Despite being a little late due to traffic, the Year 8’s had a very cultural day at the National Gallery. Viewing the Terracotta Warriors, contemporary art and a free lunch, what brilliant day for all!
A very warm welcome back from holidays to all our staff, students and parents. We hope everyone had a well-earned relaxing break and are looking to what promises to be a very busy and exciting term three; a time when our students consolidate the hard work they’ve been doing all year and the planning for 2020 really begins in earnest.

Earlier this year students from all year levels completed the annual Attitudes to School Survey. This state-wide survey provides schools with valuable feedback from their students on how they feel about Teaching & Learning, their relationships with their peers and connections with the school and their teachers. The results for these became available last Friday and we are very pleased to share our results with our community today. The graphs below show the rate of positive responses for each category and we have again shown improvement in nearly every category. The three year trend also shows consistent improvement in every category over that period. This outstanding improvement is the result of a continued and relentless improvement focus from our staff, students, parents and community. We encourage everyone in our community to take pride in these results and share the successes of our school with others. While we pause to appreciate this achievement, we also recognise the areas that we will continue to focus our work on. Our next step will be to work with our students to develop a deeper understanding of these results. Also, a random sample of our parents have just received the annual Parent Opinion Survey which will give us valuable feedback about our school from a parent perspective.

We’ve already had a number of activities take place this term. Our year 10s have spent this week out on Work Experience. The organisation and preparation required to set this up is significant and our Year 10 students are commended on how they went about this. From what I’ve heard so far, our students in general have had a great week, making valuable contributions to the organisations they have been working with while learning valuable skills for the future. On Thursday this week Korumburra Secondary College hosted the South Gippsland Network of Secondary School’s first Synergy Breakfast. This is an opportunity for school captains from each of the secondary schools in our network to meet and share their experiences of Year 12 and school leadership. A great time was had by all and we look forward to our next Synergy Breakfast at Wonthaggi Secondary College early in 2020.
FOURTH IN THE STATE!!!

Angel Telfer McAuliffe and Jean Cause represented Korumburra Secondary College yesterday at the Ai for Good Challenge. For the state, we were the only school from regional Victoria, all the others were suburban Melbourne schools.

The girls’ idea of an App called “Fireway” was designed to help people who find themselves in a bushfire and not knowing how to get out of the area with safety. Live up dates of the situation, maps, quick access to weather alerts “BOM” with language and speech recognition available to guide the user from danger to safety are just a few of the functions on their App.

Jean and Angel went exceptionally well and should be proud of themselves. If you see them around, congratulate them and ask if they have their medallions on them!
During Term 2 the Year 7 and 8 Like Minds art class have been focusing on graffiti artist Keith Haring, an American artist who is known for his bright and simple street art paintings. He creates his own symbols of things such as barking dogs, flying saucers and dancing people and babies – these can often be seen on New York subways and streets. These figures are also often a symbol of social and political messages such as hope and love. The students had the task of creating their own Haring inspired character and to make this into a 3-Dimensional artwork in the form of a painted paper mache sculpture. The classroom was eventually filled with lots of interesting character shapes and figures, which were all fantastic to see!
Our Year 7/8 Like Minds Class has been working with Gippsland Southern Health Service on a social marketing project to reduce local boys’ consumption of sugar sweetened beverages.

The boys have some very creative ideas for encouraging others to drink tap water, and are working hard on producing some marketing materials that will be utilized across the region.

The girls have conducted a canteen review, and are currently seeking ideas and feedback regarding new ideas and options for our school canteen menu.

Congratulations Kaylah Thomas on your amazing achievement again this year as Principal Vocalist.

We look forward to hearing you practice again in the lead up to the State Schools Spectacular.
At KSC we are very proud of the achievements of one of our Year 12 Students - Abbey Webb.

Abbey has been balancing her VCE studies with competing in the Expert Women’s Division of the Victorian Motocross Championships. In her first year, Abbey finished 5th in the State against riders who compete professionally.

Congratulations to Abbey on her impressive achievements!

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**Year 7 Maths**

Year 7 students working on creating a game board using unequal chance for our unit on probability. They learnt how to record the probability as a fraction and a percentage.
Annabelle Shutler – Winner of KSC Term 2 Writing Competition.

Topic - If only…   Word length: 500 words

If only, someday, the darkness would return. I wish so for if it did, I could see once again. These soft eyes of mine need the respite of the dark to function, and without it, I am blind. And blind I am, huddled in the corner of a room the girth of which I do not know, dark and terrified.

A voice speaks from somewhere in the void. I feel a pair of eyes, perfectly adapted to this shadowless world, watching me. I hear the faintest murmur, breath tinged with disgust. Another joins the first, then another. Soon there is a crowd lying somewhere past my eyelids. They are all that keep me from returning their glares. But I cannot break it.

So all I do – all I ever do – is try to drown them out. I trace my fingers over my own skin, familiarizing them with me, until I reach my ears. I press my hands hard to the sides of my head and start mumbling nonsense. Well, nonsense to them, but a saying in my native tongue to me. Ick bien, pola muko, I repeat to myself. I am strong, they are weak.

Then somehow, as if they heard my plea, they go quiet. My hands leave my ears. As the silence thickens, their existence again becomes unsure to me. Are they still here? I almost want to call out to them for some sort of sick reassurance. As I listen, a single footstep echoes ahead. A pause, then a second. Was that one closer? I strain to hear. A third, then another, and another. They get louder, faster. They’re coming straight for me.

The skin on my head tingles, expecting a blow to strike it. I wait. No blow comes. A scuff of a foot against floor, just ahead of me. I draw in my legs as far as they’ll go. Shuffling sounds. I’m shaking now; black heart racing, black blood surging. The pristine air burns my lungs, yet I heave in horror of what comes next.

“Hello?” I freeze. That was my language. Even so, I do not answer. Then, the harsh light abruptly fades. I can’t help it; by instinct, my eyes open. His skin is whiter than white. Even under the makeshift blanket he’s thrown over us, he still glows. Meanwhile my skin is as black as the world I lived in, before they took it from us. But he is no thief. His hand nears me, but is not a fist. His people have only ever scowled at us, yet his smile is so gentle, his eyes so kind.

Before I know it, my hand lies in his. He is not cold and hard as marble like I expected; rather warm and soft like a pillow. Our fingers intertwine like the keys on a piano. His mouth opens to reveal white teeth, white gums and a white tongue. “Sie bien, ick muko.” You are strong, I am weak.
Congratulations to Year 10 student Corey Whelan who had the 62nd fastest cross country legs in his age group. Only 4 minutes between him and number 1! Very impressive results already, however he informed us that there will be more training to do before next year to beat this year's result. Congratulations and Good luck with your training!

Voicing their education priorities with pollies

LOCAL students are helping to shape a better future for rural education, by taking part in the Country Education Partnerships prestigious Rural Youth Ambassadors program.

For the second year in a row, a Korumburra Secondary College student has been selected as one of 30 rural Victorian students to participate in the program, with Year 11 student Andrea Axford successfully nominated by ESC principal Vaya Daughn.

As an ambassador, Andrea will travel to the city throughout the year to meet with fellow students, as well as government ministers and other education stakeholders, to discuss the fundamental issues affecting country education in Victoria.

Top of the list of priorities for this year’s cohort of ambassadors is to see an improvement in access to a wide range of learning opportunities, with the lack of subject choices available to isolated students an ongoing concern.

“Distance education can open up options, but it doesn’t have very good feedback from students who’ve done it in the past,” Andrea said.

“So we’re looking at a collaboration program, where students from one school would go to another school to do certain classes.”

“It’s already being trialled at some rural schools, and we’re looking at getting that implemented on a wider scale.

“But we need to communicate to the schools that this would be a really cool idea, as well as probably creating some kind of incentive to help schools cooperate more.”

The collaborative model is an idea that also appealed to last year’s ambassadors, which included ESC’s current school captain, Year 12 student Joel Findlay.

“We looked a lot at the concept of schools collaborating as opposed to competing,” Joel said.

“Schools don’t tend to work together as much as they probably could, but by having a link up of students from different schools, you could get that broader range of access.”

Through meetings with Education Minister James Merlino and a range of other influential figures throughout the year, Joel was encouraged to see his group’s ideas making a real impact, with $2.4 million funding announced in October 2018 to provide students in rural and regional areas a greater choice of subjects, through new online and face-to-face learning options, including the creation of interschool partnerships between regional schools.

“Not more than that, we started a conversation,” Joel said.

“So, it’s now flowing on from that as an interest around the idea.”

“Improving mental health services and student attitudes, and attracting and retaining quality teachers were other issues Joel and Andrea agreed on as advocacy priorities for rural youth ambassadors.”

Both appreciated the opportunity to be part of a program creating positive change for students at Korumburra and beyond, with Joel still actively engaging with issues through the Rural Youth Ambassadors alumni network.

“You don’t really know what to expect going in, so it puts you out of your comfort zone, and I think that’s another huge part of the program - as much as it’s about us trying to improve rural education, it’s about improving ourselves too; there’s a huge aspect of self-development,” Joel said.

Recently returning from her first ambassador meet up in Melbourne, Andrea looks forward to making her mark on the future of rural education.

“I’m already a quarter of the way into my senior years, so, the majority of stuff that’ll be implemented won’t directly affect me.

“But it will affect other people coming after, so if I can make it better for them, it’ll be very worthwhile,” she said.

Andrea’s not the only student representing South Gippsland as an ambassador this year, with Mary MacKillop Catholic Regional College Year 11 student Molly Real recently interviewed in The Age newspaper about her participation in the program.
April Reeves, Eva McCarrick Law and Amber Sullivan competed in the Legacy Public Speaking competition on Tuesday 23rd July.

The girls were required to present a 5 minute prepared speech and a 2 minute impromptu talk.

Congratulations to the girls for doing such a great job.

YEAR 8 STUDENTS WORKING ON THE BROADENING HORIZONS LAUNCH
How to get involved?

If you are on an excursion, involved in an interesting class activity, or participating in sport, then KSC needs you and your photographic skills!

All you need to do is take interesting, appropriate and unique photos and submit them to photos@korumburra.scl.vic.edu.au with your full name and student code and you will be considered for a prize.

The winner each week will receive a canteen voucher, and if any submitted photo is chosen for use in any of our advertising, newsletters or magazine, you will also receive a certificate of thanks and a yummy treat. All photos displayed will credit the artist.

Dates and Times

Weekly submissions close on Fridays at 2.00pm
Winners will be announced on Monday morning by email and on Facebook / Compass.

Conditions

Given the importance of privacy and confidentiality in our school, the following rules must be observed.

* Do not take photos in a classroom unless you have permission from the teacher.
* Do not take photos of other students without their permission.
* Do not take photos of anyone in an embarrassing or compromising situation.
* Photos should highlight positive aspects of the school, our teachers and students.
* Photos should not include any personal information or inappropriate language or drawings.

Each student may submit a maximum of 5 photos per week for consideration.
MICHAEL’S SUPA IGA

DOUBLE SCHOOL POINTS!

We are committed to donating to our local community and for a limited time we are going to double the rewards points raised for our local schools. Below are our registered schools and the donations that you have helped us to raise last year. Plus this year, we’re excited to welcome 2 new schools to our program.

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