



"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

### SCIENCE ROOM INCIDENT:

Last week the school had an incident that forced the evacuation of one of the Science rooms, six students and some staff experienced eye irritations and respiratory difficulties including Asthma. Once we became aware of the symptoms, the room was evacuated and quarantined until the cause of the medical conditions could be investigated. Students and staff described a sewerage like smell which then went away.



Upon further investigation, it was found that the chemical waste traps under the sinks had been incorrectly installed and this has now been fixed. Further, a deep clean of the room was provided and procedures for clean up after Science experiments reviewed. The school also had the boss of the company who installed the units come in to have a look and offer advice.

Now a regular six-monthly inspection of both Science buildings has been implemented.

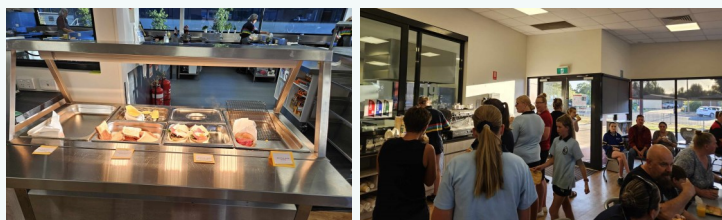
As part of the process, Makesafe, the departments Buildings and Grounds compliance administrative arm were contacted.

They were happy with the way the school handled the incident.

### YEAR 7 PARENTS MEET & GREET BREAKFAST:



Year 7 Parents Meet and Greet was held Thursday morning and provided an opportunity for parents/guardians to visit the school and catch up with staff. We had a wonderful roll-up of parents/guardians, students and staff and a special thank you must be said for the delish breakfast to all those concerned in putting it all together. Well done to you all.



Principal, Dean Rogers

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.



## Upcoming Events:

### March:

Mon. 11th:

**LABOUR DAY WEEKEND HOLIDAY**

Tues. 12th : LMR Swimming

Wed. 13th to Fri. 15th: NAPLAN 7-9

Tues. 19th & Wed. 20th: Morrisby Interviews

Thur. 21th: Immunisations 7 & 10, 9.30am and School Photographs, 9.30am to 12 noon.

# School Photos 2024 - Kerang Technical High School

Annual school photos including sibling photos will be taken by Arthur Reed Photos on

## Thursday, 21st March 2024.

**There is no need to return any forms or money to school.**

Unique image codes will be issued to all students on/after photo day so families can register online to view images when they become available in the webshop.

Registration is simple, just follow the 3 simple steps on your child's personalised flyer once you receive it and remember to add the codes for all your children attending this school.

Even if you registered last year, it's important that you do again this year using your child's 2024 image code to link their images for the current year with your contact details. When images are ready to view and in the webshop, all parents who have registered will be notified by SMS and email.

**Once registered, please wait for notification that 2024 images are online to view before making your purchase.**

## SCHOOL PHOTOS 2024 - Important Registration Information



*School Photographs will be taken at*

**Kerang Technical High School**

Thursday 21st March 2024

**There is no need to return any forms or payment to school before photo day**

**Flyers with Unique Image Codes will be issued to all students on or after photo day**

**When you receive your child's 2024 image code**

***Follow these 3 simple steps -***

**1** Go to [order.arphotos.com.au](http://order.arphotos.com.au) and enter your child's **2024 image code**



**2** Tap on 'Add another child' to enter the image codes of any siblings



**3** Fill in your contact details & review before confirming your registration\*



\*This information will only be used for distribution of personal image codes and ordering details.

***That's it!***

**It's important to register each year to link your child's NEW images to your contact details  
When 2024 images are ready to view in our secure webshop you'll be notified by email and SMS**

- **Create photo packages with any layout & YOUR choice of images + Multiple Image Downloads**
- **Order on any mobile device**
- **Share the images with family & friends for FREE**

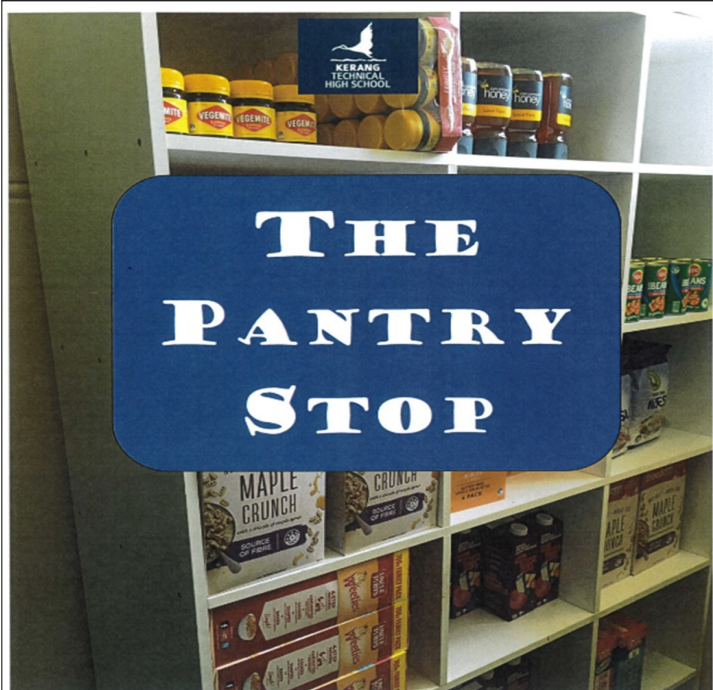
**\*\* Please wait to receive notifications that new images are online BEFORE ordering for 2024\*\***

# Kerang Technical High School

## VCE RUGBY TOPS \$82.50

now in stock at:

**Loddon Valley Disposals**  
61 Victoria Street, Kerang. Phone: 5452 1172.



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.

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



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### Current Apprenticeships

#### - Bricklaying—Swan Hill

Setting up and laying bricks using plans and calculations.

#### - Engineering Fabrication—Kerang

Operation of Welding robots to produce components to manufacturing plans.

#### - Heavy Commercial Vehicle Mechanical Technology Diesel Mechanic—Swan Hill

Test, service, diagnose and repair faults on diesel vehicles and machinery.

### Current Traineeships

#### -Individual Support Aged Care—Barham

Provide care and support to residents while maintaining a friendly and compassionate environment.

#### -Dental Assisting—Swan Hill

Chair side assisting for Dentist, sterilising instruments and reception duties.

#### **For more information**

contact Rob Hackney on:

0419 347 206

Or our Swan Hill office on:

5033 1216

# KTTHS 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>
<del>4</del>	<del>Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February</del>	<del>Swan Hill Division Swimming</del>	<del>Swan Hill</del>
<del>6</del>	<del>Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> March</del>	<del>Summer Sports</del>	<del>KER, SH, COH</del>
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
TERM 3			
1	Thursday 18 <sup>th</sup> July	State Cross Country	Melbourne
5	Wednesday 14 <sup>th</sup> August (back up Wednesday 21 <sup>st</sup> August)	House Athletics	Kerang
8	Tuesday 3 <sup>rd</sup> September (back up Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September)	Swan Hill Division Athletics	Kerang
TERM 4			
1	Thursday 10 <sup>th</sup> October	LMR Athletics	Bendigo
3	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> 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/ksrvf3hixh44xjnrx9>

Any questions, please come and see me!

Zoe Ferrier, Sports Co-ordinator.

## STUDENT ILLNESS



A reminder to families, as per the Department of Education Infectious Disease Policy students with cold or flu-like symptoms are required to stay at home until symptoms have passed. Students experiencing vomiting or diarrhoea are to remain at home until there has not been vomiting or a loose bowel motion for 24 hours.



# Badminton



Junior Boys: Last years reigning champions started the day off with their biggest rivals, MacKillop. We started off, with two wins thanks to Tyler and Mitch Bilton. Next to the Table was Ronjay and Ezekiel. Tougher games for these boys Ronjay narrowly going down and as to Ezekiel who managed to win one game in the rubber. This one game proved



to be the difference as the doubles match was one each at the end. KTHS winning on a countback. The rest of the games were dominated by KTHS eventually taking out the competition with wins against the Cohuna's teams.



The Senior Boys were challenged, from the get go and were able to wrestle back the advantage. Our number One, player Mitch Pearson lead the charge and Jake Baulch stepping up into the Senior team showed true desperation. After losing the first match to Mackillop, managing to finish with two wins to finish!. *Regards, Nathan Henry*

# Junior Girls Basketball



The junior girls had an awesome day out playing basketball in SwanHill. We started our first game off strong winning against Cohuna, the girls all played super well having Lyla, Abbey and Isabella's height under the ring was awesome with the other 5 girls Carla, Zarlle, Rachel, Macey and Sophie working it down the court. In the next 2 games



we went down against SwanHill Col. and McKillop, the girls put up a massive fight and the score didn't reflect how they played! Best players: Zarlle Anderson + Lyla Morton Well done girls :) A huge thankyou to Sophie Hunter and Tahleah Walters for coaching this amazing group of girls. Both Sophie and Tahleah were great supporters and demonstrated our school values. Fabulous role models for our school and for the girls to look up to. *Zoe Ferrier & Kristen Hall.*



Our Junior boys basketball team made the trip up to Swan Hill for the summer sports day. Our strong team consisted of Oscar, Campbell, Bryce, Oliver, Charlie, Ollie, Braxton and Madden. The boys started the carnival strong with a convincing win 55-8 against Cohuna. All players played their role. The second game we lost some players to injury, but a tough fought game meant we were able to come away with the win against Swan Hill College 21-18. The third and final game against MacKillop College was our toughest game and we couldn't quite get across the line, however the team are to be commended for fighting it out, trying their best and playing fairly throughout the day. Everyone should be proud of their efforts and the best players across the three games were Oscar Greenwood, Madden Povey-Walker & Campbell McAlpin. *Luke Murphy*



# Basketball



# Volleyball



**Junior – Girls Year 7/8** Kerang Technical High School Junior Girls Volleyball had a tough competition, winning their final of four games against Cohuna, MacKillop, and Swan Hill College. It's commendable that they participated with such resilience, gaining valuable experience regardless of the outcome, and regardless had fun throughout the day.

**Intermediate - Girls: Year 9/10:** Congratulations to the Intermediate Girls' Volleyball team for winning all their games at the 2024 Summer Sports Competition.

The girls showed great resilience, improved their skills and game play throughout each game and whilst having fun. They will be heading to the Loddon Mallee Region Volleyball competition in Mildura later in the year.

Well done girls! *Cheers, Tamèika McAllister*

# Tennis



It was an overcast start to the day in Kerang for the tennis this year, but the sun soon began to shine (and beat down). The last minute switch to the Kerang Lawn Tennis Club from Swan Hill made for a messy start, but things soon got underway with our junior boys and girls and our intermediate girls playing against Swan Hill. Our intermediate boys showed great resilience and managed to keep themselves occupied since Swan Hill could not field a team. Swan Hill was too strong for the Kerang junior girls, with beginners Emily and Sidney managing to score some games against their opponents in their singles matches.

Our powerhouse intermediate girls in Keira, Grace, Paiten and Ella defeated Swan Hill four matches to two.

Ella was up against a state champion from Swan Hill and seemed incredibly relieved for the match to end.

Our junior boys of Saxon, Drew, Kai, Riley and Chase tied against Swan Hill for matches, but lost on games won though not through lack of effort. Saxon and Drew put on a good show to win in a tie-breaker.

Intermediate boys Tye, Will, Charlie, Abe and Henry were outclassed by Mackillop, losing four of six sets without winning a game. Last minute ringer Abe put up a good fight in his set, narrowly losing in a tiebreaker. Intermediate girls Paiten and Ella did well to win their doubles match against Mackillop, with Ella also winning her singles match. Keira and Grace had a tough job, playing numbers 1 and 2 for both matches.

Saxon showed grit against Mackillop 2, managing to score 4 games, with Kai scoring 3 games against his opponent. Emily managed to win her singles match against Mackillop 2, showing great improvement from her first match.

Due to timing, our junior girls didn't get to finish their last set of doubles, which was looking promising with a comeback definitely on the cards. The junior boys also didn't get to start their last match against Mackillop 1.

It was a great day, with the highlight definitely being seeing the progress of beginner players throughout the day, getting the hang of scoring and learning where to stand and serve. *Caillin Meaden*

# Is it time to get your hearing checked?

1 in 6 Australians will experience some degree of hearing loss and expensive headphones don't necessarily protect your hearing. This is expected to rise to 1 in 4 by 2050.

With more people wearing headphones for very long periods  
Increases the risk of deafness.



**"When hearing damage starts, it can be irreversible. If you don't protect your hearing, it's damaged for life."**

*The World Health Organisation estimates more than one billion young people are in danger of hearing loss from portable audio devices, including smart phones. But it's not just teenagers who are at risk.. Anyone who uses headphones for more than 90 minutes each day could be jeopardising*



A good rule of thumb is that if others can hear the sounds coming out of headphones while you are wearing them, they are too loud. You need to take some personal responsibility to protect your hearing. Maybe it's time to test to get your hearing tested.

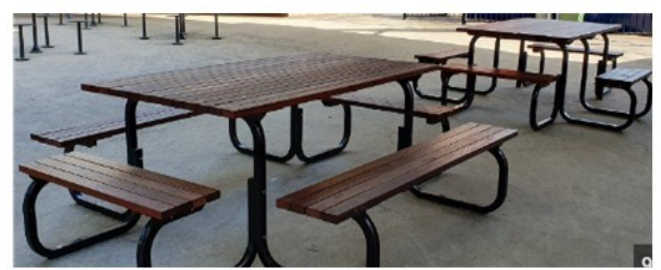
*Cheers Meg*

**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.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

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

Mon	11/03	LABOUR DAY WEEKEND HOLIDAY
Tue	12/03	LMR Swimming
Wed	13/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Thu	14/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Fri	15/03	NAPLAN 7-9
Mon	18/03	
Tue	19/03	Horisby Interviews
Wed	20/03	Horisby Interviews
Thu	21/03	Immunisations Yr 7/10- 9:30am School Photos 8:30am to 12noon
Fri	22/03	
Mon	25/03	HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY P5&8
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:** – Information regarding Arthur Reed Photography can be found on Page 2 of Tech Talk. 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.