KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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2024 Summer Nights Senior School Ball Congratulations to the 2024 "Beau and Belle" Saul McGill and Hallee Beeck

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

Dear Students, Families and Community Members,

Welcome to another exciting and promising year at Katanning Senior High School. We are delighted to share that 72 Year 7 students have successfully settled into our school community. Our student population has grown impressively to 333 after Census Day on Friday 16 February 2024. This growth is a testament to the trust and preference our school enjoys within the community. We have acquired Education Perfect for students in Years 7-10 to ensure an optimal teaching and learning environment.



The 2024 Senior School Ball, held on Saturday, 17 February, was a resounding success. The collaboration between the P&C committee and the school has had a

positive impact on our senior school students behaviour and bonding. We extend our gratitude to the P&C Ball Committee and all community members for their generous donations towards the School Ball.

We are pleased to announce that our School Business Plan for the years 2023-2025 is now accessible on the school website. We encourage you to take some time to familiarise yourselves with the strategic direction we've set for the school.

At Katanning Senior High School, quality teaching and learning are our highest priorities. In 2024, we are in the second year of our school improvement journey using the Fogarty EDvance program. This year, our focus is on the development of middle managers, who attended their first workshop accompanied by Deputy Principal Larissa in Perth on Monday 19 February. Building staff capability is our third Focus Area in the School Business Plan, and we remain committed to developing leadership capacity in current and emerging leaders.

In alignment with the Department's Quality Teaching Strategy, we have enrolled six staff members in the Teach Well Masterclass Series Cohort 54 this year. Our school has invested significantly in developing and implementing our Whole School Instructional Model (WSIM), with several staff members receiving training in high-impact teaching strategies.

During Week 3, our staff completed the Organisational Health Index (OHI) Survey for 2024, providing valuable feedback on our progress in building a positive school culture.

From **6 March to 28 March, 2024**, parents and students can provide feedback on our progress using the Fogarty EDvance Tell Them From Me Survey. This survey, developed by the Learning Bar, consists of three parts: collecting insights into teacher, parent, and student perceptions of classroom practice and students educational experience at KSHS.

Congratulations to Mrs Lisa Forman, elected as the School Board Chairperson, and Mrs Davina Davies, the newly appointed Secretary, following the School Board's first meeting for the 2024 academic year. As always, thank you for your ongoing support of your local High School.

Innocent Chikwama - Principal





SECONDARY ASSISTANCE SCHEME

Do you hold a Centrelink Health Care Card, Pensioner Card or Veteran's Affairs Card?

You could be eligible for up to <u>\$350 towards school fees and uniform expenses</u>. To apply, forms are available from school reception and provided in the parent packs. Completing an application is easy, bring along your current Centrelink card and bank account details for sighting and confirmation and we will process on your behalf.

Claims close end of Term 1 – Thursday 28 March 2024

SCHOOL FEE STATEMENTS

Copies of student statements will be mailed during Term 1. If you have changed address or wish to update contact details, please advise reception prior to 29 February, by telephoning 9891 1100 or emailing us at katanning.shs@education.wa.edu.au.

INCENTIVE DRAW – TERM 1

Secure a prize by paying your fees in full or establishing an approved payment plan.

To automatically enter the draw, ensure payments and/or arrangements are made before the end of Term 1, 28 March 2024. Winners will be notified in Term 2, with prizes available for collection from the front office.



Supported by the P&C ASSOCIATION

Payment Options

Numerous payment options are available <u>for</u>; school fees, excursions, events, and other items. We can also support families in setting up a payment plan. Please contact the Manager Corporate Services who can assist you in preparing a plan to suit your needs.

Payment options;

- Cash, to front reception
- Eftpos/credit card, in person and by telephone
- Online transfer, direct banking

Account Name: Katanning Senior High School BSB: 066-040 ACC No: 1990 7187 Ref: student name, yr & details





DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Welcome to all our new and returning students. Year 7's have made a great start and are now settling in well to their new environment.

NAPLAN testing will be taking place for Year 7 and 9 students in the coming weeks. The first test is scheduled for 13 March. Parents are able to support their children by accessing the public demonstration at <u>NAP - Public</u> <u>demonstration site</u> Students can access examples of all the tests completely anonymously, and may repeat them multiple times and at any year level.

If you have any questions regarding the up coming tests, please contact Larissa Powell, Deputy Principal on 98911 100.

Larissa Powell - Deputy Principal



ADMINISTRATION

| IMPORTANT DATES Semester 1 2024 For up to date information please visit the School Website: www.katanningshs.wa.edu.au | | | | | |
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| | TERM 1 2024 | | TERM 1 2024 | | |
| 4 March | Public Holiday - Students do not attend | 13 - 22 March | NAPLAN Testing Year 7 - 9 | | |
| 5 March 7 March | Swimming Carnival Solar Car Challenge - Albany | 20 March | Assembly 12:40pm Interschool Swimming Carnival - Mount Barker | | |
| 12 March | School Photos | 22 March | SLG - GRIP Leadership Conference | | |
| 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. | | | | | |



SCHOOL PHOTOS are happening on **Tuesday 12 March**. Students are to bring the photo order envelope **on photo day**, even if they are not ordering photos. The envelope will be given straight to the photographer when they attend their photo session, if paying by cash please ensure correct money is enclosed as no change will be available. Family photos will be available and an order envelope can be collected from the school.









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

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"Human Bones Discovered at Local High School; Expertly Excavated by Junior Archaeologists"

Written by N. Tonga & L. Russell

The students and staff of Katanning Senior High School were shocked this week to see an area roped off at the back of the school with caution-tape cordoning the zone. HASS teachers Tonga and Russell told the Department of Forensic Sciences to hold off on their investigation into the site as they knew exactly the right team for the job. The Year 7.1 HASS class met the announcement that human remains had been found on school grounds with faces full of grit and determination. Following the correct procedure for an archaeological dig, permission was granted for the dig team to begin an official excavation on site.



Wearing enclosed shoes and equipped with clipboards full of grid paper ready to record their findings, the archaeologists embarked on their dig. Each team carefully recorded the exact location of their find within the square grid marked by pegs and string. The groups used professional dig equipment such as shovels, trowels, and brushes to unearth the remains.



Some particularly fine examples of delicate brushwork techniques were witnessed by the dig supervisors. The archaeologists made two major discoveries: bones and pictures of tree rings.

The archaeologists informed their supervisors that these strange pictures of trees could actually be used to date the age of the fossil. On return to the lab, the teams used the scientific dating technique of carbon dating to date their bones and discover that some of the bones were over 5,000 years old! With the use of dendrochronology, the archaeologists were also able to determine the climatic conditions of their findings by analysing the thickness of their tree rings.

Katanning Senior High School staff spent the rest of the day fielding calls from museums and archaeological associations across the world desperate to recruit these talented young archaeologists.



HASS

Staff and students at Katanning Senior High School were surprised this week to see the library hold a museum exhibit!



This term as part of our study of History our Year 7 students have been learning all about artefacts, sources, and evidence.



Educational research shows that active learning experiences and classrooms that mirror the work of real-life employees in that field create meaningful learning opportunities for students.



To mirror the actual work of professional historians and curators, Ms Tonga's Year 7 class has prepared their very own exhibit. To begin this journey, students learned about primary sources, researched museums online, and watched interviews with curators who explained what makes a good exhibit.



The students then chose an artefact (a human-made object) with special meaning to them or somebody in their lives. Next, they studied their artefact and made historical inferences, recording it all on exhibit planning sheets. The final result of the Katanning "Our Lives, Our Stories" exhibit offers a glimpse into the lives of these young curators and their shining future in the wonderful world of HASS.

Natasha Tonga HASS Teacher







HOME ECONOMICS

We welcome on board new teachers to the Home Economics department for 2024 Mr Russell taking the Year 7 Food & Fibre and Ms Tyler taking the Year 9 class.

Our garden is producing bumper crops of zucchinis, tomatoes, eggplants, cucumbers, capsicums, chillies and corn cobs. Special thanks go to our wonderful gardeners who maintain the gardens.

In Year 7, students have settled in well to their Food and Fibre class, taking responsibility in managing themselves and their new environment. They practiced chopping skills and enjoyed making and eating their fruit salad.



Year 8, Food and Fibre students are learning about healthy eating, and busy in producing and planning healthy lunch and dinners.



Year 9, Food and Fibre students are refreshing their cooking, cleaning, and group work skills, producing delicious chocolate slice and zucchini fritters.

The Year 9 Material's class are into their sewing spree creating beautiful aprons.

In Year 10 Food and Fibre students are learning cross stitch embroidery skills and looking forward to taking up some new sewing projects.



Year 11 Food Science and Technology students have shown great confidence and knowledge in mise en place and precision cutting skills.



Year 11 Children, Family and the Community are very excited about making a portfolio of their personal growth & development.



Year 12 Children, Family and the Community and Food Science and Technology students have a good understanding of their assessment and course outline and have been made aware of the requirements of the externally set task.



Year 12 Food Science and Technology students have started learning about micro-nutrients, and their role in the body and the effects under consumption on health including malnutrition, constipation, anaemia, and osteoporosis. They are encouraged to continue using their motivation in completing the tasks.

Mrs Malik

Home Economics Teacher



CAREER PRACTITIONER

It's been a busy start to 2024 for Careers. On Wednesday 14 February Shirley Thurston from The Apprenticeship Community attend the school to speak to our Year 9-12 students about potential Apprenticeship or Traineeship pathways. Shirley has links to the local community and will look at helping students interested in an Apprenticeship or a Traineeship find a suitable option.

We also had the Universities (UWA, Notre Dame, ECU, Murdoch and Curtin) attend the school on Monday the 26 February for the annual Universities road show event. They presented to Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 students about course options and requisites.

For students who are looking at University next year, the University open days are a great opportunity to meet with faculty staff and discuss courses and the campus.

- UWA Open Day Sunday 17 March from 10am to 3pm https://www.uwa.edu.au/open-day
- Murdoch University Open Day Saturday 23 March from 10am to 3pm <u>https://www.murdoch.edu.au/</u> events/all-events/open-day
- Curtin University Open Day Sunday 24 March from 10am to 3pm https://www.curtin.edu.au/events/visit-curtin-open-day/
- Edith Cowan University Open Days- There are 3 different Open Days
- Sunday, 14 April is ECU's Joondalup Campus Open Day from 10am until 3pm
- Sunday, 21 April is South West (Bunbury) Campus Open Day from 10am until 1pm
- Sunday, 28 April is ECU's Mount Lawley Campus Open Day from 10am until 3pm https://www.ecu.edu.au/future-students/events

On Friday 19 April, Katanning Senior High School will be hosting a Careers Expo. The aim of this is to expose our students to local employers and industries to help guide them in their career journeys.

If you would like to be a part of this, please contact me at the school on 98911 100 to join us. The expo will run from 8.50am until 11.30am.



In relation to the Year 9 Career Taster program, we have upcoming events in the pipelines such as Drones, Shaping the Future Career Taster on Thursday 2 May, the National Bakery Association Career Taster on Monday 19 May, and the Virtual Reality Career Taster on Tuesday, 28 May. Students can sign up by visiting the Careers Office in the library.

For any further information, please feel free to contact me at the school.

Michelle Vaughan - Career Practitioner







SENIOR SCHOOL BALL















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WHOLE SCHOOL INSTRUCTIONAL MODEL

Last year, Katanning Senior High School embarked upon a new teaching and learning journey to reshape the school's instructional framework. Examining cognitive science, individual teaching and learning strategies, and the practice of master teachers, a model for high-impact classrooms at Katanning Senior High School was developed, trialed, and continues to be strengthened. Now, our refined Whole School Instructional Framework empowers staff in their moral purpose of working together to enable success for all students.

Inspired by leading educational research, Katanning Senior High School has formally adopted principles of instruction and the pedagogical strategies of Explicit Direct Instruction (EDI). Experts such as Barak Rosenshine emphasise the efficacy of focusing instruction on critical content, helping students to organise knowledge by presenting material in smaller units, and following the model of gradual release of responsibility (seeing students move from teacher modelling to guided then independent practice).

The core focus for Katanning teachers is to strive for full participation by all students in the classroom. Students have learned participation tactics and engagement norms such as choral response (every student responding aloud), Pair Share (turning to speak to a partner, using the full sentence prompt provided), and choral reading (reading aloud as a whole class). All classrooms have been equipped with whiteboards, markers, and erasers as well as handheld remotes for teacher use. With the use of whiteboards, a teacher can quickly scan a whole classroom to identify the answer of every student to their question.

New instructional power point templates have been designed and implemented successfully in HASS across Years 7, 9, and 10. Students will experience elements of the instructional framework in some classes across learning areas and full implementation is planned for all classes by the end of 2026.

These power point templates require students to engage in an action to show their understanding every two minutes and with the use of frequent Hinge-Point Questions after the delivery of content, teachers are able to check for understanding after every piece of new content, for every single student. This is a revolutionary model of instruction and has already shown exciting benefits for students.

Our first cohort of teachers attended the Teach Well Masterclass Series in High-Impact Instruction in 2023, with the second cohort joining in 2024. The school maintains an ongoing commitment to continue to upskill staff in professional learning, classroom observation, and mentoring.

Natasha Tonga





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CLONTARF / DSG

Wednesday 21 February the Deadly Sista Girlz and Clontarf students were invited to the Katanning Country Club to participate in the Indigenous Tennis & Learning Road Show.

It was a perfect day for Tennis with the sun out! All the students participated in the program and showed off their skills.

The activities were about learning the roles of tennis, trying to remember what all the

different lines were for, practising their forehands and then a big game of king of the court.

Thanks to the organisers at Indigenous Tennis & Learning Road Show for coming out.

Scott Thompson - Director





2024 April Holiday ATAR Revision Courses Years 11 & 12





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8 Subject Exhibitions, 47 Certificates of Excellence,

134 Certificates of Distinction

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2024 April Holiday Skills Development Courses Years 7 - 10





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Revise English concepts and improve your child's writing and comprehension skills. This course will boost your child's confidence, address gaps in understanding and extend knowledge.

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Learning Skills

Gain study techniques and learn how to study more effectively. Improve your child's time management, develop homework strategies that work and many more skills to improve schoolwork.

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2024 April Holiday Skills Development Courses

April Holidays - 6 hrs per subject - 3 hrs each day, over 2 consecutive days

| Churchlands Senior Hi | gh School | | WEEK 1 | | |
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| Tuesday 2nd April - Wed 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Essay Writing - Yr 7 | nesday 3rd April 2024 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Essay Writing - Yr 9 | Thursday 4th April - Friday 5th April 2024 9:00 am - 12:00 noon 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm English - Yr 7 English - Yr 9 | | | |
| Essay Writing - Yr 8 | Essay Writing - Yr 10 | English - Yr 8 | English - Yr 10 | | |
| Learning Skills - Yr 9 | Learning Skills - Yr 7 | D Maths - Yr 9 | Maths - Yr 7 | | |
| Learning Skills - Yr 10 | Learning Skills - Yr 8 | Maths - Yr 10 | Maths - Yr 8 | | |
| Rossmoyne Senior Hig | h School | | WEEK 2 | | |
| Monday 8th April - Tuesc 9:00 am - 12:00 noon 9 English - Yr 9 | lay 9th April 2024 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm English - Yr 7 | Wednesday 10th April - 9:00 am - 12:00 noon Essay Writing - Yr 9 | Thursday 11th April 202 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm Essay Writing - Yr 7 | | |
| English - Yr 10 | English - Yr 8 | Essay Writing - Yr 10 | Essay Writing - Yr 8 | | |
| Maths - Yr 7 | Maths - Yr 9 | Learning Skills - Yr 7 | Learning Skills - Yr 9 | | |
| Maths - Yr 8 | Maths - Yr -10 | Learning Skills - Yr 8 | Learning Skills - Yr 1 | | |
| riday 12th April - Sature :00 am - 12:00 noon Creative Writing - Yr 7 Creative Writing - Yr 8 Creative Writing - Yr 9 Creative Writing - Yr 10 Science - Yr 7 Science - Yr 8 | 12:30 pm - 3:30 pm □ Science - Yr 9 □ Science - Yr 10 | | | | |
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A FREE peer-to-peer support group for parents and caregivers who are raising children with ADHD (or suspected ADHD)

Let share our experience and knowledge with each other. To fill our toolbox with strategies, share information and resources to better support our children and each other.

- Children are welcome as we are in the playroom
- Please bring a small/light morning tea to share
- Sessions run twice a month: Alternating between Mon AM (9am-11am) and Wed PM (12.30 – 2.30pm)

Term 1 dates:

Mon 12 Feb (AM), Wed 28 Feb (PM), Mon 11 Mar (AM) and Wed 27 Mar (PM)

No booking necessary.

Facilitator: Jody 0448 979 059 Enquiries: <u>GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au</u>

When: Twice a month Mon AM: 9 – 11am Wed PM: 12:30 – 2:30pm Where: Wanslea, 26 Prior St, Albany

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Parenting a child with ADHD can come with challenges across many domains. Join Susan Hughes, accredited coach with lived experience as she offers support and guidance while answering questions you may have on parenting children with ADHD. This will be an opportunity to share experiences, ideas and resources amongst likeminded parents.

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or you are welcome to join our 'A1 Parent Group' - ADHD Support Group at the Wanslea office in Albany.

To book and for more info: Contact Jody on 0448 979 059 E: GreatSouthernPCWA@wanslea.org.au When: Wed 1pm - 2pm Wed 28 Feb, Wed 27 March, Wed 24 April, Wed 29 May, Wed 26 June Where: Online

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