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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR



DIARY DATES

Term 1

- 22nd March SRC S-Day
Dress Up Day
- 25th - 27th March F - 10
Conferences
- 26th March Choir Excursion
- 27th March SSSSA Athletics
- 28th March Student Free
Day
- 29th March Good Friday
- 1st April Easter Monday
- 2nd April 9-10 Boys
Football Trail
- 3rd April Sapsasa AFL Boys
Carnival
- 3rd - 5th April Outdoor
Education Excursion
- 8th - 12th April Canberra
Camp
- 8th April Sapsasa
Swimming State Carnival
- 9th April Cross Country
Trails
- 10th April Sapsasa AFL
Boys 2nd Trail
- 12th April Year 12 Formal

FEEDBACK

At Keith Area School, we value the input that we receive from parents and community members. If you would like to provide the school with some feedback, there are many ways that you can get in touch with us. In person, speaking to a teacher, leader or another staff member. You can also provide us feedback in writing via a letter or email to dl.0757.admin@schools.sa.edu.au

Welcome everyone to the Week 8 instalment of the Keith Area School newsletter. As we progress through Week 8, the end of another busy term is in sight. As always, Term 1 has seen the students involved in many sporting events. Most recently, we were involved with the Interschool Athletics carnival at Tintinara. Yet again, Keith students represented our school and community in exemplary fashion, evidenced by many impressive individual accomplishments. Congratulations to the Secondary team for taking out the overall shield once again!

Behind the scenes, facilities work has been a big focus. In the holidays, our old school dental building will be demolished to make way for our new Secondary play area. After listening to our students, staff and the community, it was abundantly clear that this was what the school was missing. An area for our students to find shade, burn some energy off, hang out with their friends in a comfortable space and have their own area to enjoy. I will continue to provide updates on how this project is progressing throughout the year. Keep an eye out over the coming months for more exciting works that will be happening around the school.

Our decking area near the Upper Primary classes was recently sanded back by Mr Esdale and his Year 7/8 classes. Thank you to Mr Esdale and the students for working hard on this job and for Pete McAuley for staining it back to its original colour. Our Junior Primary Garden is also getting a 'garden lift' and I am looking forward to adding a small addition to this area... think sea, captain, fishing! Our trusty residential builder on site – Pete, will also be starting work on 2 Gaga pits which will hopefully be erected in the coming months. This will provide further physical fun for all ages at the school during recess, lunch and fitness times. If you have not heard of a Gaga pit, check it out on YouTube.

I would like to thank Mr Hannam and the 6 wonderful Year 12 girls who spoke at the recent Lions Youth of the Year event. What a wonderful evening! The speeches that the young ladies delivered were thought provoking, in-depth and showed maturity beyond their years. Thank you to the Lions club for supporting our school yet again with this event. Please take the time later in the newsletter to read more about the Lions Youth of the Year and the overall winners.

On my walk throughs each day, I see some fantastic learning occurring and am privy to some amazing stories. Recently, Sophie S shared her story with me in writing about her journey from Israel to Australia. One word – WOW! What this young lady has endured is more than most of us will see in our lifetime. Thank you, Sophie, for sharing your story. It is a privilege of mine to see all the amazing work being produced by our students, but this work in particular was certainly a pleasure to read.

FROM THE PRINCIPAL – MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR CONTINUED

Over the coming weeks, you may see more animals arriving at the Ag blocks. This is in preparation for the shows – both Royal Adelaide and Mount Gambier later in the year. All students have been engaged in some excellent Ag lessons, with the chickens still being a big hit for all ages. A reminder that our farm fresh free-range eggs can be purchased directly from the school or the Purple Paddock.

With Easter only around the corner and many families leaving the district for the long weekend, our first Student Free Day will be held on Thursday 28th of March. We are hopeful that this will allow families time to safely travel to their destination and get you off the roads. Staff will be engaging in EMS training and reviewing student numeracy and literacy data ending the day with a focus on Wellbeing.

In staffing news, I would like to welcome Peter White to our team. Peter will be assisting in the Ag area for 3 days per week and brings a wealth of farming, stock and cropping knowledge to Ag. He will be of great assistance and support to both Mr Wotton and our Ag students. In other staffing news, we farewelled Gae Sandford after over a decade of work at Keith. Many of you would have fond memories of Gae working in the finance department and in the front office areas. We wish Gae and her husband Joe all the very best in the Mount and have no doubt Gae will be a welcomed addition at Grant High School. Our SSO2 front office/admin/finance position closed late last week and I will make an announcement in our next newsletter regarding who the successful applicant is.

Please continue to provide the site with any feedback, as I truly value what our community and families have to say. I can't always promise that I can complete every request, but I will continue trying my hardest to make Keith Area School the pick of the schools in the Tatiara.

Jacqui Vandeleur



Deputy Principal News

MRS EBONY CAPURSO



Choir Formation Morning

On Friday of Week 6, Jen Culley and I spent the morning with our prospective Year 4-6 Choir students. The students learnt how to read their songbooks, the commitments involved in Choir and sang through this year's repertoire.

This year's theme is 'State of the Arts', celebrating the many artistic and cultural festivals in South Australia. There are also a number of well-known songs included, such as ABBA's, 'Waterloo' and 'Thank you for the music'.

Choir rehearsals are held on Tuesday lunchtimes, but students also need to spend a lot of time at home learning the lyrics and practising their singing and choreography.

In Term 4, we will join students from other schools around the South East to perform at the Sir Robert Helpmann Theatre in Mount Gambier. This is a great opportunity to celebrate their hard work and achievements with their peers and family.

Secondary Assistant Principal News

Ms Chantelle Lucas



NATIONAL SCHOOLS CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

Last year our very own Chloe Cocks was selected to attend the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra with .

Chloe was first nominated by her Legal Studies teacher at Open Access to attend the SA Schools Constitutional Convention in Adelaide. Chloe travelled to Adelaide and participated in the day with other Year 11 students from schools all over SA. Her Legal Studies teacher then nominated her for the National Convention - and she was selected from the pool of applicants to attend. Chloe is in Canberra this week for this event - and we cannot wait to hear about how the week goes. Congratulations again Chloe, we are so proud of you!

PARENT CONFERENCES

In Week 7 we held our 11/12 Parent/Student/Teacher conferences. Thank you to all the families and students who came along to chat with teachers about their learning in subjects so far.

Next week on Monday and Tuesday we are holding 7-10 Conferences. Teachers are looking forward to discussing student learning with you - bookings close this Friday so get in this week if you haven't made your bookings yet!



Primary Assistant Principal News



NEWSLETTER

Sports, Sports and more sports.

It has been a massive term of opportunities for students to participate in many different sports.

It has been fantastic to see the students compete, take on challenges and cheer on their teams. All of this could not happen without our dedicated staff. A big thank you to Nick, Sarah and Miss Pado as well as all staff who have helped over the past seven weeks. I really appreciate the extra work and dedication these events take to organise.

Harmony Week

In Week 8, we are celebrating Harmony Week at KAS. We enjoyed a picnic lunch on Tuesday and shared games at lunch time. We also raised money for our sponsor child.



Naplan Weeks 7 & 8

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9.

It is a nationwide measure through which parents/carers, teachers, schools, education authorities, governments and the broader community can determine whether or not young Australians are developing the literacy and numeracy skills that provide the critical foundation for other learning and for their productive and rewarding participation in the community.

NAPLAN results allow parents/carers and educators to see how students are progressing in literacy and numeracy over time – individually, as part of their school community, and against national standards. If you have any questions about the Naplan, please speak to your child's teacher or contact me on Kristy.Clark756@schools.sa.edu.au.

29th National Schools Constitutional Convention

Tuesday 19 - Thursday 21 March 2024

MEDIA RELEASE

Time to reform Section 96 of the Constitution?
March 2024

From Tuesday 19 March to Thursday 21 March 2024 Chloe Cocks from Keith Area School (Open Access College) will be among 95 Year 11 and 12 students from around Australia attending the 29th National Schools Constitutional Convention (NSCC), being held at the Museum of Australian Democracy at Old Parliament House, Canberra. The program is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education (DOE), coordinated by National Curriculum Services (NCS) and supported by the Australian Curriculum Studies Association (ACSA) and department of education from all states and territories.



The topic for the 2024 Convention is, 'Section 96 of the Constitution allows the Commonwealth to grant funds to areas that fall outside those prescribed in Section 51. Should Section 96 be amended to decentralise the power of the Commonwealth?'. This topic will provide students with the opportunity to examine Sections 51 and 96 of the Australian Constitution and discuss if the power of the Commonwealth should be decentralised. A range of stimulus speakers will discuss the issues with students for them to debate with all delegates.

Outcomes from the Convention will be incorporated into a Communiqué that will be forwarded to the President of the Senate, Senator Sue Lines, for tabling in Parliament and recorded in Hansard.

As a national delegate Chloe will travel with 11 other students from their state or territory.

Other elements of the program will include the Prime Minister's Reception at Parliament House, a meeting with the Governor-General, The Honourable David Hurley AC DSC (Retd) at Government House, and an official dinner at the National Press Club.

To arrange a photo or interview with Chloe Cocks from Keith Area School (Open Access College) please contact the school on 08 8755 1177.

For a copy of the program, additional information or to be advised the outcomes of the Convention please contact – Candy Chan at National Curriculum Services, the Convention Manager for the Department of Education.

E: candy.chan@ncsonline.com.au

M: 0437 980 292

Note: The 2024 National Schools Constitutional Convention is supported and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education. The views expressed at the Convention will not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government Department of Education.

SCHOOL NEWS

LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

As is tradition, this year saw another iteration of the annual Lions Youth of the Year competition. We had six Year 12 English students participate in the competition, which consisted of an interview stage, impromptu questions, and of course, the public speaking component.

Mia, Sara, Chloe W, Macy, Chloe C and Claire each delivered thought provoking speeches about topics of their choice. They spoke with passion and pride about their chosen topics, all of which were well received by the audience of Lions members, parents, and teachers. This competition is completed in conjunction with their Year 12 English course and is a major stepping stone both personally and academically.

The students worked tirelessly in the lead up to the night to produce speeches that aligned with their interests. They wrote, researched, rehearsed, and delivered their speeches utilising their own styles, but all with fantastic success. It was a privilege for all in attendance to see the calibre of student speakers at our school. Please see below for a list of topics and results from the competition.

Student Topics:

Macy L – Aligning with something that is of personal relevance to Macy, she discussed the importance of road safety from the perspective of a typically stereotyped group. She utilised statistics about the topic, as well as encouraging the audience to consider their own personal experience on our roads.

Mia H – Mia explored the importance of rural hospitals in local communities. Aligning with one of Mia's passions, she delivered a thought-provoking speech about the importance of rural hospitals within local communities. She explored this topic through both a factual and anecdotal lense.

Sara R – Sara drew much needed attention to funding in the Foster Care System. Aligning with something that has played a large role in her life, Sara delivered an empowered speech about the funding, or lack thereof, within the Foster Care System. She advocated for change in the system for the benefit of all involved.



Chloe W – Chloe discussed the difference in opportunities for city and country kids. Chloe delivered a brilliant speech about the contrast in opportunities for both city and country kids. She will focus specifically on educational and social differences.

Chloe C – Chloe produced a speech focusing on mental health within society. She explored the importance of being open and transparent about mental health, whilst exploring the negative impacts that can come through a lack of mental health awareness.

Claire S – Claire discussed how the actions of customers can impact the mental health of hospitality workers. Using her experience of working in the Hospitality Industry, Claire delivered a speech to make us consider the way in which we treat workers in the industry.

As you can see, the topics were extremely broad and related to student interest. Each of them did a fantastic job at sharing their experiences and beliefs about these topics.

Results:

Special mentions to Sara for winning the public speaking component, Mia for winning runner-up of the overall competition, and Macy for winning the overall competition.

Of course, well done to everyone for having the courage to step out of your comfort zones and participate in the competition. I am sure we can all agree that public speaking can be a daunting task, but each of you represented yourselves, and the school with pride.

Thank you to parents, staff, and of course the Keith Lions Club for your support of our students on the night. Fantastic effort, girls! We are all very proud of your efforts.



SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS



Term 1 has proven to be a tumultuous and chaotic time for sport, with many events squeezed in. Over the past 4 weeks students have participated in Sports Day, Interschool Swimming, Interschool Athletics with SASSA Athletics yet to come. The following pages are a montage of house and individual winners, and photos from our whirlwind of the past few weeks.

We have had many students this term who have been selected in SAPSASA swimming and SASSA swimming and athletics. I would like to congratulate them on their brilliant efforts and those who are yet to perform, wish them the best of luck. I have no doubt they will continue to represent themselves and the school with pride.

SPORTS DAY 2024

This year saw the format of Sports Day change to reflect our aims of participation and team morality and what a day it was. With the weather slowly getting better over the course of the day, we saw lots of laughs, smiles and cheering. The day was a success with many accolades and a chance for everyone to participate.

Congratulations to Tolmer, who were the overall winners. It was great to see everyone taking part in events, with a lot of fun to be had. A big thank you to all who were involved both on the day and behind the scenes to get the event up and running. It is always a big job given how hectic the term is, so all the support and work is greatly appreciated.

Age	Winners	Runner Up
U10	Scarlett, Jack	Sierra, Jack
U12	Kristal, Austin	Olivia, Jax
U14	Izzy, Rufus	Scarlett, Archie
U21	Milly, Travis	Tori, Bailey



THE RESULTS

Tolmer 2500
Maddison 1832
Stirling 1712

SCHOOL NEWS

SPORTS



INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING AND ATHLETICS

Over a 4 week period students participated in Interschool Swimming and Athletics. Swimming was held at Murray Bridge Pool and Athletics at Tintinara Town Oval. Both days were a huge success with our students taking out the overall shield for swimming and the secondary shield for athletics, narrowly missing out on the primary shield to a talented Tintinara. All students performed exceptionally giving it their all and showing what a strong team we are as a school, loudly cheering each other on. Several students received individual awards; multiple records were broken along with many personal bests. Congratulations to all our athletes on your efforts, you continue to make us proud and good luck to those continuing onto SASSA Athletics next week at Santos Stadium. Thank you also to all those involved in these days, it really is greatly appreciated.

RESULTS SWIMMING

Records

Luke – U16 breaststroke

Nash – Open 100m Freestyle, U16 Backstroke, U16 Freestyle

Jed – Senior butterfly

Kensie – 12 girls Athlete of the meet

Hugo – 13 boys Runner up Athlete of the meet

Oscar – 15 boys Athlete of the meet

Nash – 16 boys Athlete of the meet

Emma – 16 girls Athlete of the meet

Jed – Open boys runner up Athlete of the meet

Kali – Open girls Athlete of the meet

Milly – Open girls runner up Athlete of the meet

RESULTS ATHLETICS

Jack – 10 boys winner

Scarlett – 10 girls runner up

Lilly – 12 girls winner

Izzy – 13 girls winner

Scarlett 13 girls runner up

Archi – 14 boys runner up

Tori – 15 girls winner

Macey – 16 girls runner up

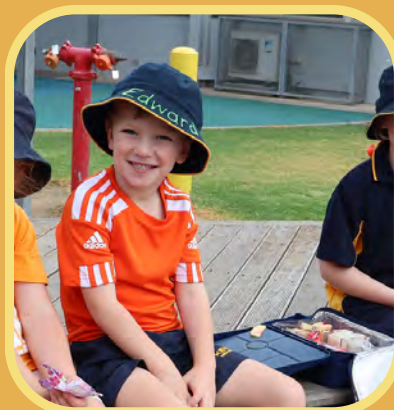
Milly – Senior girls winner





HARMONY DAY

We celebrated Harmony Week with a whole school picnic. All students and staff members participated in outdoor games and the Junior Primary students performed a Harmony Day song and dance.



PORT NOARLUNGA EXCURSION



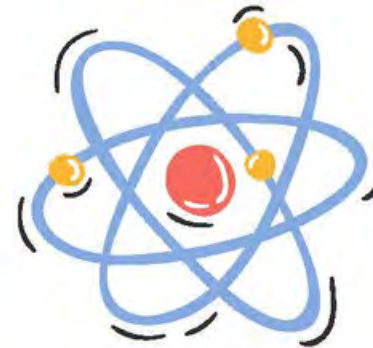
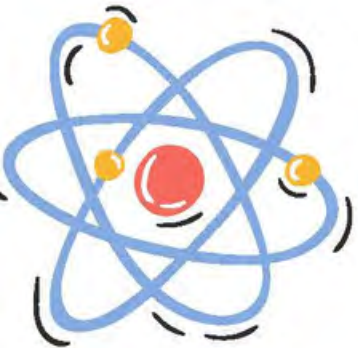
On Thursday Week 4 the Year 11 Outdoor Education class went to Port Noarlunga to explore the natural environment both on the Onkaparinga River and out on the reef. The plan was for half a day kayaking up the river and half a day snorkelling the reef, but an incident on the freeway cut our kayaking time short. Students were still able to see the impacts to the surrounding sand dunes, as well as various man-made structures, wildlife and had time for a quick swim. We then moved to the beach and off the jetty for a snorkel on the reef. Conditions were immaculate and everyone was able to get a clear view of this amazing ecosystem. For those who had never snorkelled before, you could not have asked for better! This trip forms the key experience for their first assignments where they investigate a local environment and I am looking forward to reading all about it.



SRC FORMATION DAY

On Tuesday Week 6 all SRC students gathered for the 2nd ever SRC Formation Day. This year we used the local football clubrooms as a base and thank the Keith Football Club for allowing this. The day was a mixture of team building exercises, developing vision/goals and leadership. A big thank you must go out to Anna Young and Liz Goozens who were our guest presenters on the day and told many stories of what it means to be in a position of privilege. Also a shout out to Mrs Thompson and Mr Chambers who helped facilitate the day. The feedback from students has been excellent and many noted they would like to see this type of day occur more regularly. They were highly engaged and enthusiastic and we are really looking forward to seeing what they can accomplish this year.





WHAT'S HAPPENING IN CHEMISTRY!

STUDENTS HAVE STARTED THE YEAR STUDYING DIFFERENT MATERIALS AND THEIR PROPERTIES.



THEY HAVE INVESTIGATED THE ABSORBANCY OF DIFFERENT BRANDS OF TOILET PAPER. THIS ALLOWED THEM TO WORK ON THEIR SCIENCE INQUIRY SKILLS AND TO COMPLETE A PRACTICE LABORATORY REPORT!



STUDENTS HAVE ALSO LEARNT ABOUT TECHNIQUES FOR SEPARATING MIXTURES.



Science at KAS





KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Check Out

OUR NEWEST TITLES



Adult Fiction
The Golden Girls Road Trip
Kate GALLEY
Romance



Adult Fiction
Flawless
Elsie SILVER
Romance



Adult Fiction
The Good Woman's Guide to Making Better Choices
Liz FOSTER
Contemporary Fiction



Non Fiction
Question 7
Richard FLANAGAN
Biography



Non Fiction
The 5 Resets
Aditi NERURKAR M.D.
Rewire your brain and body for less stress



Non Fiction
The Habit Revolution
Dr Gina CLEO
Simple steps to rewire your brain



Non Fiction
Supercommunicators
Charles DUHIGG
How to unlock the secret language of connection



Non Fiction
The Money-Saving Gardener
Anya LAUTENBACH
Create your dream garden at a fraction of the cost

FEATURED TITLE: First Lie Wins



Ashley ELSTON
Australian Fiction

You meet a stranger at a party. She looks like you, sounds like you. Even has your name... Everything she is about to tell them is a lie... Evie Porter has everything a girl could want: a doting boyfriend, a house with a picket fence, a fun group of friends. The only catch: Evie Porter doesn't exist. First comes the identity. Once she's given a name and location by her employer, she learns everything there is to know about the town and the people in it. Then the mark: Ryan Sumner. The last piece of the puzzle is the job. For Evie, this job feels different. Ryan has gotten under her skin and she's started to picture another kind of life for herself - one where her boss doesn't pull the strings. But Evie can't make any mistakes. Because the one thing she's worked her entire life to keep clean, the one identity she could always go back to - her real identity - just walked right into this town. A woman, who looks just like her, has stolen her name - and she wants more. As Evie's past begins to catch up with her, can she stay

one step ahead to save her future?

KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

will be **CLOSED** for the Easter long weekend

Closing 1pm Thursday 28/3
Back open as usual from 8.30am Tuesday 2/4
apologies for any inconvenience
Have a happy Easter!

Review a Book!

Win a Book

THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED FABULOUS BOOK REVIEWS SO FAR THIS TERM - KEEP THEM COMING IN!

Congratulations to **April Loller** on being chosen as our first ever Newsletter Feature Reviewer please come and see us in the Library to collect your prize!

For more review forms or to submit your review please pop in and see our friendly Keith Library Staff.

From: April Loller Date: 22/02/2024

BOOK REVIEW

Title: Alice-Miranda Shows the Way
Author: Jacqueline Harvey

Star rating: ★★★★★

My review: I loved the book Alice-Miranda Shows the Way because it was full of mystery but it still has happy ending and it has great characters and they were all well described.

KEITH COMMUNITY LIBRARY

Sorry

THE LIBRARY WILL BE CLOSED IN THE FIRST WEEK OF THE APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

FROM 12.30PM SATURDAY 13 APRIL
REOPENING
8.30AM TUESDAY 23 APRIL

DUE TO ONSITE ASBESTOS REMOVAL



Community News

March 2nd was LIONS awareness day.

Are you AWARE the Lions clubs started in America in 1917, over 100 years ago, and now has spread to 200 countries.

It started in Australia about 75 years ago and our Lions club of was formed in 1968.

The Lions clubs motto "WE SERVE" concisely explains the aim of clubs to help in so many areas, be they disasters, humanitarian, medical-skin cancer screening or prostate research- and local youth programs.

One of the earlier programs, eye health started in 1925 to assist Hellen Keller (a blind woman) and then spread throughout the world with several programs. One of which Keith Lions support, namely the collection of used glasses, spectacles, and hearing aides which are forwarded to a Lions facility in Queensland, where they cleaned, "classed"-graded before being sent overseas to PNG and Pacific areas.

Some years ago we had the slogan "Lions, so much more than sausages and BBQs". Whilst the local Lions are in a sound financial position, own their own club rooms, they could be so much more with a few new members. Younger (not hard) with digital experience (more than a raised finger) and an evening out of the gender imbalance, would mean the club could do so much more. For instance are you aware the Lions club could provide a simple early childhood vision screening program, to pick up the one in five children who have vision problems that may effect their early childhood development.

As a member you will be able to pursue any number of interests you may have, in a fun, local, social group. Speak to a Lion.

The one eyed Lion



2024
Hockey Season

TATIARA
HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

WINTER SEASON THROUGH TERM 2 & 3

ROOKIES 5-8 YEAR OLDS
JUNIORS U16 YEAR OLDS
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME | SPORTS VOUCHER COMPATIBLE

NON CONTACT | FAMILY FRIENDLY | MINIMAL TRAVEL

WILLALOOKA | BORDERTOWN | KEITH MUNDULLA | WESTERN FLAT

For more Junior info call Bruce Loller on 0429307514

Lego animation workshop

Suitable for children aged 7-12 years

Learn how to create your own 'brick film' using the app 'Stop Motion Studio'

TUESDAY APRIL 16 2024
1pm-4pm @ Bordertown Public Library
8752 1473

WEDNESDAY APRIL 17 2024
10am-1pm @ Keith Institute
8755 3236

FREE workshops. Bookings essential