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What a year…

A sincere thank you to everyone for such a wonderful school year. 2015 has thrown up many challenges and has equally produced many significant accomplishments. Although there is not the space to list them all, I would like to formally thank the growing number of community members and parents who offered their time in support of a number of initiatives at Kandos High School in 2015. For example, the patronage of the catering crew and the mock interviews is a precious commodity and I thank each and every one of you for making time in your busy schedules to assist our students in these endeavours.

Thank you also to our sponsors large and small for the Presentation Day, this event is expensive to run and the generosity of so many individuals and organisations within the community is greatly appreciated. I encourage everyone to make the time to attend this event – it is a wonderful way to draw the year to a close.

I feel extremely privileged to be the Principal at Kandos High School and the growing interest, from the community, indicates to all of us that you value, as we do, the importance of your child’s education.

Merry Christmas to you all and I hope the New Year brings good health. For those travelling, please do so safely and we will see you back in 2016 for another productive year.

Mr James Armitage, Principal
On Tuesday, 2nd December 2015, Kandos High School hosted a Showcase of student talent. Audiences were entertained by performances from the Music, Drama and Textiles classes, as well as our talented dancers and gymnasts. Running with the theme ‘Kath and Kim Take Over Kandos’ the acts were introduced by comic interludes that were well received by audiences at both the matinee and evening shows. Acts were supported by a stage crew of dedicated students who worked very hard to operate the lighting and audio equipment as well as managing the stage behind the scenes. We were lucky to be re-visited by some Year 12 students, who graciously returned to the stage to exhibit their HSC Textiles major works.

The 2016 Showcase was a lively, enjoyable show. I wish to extend my congratulations to all the students who participated and thanks to the staff who worked so tirelessly to make the show a success. Kandos High School would also like to thank the parents, friends and community members who came along to support our students.

Rebecca Bennie, Head Teacher English/HSIE/Drama
Showcase 2015
On Thursday 3 Dec and Friday 4 Dec, Steven, Mary and Bailey O’Neill, Gamilaraay people from Wagga Wagga were welcomed to our school by local Dabee elders. Our students were given the chance to share a number of cultural experiences, dances and Traditional Indigenous Games. On display was the travelling exhibition of Mudgee-Dabee people. The excitement of the day was clearly reflected on the students faces. Big thanks to Mary, Steven and Bailey - a great two days.
Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science (ASSETS)

Congratulations to Year 10 student, Jye Cork, who has been selected to attend the Aboriginal Summer School for Excellence in Technology and Science for his outstanding achievement in science, technology, engineering and mathematics.

Jye is one of only 105 students from across Australia to be selected to attend one of the three summer schools which will take place in January 2016.

ASSETS is part of a broader indigenous STEM education program, which is managed by CSIRO in partnership with the BHP Billiton Foundation.

Well done Jye!

Year 11 EEC

Exploring Early Childhood class had to plan, cook and present a meal suitable for a child aged 4-6 years old. All the students did a fantastic job. Emily Cole showed an amazing combination of her cooking skills and knowledge of children’s dietary needs to create an amazing dish.

It is homemade sausage swirls on a bed of mash, with rainbow chips. She then presented it as a funny face, which is appealing to young children. The EEC students also made gingerbread houses this week in class.

Congratulations to all the EEC students who have worked hard this year. Kerry Reynolds

Hour of Code

We live in a world surrounded by technology. We know that whatever field our students choose to go into as adults, their ability to succeed will increasingly hinge on understanding how technology works.

That is why years 7 to 10 joined in on the largest learning event in history, The Hour Of Code. More than 100 million students have already tried an Hour of Code.

Our Hour of Code is just one of a number of activites at Kandos High School, ensuring our students are skilled in foundational 21st century skills. Brad Cork
School Terms for 2016

Term 1 — Wednesday 27 January 2016 — Staff return
Thursday 28 January 2016 — Years 7, 11, 12 return
Friday 29 January 2016 — Years 8, 9, 10 return
Last day of Term 1 — Friday 8 April 2016

Term 2 — Tuesday 26 April 2016 — Staff development day
Wednesday 27 April 2016 — Students return
Last day of Term 2 — Friday 1 July 2016

Term 3 — Monday 18 July 2016 — Staff development day
Tuesday 19 July 2016 — Students return
Last day of Term 3 — Friday 23 September 2016

Term 4 — Monday 10 October 2016 — Staff and Students return
Last day of Term 4 — Friday 16 December 2016 — Students
Tuesday 20 December 2016 — Staff

THE LOFT

The last day for the LOFT this year is Monday 14 December 2015.
The LOFT will resume on Monday 4 January 2016, at the new time for the school holidays 2pm until 3.30pm each Monday and Thursday.
The LOFT will return to the normal time of 3.30pm until 5pm on Thursday 28 January 2016.
The LOFT is available for any child between 9 years and 18 years to attend.
Contact: Kate Baker, Reconnect 6372 1422

The Committee of the Rylstone Kandos Debutante Ball

Would like to invite all young ladies wishing to be a debutante at the next ball which will be held 7 May 2016, to attend an Information Night on

Monday 14th December 2015
At the Rylstone Club, Cox Street
Starting at 6.00pm sharp.
Bring along Yourselves, Partners and Parents.
Contact Leanne Neilson Ph: 0419 028 498 for more info
Or email sheilsen1@bigpond.com
Like us on Facebook — Rylstone Kandos Deb Ball
Jackeroo Ranch—Upper Turon

Horse Riding

Summer School Holiday Riding Camps

Pre Christmas Camp: Come anytime—from 3 days to 10 days.

   2nd Week: Sat 9 January 2016—Sun 17 January 2016

Shorter stays are possible if camps are not fully booked.
Enquiries: Mrs Pattie Hudson 6337 7173 (nights are best)
AFTRS Stop Motion Animation Workshop

Develop your own character and animated story using claymation/stop motion techniques and characters (on ipads and software supplied by AFTRS).

This introduction to animation involves teamwork, story telling and design. Students will devise their own story, then create their animation using plasticine, lego or found objects. Movie makers can further develop their characters in a new medium.

This workshop is FREE for high school aged students in the MWRC area.

LIMITED NUMBERS/ Bookings are essential

WHEN? Thursday the 14th and Friday 15th January 2016 from 9 am—5pm
WHERE? Mudgee Town Hall Green Room & Theatre, Market Street Mudgee

Lunch and snacks provided (please let us know about dietary needs)

MORE INFO call Virginia Handmer on 63979000 or check out the youth council facebook page or MWRC website