FROM OUR PRINCIPAL

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF PARENTS

You are warmly invited to the AGM of parents on Monday, February 24, commencing at 7:30pm in the Eringa Meeting Room.

Apart from the election of Governing Councillors, we also present an Annual Report, which highlights how well our school is performing.

In the report we provide data and information about:

• Student achievement - especially literacy and numeracy and senior school results
• Enrolment and retention trends
• Progress in relation to our school improvement priorities
• Parent, student and staff opinion surveys

Attending the AGM does not mean that you will be coerced into joining Governing Council. It is simply another opportunity to learn about how the school is ‘travelling’.

Nevertheless, we are certainly keen to hear from parents interested in joining our Governing Council. As I mentioned in the previous newsletter, we have tended to be rather Kapunda ‘centric’ as far as representation goes and would
love to see some of our families from further afield join. There is no reason why we can't hold some of our meetings outside of Kapunda to support ‘southern’ members.

We generally have 8 to 9 meetings across the year. They are held on the fourth Monday of the month and are approximately two hours in duration.

Parent representatives are not required to have any particular knowledge about how schools are run or any specific expertise. The day-to-day management of the school is the responsibility of the Principal and staff. Governing Councillors, however, offer the perspective of parents on a range of matters relating to strategic directions, policies and budget decisions. If you would like more information about being a Governing Councillor, please do not hesitate to contact me.

CELEBRATING THE SUCCESSES OF OUR 2013 YEAR 12 STUDENTS

On Tuesday I had the privilege of attending the Year 12 SACE Merit Ceremony at Government House. Despite the very warm conditions it was fantastic to share the wonderful experience with our merit students.

To get a merit, students must achieve an A+ and have their work judged as outstanding. Across all subjects, approximately 1-2% of all grades are A+.

In 2013, four of our students gained merits: Jasmine Hornby for Food and Hospitality and Brittany Modra, Amy Hampel and Ashleigh Beck for the Research Project.

On the same evening, I was delighted to be part of the Kapunda High School Centenary Foundation’s awards ceremony. The article on pages 4-5 provides further information about this wonderful occasion.

I would, however, like to acknowledge the outstanding work of the Foundation to support our students as they make the transition to tertiary study and further training. This type of support is not the norm; it really is quite special.

As a member of the selection panel I was so impressed with the young people who ultimately gained scholarships and awards. What struck me during the interview process was how appreciative they were of their teachers and how much they had valued being members of the Kapunda High School community.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The Kapunda High Swimming Carnival is one of the highlights of the school calendar and I was personally disappointed that I was unable to make it this year due to family illness.

However, I have heard nothing but positives about the day. Given the extreme weather conditions it was fantastic to hear that attendance was up, participation positive and behaviour generally excellent.

I would especially like to acknowledge the organisation of Mrs Megan Samain and also the support she received from other staff in the lead up to the event.

The team has been chosen for the interschool twilight meet at Clare on Monday and we look forward to an enthusiastic team performance.

THANK YOU AND BEST WISHES

After 38 years of teaching, Mr Ian Turrell is retiring today.

Ian has been an outstanding teacher of English, Media Studies and Society and Environment at Kapunda High School since 1981.

In particular, students in his Year 12 English Communications classes have consistently achieved excellent results with many merits over the years. More importantly, Ian has fostered a love of English and a sense of self belief amongst the thousands of students he has taught at this school. I’ve had many a student tell me ‘I didn’t think I was any good at English, but then I got Mr Turrell...’ Students have valued the positive relationships he has fostered with them. Over many years he was involved in coaching sports teams such as football and basketball.

On behalf of the whole school community, I would like to thank Ian for his wonderful work with several generations of Kapunda High students and wish him well as he embarks on the next stage of his life.

Kristen Masters
Principal

Mr Ian Turrell
Hello everyone,

I spent most of the break at Moonta Bay and Port Noarlunga South fishing and swimming with the kids and Rachael, as well as working on my old Holden.

I hope the holidays were a great opportunity for all to recharge the batteries and now students are looking forward to a successful term with lots of learning, as well as having a bit of fun.

Now is a good time to focus on the year of learning ahead and achieve success in a number of ways.

1. **Academic success**: do the very best you can in lessons, assignment and tests. Do this by focusing during lesson time and asking questions when in doubt. Remember, learning is about taking one step at a time and communicating.

2. **Social success**: Get along positively and productively with your friends, family and other adults you interact with, including those at school. Stay positive, stay calm and seek commonly agreed solutions to problems and issues. Remember relationships are developed one day at a time and require effort and some guidance from adults that you trust.

3. **Attendance success**: Every day counts. You need to be at school at every opportunity. Research shows that the greatest predictor of success is good attendance (the second indicator is a positive working relationships with teachers). If attending school becomes a problem please discuss this with your Home Group Teacher or me so we can be informed about the issues and work on agreed solutions. And parents - if you need help getting your child to school, let the school know so we can work with you and support you.

4. **Health success**: Believe it or not your health is the most important thing you have, above all else. Cherish and protect it. Keep yourself safe, get all the information you need make informed decisions about choices that affect your health. We all make decisions about everything from choosing to have breakfast to safe partying or travelling in cars with friends. Even around sleep! The important thing to remember is to make smart choices based on good information and the advice of those who care for you.

To get you on the road to achieving all of this you will need to have set out some goals, at least in your mind or preferably on paper, and discuss these goals with others to get their support and guidance.

Setting goals is important; getting relevant information and discussing them often with others helps. Building positive working relationships with people at school and home will help ensure your goals can be achieved.

Enjoy your term and remember that we are here to support all students and members of the whole learning community, so come and have a chat if you need to.

Peter Norde
School Counsellor

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**FOUNDATION BAROSSA**

Foundation Barossa board members, Mr Brian Phillips and Ms Mary-Anne Murphy presented Kapunda High School with the generous donation of 20 vouchers to the total value of $1000 this week. Foundation Barossa is distributing the 2014 FRRR Sidney Myer Fund Back to School Program. This program is an initiative of the Sidney Myer Fund, FRRR and is supported further by the Barossa Community Store.

‘The Community Store vouchers will be used to support students who find themselves in great need’ said Peter Norde. ‘It can be difficult for schools to provide students with practical support sometimes and these vouchers will make a real difference to a struggling young person's daily life; helping them to focus more on their learning.’

Foundation Barossa’s main reason for being is to support people and causes close to home and close to the heart.

If you are interested in making a donation or would like further information, please visit: www.foundationbarossa.org.au or email: info@foundationbarossa.org.au

Thank you!
TEN STUDENTS BENEFIT FROM KAPUNDA CENTENARY FOUNDATION

Over $15000 in education grants was presented to successful local students by the Kapunda High School Centenary Foundation last Tuesday at the annual Awards Presentation evening.

MC Mrs Anne Hornsey was pleased to welcome around eighty friends and family members who attended to support the successful students and who cheerfully braved the hot conditions to enjoy an evening of celebration in the grounds of the historic, former Kidman property, Eringa.

A number of representatives of local organizations also attended, including Deputy Mayor Deane Rohrlach for the Light Regional Council, and members of Kapunda Lions, Kapunda Rotary Club and Kapunda Community Thrift Shop. Individual donors and supportive community members were also present.

Chairman, Barry Vogt spoke of the growth of the Foundation since its establishment in 2007 and of the achievements of students who had benefited from local grant money, along with the co-funding partnership arrangements that Country Education Foundation of Australia has with a number of Australian tertiary education institutions.

‘All students from regional areas struggle in their efforts to transition to tertiary education. Amongst other things, they have the challenges of extensive travel or finding suitable accommodation arrangements so their financial stresses are very real. Unlike their city counterparts, they often lack their networks of family and friends which places extra stress on coping on their own, often for the first time in their lives. Our Foundation aims to at least relieve them of some of the financial worries, which hopefully flows through to other areas. They know they have our support should they need it.’

Mr Clyde Hazel, Centenary Foundation Treasurer, was pleased to present the Foundation Award to the 2013 Dux of Kapunda High School, Kimberley Becker, who spoke very highly of the wonderful support she had received from the teachers of Kapunda High School; particularly in the fields of Maths and Science.

Mr Hazel was also pleased to announce Kimberley Becker as the recipient of the 2014 Jim Bettison Scholarship which allocates $6,000 to a student over a four year period at $1500 per annum. Said Mr Hazel, ‘This Scholarship is made possible through the generosity of the Bettison-James families. They have contributed a very significant amount to enable our local Foundation to establish a very sound capital base which now generates significant returns for the
Kimberley, who will study Advanced Mathematics at Sydney University, was pleased to thank the Foundation for making this grant possible, and expressed her gratitude at having such a fund available to Kapunda High School students.

‘I shall always be grateful for the opportunities that I have had at Kapunda High School and the support I have received from the staff and from all the people who are associated with the Foundation’, said Kimberley.

Principal of Kapunda High School and Selection Panel member, Ms Kristen Masters, announced the recipients of a number of Education Grants, and introduced each student as they were presented with their grants by Chairman Barry Vogt and Foundation Committee member and major donor, Mr Frank Ware.

The following students shared in over $11,000 in Education Grants:

Kristel Rentz, Jasmine Hornby, Billy Christie, Ashleigh Beck, Chloe Trotta, Hayden Martin, Shanna Ransley, Kimberly Platten and Kate Ware. The areas that the students will study include Education, Nursing, Medical Science, Building Trade Management, Human Movement, Animal Science, Law and Paramedic Science.

Ms Masters spoke on her role as part of the Foundation Selection Panel for the first time in this round of applications, and was particularly pleased with the direct positive feedback she received from students as they spoke extremely highly of their Kapunda High School experience.

Following the official part of the evening, those attending took up the opportunity to enjoy fellowship and refreshments generously provided by the members of the Foundation Committee and their partners.

2013 Year 12 student, Ashleigh Beck, from Freeling, has recently been awarded a prestigious Soukup Memorial Scholarship through the Rotary Club of Sydney and the Country Education Foundation of Australia. Ashleigh will use her award to pursue her five year course in Optometry at Flinders University, Adelaide, South Australia.

The Soukup Foundation was set up by George Soukup and his family who were involved in the hospitality industry in Prague for more than 90 years. Following the takeover by a communist government, the Soukup family came to Australia and again started up in the hospitality industry.

To thank Australia for their good fortune and to support its young people, the Soukup family enlisted the help of the Rotary Club of Sydney who, in turn sought out the Country Education Foundation of Australia, with a desire to assist young country people in their quest for further education.

This year’s scholarship funds have been allocated to CEFA communities in South Australia and Queensland.

Mr Frank Ware, a member of the Kapunda High School Centenary Foundation, and current president of the Rotary Club of Kapunda was pleased to congratulate Ashleigh Beck at the recent local foundation awards presentation evening.
The Year 12 Conference was held on Thursday morning, 6 February. This year, the format has been changed. It started with three introductory sessions based on wellbeing, working with others and organisation. These areas will be followed up with a number of short tutorial sessions in the long Home Group times during Terms 1 to 3. On Monday, 17 February, the focus will be on Homework: what to do when, scheduling and planning ahead. There will also be a student panel of 2013 Year 12 students to answer questions current students may have. On Friday, 21 February, Nicholas Mathew, Apprentice Broker, will be talking to students about pathways to work beyond 2014.

Tracy Warner
SACE/12 Coordinator

Science Alert

How do you heal a broken heart?
With slug slime. Researchers have created a super glue that mimics slug’s slime—and it’s sticky, blood-proof and dries in seconds. Their creators tested it in pig hearts with holes in the cardiac walls and managed to successfully seal the holes in less than 5 seconds.
Drew is back again this year with Friday activities for students during recess and lunchtimes. Featured this newsletter: The Willow Whack! There was some HOT competition as the boys hit a cricket ball for distance on the oval during the lunch break. Year 12, Trent Hunt managed a lengthy 84 metres, winning the competition. The girls reached respectable distances during recess, with Olivia Slater hitting a magnificent 20 metres. Above left: Trent in action and Kade Muir showing good form.

Above right: Students seek the shade during the recent heat wave and enjoy cool treats from Kidman’s Kafé.

The Trade Training Centre construction is underway - below left: additions to the rear of the existing Technology Centre and right: opposite the Tech. Centre, ground work for the Hawke Street development.
Results:

Kidman 897.5 points
Hughes 542 points
Hawke 534.5

U14 Boys
Champion - Lachlan Rose
Runner up - Ezra Trimboli

U14 Girls
Champion - Amy Wilsdon
Runner up - Claire Preiss

U15 Boys
Champion - Connor Buckby
Runner up - Ben Weichert

U15 Girls
Champion - Katelyn Smith
Runner up - Jodie Kruse

U16 Boys
Champion - Liam Sherwood
Runner up - Kallum Brown

U16 Girls
Champion - Jaime Hayward
Runner up - Zoe Baker

U21 Boys
Champion - Trent Hunt
Runner up - Gunther Schulze

U21 Girls
Champion - Mel Kruse
Runner up - Stacey Darke
GOVERNING SCHOOL COUNCIL NOMINATION FORM

KAPUNDA HIGH SCHOOL

Nomination for Election Form

I ____________________________ nominate to be elected as a member of Kapunda High School

Governing Council.

In doing so I declare that:

• I have not been declared bankrupt and do not receive a benefit of a law for the relief of insolvent debtors.

• I have not been convicted of any offence of dishonesty, or of a sexual nature involving a minor, of or violence against a person.

I understand that should I be declared bankrupt, receive a benefit of law for the relief of insolvent debtors or be convicted of any of the offences listed, my membership of Kapunda High School Governing Council will cease.

Signed:_________________________________   Date:_________________________________

Neil Weichert
Chairperson

GOVERNING COUNCIL AGM

Have you ever wondered why a decision was made about a certain issue at school? Do you ever think there could be a better way of doing things? Have you considered joining Governing Council and being part of the decision-making process?

There are a number of parent vacancies on Governing Council for 2013 and we strongly encourage you to think about nominating. There is a nomination form below.

The Governing Council meets generally on the final Monday of the month - excluding school holidays. Meetings commence at 7:30pm and are generally two hours in duration.

The Governing Council shares responsibility with the Principal for setting the strategic directions of the school and contributes to policy development. Being a councillor is a good opportunity to contribute and shape the direction of the school.

The Annual General Meeting will be held on Monday, February 24. Even if you don’t feel you can commit to being on Governing Council, you are most welcome at this meeting. Rest assured, there will be no pressure to join Governing Council. At this meeting, we will formally present the Annual Report and the school’s financial report.

Neil Weichert
Chairperson

YEAR 12 PRIDE!

Students, Carly Otterspoor, Jordan Glen, Adele Laubsch, Erin Rawson & Danielle Fix looking smart in their Year 12 Seniors shirts
Accessing the Kapunda High School DayMap Parent Portal

Follow the link from the Kapunda High School Website or browse to:

daymap.kapundahs.sa.edu.au/daymapconnect

To register click "New User?"

Enter the email address that you have registered with the school* (usually on the student enrolment form or contact info each year), and enter your child's School Student ID number. If you are unsure of the email address you have registered you will need to contact the school.

*(If more than one account is needed per family a second address can be registered with the school.)*

Please allow a day or two for new or updated addresses to be imported. Addresses already in the system will allow for immediate access.

Following a successful registration, you will receive your login details via email.

If you receive an error, please contact dl.0779.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au with the details.

Once logged in, use the Tabs to Access your Child's Timetable, Attendance & Results.

If you have more than one Child, use the Student dropdown box to select another Child.

Use the My Account Tab to check your details and change your password.

The My Messages Tab allows you to send and receive messages from the school. This is a new feature and is not yet fully functional.

*As this site is hosted within the school. It will be unavailable during blackouts or other power interruptions.*

For any problems relating to the DayMap Parent Portal please email dl.0779.ictadmin@schools.sa.edu.au.
**IMPORTANT NOTICE**
**NEWSLETTER EMAILS REGISTER PLEASE!**

In 2013 Kapunda High School launched an improved website, acting as a portal for all your school news. As part of the improvements we invested in new mailing list software. This software allows users to subscribe and unsubscribe at will and be more in control of the news they receive.

To receive the newsletter link by email, log onto www.kapundahs.sa.edu.au and sign up to the mailing list situated at the bottom of the page.

While we encourage our community to register online, we understand that for some, this is not a feasible way to obtain the newsletter. If this is the case for you, please complete the tear-off slip below and return to the school administration office to ensure that you are registered on our hard-copy distribution list.

Register online or complete the tear-off slip below to ensure you continue to receive the newsletter. Thank you

**YEAR 8 CAMP REMINDER**
The second camp will be in Week 5, Wednesday 26 - Friday 28 February.

Please pay outstanding amounts to front office as soon as possible. Students not attending camp are required to attend school as normal.

**FORGOT TO BUY THE 2013 MAGAZINE - BUT I WANT ONE!**
There are still a few copies of the full colour, high quality 2013 school magazine available for purchase at $20.

Something special to look back on in years to come.

2014 SCHOOL MAGAZINE ORDER NOW!

**IMMUNISATIONS**
First Session:
Tuesday 18 March
Year 8 & 9 Immunisation Session
Consent forms to be returned by 16 February
Yr 11 & 12
Influenza vaccination session Tuesday 18 March

SA Healthfirst Solutions, in conjunction with the Light Regional Council, will again be conducting an Influenza Vaccination Program at Kapunda High School.

Consent forms, available from KHS Administration office to be returned on the day with payment ($22).

**NEWSLETTER**
Please register my child’s name on the school’s hard-copy newsletter distribution list.

Student Name: ____________________________________________

Signed: ________________________________________

Name: ________________________________________