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KELSO HIGH CAMPUS NEWSLETTER

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Year 10 Student Abbey-May Brown has lots to smile about. After only taking up swimming as a sport when she moved to Bathurst with her family, she soon realised it was something she loved.

Staff organised a special visit from ex-student and Paralympian Gold Medalist Rachael Staines to watch Abbey swim at the KHC Swimming Carnival back in 2016.

These two became fast friends and with Rachael seeing Abbey's talent as a swimmer, she became Abbey's coach and mentor.

With many hours spent in the pool training in the off season, Abbey has had outstanding results so far this year. She recently competed at the Western Carnival in the 100m Freestyle, breaking the record which has been held for 14 years.

Abbey will now compete at the State Carnival in April.







Better communication a key priority

At the parent focus group last year, one of the main concerns raised by parents was inconsistent communication. This is a key priority for us this year and we have a few strategies that we hope will lead to improvement in this area.

We are committed to improving the quality and reliability of information on the **Parent Portal**, including assessment schedules and copies of the tasks themselves. We are starting with Year 11 and 12 immediately and plan to transition to Year 9 and 10 by the end of 2017 and year 7 and 8 in 2018. (more information about the Parent Portal is provided in this newsletter)

We have employed a **Community Liaison Officer**, Louise Farmer, who is managing our communication processes. See a description of Louise's role in this newsletter.

We are working with the **Communication and Engagement Directorate** of the Department of Education who are undertaking some research at Kelso High Campus and some of our partner schools to provide feedback and recommendations for improvement.

Parent Focus Group:

We will be discussing these and other 2017 priorities at this term's parent focus group, which is happening on Tuesday 28 March in the Human Movement studio, starting at 5:15 for 5:30 with a finish time no later than 7:15. We will also be discussing the progress we made in 2016 with our school priorities. Everyone is welcome to attend. For catering purposes, we would appreciate you letting Louise know if you intend to come. Louise.farmer@det.nsw.edu,au

Parent/teacher night It was fantastic to see so many people at the parent–teacher night two weeks ago. It was a very worthwhile evening and had a great atmosphere. Thanks for the patience shown in waiting to see some of our teachers who ran over time with their bookings.

Enjoy the break This is the final newsletter for the term. I would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff for their professionalism and persistent effort in what has been a very busy but successful start to the year. I would also like to acknowledge our many students who continue to impress with their positive attitude and effort. I hope everyone has a safe and restful holiday break and an enjoyable Easter.

Top performances:

- Emilee Curran, Abbey May Brown and Tynan Robertson have qualified for state in swimming
- Year 12 and SRC leaders and supervising teacher Mrs McFarland and Mrs Jones participated in relay for life and raised \$1500. Well done also to Crimson Royale (involving KHC students
- Jackson and Ben Howle, Jacob Parker and Thomas Rodham who won the battle of bands.
- Our Open football teams who both had strong wins over Orange Boys: 4-1, Girls: 1-0. in Orange.
- Year 10 peer support leaders who were brilliant at the Year 7 camp 3 weeks ago. Year 7
 students who had fun and did the right thing. Thanks Ms Hardes, Ms Townend, Mr Le, Ms Dean, Mr Harlor
 and Blake Lawson
- Representatives of the 2016 girls and Boys football sides and cricket side who attended the Bathurst Sports Council awards night and were terrific ambassadors for KHC

Please give me a call or drop by to discuss anything concerning your child and Denison College, Kelso High Campus.

Mick Sloan

Principal.



Community Liaison Officer

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself to you all - some of you I have already met in and around the school and some families I'm yet to meet!

I'm very excited to be a part of the KHC community and am really looking forward to expanding and improving the way we communicate within the community.

The Community Liaison Officer role is a new position within the school and a very important one as we move into building the school profile and establishing new community partnerships.

One of the key areas we have been working on this term is improving the information in the Sentral Parent Portal. At the last Parent Focus group, the main suggestion for the school was to improve the way we communicate with our families.

We have added the following school applications to the portal to increase the information and service parents can now see and access with ease through the portal.

Some of the new features include:

Parent Bulletin – Messaging School Newsletter Online Payments Reports – Published in the portal Activities – School Excursions

The Parent Portal is a secured site so you do require a log-in to gain access. This would have been issued to you when your child started at KHC. However, if you require a new access code please contact the school to have one issued.

I have included more information and images throughout the newsletter for parents to get familiar with the Parent Portal; I will also be running a short on-line training session at the Parent Focus Group Tuesday 28th March. Everyone is welcome!

We are constantly looking at ways to improve our communication and engage with the school community.

I look forward to having a closer working relationship with our school families.

Please feel free to contact me at any time.

Louise Farmer

CLO

Information on our Parent Portal

Everything about a student at your fingertips

Schools generate an enormous amount of data - the challenge is to easily and effectively communicate relevant information to parents. Sentral's Portal can display information from other Sentral modules, such as the school's enrolment system, timetable, and other sources to provide a consolidated overview of the student, perfect for parent interviews or phone calls.

★ Parent portal

Sentral's parent portal provides parents with 24/7 access to their child's data. Parents can log in to access their child's report, attendance information and wellbeing details as well as updating family contact details.

★ Student portal

Sentral's Student Portal is a one-stop shop for everything your student community need. Using their current individual login for the school network, students can access their timetable, assessment marks, attendance history and reports from anywhere at any time.

Accessing the Parent Portal

Kelso High has made available parent access to their child/children's school records through our Sentral administration package. This will allow parents to view the following:

Daily notices

Timetables

Teachers

Classes

Attendance – daily, lesson by lesson, and percentage of class attendance. This is highly recommended if you have any concerns regarding your child's attendance.

Explaining student absences

Reports

Other features will be progressively added. Some of these will include:

- Calendar
- NAPLAN
- Messaging

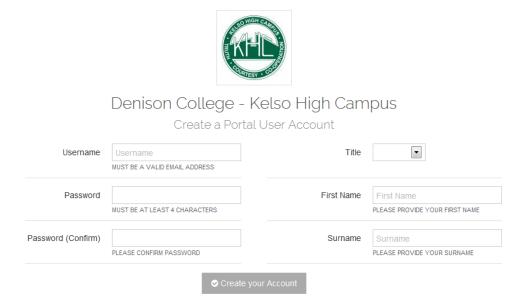
The following process needs to be followed to access the Parent Portal

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Go to this website:

http://web3.kelso-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal/register

and complete the simple registration form (only required to be done the first time)



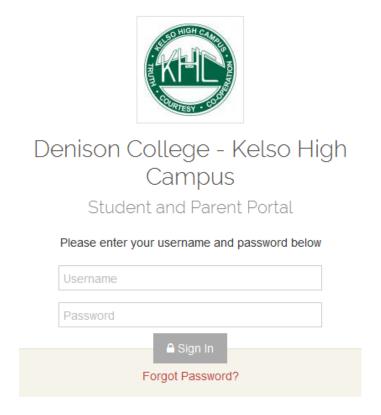
Keep your username and password safe. You will need these details to log in on future occasions.

To log into the Parent Portal

Go to this website:

http://web3.kelso-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/portal

and login using the detail you gave in the registration



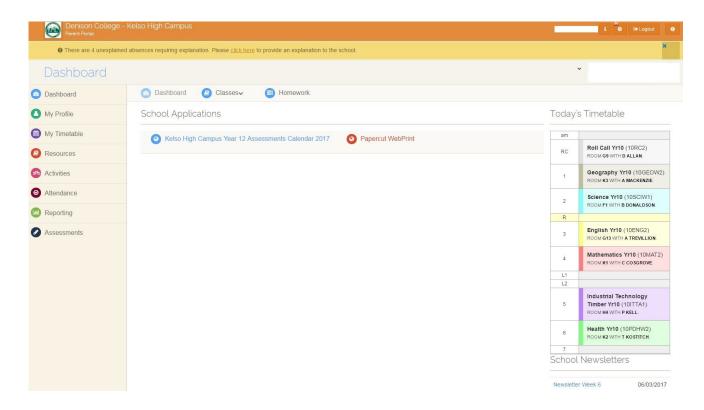
It is recommended that you bookmark this site in the Favourites of your Web Browser.

You will require a Family Access Code at your first login. If you do not have a Family Access Code please contact Mrs Farmer or Mr Neubeck at Kelso High Campus on 63314544. You will be required to verify your identity by being able to answer some specific questions to prove that you are the correct parent.

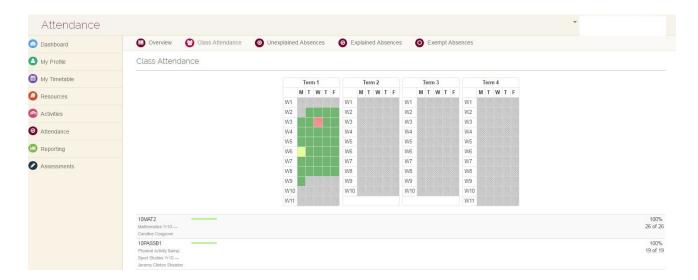
Different Access Codes can be given to separate parents / carers if required.

Welcome to the Parent Portal

Dashboard



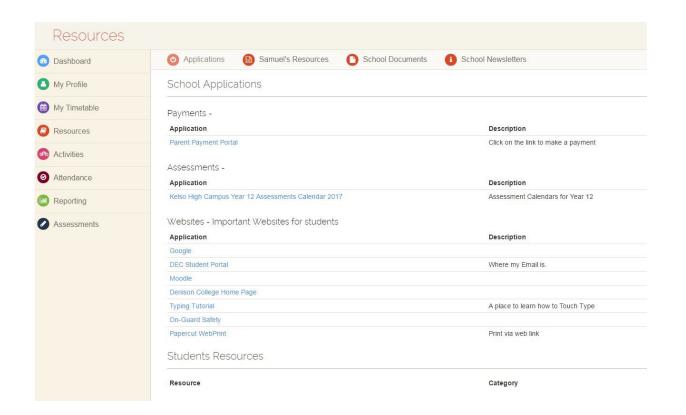
Attendance



Reporting



Resources



PARENT INFORMATION

Parent Focus Group

The first group meeting for 2017 is scheduled for Tuesday 28th March. All parents are encouraged to participate. For more information, please contact Louise Farmer—louise.farmer@det.nsw.edu.au / 6331 4544.

Merit Selection Training

Parents are invited to participate in this free training, . If you are interested in participating, please contact Louise Farmer—louise.farmer@det.nsw.edu.au / 6331 4544.

Wool needed

KHC Art department are calling for donations of knitting wool. It can be pure wool or acrylic, any ply, any colour. Donations can be dropped off at the front office.

Work Boots needed

Our Timber department is in need of large work boots if you have any laying around the house we would be happy to have them . Can be dropped off at the front office thank you.

• <u>Canteen Volunteers</u>

The School Canteen needs you!!! If you have a couple of spare hours during your busy week please help. For more information contact Anne Gittany 02 6331 4544

• What's coming up?

KHC Athletics Carnival—Friday March 24th

HSC Mid—Course Exams, weeks 10 and 11, term 1

Western Cricket Carnival - Monday 27 March, Brooke More Oval Bathurst, KHC v's Lithgow High

Hip-Hop Flash Mob Dance Workshop - Tuesday 28 March

Boys Tennis - Friday 31st March

Cirkus Surreal - Monday 3rd April, Mayfield Gardens

Sean Choolburra Live & Deadly - 4 April

Royal Easter Show Excursion—Thursday 6 April

HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).



PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website	Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room	Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
Take notes from a lecture or training session	Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet	Write a job application letter
Measure quantities to follow a recipe	Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual	Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD



Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

of for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLAN tests this year.



Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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Solution to Stroevey Number 226 What, no vowels?

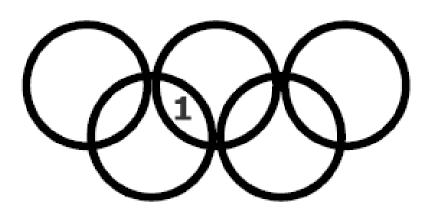
ANSWER

Cabbage, cauliflower, cucumber, courgette, carrot, celeriac.

Stroevey Challenge Number 227

MATH OLYMPICS

Place the digits from 1 to 9 in each closed area so that the sum of the digits in each complete circle is the same. 1 has already been placed.



Solutions showing necessary working & your roll call group should be given to Stroevey.

Prizes always on offer.

MATHSONLINE IN 2017? ONLY \$20,

In 2016 we were able to participate for the cost of \$20 per student, regardless of how many were interested.

In 2017, the Mathsonline company has said they will allow us to take advantage of the same offer!

So I have set up an account through the front office where you can register & pay for the 2017 Mathsonline program. I will then be able to issue logins and passwords.

Please consider if you would like to take advantage of this discount price (full membership is usually \$197), and if so, could you please pay at the front office

Maths Online is a high quality, independent online maths tutoring program based on Australian state curricula for Years 7 - 12. It was developed by experienced Australian teachers. The program features hundreds of fully animated and narrated maths lessons with over 15,000 exam-style questions to test a student's mastery of maths. It was provided free to every student in Australia.

Some of the features that this program has are as follows;

800+ Full lessons for each concept with a voice over and numerous examples of varying difficulty. Every lesson has a pause and rewind facility to help students grasp concepts at their own pace.

Every lesson has an accompanying printable lesson summary & worksheet to consolidate the concept, with full worked solutions provided also.

A student's ongoing use and progress in the program is stored for theirs and their teacher's perusal at any time. The program can be accessed from any internet ready site, not just at school.

The entire year 7 to 12 program is available to every student, not just their particular year group.

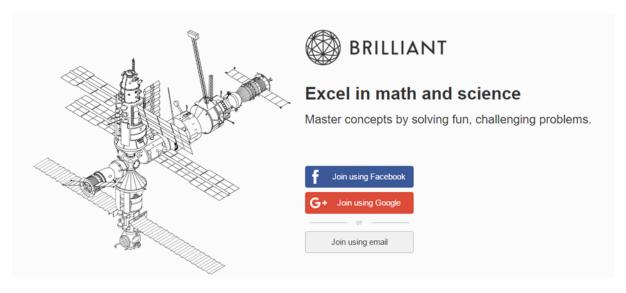
Given that the program covers most of the concepts that we teach, and as good as this resource is, the school wishes to make it clear that it was never intended by its creators to replace the work that our mathematics teaching staff already do. This program is best used as a support/supplement to the classroom teaching/learning experience.

If you wish to take advantage of this opportunity please pay \$20 to the front office.

Regards,

Hans Stroeve

From the Maths Faculty:



https://brilliant.org/

A great way to learn – challenge yourself.



Our next courses will be held on:

Thursday 6th April 2017 @ 5pm Saturday 22nd April 2017 @ 9am

LEARNER DRIVERS WHO COMPLETE THE COURSE WILL RECEIVE 20 HOURS OFF THEIR LOG BOOK.

ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST:

- Hold a valid NSW Learner Licence
- Be under 25 years of age
- Have completed 50 logbook hours (of actual on road experience and not credits gained under the 3 for 1 professional instruction scheme)

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