

KDHS Middle School News

Term 2 | Week 4 | 2017



Last week was busy with NAPLAN testing. The Year 7 and 9 students sat their official NAPLAN assessments—and we were the only class in the school to have 100% attendance with no catch up NAPLAN tests needed on Friday! **Well done, Year 7 and 9 students!** The Year 8 and 10 students sat practice NAPLAN tests. It is beneficial for the Year 8s to practice test-taking strategies in readiness for Year 9. Our Year 10 students also benefit from an extra practice before OLNA (Online Literacy & Numeracy Assessments), which are similar in style to NAPLAN.

This week we are back into the swing of regular English and Mathematics lessons. Mrs Crofts is using small group conferencing in Number & Algebra to target students' learning at their point of need. In **Statistics & Probability** with the students are looking at different outcomes in chance experiments. In **Art** with Mrs Innes, the class are painting their skateboard deck designs. In **Health** with Mrs Nicholls and Mrs Clarke, the focus is on drug and alcohol education—including highlighting risky behaviours and consequences.



In **Electives** the Keller Kings basketball team played against KDHS Staff last Friday, and they look forward to playing against the Cunderdin College of Agriculture students next week. The Art & Design and Sewing 101 groups continue to work hard on their creative projects. We look forward to seeing the results!

In **Science** with Mrs Wilkins, the students are studying Physical Sciences. The 7/8s have studied Rube Goldberg and his incredible machines and attempted their own. The 9/10s are designing their own Operation type games, smashing Makey Makey and Scratch 2.0 together to design codes that will complete the circuits in the games.



HOMework REPORTS

A report about your child's homework record for Term 1 has been posted home. Homework goes out each Wednesday and is due back the following Wednesday. Please see over-leaf the maths homework requirements this term. If you have any questions or queries about homework, please get in touch.

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Reminders!

Tuesdays: Bring your faction shirt for Phys. Ed. with Mrs Nicholls

Fridays: Library day

Homework is due on Wednesdays

Secondary Winter Carnival in Quairading Friday 23rd June

notes due Monday 12th June



We are creating... Future Ready Students

RAC Visit—Road Ready programme

Earlier this month we were visited by Paula Miller from the RAC. She spoke to the students about the importance of wearing seatbelts and choosing safety rated cars. She also discussed the dangers of distracted drivers—especially the risks of using a mobile phone while behind the wheel. The students had the opportunity to participate in some hands-on activities and watched some powerful video clips.

20% Time—Autonomous, Creative and Purposeful Learning

Our 20% Time programme allows the Middle School students to design their own learning journey on Fridays from 11:00am—1:00pm. So far the students have identified their passions, created an idea for something they will make, learn or do, and shared that idea through a pitch to the 'Shark Tank'. Most ideas got the seal of approval, however some need a little tweaking. This process of constant reflection is beneficial for our students' growth academically and personally. Here are some of the ideas that students pitched last week!

Designing and making fidget spinners

Creating a Lego model using pneumatic parts

Designing and programming a video game

Making a go cart out of recycled parts

Investigating different species of birds

Using woodwork and sewing skills to make a laptop table

Making a scooter out of newspaper that will hold a student's weight



TERM 2 MATHS HOMEWORK (all Middle School students)

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 1

Due Wednesday 3rd May

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 2

Due Wednesday 10th May

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 3

Due Wednesday 17th May

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 4

Due Wednesday 24th May

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 5

Due Wednesday 31st May

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 6

Due Wednesday 7th June

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 7

Due Wednesday 14th June

Maths Mate Term 2 Sheet 8

Due Wednesday 21st June