NEWSLETTER



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DIARY DATES Term 3

- 12th September F 12 Assembly 9.00am
- 16th September Sapsasa Athletics Santos Stadium
- 16th September Year 9/10 PPEP Talk
- 18th September Year 12 Adelaide Central Market Excursion
- 19th September Year 10 Holocaust Museum Excursion
- 23rd 25th September Outdoor Ed Camp Halls Gap
- 27th September Early Dismissal 2.15pm
- 16th October SA Olympics Unleashed Year 7 - 9
- 17th 18th October Mount Gambier Show
- 17th October Year 7 12 Headspace Talks
- 24th 25th October Choir Rehearsal and Performance

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



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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS JACQUI VANDELEU

As we near the end of Term 3, I cannot believe we are only 3 months until Christmas! We have had another jam-packed term which really has flown. I would like to start this article off by acknowledging our Ag teacher Mr Wotton and the amazing kids who represented Keith Area School at the recent Royal Adelaide Show. Our show team had many successes which you will see later in the newsletter. This job is by no means an easy one with Mr Wotton going above and beyond in ensuring our stock were show ready. We are always learning and refining our practice and I have no doubt that next year will be even bigger and better. Thank you to Emilee Stone, Aaron Pietzsch, Jess Keenan and Karen O'Connor who supported the students and Mr Wotton as helpers throughout The Show.

Recent work was completed on our COLA and this is now in full use by all students. We will keep an eye on this area over the coming months to ensure it is up to scratch for our students. Our Gaga pits are still a hive of activity at recess and lunch with students learning life long skills in conflict management! At a recent course I attended we talked about whether we want to be traffic lights or round abouts. Traffic lights stop all behaviours whereas round abouts let the traffic flow through. As a site we are trying to enable our students to resolve some conflict by themselves before we jump in as mitigators.

I would like to congratulate Ben Judson and Jessica McKinnon on becoming permanent members of our teaching staff. Ben and Jess are fantastic educators and we are lucky to call them 'ours' for the future! We are currently looking for an ongoing Maths/Science and English teacher so if you know of anyone, please send them my way. I would also like to acknowledge the work Ben Hannam has given our school over the past 6 years. Ben is heading off to Adelaide in the new year and will commence work at his new site in 2025. I am in the full swing of staffing at the moment; however, announcements of staff/classes will be later in Term 4. I would also like to congratulate Tuvia and his wife Jayzel on the birth of their first child Willow! We can't wait to meet her.

This week has seen staff and students engage in Wellbeing Week. As we all know, having a healthy wellbeing – both physically and emotionally, is vital in successful human function. We have had a range of fun activities to improve our wellbeing throughout the week and I would like to thank the Wellbeing Team for organising these activities. Be sure to ask your child about some of the activities they have participated in this week.

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL - MRS JACQUI VANDELEUR CONTINUED

My recent trip to Melbourne for the Courageous Principal's 3-day conference was a wonderful opportunity to network and learn with other Principals nationwide. The course has a direct correlation to my role as site leader and I have already been implementing many of the strategies into my daily work. I will be accompanying Ben Lamont and the Outdoor Ed students to the Grampians in Week 10 and am really looking forward to supporting these students on this camp. The challenge both physically and mentally is a good one and a great way to end a super busy term.

Have a wonderful break in a few weeks with your friends and loved ones- I am off to Bali for a family birthday so look forward to sharing some pics on my return!

Jacqui Vandeleur Principal

Congrats to Jayzel and Tuvia with their new arrival, Willow.



Facilities Update

Secondary Play Space

All the stone works, shelter and pathing is now complete and installation of nature has begun.







Deputy Principal News

Mrs Ebony Capurso

Choir

Earlier this term, Music Director, Shylie Harrison visited our school to work with our choir students. We focused on the parts of songs we are finding more challenging, particularly the dynamics of the music.

Recently, we received some very exciting news. Our very own, Ava (Year 4), has been selected as the compere for the South East Primary Schools' Music Festival in Mount Gambier on Friday 25th October. When I auditioned Ava, she captured the audience's attention with her engaging and expressive voice. I was incredibly proud of all of the students from KAS who auditioned; they were brave and had all clearly spent a lot of time practising.

PAT

We are well underway with the annual Progressive Achievement Testing (PAT). The Progressive Achievement Tests are online reading comprehension and mathematics assessments aligned to the Australian Curriculum. The mandated tests are administered once a year and provide teachers with information about the learning strengths and needs of their students. These tests do not determine your child's grade, but help to inform teachers' practice and whole school foci for improvement.

Secondary Assistant Principal News Ms Chantelle Lucas



YEAR 9/10/11 DRAMA EXCURSION TO JULIA

In Week 6 I was very excited to be invited to join Mrs Farmer's Year 9/10/11 Drama excursion to attend the highly acclaimed theatre production of Joanna Murray-Smith's Julia at the Dunstan Playhouse. It was a fantastic display of theatrical skill and a good history lesson for us all as well!

We also stayed after the performance for a Q&A session with the two actors, Justine Clark and Jessica Bentley, which was hosted by Jayne Doyle. The performance was highly engaging and a testament to the abilities of the two actors.

Thank you to Mrs Farmer for organising this opportunity for our students, and for inviting me and Mrs Capurso who came along as teacher support on the day.

2025 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Subject selections for 2025 are complete for another year. Thank you to all the parents and students in Year 10 and 11 who came in to meet with me and make some important decisions about subjects and pathways options for their final years of schooling.

We will be in touch with you if any other changes are required for your child's subject choices for next year.

There were a significant number of students who expressed interest in taking on a School-Based Apprenticeship or Traineeship next year. We extend our thanks to the many local employers who already have our students working with them. These opportunities would not be possible without the support of employers willing to take a chance on our students. I am already making enquiries for those who expressed interest in an SBAT next year- I will send information and paperwork home with students as things get going.

Timetables for 2025 will be distributed later in Term 4 so hang tight on that!



RURAL YOUTH AMBASSADORS

In Week 6 I got to play Mrs V for a day and took Milly E and Jed S to Naracoorte for the Rural Youth Ambassadors Program. This program gave students from all over the South East a chance to get together and discuss some of the issues facing our schools.

The nominated representatives for the group then presented to the Principals their solutions and suggestions for how these issues might be resolved.

Milly and Jed did an excellent job representing our school and I commend them for taking a leap out of their comfort zone to participate in this day and share their ideas and suggestions with the group. They even ran into some other young people they already knew so it wasn't a room full of strangers!



Primary Assistant Principal News

Celebrating SSO Week

Last week we celebrated some special staff members at KAS. A School Services Officer (SSO) provides administration and classroom support within South Australian government schools and preschools.

We are very grateful for the amazing work that our SSOs do to support both our teaching staff and students at KAS.









Book Week Book Week was a wonderful week to share our passion for reading at KAS. Students participated in the parade, class activities and buddy reading. Some important reasons to share the love of reading at home:

- help your child get to know sounds, words and language, and develop early literacy skills
- introduce your child to the value of books and stories
- spark your child's imagination and curiosity

promote your child's brain development and ability to focus and concentrate help your child build social, communication and emotional skills help your child learn about the world, their own culture and other

cultures.





When the Mirror Birds Sing

In Week 6, the Foundation to Year 6 students enjoyed a visiting performance, When the Mirror Birds Sing. The play was a mythical tale of kindness overcoming greed. Featuring Max Richter's magnificent recomposition of Vivaldi's Four Seasons, the performance was an intimate and immersive experience where children's participation amplified the themes of hope and renewal.







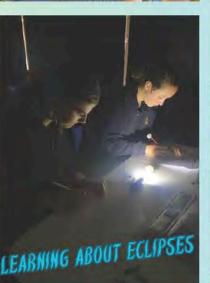


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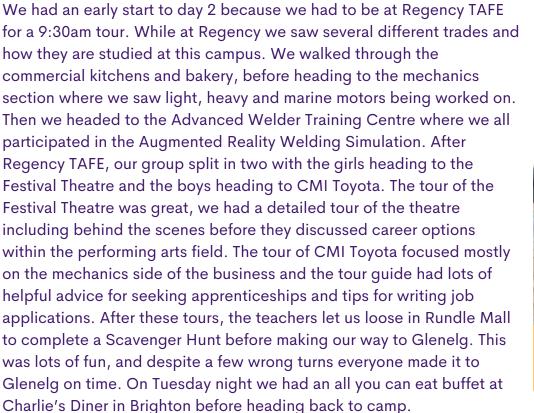




On Monday 12th August, we departed Keith to head to Adelaide, starting off our first day of Careers Camp. Flinders University was the first stop, while we were there we got to participate in a workshop called Code Breaker. We learnt ways of decoding messages to crack multiple codes to get into a safe which contained a prize for the winner. The ambassadors then took us on a tour around the campus, showing us Flinders Living and the Plaza. With one final hike up a rather steep hill, our tour around Flinders came to an end and we got back on the road to head to Warradale. After unpacking everything, we got back on the road to go to Rundle Mall for the much anticipated Adventure Rooms. Most of the groups managed to escape within the set time, even if some groups had to resort to begging for clues. By the time we finished at Adventure Rooms, it was dark and time for dinner.









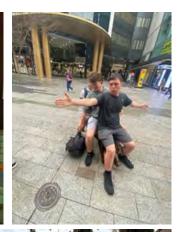




On the last morning, the buses were packed, and everything was cleaned before leaving Warradale and going to the Adelaide Oval. Along the way, the girls bus ran into all red lights making them late to the tour, but luckily the tour guide was ready and waiting for us when we finally arrived. We had an hour tour of the grounds, which covered all aspects of the oval and lots of interesting information about the historic site of Adelaide Oval. After this tour we headed to Moore Engineering at Murray Bridge which walked us through the mechanical and engineering side of their business. The main business of Moore's is building fire trucks and we were lucky enough to see the stages of construction from a plain cab chassis through to a finished truck. Some of us even got to spray the hoses to give it a test run. After lunch in Murray Bridge, we loaded up and headed back to Keith. This was a great camp, and we really appreciate the help of Mr Blake and Miss Day for looking after us, as well as Mr Hannam and Sarah for organising and booking most of our activities.













YEAR 7/8 MEDIA











Students have been developing their Photoshop skills in Term 3. Some skills they have learnt include how to layer images, remove parts of images, change colours and clone objects. Enjoy some before and after images from our tutorial sessions. Their final task is to create an 8-page Zine (a mini magazine) using Photoshop edited images.







MATHS QUIZ NIGHT

As part of their participation in Mathematics Week, Bordertown High, Naracoorte High and Keith Area Schools recently entered Junior and Intermediate teams in an Interschool Maths Quiz Night Competition at Bordertown. Our school sent 6 teams, which are shown below, comprising of 4 Junior Teams and 2 Intermediate Teams. Keith Area School were successful in winning the Junior Mathematical section with Junior Team 2 which comprised of Adam Badrin, Carys, Holly and Ashlyn. This was a particularly strong effort, as these students were competing against 15 other teams, some of which contained gifted Year 8 students. Thank you and well done to all the students who competed, and also a big thank you to anyone who went out of their way to make this evening such a success.

THE TEAMS

Junior Team 1 Oscar, Josh, Archie, Gus

Junior Team 2 Adam, Carys, Holly, Ashlyn

Junior Team 3 Eddie, Harry, Rufus, Jerry **Junior Team 4** Hazel, Pippa, Henry, Kade

Intermediate Team 1 Emma, Darcie, Macy, Sophie

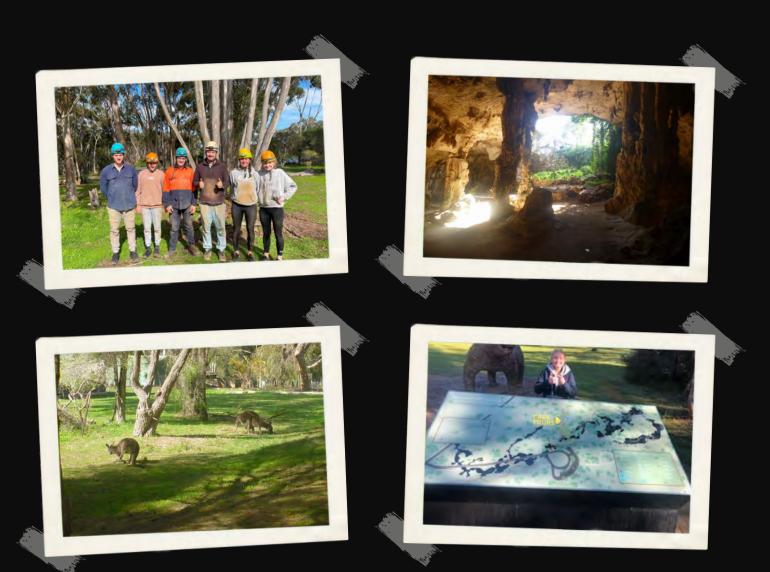
Intermediate Team 2 Oscar, Josh, Archie, Gus



Naracoorte Caves

On Monday 19th August, the Year 11 Outdoor Ed students took an excursion to the renowned Naracoorte Caves. This trip forms the key experience for their first assessment and involved exploring the natural geology of the caves, native wildlife (specifically the bats) and a little bit of adventure caving for fun. Our guide Zach was extremely helpful and knowledgeable about the area and the students were keen to get as much out of him as possible. Although Tyson needed to lay off the bench press (and Mr Lamont the pies) to get through every caving challenge, a great day was had by all.





OUTDOOR ED Maray River

After a very early start, the Year 11 Outdoor Ed class took off to Paringa on the Murray River on Friday Week 6. This trip formed the key experience for their second assessment which is all about sustainable use of the Murray as a water source. We were lucky enough to have guide Tony Sharley from River Murray Trails take us around for the day to check out several significant sites. Students were able to view the river from the banks, but also got the chance to check out a houseboat and use the very flash pontoon vessel to go into some of the more remote parts of the river. Of particular interest was the Chowilla Regulator that is in place to manually recreate floods in the wetlands and help the native vegetation and animals thrive. It was a long day, but well worth the trip to examine this significant natural resource in detail.







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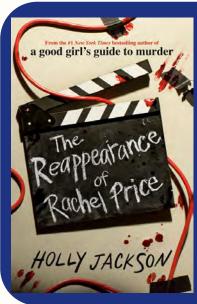


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A new true-crime fueled mystery thriller about a girl determined to uncover the shocking truth about her missing mother while filming a documentary on the unsolved case.

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18-vear-old Bel has lived her whole life in the shadow of her mom's mysterious disappearance. Sixteen years ago, Rachel Price vanished and young Bel was the only witness, but she has no memory of it. Rachel is gone, long presumed dead, and Bel wishes everyone would just move on.

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From world-renowned author Holly Jackson comes a mind-blowing masterpiece about one girl's search for the truth, and the terror in finding out who your family really is.



THANK YOU TO ALL STUDENTS WHO HAVE SUBMITTED FABULOUS BOOK **REVIEWS SO FAR THIS YEAR - KEEP THEM COMING IN!** WE WOULD LOVE TO SEE SOME REVIEWS FROM ANY BRAVE ADULTS IN OUR COMMUNITY AS WELL SO IF YOU'VE READ ANYTHING GREAT LATELY THEN DON'T BE SHY WE WOULD LOVE TO SHARE YOUR THOUGHTS!

Congratulations to **Emily** on being chosen as our book reviewer for this newsletter 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.

Book Review Name: Emily Wolf Girl 11 Title: Author: Ahn Do

Star rating:





My Review: Wolf Girl 11 has pizzaz and energy in those pages that put you at the edge of your seat waiting for something to happen. I especially love all the twists

BOOK WEEK COLOURING IN COMPETITION

We were thrilled to receive lots of fabulous entries for our annual Book Week Colouring in Competition once again! A big thank you to our guest judge for taking the time to come and choose our lucky winners and runner ups (pictured below) for each year level - it was a very close competition! Congratulations to the Winners who received a \$10 voucher and Runner Ups a \$5 voucher to spend at our Scholastic Book Fair.

Pop in to the Library and check out all of the wonderful entries on display!





CARNIVALS KEITH PENOLA

MOUNT GAMBIER

KEITH SWIMMING CLUB

The 2024/25 swimming season is not far away. If you are interested in competing in the Keith Swimming Club this season, keep an eye out on the Keith Swimming Club Facebook page for more information. Registration Forms will be emailed soon.

COME & TRY WILL BE OFFERED AT THE START OF THE

SEASON.

REGISTER INTEREST CATHERINE WARNEST 0429 183 997 president.ksc@outlook.com

Community News

Expression of Interest

TATIARA DISTRICT COUNCIL SWIMMING POOL LIFEGUARDS

Vacancies exist in Bordertown and Keith for Swimming Pool Llfeguards to assist with the operation of the Bordertown and Keith Swimming Pools.

An exciting opportunity for an individual seeking to develop their personal and professional skills in an innovative and supportive environment

Who is Council looking for?

A self-motivated individual who:

- Can work with a great group of like-minded people in a supportive and fun environment
- Have a flexible work / life balance
- Summer fun or the start of an exciting career

Lifeguard Benefits

The Tatiara District Council endeavours to assist the Swimming Pool Lifeguards with their career development. Some of these benefits include:

- Undertaking necessary training, with all costs provided by Council
- · Uniform is provided.
- Ongoing employment opportunities
- Opportunities to advance skills in becoming a supervisor

Successful applicants must hold a First Aid Certificate

Applications including resumes directed to: Lucy Tink,

5:00pm Tuesday 17th September 2024

For further information contact either Lucy Tink: Login kocatian sageway Sophie Rodert: Sophieroder Collars Sageway (08) 8752 1044