



"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

PAT and MORRISBY TESTING:

Over the last two weeks students in year levels 7 -11 have completed the English and Maths PAT testing. This testing helps teachers to identify where the students are at and formulate goals for their next steps.

These tests have been implemented by Mr Nemtsas. The results are pivotal to the schools Professional Learning Community and the data obtained will inform teaching for your child. Year 9 students will be completing their Morrisby surveys. Morrisby identifies work areas that the student may be interested in.

The type of work students may be interested in is identified from a series of questions about likes and dislikes. The testing is quite specific and can suggest a career/interest that the student has not considered.

The questionnaire is followed up with an interview to support the student on their career path. In all of these we ask the student to be sincere and do their best. This helps when using the results to inform learning and career paths.



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.



MOBILE PHONES:

Students should **not** be on their Mobile phones during school time. *This means:*

- As students arrive in the morning and step onto the school grounds, students should not have their phone out;
- End of school day for students commences once students have exited the school buildings after the last school bell.



At all other times between arrival and departure, students cannot have their phone out. If caught with their phone the school's phone policy will be applied.

VCE INFORMATION NIGHT:

Thank you to all those parents who attended the VCE information night on Wednesday night this week. Thanks to Mr Henry who gave the presentation. The night provided information about the requirements to obtain the VCE certificate. If you have a question or would like to find out more, please contact the school and ask to speak with Mr Henry.

SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATIONS:

A reminder that applications for School Council are currently open. School Council meets on the third Monday of every month at 7:30pm. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Rogers at the school or you can complete the application form on the back page of the Tech Talk also forms available at the General Office.

YEAR 7 PARENT 'MEET AND GREET':

Next Thursday, March 7th the school will be hosting a Year 7 parent 'Meet and Greet' breakfast. It will go for about an hour from 7:45am and will be conducted outdoors. I look forward to seeing you there.

Principal, Dean Rogers

Upcoming Events:

February:

Mon. 26th : Morrisby Yr 9, Pds 1- 4

March:

Wed. 6th : Summer Sports

Thurs. 7th : Year 7 'Meet and Greet'

Fri. 8th : Winter Sports Meeting

Mon. 11th : LABOUR DAY WEEKEND HOLIDAY

Tues. 12th : LMR Swimming

Year 7 Camp Kookaburra

Last week, Wednesday, 14th til Frid twenty eight Year 7 Students attended a three day camp at Camp Kookaburra. Students were broken into three groups and had the opportunity to participate in a variety of adventure activities including - flying fox, initiatives course, archery, low ropes course, raft building and two new activities in the giant swing and Kookaburra Heights.

Over the three days the students developed confidence and showcased outstanding teamwork skills. At the conclusion of each activity, the groups awarded points based on our three school values; respect, responsibility and resilience. Remarkably there was only 11 points separating first, second and third. It was a pleasure to take the students away. I would like to thank Mrs Mason, Mr Anderson and Mr Laursen for giving up their time to attend camp for the three days.

Thank you also to Mr. Henry and Mr. Rogers for attending on Wednesday and Thursday.

Zoe Ferrier—Junior School Leader

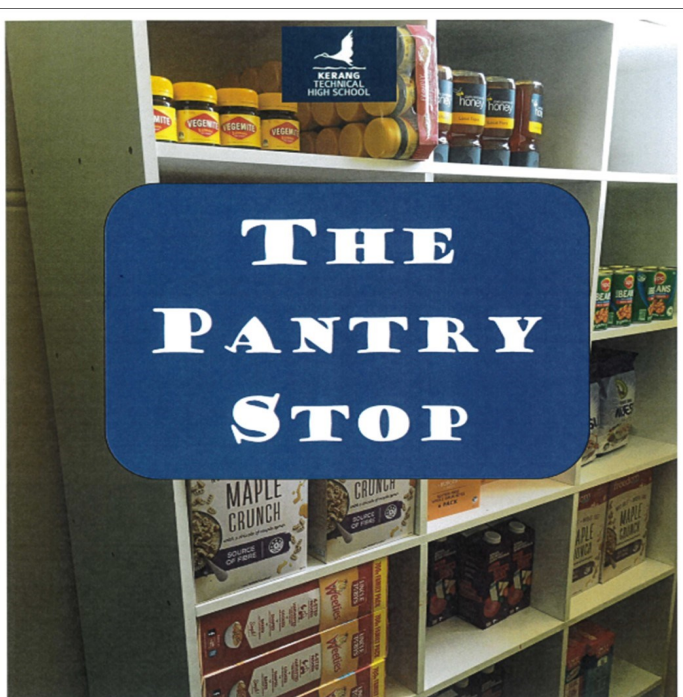


TUESDAY, 20TH FEBRUARY, 2024

INTERSCHOOL SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Tuesday, we had 27 students attend the Interschool Swimming Carnival in Swan Hill. Students competed against Cohuna Secondary, Swan Hill College and MacKillop College in freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly, 4x50m freestyle relay and 4x50m medley relay. A huge congratulations to Jack Keath who was awarded first place in the 50m freestyle. Jack has now qualified for the LMR Finals. Additional outstanding performances: Blake Williams: Butterfly, Breaststroke Jack Keath: Breaststroke 14yr Female 4x50m freestyle relay- Lyla Morton, Ivy Shea, Isabella Wise, Abbey Wishart 17yr male 4x50m freestyle relay- Ryan Bassett, Jack Keath, Angus McDonald, Laing Waddingham 20&U male 4x50m medley relay- Jack Keath, Ryan Bassett, Angus McDonald, Laing Waddingham
Congratulations to all students who competed, and thanks to the parents

who also attended to support our students.



The Pantry Stop is in the Wellbeing Room (next to Room 7)
Students can come to take food home for their wellbeing.

OPEN MONDAYS and FRIDAYS

--Recess Bags are also available if you have forgotten your snacks--

Don't be embarrassed, everyone needs to eat.

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WE HAVE A SCHOOL CAREERS WEBSITE

- Latest News & Events
- TAFE & VET
- Uni Admissions
- Work Experience
- Interactive Career Journeys
- Gap Years
- Find a Job
- Create a Resume
- Course Search
- Career Investigator

Career Tools

KTHS 2024 SPORT DATES

TERM 1			
WK	Date	Event	Venue
2	Friday 9th February	House Swimming	Kerang
4	Tuesday 20th February	Swan Hill Division Swimming	Swan Hill
6	Wednesday 6 th March	Summer Sports	KER, SH, COH
7	Tuesday 12 th March	LMR Swimming	Swan Hill
9	Monday 25 th March	House Cross Country (Periods 5 & 6)	Kerang
TERM 2			
1	Friday 19 th April	State Swimming	Melbourne
3	Wednesday 1 st May	Winter Sports	KER, SH, COH
4	Tuesday 7 th May	Snr Boys Football (10/11/12)	Swan Hill
7	Tuesday 28 th May	LMR Cross Country	St Arnaud
10	Monday 17 th June	Open Girls Football (9-12)	Swan Hill
TERM 3			
1	Thursday 18 th July	State Cross Country	Melbourne
5	Wednesday 14 th August <i>(back up Wednesday 21st August)</i>	House Athletics	Kerang
8	Tuesday 3 rd September <i>(back up Tuesday 10th September)</i>	Swan Hill Division Athletics	Kerang
TERM 4			
1	Thursday 10 th October	LMR Athletics	Bendigo
3	Monday 21 st October	State Athletics	Melbourne
	TBC	Field & Game School Shoot	

*** 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/ksrvf3hixh44xjnr9>

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

Student
Voice

Fundraising

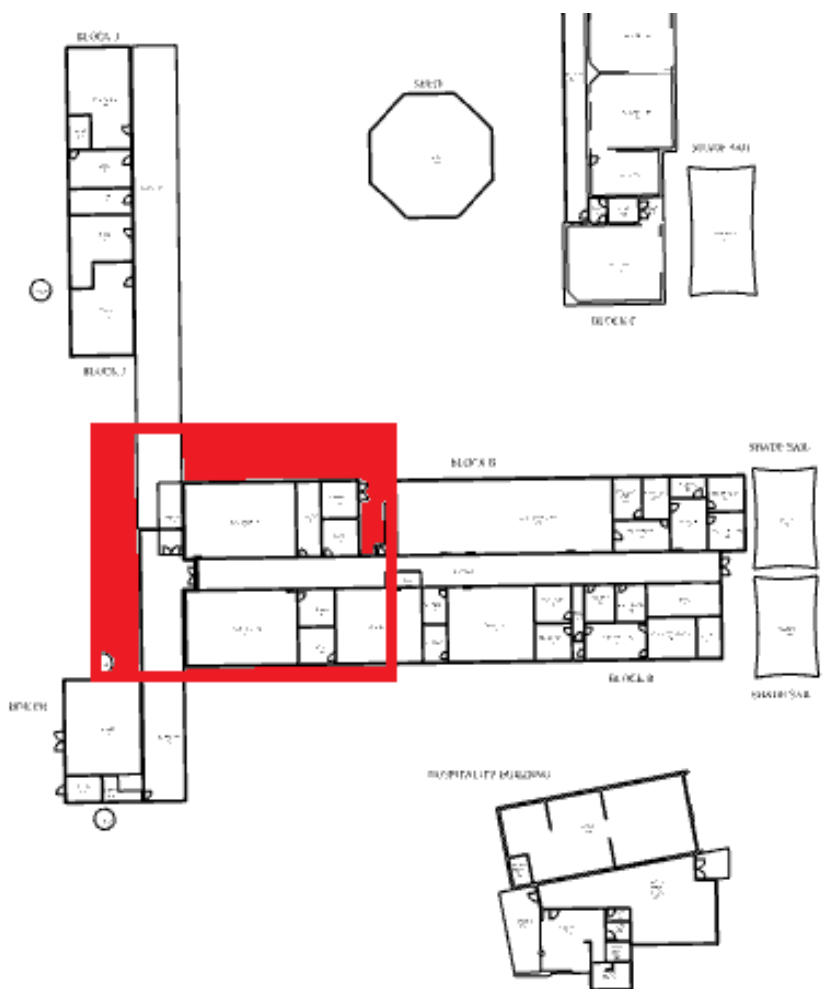
WE NEED YOUR OLD CANS PLEASE

The Student Voice Team is after your discarded recyclable Cans and Bottles. We are raising money for new seating around the school. We appreciate any donations which can be left at the school.



MORE BIG CHANGES WITH BUILDING WORKS

Next week the next phase of the maintenance program will commence with restumping of the end of the main building and corridor. Fencing will arrive mid week, but



we will continue to operate in rooms 16/17, common room and Locker bay.

During next week Yr 7 and 12 students will be moving out into lockers in the cage for the remainder of the term.

As of 4th March, this whole area will be a building site and a new timetable will be implemented.

Yr 8 students will continue to remain in their lockers but there will only be access from the steps.

We are hoping this will be fully restored by the beginning of Term 2.

Yr 9 Morrisby Career Profiling



Please note that next week (Week 5), on Monday, 26th February, Year 9 students will be completing Morrisby Profiling in Pds1 through 4.

Morrisby Profiling is a valuable tool in assisting Year 9 students with contemplating what potential career pathways they might like to consider and/or pursue in the future.

Along with completing the profiling on Monday, students will also be using their Morrisby Profiling Student Reports to reflect upon the report, engage in career investigations and prepare for their individual interviews in Year 9 Career Development classes and also with a Morrisby consultant towards the end of Term 1, 2024.

We would appreciate your support in encouraging your child to actively participate in the Morrisby Profiling next week. As this program uses external resources it is very important for all Yr 9 students are present to gain the most out of this Free school resource.

Have a look at this short video <https://www.morrisby.com/students#video>

further conversations can be had with the Miss McAllister (Careers teacher) or Mr Smith (Assistant Principal).

UPCOMING EVENTS

There are a lot of items to finish off the term that are major school events.

		Summer Sports
		Year 7 Meet and Greet Breakfast 7:45am.
Mon	11/03	
Tue	12/03	LMR Swimming
Wed	13/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Thu	14/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Fri	15/03	NAPLAN 7-9
		Morrisby Interviews
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		Immunisations Yr 7/10 – 9:30am
		School Photos 8:30am to 12noon
Mon	25/03	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY P5&6
Tue	26/03	
Wed	27/03	Interim Reports published
Thu	28/03	End of Term 2:30pm
Fri	29/03	Good Friday

Naplan Yr 7-9 – Any parent considering for their child to not sit the Naplan testing for 2024 need to arrange a meeting with Mr Smith (Assistant Principal) It is integral in the mix of testing and data analysis of students at KTHS. Students have just completed the PAT testing for Reading and Numeracy and staff have already analysed student performance and identified how to set up classroom supports.

School Photos – More information will come from Arthur Reed Photography. This is again completed online and families can individually order the packs they wish to purchase. Codes will be generated on the day for students to order. Reminder this is when ID cards are generated also so attendance is essential, no special arrangements will be made to produce these cards that many students use as official ID for public transport and concessions.

Immunisations – This has recently been confirmed and will be run through the Gannawarra Shire. Cards will be distributed in the coming weeks.

Interim reports

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.