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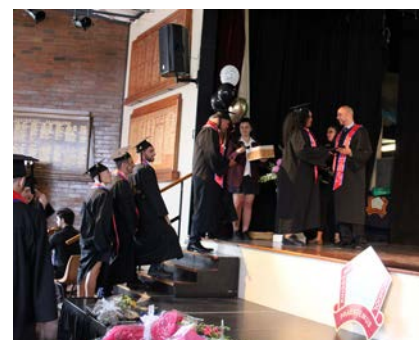
PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



The HSC has been successfully completed and we were fortunate enough not to be one of the many schools that were impacted by the email bomb threats. The Presiding Officer indicated to me that she was very impressed with the attitude of the students and how they conducted themselves, definitely one of the best cohorts she has seen in her many years of doing this role. We now eagerly wait for results in mid-December and wish all students the best of luck in their HSC and for the future.

The graduation ceremony was held on Friday 13 November in the hall with one parent only from each family, to ensure we complied with the Health Order. The original plan was for the ceremony to be held on the oval which would have allowed for double the capacity, however the uncertainty of the weather was a factor in moving it to the hall.

The ceremony was a high success with students for the first-time wearing caps and also a stole with the 2020 initials. I would like to thank and acknowledge Mrs Varvaessos, the Year 12 Adviser, who organised and coordinated the ceremony. She spent many weeks preparing and was supported by Mr Rozario, our office staff and of course our teaching staff.



On the same night we also had the formal dinner at the Conca D'oro reception lounge at Riverwood. This was another very successful event. The management were full of praise for our students. Once again special thanks to Mrs Varvaessos who was instrumental in the organisation of the evening- congratulations to her for both events on the day.

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



INNOVATION HUB

We anticipate that the innovation hub will be operational by the middle of term 1, 2021.

The Innovation Hub is currently under construction and being built by Marathon Modular at Singleton. The hub will be transported in five sections by road in mid-January and put together. We anticipate it will be fully operational by the middle of term 1 next year. This is an exciting project and something special. It will benefit our students and strengthen the primary school links we have with neighbouring schools.

The oval renovations continue and we're looking at putting two large pergolas on the St Albans Rd side to help with shade in the warmer weather. The new turf is now starting to grow and blend and shortly we will be completing the markings for the two smaller soccer fields and posts.

A new mural has been put up in the PE area and the newly refurbished gym is about to open and be available to students and classes. A number of rooms have also had new printed blinds put up and a new Maths Technology Room will be completed by the end of term. The new recording studio is also under construction and that will also be ready by the end of this term.



Our aim is to make Kingsgrove North High School a leader in technology and education in our area. With the progress we have made and the many changes which are supported by our staff, we are making great progress.

Angelo Stasos - Principal

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



Year 12 Graduation

We have farewelled our year 12's as they graduated in a quieter, but just as special ceremony. A big congratulations to all 122 students who have succeeded in achieving their HSC. As Rel DP and as their Assistant Year Advisor, I could not be prouder of the outstanding group of students. As the years went by I watched you all grow into young adults with a great outlook on life. Camps, excursions, carnivals, special events and just regular school days have been a joy to spend with you all. I feel like a big brother who has helped watch over you all as you have travelled through the adventure of finishing school at KNHS. I'm so proud of you all.



ABCN Goals

On Friday the 13th of November, 12 year 9 students completed the ABCN Goals Program. This program is designed to inspire students with the many personal, educational and professional choices available to them, all the while encouraging them to complete Year 12 and/or further tertiary study. Due to current restrictions this year's program has been run via zoom sessions with mentors from both CSR and ABCN companies. I would like to congratulate all the students who successfully completed this course.

Final Assessments

As we draw near to the end of the year all students will be completing their final assessment tasks. I would like to wish all students well in these final exams and assignments. Ensure you complete everything to the best of your ability.

Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Donations

This year with the help of the SRC, I will be organising the Samaritan's Purse 'Operation Christmas Child' Shoebox Donation. Operation Christmas Child is a hands-on way for us to help children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts. The shoeboxes, once filled, are returned and distributed to children living in vulnerable situations. If you would like to take part in this wonderful opportunity to give please collect a shoebox from either Mr Rozario in the Deputy's office or see your SRC member and start giving in time for Christmas.

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



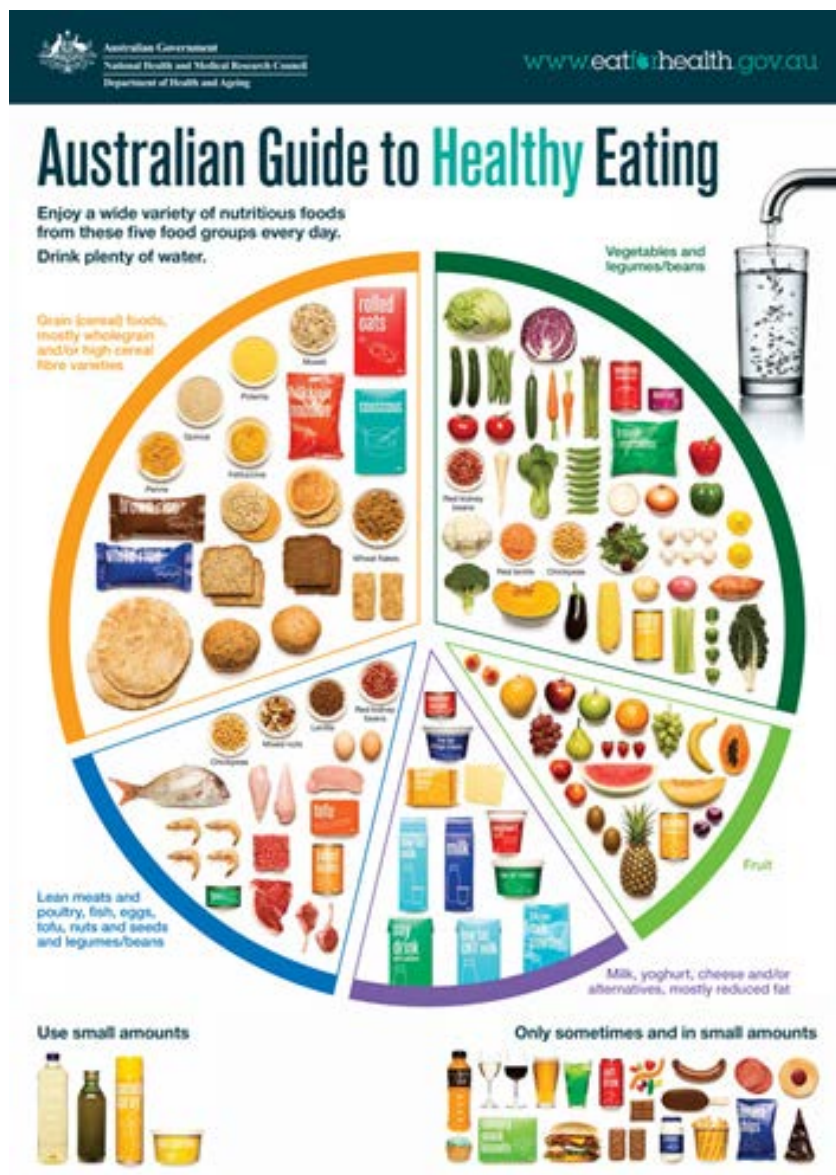
Social Media

Social media has given us the ability to instantly connect with others and share our lives through photos, videos and status updates. This is great when used responsibly, however when not used appropriately, social media can have various negative effects. It is important for all students and parents/guardians to be mindful of how social media is being used. Please see the link below for Beyond Blue's suggested ways to use social media in a positive way.

<https://www.beyondblue.org.au/personal-best/pillar/in-focus/6-tips-on-how-to-use-social-media-in-a-positive-way>

Term 4 FUN & FACTS - Lunch-box challenge

A balanced diet gives your body the nutrients it needs to function correctly. This means that you are more likely to have an energetic, positive attitude towards the day. Due to this fact, I would like to encourage all students to pack a healthy lunch box for the school day. For tips and help on ideal snacks and meals, try the cancer council's healthy lunch box builder:



Jason Rozario - Relieving Deputy Principal

ADMINISTRATION UPDATE



I would like to start off my report by thanking all the wonderful casual staff that have worked throughout the year at K.N.H.S. I look forward to working with them again in 2021.

As term 4 is coming to an end, I once again encourage all students to log into their NESA portal to update any personal details if needed. Year 11, 2020 have recently had their enrolments rolled over into Year 12, 2021 and I am currently in the process of editing courses students are enrolled in. This is due to either students dropping from 12 to 10 units or students adding extra units to their enrolment due to the extension courses that are offered at our school.

Updated course lists will appear on NESA after the blue Change of Course Application form has been completed by the student and signed by the librarian, the Deputy Principal and the front office staff.

A final note on Scripture. I would like to thank our Scripture teachers for the lessons they have presented to our students throughout the year. Enrolments for either Greek Orthodox, Muslim or Anglican Scripture will resume again in Term 1, 2021. Scripture notes can be collected from the HT Administration office.

I wish all the K.N.H.S families a wonderful and safe holiday period. See you all again in 2021.

NESA PORTAL

I once again encourage all students to log into their NESA portal to update any personal details if needed

A reminder to students who are currently enrolled in Scripture and do not wish to attend lessons in 2021. A signed note by a parent/guardian stating the above is required.

Dimitra Tsiotsioras - Head Teacher Administration

YEAR 12 REPORT



CLASS OF 2020

Congratulations year 12, you have come to the end of one of the most important milestone in your life. As this thirteen year journey comes to an end and as this is my last official message as Year Advisor for Year 12, 2020, it is with great sadness that I say goodbye.

Remember HSC students, you aren't defined by a number or even the course that you may end up doing. The HSC is indeed important, but it isn't the final verdict on how your life will turn out. Ultimately your identity isn't found in your ATAR.

Believe in yourself and all that you are. Know that there is something inside you that is greater than any obstacle you face each day.

**"Nothing is impossible.
The word itself says I'm Possible."
Audrey Hepburn**

I want to wish every one of our year 12 students all the very best. May they always continue to see the world as a glass half full rather than a glass half empty.



Remember to stay respectful and always responsible, keep safe, remember the KNHS ways, be bold and dare to dream big.

Athena Varvaressos – Yr 12 Advisor

YEAR 11 REPORT



Year 11 have begun their HSC course and have settled in well.

On Monday, 19th October, students attended the Life Ready excursion. Everyone, including the teachers, had a wonderful day participating in the practical activities and theory sessions. Activities included the high ropes, zip lining and the giant swing. It was great to see all the students stepping out of their comfort zones, challenging themselves and helping/encouraging others through some difficult activities! Thank you to Mr D'Addona for organising the excursion and to Ms Morrison, Ms Woods and Mr Vitale for coming along and supervising the groups throughout the day.

On Friday, 30th October, Year 11 attended a Study Skills Program organised by Ms Gullotta at Bankstown District Sports Club. The program consisted of 4 workshops – Dealing with Distractions, HSC Marker Uncovered, Mindfulness and Study Smart Study Hard. Everyone seemed to have enjoyed the program and found the information valuable. They enjoyed the motivational presentation “Reality Check” by Paul Wade, a former Socceroos Captain. Thank you to Ms Gullotta, Ms Zoabi, Ms Conidaris and Mr Kennedy for running the workshops.

Looking forward to a productive and exciting remainder of Term 4!

We are waiting for the very exciting delivery of the Year 12 Jackets! They will hopefully be here my mid-December.

Trish Spyridis – Year 11 Advisor

LIFE READY EXCURSION

It was great to see the students stepping out of their comfort zones and challenging themselves.

YEAR 11 STUDY SKILLS FORUM



Kingsgrove North High has a strong tradition of supporting students on their learning pathway. On Friday 30th October, our Year 11 students left the familiarity of their school and classrooms to travel to Bankstown District Sports Club for the annual Study Skills Forum. It was an opportunity to learn about practical topics to encourage better exam preparation and dealing with the HSC such as:

- Developing a positive mindset through commitment and motivation
- Avoiding the pitfalls of procrastination and stress
- Developing resilience

The morning started with inspirational speaker Paul Wade OAM, past long-term Captain of the Australian Socceroos, Olympian and sports presenter. His stories of triumph and success in the face of adversity was truly engaging and inspirational. Real life lessons for our students. Following this was a series of workshops for the students presented by Ms Conidaris (HT Welfare), Ms Gullotta, Mr Kennedy (HT English), Ms Spyridis (Yr11 Advisor) and Ms Zoabi (Student Support Officer). Finally the day ended with the support of Mr Stasos (Principal) as he presented his reflections on what it takes to push for success.

The Study Skills Forum was a wonderful learning opportunity and memorable experience for our senior students to learn, engage and connect with their peers and teachers.

Lydia Gulotta

LEARNING ABOUT LEARNING

Yr 11 students attended the annual Study Skills Forum at Bankstown Sports Club.



YEAR 10 REPORT



It is an exciting time for Year 10 students as they are looking to engage in work experience. Term 4 is all about students searching for a potential career pathway and making connections with employees and employers in the work force. Additionally, students will observe the necessary skills to thrive in the workplace and this will hopefully provide them with insight into becoming a true professional. This valuable experience has the potential to add to their existing career goals or open up new possibilities.

All the best year 10 for this new chapter in your lives!!!

Stephen Poulos – Yr 10 Advisor

ENGLISH NEWS



TEACHING STAFF

I would like to thank the English Staff for their ongoing dedication and hard work for the students they teach.

It has been wonderful to be part of the learning journey of all the students at Kingsgrove North High School and I congratulate them on their efforts in English this year. I would also like to take the opportunity to express my thanks to all the English staff for their ongoing dedication and hard work for the students they teach.

Thank you:

Michael Elakis – for all your work in coordinating the English Best Work Folder;

Angela Faros – your dedication to English Studies has been so appreciated by your class;

Alamira Ayoubi – for organising all our debating teams with such aplomb;

Olga Hiotis – for continuing to improve Advanced English;

Christina Papadopolous – it has been great to have you join us this year;

Lydia Gullotta – for your work in organising the senior study day;

Linda Ayache – for your dedication in helping EAL/D students;

Sel Kurt – for your work in Extension 1;

Cveta Gracoska – for your never-ending dedication to helping our students, especially 7 Perth;

Angela Pylotis – your dedication and professionalism will be missed in 2021.

While 2020 has certainly been challenging, it has nevertheless been another positive and productive year in English.

Nicholas Kennedy – Head Teacher English

MATHS NEWS



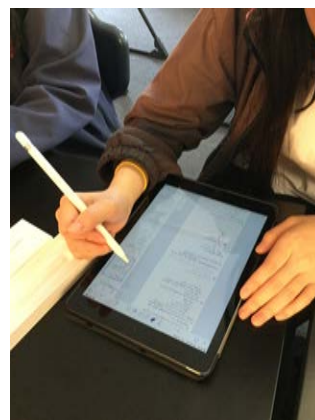
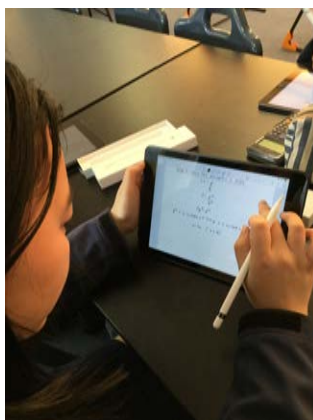
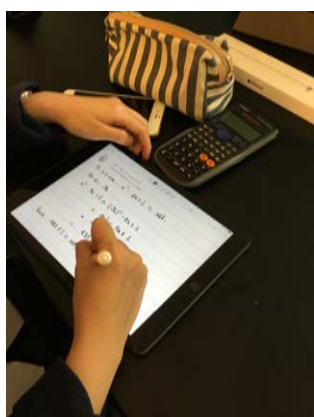
CLASSROOM TECH

As a faculty, we are implementing as much technology as we can into our lessons.

We are nearly at the end of the year. The HSC exams have been completed, and Year 11 are starting the journey for their HSC. By now, all of our students have completed their Yearly exams and are awaiting their yearly results and reports. Year 11 will be having their first HSC assessment task this term and should be now looking at organising their notes, and familiarising themselves with past HSC questions to be prepared.

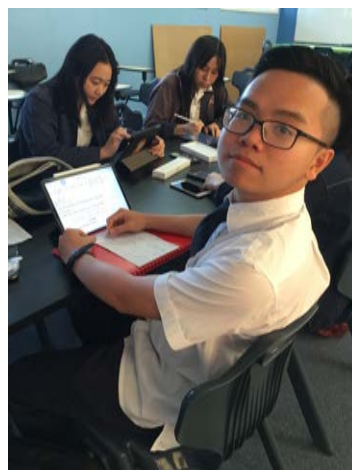
Junior years have completed their yearly exams and are now finishing their course ready for next year.

As a faculty we are implementing as much technology as we can into our lessons. Mr Poulos has a bank of ipads in his room and is using Noteability with his extension class. They are using the new pens purchased to work on the tablets and then saving the work to common drives. Teachers are also using the same technology to project living lessons on the whiteboard and then uploading those lessons to google classroom for all to access.



Remember, mathematics is a continuuam, and all work is vital as a stepping stone to the next stage.

Helen Sarlas - Head Teacher Maths



SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWS



kNOw Waste Incursion

Year 7 Geography classes were presented with information about waste management, as part of the kNOw Waste program. This presentation tied in with the current topic of Place and Liveability. Students were educated about the importance of proper waste management - what goes in each bin and the time it takes for certain materials to break down. The students were engaged and participated effectively, especially in the interactive activity, where they were required to guess how long it takes for items like glass, aluminium cans, banana peels etc to decompose. Polystyrene cups never fully decompose - something for all of us to think about.

Can you guess how long each of the following takes to decompose? (Answers on page 21)

Banana peel
Plastic bottle

Cigarette butt
Plastic bag

Aluminium can
Glass bottle



Schools Sharemarket Game

Well, it's all over! The Year 11 boys have blitzed the top 3 ranks in this online game at our school. Students were given a hypothetical \$50 000 to invest on the Australian Securities Exchange. In teams, they bought and sold shares over a ten week period. In these interesting economic and political times, some teams were able to make a profit, whilst others..... let's not go there.

The winning team, who made \$2600 on their initial investment, (if only it was real money) was:

1st place: Bryce, Archar, Stephen and Toby.

2nd place: Shaouki and Ameer

3rd place: George

4th place: me!!

The wooden spoons go to the lovely Year 8 girls: Charlotte, Madeline and Aurora.

The winning team gets achievement cards and a movie voucher each.

Dianne Tsitsos - Social Science Curriculum Co-Ordinator

CAPA NEWS



We have had another busy and successful term in CAPA with our students continuing to remain focused and positive in meeting their learning outcomes and gaining new skills in many material practices in a range of subjects. Year 7 have been continuing with their 'Fantastic Animals' topic and have been very successful in creating a variety of artworks with different mediums. Year 7 studied Australian Music, completing a performance assessment task and a listening exam in class. Year 8 Music students have been working on several practical tasks in class on their choice of keyboard or guitar.



Students in Stage 4, Year 9 Photography and Digital Media have been exploring the subject matter 'Still Life'. They have learnt about revolutionary female Australian artists like Olive Cotton and Robyn Stacey. Students explore the concept of arrangement, camera angles and manipulation techniques. Year 9 Music classes studied the topic of "Musical Theatre". Students were assessed on their ability to create a lead sheet for "Do-Re-Mi" from The Sound of Music and completed a theoretical task on different musical theatre examples.



Year 10 Photography and Digital Media, have been exploring the conventions of Horror, creating their own Horror movie posters and collaborative short films. This has been a huge success and students have worked vigorously to enhance and develop their skills within three dimensional and four dimensional manipulation and filming. Year 10 Music students learnt about "Music of a Culture" with a focus on music from China, Japan, Mongolia and India.



CAPA NEWS



Year 11 Music students were busy this term working on their first HSC assessment task- composing a song and presenting a viva voce speech.

This semester Year 12 Visual Arts students have worked tirelessly on completing and submitting their HSC Body of Work. Students in year 12 Visual Arts have produced work from a variety of artforms from graphic design to photo media. They have explored concepts including political issues, mental health and Greek mythology. Congratulations to all students for submitting and completing their HSC Visual Arts. A big congratulations to Kristapob S for his selection into the Art Rules exhibition at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Arts Centre. His collection of works 'Death of Miscellaneous Thoughts' explored the subconscious mind as our world is saturated with popular culture, mass media and political events.



Our Year 12 Music students were working hard in preparation for their HSC exams. First up was their practical examination, which for the first time ever, had limitations on the amount of musicians performing at once (maximum 2 per performance). This required some technical coordination to make sure that everybody had the correct backing track for each song and rehearsal time in the hall to ensure that the audio setup was correctly catered for each student. However, their preparation paid off and every student walked away feeling confident that they gave it their best performance on the day. After the holiday break, Year 12 completed their aural listening exam, which required them to analyse and discuss 4 songs in an hour. Although they had to analyse a few "unusual" songs, several students were positive that they had worked better in their HSC exam than their trial exam.



CAPA NEWS



Our CAPA Technology Centre is now complete and ready for student use. We have 3D printers, dye saturation printers, laptops with creative arts programming, access to virtual reality equipment, music production midi keyboards and much more.

The CAPA Technology Centre is a great asset for the CAPA faculty to go alongside the CAPA Digital Media Studio and CAPA Outdoor Classroom, making the CAPA faculty a state of the art learning space.

We are extremely proud of the time, effort and creativity our students from stages 4 to 6 continuously demonstrate, and we look forward to seeing their progression in the final stages of Term 4.

I would like to thank all the CAPA staff for their hard work this term. They have worked diligently to ensure our students are meeting their learning outcomes and gaining new skills within our subject.



We look forward to seeing how the rest of the term goes on as we approach the end of another successful and positive year!

Dioni Karpathakis - Relieving Head Teacher CAPA

META HIGH SCHOOL ESPORTS: LEAGUE OF LEGENDS CHAMPIONSHIP GRAND FINAL



KNHS organised a team in 2020 to compete in the Meta High School league of Legends championships. Ms Andreou, (History Department), entered the team who called themselves 'The Panda Republic'. The students consisted of four year 11 students: James G, Bryce Z, George P and Tony Y and one year 12 student, Bryce's sister, Andree Z. The students were on a winning streak, defeating schools such as Knox grammar, Melbourne High School, Canberra College, Blakehurst High School, Caringbah High School, Bass High School and St Marouns College to become regional champions and eligible for the national Grand Final against Rangitoto College, New Zealand. Unfortunately, The Panda Republic were defeated 3-1 in the match last on October 10. The finalists represented Australia and NZ collectively.

During 2020, the Panda Republic played more than 20 games and 13 matches to qualify for the National Grand Final.

KNHS's Panda Republic vow to enter the competition next year with the current team members and another student to be selected to take the place of our one year 12 student.



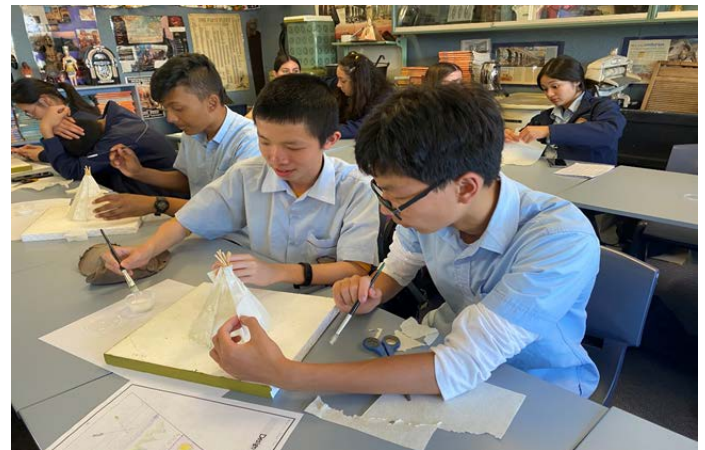
Despite being 'pipped at the post' in the Grand Final by New Zealand, KNHS was the top team in Asutralia.

Linda Chegwidden - Head Teacher History

ANNUAL TEPEE MAKING IN YEAR 10 ELECTIVE HISTORY



Tepees are part of a unit that looked at contact history and indigenous cultures. Year 10 elective History focused on the Sioux Native Americans. Tepees suited their nomadic lifestyles (following buffalo herds). The students have constructed Tepees using foam bases, kebab sticks and paper towels. Students made their basic structure and then used a mixture of glue and water to apply several layers of paper towel. As the glue dried, it hardened. Students are designing their tepee decoration as they are currently painting them, using traditional colours - red, yellow, brown, blue, green, black and white. Students will then create a landscape for their tepees. This will involve creating a camp-fire and a representation of tanning buffalo hides.



Students enjoy doing practical activities, as it deepens their understanding and encourages team spirit.

Ms Andreou - History Faculty

REMEMBERANCE DAY



There was a whole school Assembly at 11 am on the 11th November to commemorate those Australians who have fallen in wars. 102 years ago, on the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month 1918, the great guns on the Western Front fell silent and the armistice was signed that ended World War One. 63,000 Australian soldiers lay dead and another 160,000 were wounded.

The two vice-captains, Jordan C and Concetta V of the year 11 Modern History class, led the ceremony. They spoke very well about how Anzac Day provides us with a link to the past and is a way of understanding past times and values and the role brave Australians have played in our history- and the legacy they have left to us. The students were asked to reflect on all those who still suffer in war-torn countries and to commit to being peace-makers, in whatever ways they can.

Ms Chegwidden read the famous poem by Wilfred Owen, 'Dulce et Decorum Est, Pro Patria Mori' the Ode to the Fallen was recited:

*"They went with songs
to the battle, they were young.
Straight of limb, true of eye, steady and aglow.
They were staunch to the end against odds uncounted,
They fell with their faces to the foe.*

*They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
We will remember them."*

Then a minute's silence was observed and the Last Post and Reveille were played. The students were very respectful and did the school proud by behaving appropriately at such a solemn occasion.

Ms Chegwidden - Head Teacher History



THE KNHS POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB & THE MODEL MAKING CLUB



POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUB

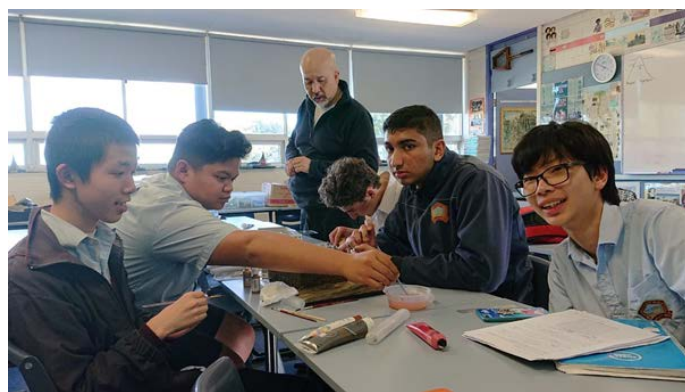
The all boys Political Science Club continue to make strides and debate vigorously on a number of topics decided upon by the members. Presently, the US elections, electoral fallouts and the Democrats / Republicans divide, has been the continued focus of the group's discussions. The particularities of the American voting system is complicated to understand, but the political club has got it covered!

Members meet at recess in Ms Chegwidden's room once a week.



MODEL MAKING CLUB

This hardworking and prestigious club meets on Thursday afternoons. The boys are working on individual historical models, built to scale, spending quality time working together as a team under the expertise and guidance of Mr Macintosh who has given service to this school for 11 years. Anyone who is interested in joining this club is welcome.



The club meets from 3.05pm-4.30pm every Thursday afternoon in Ms Andreou's class, KF4. If interested please see the History Faculty for a parent permission note.

Ms Chegwidden - Head Teacher History

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