KENTIAN SOCIETY

SUPPORTING KENT STREET SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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Kentian Scholarship Foundation

The Kentian Society, in conjunction with the School Council, has established the Kentian Scholarship Foundation thus expanding the provision of scholarships, bursaries and prizes to students educated at Kent Street Senior High School.

The Kentian Scholarship will still be awarded annually from the earnings of the Society's donation to the Foundation.

Donations and bequests are tax deductable and are now being accepted by the Foundation.

Gifts can be posted to:
Kentian Scholarship Foundation
c/- Kent Street Senior High School,
89 Kent Street
Victoria Park WA 6101

For direct debit details please email bill.prince@det.wa.edu.au or write to the above address.

Kentian Scholarship



2010 Winner

The 2010 Kentian Scholarship has been awarded to Kelsie Downey. We wish her every success in her upper school studies and trust she enjoys her time at Kent Street.

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Excerpts from the 2010 President's Report

It is with sincere regret that we announce the passing of Norm Tredrea, Past President, Foundation Archivist and Foundation student of Kent Street Senior High School.

We would like to extend our sympathy to Audrey and family.

Joseph Lesiter and Des Grimmer have retired from their positions of Secretary and Committee Member respectively.

We thank them for their contribution to the Society. Their efforts are greatly appreciated.

The Principal's Report

We are very pleased with the way our students have begun their school year.

In particular our 100 new Year 8 students have begun their studies very well and participated enthusiastically in their team building activities on their Orientation Day.

Our senior students have also been especially conscientious.

This is a very special year because we will celebrate the 70th Anniversary of Kent Street Senior High School.

I ask you all to remind past students and teachers that they can take part in the whole school reunion at 1.30pm on Saturday 30 October.

The school will be open and memorabilia will be on display. Past students are asked to supply memorabilia for the event by contacting the Kentian Society. I also encourage present students and their families to join us to celebrate the Anniversary.

Our specialist programs assembly on 26 February was a great success. It was attended by Mr Ian Jones, the district leader of Rotary International, who presented the Kent Street Interact members with a special plaque formally recognising their school's membership of Rotary.

I also draw your attention to some of the important developments that will occur at Kent Street Senior High School this year:

- The whole school strategic focus on improvement of mathematics, writing and reading ability.
- The design and introduction of a new school uniform.
- The formation of the Kentian Scholarship Foundation.
- The introduction of a more flexible senior school time table.
- The building of a 'state of the art' $3 million Metals Engineering Centre.
- The $1.9 million refurbishment of six science laboratories.
- Two $1500 Skywest Aviation Scholarships for students entering the Aviation program in 2011.
- New Aviation Skills Certificate II course provided with cooperation with Polytechnic West.

Please keep in contact with the school so that we can provide you with the best service possible.

Rod Beresford



70th Anniversary Celebrations

This year Kent Street Senior High School is celebrating the 70th Anniversary of its founding in 1940.

The founding Head Teacher was Mr James Woods who filled this position until 1942.

In 1943, Mr Eric McGrath was appointed Principal and held this position until 1956.

During this time the number of students in the school increased many times and it went from a 3 year high school to a 5 year high school.

On the 30th October 2010, commencing 1:30pm, all past and present staff and students are invited to the school to help celebrate the anniversary. Lachlan McKinnon is Chairman and Lynne Walsh is secretary of the organising sub-committee.

Celine Turton, a current staff member at the school has been appointed to assist with the organisation of the day.

To contact the committee email: kentstreunion@hotmail.com.

The committee is looking for any memorabilia that may be used in the decade rooms on the day. Any material may be taken to the school who will pass it on to the committee.

Lachlan McKinnon

In The News

Praise For Kent Street

An edited extract from the Victoria Park Examiner 15/02/2010

Kent Street senior High School will have plenty to celebrate next year after being ranked 39th on the list of WA's best schools for vocational education.

The Kensington school, which runs a series of specialist courses including aviation and fashion design, was ranked 39th for vocational education and training (VET).

The results reflect a high success rate among Kent Street Students, with more than 83 percent of 79 VET students completing at least one full qualification

Spread the Word

Distribute the flyer (opposite) and cards (below) to any former staff and students you know. Copy the newsletter and pass it on.

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Bobby Meloncelli—Victoria Park Sporting Walk Of Fame

A former Kent Street student, Bob Meloncelli, of 1955 vintage, has been nominated for induction into the Victoria Park Sporting Walk of Fame for 2010. The announcement of the inductees will be made at a function on the 28th May, 2010.

Bobby was involved with baseball since the age of 8 years – from the late 1940's. His talent was identified early in his career and he attained many accolades, possible none more amazing than winning the highest award in State baseball, the Presidents Medal on three occasions, the first in 1958 at the age of 16 years.

Besides winning many other awards at State and Club level, Bobby was a great family man. He spent much of his time in training junior players and when playing the game he was always helping and encouraging team mates to put their best foot forward.

Bobby was an inspiration to everyone in the Club, which was only natural, as the entire family were involved in baseball and softball in the Victoria Park district. The night Bobby was presented with his Life Membership of the Club, his Mother Freda and Father Andy were also presented with their Life Membership awards.

Request For Assistance

The Kentian Society and the 70th Anniversary Celebration Committee welcome your assistance in helping the Society and the School with the preparations for the 70th Anniversary Celebrations.

The next Anniversary Meeting is will be held at 5.00pm on 2nd June 2010. The Kentian Committee meets on the second Thursday of each month, with the exception of January and its next committee meeting that will be at 5.00pm on 10 June, 2010. The Kentian Centre and Archives are open every Thursday during School term from 9.30am to 1.30pm.

Additional times will be required for preparation of anniversary displays. If you can assist in any capacity please contact us by email or phone 92620500 (message only).

Assistance with the 70th Anniversary Celebrations would be welcomed in any of the following ways:

- Committee Member
- Volunteering on the day.
- Assisting with the preparation of the historical display.

Assistance to the Kentian Society would be welcomed in any of the following positions:

- Secretary
- Minutes Secretary
- Committee Member
- Webmaster
- Archivist - Memorabilia
- Archivist – Recording
- Archivist – Database Management
- Archivist – Student Record Retrieval
- Casual Archival Assistant

Media Mentions

Have you seen Kent Street Senior High School or the Kentian Society mentioned in the media? If you have please contact us as we maintain an archive.

So that we may source the article, please email us its name and date as well as the name of the publication. Alternatively. please mail it to us.

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