

# BLUEPRINT

Edition 3: 27 July 2018

## KSHS Shines at Country Week

At the end of 2017 the Country Week coaches and students set a goal to change the culture that surrounds Country Week and head to Perth to be more competitive in all our sports. Wow - the 2018 team knocked those expectations and goals out of the ball park!!

In the lead up to Country Week the teams trained incredibly hard - a massive effort by all the students and coaches! Along with training, students rolled up their sleeves and contributed in fundraising events to help reduce the cost of Country Week.

When not competing, the team took part in activities including a tour of the new Optus Stadium, Lazer Tag and shopping. The students' off-field behaviour and efforts were exceptional and I received only positive feedback. Their attitude, respect and manner in which they spoke to members of the public made the coaches very proud and they should all be congratulated.

As a collective the Karratha team's results were very positive. A huge effort from our Boys Volleyball team, Soccer and Speech & Debating teams who all managed to go the whole week undefeated and won their grand final, finally bringing some silverware back to Karratha!

Final Standing for other teams:

- Boys Basketball- 6th
- Girls Basketball- 7th
- AFL- 7th
- Girls Volleyball- 4th
- Touch Rugby- 7th
- Dance- 4th
- Netball-2nd (drew their grand final, lost on countback)

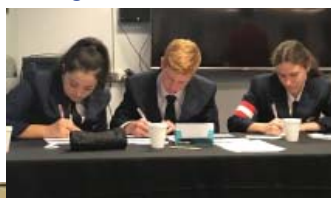
As the Country Week Coordinator, I would personally like to thank all my coaches; Jane Power, Nathan Standish, Ebony Morrison, Megan Kleynhans, Tristan Sawyer, Whitney McAullay, Tim Spijkers, Tommy Lewis, Amie Prout and David Ellam for all their hard work Their commitment and dedication to their teams is to be commended.

I also thank all the parents, teachers, local companies and the community of Karratha for supporting our team! There was plenty of talk around the school and town wishing the team luck and asking how they were travelling. The hype generated provided extra motivation for our students.

Lastly, I would like to thank the students for their commitment to Country Week 2018! I commend you for your work before, during and after the week! You should all be very proud of yourselves!

Marco Haag

2018 Country Week Coordinator



Parent Evening - Tuesday 31 July 2018:

Appointments at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) - Parent Code 5k92g

TISC Counselling for Year 12 students:

Appointments at [www.schoolinterviews.com.au](http://www.schoolinterviews.com.au) - Event Code 59q77

# What's Going On?



## WHAT'S ON AT KSHS

### TERM

# 3

- 31 July - Parent Teacher Evening
- 1 Aug - P&C Meeting (7pm)
- 3 Aug - School Dev Day (no students attend)
- 6 Aug - FeNaClING holiday
- 10 Aug - Whole School Assembly
- 10-12 Aug - Maths Camp
- Week 5 - National Science Week
- 14 Aug - Top of the Trail
- 16 Aug - Science Fair
- Week 6 - Book Week
- Week 7 - OLNA
- Week 8 - OLNA; Pilbara Music Festival
- Week 9 - OLNA
- 13 Sep - R U OK? Day
- 14 Sep - Interschool Athletics
- Week 10 - OLNA
- 17-20 Sep - YOHFest
- 21 Sep - Whole School Assembly
- 21 Sep - Last day of term

Check out the Term Calendar on our website for more details on events.

## Keep up to date...

Karratha SHS utilises several communication methods to keep you up to date with what's going on:

- Connect
- Facebook page - 'Like' us at Karratha Senior High School
- Webpage - [www.karrathashs.wa.edu.au](http://www.karrathashs.wa.edu.au)
- Emails - [karratha.shs@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:karratha.shs@education.wa.edu.au)
- SMS messages for absentees - 0417 180 638

# Principal's Message:

Welcome back to Term 3. Two weeks have flown past.

## Semester 1 Reports

You should have by now received your child's Semester 1 Report electronically or by mail. If you have not received the report please contact the front office on 9187 8000 and we will rectify this.

It is crucial that you read the report with your child and discuss with them their Semester 1 achievements. Setting goals for Semester 2 that focus on progressing your child's learning is essential. Regularly checking and supporting your child to achieve their goals is also required throughout this semester.

Contact with your child's teachers throughout the semester is the best way for us to all work together to progress your child's learning. There is a Parent Evening on Tuesday 31 July 2018. Please ensure you have read the information and have booked in to see your child's teachers.

The other best way to be in contact with your child's teachers is through Connect.

## Connect

The Department of Education provides Connect as an online service for teachers, students and parents/caregivers. Connect is a great way for parents to keep up to date with what is happening with their child's classroom learning, attendance, to contact teachers and be involved in the school life of their child.

Parents/ Caregivers can get their own log on for Connect. All you need is an email address. Contact the front office on 9187 8000 and we will organise a log on and explain how to get connected.

## Attendance

In Semester 1 50% of our children had regular attendance at school, they attended 90% or more of all available school days. This is great as it is an improvement on 2017. *Well done to those families that ensure their children attend school regularly.* You are ensuring your child will learn and progress and is developing a strong foundation for their future.

*However, this is only half of the children who attend Karratha SHS.*

When reading every child's report, it was obvious to me from the grades children were receiving and the comments from teachers, who the regular attendees were. Those children who had less than 90% attendance were not achieving as well and this is a concern for all of us at school.

Your child needs to attend school more than 90% of the available school days. If they do not then they are at educational risk.

We understand that it can be hard to motivate and encourage teenagers to attend school. We are here to help. We can work with parents/caregivers so that every child has over 90% attendance. Please contact our Student Wellbeing Coordinators at school on 9187 8000:

- Joel Wilson - Years 7 and 8
- Nicole Banks - Years 9 and 10
- Gina Martinovich - Years 11 and 12

## Term 3

This term will be busy as usual.

OLNA for Years 10 to 12 starts on 27 August. Every student who will be sitting OLNA can get help from Mrs Royal at school. We have online licences so students can work at home, tutoring at recess and lunch and a whole range of resources on the OLNA Connect page. Now's the time to practice at home so the Literacy and Numeracy requirement of the West Australian Certificate of Education can be ticked off.

*The Science Fair* is on 16 August. This is a huge community event and showcases our students work, achievements and interest and enthusiasm for science. The event is completely organised from start to finish by our science teachers so that our students and community benefit. This year we have a visiting Astronomer, Matt Woods from Perth Observatory, so come along on 16 August and be indulged in all things science.

## Year 12 Students

Term 3 is the last official term for our Year 12 students. It is crucial they attend every day and continue to work hard so they meet all the requirements for the West Australian Certificate of Education. The end of their formal schooling is coming very quickly and their mentor teachers are supporting them to plan for the next stage of their life journey.

Finally, please be involved in your child's school. A great way to do that is through the P&C. We meet Weeks 3 and 8 of every term. This term that is Wednesday 1 August and Wednesday 5 September at 7pm each time in the library. The meetings are only an hour and you will not be asked to be on a committee or do any fundraising. But you can ask questions, get involved, give your views and ideas for the school.

I look forward to seeing you at school this term.

Jennifer McMahon  
Principal

# *KSHS Senior Ball*

