



# Weekly

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### PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

#### Seasons Greetings

Best wishes and season's greetings to all staff students and families. I trust that you all have a very enjoyable Christmas break and that staff and students return energised and ready for work.

#### Staff Movement

To those students and staff who are leaving I wish you all the best and hope that all goes well for you in your chosen journey. All the best to the following staff as they head off to new experiences; Hadyn Whitty (Darwin), Shelley Preston (Victoria), Anna Legge (South Australia), Lynsey Crawford (Ireland), Chris Holland (Ireland), Richard Stoyles (undecided), Jodie and Glen Matthews (Victoria), Taryn Schultz (Croker Island), James Pandian (Western Australia), Jane Harvey (leave in South America)

#### 2010 Staffing

We have virtually completed our teacher staffing for 2010 and should have it completed by end of next week. We are awaiting the outcome of a number of decisions on promotions and leave applications which will affect staffing. Appointment of a school counsellor will be done by Student Services.

#### New starting time for school day

Next year we will have a new timeta-

ble structure. Each day will have 6 lessons. The first lesson will begin at 8.05 am. There will be no Home Group at the beginning of the day. Please ensure that your child is at school in time to begin the first lesson.

#### Presentation Night

Congratulations to Sheryl Fotakis and Merriel Lawrie for another well organised Presentation Night. Thanks to all staff who helped support the event and to Mrs Bennett and Mrs Horton for their help. Thank you to all our sponsors. Congratulations to all those students who earned awards. Well done everyone.

#### School Pride Projects

We have received money for a number of small school improvement projects. The largest of these projects will be cover over the walkway out to the bus stop. This is the result of suggestions to the school council 2 years ago. The contractor is planning to have this completed over the holiday. There should also be a large changeable sign at the front along with a third flagpole. The remainder of the jobs are inside the buildings.

**KEN BARNES**

### WEEK 10

- **Whole School Aquatics Day**

Thursday 10th December

- **Last day Term 4**

Friday 11th December

#### Katherine High School Council

School council meets on the third Wednesday of each month at 7pm in the Conference Room.

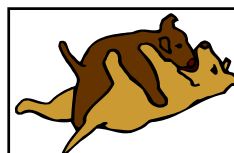
All welcome.

**Next meeting:**

**Wednesday 17th February 2010**



**From all the staff at Katherine High have a happy & safe holiday!**



**Puppies! Puppies!**

2 six week old Red Heeler X puppies. Cost of 6 week needles only.

**Contact Lee Bennett  
8971 0202**

## YEAR 12 FINAL ASSEMBLY AND FORMAL



## MIDDLE YEARS MUSICAL—INTO THE WOODS



### A MUSIC CAMP WITH ALL THE STARS

*Educating and motivating young musicians.*

### RUN BY MUSICIANS MAKING A DIFFERENCE

**351 Music Camp Sydney, 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> January, 2010**

*"351 Camp is a great opportunity to develop your skills, learn about the music industry and be around other inspiring people. I can't recommend it highly enough. All the tutors are amazing, beautiful people. If you love Hip-Hop, then get to the 351 Camp. You'll love it"*

#### Maya Jupiter – Triple J, Channel V & MMAD Ambassador

A nationwide and award winning initiative, 351 Camp is an intensive 3 day program of music workshops, seminars and performances aimed at **engaging, supporting, encouraging and equipping young people** to make steps towards new creative and personal goals. Participants of 351 Camps have been given the opportunity to learn from established recording artists including The Potbelleez & Blue MC, Evermore, Erana Clarke, Bliss N Eso, Sereck, Mystery, Wizdm, Maya Jupiter, The Winnie Coopers... the list goes on & on & on... & on!

*"This is for any artist... MC, DJ, singer, spoken word artist or producer. No matter how big we think we are we need to return to our true nature. Involve yourself in the 351 experience, I guarantee you will come out with more than you came in with."*

#### Bliss N Eso - Australian Hip Hop Artists & MMAD Ambassadors

#### More information

For more information call 02) 4322 5350 or email [info@mmad.org.au](mailto:info@mmad.org.au) or [www.mmad.org.au](http://www.mmad.org.au)

Contact us for information on packages

We are also very proud to announce South African RnB singer Mlu as one of our special guests for this years camp, he has travelled the world and has been described as vocally as the Michael Jackson of South Africa.



### HI EVERYONE,

Wow what a year 2010 has been, it has certainly gone quickly. I guess time flies when you're having fun. We've covered a lot of ground this year in the health promotion area. The year 7 and 8 students received Sexual Education seven and eight week programs respectively with positive feedback received for both programs. Some minor adjustments will be made for next year's programs but over all, they were well received. The year 9 students participated in the "Core of Life" program and were to receive some education on sexually transmissible infections but due to poor response the session was cancelled. These students will therefore, be first cab off the rank next year, when they are given the opportunity to participate in the Sexually Transmissible Infections, Relationships and the Law, program in 2010.

We also covered some sessions earlier in the year with the ESL groups for smoking, alcohol and drugs. Jonathan Hermawan presented a workshop on the same topic which was incredibly empowering. Personal hygiene was also addressed and the students really enjoyed the presence of Jerry Germ to show them where germs like to hide on our bodies.

2010 is gearing up to be another jam packed year, starting with the school immunisation program again. I will be working with the Physical Education team next year. I am really looking forward to being able to team teach with Mr Pilkington and Mr Darlington, in providing more health education.

It's bye for now from the Health Promoting School Nurse. Have a fantastic break and stay safe.

Take care and have a Merry Christmas.

**SHARON JILLET**

## YEAR 9 FORMAL

Below is the speech made by Mr Weygood to the Year 9 class of 2009.

Parents, Staff and Year 9 Students.

While I have acknowledged Parents and Staff tonight what I have to say is addressed particularly to the students.

To begin with, working with young people such as you is what gives a lot of meaning to my life. When I was at school it was the enthusiasm of the teachers and the interest that they showed in me as a person that brought me to teaching. This enthusiasm and interest is what I have tried to bring to my work with you.

Over the last two years I have seen so much growth in so many of you. You have challenged me and your teachers and I have done my best to challenge you to personal growth.

Challenge you to live the present moment to its fullest and to let each day be part of a great plan that reaches into the future. Some of you may be familiar with the Latin phrase "Carpe Diem" – seize the day – as it will not return again.

I have challenged some of you to be reflective and to look back and identify the good things that you have done and to be happy with those things.

I have also challenged you to reflect on the challenges that you have failed in order to see what strengths you need to develop to respond to those challenges when they arise again.

I vividly remember a great teacher I had in Year 9 in 1956 who started each day with encouraging us to make each day a winner and to reflect on that day in the same way that I have challenged you to reflect.

My mother, with her Irish background, used to tell me to always count my blessings and go forward with confidence and not get bogged down in the hurts or failures of the day. Seeking revenge or planning harm for another does not promote life. I encourage you to do the same.

Above all I encourage you to value truth as the truth will set you free.

**BE TRUTHFUL TO YOURSELF ABOVE ALL.**

I will finish with two brief quotes that have served me well:-

Benjamin Franklin the famous American Politician said:-

The man who does things makes mistakes,

but he never makes the biggest mistake of all –

doing nothing.

The other is from Sara Henderson, who lived and worked in the Northern Territory for many years:-

Look at your life as a beautiful fabric woven from wonderful rich colours and fine cloth.

Make a plan, one that is full of obtainable goals for a happy life.

Read through the plan daily so that it becomes a permanent part of your thought process.

Finally as I have said to so many of you always remember that above everything else you are loveable and capable.

Thank you.



## Katherine Regional Arts Children's Holiday Workshops

### Gelatine Printing to make a pair of laminated placemats!

9.30-11.30am Monday 14th December in the June Tapp Room \$25 (includes tuition, materials & morning tea)

### Friendly Plastics Jewellery!

9.30-11.30am Wednesday 16th December in the June Tapp Room \$25 (includes tuition, materials & morning tea)

### Paper Mache Sculpture! (Over two weeks)

9.30-11.30am Wednesday 13th and Wednesday 20th January in the June Tapp Room \$45 (includes tuition, materials & morning tea for both days)

**BOOKINGS: Katherine Regional Arts Ph: 8971 0928**

**Email: eo@kathregionarts.org.au**



**BLUE LIGHT CINEMA**

**Saturday 12th December  
2pm**

**Tickets \$2**

**Available from Five Star  
Supermarket, Constable  
Dani or at the door.**

**For more information  
contact Constable Dani  
0418 804 965**

**PRESENTATION NIGHT – 3<sup>RD</sup> DECEMBER, 2009**

*Thank you to all our parents, staff and students for making our Annual Presentation Night such a huge success*

*Ken Barnes  
Principal*

*On behalf the staff, students and parents at KHS I would like to thank the following individuals and organisations who generously sponsored our 2009 Presentation Night last Thursday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December.*

**ANGUS & ROBERTSON, DARWIN**  
**AUSTRALIAN APPRENTICESHIPS NT**  
**AUSTRALIA DAY COUNCIL**  
**AUSTRALIAN DEFENCE FORCE – LONG TAN LEADERSHIP & TEAMWORK AWARDS**  
**CALTEX AUSTRALIA**  
**CHRIS & PAMELA DIXON (DRY4LYF)**  
**DON & NEMIA LOCKLEY**  
**GREG & DARILYN WRIGHT (KATHERINE LOCK & KEY)**  
**GROUP TRAINING NORTHERN TERRITORY (GTNT)**  
**JACKSONS DRAWING SUPPLIES PTY LTD, DARWIN**  
**JAGMAN (Adrian Hudson & Grepil Jakubowski)**  
**JESKY FENCING & CONTRACTING (David & Elaine Jaeschke)**  
**JOHN & ANNE SHEPHERD**  
**KATHERINE AVIATION (Konrad & Kerry Bettison)**  
**KATHERINE COUNTRY CLUB (Frank Dalton)**  
**KATHERINE OFFICE SUPPLIES**  
**KATHERINE POLICE ASSOCIATION SOCIAL CLUB (BILL CONDON AWARD)**  
**KATHERINE REGIONAL COMMUNITY BANK – BENDIGO BANK**  
**MAL TRATTLES (BENASH MAINTENANCE SERVICES PTY LTD)**  
**MARIO & VICKI CARUSI**  
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**SCATT'S PLUMBING SERVICES PTY LTD (Ben and Jodi Scattini)**  
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**STEP OUT KATHERINE**  
**SURE LINES PRODUCE (Jon & Sharon Shaw)**  
**THE ROYAL AUSTRALIAN CHEMICAL INSTITUTE – NT BRANCH**  
**THE SMITH FAMILY**  
**TOP NEWS NEWSAGENCY, KATHERINE (Scott Palmer & Barb Dickson)**  
**WESTPAC BANK, KATHERINE BRANCH**  
**WILLEM WESTRA VAN HOLTHE, MLA**



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