

# NEWSLETTER



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"THE KINCUMBA LEARNING COMMUNITY ACKNOWLEDGES THE DARKINJUNG PEOPLE AND THEIR NEIGHBOURS AS THE TRADITIONAL CUSTODIANS"

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## ARTEXPRESS

Two students have had their work selected for the prestigious Artexpress Exhibition in 2017. Ellie Hawthorne and Cosmo Porter-Witt were successful in the final selection process. They will both be part of the travelling exhibition that makes its way around NSW in 2017. Congratulations to both students — this is a marvellous achievement.

## Lions Youth of the Year

Congratulations to Connor O'Heir, who recently competed in the Lions Youth of the Year Speaking Competition. Connor is a very accomplished debater and public speaker and he won this section of the competition. Congratulations to Connor on this achievement.

## School Leaders

School Leaders participated in a learning day at Avoca Surf Club this week and were highly engaged in activities that will help them to be a stronger leadership group in 2017. They participated with enthusiasm and I look forward to working with them in 2017. Thanks to Mrs Sadler, Mrs Keeling, Mr Goucher and Mr Fortey for helping to provide this experience.



## One Night Only

I would like to invite the school community to our One Night Only Exhibition, next Thursday evening, 8th December. It commences at 5.30pm in the Art block and then moves to the hall for a variety of performances by our Dance, Drama and Music students. It promises to be an enjoyable evening and we would love to see you come and share in the celebration.

Janine Debenham, Principal

**Deputy Principal Report****Attention Year 7 and 8 parents****Minimum Literacy and Numeracy Standards for the HSC**

From 2020, all Year 12 students in NSW must reach the minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive an HSC. The current Year 8 cohort will sit their HSC in 2020 and Year 7 in 2021. Year 9 students in 2017 will have the first opportunity to prove they meet the standard, by achieving Band 8 results or above in Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests. Students who achieve Band 8 will not need to sit the online tests later in years 10, 11 and 12.

From the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards (BOSTES) ...

The minimum standard is part of a broader NSW Government strategy, to support students to succeed in life and work.

Students at risk of not demonstrating the standard, will be identified early and supported to improve their reading, writing and numeracy skills.

Students can demonstrate they meet the standard by passing the online reading, writing and numeracy tests, which will be available for students to sit in:

- Year 10
- Year 11
- Year 12

for up to five years after beginning their first HSC courses.

Students can access a [demonstration test](#) to find out the level of skills required for these tests.

No student will be ineligible to sit for the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

**Why have a minimum standard?**

The best indicators of success (employment, higher salaries and good health) rely on a student's literacy and numeracy skills.

Without targeted intervention and support to reach the standard, some students risk missing out on skills necessary for everyday life. These skills allow students to:

- compare prices and understand percentages
- understand interest rates and lending offers
- work out quantities and measurements
- manage personal budgets
- understand and write routine workplace instructions
- navigate websites
- take meeting notes and complete official documents.

*Currently, the HSC does not directly measure students' literacy and numeracy skills, nor require a minimum standard to be met.*

**Students who don't meet the standard**

All students should complete high school with a functional level of literacy and numeracy for everyday life and employment.

Students who don't demonstrate the standard, will have five years after beginning their first HSC courses to meet the minimum standard and receive an HSC. They will receive a Record of School Achievement on leaving school.

While maths will not be mandatory for Year 11 and 12, studying Mathematics General 1 is an option for students who need to improve their numeracy skills in order to meet the minimum standard.

**Exemptions**

*Disability provisions will be available for the new tests, in line with existing provisions for the HSC. Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses in English and Mathematics, will be exempt from meeting the minimum standard.*

*An exemptions policy will be developed, in consultation with key stakeholder groups and be released in 2017.*

NAPLAN 2017 is the first opportunity for Year 9 to meet the minimum standards. Kincumber High School will be working hard to prepare students for this national assessment. It is important that students and families treat this assessment event with due diligence, in light of this HSC Reform announcement. For students who do not achieve Band 8 results in literacy and numeracy in Year 9 NAPLAN, Kincumber High School will provide opportunities to sit the online Literacy and Numeracy test to meet the HSC Minimum Standards. We will continue to support all students' needs in this area, through a range of strategies, including, but not limited to:

- The Bump It Up strategy – literacy and numeracy
- Word Walls
- Literacy / Numeracy booklets
- Literacy blitzes
- Reading programs like Go Read
- TEEL writing scaffold
- Graded classes in Mathematics and from Year 9 in all other core classes, including English.
- Professional learning for teachers, with a focus on literacy and numeracy's importance in all subjects, not just English and Mathematics.

For more information, go to the BOSTES website at [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au)

Mr Matt Riley, Deputy Principal, Year 8, 10, 12

## STRONGER HSC STANDARDS

# MINIMUM LITERACY AND NUMERACY STANDARD

Set for success in day-to-day life

## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW



From 2020, students need to demonstrate a minimum literacy and numeracy standard to be eligible for the HSC



There will be multiple opportunities to pass online reading, writing and numeracy tests before and after the HSC



Early identification and support for students most at risk of not achieving the minimum standard is available under the NSW Literacy and Numeracy Strategy



Students with Band 8 or above Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy will not need to sit the online tests



Some students, including those studying Life Skills courses, will not need to meet the minimum standard to be awarded the HSC

## Kincumber High Recreational Fishing Club

It's time to go fishing again! KHS students and their families are invited to attend this year's fishing competition at Copacabana Beach and Lagoon. We would love to see fathers and sons/daughters, mothers and sons/daughters, Nans and Pops. It is meant to be a get-together for the school community. We plan to fish on Friday afternoon, 9 December, between 3:30 - 7pm at Copacabana Beach and Lagoon area. There are great prizes on offer, including fishing tackle, donated by the Marine Teachers' Association of NSW and vouchers from Freddy's Outdoors Erina. There are more details on the Fishing Club Facebook page - search @KHSRFC. Students can see Mr Riley or Mr Goucher for an information note. We hope to see you there!



## Lions Youth of the Year

The first round of the Lions Youth of the Year speech presentations were held on Tuesday, 22 November, at Davistown RSL. Our representative, Connor O'Heir, did the school proud with a provocative speech about mistreated youth. While exposing the underbelly of abuse in areas of the juvenile detention system and the asylum centres, he also managed to highlight the value of successful Australians, such as Deng Adut and Anh Do, showing how all youth should be nurtured as these figures grew to inspire others within our community. Connor's ideas were inspiring.

Earlier in the evening, Connor had steeled himself to attack the impromptu speeches, which are often regarded as the most difficult of all presentations. The topics included issues facing youth and the pros and cons of phone technology. Competing against Connor were Erina High and Grammar, who were impressive. However, Connor has a wonderful presence and approaches his topics in a strong, dignified and informed manner. He is a most engaging speaker. And for this reason, he now holds the Lions Youth of the Year Public Speaking Award and is through to the next round!

Congratulations, Connor!



Connor does us proud (again)! Ms Sexton shamelessly basks in his glory.

**Agriculture: A look back at 2016**

This year has flown by and I thought it was the right time to reflect on the happenings in the Agriculture classroom, on the school farm, and at the many cattle and poultry shows that our students have attended.

**Term 1**

The meat chickens arrived for the Sydney Royal Show. They were much loved by many students, being so cute and cuddly. The baby goats took time to settle into school farm life, with the name “Bambi” yelled out continuously.

The Chrysanthemums were planted for Mother’s Day. Every Agriculture student had the opportunity to grow and present a beautiful flower to a loved one at home. Some of the flowers were just so beautiful.

KHS presented our poultry at the Sydney Royal Show and was awarded with the best Silver Pencil Wyandotte Ribbon in the Show. Eight students tested their knowledge in the Poultry Showmanship Competition, against the best from the state. Tiarleah Tait placed 6<sup>th</sup> and Kane Callan 8<sup>th</sup>.



Jaffa, the calf, was born and Carlos, Dakota and Eggward, all Square Meater cattle, arrived on the farm for cattle shows later in the year. The Cattle Team travelled to the Newcastle Show and performed well in the first show of the year.

**Term 2**

The flowers were picked, wrapped and sent home for Mother’s Day.

The Poultry Show Team competed at the Central Coast Poultry Competition, winning with the Best Silver Pencil Wyandotte in the show. The egg incubators were turned on, hoping to breed the 2017 Sydney Royal Easter Show Champion. The best hens were

mated with the best roosters. We are not sure if the hatched chickens are champions or not, however they are really cute.



Gustavo and Franando arrived, two steers that we kept for 100 days before they attended the Tocal and Upper Beef Bonanza Shows. Cattle parading during class, after school, and on Sunday’s commenced helping to train the steers, and improving our students ability to safely handle large animals.

The poddy lambs arrived and kept every class very busy. What a sight, seeing a class trying to bottle feed 15 poddy lambs at one time.



The Cattle Team travelled to Bellingen and came home with many ribbons, and some great memories.

**Term 3**

The students spent most of the term training our steers for the upcoming shows. KHS placed 5<sup>th</sup> at Tocal, out of 13 schools, with our steers placed 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Singleton Prime Steer Competition.

After the busy show schedule, the following week was devoted to Squatter. Squatter Week saw students using learned strategies to buy, sell and manage sheep farms, in a board simulation game. It was great to see everyone getting so involved and discussing real life everyday agriculture situations.

**Term 4**

The Year 12 Primary Industries class completed their HSC examinations. Good luck with your future, and I hope you remember fondly your years at KHS.



The cattle team competed at the Upper Hunter Beef Bonanza and came home with 9 major ribbons. Tasha Lindahl won a major parading title, and Tasha Lindahl and Ashleigh Uzelac were awarded 2<sup>nd</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> in the Cattle Judging Competition. All of our steers received ribbons in the competition and the KHS Cattle Team presented and performed in a professional manner throughout four long hot days.

The Agriculture Yearly Examination tested the students' knowledge of animal and plant management. It was pleasing that there were an increasing number of students striving to score perfect marks, and understand that knowledge of theory is maybe just as important as practical ability.

Some very nervous students put on suits and harvested the honey from the bees. We reached perfection this year, with no one stung and some beautiful honey tasted by all.

The older Silver Pencil Wyandottes went off to sale last Sunday. They have become well sought after by the community, with buyers waiting for the next sale on December 18<sup>th</sup>.

The lambs went off to sale this week. We kept three little ewe lambs to become part of next year's breeding flock.

Well done to every student involved, and a big thank you to Mrs Debenham for allowing the program to happen, and the parents for encouraging their children to be involved in Agriculture at Kincumber High School in 2016.

Mr Boyd, Agriculture/Primary Industries Teacher

### Dates for the Diary

- 7 Dec - Year 7, 2017 Orientation Day, 9.30am to 2.00pm
- 7 Dec - Year 7, 2017 Parent Information Evening, commencing 6.00pm
- 8 Dec - CAPA 2016 — One Night Only Expo, 6 - 8pm
- 12 Dec - 2017 Term 1 Sport Selection Day
- 14 Dec - Year 7 - 10 Reports Distributed
- 16 Dec - Last Day of School for all Students

For more important dates check out the calendar on our website.

<https://www.millenniumschoools.net.au/kincumber/>

## Sport Report Term 4 Week 8

### Peter Wilson & Jenny Bradstock Touch Football Gala Day

Our Year 7 & 8 Touch Football Teams participated at the recent Peter Wilson & Jenny Bradstock Touch Football Gala day, held at EDSAAC, Bateau Bay. Both teams performed well, with the boys making it through to the semi-finals, only going down in the drop off, after drawing their match. Thanks to our Referees, Hayden Davies and Kaya Ardita, who assisted throughout the day, and coaching staff, Mrs Barber and Mr Riley.



### Year 7 & 8 BWZ Gala Day

A number of our Year 7 & 8 students attended the BWZ Gala Day, participating in a variety of minor games. The day rewarded students for their excellent effort and attitude in PDHPE throughout the year. A fun day was had by all, with our Year 8 Girls group topping their point score. Thank you to the Year 9 Sport Studies students and Mr Donaldson, for their assistance throughout the day.



### Sydney North Open Boys Cricket Team

Congratulations to Jake Hardy of Year 10, who has been selected for the second time in the Open Boys Sydney North Cricket Team. He will compete at the NSW CHS Championships in February, 2017. We wish Jake the best of luck.

### Open Boys Cricket Team

The Open Boys Cricket Team were victorious in their Semi-Final match against Wadalba Community School. The team now progress to the final of the Sydney North Davidson Shield Competition. The game was a great team effort, with all players providing valued contributions. Ronan Marks top scored with 55 runs, with Damien McCarey giving great support with the bat, before bowling 2/0. Runs also came from Broc and Jake Hardy and Brandon Guthmann, with Nick Martin and John Paterson making strong debuts and both taking wickets. Good luck boys in the Sydney North Final.



### Central Coast AFL Academy of Sport

Congratulations to Deanna Gray of Year 8, who has been selected into the Central Coast Academy of Sport for AFL. Deanna will be involved in various training and competitive sessions over the summer months and we wish her well.

Tammy Toy, Representative Sport Coordinator

## DANCE NEWS

## STUDENTS OF THE WEEK

Year 7: Aja-May Blue, Leylani Kovacs, Lauren Tait. Year 9: Samantha Dunn, Emily Andrew. Year 10: Ella Buteux, Emily Lufe, Kristen Twomey. Year 11: Meghan Casey, Katie Andrew, Lani Hagistefanis.

**Aladdin**

A huge congratulations to all the wonderful students who attended the Aladdin excursion last week. I am exceptionally proud of the students at Kincumber High School. They looked fantastic in their school uniform and represented KHS beautifully all day. We had students speaking to new people, giving up their seats on the train to other members of the public and excellent theatre manners. Thank you to Ms Lawler, Ms Roth and Ms Dutton for joining me.

To finish the year off, we have our Creative and Performing Arts Show – One Night Only, coming up on Thursday 8<sup>th</sup> December. We have 4 dance items to perform and we would love to see you there on the night.

Remember, if you have any new ideas or things you would like to see us try in dance, please come and see us and we will see what we can do.

Mrs McRae & Ms Dutton, Dance Teachers



**Year 7 Excursion - Wednesday, 14 December**

To finish off the year on a positive note for our Year 7 students, we have organised a day at Terrigal Lake with instructors from the ESS Stand Up Paddle Board Company. Cost is \$30. This covers transport to and from, as well as professional instruction. While students are in the water, they will be wearing lifejackets. There will be land based activities as well and cool drinks will be provided. Students are to bring their lunch, hat, swimwear, water bottle and be dressed in sensible, sun safe clothing, including shoes. Those students who choose not to attend, are expected to be at school, where alternative educational activities will be provided. Payments are due by next Thursday, December 8th. Looking forward to seeing lots of happy Year 7 faces.

**Helpful New Website**

Parents may soon receive an email that has a link to a very helpful, easy to navigate, website, designed by experts in the field of child and adolescent wellbeing. Here are some quotes that explains the purpose of the site:

" SchoolTV is a world first concept and addresses the modern day realities faced by schools and parents, sourcing clear, relevant and fact based information around raising safe, happy and resilient young people."

"SchoolTV empowers parents with branded school content, from Australia's leading authorities and addresses topics, such as online threats, anxiety, depression, self harm and substance abuse."

"The website has a series of links to very informative sources of information on a range of current topics and issues experienced by students and families."

We hope that parents explore what the site may offer.

David Krix, Head Teacher Welfare

FIXX EVENTS PRESENTS  
**THE CHRISTMAS FAIR**

**SUNDAY 4TH DECEMBER**  
MT PENANG GARDENS, KARIONG

**9AM - 2PM**  
**150+ STALLS**  
**LIVE MUSIC**

CHRISTMAS FOOD  
SIX STRING BREWERY AND  
EAST COAST BEVERAGES BAR  
JULIE GOODWIN BOOK SIGNING,  
FACEPAINTING, KIDS CHILLOUT ZONE  
& MUCH MORE

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**FREE ENTRY**

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**VISIT A DOCTOR FOR FREE - KINCUMBER YOUTH CENTRE****Youth Clinic**

The Youth Clinic is available for young people aged 14 - 19 years old to *visit a doctor for free!* All you need to access this service is a Medicare card! No appointment necessary. The doctor is available on Wednesday afternoons from 3pm - 5pm during school terms.