



# KENT STREET NEWS

## From the Principal's Desk

It has been a most eventful year with many great achievements from staff and students alike. I would like to take this opportunity to formally thank my staff, both teaching and support staff, who have demonstrated excellent dedication to the school and our students – your children in 2012. I would also like to congratulate our students, especially those who have been formally recognised for their excellent attendance, citizenship and academic excellence throughout the year.

Education really is the first key to success. The power to be gained by knowing how to learn is immense so I encourage everyone to actively engage in their own learning journey. This is where our parents and carers as partners in your child's education have such an important role to play, Please keep the communication lines open so that we can work together for the ultimate benefit of your child.

You will have received information about how to complete a school satisfaction survey for 2012. I urge you to do so as this information assists us in making sure that we meet your needs.

2013 promises to be an excellent year. Please keep safe and have a great summer vacation. I look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Kath Ward  
PRINCIPAL



## The Aspiration Initiative (TAI)

### Academic enrichment program for Indigenous students

The Aspiration Initiative is an academic enrichment program that provides Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students with intensive and ongoing educational and related support throughout the academic year and during holiday periods with academic camps. Students remain in the program from the middle of Year 8 through to the end of their first year out of high school, receiving at least 200 hours of support each year. TAI works to strengthen the academic skills of participants, building their resilience and aspirations. The ultimate aim of the program is for all students to be eligible for university upon completion of Year 12. Congratulations to the following year 8 students who were accepted into the program this year. **Rondelle Thorne, Brock Parker, Matthew Christie, Serena May Brown, Jennifer Loo and Choranoi Shaw** (pictured in photo).

### Additional Uniform Shop opening

Thurs 24 Jan 9.00—4.00pm  
Fri 25 Jan 9.00—4.00pm  
Thursday 31 Jan 9.00—4.00pm

## ABC Media Excursion

Year 10 Media students recently participated in a tour of the ABC Studios in East Perth. Students got an inside view of the TV news studio, the radio studio as they were going to air on the Morning Show whilst a live to air interview with cricket great Ian Chappell, was underway as well as a chat with Adam who showed us how to put together a radio promo using sophisticated audio equipment. We were also able to explore the large sound recording studio and the even larger main recording studio with its millions of dollars worth of equipment.

A friendly political journalist stopped work to explain how he accesses information for his stories.

A highlight was travelling to and from the venue on a limousine bus kindly organised by Mr Calcraft. Many thanks to him for arranging that and for accompanying us on the tour with Ms Stivey.



Please check the schools website for latest information.  
[www.kentstreetshs.wa.edu.au](http://www.kentstreetshs.wa.edu.au)

Administration opens 29 January  
Students return 4 February



## News from Science Department

This semester both the Year 9 and 10 Science students engaged in two new learning activities. For Year 10 AEP Students, the Inaugural 'The Earth Competition' was run where students worked in groups to construct a project based on the earth's cycles which was to be educational and informative. The competition was supported by the Australian Institute of Geoscientists (AIG) where each member of the winning team received a cheque for \$80.00 and the second place participants each received \$25.00. All members of the Year 10 EES class also received an AIG thumb drive and pen. The projects were excellent combining theoretical earth science processes and concepts with engineering applications and themes that reflected a high level of lateral thinking. The AIG Representatives - Wayne Spilsbury (Chair of WA Committee & Federal Council Member) and Jocelyn Thomson (Secretary and Treasurer) were very impressed with the level of knowledge, creativity and effort that the students applied to these colorful and integrated programs. Their world was of such a high calibre that their projects will be displayed on a double page spread for the Earth Sciences Western Australia (ESWA) Newsletter and placed on the Teachers only access on the ESWA Website as an educational resource. Such an achievement is a credit to the students and their teacher Frank Cardenia and demonstrates the high level of education variety that the Kent Street science students are exposed to.

Similarly, most lower school Science students undertook a 3 week learning module run by Engineers Without Borders. This non-profit association is a collaboration of engineering students from Curtin and UWA who go to schools and create awareness of the projects that the organization runs in underdeveloped countries to facilitate better living standards for its citizens. For the 7 modules that were presented to our students, a greater respect for science engineering was appreciated where the simplest methods of construction are all that is required to improve the living standards of people in villages from the third world. The students eagerly engaged in constructions of water pipelines that mimic the same model that was used and constructed for a number of villages in Bali. Authentic and relevant learning is a key motivator of science education at Kent Street.

Suzy Urbaniak  
EES Teacher/Geologist.



## Media / Drama Hollywood Tour 2013

Fifteen Media and Drama students along with three teachers will be travelling to California USA in April next year and we are looking for a sponsor for our tour t-shirts!!

If any parent has, or knows a company (preferably Arts related) who would like to sponsor the cost of 18 tour shirts could they please contact Marisa Green (tour organiser / Media teacher) as soon as possible. This would be greatly appreciated!!

## Media Night Shoot

A dedicated group of Year 10 Media students gave up their time to stay back at school on a Thursday night to try to create a more realistic setting for their short film project. Dakota Morrison, Vishani Naidoo, Lauren Mc Dorman, Bonnie Delane, Ashleigh Edwards demonstrated a range of learned media skills from applying authentic film makeup, shooting, acting for cinema and directing on location to produce a short horror genre film. They then brought this footage back to class where they experimented with video editing techniques.

A ghoulish but fun experience was had by all! Well done girls!

Marisa Green MEDIA TEACHER

## Program of Excellence Award



Congratulations to **Dakota Morrison** for receiving the Follow the Dream Program Excellence award of 'Outreach Student of the Year for 2012'. Dakota was presented with this award at the Follow the Dream program celebration dinner and awards night. Dakota is a valuable member of the Follow the Dream program and an outstanding young Aboriginal leader. Well done Dakota.

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