



DENISON COLLEGE OF SECONDARY EDUCATION KELSO HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Matthew Carter and his lawyers Jarrod Grabham, Donna Jo Mair and Nick Leek

Mock Trial Win for Kelso Students

The second round of this State wide competition saw the Kelso High team travel to Orange on Wednesday 24th March to compete against St John's College of Dubbo.

We were the defence in a civil case whereby our client Mr Ken Steele (Matthew Carter) was being sued for negligence as a result of a road accident. The Plaintiff claimed that Mr Steele had been negligent as he had stopped his Land Rover on a bridge without warning and that the plaintiff who was travelling behind on a motorbike had no opportunity to avoid crashing into it. He claimed \$20,000 compensation for pain and suffering. Our claim was that the motorbike rider was travelling at an excessive speed and not taking due care and that Mr Steele had given sufficient indication that he was going to stop.

Our skilled barristers, Jarrod Grabham and Donna-Jo Mair prepared convincing opening/closing addresses and were very effective in asking questions of our witnesses and cross-examining the witnesses from the other team. They were ably assisted by Nicholas Leek, who as solicitor had the role of preparing pre-trial notes, giving advice during the course of the trial and making notes of the proceedings.

The witnesses for our side, Matthew Carter and Amelia Meurant learnt their scripts and coped admirably with intense cross-examination from the opposing barristers. Heidi Annand assisted the magistrate by keeping time, exchanging witness statements and recording objections.

The magistrate found that our client Mr Steele had caused the accident but he decreased the damages awarded by 25% as we were able to successfully argue that the Plaintiff's behaviour and lack of attention to the road

P&C News

At our AGM last meeting a new committee was voted in and consists of the following people in the following positions.

President - Roni O'Connor

Vice President - Sharlene Bingham

Vice President - Scott Shurmer

Secretary - Michelle Bolt

Treasurer - Kiri Armstrong

The new committee as well as other members of the P&C would like to thank the outgoing committee members for their hard work and commitment to the school community.

Fundraising

We still have for sale the Lip Balms, these are being sold for us by the SRC and come in 4 flavours. They sell for \$4.00 a pot.

We are again selling pavers that the students, staff, parents, former students may purchase. They are \$30.00 per paver and an order form is attached to this newsletter or can be picked up at the front office. These are a great memorial to add to our school. When laid at the front of the school along the path will serve as a reminder of the people who have been part of the school community.

The P&C would like to thank every family who attended the Welcome to Year 7 BBQ. The event was very well attended and everyone got to enjoy some fantastic music by the Year 12 rock band and Gabbi Bolt, some inspiring circus performances, all whilst sipping a cold drink and eating sausage sandwiches. We hope to make this an annual event.

Our next meeting is on the 12th of May at 7.30pm in the Admin building, all are welcome.

Looking forward to working in 2010 for KHC,
Roni O'Connor and the 2010 committee members.

Important Dates

29th March	Japanese school visit (2 days)
1st April	Last day of Term 1
19th April	School Development Day
20th April	First day of Term 2

also contributed to his injuries. More important than the outcome of the case is the point score in the trial. Each member of the team is awarded points based on their performance in their allocated role and Kelso High were victorious 214 points to 203.

The team needs to thank Mr Carter who assisted with transport to Orange, Mr Michael Schwab from McIntosh, McPhillamy and Co. Solicitors who willingly gives of his time to coach the students in the finer points of the law and Mr Toby Tancred from Whiteley, Ironside & Shillington Solicitors in Orange who acted as the magistrate for this trial. Thanks also go to Heidi and Amelia who filled in for the team at short notice when other students were unavailable.

The next round of the competition will be held early Term 2.

Mrs Poole

School Development Day – Term 2

Parents are reminded that school will resume for all students on Tuesday 20th April. On Monday 19th April students are not required to attend as it is a School Development Day. On this day teachers will be engaged in professional learning with a focus on integrating technology into teaching and learning.



Pouring water in a good cause at the study skills day

Preliminary Study Skills Day

Both Campuses of Denison College came together for a Study Skills Day at Charles Sturt University. Guest speaker Hugh Whitfeld (Prime News), spoke to Year 11 students about his experiences of finding his goal and achieving it. Year 11 asked worthwhile questions. Hugh gave the students some ideas to think about, the main one being that they are in control of their future, and they need to take it with both hands.

The second part of the day was devoted to study skills and time management. Students investigated some specific ideas for planning how to use time for study. The groups worked through study ideas, for different subjects.

After a lunch of pizza and soft drink, Year 11 broke into groups to work on some team building activities. Students had to work together to fill a leaky pipe and float the rubber duck out the top and walk on grass skis in a large groups. Students worked together well and had fun.



Kelso School Captain Alex Williams receives his High Achievers' Award

Denison College Reception for High Achievers

The Denison College Reception for High Achievers was held at Charles Sturt University in the James Hardie room. Students who gained a Band 6 in a School Certificate course or a Higher School Certificate course, highest sports achievers and highest achieving Koori students in 2009, were invited to be recognised for their achievement. Each student was presented with a Denison College High Achiever plaque and certificate acknowledging their achievement. Peter Harvey, School Education Director, gave an address to students and guests, and Associate Professor Ken Dillon Acting Dean, Faculty of Business Charles Sturt University, presented students with their awards. Charles Sturt University served afternoon tea to the students and guests.



Year 12 Debating team: Rebecca Williams, Lisa Griffith, Rohan Fahey, Alex Williams

Australia Needs an Education Revolution

On Friday 19th March the Kelso High Year 12 Debating team journeyed to Lithgow to take part in the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge. The topic for the debate was that "Australia Needs an Education Revolution". The Kelso team of Alex Williams, Rebecca Williams, Rohan Fahey and Lisa Griffith were pretty sure that the "revolution" was a bit of political spin and that what was really needed was gradual and considered reform. Despite putting our point of view forward in a systematic argument supported by great teamwork and a bit of impromptu singing of an old Beatles song the adjudicator wasn't convinced.

The debate went to Lithgow and Kelso goes on to the next rounds against Bathurst and Grenfell.

Try-a-Trade Roadshow



Hairdressing



Painting



Welding



Hospitality



Horticulture

Careers

On 2nd March, Year 12 students attended the annual Regional University Roadshow which was hosted at school. Representatives from CSU, the University of New England and Southern Cross University were present to provide students with information about courses, scholarships, study options, fees and scholarships.

On 4th March, the CWGA Try-a-Trade Roadshow had a highly successful visit to the school. Ten trades were represented each one having a separate area or table to demonstrate some basic trade skills.

Automotive students had an engine and tyres to work on while other students were involved in metalwork and MIG welding. Others tried their hand at tiling, hair braiding or cooking pancakes. The plumbers had a vanity unit and taps while horticulturists were involved in potting seedlings. Intending plasterers were shown how to repair cracked gyprock while those interested in the electronics trade built a circuit-board.

The feedback from Year 10 was extremely positive and many felt that they now had a broader idea of some more trade occupations.

Many thanks to Andrew Bourke, the staff and apprentices from Central West Group Apprentices and Bunnings who conducted workshops on the day.



The victorious Kelso Fire Cadet team

The Rural Fire Service Games were held on 24th March on the front oval and the Kelso High team were successful in gaining 1st Place in completion against teams from the Bathurst High Campus and LaSalle Academy. The RFS Commissioner, Shane Fitzsimmons AFSM, presented our students with their graduation certificates and the Cadet Champions Trophy. The RFS Cadet Program would not run without the tireless work of all the volunteer instructors from the Raglan and Eglinton brigades and the school acknowledges their efforts. The 2010 Cadet Program will commence in Term 3 as a sport option for Year 9-10 students.

Thinq Training is a local training company offering courses in Responsible Service of Alcohol (RSA) and the Responsible Conduct of Gambling (RCG). These courses provide an excellent foundation for Year 12 students seeking entry into the hospitality industry whether it be casual work while studying or part-time work to supplement their income while building a career. Thinq Training offers very competitive course costs. Please note that students do NOT need to be eighteen years of age to complete these courses. Contact Martin Cumming on 0419427155 or see Mr. Behan for more information.

Science/Agriculture

As the end of Term 1 fast approaches, students in Years 8-10 will be busy preparing and completing various assessment tasks that will contribute towards their overall achievement in both Science and Agriculture. The following list outlines the formal tasks that students are currently completing, together with the percentage weighting and the due date. In each case, students have been issued with copies of the tasks and necessary support material. If your son or daughter is having difficulty undertaking any of the tasks, they should seek assistance from their class teacher.

Year 10 Science: 'Scientific Investigation Project' – 20%, due 4/5/10

Year 10 Agriculture: 'Research Task' - 15%, due 26/3/10

Year 9 Science: 'Research task – Human Impacts'; 15%, due Tuesday 27/4/10

Year 9 Agriculture: end of term 1

Year 8 Science: 'Research task – Human Body' – 15%, due

If any student cannot submit the task (s) by the due date, they can apply for an extension through their class teacher. This will only be granted in genuine cases and must be accompanied with a note of explanation from their parents/care givers.



Year 12 Physics students at Mt Piper powestation

Year 12 Physics

On Thursday 4th March, Year 12 Physics students visited the Mt Piper Power Station to investigate the production and distribution of electricity. This excursion helped students to better fulfil the requirements of the Physics course and to further develop their understanding of the physics principles behind electricity generation. Year 12 Physics is a shared course, whereby students from both Kelso and Bathurst High Campuses study together at Kelso High Campus. All students had a most enjoyable and informative time.



Year 12 Physics students demonstrating their chook catching skills, using their knowledge of the physics principle of Newton's Law of inertia.



Year 11 Physicas students with their crash test cars

Year 11 Physics

Year 11 Physics have completed their first formal assessment task, designing and building a model car that will protect an 'egg' driver in a collision. Students used their knowledge of car safety features together with physics principles to incorporate crumple zones, air bags and seat belts into the design of their car to preserve the 'life' of the egg driver. There were some interesting designs with Sam Simson's car having the best crumple zone and Emily Sawaya's car having the the most innovative air bags. However, this was still not enough to protect the 'driver'. Congratulations to all students for their enthusiasm and effort.

2010 International Science Competition

All students from Years 7 to 12 are invited to participate in the 'International Competitions for Schools – Science' event to be held on Wednesday 9th June 2010. The competition is conducted by the University of NSW (UNSW). The tests are an excellent preparation for all external exams.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly and their score compared with the rest of the students tested. The UNSW certificate and individual student report are also suitable to include in a portfolio.

The entry fee per student is \$6.60 payable, together with the permission slip, at the administration office by Friday 7th May 2010



Year 10, 11 and 12 Visual Arts Excursion to Sydney

Senior Visual Arts Excursion

Every year the Art Gallery of New South Wales hosts an exhibition of the best artworks by Year 12 students called “Art Express”. The National Gallery of Australia (in Canberra) has an exhibition of Post Impressionist art from France.

On the 16th March, Ms Ash and Mr Hartmann led an intrepid band of Years 10, 11 and 12 art students down to Canberra and Sydney to see the exhibitions. Starting off at 6.14am they made their way to Sydney by train and then by bus to Canberra and then back to Sydney in the same day. The exhibition of Post Impressionists was worth it.

Day two began with a tour of the Art Gallery of NSW to see Art Express and the gallery in general. The group then walked to Circular Quay, dodging the bats in the botanical gardens, had lunch and then went for a gallery talk at the Museum of Contemporary Art.

The MCA exhibition was by Olafur Eliasson which involved sitting in a yellow lit room. The yellow light had the effect of making everything look like “black and white” and dark shadows look purple. The students went on to find a room full of white lego with which they could create art. The objects were added to the actual exhibition.

Thanks go to Mr Hartmann for organising the excursion.

Sydney Theatre Company

Ms McDowell took her HSC Drama class to see the Sydney Theatre Company’s production of “The Beauty Queen of Leenane” by Martin McDonagh. Students are studying the play and will have to write about it in their HSC examination. In Drama students need to be able to discuss in detail the production and staging details of the play. Students have been studying the play in class and will also perform scenes from the play.

The students met Ms McDowell in Sydney and after a brief confusion over where the Wharf Theatre was, managed to get to the theatre just in time to see the show. It was a terrific performance with cleverly constructed sets and great acting, though Ms McDowell believes the class’ Irish accents are every bit as good as those of the professionals.



Chantelle Weston and her prize winning boot

Art at the Royal Bathurst Show

Kelso High Campus students had success in the Art competition at the Royal Bathurst Show.

Chantelle Weston came 1st in the Under 19 Freestyle ceramic piece with her ceramic boot. She was also Champion Junior Ceramics exhibit.

Heidi Annand (2nd)Prize and Amelia Meurant (3rd) were placed in the Under 19 Any Other Craft – Appropriated Textiles and Fibre unit.

**Do you have 8 ply wool or yarn?
Do you have a pair of No.4 knitting needles?
Can you knit?**

Don’t worry if you can’t knit, we will teach you how to knit.

The Library is organising a knit-a-thon to make woollen blankets for charity in Term 2 at lunch times. We will be making blankets out of 10-inch squares of multicoloured wool.

For further information ask Mrs Christie-Johnson in the Library.



Kelso High Hospitality students

149 Not Out

Kelso High Campus students Grace A’Hearn, Laura Allen, Jess Nugent and Russell Nankervis provided the catering for 149 cricketers visiting Bathurst for the NSW Combined High School (CHS) Girls’ Cricket Championships.

The students are studying Hospitality (Certificate II Kitchen Operations) as part of their Year 12 course. They are required to “prepare, cook and serve food” and catering for the cricket championships was a wonderful opportunity to put their skills into practise.

The menu for the four days included caesar salad, ham salad rolls, pizza and servings of fruit salad and fruit juice. The food was fresh, healthy and much appreciated by the cricketers.

“The students achieved many competencies in mastering these numbers in catering and are one step closer to achieving their Certificate II,” said their teacher Kim Baker. “It was a great outcome for all concerned.”



Former Kelso High School captain and environmental activist, Ashley Bland came to speak to the school assembly about the environmental photography competition, Treesnaps

Stroevey’s Website Challenge: Number 7

<http://www.elogiq.com/games/spheres/play.htm>

Spheres: click on any sphere to erase it, and all connected spheres of the same colour. The gameboard will collapse and you will get points.



Year 11 Hospitality students

Stroevey’s Challenge: Number 158

Whodunnit

Pandora, Harry, Alec, Gemima and Geoffrey are animals in a zoo. The other day one of them ate an animal called Tabitha. Who ate her and what type of animal was it?

Solutions showing necessary working and your roll call group should be given to Stroevey. Prizes always on offer.

Stroevey’s Challenge: Number 157

There be a Sea Monster Here!

DCIUCQCSTCNCACICG

Starting at the letter G, navigate around the 7 Cs (seas) from right to left to find GIANT SQUID.

The winners were Cheyenne Smith (7), Chloe Fulthorpe (8), Louis Meurant (9), Alan Simmons (9), Maia Woolard (8), Dominic Masson (8) and Harley Hancock (8). Cheyenne wins the prize.



Year 12 doing their half-yearly examination

Facts, figures and fiction about the number 40

A ruby anniversary celebrates 40 years.

Originally the word quarantine meant a period of 40 days.

According to the Bible, the rain fell for 40 days and 40 nights during Noah’s flood.

Life begins at 40 is a catchphrase used by those who would like to be a little younger.

In Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream, Puck says, “I’ll put a girdle around the world in 40 minutes.” The Earth has a diameter of 12,756 km which gives it a circumference of about 40,000km. Therefore Puck would have to travel at 1000km per minute.

There are 40 rods in a furlong (ask your grandparents). A furlong is just over 200m.

Band Practice



The Year 10 girls who produced the "Love Bites" video

Love Bites Presentation

This speech was given before the video presentation of the rap song at school assembly.

Last year most the Year 9 students travelled to the Kelso Christian Centre to participate in a domestic violence and sexual assault workshop. There were representatives from Bathurst Police, the Women's Health Centre and other supportive groups around Bathurst.

The workshop reminded us that violence is unacceptable and we should not have to tolerate sexual abuse or domestic violence in our life. They provided us with information on how we can speak out and seek professional help, whether it's for ourselves or one of our friends. No one approves of physical abuse.

Did you know that 36% of females are physically assaulted each year, however only 19% report of being sexually assaulted.

At the end of the workshop a small group of students were given the chance to produce a rap song with a film company named Desert Pea Media. Together and with the help of the representatives from the "Love Bites" workshop, we thought of the song lyrics in relation to domestic violence and sexual abuse. We then filmed and recorded our new song.

We thoroughly enjoyed the process of making this short clip and would do it again if given the chance. You may look at this film we are about to show you and laugh, or think how ridiculous, but just stop and think for a second, think how those people feel than have been sexually assaulted or abused. It could be someone sitting next to you.

By Jess Seaman and Jazz Rae





High ropes

Year 7 Camp at Lake Burrendong

The opinions of students who went.

I had so much fun. It was cool to hang out with all our friends. My favourite activity was raft building and the leap of faith.

I liked camp because it had a pool and lots of fun activities.

We got to have cabins and we had fun on the medium ropes. It was good some teachers came too.

The activities were awesome and our instructor Tim was helpful and friendly.

I liked it.

Medium ropes are the best. Mini Olympics and Star Wars was fun too.

Camp was fun, I liked paintball.

I would rate it 9 out of 10. The things we did were ropes course, archery, raft building and paint combat. The night activities were a tiny bit silly.

I met so many new people.

The best part was Miss Lawson's girl talk.

Thanks to Miss Lawson and Miss Grives.

The high ropes were fun and challenging but my favourite was the initiatives.

The best bit was spending time with friends and all the lollies.

The best thing was that we played paintball. The fun thing was that I had a big balloon for Mr West to get him and the cabins were clean.

My favourite activity was raft building.

The teachers were nice teachers and lots of food. I like kangaroos.



Not quite so high ropes



Even more ropes

I really liked the activities and making new friends.

I liked archery the most.

When we had free time and went in the pool.

I had fun at camp.

I had to forfeit my knife and spoon, it was hard eating with just a fork but the rest of the camp was ok.

The mini Olympics were awesome.

Camp was fun but my cabin wouldn't let me go to sleep.

Medium ropes helped me conquer my fear of heights.

The beds were soft.

Camp was fun, I made new friends and my favourite thing was rock climbing.

I had my birthday at camp and I like archery.

My friends helped me along the low ropes course, they were very supportive.

The paintball was best.

I wish I could go back.

The food was great and the activities were fun.

The leap of faith because it was really fun climbing 5 metres high.



Mrs Whittaker demonstrating how it is done



Where in the world is Mrs Chopping?

SRE seminar on Forgiveness

Year 10 went ‘deep and meaningful’ on Friday afternoon to look at the important but overlooked topic of Forgiveness. Caitlin, James, Ashley Josh and Phillip kicked off the seminar with their views on forgiveness (thanks for the entertainment James). Then we heard the amazing story of Corrie Ten Boom - a survivor of the Nazi concentration camp who was able to forgive one of the soldiers that imprisoned her! We watched a short DVD that explained why forgiveness is important, what happens when you don’t forgive and how to treat serial offenders. Finally, we broke up into small groups to discuss all these issues and look at a particular part of the Bible that explains how God has forgiven us.

“You used to be far from God. Your thoughts made you his enemies, and you did evil things. But his Son became a human and died. So God made peace with you, and now he lets you stand in his presence as people who are holy and faultless and innocent.” Col 1:21-22 (CEV)



Year 7 SRC Representatives



Sam Scott-Palmer



Minna Annand



John Tomlinson



Breanna Clarke



Lachlan Hicks

Asthma Friendly Schools

Kelso High Campus is an Asthma Friendly School.

That means that aerosol deodorants and strong perfumes are banned. Roll-on deodorant is more effective against body odour.

Why?

One in four students and staff at our school are asthmatic.

Thankyou for keeping our school Asthma Friendly.

Asthma triggers:

- * Cold and flu
- * Exercise and activity
- * Smoke
- * Pollens or moulds
- * Animals or pets
- * Changes in the weather
- * Dust and dust mites
- * Deodorants and perfumes
- * Chemicals
- * Food and additives
- * Certain medications
- * Emotions

Knowing a student’s asthma triggers contributes to good asthma management.



by Kyla Turner

Squash Victories

Kelso High squash teams competed in the first two rounds of the CHS Squash competition in Orange and were too strong for their opposition. The girls' team comprising Lisa Griffith, Caitlin Baker, Jessica Whybrow and Alicia Auld were each victorious in their match against Orange High School with 3-0 wins.

The boys' match against Orange High School was much closer with Geoff Murphy and Harry Delaney, both showing the benefit of playing in the local senior competition at Bathurst Panthers, winning 3-0. However, Nathan Wright found his opposition too strong and lost 3-0. Jacob Soetens-Chidiac although losing 3-2 was able to secure victory for Kelso by winning two games. In the next round all boys proved too strong for Canowindra High School with the final tally 12 games to 1.

The girls will now play in the regional semi-final in Orange in Term 2, while the boys will also play in the semi-final either against Cowra or the strong Parkes team.

New Staff



Pawan Saini



Rex Cochrane

Kelso would like to welcome two new members of staff, Mr Pawan Saini who is the TSO (Technical Services Officer) in charge of maintaining the school laptop computers and Mr Rex Cochrane, who is the AEA (Aboriginal Education Assistant).

Kesh on Cricket

Some thoughts on the Ashes Tour.

Q. What is the height of optimism?

A. An English batsman putting on sunscreen.

Q. What is the English version of a hat trick?

A. Three runs in three balls.

Q. Why don't English fielders need pre-tour travel injections?

A. Because they never catch anything.

Q. What do you call an Englishman with 100 runs against his name?

A. A bowler.

Q. What is the English version of LBW?

A. Lost, beaten and walloped.

Q. Why are English cricketers cleverer than Houdini?

A. Because they can get out without even trying.

Indoor Soccer

Bathurst Indoor Sports Stadium

Ph 0402 762 237

Bathurstindoorsoccer.com.au

The following age groups play weekly on the following afternoons/evenings:

4/5/6s Tuesday afternoon

7/8s Tuesday afternoon

9/10s Tuesday afternoon

Men's Tuesday evening

11/13s girls Wednesday afternoon

11/13s boys Wednesday afternoon

14/16s girls Wednesday afternoon

14/16s boys Wednesday afternoon

Mixed Wednesday evening

(The above competitions are in school weeks only – we break for all school holidays.)

Cost: \$40 registration fee per player

\$5 per player per junior game

\$6 per player per senior game

Teachers by Lane Hanrahan



