

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



We have reached the end of what has been a very difficult, and in many ways, different year. But we have all managed to come through and are almost back to a normal school routine.

I am hoping with the current good community run that we are having to date that this will continue, and further restrictions will be relaxed. In saying this, we have still managed to hold a number of end of year events. The orientation day went very well for the new cohort coming into year 7 next year. Unfortunately no parents were allowed into the school for the traditional meeting at the start of the day, and we were not able to invite year 5 this year as we have done in previous years.





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The annual presentation evening this year was held during the day and was live streamed to parents. The presentation was slightly modified, but in saying that it was the best I have seen since I have been at the school. As much as we hate COVID and the stress and pain it has caused us, it has made us look at how we do things and forced changes which have made some things we do more efficient. I would like to thank and acknowledge Ms Vourdousi and her team who did a fantastic job again organising the event.

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As we come into the summer break, there will be more work carried out at the school. Two new large pergolas will be built on the St Albans Rd side of the oval, in the middle two of the six concrete stands that have been built by Padstow TAFE. A large mural will be painted on the wall facing the oval, and several rooms will have more printed blinds put in, bringing the total number to 24 rooms across the school. The staff toilets in J block will also be refurbished and the garden bed on the container facing Ffrench's Forest will be completed. We have invested heavily in the first stage of the hall upgrade with new LED lights on the stage and main hall to be hopefully installed during the break as well.

Perhaps the biggest project will be the completion of the Innovation Hub which is currently being built off site and should be installed by mid-January. It will take us at least the first part of term 1 to fit the room, and with some luck the hub will be open for students soon after. I would like to thank my staff for what has been a challenging year, especially Mr Mckeown who was supported during the year by Ms Ellis, Mr Rozario and Ms Noulas as relieving Deputies in the absence of Ms Bardouh who will return to the school in 2021.

SCHOOL IMPROVEMENTS

As we come into the summer break, there will be more work carried out at the school, including the innovation hub, new pergolas, a mural, new blinds and gardens, and the hall upgrade.



Finally, I would like to take this time to acknowledge Ms Linda Chegwidden who is retiring after 33 years - the last 27 years at Kingsgrove North High School. Ms Chegwidden has made a major contribution to the school during this time with her passion and involvement in many areas of school life. She has initiated many programs and held several positions including year advisor, prefect coordinator and presentation day organiser to name a few. She has been Head Teacher HSIE since 2010 and during her time has changed the lives of many students who keep in contact with her. On behalf of the staff and school community I would like to wish her all the best in her retirement and thank her for her service to public education..

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe holiday break and I look forward to a new year in 2021

Angelo Stasos - Principal

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



I would like to start by saying thank you to all of the staff, students, and parents of KNHS for your work and efforts over such a disrupted year. Although we were unable to take part in many of our usual exciting activities, we were able to develop new ways of learning outside of the classroom which were acceptable with current health requirements.

Well done to all of our award winners at both our sports presentation and presentation day. The awards you have received for your hard work throughout the year in your chosen fields were well deserved. I would like to challenge all KNHS students who may not have received an award this year to strive to achieve. Remember that with a little bit of hard work and dedication you can achieve anything.

Samaritan's Shoebox Donations

I have been amazed at the generosity shown by KNHS students and families with this year's Samaritan's Purse Shoebox Donation Christmas Appeal. As I sit in my office, I am surrounded by over 70 boxes filled with wonderful gifts that will be donated to children suffering hardships all around the world. An enormous thank you to all who donated to this cause. It's wonderful to see the giving spirit of KNHS is very much alive to help others who need it the most.





EXTRA-CURRICULAR ACTIVITIES

With the anticipation of further easing of restrictions, we are hoping to return to many of our extra-curricular activities next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our KNHS community a Merry Christmas and a happy New Year. Stay safe and enjoy the break. Be ready for a bigger and better year ahead in 2021.

Have a blessed Christmas and an exciting New Year

Jason Rozario - Relieving Deputy Principal



Presentation Day 2020



























ADMINISTRATION UPDATE



PRE-SERVICE TEACHERS

Congratulation to all of the wonderful pre-service teachers that have completed their internships at our school this year.

Pre-Service Teachers:

I would like to start my report by congratulating all of the wonderful pre-service teachers that have completed their internships at our school this year. Kingsgrove North High School has built strong connections with all universities in Sydney and we look forward to supporting more upcoming teaching students to complete their degree requirements in order for them to receive DET approval and begin their careers.

NESA update:

Year 10 are now able to view their final grades. Students can download their ROSA e-record through their Student Online account. If any students are having difficulties accessing their e-record, they are able to come and see me in the HT Administration office at recess or lunch.

I wish all the Kingsgrove North High School families a wonderful holiday period.

Year 12 2021 have been enrolled with NESA and all subjects have been entered. Year 11 and Year 10 2021 students will be enrolled once the new school year begins.

Dimitra Tsiotsioras - Head Teacher Administration

FEATHERDALE WILDLIFE PARK - YRS 7 & 8



On the 1st of December, students from year 7 and 8 were taken to the Featherdale Wildlife Park in Doonside, Sydney on an excursion organised by the year advisors of both years. On the day, students undertook a self-guided tour of the park and were able to take part in a hands-on experience with Australian Native Animals. A combined group of 130 students and 12 staff attended this excursion and all involved had an amazing day interacting with and observing some of our beautiful and exotic native species. Overall a great day was had by all, with plenty of fun and educative experiences.















Students particularly loved the Koala Family enclosure, giant crocodile, dingo habitat, reptile tanks and kangaroo & quokka feeding areas.

Costa D''Addona - Year 8 Advisor

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS DUBBO EXCURSION



On the 23rd November, 19 International Year 11 and 10 students boarded the school bus for a 3 day trip to regional NSW. Along with Ms Ellis and Mr Celenk, they headed for Dubbo Zoo with stops at Molong and Lithgow.

Arriving at Dubbo Zoo, we went to the Billabong Camp and found our tents for the night. This was followed by a BBQ dinner before heading out into the night to see the Australian animal enclosure. We were able to see 3 species of wallabies, koalas and quokkas. Returning to camp for the night where the lion could be heard throughout the night talking to the lionesses.





An early start the next morning with a walk around the Zoo before it opened, looking at several types of primates, the hippo and the tiger. We saw the tiger being fed. The camp part of the excursion was finished and we hired bikes to ride around the Zoo for the morning looking at all the other animals. After lunch, we re-boarded the bus and went to Parkes to observe the Radio Telescope. We were lucky enough to see it move 90 degrees. The telescope receives radio waves from Space and transmits this information to Scientists for analysis. After the hour, we re-boarded the bus and headed back to our cabin accommodation for another BBQ dinner and relaxation.

After a good night's sleep, we hopped on the bus for an early start for our trip back to Kingsgrove North with stops at Wellington and Lithgow.

Our international students were able to experience some of regional NSW- even if was only for a brief time.

Robyn Ellis - Head Teacher Schience

PICTURE BOOK EXCURSION TO CLEMPTON PARK PUBLIC SCHOOL



Students from 8 Perth have been composing their own Picture Books in English this semester. Students were invited to Clemton Park Public School where they were able to showcase their creations to teachers and students. Students in each Year 2 class were able to listen and interact with at least two Picture Books that were read out by the authors. Each picture book was filled with fun, colourful illustrations and words that told a meaningful story. The school was then provided with an additional copy of the students picture books to read over and over again.

















It was great for the students of Kingsgrove North and Clemton Park to engage and interact with each other in a teaching and learning environment through the Reading Initiative.

Alamira Ayoubi - English Department

YEAR 9 REPORT



Year 9- done and dusted!! We made it!!

This year has been an incredibly challenging year. But in true Kingsgrove North fashion, we just got on with it! I am honestly impressed with the resilience Year 9 showed this year and very proud of each and every one of them.

The last couple of weeks this term have been chaotic. Year 9 submitted final assessments and completed their Yearly exams, as well as participating in some extra curricular activities. On the 25th November, we held a Year 9 Well-being Day. The students were presented with workshops promoting positive relationships. The main messages they received from these workshops were the importance of self-respect and treating others with kindness and empathy. A select group of students also took part in Peer Support training during Week 9. These students have volunteered to be mentors for the incoming Year 7 students for 2021. This is an important role, helping the youngest cohort to transition smoothly into high school life. I would like to warmly congratulate those who volunteered and remind them gently to be very patient with their Year 7 Peer Support groups next year. Finally, on the 9th December we celebrated the achievements of our students at our Presentation Day ceremony.

To all my friendly Year 9 students, enjoy the Christmas break- you deserve it! Stay safe!



It was lovely to see the students accept their awards at Presentation Day, and be honoured for their hard work despite all the challenges we have faced this year

Angela Faros - Yr 9 Advisor

ENGLISH NEWS



The English faculty was proud to host the 2nd annual Best Work Book Morning Tea, during which students were commended for their outstanding work in English. Students received a copy of this year's book featuring their work. They were also treated to Shakespearean readings from Year 7 Adelaide students, and a special presentation by Anthea N who delivered her speech for which she won the **Lions Club Lugarno Youth of the Year** award. Year 7 Adelaide's Carrier Pigeon magazine, and Year 8 Perth's picture books were also on display for students and teachers to peruse. I also thank Mr Kennedy, Mr McKeown and Mr Stasos for their support of this event. A special thank you to Ms Maloney in addition, who painstakingly organised our Best Work Books for printing.









I offer commendations to all students inolved in the 2nd Annual Best Work Book Morning Tea.

Michael Elakis - English Department

SOCIAL SCIENCE NEWS



Thank you to all the Social Science staff for their hard work and support during a very different year. It has been an interesting time, particularly for fairly new teachers to the school - Mrs Stojanovic, Miss Cheng, Miss Cole and Mr Makki. They have risen to the challenge and have been valued members of the faculty. Along with more experienced teachers like Mr Walters, Miss Pappas and Ms Kabbara, everyone has been committed to providing quality education for all our students. I would like to wish all of them a much-deserved rest during the festive season.

All the best to Mrs Stojanovic who will be going on maternity leave – exciting times ahead. I would also like to wish Ms Chegwidden (Head Teacher HSIE) all the best in her retirement. She has been at Kingsgrove North for over 25 years and has made a great contribution to the lives of thousands of students and many teachers. May she enjoy good health and happiness. She will be greatly missed.

Seasons Greetings to our students and their families. See you in 2021!

Dianne Tsitsos - Head Teacher Social Science

VET NEWS



<u>Marisa S - Recipient of 2020 Outstanding Achievement</u> <u>Award for Retail Services</u>

Congratulations to Marisa S who has received an Outstanding Achievement Medal for Retail Services from Sydney Distance Education High School. Marisa was a diligent student whose dedication to her studies and skill development has been rewarded. Marisa also received a very positive report from her host employers during the school work placement program. The report stated that Marisa showed a high level of interest and perseverance and a very high level of skill. She was able to work and communicate well with other employees and worked well in a team environment.

Well done Marisa.



Work Placement 2020 & COVID 19

Students undertaking VET courses in 2020 will remain eligible for the Preliminary or HSC credit units if unable to complete work placement. Students commencing a 240-hour, 300-hour or 360-hour VET course in 2020 that has a mandatory work placement requirement, who will continue the course in 2021, will meet the course requirement if they complete 35 hours of work placement. For most courses this is a reduced requirement. It is anticipated that the placement will be completed later in 2021.

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Paul Smith - Head Teacher VET

MATHS NEWS



MATHLETICS IS AVAILABLE IN THE HOLIDAYS

Mathletics has numeracy games, and many instructional videos with questions that will help students make progress for 2021.

After a very productive term, we are able to congratulate all the students who applied themselves in class so that their Yearly results have shown an improvement.

Students who have weaknesses identified on their reports or would like to further improve, can spend a few minutes here and there in the holidays using their Mathletics accounts (log-ons are still available).



Mr Vu's New Classroom

Mr Vu, who joined the Mathematics faculty this year, has a homeroom for 2021. The room has new furniture, which can increase student collaboration, focus, involvement, engagement, feedback, and stimulation. Additionally, new furniture plays a significant role in the effectiveness of student learning.

How does school furniture affect learning? Well, the new furniture contributes to the comfort, posture and support of students, all of which contribute positively towards a student's' abilities to concentrate and work.

New blinds were installed earlier this term, with famous Mathematicians printed on them to brighten up the room. Over the holidays, the room will be freshly painted and bought in line with 21st century learners.



Finally, the Mathematics Department would like to wish everyone a safe and happy holiday.

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Helen Sarlas - Head Teacher Maths

SCIENCE NEWS



2020 has been a year with a difference for the Science department. All students have now completed their learning for 2020 and Year 7-9 have begun the first unit of work for 2021 with Year 7 beginning Astronomy, Year 8 Electricity and Year 9 Light and Sound. Year 11 have completed their first module of Year 12.













This year, we said farewell to our Laboratory Technician of 18 years, Mr Wayne Fisher. We thank him for his assistance over the years and wish him all the best for his retirement.

SCIENCE NEWS



Each year, the Victor Chang Cardiac Research award is given to two Year 11 students who have shown a strong work ethic and interest in Science in their senior year. Congratulations to James G and Mandy L on receiving their awards on Presentation day. This award would usually be presented at Canterbury Bankstown Council chambers with all other school nominees and a visit to the Victor Chang Research Institute in Darlinghurst.









ANSTO annually awards two medals to celebrate student science success in Year 10 and 11. This year the awards were presented to Serene N (Year 11) and Erol I (Year 10) for their efforts in Science throughout 2020. Congratulations to both students for their efforts in 2020.

Wishing all of our students and families a lovely Summer break and look forward to seeing the students return in 2021.

Robyn Ellis - Head Teacher Science

PDHPE NEWS



Term 4 has been an eventful and fun term for the PDHPE department at Kingsgrove North High School. We have concluded the term with fun and engaging theory topics which have involved students being creative and expressing their learning through Project Based Learning Tasks. Year 9 in particular have been working on a Health & Safety Strategy project that they have been involved in creating and implementing for KNHS students.

During week 9 of this term we held the Sports Presentation to acknowledge students' sporting success both at school and outside of school. This presentation was very successful and we were able to live stream the entire event to students' parents and families. Student award recipients were presented with trophies and medals for a variety of events including the KNHS Swimming Carnival, Premiers' Sporting Challenge and weekly school sport. Congratulations once again to all award winners.

SCHOOL GYM

The PDHPE staff have been working tirelessly this term to completely renovate the school gym.

In 2021, the PDHPE department will be unveiling the 'Kingsgrove North HS Sports Science & Fitness Lab'. The gym has been completely overhauled with new equipment, mats and painting and we are very excited to open this facility for our students.

Costa D'Addona - Relieving Head Teacher PE

CAPA NEWS





We have had another busy and productive term, with our CAPA students continuing to demonstrate creativity and dedication to their learning. Stage 4 Year 7 Visual Arts have focused on numeracy and symmetry as a focus in one of our 'Fantastic Animals' tasks. Students created insects using symmetry, space, dimensions and time. The task was a huge success with our students enjoying the process and end results.

Year 9 Visual Arts students completed mural artwork designs for a site-specific area within Kingsgrove North High School, as next year we will be working collaborative to paint and display their murals around the school. The students were engaged and excited and are looking forward to working together to create their paintings.







Year 10 Photography and Digital Media students created optical illusion digital manipulated photographs using Photoshop. This was a fun and interactive activity that engaged our students' achievement of learning outcomes.

Year 10 Visual Arts have been exploring the Pop Art Movement, creating artworks through a variety of mediums. Students have used ICT like Photoshop to create Lichtenstein inspired works focusing on current Pop culture icons. Students have been exploring the subject matter of Still Life and Pop Culture branding through the visual aspects of Pop Art and have been creating artwork proposals for their ideal work. Students have been inspired by Andy Warhol, Roy Lichtenstein and Claus Oldenburg in their design process.











On Wednesday 18th November, 2020 Year 11 Visual Arts students who have begun their year 12 learning journey had the wonderful opportunity to experience the Van Gogh Alive Sydney immersive exhibitions. The students thoroughly enjoyed the virtual projection and were able to experience art in a new and exciting way.

CAPA NEWS



This semester Year 11 PVD students explored photo manipulation through the concept of 'Combining the Bizarre'. Students used the newly renovated photo studio, learning the impact of lighting and using lighting tents to photograph one bizarre element. Through Photoshop students adapted and distorted images to reimagine these wacky and wonderful creations.

While most of the school was winding down in December, Year 12 2021 students were hard at work completing their first HSC Music assessment task. Students were asked to compose and notate an original song, as well as complete a viva voce about a musical topic. For most students, this was their first time completing a viva voce, which is part presentation and part discussion on a chosen topic. This was a big task for students to complete. Nonetheless they delivered some demonstrated promising tasks that compositional and musicological skills.







For Orientation Day, two groups of Year 6 students experienced a Music lesson "taster" with Mr O'Connell. Rocking out on the keyboards and guitar, these students learnt to play Thunderstruck by AC/DC. For a majority of students, this was the first time that they had played an instrument. The students were well-behaved and enjoyed their lesson.

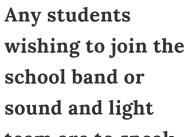




Room DGLC has been undergoing a renovation into a music studio classroom with new recording and sound production equipment and sound treatment. This upgrade of the room should be completed by Term 1, 2021.

As this has been a tumultuous year, many performance events that typically occur have had to be postponed till next year, or adjusted. Ceremonial events such as presentation day and graduation have had to be

live-streamed with reduced audience numbers. The sound and light team have quickly adapted to new technological challenges under the direction of Mr O'Connell and Mr Kurt to ensure that these events continue despite big adjustments. Also, starting fresh in 2021, the school band will be rehearsing from early Term 1. As we have approached the final stages of term 4 2020, I would encourage CAPA students to continue to thrive and be committed to their learning in the next stages of their courses for 2021. I would also like to say a special thank you to all the CAPA teachers for their continual hard work and enthusiasm in ensuring all students are engaged and actively learning in their specialty subjects. We have had a busy term and we look forward to seeing the student's achievements and growth next year!



team are to speak
to a Music staff.

Dioni Karpathakis - Relieving Head Teacher CAPA

MODEL MAKING & POLITICAL SCIENCE CLUBS







Model Making Club

We welcome aboard Ms Miller who will be replacing Ms Chegwidden as the teacher contact for the wonderful model-making club. Ms Chegwidden will miss Mr Macintosh and the club, which has been operating under his care for nearly 11 years. Last week we were privileged with a visit by a pair of ex-students and former members of the club, Yasmin and Mickey from the class of 2016. The club continues to meet on Thursday afternoons in KF4.

Political Science Club

The Political Science Club welcomes Ms Miller, who will be the new moderator, upon the retirement of Ms Chegwidden. These enthusiastic group of boys continue to meet in JG8 during two recesses per fortnight. They are now branching into discussions on Australian politics after thoroughly examining the American political system. The photo is missing four members of the group who were on school business that day.



We welcome Ms Miller to the Model Making and Political Science clubs!

Linda Chegwidden - Head Teacher History

FAREWELL FROM MS CHEGWIDDEN

After teaching for 28 years at KNHS, I will be retiring at the end of this year. I am honoured to have been Head Teacher of the biggest 'end of town'- the History, Social Science and Language Faculties, for the past 10 years. I have seen countless students through the doors and have thoroughly loved teaching them, learning from them, and keeping in touch with them in their adult lives. I will miss this school greatly, having considered KNHS as my 'home' away from home, my second family and one of the best comprehensive high schools in the state. KNHS is such a wonderfully diverse school where every student, no matter what their background or circumstances, is given the very best from a committed staff who love the school as much as I do. So with a heavy heart, but also looking forward to a new chapter in my life (still on the right side of 70!), I finish up my teaching career. I thank all of my students, colleagues and the wider community, for their appreciation and validation over all these years.



Farewell!!

Linda Chegwidden

- Head Teacher History

LIBRARY NEWS



I would like to begin the library report by thanking the students who have used the library in accordance with the COVID-19 guidelines, restricting themselves to using the library for only one designated day per week. I hope that next year our library use can return to normal, with greater access to the library for students.

Thanks are also due to our volunteer monitors - Domenic, Panos, Hawraa and Raphael. Their jobs include looking after our computers, recommending books, helping with borrowing and returning books, keeping the library tidy and running numerous errands. Their dedication and enthusiasm has been inspirational. We hope to see them here next year too.

All students in years 7-10 are encouraged to enter the Premier's Reading Challenge. The new rules allow students to read up to 10 books of their own choice, making it easier for them to complete the challenge. We have placed a blue spot on the spines of books in the challenge to make them easier to find.

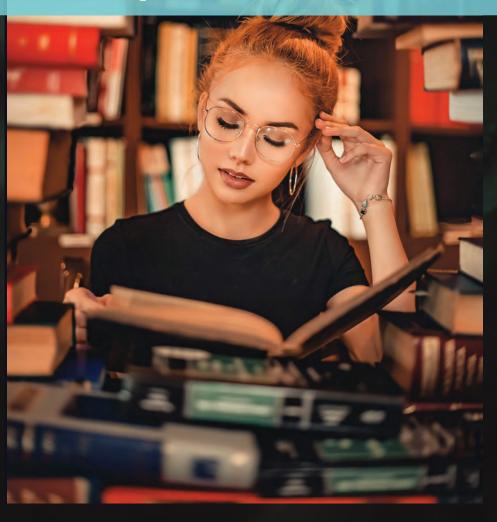
Student Awards

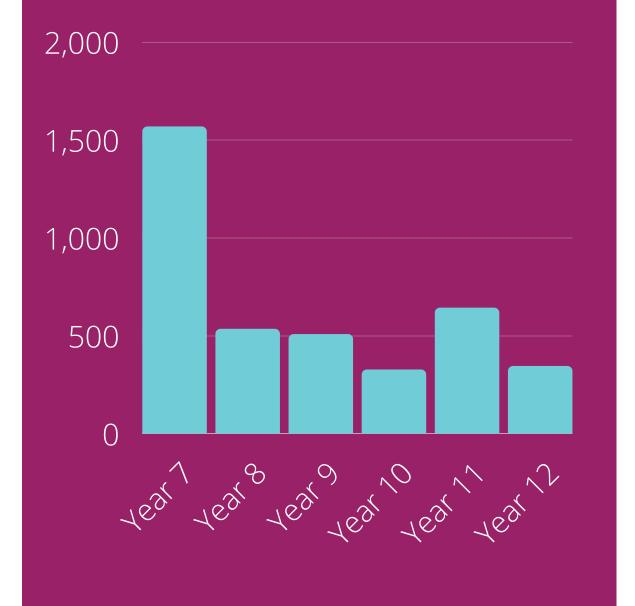
This year we have given out close to 1000 achievement cards for 10 positive SENTRAL acknowledgements. This is a testament to the strong work ethic and enthusiasm for learning in our students. We have given out 1 Gold Award, 4 Silver Awards and 12 Bronze awards. Students are reminded to keep all of their awards as they carry over from year to year. If your child has a collection of achievement cards at home, they may be brought to the Library to be made into a portfolio.

Our new assistant, Ms Clementine Catsanos has prepared a year in review on the following pages.

2020 WRAPPED: Library Edition

A round-up of our reading habits: how do yours stack up?





How many books did your class borrow?

In 2020. we borrowed a total of 4,205 books. The most loans were made by year 7.

COUNTDOWN TO #1

Your favourite books this year

#4 - THE CLOUD SEARCHERS (AMULET SERIES)

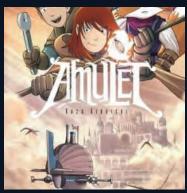
Kazu Kibuishi

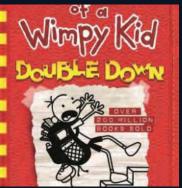
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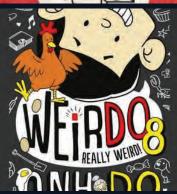
Jeff Kinney

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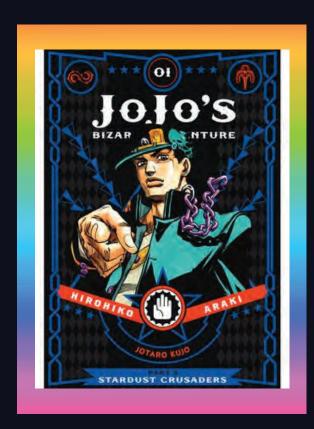




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Hirohito Araki &
Mark McMurray

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