KMHS School Librarians Leading In A Contemporary World

In this age of information overload and dramatic technological change, the role of teacher librarians is critical in the education of students. Kariong Mountains High School teacher librarians, Ms Carraro and Ms Jeffrey clearly demonstrated how they have maintained their relevance in the 21st Century in the recent inaugural workshop which they organised and led.

**KMHS Libguides**

Libguides is a key platform by which KMHS’s library is ensuring connectivity in a technological world. Libguides provides a portal to high quality, relevant research information to support subjects across the school. They contain engaging multimedia content, embedded videos, catalogue items, RSS feeds, widgets and other contemporary tools, and are available anywhere and anytime, including from a smart phone or ipad. The KMHS Libguides site is still evolving, but guides are being made available as they are constructed. Dr Julie Mundy Taylor from the University of Newcastle demonstrated the use of Libguides at the University and highlighted how the adoption of Libguides by high schools would provide an area of seamless transition for students into the university world.
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(Top Left) Front page of KMHS Libguides.

(Bottom Left) A sample page from KMHS Books and Reading Libguides. This Libguide features Suzanne Collins, author of The Hunger Games.

(Bottom Right) Year 11 English Libguide on the comparative study of Othello, the play by William Shakespeare and the movie ‘O’.
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**Guided Inquiry**

Making sense of the plethora of information available and developing critical and analytical skills through structured research underpins the Guided Inquiry approach adopted by our school librarians, Ms Carraro and Ms Jeffrey. The Guided Inquiry model fits the key attributes of the 21st Century skills of competency, collaboration, critical and creative thinking and communication. Its link to quality teaching is evident in that it enables students to engage intellectually with a research topic undertaken in an environment of quality learning with students as self-directed learners who self and peer evaluate. This is the third year of Guided Inquiry at KMHS and students who have been involved with it over the years show a much more sophisticated ability in research than students who have not previously been involved.

**State Library of NSW**

Learning about the resources available to support high school students and teachers from the State Library of NSW was an invaluable session. In order to maintain a competitive edge with students across the state, it is imperative that our students are supported through, and have access to, high quality digital resources and current journal articles. Ms Carraro will be teaching students how they can access the State Library of NSW from school and home in Term 4 this year.

The workshop was attended by teacher librarians from 17 Hunter and Central Coast High Schools and involved collaboration with librarians from the University of Newcastle and the State Library of NSW. It was a huge success and highlights how Kariong Mountains High School continues to make a difference in education.

**Finance System Update**

From **October 30 – November 18** we are upgrading out finance system. During this time we will be unable to process direct debits into our account. During this period, payments can be made by cash or cheque only. Our new BSB and account numbers will be published after November 18.
On Monday 18th September, 28 students from Year 9, Year 10 and Year 11 met at Staples Lookout to begin a three day adventure that would see us walking a total of 26km and paddling 8km. The weather forecast was not in our favour, however, all students remained positive and excited as we set out on our 17km hike to the camping destination in Patonga.

As always, with KMHS students, the team spirit and willingness to help others shined throughout the day, as students from all year groups and friendship circles offered to carry equipment for each other and encourage each other along the journey. We were surrounded by the laughter of students sharing stories, breath taking scenery and even a snake to keep us on our toes for a portion of the track.
PDHPE & DUKE OF EDINBURGH CAMP

Continued

The weather was very kind to us providing cool temperatures, cloud cover and not even a sprinkle of rain on our walk. We arrived ahead of schedule at Patonga, ready to set up camp just before the rain started, the timing could not have been any better. Once again all the students stepped in to help each other set up the campsite.
That night, huddled together under a big tarp in our communal area, the rain poured down on us, however this was drowned out by the laughter of games and storytelling and of course the toasting of marshmallows to make our smores.
The next morning brought breaks in the clouds and everyone had a great breakfast, sharing how each had a not so great a night’s sleep. The Duke of Ed, students met with Glen from Xterra Kayak tours to begin our 3hr adventure up the river, where we saw an eagle’s nest, paddled against a strong outgoing tide and strong winds, to only receive sun and calm water on our return trip. It was said while floating together for our group photo, “we are like a big family out here”

While on the kayak tour the PDHPE students went fishing, swam, played soccer and had a leisurely walk along the reserve.

That afternoon we had a relaxing time fishing, cooking our lunches and even getting back to our childhood days with a fun Mintie Hunt which Zoe Papadatos won with her excellent tracking skills and a game of ‘eating the donut off the string’ where Dillon Gerasimou was the winner, almost taking down the donut in one bite.
Wednesday morning saw the Year 11 PDHPE students rise early to watch a beautiful sunrise and then the rest of the campers gradually woke up for our last adventure of hiking from Patonga to Umina beach. This was a low-key hike, only 6km in total. Once the hardest climb was completed out of Patonga it took us on a gentle downhill fire trail past caves, along the coast and bush scenery until ending up at Umina Beach Surf Life Saving Club. Students sank heavily into their seats and enjoyed some well deserved hot chips before being picked up to go home.

All the students need to be congratulated on their teamwork and behaviour. As teachers, we were so impressed. These experiences will stay with us for a long time. The teachers, Mrs Miller, Ms Jackson, Ms Huey and Mr Gunter would like to thank the P&C (for their donation of camping equipment), Glen from Xterra kayak tours and the students for being part of this a fun adventure. If you are interested in being a part of the Duke of Ed group please see Ms Jackson, Mrs Miller or Mr Hammond and find out more.
Principal’s Message:

Be Steadfast – Keep your Child at School

We are coming to the time of year when students often try and convince their parents that they would be better off leaving school than continuing. School is hard; they are not happy; they just want to leave!

Unfortunately for early leavers, the data shows us that “the best predictor of wealth, and happiness in later life is not school achievement, but the number of years of schooling”. (Levin, Belfield, Muennig and Rouse 2006) and leaving school early, just because it is challenging at a certain point in time, is a short term solution with possible life-long consequences.

Parents, students and school staff need to work together to keep students in school for as long as possible. Additionally, staying on at school enables students to learn other life-long skills such as creativity, persistence, problem-solving and working in teams. So, before saying yes, to leaving school early, come and talk with us and let’s find a solution to keep them staying on, there by keeping more doors to opportunity open.

Plant Fair

A very successful plant fair was held on our school grounds during the holiday break. Thank you to students, staff and parents who helped out. We received some very positive comments about our students’ citizenship.

Anne Vine,
Principal

P&C NEWS

P & C Meeting: Monday November 11
7pm-8:30pm  C  Block


Trivia Night 2014: Tentative - Term 2, 2014 depending on interest. Theme “Halloween”. You might want to prepare while Halloween merchandise is available.

Plant Lovers Fair: Thank you Marie and Anita for successfully running the canteen for the 2 days of the garden festival. They both volunteered a day of their own time to keep things running smoothly. It was a profitable weekend for the P&C and all money raised will be put back into the school.
**CANTEEN NEWS**

**NEXT FORTNIGHT’s ROSTER**

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**A BIG THANK YOU FOR ALL THE VOLUNTEERS AT THE PLANT LOVERS FAIR THAT HELPED IN THE CANTEEN**

**THANKS TO**

Vicki Donnelly, Jordan Bleiker, Debbie Larri, Sandra Carnevale, Anita Mudge

**BIG BIG BIG THANKS TO**

Sharon Partridge, Luke Carnevale

**FOR VOLUNTEERING BOTH DAYS**

**IT WAS A GREAT SUCCESS FOR THE P&C CANTEEN.**
The Hill Youth Centre

Tuesday

- Young Women’s Program
- Homework Help
- Resume writing & Job Seeking skills

Wednesday

- Dance Class (Jazz/Hip Hop)
  3.40 – 4.20pm - Young People in Years 1-4
  4.30 – 5.10pm young people Year 4 and above
- Homework Help

Thursday

- Sports and Fitness
- Table Tennis Comp

Friday

- Football Competition
- Dinner

Young people have access to internet, sporting equipment career guidance and tutoring every afternoon.
Tue – Thurs open 3-6pm
Friday 4-8pm
Youth Workers available for referral and support 10-2pm by appointment.
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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2013 10AM - 3PM

CRAFT STALL  WHITE ELEPHANT STALL
FAMILY FUN  "Life from Days Gone By" OLD TIME TEA ROOM
OLD TIME GAMES  "Old Time Theme"
MAYPOLE DANCING  JAMS, CAKES, LOLLIES
RAINFOREST WALK  SCHOOL MEMORABILIA
OLD TIME CLASSROOM

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