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Principal: Mr Dean Rogers

# TECH TALK 2023



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"We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the Land on which our School is situated. We pay our respects to Barapa Barapa Elders past, present and future." KTHS Community.



Term 1 Semester 1.

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## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

It is that time of the year again where I am seeking parent nominations for School Council. This can be a rewarding experience and comes at a time when the school is experiencing a lot of change with new buildings. Below is a bit of information about School Council.

#### WHAT IS A SCHOOL COUNCIL AND WHAT DOES IT DO?

All government schools in Victoria have a school council. They are legally constituted bodies that are given powers to set the key directions of a school within state wide guidelines. In doing this, a school council is able to directly influence the quality of education that the school provides for its students.

#### WHY IS PARENT MEMBERSHIP SO IMPORTANT?

Parents on school councils provide important viewpoints and have valuable skills that can help shape the direction of the school.

#### DO I NEED SPECIAL EXPERIENCE TO BE ON SCHOOL COUNCIL?

Each member brings their own valuable life skills and knowledge to the role. What you do need is an interest in your child's school and the desire to work in partnership with others to help shape the school's future.

#### HOW LONG IS A TERM OF OFFICE?

Two years with half of the members retiring each year which creates vacancies for the annual school council elections. Meetings are held the third Monday of every month.

#### WHERE TO IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO NOMINATE?

**Self-nomination forms are available at the back of Tech Talk or on the information rack at the front office.**

I would like to encourage our parent community to think about nominating for School Council. Together, we can continue to work to make Kerang Technical School a school to be proud of.

### YEAR 7 CAMP KOOKABURRA:

Year 7 camp took place Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Students participated in a range of activities that were designed to have them mixing. Being away from home for three days and two nights is tough but it was a great opportunity for students to interact and staff to learn more about each student. Overall staff were happy with the way students have been conducting themselves and I know that the camp staff were very pleased with the students. Photographs can be found in edition Vol 4 Tech Talk.

*Principal, Dean Rogers*

#### UPCOMING EVENTS: FEBRUARY 2023:

**Yellow Week**

**Tuesday, 21st:**

**Swan Hill Division Swimming**

MARCH 2023:

**Yellow Week**

**Tuesday, 7th:**

**Summer Sports**

**Blue Week**

**Monday, 13th:**

**LABOUR DAY WEEKEND**

**Tuesday, 14th**

**LMR Swimming—Swan Hill**

**Thursday, 16th**

**NAPLAN OPENS - Writing**

The shared vision of  
Kerang Technical High School is to provide  
our students with a quality education for the future  
in an inclusive and supportive environment.

**RESPECT**

**RESILIENCE**

**RESPONSIBILITY**



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

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## SECONDARY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

Going to school every day is the single most important part of your teenager's education. Students learn new things at school every day – missing school puts them behind.

## SCHOOL IS BETTER WHEN YOUR TEENAGER IS THERE

### Why it's important

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day.

Students develop good habits by going to school every day – habits that are necessary to succeed after school, whether in the workplace or in further study.

Missing school can have a big impact on students academically and socially. It can affect their test results, including VCE & VCAL, and, just as importantly, it can affect their relationships with other students, and lead to social isolation.

There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes.

Each missed day is associated with falling behind in subject topics and assessment tasks, and lead to fewer subject choices and may impact on achievement in years 11 and 12 and post-school pathways.

### Getting in early

It's never too late to improve attendance. Even in the middle years, when school can seem the most challenging for students and when attendance rates can be at their lowest, going to school more often can make a big difference. **Every day counts.**

Schools are there to help – if you're having attendance issues with your child, speak to your school about ways to address those issues.

## IN VICTORIA SCHOOL IS COMPULSORY FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE AGED 6 – 17 YEARS

### Student Absences

The main reasons for absence are:

**Sickness** – There are always times when students need to miss school, such as when they're ill. It's vital that they're only away on the days they are genuinely sick, and setting good sleep patterns, eating well and exercising regularly can make a big difference.

**Family holidays** - It's vital that holidays are planned during school holidays where possible, and not during the term. If you are planning to go on holiday during term time, make sure that you talk to your school in advance, and work with them to develop an absence learning plan.

**"Day off"** – Think twice before letting your teenager have a "day off" as they could fall behind their classmates – every day counts.



## EVERY DAY COUNTS

**Truancy** – This is when students choose not to go to school without their parent's permission or skip out of school during the day. There can be many reasons for truancy, the best way to address this is for schools and parents to work together.

While all absences can effect academic performance, DET's statistics show that unexcused absences are a much stronger indicator of lower reading and maths achievement.

**School refusal** - School refusing children experience significant emotional distress not only when going to school but also at the thought of going to school; they may be absent from school for weeks or even months at a time. School refusal differs from truancy as children generally stay home with the knowledge of the parents and despite their best efforts to encourage their child to go to school. See: [My child or teenager has anxiety](#)

### BEING AWAY FROM SCHOOL FOR 1 DAY A FORTNIGHT EQUALS MISSING 1.5 YEARS OVER 13 YEARS OF SCHOOL

#### If your teenager is away

If for any reason your teenager must miss school, there are things you can do with your school to ensure they don't fall behind.

- Inform the school via your teen's Form/Home Room teacher or Year Level Coordinator
- Find out what work your teenager needs to do to keep up.
- Develop an absence learning plan with your teenager's teacher and ensure they complete the plan.

Remember, every day counts. If your teenager must miss school, speak with your home room teacher or year level coordinator as early as possible.

Openly communicating with your teenager's school about all absences is a good way to prevent attendance issues being escalated to a School Attendance Officer. A School Attendance Officer is a Department of Education and Training Regional Director who has authority to follow up attendance issues. Chronic or ongoing attendance issues that are escalated can lead to an Infringement Notice being issued to parent/s.

If you're having attendance issues with your teenager, please let the year level coordinator, wellbeing coordinator, principal or other relevant staff member know so you can work together to get your teen to school every day.

#### TOP ATTENDANCE TIPS FOR PARENTS

- Schools want to work in partnership with parents – act early if you have any concerns by contacting your child's school and asking for advice and support
- Remember that every day counts
- There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes and their social connectedness
- Talk positively about school and the importance of attending every day
- Open and prompt communication with your child's school about all absences is a good idea
- Avoid making routine medical and dental appointments during the school day or planning family holidays during the term
- Seek help from your school if you are concerned about your child's attendance and wellbeing. Schools want to work in partnership with parents to support student attendance and wellbeing.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

For more information and resources to help address attendance issues, visit:

<https://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/teachers/studentmanagement/attendance/Pages/improve-attendance.aspx>

# PERMISSION NOTES

Just a friendly reminder to all Parents/Guardians - if you require your child to leave the school grounds for any reason, please remember it would be most appreciative if you could give your child a note to bring to school before classes so the staff can do the official paperwork.

We have concerns that parents/guardians are approving the students after they leave the school grounds.

Thanks in advance for your assistance to send a note in before classes.



## BUS ZONE SIGNAGE

ANOTHER FRIENDLY REMINDER TO ALL DRIVERS REGARDING THE BUS ZONE WHICH IS SITUATED OUT THE FRONT OF OUR SCHOOL GROUNDS AS PER PHOTOS. ZONE TIMES ARE BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 8-9am AND 3-4pm. IT HAS BECOME A LITTLE BIT OF A NIGHTMARE SINCE THE START OF THE SCHOOL YEAR WITH TRAFFIC COMING AND GOING AND PLEASE BE AWARE, THE VICTORIA POLICE & SHIRE RANGER DO THEIR SURVEILLIANCE AND THE FINE IS HEFTY SO PLEASE, DO NOT DROP OR COLLECT YOUR CHILDREN BETWEEN THE DESIGNATED HOURS. *Thanking you in advance.*



# CANTEEN NEWS



This year a couple of changes have been made to the operation of the canteen. To assist with service at the canteen students from Year 11 and Year 12 will be helping Recess and Lunchtime.

We trialled this last year with the Year 12's and it worked well. In particular, students doing Hospitality were used as this gave them experience in customer service and contributed to their overall mark.

Parents can still help when available and canteen staff would be appreciative of any time made for the canteen. You can register your interest by contacting the school or talking to the Canteen Manager Lisa Petrie. It is a great way to see how the school is running and get a "feel" for the place while interacting with students and staff.

### YELLOW WEEK

Monday	
Recess	Connor
Lunch 1	Daniel
Lunch 2	Montana
Recess	Jessie
Lunch 1	Grace
Lunch 2	Bailey
Wednesday	
Recess	Tristan
Lunch 1	Xander L
Lunch 2	Nicola
Thursday	
Recess	Caidyn
Lunch 1	Georgia
Lunch 2	Jess
Friday	
Recess	Bryce
Lunch 1	kaiden
Lunch 2	Lachie

**From Monday, 6<sup>th</sup> February, the Canteen will close at 11:00am for Recess and 1:30pm for Lunch.**

Even though it is early days we have noticed a trend where students are purchasing large quantities of unhealthy foods. To assist them with making healthy choices the school is limiting the number to two items at Recess and at Lunch.

**Level 1 Sports Trainers Course-\$285 (Time 8.30am-5pm) /  
Re-accred course-\$120 (2.30pm-5pm)**

Venue-Wycheproof-Narraport Football Club rooms , Calder Highway,  
Wycheproof Vic 3527

**Date-Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2023**



Facilitator-Dawn Ferrier  
Local contact:  
Rhonda Allan, Mallee Sports Assembly  
Email: [rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au](mailto:rhonda@malleesportsassembly.org.au)  
Ph: 0427 780 109

Mallee Sports Assembly

SWAN HILL  
**TRUCK SERVICE**  
EST. 1987

### Apprentice Diesel Mechanic

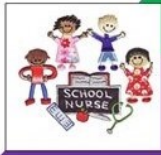
Swan Hill Truck Service are currently looking for an to join our team. An opportunity with any KTHS students who may be interested in pursuing a career as a Diesel Mechanic to contact us about doing work experience throughout the year. If you have any further queries please don't hesitate to give us a call at the office 03 5033 1501 or you can contact myself directly on 0428 18 72 63.  
Helen Coffey, Accounts, 5 Shepherd Road, Swan Hill.  
Ph: (03) 50331501 Fax: (03) 50331502 Email : [helen@shts.com.au](mailto:helen@shts.com.au)

Meg

# It was Valentine's Day this week

Sharon & Kate's

Musings



## Relationships



**And it made me think about healthy intimate relationships. A healthy relationship** is when you have fun together, you both feel able to be yourself. You can have different opinions and interests. You can listen to each other, can both compromise, say sorry and talk arguments out. You don't have to spend ALL your spare time together and can spend time alone or with family and friends.

**If you are having doubts about your relationship, then speak to someone about it.**

**Ask yourself these questions:-**

- How is being in this relationship affecting me?
- What would be the good things about breaking up? What would be the bad things?
- What would be the good things about staying? What would be the bad things?
- Are things getting worse?

**Where to get help:**

- Kids Helpline 1800 55 1800; [headspace](#);
- Mallee Sexual Assault Unit & Mallee Domestic Violence Services (03) 5033 1899
- 1800RESPECT (1800 737 732)
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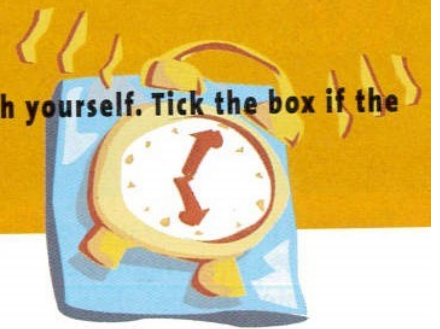
Here is a Quiz from the Domestic Violence & Incest Resource Centre, to check how healthy your relationship is.

*Cheers Meg*

## Relationship quiz

**How do you know if you are being treated right? statement applies to you:**

→ **Be honest with yourself. Tick the box if the**



**My boyfriend or girlfriend:**

- |                          |                                |                                   |
|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> | seems to like me as a person   |                                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | won't let me to talk to other  | guys / girls                      |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | respects my feelings, opinions | and beliefs                       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | doesn't want me to spend       | time with my friends or family    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | makes me feel like I have to   | watch what I do or say            |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | is ok if I say no to something | (including sex)                   |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | is happy for me to make my     | own decisions about my life       |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | often puts me down or          | criticises me                     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | tries to work out arguments    | by compromising or talking        |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | sometimes scares or hurts      | me by being aggressive or violent |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | is happy for me to see my      | own friends if I want to          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | might try to hurt me or them   | selves if I wanted to break up    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> | makes me feel scared to        | disagree or to say no to things   |



The purple statements are signs of love and respect. If you have ticked any answers in black, then there are signs that you are not being treated right, you should have ticked all of these.



**VCE/VET**  
**INFORMATION**  
**SESSION**

*all parents and students  
completing a VCE and VET  
subject welcome*

**6:00PM KTHS LIBRARY**

**WEDNESDAY**  
**22ND FEB**

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# ANNUAL ART SHOW

Easter April 7th, 8th & 9th, 2023.

Rotary Club of Kerang



At the Kerang Basketball Stadium,  
Maxwell St, Kerang.

Prizes totalling \$8,800

**Official Opening, Judging & Sales**

Friday April 7th, 7 pm - 10 pm  
Entry \$25.00 includes program, supper, complimentary wine, judging announcements & entry for Saturday and Sunday  
All Welcome. COVID regulations will apply  
Featuring Launch & signings of new book by former local artist Anne Prendergast

**Display, Sales & Demonstrations**

Saturday April 8th, 10 am - 6 pm  
Sunday April 9th, 10 am - 3 pm  
Refreshments available.  
Entry \$7 includes program.  
All Welcome. COVID Regulations will apply

High Standard Exhibits for Sale, by Artists from all parts of Victoria and Interstate

**Major Prizes**

- Gannawarra Shire Acquisition Award - \$1,500
- Kerang District Health Acquisition Award - \$1,500
- Best of Show (any medium) - \$750
- Best Oil/Acrylic - \$500
- Best Pastel/Drawing - \$500
- Best Watercolour/Pen & Wash - \$500
- Best Mixed Medium - \$300
- Best Any Other Medium - \$300
- Best Photographic Print - \$300

- Kerang Progress Association Acquisition Award depicting Kerang - \$500
- Kerang Turf Club Award themed 'Country Racing Strong' - \$500
- Mallee District Aboriginal Services Indigenous Artwork Award - \$500
- Regional Encouragement Award - 50 km radius - \$300

- Kerang Ministers & Chaplains Assoc. Best Easter Themed Artwork - "Faith" - \$400
- Peoples Choice Award - 50 km radius - \$250

Yvette Brimacombe Memorial Youth Encouragement Award (13-18 years) - 50km radius- \$200

Raffle prize : Home/Office Security Safe donated by Heather & Brett Dunstan, Lokaway

Judge: *Thel Cardwell. (Award Winning Practising Artist & Tutor)*

Entries close Friday 24th March 2023.

Enquiries

Email [rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com](mailto:rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com)

Art Show Coordinator Jenny Kelly 0400 571 266

## Tuning into Teens™ at headspace

**EMOTIONALLY INTELLIGENT PARENTING**

**Learn how to:**

- Understand what they're going through at this stage in life
- Understand their emotions
- Manage conflict more effectively
- Communicate more effectively
- Create a closer more connected relationship
- Build on your skills as a parent.

**Details:**  
When: Commencing Wednesday 22 February for six weeks  
Where: Kerang Library (1-3pm) or headspace Swan Hill (5:30-7:30pm)  
Registers: [headspace@shdh.org.au](mailto:headspace@shdh.org.au) or 1800 975 115

**A FREE six session parenting program for parents and carers of young people**

**headspace**

headspace National Youth Mental Health Foundation is funded by The Australian Government Department of Health.

## Rotary Club of Kerang Inc. A368D Annual Art Show

Please read conditions of entry.  
Please ensure the back of the entry form is filled in regarding drop off and pick up arrangements for your art work.  
Details below **MUST** be attached to the right hand corner on the back of each entry.

**Kerang Rotary Club Art Show**

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ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Annual Art Show ENTRY FORM

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Cnr Scoresby & Maxwell Streets, Kerang. 3579

**Official Opening, Sales & Judging Announcements**  
Friday 7th April 2023 7 pm — 10 pm.  
Entry \$25 includes program, savoury supper, complimentary wine, judging announcements & entry for Easter Saturday & Easter Sunday.  
All Welcome. Judge: — Thel Cardwell, Artist & Tutor.  
Official Launch & signings of 2nd Book by former local artist Anne Prendergast

**Display & Sales**  
Saturday 8th April 2023 10 am - 6 pm.  
Sunday 9th April 2023 10 am - 3 pm.  
All Welcome. Refreshments available for purchase.  
General Entry \$7 includes program.  
Raffle: = Home/Office Security Safe kindly donated by Heather & Brett Dunstan, Lokaway  
Raffle to be drawn 3.00pm on 9th April 2023. Winner will be notified.

### Major Prizes

Gannawarra Shire Acquisition Award	1500
Kerang District Health Acquisition Award	1500
Best Of Show (any medium)	750
Best Oil/Acrylic	500
Best Pastel/Drawing	500
Best Watercolour/Pen & Wash	500
Best Mixed Medium	300
Best Any Other Medium	300
Best Photographic Print	300
Kerang Progress Association Acquisition Award depicting Kerang (not photography or sculpture)	500
Kerang Turf Club Award Themed "Country Racing Strong" (any medium)	500
Mallee District Aboriginal Services Indigenous Artwork Award (any medium)	500
Kerang Ministers & Chaplains Assoc. Best Easter Themed "Faith" (any medium)	400
Regional Encouragement Award - 50 km radius of Kerang	300
Yvette Brimacombe Memorial Youth Encouragement Award (13 - 18 years - 50 km radius of Kerang)	200
People's Choice Award - 50 km radius of Kerang	250

**Enquiries:** [rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com](mailto:rotarykerangartshow@gmail.com)

Art Show Coordinator Jenny Kelly 0400 571 266  
Rotary Club of Kerang Inc.

# BARHAM MEATS

IS LOOKING FOR SOMEONE TO FILL A FULL TIME  
**APPRENTICE POSITION.**  
 A KEEN ATTITUDE TO LEARN AND APPLY  
 NEW SKILLS IS REQUIRED.  
 PLEASE COME IN AND SEE US FOR  
 A FULL JOB DESCRIPTION.

**MACORNA FNC IS  
 CALLING ALL  
 JUNIOR  
 NETBALLERS!  
 NET SET GO  
 UNDER 12  
 UNDER 14  
 UNDER 17**



*Tigertime*

Express your interest in playing in season 2023 by contacting us today!

Facebook Messenger the following coaches:

NET SET GO: LEEZA WISHART  
 U12: JO BEAR

U14: LAURA BENNIE, JACINTA FERRIS  
 U17: CAT WHINFIELD, BRIELLE OMEARA

HEAD OF NETBALL: LEAH LACY

Please note if our coaches have already been in contact no need to contact again.

**WANTED**

Hi, our Wellbeing team would appreciate any pre-loved, in good condition uniform, you no longer require. If you do, please bring it to the KTHS Front Office, attention "Sharon" or "Meg" and we can forward it onto students who need it.

*Cheers Sharon & Meg*



**30<sup>th</sup> Cohuna  
 Bridge to Bridge  
 Sunday, March 5**



**Ride / Run / Walk**

Apex Park, Island Rd. Cohuna

- Mawsons Kids K
- thegannawarra.com.au 6.5km Fun Run/Walk
- North Central CMA 12.5km Trail Run
- Cohuna Auto Electrical 21.1km Trail Run
- AWMA Water Control Solutions 6.5km Junior Cycle
- 25km Cycle
- 50km Cycle
- Virtual options for each event

**15%  
 FAMILY  
 DISCOUNT**

Major fundraiser for the



with proceeds going towards an upgrade to the outdoor area for the aged care residents in the nursing home.



Neighbourhood Houses  
 The Heart of Our Community

Organised by the Bridge to Bridge Committee, under the auspices of Cohuna Neighbourhood House.

[www.bridgetobridge.org.au](http://www.bridgetobridge.org.au) for full details and to enter  
 REGISTRATIONS CLOSE: Saturday, March 4 at 3pm



*Kerang Girls & Womens  
 Football Program*

**COME & TRY  
 TRAINING SESSIONS**

**8yrs - 15yrs  
 and  
 17 & up**

**Where:** Kerang Recreation Reserve  
**When:** 15th of February, 22nd of February  
 and 1st of March  
**Time:** 5.30pm for 8-15yrs  
 6.30pm for 17 & up

Contact: Jemma Birch - 0428 772 301

*Kerang Womens  
 Football Program*  
 Expressions of interest for  
 season 2023  
**17 yrs & up**



Training is on Tuesday nights in  
 Kerang @ 6.30pm  
 Come & join the fun!!

Contact Jemma on  
[jeddabirch@gmail.com](mailto:jeddabirch@gmail.com) 0428 772 301



# FORM 3: SELF-NOMINATION FORM FOR PARENT MEMBER CATEGORY (Formerly Schedule 5A)

I wish to declare my candidacy for an elected position as a parent member on the  
 ..... council.

Name .....

Residential address .....

Contact phone (mobile or landline) .....

Email .....

I am the parent/guardian of ..... who is/are currently enrolled at this school.

**Statement**

I am an employee of the Department of Education and Training.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am an employee of the school council.	Yes / No (please circle)
I am engaged in work at and for the school.	Yes / No (please circle)

I am prepared to serve as a Parent member of the above-named school council. I hereby declare that:  
 I am not, and have ever been, insolvent under administration  
 I am not of unsound mind  
 I have not been found guilty of an offence that is, or would if committed in Victoria be, an indictable offence  
 I am not a registrable offender within the meaning of the *Sex Offenders Registration Act 2004*.  
 I am not suffering from any medical condition that would affect my ability to perform the role of member of a school council.

Signature of candidate..... Date ..... / ..... / .....

**You will be notified when your nomination has been received.**

The personal information provided in this form is collected as part of the school council election nomination process. The information may be used to determine your eligibility as a candidate. Your personal information may be disclosed as a result of inspection prior to the commencement of voting or at any time up to one year from the declaration of the poll.

Your name will be included in a list of school council candidates and nominators (where applicable) posted in a prominent position at the school and for candidates, on a ballot paper (where applicable). Further, the name, membership category, gender (optional), term of office, office held (if any) of school council members and notification whether the member is an employee of the Department will be forwarded to the Department of Education and Training by the principal by 30 April each year as a record of council membership and may be used for statistical purposes.

You can access your personal information by contacting the principal on: .....

*If you choose not to give some or all of the information requested your nomination may not be accepted.*

*If you have any queries about the school council nomination process, please contact the principal.*