

Issue 1

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KHS



Weekly

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**What's
happening
in coming
weeks**

WEEK 4:

**Wednesday 17th &
Thursday 18th Feb**

School Photos

**Wednesday 17th Feb
7pm Conference Room**
School Council meeting

WEEK 5:

**Wednesday 24th Feb
8.05am School Gym**

Middle Years Positive
Rewards Presentation

**Wednesday 24th Feb
5pm to 6pm**

NTCE Information session
Year 12 students &
parents

WEEK 6:

**Wednesday 3rd March
5pm to 6pm Library**

Open Night—Come &
meet your child's teachers
followed by an
NTCET Information session
for Year 10 & 11 students
& parents

WEEK 10:

**Mon 29th & Tues 30th
March**

3.15 p.m. – 6.15 p.m.

**Katherine High School
Conference Room**
DTAL Theory 1 class

Wednesday 31st March

8.05am School Gym
Middle Years Positive
Rewards Presentation

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

It has been a busy start to the year and there have been some challenges around staffing but we are currently fully staffed and looking forward to another academically successful year. Results of the Year 12 students in 2009 were exceptional with 12 Students gaining a TER greater than 80 compared to only 1 student gaining a TER greater than 80 in 2008. Glen Humphries and Peter Bell results placed them in the top 20 students for the Northern Territory with TERs of 99.40 and 96.95. The staff and students of 2009 are to be congratulated on the outstanding results in 2009.

Staff in the Senior years have undertaken Professional Development conducted by the Department of Education and Training (DET) to ensure programs are of the required standard and meet SACE Board requirements. Links have been established with a number of schools across the Territory and South Australia to ensure staff have the appropriate support and are not working in isolation of other schools and have established procedures and support mechanisms to ensure we maintain the high standards attained in 2009.

There are three building projects that will be completed in the first 6 months of 2010. The **first** project is almost complete, the covered walkway from the Bus Stop to the Administration building. The **second** project; DET have donated a two classroom demountable soon to be relocated in the area between the Canteen and the Oval for use by the Clontarf Program. The **third** building project is the new Sports Science block funded by the Federal Government's Economic Stimulus Plan. This facility will have industry quality health and fitness equipment and facilities to enhance programs across a range of curriculum areas including but not limited to, Health and Physical Education, Science, IT, Business and Home Economics. The Sports Science facility will not only be a fabulous resource for the school but a fantastic resource for the broader community and a very generous, additional, flexible, multipurpose, teaching space.

A focus for 2010 will be to ensure a strong Sports Program operates in the school, working to ensure maximum participation and involvement by Katherine High School students at the Intra and Inter School level. The Physical Education faculty will lead this program with significant support from other Staff who have expertise and interest in sport. Clontarf staff will work closely with PE staff to ensure school representative opportunities for all students are available in AFL and to lead the development of programs that will increase the opportunities for all students to be involved in AFL competitions.

We welcome a number of new and returning staff to the school. Parents and students are invited to attend an 'Open Night' in the Katherine High school Library on Wednesday 3rd March 5pm to 6pm to meet new staff, directly following this time will be an information session on the NTCET for Year 10 and 11 students and parents.

On Wednesday 24th February from 5pm to 6pm there will be an information session on the NTCE for Year 12 students and parents.

We have had a very good start to the year and I look forward to working with staff and the broader community to build on our good start and to foster greater connections with the community. We need to build environment of trust and confidence so that we can effectively manage the challenges ahead. Please do not hesitate to contact me directly if you have any concerns or ideas that you think may benefit the school.

ANNE WHITE
ACTING PRINCIPAL



HOMEWORK CENTRE

This week Homework Centre has recommenced in the Library. Students that require help with their homework, assignments etc are invited to come along each Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 3-4pm.

SHINE PROGRAM

The Shine program will start again **Friday of week 4**. Girls who received a permission letter need to get it back as soon as possible to Ms Brown or Ms Momuat. All girls in the Stronger Smarter Sisters program need to get their permission forms in ASAP. If you don't have a permission form come and get one from RU3 ASAP.

RAE BROWN

*Clean Up Australia Day
Sunday 7th March*



Register on the day outside the pool & collect your gloves, bags and your FREE pool entry and BBQ ticket!

FREE POOL ENTRY & SAUSAGE SIZZLE FOR PARTICIPANTS FROM 11:30am - 1:00pm

(Free entry on presentation of your Keep Katherine Beautiful ticket, collect when registering)

Since 1992 families, sporting groups and individuals from all around Australia have turned out in their thousands to help Clean Up Australia. It's a great way for everyone to learn about how to reduce the impact of waste on our environment and make a real difference in our local

community. Spread the word, come along and bring your family and friends!

If you would like to find out more information go to www.cleanup.com.au or alternatively contact Katherine Town Council on (08) 8972 5500.

KATHERINE JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE REGO DATES

Where : Katherine Sports and Rec Club
Giles Street

Fri 26 March 2010 5.30 - 7.30pm

(Please note that this is not a game night)

Sat 10 April 2010 12 - 2pm

First Game for the season **Fri 16 April 2010**

JUNIOR SOCCER REGISTRATIONS

Ages 5 to 17.

Where - Town ovals, soccer field.

Dates- Sat 20 & Sat 27 February

Time - 10am till 12noon.

Birth certificates required for players not registered in 2009.

Late registrations available until end of March.



ST JOHN CADETS

We are looking for **11 to 17 year olds** interested in having fun and learning about First Aid. We have also programmed camping and camp cooking for this semester.

Come along Monday nights from 630 to 8pm, supper provided. Venue is the Ambulance Station in Kintore St Katherine.

Phone 89728500 or 0427713112.

KATHERINE COMMUNITY MARKET Every Saturday from 8am Ryan Park Corner Victoria and Stuart Hwy

Farmers' and market garden produce, local preserves, ice cream, organic brewed coffee, plants, fine personal jewellery and body care. Sit down under the shady frangipanis for breakfast; Aussie grill, Thai, yummy smoothies, all while enjoying local entertainment.

DRIVER TRAINING AND LEARNING (DTAL)

The Driver Training and Learning Course (DTAL) is an initiative of the NT Government administered by DET. The next **Theory 1** class will be conducted at Katherine High School in the Conference Room on **Monday and Tuesday the 29th and 30th March from 3.15 p.m. - 6.15 p.m.** This course is available to all students from 16 to 18 years old (16th to 19th Birthday) who have lived in the NT for at least the last three months immediately prior to commencing the training. Students under 17 years of age must provide Parental Consent.



STUDENTS WILL NEED TO ENROL THROUGH CHRIS AND PAMELA DIXON, DRV4LYF (Telephone 0448 890 653) to obtain the Parental Consent Form. You can save \$644 by doing the DTAL course!

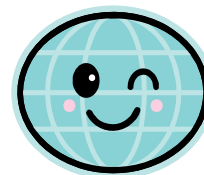
BRING HOME A BROTHER OR A SISTER

In June-July 2010, students, aged 15 – 18 years, from over 15 countries will be arriving in Australia to study at local schools for 3, 5 or 10 months. Opportunities exist to act as a host family in a volunteer/unpaid capacity. Hosting can be on a temporary, short or long term basis.

Host families help provide our students with the chance to study and experience life in Australia. This is a great way to learn about another country and culture, establish a lifelong link to a family in another country and contribute to international goodwill. If your family can offer a friendly, supportive and caring home environment, contact us today.

To learn more about this opportunity call Student Exchange Australia New Zealand on 1300 135 331 or visit our website:

www.studentexchange.org.au



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