From the Principal’s Desk

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Welcome to the new school year with a special welcome to our Kalamunda family, for those joining us for the first time. 2014 promises to be an exciting year as we begin our fourth year as an Independent Public School and our 54th year as a school community. Following our outstanding 2013 External Review Report the staff and the School Board are developing our new School Business Plan for 2014-2016. The Plan will be ready by the end of Term 1 and will be posted to all families.

We are currently finalizing our progress against the 2011-2013 Targets and these will be included in the 2013 Annual Report, also available by the end of the term.

One of the main priorities for the year is planning for the arrival of Year 7 students in high school from 2015. We will have a double intake of Year 7 and 8 students, around 400 will join us next year. The Transition Committee, overseeing the planning, began its work in 2013 and we are well advanced in ensuring a smooth transition in 2015. We have appointed a 2015 Transition Coordinator, Ms Susan Archdall, who will work with primary schools, students and parents throughout the year.

School Patron
As Kalamunda enters its fourth year as an Independent Public School and develops a new three year Business Plan the School Board has looked to mark the occasion by appointing a School Patron.

The Board developed a set of criteria for the Patron which included, being a former student, having made a contribution to the local and Western Australian community and upholding the school values.

There were a number of possible candidates however the Board could look no further than Dr John Owen. Dr Owen who attended Kalamunda in the 1960’s has been an exemplary Western Australian for many decades. He is a leading orthodontist and carries out amazing voluntary dental work throughout the Kimberley region. You may recall Dr Owen was recognised for his contribution to Australian society by being appointed a Member of the Order of Australia in 2010. Dr Owen also keeps close contact with his old school and has for 24 years, awarded the John R Owen Encouragement Award to a Year 10 student.

We are delighted Dr Owen has accepted to become the inaugural School Patron for the next three years. He was introduced to the school community at the first assembly by Board Member Emeritus Professor David Jones.

Celebrating 2013 and welcoming in 2014 we recently had our first assembly for the year. We recognised the outstanding achievements of our Year 11 and 12 students from 2013 as well as presenting the new student leaders with their badges.

2013 Achievements:
• 99% graduation
• Top 10 Schools in Psychology 3A/3B

Year 12:
Sarah Hopkins - ATAR 98.3
Certificate of Distinction in Geography
Kaitly Stewart - ATAR 97.6
Remy McKay - ATAR 94
Leanne Usher - ATAR 94
Sarah Wallace - ATAR 93

Year 11:
ATAR Dux - Marco Trimboli
VET Dux - Tegan Allum
ECU Citizenship Award - Denzel Holt

2014 Student Leaders
Elections were held at the end of 2013 and we congratulate our incoming student leaders

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House Leaders

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| Captains          | Ben Donetta, Louise Fox |
| Year 11 House Rep | Rebekah Deaman         |
| Year 10 House Rep | Oliver Brousson        |
| Year 9 House Rep  | Cormac Healy           |

ORION

| Captains          | Rhys Howells, Bree Simmons |
| Year 11 House Rep | Ryan Harris              |
| Year 10 House Rep | Rhian Capon              |
| Year 9 House Rep  | Thomas Griffiths         |

PEGASUS

| Captains          | Daniel Todd, Sarah Greening |
| Year 11 House Rep | Anna Palma                |
| Year 10 House Rep | Brodee Kempton            |
| Year 9 House Rep  | Denholm Melrose           |

PHOENIX

| Captains          | Marco Trimboli, Amanda Shaw |
| Year 11 House Rep | Jack Reid                  |
| Year 10 House Rep | Tayah Reed                 |
| Year 9 House Rep  | Nahdarin Yahya             |

During Term 1 we will call for nominations for Year 8 Councillors and House representatives. This allows our newest students time to meet others from our 35 feeder primary schools.

Student Attendance
It is clear from educational research that a student’s academic success is strongly linked to student attendance. An attendance rate of less than 90% puts your child at risk. It is essential that they attend school other than when they are unwell or there is a family emergency. We were delighted that our overall attendance rate was 92.6%, well above the State average. However for some students there is still a need to improve their attendance.

It is unacceptable for a student to be absent for a holiday during term, especially those that involve one or two weeks when air fares maybe cheaper. These absences are...
unacceptable and students will lose their good standing for a period of time and are excluded from social and reward activities e.g. the School Ball.

If there are extenuating family circumstances necessitating a long absence from school these must be negotiated with the Manager of Student Services or the Heads of Middle or Senior School.

School Development Days (SDD) (Student free) for 2014

As an Independent Public School we have flexibility deciding our SDD. This flexibility allows us to make use of professional learning, planning and analysis opportunities throughout the year. To enable you to plan ahead these are our SDD for 2014.

NOTE: These days may not always match other schools and it is important that you send your children to school, even if other schools have a SDD.

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School Charges and Contributions

While we take pride in the achievement of our students it is disappointing to raise the issue of payments of school contributions and charges.

In 2009, 93% of Kalamunda families paid their fees. In 2012 this dropped to 71% and after a concerted effort in 2013 the collection rate had risen to 83%.

While it is pleasing that we showed a significant improvement from the low point in 2012, 83% still leaves the school with a shortfall of $71,000. This shortfall, coupled with over $400,000 reduction in government funding for 2014 is of concern.

I urge you to pay your 2014 charges and contributions to help your child’s education to be delivered at the highest possible level. A reminder that all the money goes directly to the learning areas for text books, photocopying, wood, cooking ingredients, computer software and resources to name a few items. A reminder also that all Year 11 and 12 charges are compulsory, as are those for high cost options in Middle School.

We offer time payment and direct debit and I ask you to contact the Business Manager, Jeni Jorritsma, to organise your payments for 2014. Thank you to those families who have already paid their fees or who have made arrangements to do so.

Staffing Matters

It is with sadness, appreciation and thanks that we recently farewelled Mrs Sharon Gamble. Mrs Gamble has worked in the office for the past 7 years as both my personal assistant and as a clerical officer. She has done an outstanding job and her wonderful and caring nature were a great asset to both staff and the whole school community. Mrs Gamble is moving to the United Kingdom to join her husband and we wish her well in her international adventure.

We welcome the following new staff to Kalamunda:

- Ms Susan Archdall
- Ms Jessica Bushby
- Mr David Eassie
- Ms Cristi Jonas
- Mr Rob Roper
- Mr Andrew Brennan
- Mr Marcus Roberts
- Ms Christine Pointon
- Mr Ari Gazeas
- Mrs Kathy Ritchie

Principal

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Associate Principal’s Report

Welcome to our new Year 8s – the class of 2014. I have been hearing all good things from your teachers and Mr Pettit about the way in which you have settling in. We hope that you are feeling comfortable in our Kalamunda School Community and are starting to get into a routine with your school work by now. Your Mentor teachers, who also teach you for one of your subjects, are there to help you should you have any questions or issues.

This year is an important one for our Year 9s. After settling in to high school, now is the time to make sure they are putting every effort into their studies. NAPLAN testing is held for this year group again and this time, more than ever, it is vital that students try their very hardest.

Testing dates are from Tuesday 13 May to Thursday 15 May and all students are expected to sit these tests. If you have any questions, queries or concerns about your child sitting these tests, please see me as soon as possible.

The reason this Year 9 testing has become so important is that for this cohort, they will be completing their WACE (Western Australian Certificate of Education) under the new conditions that begin in 2016. Under these new conditions, all students are expected to reach a minimum standard in literacy and numeracy. In fact those students who achieve a band 8 or above on any of the three tests (OLNA - Reading, Writing and Numeracy) will be exempt from that particular test and be recognised as already meeting that minimum standard for school graduation.

I would also like to draw your attention to some homework classes that run after school in Maths and English. Thank you to Mr West, Ms Connor and to those staff who volunteer their time to provide extra help to students.

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The school offers other academic support for students through our Academic Excellence Program, our Learning Centre, Follow the Dream (FTD) program, Aboriginal Tutorial Assistance Scheme (ATAS) and whilst these are targeted programs to identified students, we encourage all students to take full advantage of every learning opportunity.

This year we begin a preparation year for the transitioning of Year 7 students to high school. Our 2015 Transition Committee has been working hard and we will be keeping you updated along the way. A newsletter has been produced and sent to prospective students, parents and primary schools in our local area. If you would like a copy for your interest please pop in to the front office to pick one up.

Mrs Helen Deacon
Associate Principal
From the Board

Welcome back to all our staff, teachers and students! A special welcome to our new Year 8 students and their parents – the School Board hope that you find your educational experience at our School an extremely rewarding and memorable one!

We would also like to welcome and congratulate our two newly appointed Board members, Michelle Hutcheon and Nicole Dawson. Although it will initially be a steep learning curve for them, I am sure they will be valuable contributors in our decision-making process, to ensure that Kalamunda Senior High continues achieving high quality educational outcomes, for all our students.

The School Board is comprised of parents, community representatives and school staff. As Board meetings are open forums, parents and members of the public are also encouraged to attend if they are interested in understanding some key issues that are relevant to education and our School.

Over the year, different Board members will contribute information about themselves and what they feel they have to offer the School Community. Additionally, our Head Boy and Girl, Denzel and Adele will also have an opportunity to be featured in upcoming articles during the year.

Don’t forget that one of the roles of the School Board is to lead school community conversations about key issues and challenges in education. If you would like the opportunity to discuss important educational issues, please contact myself, or any other Board member. The school administration though, deals with all relevant school operational matters.

Have an awesome year…

Jennie Collins
Board Chair

P&C News

The KSHS P&C held their first meeting for the year and also their AGM on Thursday, 20th February. All positions were declared open and the following people have taken on these positions;

President; Katrina Todd
Vice President; Karen Dalton
Treasurer; Andrea Screaigh
Secretary; Position open, nominations are being sought.

Executive Committee;
Kathy Ritchie, Katrina Todd, Karen Dalton, Andrea Screaigh, Jane Bettony, Ivan Adriano, Debbie Greaves

Uniform Shop Committee; Megan Robinson
Canteen Committee; Peggy Steuart
Fundraising Committee; Jane Bettony

We are looking for a new Secretary, if anyone is interested please contact Megan Robinson.

Should anyone be interested in helping on any of the Sub Committees please email one of the Committee Members. All are very welcome.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday, 19th March at 7.00pm in the Staffroom. All are very welcome.

The Committee Members can be contacted via email;
President - kshspc.president@gmail.com
Vice President - kshspc.vicepresident@gmail.com
Treasurer - kshspc.treasurer@gmail.com
Secretary - kshspc.secretary@gmail.com

Canteen - kalamundashs.pc.canteen@gmail.com
Uniform - kshspc.uniforms@gmail.com

Alternatively please fill in a Volunteer Information sheet at the office.

On Behalf of the Uniform Shop I would like to say a HUGE Thank you to all those who volunteered their time for the Uniform Shop Open Days in December and January. I cannot thank you enough.

The Canteen is looking for Volunteers. Please contact Peggy Steuart or fill in a Volunteer Information sheet at the office.

Megan Robinson
P&C Association Secretary

FREE One day and two day Workshop and Information Sessions for PARENTS/CARERS of school age students on the autism spectrum.

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 PARENTS/CARERS LEARN?
• a greater understanding of the impact of autism both at school and at home
• knowledge about how to develop effective parent, school and teacher partnerships
• information about 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.

To see if there is a Workshop location near our school visit the website www.positivepartnerships.com.au. If you are not able to attend a workshop the website has FREE resources, interactive modules and information about autism.

Positive Partnerships Workshop Information Line number: 1300 881 971

Senior School Report

The year has started with students quickly adjusting to the new demands of upper school. Knowing that the beginning of the year would be very busy a group of Year 12 students were very quick to pick up responsibility for the Year 12 common room, coming back to school at the end of last year to get the space ready for everyone. Thank you to Jessica Cottam, Louise Fox, Courtney Greaves, Denzel Holt, Bree Simmons, Danny Todd and Bradley Walker-Lewsey. I’m sure the willingness of the committees to take responsibility for this venue will ensure that it is enjoyed by many Year 12s as a special place for our senior most students throughout the year.

Leavers Jackets arrived in Week 4, a big thank you to the committee that spent many lunchtimes working through the design; Georgia Andrew, Courtney Greaves, Matthew Hearn, Denzel Holt, Fraser Holt, Rhys Howells, Elska Johansen, Shannon Pass, Liam Rogers, Bree Simmons, Danny Todd

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and others who shared their thoughts and debated options before settling on the final fantastic design.

Week 3 of 2014 saw our first assembly where the tradition is to acknowledge senior school academic achievement for Semester 2 the previous year and to hear from last year’s Year 12s who achieved outstanding results in their WACE exams.

Our top two students Sarah Hopkins and Kaity Stewart achieved an ATAR (Australian Tertiary Achievement Ranking) above 95.00 and at our first school assembly these students were welcomed into the prestigious Kalanunda Senior High School ‘400 Club’. Sarah is going on to study Political Science and International Law and Kaity Stewart is studying Biomedical Sciences.

Another three students achieved rankings between 90.00 and 95.00, and the Top Student awards for all WACE courses were also announced at the assembly. Congratulations to all these students on their well deserved successes.

The school’s relationship with Curtin University through Curtin Link Up continues in Year 11 with the Curtin Uni team coming in over Term 1 to do two study skills sessions with ourATAR students during Meeting period on a Tuesday. This is an excellent time for students to be introduced to a variety of strategies while they have time to try and practice them as they develop their study habits this year.

Students just beginning Year 11 have important goals to work towards over the next year. Success is only possible if students attend school every day, listen and focus in classes and complete required work both in class and tasks given for homework. Senior school students have the added expectation that they revise and study each of their subjects for at least two hours each week. Students aiming for University entry should endeavour to work towards three hours per subject per week by Year 12.

The demands of Senior School mean that students must be organised and manage their time as soon as possible from the beginning of the year. This is best done using a homework timetable (there is a format for these in the journal to assist students).

Students and parents should visit the School Curriculum and Standards Authority website http://www.scasa.wa.edu.au for information regarding the WACE Western Australian Certificate of Education and exams.

At school each week senior students have a one hour meeting period which is intended for three purposes. The first is to provide a time when guest speakers can come and talk to senior students regarding opportunities and issues relevant to them. When there are no meetings Year 11 meeting period teachers will assist students in working their way through Motivation and Engagement booklets which follow on from the survey the students completed during Transition program in Year 10. Lastly, as a private study period, providing an opportunity for all students to work on their course work.

I wish all students every success with their chosen pathway for reaching graduation and/or university entry in 2014 and look forward to working with the students, their teachers, and parents over the next two years.

Year 12s - Looking at Potential Universities?
All of Perth’s universities have a large number of events and activities occurring throughout the year design to inform senior students and their families of the many opportunities available. These include not only courses but scholarships, student accommodation and campus open days.

Edith Cowan University and Curtin University also have exciting social media facilities that allow students to explore potential career options and what courses would be involved, in a very personalized experience. Log onto ECU’s “ME Project” or Curtin’s “Studentbox”.

For further information about all these opportunities logon to the following websites for future students:
Curtin University - http://futurestudents.curtin.edu.au/
Murdoch University - http://www.murdoch.edu.au/Future-students/
University of Notre Dame - http://www.nd.edu.au/fremantle/

Need Extra Help with WACE Stage 2 or Stage 3 courses?
Don’t forget that help in English and Maths is available after school each week.

There are a number of external providers who run Saturday morning classes and holiday classes in various courses throughout the year. These generally run for two hours during a morning or two hours each afternoon for five days over the holidays. Please see me for further information.

Year 12 WACE Examination Information
Students who require Special Examination Arrangements: Candidates who have a temporary or permanent disability, illness and/or specific learning disability that could disadvantage them in timed assessments may apply to sit a WACE examination under special conditions. Applications are made prior to the examinations. Applications can be for the written or practical WACE examinations.

The fact that a candidate has a disability/illness does not automatically entitle that candidate to special examination arrangements. Each application is considered individually. Eligibility criteria and possible arrangements are detailed in the special examination arrangements guidelines.

If you believe you are eligible for special arrangements please have a look at the SCSA website contact the Associate Principal, Mr David Brady or Head of Senior School, Mrs Sayer-Henderson as soon as possible as applications will be due early in Term 2.

Opportunities for Senior School Students
Students intending to apply for MEDICINE, DENTISTRY or Health Sciences need to sit the Undergraduate Medicine and Health Sciences Admission Test (UMAT). UMAT registrations are now open.
Testing Date: 30 July 2014

If you require further information please contact meddentadmissions@uwa.edu.au or Mrs Sayer-Henderson in Student Services or at Jane.Sayer-Henderson@education.wa.edu.au.

Medicine Course Information Session:
A Medicine Course Information Session will be held on Sunday 23 March, 11am at 38 Henry St, Fremantle. This information session is a chance for students interested in a career in Medicine to understand the entry requirements, admissions process and find out more information about the Bachelor of Medicine/Bachelor of Surgery at Notre Dame. Light refreshments will be served.

Mrs Jane Sayer-Henderson
Head of Senior School
Greeting to all of our families and welcome to 2014. As the first half of the term approaches, the school year is proving to be as busy as ever. I would like to welcome our new students especially our Year 8s and their families, to our Kalamunda Senior High School community. It was pleasing to see so many of our parents and guardians at the Year 8 Parent Night on the 26 February. It provided a good opportunity to get to know our school. It was a lively and interesting evening. Many thanks go to Mr Pettit for organising this entertaining and informative evening.

Year 8 students seem to have settled into high school life very quickly. Their attendance, uniform, and behaviour have been very positive. Each year group has commenced the year well. We are pleased to note that the vast majority of students are wearing school uniform, getting to class on time and behaving appropriately.

Year 10s have had a very busy start to the term. We are encouraging them to think about their plans for senior school and to help them along, all students have participated in WACE presentations to give them some general understanding of the courses and pathways they might consider. Mrs Sayer Henderson’s work in preparing students for the OLNA testing has ensured a smooth process has been established and that students have had the best possible opportunity to succeed.

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Student Councillors from Years 9 to 12 were presented their badges and our Year 12 Head Boy, Head Girl and prefects made their oaths of office. I look forward to working with the councillors this year, who already have plans and ideas about raising funds and representing their year groups. I would like to remind families to keep an eye on the term calendar of events. All in all, the year has commenced really well. We are pleased to note that the vast majority of students are wearing school uniform, getting to class on time and behaving appropriately.

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Mrs Anita Schubert
Manager of Student Services

Literacy Corner – Science

In various learning areas there are words used which commonly have a different meaning to every day usage. For example: Products

Products are usually defined as something made then refined for sale (e.g. cheese) or resulting from an action (e.g. getting sun burnt due to not wearing sunscreen). In chemistry, products are a substance produced by a chemical reaction.

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VET Vibes

130 students to go out on Work Experience in June

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All students doing 2 or fewer ATAR subjects are asked to complete the Workplace Learning Agreement and return it to the VET office along with the information sheet asking where they would like to be placed. We will do our best to place you in a business related to the Certificate you are studying or an area of your choice. You will have a better chance of being placed in a business you like if you approach that business. Ask them if they will allow you to work with them for a fortnight and complete some simple paperwork, and then come to the VET office to let us know the name and contact details.

Work experience can provide credit towards your graduation. You can also gain credit if you are working part time and would likely complete 180 hours in the school year.

This Year Kalamunda SHS is offering the following Certificate Courses. We will be well set up for when the Cert II completion becomes a necessary part of WACE for all VET students. We will also encourage students studying 4 and 5 ATAR subjects to complete a Certificate II course:

- Cert II in Business
- Cert II in Community Services (Childcare)
- Cert II in Creative Industries (Media)
- Cert II in Applied Fashion Design and Technology
- Cert II in Sampling and Measurement
- Cert II in Outdoor Education
- Cert II in Sport and Recreation (Coaching)
- Cert II in Hospitality
- Cert II in Applied Languages
- Cert II in Visual Art (Wood Focus)
- Cert II in Information Technology

Ms Anne McKinnon
VET Coordinator

2015 Transition Coordinator

In 2013 a selection process was conducted to appoint a 2015 Transition Coordinator. The successful applicant was Ms Susan Archdall. Ms Archdall is a Level 3 Teacher who has 22 years teaching experience in primary and district high schools, across the Kimberleys, the Wheat Belt, the Indian Ocean Territories and the Perth Hills. For the past 7 years she has specialised as a Year 6/7 teacher at Darlington Primary School and taken on an Australian Curriculum Professional Learning Facilitator role through the Hills Education Community Network. Ms Archdall has been appointed (0.6) three days per week to KSHS as the Transition Coordinator and Executive Officer of the Transition Steering Committee. Ms Archdall also has two children at KSHS.

Ms Archdall is most approachable and happy to answer questions that parents, students or schools may have through her email: susan.archdall@education.wa.edu.au

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Middle School has been quite hectic already. The Year 9s are starting to realise (even if it is a slow journey with some of them) that we expect a little bit more of them as they are no longer Year 8s. We have had a Year 9 Assembly recently where they were advised that NAPLAN takes on a whole different meaning for them this year. More information on this is available in Mrs Deacon’s article but this needs to be a big focus for them as it will set them up really well for Senior School.

In Year 8 we have already been fortunate enough to have Jeremy from Armed for Life come and speak to them about resiliency. Please ask your Year 8 why pillows are so important (nothing to do with sleeping) and why they need to squash the ANTS they have (Hint: Auto_ _ _ _ _ Nega_ _ _ _ _ Thou_ _ _ _ _). Across the board they seem a very happy and social group.

Some of our Year 8 students with Jeremy from Armed For Life.

We have also had our Year 8 Parent Night which I hope was a really informative evening. We had quite a few parents who asked some excellent questions and gave us some great feedback about how the year has started. I would especially like to thank Georgia Robinson and Charlotte Davis for their wonderful talk. They did an amazing job!

Coming home soon will be the forms for our Bibblmun Challenge. It will have all the details for the day on there. If parents would like to come along feel free. Just ensure that you are also capable of finishing the walk as well. I will do all I can to ensure the safety of your child but as an adult…….. you may be on your own (just kidding, you are more than welcome and I will do my best to ensure you return, despite what your child may try and do to leave you there).

Two things I would like to finish on though.

**School Journal:** Each student was given a Journal at the start of the year. This is a valuable tool for not only organisation and planning when it comes to assessments and homework, but as a communication tool. If you are concerned about something in your child’s class then please write a note to the teacher in the Journal and have the staff member sign it so you know they have seen it. Teachers do not have a phone in the classroom so often they may not receive a message till later. By using the Journal it helps with the communication process but also builds organisational capacity for the student. If the note comes back unsigned then there is a fair chance the teacher did not see it and this can then be followed up.

**Attendance:** If your child is going to be absent from school or has been absent then please contact our most wonderful Absentee Officer, Mrs Colleen Hockley 9293 6409 and let her know. It is a fact that students who miss school place themselves at educational risk and so for prolonged absences there may be something that we can do to ensure that the impact on learning may is reduced. Thanks again for a wonderful start to the year.

Mr Mark Pettit
Head of Middle School

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**Indonesian Readers**

Both Year 9 Indonesian classes made little readers for Kalamunda Primary School. The topics were varied. They selected the titles based on what they had studied. Some of the titles included: fruits (buah-buahan), clothing (pakaian), transport (transportasi), animals (binatang), numbers (nomor), colours (warna) and others.

Ibu Ryder, from Kalamunda Primary School, was invited to collect the books for her class. Some of the students were there to hand over the books and they included; Charlotte Sym, Zoe Hillan, Joshua Fishwick and Sallyann Thorpe.

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These little readers will further enhance Kalamunda SHS values for the love of Learning, Community, Pride, Respect and Resilience. The students spent about 3 weeks in Term 4 (2013) completing these readers. The students and I (Ibu Kaler) hope that the students in Kalamunda Primary School will enjoy reading these Indonesian readers.

**Selamat membaca anak-anak!**

Mrs Kuldeep Kaler
Indonesian Teacher

**Year 8 Vaccination Program**

In 2014 the department of Health is offering a free vaccination program for Year 8 students. The program offers booster doses of childhood vaccinations, as well as an additional vaccine for human papillomavirus (HPV).

Students in Year 8 received an information pack at school in February 2014 which contained details of the program and a consent form for parents to sign. Parents are asked to sign and return the consent form to enable their children to participate in the free program. For more information, including a video about the vaccination program, visit [www.healthywa.wa.gov.au](http://www.healthywa.wa.gov.au) or contact the school nurse Mr Jared Kealley.
Medical conditions and care plans
Medical conditions and other health issues can impact on the health and wellbeing of students, so please ensure that the school is aware if students have any of these, regardless of the severity. This is especially important if students have a severe medical condition which may be potentially life threatening requiring emergency action, such as diabetes, epilepsy, anaphylaxis, or if their condition requires management at school.
If students develop a medical condition or other health issue throughout their schooling, it is important that parents notify the school so our records are up to date and the health and wellbeing of all students is maintained, as well as the appropriate care is carried out.
It is a Department of Education policy that a care plan/emergency plan is completed each year (even if a care plan has been completed the previous years) if a student has a medical condition or health issue (even a mild issue). This ensures that the school has the most up to date information so staff can respond appropriately and carry out the required management/care. These are in the process of being posted out, and it would be greatly appreciated if these could be returned ASAP. If students do not receive a plan in the next few weeks but they have a medical condition/health issue, please contact me at the school.

Immunizations
Immunizations are now given in Year 8 as part of the routine immunisation schedule, and all Year 8 students are offered these. These include a booster dose of diphtheria, tetanus and whooping cough (dTpa), a chickenpox vaccine (varicella), and a three dose course of the human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine. These are given over three visits in Term 1, 2 and 3 at the school by immunisation nurses from the Health Department. Parents received consent forms early in Term 1, and the first visit took place on the 26th February. If you still haven’t returned the consent form, please do so ASAP. The following link provides great information on the immunisation program: www.healthywa.wa.gov.au
In addition to offering the immunisation program, our school has agreed to take part in a research project, which aims to increase vaccination rates with the Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in students in year 8. The HPV vaccine is provided free to all students in year 8 as part of the school based vaccination program, and although it has been available for females since 2007, it has only been part of the program for males since 2013. The study involves providing more information to students and parents about the vaccine so they are better informed. Our teachers will provide all year 8 students with education about HPV as part of the standard school curriculum. Students and parents/guardians will also have access to specially designed information about HPV and the HPV vaccine, which they can use outside of the school to help them make the decision about vaccination.
In order to evaluate this new program, only half of the participating schools will start using the educational materials at the start of the school year when the vaccine is first given, while the other half will use the educational materials after the HPV vaccines have been completed or in the next school year. Our school has been allocated to use the educational materials after the HPV vaccines have been completed or in the next school year.
An important part of the project is the evaluation, which involves students completing up to three brief questionnaires. Questionnaire information will be used to help determine if the educational materials may be used in the future to optimise the school based HPV vaccination program in WA and elsewhere in Australia. The questionnaires will be completed during class time and are given to students whose parents have provided consent (forms and information were in the immunisation forms package).
If you have any questions regarding the school’s participation in this research project, immunizations, or any other health related query, please contact me at the school.

Mr Jared Kealley RN
Community Health Nurse

GATE Art
A great start to the year in GATE Art
The year is off to a very busy start at GATE Art. Saturday workshops have been very busy with new Artist Kathy Nathan and her Airbrushing workshops. The Students are also enjoying jewellery, photography, drawing, making pendant lamps, oil painting and sculpture. The new Year 8s have settled in well, they look and act like they have always been here. Kalamunda Art Department welcomes them all.
Mid March the Year 8 students are having an excursion to the Sculpture by the Sea Exhibition where we are lucky to have two of our Artists who have previously exhibited in the show coming along as tour guides. Years 10, 11 and 12 have an Art Camp in June for two night and three days. We look forward to seeing and hearing about that as it unfolds.
A big congratulations to Zoe Carsons whose digital media artwork titled “Able Bodies” got into the Year 12 Perspectives Exhibition at the Art Gallery of Western Australia. The exhibition is open until May 2014. Get along and see some of the best work from the Year 12s of 2013.
Mrs Jo Portman
GATE Art Coordinator

Year 10 GATE excursion ‘I think I can’ and Art Gallery of W.A.
After viewing and discussing some very strange Video Art at the Art Gallery, Year 10 GATE Students participated in ‘I Think I Can’ – an Art installation at the Museum of W.A. Students were given characters such as ‘child star’ or ‘Olympic athlete’ and they created a story for their character.
Performing Arts

Year 8 and 9 KPA ‘I think I can’ and Sacrilege

Year 8 and 9 KPA students enjoyed the Perth Festival shows ‘I Think I Can’ & ‘Sacrilege’.

I think I Can was based on a city ‘Perthville’ and students became characters in the story which involved manipulating tiny figures around the landscape which included a massive train set.

Sacrilege was a ‘bouncy castle’ down in Supreme Court Gardens based on Stonehenge – this provided an enjoyable and invigorating end to a fun day out.

Ms Jessica Bushby
Kalamunda Performing Arts Coordinator

Year 10 KPA Bianco and Sacrilege

The Year 10 KPA class have been out and about enjoying Perth Festival Shows and a workshop.

Many of the Year 10s and a few parents accompanied Miss Bushby and Mr Heslop to a night performance of ‘Bianco’, an acrobatic circus show held in a tent on Perth’s foreshore. The next day we were the only Perth school to be given a workshop by the performers where students improved their circus skills.

To wind down after this we went off to play on a fantastic bouncy castle based on ‘Stonehenge’.

Students also went to see ‘1507’ – a Barking Gecko (sometimes confronting but enjoyable) production at the State Theatre.

Congratulations go to Megan Boniface who performed in the Perth Festival show ‘A Midsummer Night’s Dream’.

Mr Paul Heslop
Head of Learning Area The Arts
Swimming Carnival

The 14th of February was Valentines Day, but more importantly Kalamunda Senior High School held the 2014 Interhouse Swimming Carnival. A perfect sunny day, competition was fierce! Our champions from each year group are listed below. Congratulations and brilliant effort!

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There can only be one house winner overall and the champions were Pegasus GO PEGASUS!

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| Novelty Shield                        |
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| 2nd Phoenix                           |
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| 3rd Draco                             |
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| 4th Orion                             |
| 95                                    |

Pegasus took out the novelty award this year. A lot of splashing, screaming and fun was had during these events and the amount of competitors was overwhelming! We hope you keep up the enthusiasm in the following years.

Thank you students and staff for a smooth running and fun day.
On Thursday 20 February, 32 Year 8 students, accompanied by Miss Connor and Miss Stuart, attended the Perth Writer’s Festival Schools’ Day at UWA. This excursion was open to all Year 8s, and those who attended demonstrated a keen interest in creative writing and the enjoyment of reading fiction novels. Although it was a hot day, the group were lucky enough to benefit from the beautiful surroundings and air conditioned Murdoch Lecture Theatre within the university’s grounds.

The first author to speak was Danny Katz, and soon became the favourite for the day. Danny was ‘so funny’, ‘really interactive’ and ‘a little immature’, which appealed to all the students. He spoke on his writing experiences and even shared a news article he had written all about the TV show Embarrassing Bodies. Needless to say, there was some gross information shared!

The second session was with Claire Zorn, a young writer whose novel ‘The Sky So Heavy’ discussed the idea of a nuclear winter occurring within Australia and most of the world. Some excellent visual images were presented and comments from students included that they ‘loved learning what’s behind the book…and what drives (her) inspiration’.

After lunch (and some excitement over a peacock on the grounds), the final session we attended was with Catherine Jinks, who had a wealth of knowledge on planning, writing and publishing different novels. She has written over 40 novels for all ages, and spent much of her session time discussing inspirations, difficulties in getting works published and how important it is to plan. Unfortunately, we were unable to stay for the final session, but I believe all the students gained an extensive amount of inspiration and information from the three authors who presented.

Big thanks go to the students who attended, as well as Miss Stuart for assisting on the day. I hope this will be an excursion that will continue in years to come.

Miss Claire Connor
English Teacher

Science Update

It didn’t take long to resume normal business back at the school desks: students have already done their first assessments and reflected on their progress so far. Welcome to Mr. Brennan who has rejoined Science after working with us Term 4 last year. He is pictured here with Tanisha Bolton who is making a straw whistle. Also shown are a Year 9 team testing their cup telephone. Building these was an illustration of the mechanism of sound transfer: we used them to work out what sound needs to travel.
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