Principal’s Message

Staff Development Day
The whole staff at Kadina High School was involved in a “Mindfulness” workshop on Monday July 15th. The workshop lead staff through a series of issues relating to the adolescent mind and the impact of technology and multi-skilling. The focus was on how to defuse the adolescent mind and develop skills to stay on task in the classroom. The staff were very impressed by the concepts and we will work towards implementing these strategies into Years 7 and 11 later this year.

Staffing
Ms Knight has taken leave for the remainder of 2013. Taking on the responsibility of SRC co-ordinator will be Mrs Forsterling and taking on the role of Head Teacher Aboriginal Engagement, a responsibility shared with Ms. Jude will be Ms Champion. I believe both these people will do a wonderful job in supporting our students.

Mr Scott Alward, the school chaplain resigned late last term to relocate to the NSW central coast. I am happy to announce Ms Katie Watts has taken over his position. Mrs Watts is a qualified teacher and will be a valued asset to our school.

2014
Work is commencing on our 2014 timetable. Currently Year 10 students have made their initial subject choices. Any student who has not done so should see Mr van den Berg as a matter of urgency. Once we have finalised what subjects will run in 2014 we will approach Year 8 students to discuss elective options. Of the three electives one is known as a 100 hour course and is only studied in Year 9, while the two other electives continue into Year 10.

Ian Davies
Principal

ABORIGINAL AND TORRES STRAIT ISLANDER
SIGNIFICANT DATES

4 August – National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children’s Day
National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day (NAICD) is an annual event celebrated on 4 August each year, having been established by the Secretariat of National Aboriginal and Islander Child Care (SNAICC) in 1988. Each year, SNAICC has a theme for Children’s Day to highlight a significant issue, concern or hope for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander children. SNAICC encourages all Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander community organisations, mainstream child and family welfare services, government agencies, schools, preschools, child care services and any organisations with an interest in children to celebrate National Aboriginal and Islander Children’s Day.

9 August – International Day of the World’s Indigenous People
The United Nations’ (UN) International Day of the World’s Indigenous People is observed on August 9 each year to promote and protect the rights of the world’s Indigenous population. This event also recognises the achievements and contributions that Indigenous people make to improve world issues such as environmental protection.
English Extension 1 Study Day, Sydney.

A small group of determined and peripatetic HSC Extension 1 students and their teacher took the opportunity to attend an English Study Day in Stanmore, Sydney over the first – and very wet -weekend in June last term. They were part of a very large state-wide group of students. The first morning session provided an overview of the final exams and the criteria applied to the marking, with special focus on some of the Electives.

The remaining two sessions covered the specific Electives. The presenter, Jenny Levitus, not only gave a great elucidation on “Navigating the Global”; she also gave a special welcome to the Kadina people, letting us and the rest of the audience know what a great place Kadina High had been to work in some 15 years ago.

Jenny, who now teaches at SCEGGS, Darlington, gave a very useful outline on how best to structure the final Essay in order to balance the prescribed texts and the texts of the students’ own choice. She reinforced the framework from which the students’ own texts could be chosen, and provided an extensive list of thinkers on globalisation and how their work can be connected to other writers and composers. In the final session, she provided invaluable advice and scenarios for the second question in the exam, the Imaginative Recreation.

Weather aside, the Study Day turned out to be an enjoyable confidence-booster and motivator for all of us who attended, and also of great use for those students who were unable to attend but who have benefitted from the resources provided.

*Lars Norberg, English Teacher.*

Debate Training Day for Year 8 Teams

The Year 8 Debating teams underwent a training day in Term 2 to focus on the skills of debating. They learned about defining the topic and the scope of the debate. They refined their understanding of the roles of all the speakers and focused on some graphic organisers to help their teamwork in the limited preparation debate. At the end of the day they played against each other on a practice debate. Everyone seemed to enjoy the mental stimulation, and everyone had plenty to say!

*Mrs Julie Bryant, Debating Coach*

Oakley McMahon, Wesley Lingard, Alanna Waters and Beatrice Hogan working hard on their skills.

Hannah Oliver, Paris Gibson and Amos Voltz working hard at the training.
Year 8 Debaters Do Us Proud

Kadina’s Year 8 Red Debate Team has played its early rounds over recent weeks. They narrowly lost at Casino High, but found their reward playing against Richmond River High School Blues in Round 2. Unfortunately Round 3 was a forfeit against Richmond River High Reds so at the moment anything could happen in the competition. So as not to lose the pleasure of arguing though, Kadina Red and Blues Team battled it out in front of their classmates, gaining extra experience as they did so. They are really developing confidence and skill and represented the school proudly.

The team was Oakley McMahon, Wesley Lingard, Emily Yee and Beatrice Hogan and as seen below they look great in the part!

*Mrs Julie Bryant, Debating Coach*

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NEW ROLL MARKING SYSTEM

Kadina High School has embraced a new electronic roll marking system. All rolls at Kadina high School are now marked using an online platform that includes student photographs and attendance information. The system can be accessed by any computer connected to the internet as well as smart phones or tablets. Kadina High School is one of the few schools in the area that is using an electronic roll marking system and is leading the way in innovative and intelligent ways of tracking student progress and attendance data. The system will soon be able to SMS parents if their student is away from school while also providing students with a way they can access their own timetables and subjects selections through the use of their personal devices.

*Mr Jesse Flanagan, Teacher*
Nations of Origin

Students from four local high schools made up the PCYC Bundjalung Under 16 girls rugby league team that participated in the inaugural Nations of Origin tournament in Dubbo during the holidays. Below are some pictures of the boys and girls squads and the staff that accompanied the teams. Kadina High was represented by girls’ team coach Mr Ippolito, girl’s trainer Kaleesha Rhodes and players Sophie Haynes and Chloe Bird.

Both teams made it through to the semi-finals and proudly represented the Bundjalung Nation. Congratulations to all who played and helped out with the teams.

Mr Mark Ippolito
**Paws In The Park - 2013**

**When:** Sunday August 4th 2013  
9.30 am – 1.00 pm  
Lismore Rugby Union Grounds, off Brunswick Street

This is a fabulous fundraising dog walk organised by Keen Street Vet Veterinary Clinic in Lismore, with the day's takings being donated equally between Animal Welfare League and Northern Rivers Animal Services. The day starts with registering at Davidson Oval (off Dendem St, behind Trinity Catholic College and the PSC), and then a gentle walk over to the Rugby Union Grounds off Brunswick St Lismore.

There is an entry fee (or gate fee if you wish to enter but not walk) of $10 per dog.

The charity fun day is planned for dogs and their humans to spend time socialising, exercising and participating in some fun activities throughout the morning. There will be morning tea and a BBQ run by the Northern Rivers Wildlife Carers, with profits from the cancer going to this wonderful group. Paws in the Park also aim to promote responsible pet ownership and the safe co-habitation of cats and dogs with our wildlife.

There will be prizes for the many competitions and games being staged. A fun day for all! Please contact Keen St Vet Clinic (0651 9811) or myself on behalf of NRAS for further information.

Thank you!

Michelle Brown  
Northern Rivers Animal Services  
nras@live.com.au  0411 1860

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1-2-3 Magic and Emotion Coaching Parenting Program by Thomas Phelan

1-2-3 Magic & Emotion Coaching is a three session parenting course, designed by Thomas Phelan, a Clinical Psychologist.

The free program offers parents and caregivers effective ways to better manage difficult behaviour in children 2 to 12 years of age by:

- Introducing parents to the latest information on emotional development and how to use self regulation techniques to manage strong emotions.
- Providing strategies for parents to strengthen their relationship with their children and enhance their enjoyment of parenting.
- Using an easy to implement counting technique which can assist children to make better choices.
- Achieving better results with less talk and less stress.

Our next 1-2-3 Magic parenting program will be on:
When: Tuesdays August 27, September 3 & 10 (3 weeks)
Time: From 10am to 12:30pm
Where: At Family Support Network, 143 Laurel Ave, Lismore (see map below)
Bookings essential: Phone 6621 2489 to book your place or to find out more information.
**Kadina Uniform Prices**
Available from the Canteen

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Are you eligible?
You could receive the Schoolkids Bonus if you have a child in primary or secondary school, or you are a primary or secondary student, and you receive one of the following payments:

- Family Tax Benefit Part A
- Youth Allowance
- Disability Support Pension
- ABSTUDY Living Allowance
- Carer Payment
- Parenting Payment
- Special Benefit
- Education allowances under the Veterans’ Children Education Scheme and Military Rehabilitation and Compensation Act Education and Training Scheme.

Children in preschool are not eligible.

Bonuses are paid January and July
The Schoolkids Bonus will automatically go into your bank account in January and July every year. You don’t have to keep receipts or fill out any forms – just let Centrelink know if your or your child’s details change.