



KOJONUP DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL

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KDHS STUDENT LEADERS 2018

Congratulations to the following students who have been chosen to represent our school for 2018



School Captains

Lachlan Trezise, Sophie-Lee Haenga, Josie Simpson
(absent Mathew Pitt)



Student Council

Back: Lachlan Trezise, Sophie-Lee Haenga,
Crystal Howell, Jacob Hart, Patrick Crapella
Front: Josie Simpson, Mitchell Hills,
Sarah Cussons, Pippa Radford
(absent Mathew Pitt)



AQUILA

Zac Morrison-Gianatti, Chantelle Evans
Montana Arnold
(absent Blake Simons)



HERCULES

Niwhai Tioke, Harmony Gissing,
Megan House, Matthew Vermeer



PHOENIX

Isobelle Venn, Piper Daly
Bayley Marinoni
(absent Jayman Chesson)

KDHS WELCOMES OUR NEW STAFF 2018



I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself and thank the Kojonup community for such a warm welcome to the town.

When my contract at Meekatharra DHS came to an end in 2017 I decided to look for a new challenge! I had not previously worked in the South West but my husband is originally from Busselton so I already had an idea of the landscape and climate. The Principal position at Kojonup DHS became available late in 2017, and after some research I decided that this was an opportunity too good to pass up and I applied for the job. I was fortunate in winning the position and so began the preparations to move my family to Kojonup.

After a few weeks of living in a motel room our truck of furniture finally made it to town on 28th January (a lovely birthday present for my husband Wayne)! My 10 year old son Flynn loves

his new teacher, Mrs Bignell, and has already made friends with some of the boys in his class.

I am looking forward to working with the students, parents and staff at Kojonup DHS to build on the successes so far and create a high quality educational facility that parents choose to send their children to.

Clare Roser, Principal KDHS

Hi All, my name is Clive Reardon and I am privileged to be appointed the substantive Primary Deputy Principal at Kojonup District High School for the start of the 2018 school year.

I have been in a number of both primary and district high schools over the last 33 years as a classroom teacher and school administrator and was at Mt. Manypeaks PS last year.

I look forward to working along with staff and colleagues alike to move our school forward ensuring that we collectively are working towards improvement right across the school from K-Yr. 10.

If you have any questions, queries, concerns or opinions on how we can work together to make our school better, please let us know.

As they say in the Early Childhood sector of our school, "Thank you for listening to my very interesting story".....

Cheers,

Clive Reardon



My name is Kate Forrester and I have been lucky enough to be appointed as one of the Year 2 teachers at KDHS. As an 'old collegian' of KDHS, I am well aware of the close-knit, caring environment that this school offers and the array of highly experienced teachers (many of which were my teachers back in the day!!) that have already given me so much support.

I completed my Bachelor of Primary Education specialising in special needs at the University of Notre Dame, Fremantle. As this is my first year out of university, I'm really excited to be living in my hometown and moving back in with my parents, it's nice not having to go home every night and having to cook dinner!!

I'm really looking forward to meeting more of the KDHS school community and spending this year with my lovely Year 2 class.

Kate Forrester

My name is Paul Frick. I am joining the KDHS staff as a new and improved Mr Mac (but only for 12 months), as he lays on a desert island sipping Mai Tais. I will be looking after Design and Technology, Physical Education and Farm, for the secondary students. After a long career as a tennis coach, that has taken me around the world, I have retrained as a teacher, landing on the sunny shores of Kojonup. I grew up in Perth and my mother is sporting a wide grin as she grew up as a farm girl and is chuffed that I am in a rural community. I am a keen sportsman and musician and hope to meet as many of you out and about as possible, in what I've heard is the town that boasts Australia's largest number of clubs per capita.

Paul Frick



FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Clare Roser

It was fantastic to see everyone prepared for the 2018 school year. Teachers were excited to be meeting their new groups and students entered classrooms and settled to the planned activities quickly and smoothly.

We have some new staff to welcome this year. Mr Paul Frick is replacing Mr McDonald for 2018 while he takes some well-deserved leave and Ms Forrester has taken on the role of Year 2 teacher in the Primary school. Mr Reardon also joined the Administration team this year as Primary Deputy Principal.

Our focus for 2018 will be to consolidate the progress we have made over the last two years and to move into a new cycle of planning and development of goals for the future. The staff recently spent two productive school development days working on a new Strategic Plan to carry us through to 2020. This plan will be shared with our School Council soon.

At the school level it will be business as usual with a very clear focus on meeting the needs of all students and ensuring that ALL STUDENTS ARE SUCCESSFUL. This means, raising the academic, behaviour and attendance standards, and with that, expectations across the school. High expectations and high standards for all.

Those parents who attended our information sessions in Week 3 will hopefully have had the opportunity to speak to their child's class teacher and now have an understanding of the classroom expectations and activities for the year ahead. Teachers are currently in the process of developing individual plans for some students and will contact you over the next few weeks to explain any adjustments being made to their learning program. If you should have any queries or questions regarding your child's progress please follow the process as outlined below:

Some useful tips

- Try to identify the problem clearly before going to the school. If there is more than one problem, list them to ensure that the extent of the problem is clear to the school.
- Decide whether the problem is a query, a concern or a complaint. This will help in finding a solution.
- Make an appointment to talk with the teacher at a mutually convenient time. This can be arranged through the school office. If your concern is about the conduct of a staff member, you may prefer to discuss the matter with a school administrator or, the Regional Executive Director if your complaint involves the principal.
- Try to stay calm. Even if you don't feel it, being calm will help to get your concerns across more clearly than if you are upset or angry. It may help to take someone with you.
- Please do not leave your complaints until the end of the year. It is really important to deal with any situation as soon as it occurs. That way we will be able to nip issues or concerns in the bud.

SCHOOL COUNCIL MATTERS

I encourage parents to become involved in the school and assist in aspects of planning that requires School Council input. For more information please contact either Vicki House, Council Chairperson, myself or refer to the following extract from the School Council's Terms of Reference. It states that:

a) The Council is formed with the fundamental purpose of enabling parents and members of the community to engage in activities that are in the best interests of students and will enhance the education provided by the school.

b) The Council has the following powers and duties

i) to take part in:

- 1) establishing and reviewing from time to time, the school's objectives, priorities and general policy directions;*
- 2) the planning of financial arrangements necessary to fund those objectives, priorities and directions;*
- 3) evaluating the school's performance in achieving them; and*
- 4) formulating codes of conduct for students at the school;*

ii) to determine in consultation with students, their parents and staff a dress code for students when they are attending or representing the school;

iii) to promote the school in the community;

iv) to approve:

- 1) charges and contributions for the provision of certain materials, services and facilities under section 99(4) of the School Education Act;*
- 2) extra cost optional components of educational programmes, under section 100(3) of the School Education Act;*
- 3) items to be supplied by a student for use in an educational programme, under section 108(2) of the School Education Act; and*
- 4) any agreements or arrangements for advertising or sponsorship in relation to the school under section 216(5) of the School Education Act;*

v) to provide advice to the principal of the school on:

- 1) a general policy concerning the use in school activities of prayers, songs and material based on religious, spiritual or moral values being used in a school activity as part of religious education; and*
- 2) the implementation of special religious education under section 69(2) of the School Education Act;*

vi) with the approval of the Minister or the Director General, as the Minister's delegate, to:

- 1) take part in the selection of, but not the appointment of, the school principal or any other member of the teaching staff under section 129(2) of the School Education Act;*

The first School Council meeting is on Wednesday 14th March 2018, at this meeting we will determine how many community positions need to be filled and a nomination form will then be made available.

P&C

The next P&C meeting is on Monday 19th March 2018. This will be the AGM and a number of executive positions will become vacant. The P&C play a major role in raising funds and assisting in school activities. Please come along to the meeting and support the P&C in any way you can.

Again, welcome back and thank you for getting your children organised for the start of the new school year.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS 23rd February 2018



PRIMAY

Thomas Bilney
Tona Watene
Kataraina Watene
Max Ladyman
Raevin Tunui
Cooper Watson
Blake Simons

Olivia Kelly
Brooke Milne
Sophie Zacher
Eloise Plowman
Ebony Reid
Ewan Macfarlane
Ethan Sutcliffe

Hunter Herbert
Tess Webb
Amy Leitch
Harry Hart
Layla Hook
Jazz Pedersen
Stephanie Ladyman



SECONDARY

Isaiah Reid
Patrick Crapella
Elyssa Sutcliffe
Chantelle Evans
Riley McIlree
Beau Baker

Mathew Pitt
Nathan McShane-Walker
Zac Morrison-Gianatti
Tara Coole
Tahlia Schinzig

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Caitlin Thomas
Megan House
Jacob Hart



SCHOOL ABSENCES

Kojonup DHS have many options for parents/caregivers to inform the school if their child/ren are going to be or are absent from school.

- Message you Schools. You will receive a text from the school if your child/ren is marked absent on the roll call. All that is required is a reply message from the receiver indicating reasons for absence.
- Written note to class teacher.
- Telephone call to the front office 98312 300.
- Email to Noelene.Fleay@education.wa.edu.au
- Absence from school letter, please complete, sign and return to the front office ASAP.

Thank you for your co-operation in this matter.

KOJONUP DISTRICT HIGH SCHOOL P & C AGM

Monday 19th March 2018

7:00pm KDHS Library

Nominations for secretary, treasurer and committee positions will be called for. Any inquiries please phone Julie Parker, 0437 336 268.

2018 SCHOOL PHOTOS THURSDAY 5TH APRIL 2018

Please make sure your child/ren come to school in their school uniform.

Class Photos/Portraits: Every Student will have their photo taken, whether they are purchasing photos or not, for the school's pictorial history.

- The school has chosen to use the online ordering system. **Coming home today is your child's online ordering instruction slip and a unique student code for you to follow and place your order online via the internet.**
- The expiry date for online ordering is the **11.04.2018**. Any orders received after this date are treated as re orders and will incur a \$30.00 reorder charge on top of your order you wish to purchase. You can email your order request through to reorders.perth@mshp.com.au or call our office on 08 9240 8000
- **Family Photos:** Envelopes can be obtained from the front office.
- Please ensure that your family envelope with enclosed payment is handed to the front office.
- Please note: The Photographers are not permitted to open the envelopes and cannot provide change.

Special/Sports Group Photos:

- If your child is in a group photo, ie: School Captain, Sports Captain, you will receive a link and password to the online gallery after photo day, where you can view and order these photos if required. These photos will be packed and delivered with the school's bulk order.

Please Note: Class Groups, Individuals and Family Photos are not available to view online

YEAR 7 ORIENTATION CAMP



The Year 7 Orientation Camp started with a small hiccup of a flat tyre, however, soon the students were underway on their first high school camp and they were heading for the Stirling Ranges Retreat. The boys were keen to get their tent up as soon as we got there and with the dry summer ground putting up resistance to the tent poles they had to use all their might to drive the pegs in, which worked well even driving through a water pipe just below the surface! A couple of spades, a joiner and a barrier to divert the water course from the camp area the tents were up and it was time to head off to Mt Trio.

The climb was a gruelling one but the views from the top were nothing short of spectacular and every single student made it up to see them. All the teachers could not have been prouder of their effort, perseverance and the support they gave each other to get there. When we were all back down we had some afternoon tea, which had been provided by the Home Ec classes and then back to camp for a swim in the salt water pool. Everyone wanted to stay up late and chat the night away after the first day of camp, but after the evening quiz it was soon apparent that no one could keep their eyes open a moment longer and the call of a calm clear night and comfy swags soon had everyone sound asleep.

The second day started with a hearty breakfast of eggs, bacon, pancakes, cheesies, cereal and juice before heading to the Porongurup's. Our second days walk was to the spectacular Castle Rock and Granite Skywalk and, again, we were blessed with clear views and perfect weather. All students, once again, made it to the top and they can be super proud that they didn't give up.

Still on Day 2, we hopped back on the bus and headed to Denmark. It was 30 degrees when we got there and the afternoon was set for paddle boarding, kayaking and swimming at the River Mouth Caravan Park. After a quick shower we went on a river cruise taking us up through the township of Denmark and then back out onto the Wilson Inlet. We could not have asked for a more perfect afternoon and the evening was so beautiful that we walked along the river banks to the amphitheatre near town and learned how to play space jump and performed skits by torchlight. By the time we got back to the camp site it was time for bed and about 1.30am the rain started...

It wasn't just drizzling, it was pouring and soon the boys' tent was flat and they were making a mad dash to the kitchen area to roll out their swags, the girls managed to keep their tent up and everyone was pleased to have breakfast, pack up and look forward to another adventure which, for many, will be a once in a lifetime opportunity. Day 3 meant abseiling day! The first group headed up to Monkey Rock which is located $\frac{1}{2}$ way up Mt Hallowell near Denmark. There were four separate abseils to practice, the last two being a 15m rock face and a 30m two part abseil. Our instructors Stuart and Zed spoke to the students about widening their comfort zones and pushing through any fears they may have in hopes of becoming more resilient. The other group went down to Elephant Rock, some were brave enough to swim and the others explored and played beach cricket, each group rotating at lunchtime.

We all climbed many mountains, we all pushed ourselves to our physical limits and we all made it back in one piece. Many schools no longer have camps; many students never leave the city or area they are born in; most of the Year 7 students had never been to the Stirling Ranges or Porongurup's - let alone climbed them and maybe they never would have. They all did it together, as a team and that means something; they relied on each other for meals, they taught each other how to set up a camp and they gave each other emotional and physical support time and time again and that's how bonds are formed and friendships are made.

Thank you everyone who helped support this camp, in particular Mr Frick for his organisation and Mr Terry for driving the bus and the million little things he does to make things run smoothly.

Kate Fleay



MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC

The School Dental Service provide **FREE** general and preventative dental care to all school children from Pre-Primary to the end of Year 11 or until they reach the age of 17 years. We are currently enrolling all new students. Please return your enrolment forms to school as soon as possible, even if you do not wish to have your child enrolled. If you have changed address or phone number, please let us know; we may not be aware of any changes and you will **NOT** receive your appointment. We will be at Kojonup DHS Monday 12th March and will be seeing students from Tuesday 13th March. For further questions please phone us on 0400 612 364.

Dental Therapy Staff

SCHOOL TRAFFIC WARDEN - VACANCY

The position of School Traffic Warden is vacant. Job details will be advertised in the Koji News shortly. For more information on the position please contact Mrs Christine Norris at the Kojonup Police Station, 9831 2555.

Until the position is filled, a representative from the school will watch the students cross the road safely but are legally **NOT** able to stop the traffic to allow the students to cross the road.

BLUE LIGHT DISCO

The first Blue Light Disco for 2018 will be held on Friday, 16th March 2018.

Place: Kojonup Memorial Hall

Time: 6:30pm-8:30pm

Ages: 0 - 15 Years

Cost: \$3.00 (KINDY KIDS AND PARENTS FREE ENTRY)

Canteen: Drinks, Chips, Lollies & Novelties.

Special food requirements or medical conditions are not the responsibility of organizers.

Drop off and pick up required. Kojonup/Katanning Bluelight phone: 9831 2555

TERM PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
6	5 LABOUR DAY	6 Kindy Day Yr 10 OLNA Testing	7 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	8 Kindy Day	9 Yr 8 – 10 Wagin Woolarama Excursion – Good Standing Only
7	12 School Psychologist	13 Kindy Day	14 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	15 Kindy Day	16 Inter-School Swimming Carnival Lake Grace – Good Standing Only
8	19 Kindy Day School Psychologist P&C Meeting 7:00pm School Library	20 Kindy Day	21 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am GRIP Leadership Conference Albany	22 Kindy Day	23
9	26 School Psychologist	27 Kindy Day	28	29 Kindy Day	30 GOOD FRIDAY
10	2 APRIL EASTER MONDAY	3 EASTER TUESDAY	4 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am Yr 8 & Yr 10 Immunisation	5 Kindy Day Newsletter SCHOOL PHOTOS	6 Primary Cricket Katanning
11	9	10 Kindy Day	11 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	12 Kindy Day	13 Yr 1 Mrs Watson/Mrs Tuckett Whole School Assembly 2:15pm LAST DAY OF TERM

KOJONUP PLAY AND LEARN PARENT SURVEY

Our local day care centre is looking for feedback on what we are doing well and any suggestions for improvement. If you have recently finished using day care, currently have children enrolled or are a community member who would like to complete the anonymous survey please click on the link below.

Thanking you in anticipation

Link is:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/RHDMSPW>