**Term 4 Week 6 2015**

**Remembrance Day**

Corey Armstrong-Lane and Jasmine Kernaghan welcomed the assembly to Wiradjuri country.

Shellie Campbell and Nickho Roberts played their role as cadets for the school’s Remembrance Day assembly, lowering the flag to half mast for the eleventh hour.

Members of the SRC along with Mrs Toni Turner, Shellie Campbell, Nickho Roberts, Jasmine Kernaghan and Corey Armstrong-Lane, had the responsibility of running the assembly.

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Year 10 Mock Interviews

Anyone who has ever undertaken a job interview will know that it can be a nerve wracking and stressed filled experience. Recently, as part of the Work Education course, students in Year 10 were given a unique opportunity to not just learn about job interviews but to actually experience one as well.

The start of the program required students to choose a job vacancy for a position they were interested in. They were then required to write a job application letter, addressing the criteria of the job and identify their justification for being the chosen candidate. The next stage in the program required students to identify their skills and experiences and to compile a resume to match their job application. Preparing a portfolio, which supported their resume and job application, was also a requirement for the students to undertake. The final stage of the program required students to participate in a job interview, conducted by a panel of community business members.

Whilst the activity is a “mock” interview program – the only thing “mock” or pretend component was the actual vacancy for the jobs. All other components were as real as could be possible.

The involvement of 17 local community business members was a real coup, and the pivotal reason for the huge success, of this activity. Teachers “teaching” students about job applications and job interviews etc, is one thing, but to have community business members, who conduct interviews for new employees as a part of their job roles, made the process much more real and ensured its significant importance.

The students dressed for their interviews, prepared themselves for a barrage of questions and conducted themselves in the interview with the utmost of professionalism. Nerves from students (and community members) were very much in evidence, but this nervous energy was a motivator not an inhibitor. Students rose to the challenge of talking about themselves, their aspirations in a job role, and their knowledge of tasks likely to be undertaken in the job they were applying for.

The feedback of this program from students and community members has been overwhelmingly positive. Words like: great, amazing, surprising, enlightening, have all been used by the students to describe how they felt about the experience. The community members’ comments have been just as heartfelt. Most of the community members have not had involvement with the school in this way before and were not only enthusiastic to participate but were extremely encouraging of the students’ performances and the value of the program holistically.

Discussions are now being had with the community members involved to see how we can extend this program further and what other activities we could include in the Work Education course.

The school would like to thank all the community members for their involvement – without them, the program would not have been the success it was. We would also like to acknowledge and thank the efforts of the students and congratulate them for the professional manner they exhibited on the day. Well done.

Helen Fuller, Work Education Teacher
Year 10 students getting ready for their interviews.
KHS Exhibition

Congratulations to the staff and students on the success of the first Kandos High School exhibition.

The catering crew presented the guests with some delicious finger food.

The exhibition showcased the wonderful talents of our students.
Kookaburra March

Friday 6th November and Saturday 7th November saw the visit of marchers undertaking the re-enactment of the 1918 Kookaburra march from Tooraweenah to Bathurst, pass through Rylstone and Kandos.

The original Kookaburra March was one of a number of recruiting marches held throughout Australia at the onset of the First World War. The Kookaburra Recruiting March of 23 men left Tooraweenah on 16 Jan 1916 to march to Bathurst via Mendoorah, Boomely, Cobbora, Dunedoo, Birriwa, Gulgong, Mudgee, Lue, Rylstone, Kandos, Ilford, Capertee, Cullen Bullen, Portland, Meadow Flat, then on to Bathurst where they met up with the Coo-ee and Boomerang Marches.

The contingents were given a combined reception on Saturday 5 February. Half a battalion of recruits had already marched from Lithgow to the new Bathurst Show Ground Training Camp.

Many of the Kookaburras were sent as reinforcements for the 45th Battalion.

As a part of the re-enactment a short service was conducted at the Kandos Memorial Hall – with representatives from the Kandos RSL sub-branch, Kandos Scouts and Kandos High School, as well as community members.

Cubs, Scouts and Venturers marched with the Kookaburras from Rylstone to Kandos, walking and talking to the people about their motivation for participating and learning about the original march and those involved.

Thank you to the students who participated and represented both our school and our community so admirably.

Helen Fuller

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The original Kookaburra March Market Street Mudgee 1916 – photo sourced from Mudgee Guardian archive.

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Members of the Kookaburra March with Alec Murphy (Scout), Carly Lomax (SRC), Brody Mundey (Venturer) and Mrs Helen Fuller at the service in Kandos.
SCHOOL SAFETY AND SECURITY

Our school has suffered a large amount of vandalism recently, it is unnecessary and very costly. As we are a small community, we are asking you to help us, by being vigilant as you walk or drive past the school out of hours. Please report any suspicious behaviour to Kandos Police on 6379 4000 or Rylstone Police on 6379 1000. Alternatively you can call Education & Training Safety and Security (24 hours) on 1300 880 021, you may remain anonymous.

STUDENT EXCHANGE INFORMATION

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to our next FREE Live Online Session on Thursday 19th November - 5.30pm - 7.30pm. AEST

The LIVE Online session gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available in 2016

FREE LIVE ONLINE INFORMATION SESSION

Hear from our very experienced, National Director, find out more about discounts and scholarships available and ask questions.

Thursday, 19th November
5.30pm (AEST)

Register now
Visit www.studentexchange.org.au or call 1300 135 331 for more information
The LOFT is an after school program ran by Barnardos at the Kandos Community Hall on Monday and Thursday afternoons from 3.30pm until 5pm. All children between the ages of 9 years and 18 years are welcome to attend.