Principals Message

This week saw the Student Representative Council being inducted into their positions for 2013. It was interesting that the theme revolved around integrity.

Our SRC is a group of students elected by their fellow students to represent all students in our school. The students are actively involved in opportunities to organize ways for students to participate in school life. The SRC works democratically to represent the student body in school decision-making. Our students work together, with support and guidance from Ms Knight, to improve school life and to contribute students' ideas.

It is important to stress, giving our students a voice is not simply about the opportunity to communicate ideas and opinions; it is about having the power to influence change in the policies and procedures of Kadina High School, about evolving the culture of our school. After all, meaningful involvement of our students means validating and authorizing them to represent their own ideas, opinions, knowledge and experiences throughout education in order to improve our school.

Ex Kadina High School SRC representative, Ms Chloe Lowndes was the guest speaker on the day. Chloe recently received a Defence Force University Scholarship. She was one of only eighteen people across Australia chosen. To be successful in this scholarship, Chloe had to go through a number of tasks including aptitude tests, interviews, speeches, team activities and fitness tests to prove she had the correct capabilities to receive this prestigious scholarship.

Chloe spoke on how leaders need to understand the difference between a leader and a manager. She went on to explain a leader inspires, challenges and motives, while a manager controls, accepts and organizes. A leader makes decisions while a manager then implements these decision.

I believe the students who were inducted into the SRC have the ability to make change at Kadina High School, and that they can do it through integrity and working positively in our community.

Ian Davies
Principal
Primary Industries Weed Control Day
Recently Kadina’s Primary Industries class in conjunction with Rous Water and Envite were involved in reclaiming the heavily overgrown banks of Tucki Creek at the rear of the school.

The students have been learning about weed control, work safety and chemical control measures in class this semester and this was a valuable chance to experience real world solutions to weed control and bush regeneration. The students will follow up this initial weed removal with a native tree planting day later in the term. Special thanks must go to Georgina Jones, from Envite and Jesse, from Rous Water for working with the students and passing on their valuable knowledge and experience.

Mr S.Noakes, Teacher
MUSIC

THANK YOU
A HUGE THANK YOU TO KADINA P & C who have funded new PA equipment for the MPC. With their support we have purchased a new 24-channel mixing desk, two front-of-house speakers and two foldback speakers. As most people would be aware, the MPC is a very difficult space to work with audio, but the new equipment should make a big improvement. The PA was christened at the SRC Induction Assembly on Thursday. In addition to its use for school events the equipment will provide valuable training opportunities for VET Entertainment students.

EARN AND LEARN
Earlier this term I was very happy to receive a consignment of percussion instruments from Woolworths as part of their Earn and Learn program. Last year the LEO Club promoted the competition at school, collecting shopping docket vouchers to earn the school points which could then be converted into educational equipment. In addition, the school Soul Band learnt and performed the Woolworths theme song at the opening of the new Goonellabah store. The following week we recorded the Soul Band performing in the store and entered it in the competition which contributed to the total points allocated. The instruments will be a great addition to our classroom percussion instruments, particularly for use in Year 7. I would like to thank Mrs Champion and the LEO Club members, the Soul Band, and the whole school community for participating in the program.

ACTIVITIES/AUDITIONS
Many regional and state music activities require either/or applications and DVD auditions to be completed during March. Further information and nomination forms are available from Ms Johnstone.

- Regional Music Camp applications close 4th March
- Bluesfest Busking Competition applications closes 10th March
- Vocalist auditions for North Coast Region events close 18th March
- Lismore Young Songwriters Competition closes 23rd March

NEW STUDENTS
Any new student to the school that plays a band instrument and would like to join an extra-curricular ensemble, please see Ms Johnstone in the CAPA staffroom.

GAME TRAINING ROADSHOW
Kadina High School is hosting the Game Training Roadshow on the 26th of March at school from 1 to 3 pm. By the time students arrive home from a Game Training RoadShow LIVE Event, they can all

- Create their own spectacular 3D Worlds with terrain, ocean, sky and trees and grass which blow in the wind.
- Import characters to walk around their world exploring
- Import vehicles to drive around jumping hills and having fun
- Create awesome roads which weave through the terrain
- YES all that happens in a single RoadShow Event

Plus High School Students learn our 12 essential coding concepts needed to create video games including spawning objects, detecting collisions and much more.

See Ms Nott in the TAS staff room for Information sheets and permission notes.
If you love Computer Games, Don’t Miss This Great Event!!
HAVE YOU RECEIVED THE SCHOOLKIDS BONUS?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – have you?

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive $410 a year for each primary student and $820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don’t have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children’s education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: “the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes”. Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Student Exchange – Memories and Skills for a Lifetime!

Give your child the opportunity to gain international experiences and language skills to kick-start a future career. Along with distinct language benefits, exchange students mature, gain confidence and develop a much more worldly approach upon their return to Australia.

World Education Program Australia (WEP), a not-for-profit student exchange organisation registered with the education departments, is now accepting applications for students to live overseas in 2013/14 as exchange students for a summer, semester or year.

WEP is offering two $3000 scholarships towards semester-long student exchange programs to Argentina and China commencing in 2014.

Find out more!
Visit www.wep.org.au
Attend one of WEP’s information evenings and open days
Call 1300 884 733

Upcoming Local Information Sessions
Brisbane
21 Feb, 14 Mar, 30 Apr 2013
/ 7:30-9pm
Garden City Library
Cnr Kessels & Logan Roads
Upper Mt Gravatt
FREE two day workshop and information sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum

Workshop: 2013NSWPC2  Location: Lismore

The Positive Partnerships initiatives have been developed and delivered by Partnerships between Education and the Autism Community (PEAC) and funded by the Australian Government Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations through the Helping Children with Autism package.

What will you learn?
As a result of participating in the workshops and information sessions as parents/carers you will gain:
- a greater understanding of the impact of autism on your child, both at school and at home
- knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
- specific strategies on how to:
  - advocate for your child
  - support your child’s participation at school
  - develop an awareness of ongoing learning needs
- information about your local school system’s processes
- opportunities to network and share strategies with other parents/carers and key community members
- opportunities for discussion around a range of topics relevant to students with an ASD and their families

Some key community representatives that support families living with autism will be identified and invited to participate in the workshop with a view to supporting a community focus beyond the workshop.

Workshop details
Venue: Invercauld House Conference & Function Centre,
161 Invercauld Road, Lismore  NSW  2480

When: Two day workshop — Tuesday, 5th & Wednesday, 6th March 2013
Day 1: 9.00 a.m - 4.30 p.m (Registration from 8.15am)
Day 2: 9.00 a.m - 3.00 p.m

Registration opens 6 weeks before the workshop, and closes 2 days prior.
Registration may stay open until one day before the workshop if spaces are still available, but we strongly recommend that you register as soon as possible.
You will receive a confirmation of your registration.
Online registrations preferred: please go to the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au

Only complete the following form if you do not have access to the internet and fax or mail to:
Fax: 02 9451 9661; Mail: Positive Partnerships, ASPECT, PO Box 361, Forestville  NSW  2087

Positive Partnerships Info line number: 1300 881 971

Australian Government
Department of Education, Employment and Workplace Relations
Workers Junior Baseball Sign On

Where: Albert Park Baseball Fields
Date: Tuesday 26th February & 5th, 12th, 19th & 26th March
Time: 4pm-5:30pm
Contact: Scott McClelland 0423 050 299
See you there!

PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TUTORING
Does your child need extra tuition?
Qualified Teacher Available
Call Ms Christine: 0427 181 204

2013 JUNIOR RUGBY SIGN ON
Friday 8th of March
From 5:00pm – 6:30pm at the Clubhouse
We have teams in all age groups from under 7 to under 16
Registration $50 for U7’s and U8’s, $90 for all other age groups
FAMILY DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE
For more information contact: Ian Barrett 0412 730 956 or James Donaldson 0488 284 418

Teaching someone to drive can be a happy experience.
You can learn all the simple steps on how to teach a learner driver at a FREE two hour workshop.
The next workshop in your area will be held:

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Helping learner drivers become safe drivers