



KATANNING SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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21 MAY 2024



On 25 April Katanning Senior High School students representing the Student Leadership Group, Cadets and Scouts attended the 2024 Dawn Service at Prosser Park with Principal Innocent Chikwama.

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 DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Dear Students, Families and Community Members,

Katanning Senior High School students and staff have had a busy and productive start to the term, and I can't thank them enough for their efforts.

School Improvement

Our commitment to enhancing staff capabilities is a key focus of our current Business Plan. Recently, our Heads of Learning Areas attended the Fogarty Middle Leaders workshop in Perth, while several staff members are participating in the Teach Well Masterclass series. Additionally, our Executive team will be attending the Fogarty Edvance workshops to review and analyse data from the "Tell Them From Me" survey. We will share the findings in the next newsletter.



Staffing Updates

We are excited to welcome Mr Michael Russell to our Maths and Science department. Mr Russell brings six years of teaching experience from Sweden. However, we are still seeking to fill the Career Practitioner position and are continuing our recruitment efforts. Sadly, we bid farewell to Mrs Tenelle Quartermaine and Miss Eliviae Bennett, we thank them for their service to our school. We are actively seeking to fill these positions.

In an exciting development, we have successfully recruited our first overseas teacher, Miss Chloe English, from Ireland. She is currently teaching in New Zealand. She will join us next term and will attend an induction in Perth during the July school holidays before starting at Katanning Senior High School.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Please save the date: Parent teacher interviews will be held on Thursday 13 June 2024. This is a great opportunity to discuss your child's progress with their teachers and set goals for Semester 2.

Country Week

Our Country Week fundraising and training are going well, thanks to the hard work of our Country Week coordinator the P&C, our families and the community. The P&C is also developing a new Faction Sports Shirt, and we will be seeking input from students, staff, and families this term.



School Assemblies

Thank you to all the parents who provided feedback on the use of chairs during assemblies. Our trial run was a success, showing improved behaviour and respect. We are now working towards a permanent solution.

End of Semester Exams

Best of luck to our students sitting for their end of semester exams this week. Remember, effective revision at home and seeking help from teachers can make a significant difference. Homework classes are available on Tuesday afternoons for Years 10-12 and Wednesday afternoons for Years 7-9.

Thank you for your continued support of our school community.

Innocent Chikwama - Principal



Every student, every classroom, every day



ADMINISTRATION

IMPORTANT DATES Semester 1 2024

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

| | TERM 2 2024 | | TERM 2 2024 |
|-------------|-----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 20 - 31 May | Year 11 - 12 Exams | 6 June | School Board Meeting |
| 22 May | Health Expo | 10 June - 18 June | OLNA - Years 11 & 12 |
| 27 May | Virtual Reality Roadshow - Year 9 | 10 June | P & C Meeting |
| 3 June | WA Day Public Holiday | 20 June | Assembly & Country Week presentation |

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



Katanning Senior High School is pleased to announce an upgrade to our school communication services. News, Events, Notices and general messages will now be sent using the Spacetalk Schools 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 Spacetalk Schools App today.

CONGRATULATIONS to the WINNERS of the 2024 Payment Incentive Draw

Thank you to everyone who supported the school by paying student fees in Term 1.

- 1st prize - D. Harris
- 2nd prize - J. Whitehouse
- 3rd prize - L. Aye
- 4th prize - S. Poett
- 5th prize - H. Beeck
- 6th prize - E. Penny



We sincerely thank the P&C Association for proudly supporting the prizes, local businesses and KSHS.



STUDENT LEADERSHIP GROUP

The 2024 Student Leaders (Lara Davies, Harry Forman, Terehia Potaka-Osborne, Saul McGill, Simon Whitehouse, Heidi Smith, Campbell Menghini, Leah Edwards, Gavin Whitehouse, Lilly Quartermaine, Emma Forman, Eshan Sabon Al Haririe, Rex Hewson and Harriet Matthewson) have been busy organising events for the whole school to enjoy, and also representing the school at community events.



At the beginning of the year, the Student Leadership Group attended the GRIP Leadership Conference at the Albany Entertainment Centre. The conference is designed to give students ideas and confidence to carry out their role in the school and organise fun events.

On returning from the conference the students organised a fun Harmony Day, where the student body were encouraged to dress up in cultural dress, decorate and eat cake, and share the message of tolerance.

On the last day of Term 1 they held an Easter egg hunt for everyone, complete with rabbit ears and plenty of chocolate.



On the 25 April, a large group of student leaders attended the community dawn service for ANZAC Day and laid a wreath on behalf of the school. On Friday 10 May we celebrated "Do it For Dolly Day", with activities to raise awareness of bullying and its impact, and to share the message of kindness through the student body.



Larissa Powell - Deputy Principal

CLONTARF



Hi all and welcome to Term 2!

In the first five weeks we've had some great activities with plenty more to come.

During Week 1 of Term 2 our three Year 12 students took off on the Clontarf Great Southern Region Leadership Camp in Busselton.

clontarf foundation Over three days the boys linked up with Year 12 across the seven academies in the region to discuss this year and next years goals. As well as goal planning, the boys discussed their major trip, went out for dinner in Busselton, participated in some team building games, enjoyed some fishing and swimming at the beach and got a bit of an insight into the art of meditation.

In Week 4 on Monday afternoon we hosted an after school activity with Kent Street Clontarf Academy and Narrogin Clontarf Academy coming in to Katanning and playing some basketball. All up we had 32 students representing their academies in the basketball games.



Coming up in the term we have a big camp for our juniors, they are heading to the Clontarf Mid-West Cup in Week 6.



The boys will team up with Collie and participate in the football carnival in Geraldton.

Our seniors will also get a camp, heading to Busselton to finish the term.

Lots to look forward to! As always we continue on with our Monday after school activity and Tuesday morning training and encourage anyone who wants to come along to do so.

Scott Thomson - Director



FOLLOW THE DREAM



**Polly
Farmer**
Follow the Dream

Kaya, Moordity Wanngkiny
(Hello, good news!)

Isn't it hard to believe we are in the second term of the school year already! We have been super busy in Follow the Dream, and time seems to fly by so fast. We have two programs continuing to run in 2024.

In school Tutoring

This year we have seen our in school tutor from 2023 Ms Mistie Brewer leave us for a position in Katanning Senior High School's Mathematics Department and she was sorely missed by the students in FTD, and we thank her for all the work and commitment she made to our students in 2023. As difficult as it was to replace her, we saw the commencement of Miss Tahlia Atkinson in the later half of Term 1. Tahlia is a past student of Katanning Senior High School and has returned to Katanning after several years of studying in Perth. Tahlia loves her new position she is enthusiastic, creative, and very motivated to see our students succeed. Our in school tutoring continues to support our students towards academic success, and we are looking forward to seven Year 12 Follow The Dream students graduating in 2024.



After school Tutoring

This year we also introduced a new afternoon session three afternoons a week called Culture and Country. This program is focussed mainly towards our younger Follow The Dream participants, and it has been well supported.



Topics that we have included have been

- Indigenous art based on where their family is from
- Acknowledgement of country, what is it?
- Caring for country, why use fire?
- Kahoot quizzes on general Indigenous knowledge including noongar language.
- Bushtucker cooking macadamia and wattle seed biscuits.

- Bushtucker worksheets and videos on hunting and gathering.
- Indigenous Australian ANZACs and their place in the war

These sessions are run by Tahlia, Mr Rosenstreich and Mrs Malik each prepare a lesson each week in which students learn something new about their culture and their relationship to country. Students have shown great interest in these sessions and participated with enthusiasm.



These sessions will continue to run throughout the year and as always will have an academic focus as well as cultural. We are also looking to find some of our Noongar community members to run sessions as well. You are more than welcome to contact me if anyone is interested.



Other News

Later this year we will be heading off to a camp in Perth for the Career's Expo and a breakfast hosted by Polly Famer Foundation and their partners, this includes prizes and give aways. This will be an awesome event that gives our students the opportunity to be exposed to a whole world of career opportunities they might not have previously considered. But it's not all careers focus students also get to meet other FTD students from around the state and go to some fun activities as well. You will hear more about this camp later in the year.

Andrea Fewster - FTD Program Coordinator



GRIP

Leadership Conference

On Friday, 22 March, a group of 14 exceptional student leaders had the opportunity to attend the highly anticipated GRIP Leadership Conference in Albany. This conference aimed to empower and inspire young individuals to become effective leaders in their schools and communities. Led by Miss Teana McRoberts, these students embarked on a day filled with learning, growth, and networking.

The day began bright and early for the student leaders, as they prepared for a 6:15am departure to Albany. Despite the early morning, the students were filled with excitement and anticipation for the day ahead. They understood the importance of this opportunity and were ready to make the most of it.

One of the highlights of the GRIP Leadership Conference was the presence of renowned presenters from across the country. These experts in leadership and personal development shared their knowledge and experiences with the student leaders, providing valuable insights and strategies for effective leadership. The students had the opportunity to learn from the best and gain a deeper understanding of what it takes to be a successful leader.

The conference also provided a unique platform for the student leaders to connect and network with their peers from schools around the Great Southern region. This interaction allowed them to exchange ideas, share experiences, and learn from one another. Building these connections not only broadened their perspectives but also created a supportive network of like-minded individuals who can continue to inspire and motivate each other in their leadership journeys.

The success of this excursion would not have been possible without the dedicated efforts of Miss Michelle Vaughan. As the coordinator of the trip, Miss Vaughan ensured that everything ran smoothly and that the students had a memorable experience. Her hard work and commitment to the development of these student leaders deserve a special mention and heartfelt gratitude.

In conclusion, the GRIP Leadership Conference in Albany was a transformative experience for the 14 student leaders who attended. Under the guidance of Miss Teana McRoberts, these students honed their leadership skills, connected with peers from the Great Southern, and gained valuable insights from national presenters.



This conference served as a stepping stone in their leadership journeys, empowering them to make a positive impact in their schools and communities.

Luke Russell



PERTH CAREERS EXPO

On Thursday 16 May 2024 44 students from Years 9 - 12 embarked on an enlightening visit to Perth for the Perth Careers Expo. This annual event is a hub of opportunities, bringing together various universities, vocational and professional training providers, industry associations, and employers. For students at the crossroads of their educational and career journeys, the expo offered an opportunity to gather valuable information, seek advice, and explore various career pathways.

Throughout the day, students conversed with representatives from leading universities, gaining insights into different academic programs and campus life. Vocational and professional training providers showcased diverse courses designed to equip students with practical skills and certifications essential for various trades and professions. Additionally, industry associations and employers provided a glimpse into the current job market, discussing the skills in demand and offering guidance on preparing for future career opportunities.

It was an invaluable experience that empowered students to make informed decisions about their futures, ensuring they are well prepared to navigate the ever evolving landscape of the professional world.

Frank Gaudin - PC Student Services



HOME ECONOMICS

Year 7 Food & Fibre students have been busy learning hand sewing skills including button sewing, hemming, plain simple stitches and a few decorative stitches. They are at the final stage of designing their teddy bears. In Week 2 they all enjoyed baking ANZAC Biscuits with the support of the Year 11 Food Science class.



Year 8 Food & Fibre students are learning basic sewing machine skills. They have received their L and P plate's and are working towards getting a full licence in understanding basic techniques of machine sewing skills.



Year 9 Food & Fibre Materials (textiles) students were proud of themselves for producing their aprons. This term they have started sewing a pair of shorts and I am excited to see the finished products.



Year 9 Food & Fibre students are taking pride in designing and creating scrumptious food and food labels for their chosen recipes.



Year 10 Food & Fibre group have successfully finished their cross stitch cushion and now are learning one international recipe each week. They are excited for their upcoming international food festival.



Year 11 Food Science & Technology students have been learning about Australian nutritional theories such as the Healthy Living Pyramid & Australian Guide to Healthy Eating, and the factors affecting food choices among adolescences. They have planned and produced delicious healthy meal ideas for adolescence youth.



Year 11 Children Family & Community students have been learning about growth and development producing an amazing portfolio of their own growth and development.



Year 12 Children Family & Community have been busy in producing international Dolls. It was a great fun to learn about different cultural clothes and traditions including Indigenous, Maori, German, Italian, Roman, South African, Scottish.

Year 12 Food Science & Technology students have been busy in practising for the externally set task. They are learning the effects of under consumption of food on health, for example; Malnutrition & Constipation. They have made a poster and created nutritious food for their chosen disease.

Sushila Malik



SCIENCE

Well, it's been a busy start to Term 2 for the science department! We welcome Mr Michael Russell as the new Mathematics and Science teacher. He has definitely hit the ground running and has settled in well.

Year 7 students have started positively with a three week rotation through looking at forces, AutoCad programming and gravity, the students have adapted well to this and have worked well for all teachers.

The Year 8 students are studying the three different types of rock and looking at earth and space sciences.



Year 9 students have thrown themselves into earth and space science and have been enjoying looking at the structure of the earth and how continents move.



Year 10 students are delving into the world of molecules and atoms and seem to be enjoying the experiments they've done so far this term in chemistry. The upper school ATAR and General classes are preparing for their exams and their externally set tasks, we wish them all the best for these!



Einstein First Project

After various excursions, incursions and professional development, Einsteinian Physics is coming to Katanning Senior High School.

The Einstein First project has been rolled out by a team of specialists based at UWA.

Year 7 students have started the first module (of two), looking at gravity. In these lessons, students are learning through experimentation about curved spacetime on the Spacetime Simulator and the mathematics of curved geometry.



STEM

The Year 7 students are focusing on technology this term and have been creating elastic powered cars using AutoCAD and are continuing their coding journey on MicroBits.



Using their energy transformation knowledge from last term, Year 8 students are in the process of building a scale prototype of an energy efficient residential house. They are currently experimenting with different drawing styles to communicate their ideas.



Year 9 students are creating models of the earth's crust as a learning tool for earth and space. This understanding of movements created by the earth's mantle, are fundamental in the design process of earthquake proof houses that will come later in the term.



Year 10 students are following a program based on the UNAA Global Citizenship and Sustainability Program Unit 1: Global Goals and the Local Community. They are applying the Double Diamond design process to propose solutions to local issues.

In the discover phase they have surveyed the school body to determine what issues exist in their local community that they may be able to help address.

Science Department



WA PROGRAMS FOR SCHOOLS



CAREERS EXPO

On Friday 19 April we held the Katanning Senior High School Career's Expo. Our students, along with students from Kojonup and Wagin District High Schools had the opportunity to research a wide range of career paths. We were supported by many local and out of town businesses and agencies.

Huge thank you to all who participated:

AMA Training Services
 Claas Harvest Centre
 Impact Services
 McIntosh & Son
 Primary Industries
 UWA

Ausgold
 Curtin Rural Outreach Health Club (Medical students)
 Katanning Aquatic Centre
 Lakeside Cafe & Ice Creamery
 Shire of Katanning
 WA Country Health Service

Australian Defence Force
 Katanning Landcare
 Palmerston
 South Regional TAFE
 Worklink



CAREER TASTER

On Thursday 9 May we hosted a Drones: Shaping the Future incursion for Year 9 and 10 students which was offered by South Regional TAFE in Albany through their Career Taster program. Brad from Pro Drone Solutions gave an insight into the wide and varied use of drones in farming, mining, search and rescue, methane testing for offshore mining, and about one of his recent jobs, filming a blockbuster movie. Students were given the opportunity to fly two of the \$80,000 drones.



Year 10 Students Showcase Key Scenes from World War II through Dioramas

In an effort to bring history to life and engage students in a hands-on learning experience, the Year 10 students at our school recently embarked on a fascinating project of creating dioramas depicting key scenes from World War II. This immersive and creative activity allowed students to delve deeper into the historical events of this significant period, while also honing their research, critical thinking, and artistic skills.



Dioramas have long been recognized as a powerful educational tool which enable students to visualize and understand historical events in a three-dimensional format. By constructing miniature models of scenes from World War II, students were able to gain a deeper appreciation for the challenges faced by soldiers and civilians during this tumultuous time.

Once the scenes were chosen, students meticulously planned their dioramas; considering the scale, materials, and level of detail required. This planning phase encouraged critical thinking and problem-solving skills, as students had to determine how to accurately represent the scene within the constraints of their chosen materials.



With their research and planning complete, students began constructing their dioramas. They utilized a wide range of materials, including cardboard, clay, paint, and various craft supplies to bring their scenes to life along with materials they sourced from nature.

The level of creativity displayed by the students was truly remarkable, as they incorporated intricate details such as miniature soldiers, vehicles, buildings, and landscapes. One student even constructed a moving and interactive bomber plane!



The creation of these World War II dioramas offered numerous educational benefits for the Year 10 students. By engaging in hands-on research, planning, and construction, students developed a range of skills, including research and critical thinking skills, artistic abilities, collaboration and communication, and historical understanding.



This project serves as a testament to the power of hands on learning and the importance of bringing history to life in the classroom.

Natasha Tonga

ASSEMBLY

Our Week 4 assembly certificates were awarded for:
Tolerance - "Being kind and inclusive to yourself and others"



Year 7



Year 8



Year 9



Year 10



Year 11



Year 12



SCHOOL NURSE

Influenza, or the 'flu' is caused by an influenza virus. It is spread through the air when someone coughs, sneezes, or talks. It is also spread by touching something that has the virus on it and then touching your nose, eyes or mouth. Common symptoms include sore throat, cough, fever, headache, chills, tiredness and muscle aches.

People with the flu should rest and drink plenty of fluid. Use paracetamol in recommended doses if necessary - but do not give children any medication containing aspirin.

Be sure to keep your child home from school while he or she is sick. If you require school work for your child contact the school to prepare some for you to collect.

The best way to prevent flu from spreading is by washing your hands regularly and after coughing, sneezing or blowing your nose. Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information, contact your GP or Katanning Immunisation Clinic.

Why should I consider having my child vaccinated against the flu?

The National Health and Medical Research Council, Australia's peak body for health advice, recommends annual vaccination for anyone six months of age or older who wants to reduce their chances of becoming ill with flu.

Annual flu vaccination is strongly recommended for anyone six months of age or older with a medical condition that places them at higher risk of severe illness from flu. Children and adults with heart, lung or kidney disease or a weakened immune system, are eligible for free flu vaccine through the National Immunisation Program.

Children without underlying medical conditions who become infected with flu can also develop serious illnesses. Flu can cause high fever and pneumonia, and make existing medical conditions worse. Flu can also cause convulsions and diarrhoea in children.

Influenza viruses are always changing. Each year scientists try to match the strains of influenza viruses in the vaccine to those most likely to cause flu illnesses that year. It takes up to two weeks for protection to develop after vaccination against flu and protection lasts about a year.

The seasonal flu vaccine is available on prescription or via GP and immunisation clinics and is provided free for certain groups. Flu vaccines are available prior to winter starting. For more information visit healthywa.wa.gov.au/immunisation or contact your GP or Immunisation Clinic.



Want to prepare your kids for a healthier future?

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

If your child...

- Aged 6-12 years old!
- At ease a healthy weight!
- In need of support to improve eating and activity habits?

The Better Health Program is a free, 10-week healthy lifestyle program for you and your child. Weekly discussions include topics such as good nutrition, forming positive habits, becoming a healthier family and being physically active.

The program is available in **online** and **face-to-face** formats.

Both versions include a bunch of **great freebies**, and a **reward** at the end!

Sign up today!

Government of Western Australia
Department of Health

BETTER HEALTH CO.



Participants receive great freebies and a reward at the end!

BETTER HEALTH PROGRAM

Available in two formats

Online - complete fun, online sessions with your child plus a weekly call with your own personal health coach.

In a group - attend 2-hour group sessions with your child, once a week in a local venue. Participate in family learning sessions, games and physical activity for your child.

Sign up today!

www.betterhealthprogram.org/au
1300 822 953





Katanning Senior High School P&C

KSHS Beanie Pre-Order

The KSHS P&C are offering a limited opportunity to order KSHS beanies! Funds raised from the sale of beanies will contribute towards a nature play space and other initiatives. Any questions please email P&C President, Megan Lydeamore kshspc@yahoo.com.au.



FRONT



BACK

Price: \$20

Beanie Order Form

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|-----------------------|--|
| Parent/Guardian Name: | |
| Student Name: | |
| Contact Phone Number: | |
| Email: | |
| Date: | |

| Qty | Total Amount Due |
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| Payment: | Cash | <input type="checkbox"/> | Bank Transfer | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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If you do not have a current student at KSHS, we can arrange postage at an additional cost. Please indicate below and we will contact you with a postage cost.

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| Collection Method: | Post | <input type="checkbox"/> | Pick-Up | <input type="checkbox"/> |
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Account Name: KSHS P&C
 BSB: 036 153 Acct: 530517
 Reference: **Student Name - Beanie**
 Please attach proof of bank transfer to this form.

Order forms and payment can be returned to the school office in an envelope marked "KSHS P&C" or emailed to kshspc@yahoo.com.au.

Please note payments can NOT be made through the school office.



mastermind

AUSTRALIA

JULY EXAM PREPARATION & REVISION PROGRAMS

Tuition for all students Year 7 to 12

Week One 1-5 July Venue: Christ Church Grammar School
plus OLN Program

Week Two 8-12 July Venue: Hale School



The July School Holiday Programs will offer students comprehensive subject revision. These classes assist in preparing students for their Second Semester Exams.

20% school discount per subject

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Ages 9 - 14

About FACE Kids 2024



*About FACE Kids
returns for 2024!*

- *Four-day choral day-camp*
- *Located in Albany*
- *Meals - fully catered*
- *Three trained vocal coaches*

Children will learn

- *Vocal technique*
- *How to read a musical score*
- *Choral ensemble skills*
- *Three-part harmony singing*

Other activities include

- *Games*
- *Archery Tag*
- *Zonk Challenges*
- *Prizes*
- *Memorable public performance*



**Registrations Close
21 May**

**School Holidays
July 9 - 12**

Choral Director
Sue Findlay

