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**Year 9 Parent
Laptop
Information
Meeting**

7.00pm

**Wednesday
21st October 2009**

Kerrabee Theatre

At this important meeting, responsibilities of families and students about laptops will be explained and questions answered

InTech 2010

Jaiden Ashmore (Multimedia), Arash Farahbakht (Automotive), Jordan Hartl (Automotive), Nicholas Lincoln (Automotive), Jacob Mikkelsen (Multimedia), David Smith (Multimedia), Imran Vilcassim (Automotive), and Hope Whittle (Multimedia) have had their HSC Industrial Technology Major Projects identified by the HSC examiners as being of a sufficiently high standard to be suitable for possible inclusion in one of the InTech 2010 displays. The two Sydney displays will be held at the "Hands-On Expo during March 2010 and the other at the "Timber and Woodworking with Wood Show" during June 2010. Both are to be held at Fox Studios, Moore Park.

Congratulations to these students and their teachers, Mr Owen Telfer (Multimedia) and Mr Phil Parish (Automotive).

YOUth Decide at Killara High



Killara High School this year was proud to participate in YOUth Decide, a national scheme run by The Australian Youth Climate Coalition and World Vision, getting the youth of Australia to vote on what future they want to inherit.

Over 320 students from KHS voted with 37 thousand other Australian students on what world they wanted to inherit based on our governments actions in regard to climate change. Students were given three worlds to choose from based on actions that our government could take in regard to climate change.

The results of YOUth Decide will be presented at Climate Week in New York City and at The United Nations Climate Change Conference in Copenhagen later this year. All the information about similar events that were held all over the nation similar to the one at Killara High School and the final results can be viewed at www.youthdecide.com.au

The SJC and KHS Vision Generation Group would like to thank all the students who voted and made YOUth Decide a real success.

Drew McIntosh and Sienna Lake

The Principal and Staff wish all Year 12 students a productive vacation in preparation for the HSC examinations in which we wish them every success.

Calendar

October 2009

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| 1 | - Yr 12 Farewell Assembly & Picnic |
| | - Yr 12 Ekuba Dinner – 7pm – Kerrabee Hall |
| 2 | - Yr 10 Assessment concludes |
| | - Last day – Term 3 |
| 19 | - First day Term 4 |
| | - Wearing of the summer uniform commences |
| 20 | - HSC commences |
| 21 | - P&C Meeting 8pm – C Block Conference Room |
| | - Yr 9 Parent Meeting – 7pm – re Laptops – Kerrabee Theatre |
| 24 | - DEAS Silver Qualifying Expedition – Upper Colo (3 days) |
| 26 | - Yr 11 Drama Project Study Day – NIDA, UNSW |

November 2009

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| 9 | - School Certificate Examinations – English (Literacy) and Science |
| 10 | - School Certificate Examinations – Mathematics and Australian History, Geography, Civics and Citizenship |
| | - Yr 7 Vaccinations |
| 11 | - Yr 10 Elective Course Assessment |
| 12 | - Yr 10 Elective Course Assessment |
| | - Spring Sport Semi-Finals |
| 13 | - School Certificate Examination – Computing Skills |
| 16 | - Yr 9 PASS - Primary School Gala Day |
| 18 | - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room |
| 19 | - Spring Sports Finals |
| 20 | - Yr 11 SRE Seminar (P2) – Conference Room |
| 22 | - P&C Grounds Working Bee |
| 23 | - Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (2 weeks) |
| | - Yr 9 Water Safety & Survival Skills |
| | - Student Leadership Council - National Young Leaders day |

Did You Know . . . ?

Paul Edwards (Year 11) achieved three bronze medals at the Combined High Schools' Trampolining Championships, held earlier this month, in the Double Mini, Single Mini and Floor routines.

NAPLAN Website

In May 2009, students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 completed the second National Assessment Program - Literacy and Numeracy.

The 2009 NAPLAN test results were released nationally on 11th September. Reports to parents and caregivers were dispatched from school in the week beginning 14th September.

To facilitate access to NAPLAN information for parents of NSW school students, a new website www.naplanforparentsnsw.com.au has been developed. In addition to general information about NAPLAN, this website contains documents to assist parents in understanding the student report and the NAPLAN reporting scales. Parents are also invited to provide feedback on NAPLAN reporting by completing an online survey.

Year 9 Parents' Dinner

Great Northern Hotel, Chatswood

522 Pacific Highway (cnr of Pacific Highway & Mowbray Rd)

Saturday 7th November 2009 at 7pm

Order meals or prepare your own on the BBQ. Salads & Rolls included

Come and join us, new families welcome

RSVP Nalini, nnaidu@optusnet.com.au or Conny, valeontis@pacific.net.au

From the Principal's Mailbag

I'd just like to give a huge thank you to the three drama staff members involved in the recent production of *A Midsummer Night's Dream* - Ms Atkinson, Ms Dempsey and Ms White.

Our son, Ethan Johnson (Year 11), performed in the production and we know that the great professionalism, enthusiasm, enjoyment and success that was achieved at both performances was largely due to the dedication and skill of these teachers who willingly gave up so much of their personal time after school and on many Sundays. Many of our friends commented on how fantastic it was to have teachers give up so much of their time to help students and how lucky we are for Ethan to be going to Killara High - and we agree.

Please pass on our personal thanks again to these staff members who are clearly a credit to Killara High and exemplify why it's such a great school.

Robert Johnson

Prefect Blood Drive

**YEAR
OF THE
BLOOD
DONOR
2009**

The Prefects would like to thank all the students who recently participated in our latest 'Prefect Blood Drive'. Over 30 students gave up their time and travelled to the Australian Red Cross Blood Donation Centre at Chatswood earlier this term. The blood they donated has the potential to save over 93 lives.

The next 'Prefect Blood Drive' will be held in early December and all eligible students are encouraged to participate and help save a life in the 'Year of the Blood Donor'

For more information about the 'Prefect Blood Drive' please look at the noticeboard in the canteen.

Drew McIntosh and Lauren Davis

Killara High's Special Place in Peace Day Celebration

21st September International Peace Day. It was established by the United Nations General Assembly to encourage peace in our world.

This year, Killara High was honoured to take a central role in a special Interfaith Peace Service at St David's Uniting Church Lindfield where prayers from thirteen different faiths were offered. It was a day to affirm our common humanity and express a longing for peace.

Killara High's World Peace Ambassadors, **Cameron Carmody, Annabel Osborn, Leah Wernik and Sienna Lake (Year 11)**, and SJC representative, **Curtis Chan**, opened the ceremony by lighting the Peace Candle. This was followed by inspiring prayers and music from many cultures and religions including Baha'i, Brahmakumari, Buddhist, Hindu, Islamic, Sufi, Zoroastrian, Aboriginal and Christian. Each concluded with Mother Teresa's words, which have become the International Prayer for Peace: "Let peace fill our heart, our world and our universe".

Presider, Rev. Manas Kumar Ghosh ended the service with a question: "How do we know when darkness



has left the world and light has returned?". Answer: "Not when we can see our hand before our face each morning ... when we look into the face of another and don't see our brother or sister, the darkness is still upon the earth".

Sienna Lake

Stage Head Teachers Report

I seem to always start this report with something like 'Killara High continues to be busy with lots of things happening'! Well it's still the same!

As we come towards the end of Term 3 we have seen many of our students being recognised for their achievements in competitions in Drama, English, Mathematics and Science. At the recent assembly there were so many certificates to be awarded that we ran out of time to award them all, and many students will receive theirs at the next assembly. What a good problem to have! Congratulations to all of these students!

Recently we have also had many of our students been nominated for, and elected to, the many new Leadership positions in the school. Congratulations to these students, and we look forward to seeing the results of their good ideas and actions! And we also hope that these new opportunities will encourage other students to look to taking on similar roles in the school next year so that they, too, can 'make a difference' and 'have a say'!

Recently **class 7A** has been making a difference in another way, and also having fun! They are becoming 'Video Conferencing' experts! Under the guidance of Ms Black the class has been linking up with three primary schools, St Ives North PS, Beaumont Rd PS and Quirindi PS through Video Conferencing. Here they have been learning, sharing their skills and helping these primary schools to learn and discuss topics and issues that they have been studying in high school. Look for their reports elsewhere in this

newsletter! The feedback we have received has been very positive, so 'Congratulations' to 7A, and also to Mr Smith's Year 8 English class who also participated in one of the conferences.

As Term 3 comes to an end we are farewelling our Year 12 students as they complete their classes at KHS and continue their preparation for their HSC exams in October. It is an exciting (and a bit sad!) time for them as they celebrate their last days of school with their friends, teachers and families. We hope they have fun during their celebrations and we also take this opportunity to wish them success in their exams, and 'all the best' for their futures. We also hope that they take many good memories of their schooldays at KHS!

Year 11 students have just completed their final Preliminary HSC exams and we hope that they did their best, enjoy their holidays and prepare to start their HSC course early in Term 4. A reminder that all Year 11 students should have already handed in their HSC 'Pattern of Study' course forms to Ms. Black. If you haven't already done so.....

All other students across the school are preparing /planning for Yearly Assessment tasks. For some (Year 10) these will occur both before and after the school holidays as they work towards their School Certificate exams which begin on Monday 9th November i.e. Term 4, Week 4.

Years 7, 8 and 9 students will have assessments tasks over the first few weeks of next term. Years 7 and 8 have been given an Assessment Notification for the term which has some specific dates (for Mathematics

and Science) in it, as well as advice about other subjects and that students need to fill in other details as they receive them from their teachers. This should help students (and families!) plan for a busy final term of the year!

We are still addressing a few issues about students being unkind to each other. We remind everyone that Bullying is not tolerated at Killara HS and it is everyone's responsibility to see that it doesn't happen.

Video Conferencing Experience



I believe the Video Conferencing (VC) between group 2 of Killara High, 7A class and St Ives Public School went particularly well because of many factors considered by the group.

Firstly, we prepared speeches and activities that we shared using a conferencing application called "Bridget". The theme chosen to base the VC on was "heroes", which is currently the unit of study for Year 7 English. To interest our audience, which comprised students of Year 3 and 4, we made an Active Studio page which contained pictures of well recognizable villains and heroes. To the directions of the hosts, the other school matched the characters. We then discussed the qualities of heroes – an educational benefit for all.

Finally, I believe the organizational skills that the members of the team demonstrated were highly influential in the success of the VC. Video Conferencing has been an experience that should be accessible to all students across all years.

Claudia Harper, Year 7A

I think the VC was a lot more fun and interesting than I thought it would be. It was really interesting that we used smartboards, videos and all sorts of things that are highly technological and new. Joshua and I were the interactive whiteboard (IWB) coordinators for our team. We had an incredible experience in the VC room and our teacher said we were the only class who gets to be in the VC room and who actually gets

What to do? - 'tell someone'; 'don't be a bystander' etc.

Remember that we are all different in our own unique way and every one of us has the right to feel safe and valued at KHS!

Enjoy the holidays, and 'stay safe'!

Ms Phelan (Head Teacher Stage 4)

Ms Longhurst (Head Teacher Stage 5)

Ms Black (Head Teacher stage 6)

to do video conferencing in Year 7. I felt really proud of my class.

Matt Jang, Year 7A

My reflection on the VC that our class experienced has been very enjoyable. It has been a fun experience and talking and listening to Quirindi PS, St Ives North PS and Beaumont Road PS. It has been fun having discussions with those schools. I was the equipment organizer who sets up the classroom for the VC.

Aron Goldstein, Year 7A

For the past two weeks our class did video conferencing during our science lessons. Our first video conference was a bit rusty because we did not know much about what we could do. But as we did more video conferencing we gained new skills which made them better. The schools we did video



conferencing with were Quirindi PS, St Ives PS and Beaumont Road PS. In our conferences with these schools we had conversations as we could see and hear them. We showed them movies our class made and asked for their opinions to tell us what we could improve. We gave them quizzes which were set out on the IWB because they could access and have power of it on their side. All of our VCs were fun and successful because of good teamwork and cooperation.

Elena Gillespie, Year 7A

I thought that video conferencing with the various classes was very interesting especially since it was my first time. I was the camera supporter/assistant. Daniel and I controlled the camera. These were three

teams and my team was team 2. There were two hosts, Maddy and Claudia, two interactive whiteboard coordinators who were Evie and Claire, Aron was the equipment organizer, Grace was the VC manager, and Angie and Nikki who were the evaluators.

The first VC my team did was with St Ives North PS which went for 45 minutes which was long. The other teams did video conferencing with Beaumont Road PS and Quirindi PS.

We used programs like active studio and "Bridgit" on the IWB. This helped us with our VCs.

In total, 7A will have six video conferences. The last one will be with a Year 4 class at Quirindi.

Overall I had great fun with video conferencing and our skills are improving.

Morgan Bleach, Year 7A

Uniform Shop – Holiday Opening

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

Saturday, 17th October 2009
9am to 12noon

during the school holidays for your convenience to purchase summer uniform items prior to Term 4. Our price list and order form can be downloaded

from our new School website, <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/home.node>, under "Latest News", select 'Killara High School Uniform Shop'.

Conny Valeontis and Heather Jordan
Uniform Shop Coordinators

From the Library

"Everything in the world exists in order to end up as a book." Stephan Mallarme

Some new fiction titles:

Brooker, David (editor). *The Best Australian Poetry 2008: a Selection of the Best Poems from Australia's Literary Journals*.

Bradford, Chris. *Young Samurai: the War of the Warrior*.

Flaubert, Gustave. *Madame Bovary*.

And In Detail:

Baskin, Nora Raleigh. *The Truth about My Bat Mitzvah*

Seventh-grader Caroline Weeks has a Jewish mum and a non-Jewish dad. When Caroline's nana dies around the same time that Caroline's best friend, Rachel, is having her bat mitvah, Caroline starts to become more interested in her Jewish identity.

Oswald, Debra. *Blue Noise*.

A boy. A girl. A band. It'll never work... Ash is drooling over a guitar – the one he can't afford – when he meets Charlie Novak. One session later & Charlie convinces Ash to play in his band. Erin is wandering down a corridor at school – when she runs into Charlie, literally. The guy is a fruit-loop, with his weird hair and hyperactive rantings. When Charlie invites her to be the bands' keyboard player, Erin can't get a word in to say no. She's a classical pianist. It'll never work. But maybe this time things will be different. Maybe blues music is just what Ash and Erin need.

Simpson, Judith A. *In the Shadow of the Palace: The Princess of Pushkar*.

The princesses are kidnapped. Why has no one come to rescue them? They are scared and, for the first time

I their lives, completely alone. Will they ever escape from the shadow of Queen Kriti's palace?

Wang, Gabrielle. *A Ghost in my Suitcase*.

When Celester travels to China to visit her grandmother, she uncovers an incredible family secret. And with this secret come danger and adventure. If Celeste is to save her family and friends, she must learn to harness her rare and powerful gift...

Some Non-Fiction Titles:

Clarkson, Wensley. *Mel Gibson: Man on a Mission*

Guile, Melanie. *Culture in India*.

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Hamilton, John. *Graphic Novel*.

Hamilton, John. *Screenplay*.

Roberts, Russell. *The Life and Time of Nostradamus*. (Biography from ancient civilizations: legends, folklore, and stories of ancient worlds series)

Russe, Sarah & Grant, Kirsty. *Prime Ministers of Australia*.

Steinbeck, John. *The Moon is Down*.

Tracy, Kathleen. *The Life and Times of Cicero*. (Biography from ancient civilizations: legends, folklore, and stories of ancient worlds series)

Whiting, Jim. *Ernest Hemingway* (Classic storyteller series)

And In Detail:

Bhathal, Ragbir Dr and Bhathal, Jenny. *Australian Backyard Astronomy*.

Discover the stories of the heavens and our understanding of them. Generously illustrated with star charts and pictures from the National Library of Australia, as well as photographs from Australian and

overseas astronomers. Also provides interesting facts and projects that are practical and fun to do. Reveals Australia's Aboriginal and European night-sky heritage to children from their own backyards.

Bochinski, Julianne Blair.

The Complete Handbook of Science Fair Projects – The Classic Science Fair Resource.

Newly revised and updated, this is the ultimate guide to every aspect of choosing, preparing, and presenting an outstanding science project.

Editors of Fine Homebuilding & Fine Woodworking. *Shelves, Cabinets and Bookcases.*

Carpenters and woodworkers contribute their advice on building sturdy cabinets and shelves that look great.

Some of the techniques and projects provided are: supporting shelves; 6 ways to edge plywood; dressing up a basic box; art & crafts wall shelf; bookshelves in a day; outfitting a closet; built-in basics; building around electronics; installing kitchen cabinets; and drawer design strategies.

Robinson, Matthew

Making Smart Choices about Time Management.

Topics include: what is time management?; time management in your daily life; the bigger picture of time management; and making smart choices.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell

Teacher-Librarians

Thank you to Bakers Delight Gordon!

Bakers Delight Gordon recently donated all the bread used at the Feast to End Famine and at our Annual Open Day. Please consider supporting them as they supported us.



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CENTACARE BROKEN BAY MEN & FAMILY RELATIONSHIPS PROGRAM

HEY, DAD! FOR SEPARATED FATHERS

Hey, Dad! for Separated Fathers is a six week group exploring the role of fathering in post separation parenting

Understanding the impact of separation upon your children; Communication; Dealing with strong emotions; Child Development; Building children's self esteem; Understanding your children's needs

Dates

Tuesdays 3, 10, 17, 24 November &
1, 8 December 2009

(6:45pm – 9:30 pm)

Wednesdays 4, 11, 18, 25

November & 2, 9 December 2009

(6:45 pm – 9:30 pm)

Venue

Brookvale Family
Centre

Waitara Family
Centre

**Brookvale Family Centre, Unit 9B 44 Wattle Road
Brookvale (On site parking available)**

Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara
Parking available on street

To speak to our Men and Family Relationships Workers please call: Sean Williams on 9488 2523 (Mon-Fri) or Greg Stock on 9488 2532 (Mon & Wednesday) or 8968 5100 (Tues & Thursday)

Tryon Rd, Lindfield Uniting Church and Killara District Christian Education Association

are thrilled to bring to you in concert

The Sydney Welsh Choir

Presenting a varied and wonderful repertoire of Welsh songs and music from Bach to Bacharach

Saturday 24th October 2009 at 2.00pm

Tryon Rd, Lindfield Uniting Church

Cnr Nelson and Tryon Roads, Lindfield

The concert will benefit the work of the Killara District Christian Education Association (an initiative of the churches of the local area) which supports the Religious Education program at Killara High School

Adults: \$20 Concession: \$15 Children: \$10

**Enquiries: Heather Gorrell 9880 2457 or
Julie Sekhon 9498 3817**

Reading, Study Skills and Essay Writing Workshops

To be held during the October school holidays

At Abbotsleigh School,
All students Years 7-12

12th – 15th October 2009

Ph: 9449 8922

KU-RING-GAI AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB INC.

2009/2010 SEASON STARTS

SATURDAY 17TH OCTOBER

7.15AM - WEST PYMBLE POOL

RACES FOR ALL AGES - 25M, 50M, 100M, 200M,
Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke, Butterfly &
Individual medley

Entries may be done the week prior to the Saturday
meet or by 5pm on the Thursday - come along to a
Saturday meet

Enquiries to Secretary Judy Macourt

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Ku-ring-gai website: www.kuringgaiswim.org.au or
enquires to Michele at West Pymble pool 9498 8171

ALL WELCOME