



"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.



# TECH TALK 2024

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### BUILDING WORKS:

A lot of building works is happening around the school. The basketball court is currently being ripped up and a lot of mess is being created from this work site. Eventually two new basketball courts will be laid. The old Science building has been demolished and we are awaiting topsoil to fill the hole left. Work is about to begin on restumping the western end of the entrance building. This will require rooms to be blocked off as well as part of the corridor including the link and Rm 16 and Rm 17. A lot of patience will be required to complete the work. The difficulty is this work was planned for the holidays, but all works were pushed back due to the rain.



### SNAKES:

The school has had a timely reminder to be vigilant when out in the yard. Last week staff treated a student for a suspected snake bite. The outcome was a "dry" bite which means *bitten but no venom injected*. Snakes are about because of the weather. Contributing to snake presence is all the building works which is disturbing them pushing them out. In both cases if a snake is seen or there is a suspected bite contact the teachers. The school has strong procedures for dealing with both incidents in place.



### SCHOOL COUNCIL:

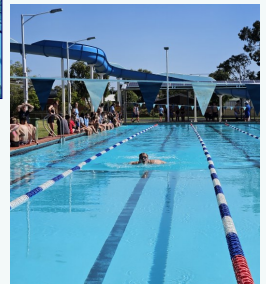
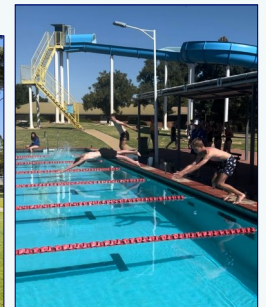
Kerang Technical High School is seeking parent nominations for School Council. This can be a rewarding experience and comes at a time when the school is experiencing a lot of change including setting the school direction for the next four years. School Council meetings are on the third Monday of every month starting at 7:30pm. Meetings are usually finished by 9:30pm at the latest. For some information about School Council please refer to Page 4.

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.



### SWIMMING SPORTS:

What a great day for everyone who participated. Congratulations to **Murray** who finally broke the hoodoo and won from **Loddon** by 44 pts. It was a result decided by weight of attendance and which house had the most students present. The disappointment was seeing how many students were away, swimming sports, like athletics and team sports, is a school day that gives students the opportunity to participate in an activity different from the normal school day. This helps to build memories, better relationships and a stronger rapport through shared experiences. One staff member said that he had been to swimming sports at different schools and that this rated as one of the best for organisation, behaviour of students and feel of the day starting with the fashions on the field and including the free sausage sizzle. This year more parents than ever helped and dropped in to see their child and this was pleasing to see. I would strongly encourage all students and parents, if they can, to attend these alternative days and get involved.



### YEAR 7 - CAMP KOOKABURRA:

Year 7 camp took place last Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. 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 conducted themselves and I know that the camp staff were very pleased with the students. Photographs will be posted on the Facebook page and pics in Tech Talk next week along with a more in-depth report. *Principal, Dean Rogers*

### Upcoming Events In February:

- Mon. 19th : School Council Meeting
- Tues. 20th : Swan Hill Div. Swimming
- Wed. 21st : VCE Information Session—6pm
- Mon. 26th : Morrisby Yr 9, Pds 1- 4.



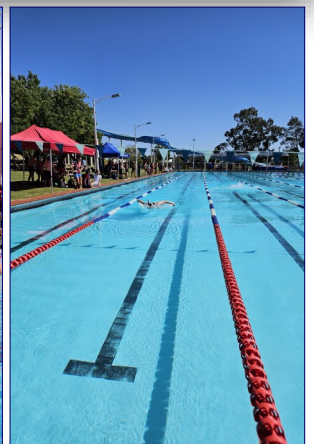
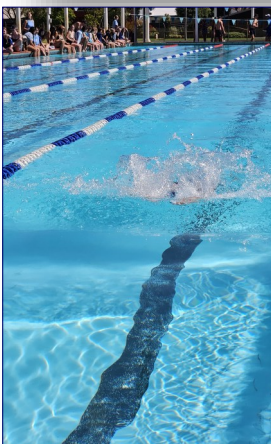


# KTHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONS



JUNIOR GIRL: Lyla Morton  
 JUNIOR BOY: Blake Williams  
 INTERMEDIATE GIRL: Aleeyah Wilkinson  
 INTERMEDIATE BOY: Sam Hollingworth  
 SENIOR GIRL: Hannah Gardiner  
 SENIOR BOY: Tyler Meehan

**MURRAY 302 pts**  
**LODDON 248 pts**





# KTHS 2024 SPORT DATES

TERM 1			
WK	Date	Event	Venue
<del>2</del>	<del>Friday 9<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>House Swimming</del>	<del>Kerang</del>
4	Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> February	Swan Hill Division Swimming	Swan Hill
6	Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> March	Summer Sports	KER, SH, COH
7	Tuesday 12 <sup>th</sup> March	LMR Swimming	Swan Hill
9	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> March	House Cross Country (Periods 5 & 6)	Kerang
TERM 2			
1	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	State Swimming	Melbourne
3	Wednesday 1 <sup>st</sup> May	Winter Sports	KER, SH, COH
4	Tuesday 7 <sup>th</sup> May	Snr Boys Football (10/11/12)	Swan Hill
7	Tuesday 28 <sup>th</sup> May	LMR Cross Country	St Arnaud
10	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> June	Open Girls Football (9-12)	Swan Hill

**\* NOTE:** some dates are yet to be confirmed and there will be other events that will arise if we get students and teams through to the next level. If this occurs staff will be notified in a timely manner. More sporting dates may be added, depending on the outcome of Interschool sport: dates can be found at: <https://teamup.com/ksrvf3hixh44xjnrx9>

Any questions, please come and see me! *Zoe Ferrier, Sports Co-ordinator.*

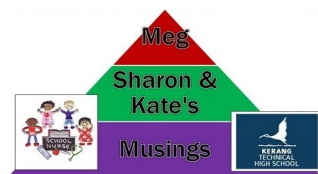
[kthscareerpathways.com.au](http://kthscareerpathways.com.au)

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- TAFE & VET
- Uni Admissions
- Work Experience
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Career Tools



**Annual Action Plans are due**

## Doctors in secondary schools



Dear Parents & Guardians,

Doctors in School Service is running again at KTHS on Tuesdays from 10.30-2.30pm.

It's free (bulk billed through Medicare) and all you need to do is fill out the NDCH Form once, then you are on the system. Parents and carers are welcome to come with their child.

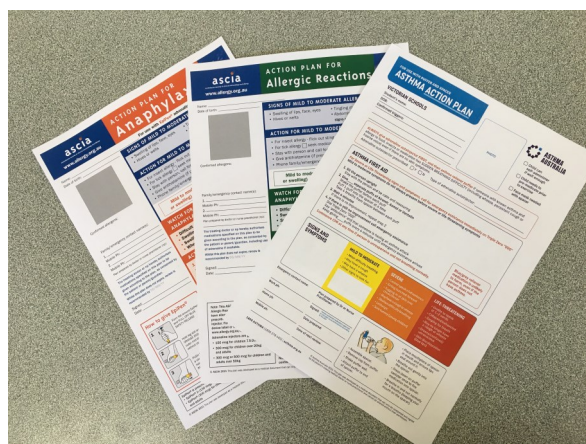
The Nurse Practitioner can help with physical, mental, sexual and reproductive health, and can complete Annual Asthma, Allergy and Anaphylaxis Action Plans.

You can book your child in to see the Nurse Practitioner, Yvonne Fabry, with

Miss Zoe Ferrier [Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au](mailto:Zoe.Ferrier@education.vic.gov.au) (or on XUNO) at the School Ph. 54521062 for an appointment.

The Annual Actions Plans are due and booking appointments at the Doctors in Schools, is a great way to get them completed.

*Cheers Meg*



# 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 statewide 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 below on this page 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.

## 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 .....

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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.