families, dedicated staff, and the vibrant student body of Katanning Senior High School. It has been a year filled with triumphs, growth, and unwavering commitment to pursuing excellence at Katanning Senior High School.



Throughout the academic year, our collective efforts at Katanning Senior High School have been dedicated to fostering an environment of quality teaching and learning. The successful Public-School Review and outstanding Year 7 and 9 NAPLAN results are a testament to our shared dedication to educational excellence.

A standout accomplishment this year has been the remarkable progress of our Positive Behaviour Support Program. The program has flourished, rooted in our core values of Respect, Achievement, Perseverance, and Tolerance, with students receiving well-deserved recognition for their contributions to a positive school culture. The Adventure World end-of-year reward excursion was a delightful culmination of their efforts.

In pursuing continuous improvement, we embraced the Fogarty EDvance Foundation program as part of our school improvement initiative. Collaborating with our esteemed staff and the school board, we crafted a moral purpose that echoes throughout Katanning Senior High School: **We work together to enable success for all students.** I am delighted to announce the completion of our Whole School Instructional Model, a vital step in minimising learning variability across classrooms in the school.

Looking ahead to 2024, we eagerly anticipate implementing impactful teaching strategies in our classrooms. Explore our instructional framework on our new website under the 'Learn with Us' tab for insights into our commitment to educational excellence.

A special note of gratitude goes to the indispensable members of our P&C committee, with sincere thanks to President Megan Lydeamore and School Board Chairperson Lisa Forman. The tireless dedication of our School Board Members, particularly Mr. Ian Hannah, deserves special recognition. Mr. Hannah's active involvement since May 2016, as both Secretary and Chairperson, has significantly contributed to our school's growth. As he embarks on a new role as Shire of Katanning Council Member, we extend our heartfelt wishes for success in his endeavours.

As we embrace the summer break, I wish each of you a rejuvenating and joyous holiday season. May you find relaxation, safety, and happiness in the company of loved ones. Here's to a spectacular festive season and a promising New Year!

Innocent Chikwama - Principal

2024 PARENT INFORMATION PACKS

The "2024 Parent Packs" have recently been posted to parents. The package includes; 2024 subject costs, personal items lists, important information booklet, Secondary Assistance Claim forms, Country Week flyer, 2023 student statements and uniform order forms.

If you have recently changed your postal address or contact details, please update the school by telephoning front reception on (08) 9891 1100, thank you.



ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES Semester 1 2024

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

	TERM 1 2024		TERM 1 2024
Wednesday 31 January	Students return to School	12 March	School Photos
TBA	Year 11 SLG voting	13 - 22 March	NAPLAN Year 7 & 9
		28 March	Students last day Term 1

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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Commonwealth Bank

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Account: 1990 7187



CommonwealthBank



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.



END OF YEAR AWARDS

YEAR 7



Subject	Academic Award	Encouragement Award
Mathematics	Sophia Sein	Mia Hobbs
English	Emma Forman	Aleena Bolton
Science	Bethany Collis	Lara Rodney
Humanities and Social Sciences	Sophia Sein	Sky Hsan
Digital Technologies	Melody Tha	Angel Hall
The Arts: Visual Arts	Jason Carter	Lachlan Holzknicht
The Arts: Drama	Laura Moran	Teresa Moo
Design and Technologies: Food and Fibre production	Eh Day Gue	Jahrell Campbell
Design and Technologies: Materials Technologies	Harrison Woithe	Lachlan Holzknicht
Health and Physical Education: PE	Michael Coyne	Kaleb D'Aprile
Health and Physical Education: Health	Teresa Moo	Macey Marwick



END OF YEAR AWARDS

YEAR 8



Subject	Academic Award	Encouragement Award
English	Jonah Stade	Matteo D'Aprile
Science	Namiyah Iszat Amalan	Tylar Cripps
Humanities and Social Sciences	Namiyah Iszat Amalan	Samantha Kerin
Mathematics	Namiyah Iszat Amalan	Jaye Campbell
Design and Technologies: Food and Fibre Production	Ruby Anderson	Jonah Stade
Health and Physical Education: PE	Wade Green	Sarab Kyan
Health and Physical Education: Health	Juannita Polack	Ruby Anderson
The Arts: Media Arts	Ruby Anderson	Jasmine Green
The Arts: Visual Arts	Namiyah Iszat Amalan	Violet Mercer
Design and Technologies: Materials Technologies	Ruby Anderson	William Mader
Digital Technologies	Jonah Stade	Jaahlil Rangawhenua



END OF YEAR AWARDS

YEAR 9



Subject	Academic Award	Encouragement Award
Mathematics	William Collis	Kaiden Flugge
English	William Collis	Shai Johnson
Science	Rida Batol	Aden Clifford
Humanities and Social Sciences	Leah Edwards	Nathan Smith
Digital Technologies	Kaiden Flugge	Savannah Gibson
Design and Technologies: Materials Technologies	Kaiden Flugge	Chace Campbell
Design and Technologies: Food and Fibre Production	Imogen Froby	Helen Htoo
The Arts: Media Arts	Imogen Froby	William Collis
The Arts: Visual Arts	Nevayeh Tasarip	Simon Mathews
Health and Physical Education: PE	Crawford Bolto	Chace Campbell
Health and Physical Education: Health	Leah Edwards	Imogen Froby
Personal Fitness	Campbell Menghini	Isaac Anderson



END OF YEAR AWARDS

YEAR 10



Subject	Academic Award	Encouragement Award
Mathematics	Aqidah Abdullah	Francis Carter
Science	Aqidah Abdullah	Maddi Garrity
English	Aqidah Abdullah	Shane Fisher
Humanities and Social Sciences	Zachary Fruhstuck	Samuel Beeck
The Arts: Visual Arts	Billie-Jo French	Lokeya Sein
The Arts: Media Arts	Johnathon Cripps	Thomas Hamon
Health and Physical Education: PE	Thomas Hamon	Johnathon Cripps
Health and Physical Education: Health	Austin Quartermaine	Leila Zakaria
Design and Technologies: Materials Technologies	Axel Aldridge	Austin Quartermaine
Design and Technologies: Food and Fibre Production	Elle Penny	Keiran Roberts
Digital Technologies	Omar Imran	Thomas Hamon
Personal Fitness	Zachary Fruhstuck	Axel Aldridge

SPECIAL AWARDS

ADF Long Tan Youth Leadership and Teamwork Award

Thomas Hamon

Lions Scholarship

Billie-Jo French

Australian Defence Force Future Innovators Award

Lions Scholarship

Aqidah Abdullah



Year 6 Transition Day



BUSH RANGER CADETS

This term the Bush Ranger Cadets have tested the pH levels at Piesse Lake, done quadrant sampling, made produce bags to give away at the Katanning show, made biscuits to share at the Athletics Carnival (iced in house colours), removed rubbish from the creek, built succulent Christmas trees, swam at the pool, spread mulch at Piesse Lake to protect seedlings and been on camp to Hamelin Bay.

Thank you to Bev Lockley from the Friends of Piesse Lake for our end of year sausage sizzle and ice-cream we really value our activities at the lake and contributing to the vegetation and development of this ecosystem.



We stayed at Hamelin Bay Holiday Park on our Term 4 camp, it was a lot of fun. We went swimming and snorkelling, had a friendly sting ray tickle our legs, saw a flying display at Eagles Heritage, explored Jewel Cave, climbed the Leeuwin Lighthouse, solved the Boronup Maze, had a quenda (bandicoot) visit our camp site, and generally enjoyed camping, eating, and hanging out together.

Thanks to all the students who make Bush Rangers a space to have fun, learn, be included, and make a difference to our environment and to the leaders who volunteer their time to make it possible – Mrs Whitehouse, Mr Ly and Ms Hamunakwadi.

Miss Sarah Watson – Unit Leader



ENGLISH

The English department, consisting of Miss Murray, Miss Tyler, Ms. Stone, and Ms. Sarip, invests an incredible amount of time and effort into their students. They go above and beyond to ensure that each student receives a quality education and develops a strong command of the English language.

From meticulously planning engaging lessons to providing personalized feedback on assignments, they consistently demonstrate their dedication to student success. Their commitment does not go unnoticed by the rest of the staff, who greatly appreciate their hard work and the positive impact they have on the students. The English department is truly valued and respected for their unwavering commitment to education.

Miss Georgie Crichton, a student from Notre Dame University in Fremantle, has joined our English Department this term as part of her practical experience. Throughout her time here, Miss Crichton has been working closely with Miss Murray, one of our experienced teachers, to develop the critical thinking skills of a Year 8 class.

Miss Crichton has shown great dedication and enthusiasm in her role as a student teacher. She has been actively involved in planning and delivering lessons, as well as providing individual support to students. Her ability to engage and motivate the students has been commendable, and she has consistently demonstrated a strong understanding of the curriculum and teaching strategies.

Under the competent guidance of Miss Murray, Miss Crichton has been able to create a positive and inclusive learning environment for the Year 8 class. She has encouraged students to think critically, analyse texts, and express their ideas effectively. Through various activities and discussions, she has helped students develop their analytical and problem-solving skills.

It is with a tinge of sadness that we bid farewell to Miss Crichton as her practical experience with us comes to an end. Her contributions to the English Department and the Year 8 class have been invaluable. We have no doubt that she will continue to excel in her future studies and make a positive impact in the field of education.

We would like to express our gratitude to Miss Crichton for her hard work, dedication, and professionalism during her time with us. She has been a valuable addition to our team, and we wish her all the best in her future endeavours. We are confident that she will continue to inspire and empower students with her passion for teaching and her commitment to fostering critical thinking skills.

Luke Russell

CAREER PRACTITIONER

On Wednesday 29 November, as part of the Year 9 career taster program, students were visited by Rob Carter from South Regional TAFE and Michael and Nola Terry, owners of MJ Shearing Services, for a Wool Handling Incursion.

Rob explained and demonstrated the process of shearing a sheep whilst Nola showed students how to correctly pick up and throw a fleece and remove the outer parts.

Students learnt about the various parts of a fleece and also learnt about pathways into the industry including on the job training and a short 1 week course option which is fully funded by the government. To finish, students were treated to a shearing demonstration from World Record Holder Michael Terry.

Michelle Vaughn—Career Practitioner



FIRST LEGO LEAGUE EXCURSION

This semester in STEM Year 8 students had the option of choosing between three projects, with First LEGO League being one of the options.

This culminated on Wednesday 22 November, when our two teams competed in the regional heats in Albany.



They came 8th in the robot game. The judges commended them for sharing an idea they are passionate about and having the confidence to commit to public speaking.



First LEGO League is an international competition and involves students building and coding a LEGO robot to solve challenges, developing and presenting an innovation project and displaying the core values of discovery, innovation, impact, inclusion, teamwork and fun.

Team 1 (The Gamers) presented their idea of a new way for gamers to stream their play while viewers set challenges, award points and give feedback. They came 4th (out of 18) in the robot game and the judges commended them on their inclusivity, persistence, and perseverance, particularly when designing and coding their robot.

Thank you to Willie Roe for encouraging and supporting the students, and to Rachel Whitehouse for volunteering to judge other teams. (our state component of this international competition is organised by Curtin University and is only possible because of volunteers).

As coaches we learnt a lot about how the competition works and look forward to developing in this space more next year.



Sarah Watson – Science Teacher

Team 2 (Bike Life) shared their idea of having motorbike riders wear chest, and head mounted cameras while riding on a bike with gyroscope sensors; the data of which could be uploaded to VR equipment so people could experience bike riding and learn new tricks.



FOLLOW THE DREAM



Polly Farmer

Follow the dream

This term eligible students from Follow the Dream attended a three day camp in Perth funded by the Polly Farmer Foundation.



Students participated in a range of activities including excursions to Woodside robotics to play with the robots, a tour at Boola Bardip's 'caring for country' exhibition, Kulbardi Murdoch University where they worked on a real life unsolved crime case, meet the Kulbardi team and participated in a workshop activity on racism, attended a Teamworks activity where students learnt to work together and take on high flying challenges.

Next year there is plans for more camps and excursions so if you want to have the opportunity to come along next year come and see me in Follow the Dream and see if you are eligible.



The Poly Farmer Foundation together with Bankwest generously gifted Declan Taylor a laptop for his studies in year 12 2024. Next year there is a possibility of more laptops coming our way.



Andre Fewster – FTD Coordinator

INTERSCHOOL ATHLETICS

On Tuesday 5 December eleven students made the trip to Albany to compete in the interschool athletics carnival.

Even though some KSHS students were overwhelmed by the size of some of their competition, they competed well in many events coming away with many top three finishes.

A big congratulations to all students who were involved, a special congratulations goes to Harry Harris in year 9 for winning the runner up champion boy for his age group, and Liam Nel for smashing the year 7 shotput record.

A special thanks goes to Mr Treloar for driving the bus and keeping us all entertained, and Miss McRoberts for all her help through out the day.

Ben Rosenstreich – HPE Teacher



CLONTARF



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Another big year at Katanning Clontarf done and dusted.

Term 4 happened quick with big events like Year 12 Major Trip, Academy Awards Night and Esperance Camp making the term fly by.

Firstly, as a whole academy we would like to thank all the families, school staff, community members and Clontarf partners for coming along and making our awards night a success.



We had around 90 people fill up the Sprigg bar and celebrate our 2023 year.

A special congratulations to all our award winners, all recipients of awards spoke really well, a big thanks to Year 9 students Nathan Smith and Hosea Coyne who hosted the night and did a great job.



Our Esperance trip in Week 8 was a highlight of the term as well. We had ten boys pack everything into the van and head down for three days.

The weather was perfect for a camp, the boys spent a lot of time down at the beaches swimming.



They also attended Esperance Bunnings for a work site visit and also attended a morning training session with the Esperance Clontarf Academy.



And on that note, from the Katanning Clontarf Academy we would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday season and look forward to seeing you all in 2024!

Scott Thomson – Director



SCHOOL NURSE

Alcohol, cigarettes, vapes and other drugs: what's safe for teenagers

There's **no safe level of alcohol use for children under 18 years**. Their brains and bodies are still developing and can be easily damaged.

Smoking cigarettes, vaping and breathing [second-hand smoke](#) and [third-hand smoke](#) or vapour are not safe at any age.

Using other drugs like cannabis, crystal meth, ecstasy and cocaine is also never safe.

If your child is using or overusing alcohol or other drugs, or your child feels they can't have a good time without alcohol or other drugs, it can be a **serious problem**.



Warning signs of teenage alcohol and other drug problems

Signs that your child is using alcohol or other drugs might be [up-and-down moods](#), outbursts that are out of character, and big changes to clothes, friends and interests. But these signs are also typical parts of adolescence too.

If you notice any of the signs above or find things that worry you, **the first step is talking with your child**. This might be a [difficult conversation](#), but it's important for your child's long-term mental and physical health that you get the conversation going. Talking and [actively listening](#) are the first steps towards acknowledging that the issue is serious and doing something about it.

After you've spoken with your child and you have an idea of how serious the problem is, you can learn more about the drugs your child is using. Drug fact sheets are a good source of information. They also tend to include worst-case scenarios, so try not to panic or make assumptions about your child or the problem.

For further information please visit <https://raisingchildren.net.au/>



raisingchildren.net.au

Sharon Muir - School Nurse

Alcohol and Teenagers (12-17yrs)

In WA, fewer teenagers are choosing to drink alcohol. However, of those who drink in the last week, many are drinking at harmful levels.

Of young people who drank recently* behaviours included:

- 23% Arguing
- 34% Vomiting
- 13% Hitting someone or having a fight

Research shows that approximately:

- 1 in 3 teenagers had never tried alcohol.
- 1 in 7 drank alcohol in the last week.

Of those who drank in the last week:

- Almost 1 in 3 drank at levels considered harmful for adults.
- The average amount consumed was 6.2 standard drinks.

2 in 3 parents choose not to provide alcohol and it's reducing alcohol-related harm.

For under 18's, NO alcohol is the safest choice

* Recently is defined as during the last week. However, behaviour could have occurred anytime during the last year. Every reasonable effort has been made to ensure the accuracy of this resource at the time of publication. For more information go to: alcoholthinkagain.com.au

Drinking alcohol from a young age increases the risk of health problems.

- Memory problems
- Learning difficulties
- Lack of concentration
- Increased risk-taking
- Problems with family and friends
- Risky sexual behaviour
- Academic failure
- Physical injury
- Poor mental health
- Depression
- Self-harm
- Suicide

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SAVE THE DATE



Katanning Senior High School Moral Purpose - We work together to enable success for all students

COMMUNITY NEWS



First tournament on our new courts!



YOUR LOCAL TENNIS CLUB FOR OVER 100 YEARS TENTERDEN WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Bendigo Bank Supporting Your Community Community Bank Tambellup Cranbrook

OPEN JUNIOR TOURNAMENT

Sunday 17th December 2023

8am registration for 8:30am start

Entry Fee: \$15 per player or \$35 per family, includes morning and afternoon tea for players

Novice Doubles with Red and Orange Balls Girls 10&U and Boys 10&U Doubles with Green Dot Balls Girls 12&U Doubles Boys 12&U Doubles Girls 14&U Doubles Boys 14&U Doubles Girls 18&U Doubles Boys 18&U Doubles

- Age as at 30th June 2023
• Get in touch if you need help finding a partner
• Assistance with umpiring is appreciated
• Lunch, drinks, icy-poles, tea, coffee for sale
• Lunch orders taken at the beginning of the day

Entries to tenterdentennisclub@gmail.com with names, age group and contact details Entries close Friday 15th December 2023



COMMUNITY NEWS

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AUSTRALIA



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.

20% school discount per subject

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Sculpture by Brenton Bouffler

MONDAY
18 DEC
2023
3.30PM

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carpark
opposite
the CRC

STREET
ART
UNVEILING

To recognise the incredible contribution of local volunteers to restoring Lake Ewlyamartup, and remind us all of the unbreakable connection between catchment and lake.

Light Refreshments

All welcome!

Katanning Landcare natural resource management program



2024 January Head Start Courses

ATAR Head Start Courses for Years 11 & 12

Preview important concepts and boost your confidence in your ATAR subjects for next year.

- ✓ Start your year 11 and 12 studies with an academic boost
- ✓ 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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- ✓ Small group classes
- ✓ Targeted help to develop skills and improve performance
- ✓ Build confidence



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19TH JANUARY, 4PM - 7:30PM

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19TH & 20TH JANUARY 2024

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**17 YRS +
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