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The P&C
welcome all
to their
Annual Christmas
Get Together

Wednesday
9th December 2009

8pm

A Block Common Room



Regional Director's Award for School Communities – Killara High School

Killara High School was recognised for our achievements as a community at the 2009 Northern Sydney Rewards and Recognition Presentation evening last week. I proudly accepted the award on behalf of staff, students and parents in recognition of the wonderful work, care and commitment to the well being of all members of our community, particularly in difficult times.

Dr Carter was awarded a Regional Director's Leadership Award by Ms Jane Simmons, Regional Director.

The award is prominently displayed in the foyer of the school.

Glenda Robinson, Relieving Principal

Parents and relatives are cordially invited to the 2009 YEAR 10 FINAL ASSEMBLY

On Friday 11th December 2009

at 9.00am

Kerrabee Centre

Morning tea will be served at the conclusion of the ceremony.

We do hope you can join us to mark this important milestone in your child's schooling.

ArtExpress Nominations

Congratulations to **Michelle Chang, Chris Lu, Joel Berliner, Alexander Capps, Sam Margalit and Shu-Mei Teoh** whose HSC Bodies of Work have been retained at the HSC marking centre for possible ArtExpress exhibition selection.

Their success follows in the rich tradition of achievement by Killara High School in Visual Arts.

Approximately 550 highly ranked HSC bodies of work have been set aside this year after marking for possible inclusion in ArtExpress. From these works, exhibitions planned for 2010 in both metropolitan and regional NSW venues will be developed.

Final exhibition selections will be announced early in December.

Glenda Robinson, Relieving Principal

Calendar

November 2009

- 27 - Yr 8 Science Excursion (8E & 8H) – Gibberagong Education Centre
- 30 - Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (all week)

December 2009

- 1 - Yr 7 Water Safety & Survival Skills (Tues - Fri)
- 2 - Yr 11 Geography Excursion - Pyrmont
- 4 - Yr 7 2010 Enrolment Day
- 7 - Introduction to DEAS 2010 Meeting – 6pm – Conference Room
- 8 - Yr 10 Service Learning Reflection Day
 - Killara PS Presentation Day
- 9 - DEAS Gold Qualifying Expedition – Mr Jagungal, Snowy Mountains (5 days)
 - **P&C Christmas Meeting – 8pm**
- 10 - Music and Dance Performance Night – 7.30pm - Hall
- 11 - Yr 10 Final Assembly – 9am
- 14 - Annual Awards Ceremony - Kerrabee Hall – 10.30am
- 16 - Last day for students – Reports distributed
 - Stage 4 Completion and Recognition Assembly – P3
- 17 - School Development Day
- 18 - School Development Day
 - Last day – Term 4

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Induction Night

2010 Year 9 students who wish to be a part of the award, come along and learn more about the program

**Monday,
7th December 2009**

at 6.00pm

**in the C Block
Conference Room**

Remembrance Day Ceremony

The following is a speech by **Imogen Faulds (Year 11)**, Prefect, given at the Roseville RSL Remembrance Day Ceremony on 11th November 2009. **Maddie Ellis (Year 11)**, Prefect, also attended and **Matthew Bruck (Year 10)** played the trumpet.

The 11th November 1918 is one of the most significant days in the history of the modern world. The signing of the armistice to end the war that was to end all wars. A war so huge that the firing of guns could be heard kilometers away. A war so horrific, that the bodies of thousands of young men, fighting for their countries, lie unmarked in graves in foreign lands. A war so ferocious, that the glory that soldiers anticipated, was overshadowed by fear and horrifying stories from the trenches.

An so, when the end of the First World War was announced on this day, 91 years ago, naturally everyone took to the streets to celebrate the end of the worst war ever experienced by mankind. That day was a time to rejoice and celebrate. But in 1919, when the first Remembrance Day Ceremony was held in London, we did not celebrate, but paid homage to the hundreds of thousands of men who died fighting for their countries. Generations joined together to show respect for those who gave their lives to protect their countries and to stand against such an atrocity every happening again.

Even now, almost a century later, we still commemorate this day. Generations still join together to recognise the unbelievable efforts of the World War One soldiers, but now we include the efforts of those who fought in countless wars including the Second World War, the Korean War, the Vietnam War and the Gulf War, those who served and continue to serve in regions of dispute, including the Kashmir region, East Timor and Papua New Guinea and those currently serving in Afghanistan and Iraq. All these soldiers served to make our world a better place, and we commemorate their achievements and their sufferings, their victories and their losses, their advances and their retreats. But most of all, we commemorate their spirit. We still hear stories of the ANZAC spirit, of the courage, strength and loyalty that those soldiers showed under unimaginable pressure.

And I think that this is what Remembrance Day means to the youth of today. These wards have touched few of the youths of today. Youths living in a time of technology, we cannot imagine being in so much danger that you can barely move and being separated from your home, family, pets and friends by such long distances that communication takes weeks. But we can understand the spirit. We admire the bravery and selflessness that any soldier shows when fighting for their nation. We admire the sacrifices that they made so that we can live the lives we lead today. We aspire to have the same qualities that all soldiers show – courage, strength, loyalty, discipline and morality. They are our role models.

And so Remembrance Day, to the youth of today, is a time not only to show respect to those who served for us, but also to remind us of the qualities that we should possess.

We will remember them.

Did You Know . . . ?

Eliza Cepak (Year 8) has qualified for the National All Schools Carnival on 5th December for the 14 Years Girls Discus event. Eliza narrowly missed out on selection for the Hammer Throw, Shot Put and Javelin.

Congratulations, Eliza, on a great performance at the NSW All Schools Carnival.

Killara High School

41st Annual Awards Ceremony

To acknowledge student achievement for the 2009 school year

Monday 14th December 2009

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre

A Sea of Red!



Photo: Edmund Ong

The Prefect Red Ribbon Mufti Day was a huge success. Along with the sea of red clothing which helped form the Human Red Ribbon, we also had a barbeque and

a live band in the quad. With the students' help the Prefects were able to raise \$1,500 from the mufti day and sale of Red Ribbon Merchandise. All the money raised from the Mufti Day will be used by The Aids Council of NSW (ACON) to help fund and support their continual efforts in preventing the spread of HIV/AIDS and raising awareness of this global issue.

Don't forget to buy and wear a Red Ribbon on World Aids Day, Tuesday 1st December. Killara High School students will once again be helping to sell Red Ribbons throughout Sydney on this day.

A special thank you to the Light and Sound Team and all the students and staff who made this day really successful.

Drew McIntosh, Prefect

Creative and Performing Arts News

Congratulations to a group of very talented young film makers who have had their short film selected and shown on the Big Screen at the Dendy Cinema, Opera Quays, as part of the ArtsNorth Film Festival. **Kimiko Smart, Marcus Swift, Elias Visontay, Courtney Hopwood (Year 9) and Andrew Sommerich (Year 10)**, created their short film titled "House for the Specials" as part of this year's highly successful CAPAFest.

Marcus Swift represented the school at the screening and spoke briefly about his group's film which is a mockumentary that explores the strange world of an orphanage designed for children with superpowers.

More congratulations go to **Jeffrey King, Satsuki Minoda and Will Longman (Year 10)** who all submitted photographs to the Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize and were all selected as semi-finalists. In a letter from Mark Moran, CEO of the Moran Arts Foundation, he said that "their works were selected from a total of over 13,000 entries nationally and their selection is a wonderful achievement".

Andrew Quilty, award winning photographer and the judge of this year's competition, was especially impressed with the high quality of the school entries."

Killara has also had more students selected to be part of this year's School Spectacular. Congratulations to **Laura-Jayne Milton (Year 11)** who will be part of the marching band this year.

The CAPA Faculty and the student Arts Council are organising our spectacular end of year **Music and Dance Performance Evening**, so make sure **Thursday 10th December** is marked on your calendar! It will be a wonderful evening of entertainment including performances by our talented Vocal, Instrumental and Piano Competition finalists, music elective students and dance and music ensembles.

Giovanna Trenoweth, Head Teacher, Creative and Performing Arts Faculty

The 40 Hr Famine at Killara High School

Congratulations Killara High School, this year we were able to raise \$10,899.70, making it one of the most successful fundraising efforts by students. Over 220 students and teachers participated this year, with participants giving something up for 40 hours, whether it be food, or even speaking.

The top fundraisers this year included; **Duncan Rae (Year 11), Alexandra Catt (Year 10), Nina Culmer-Whitlow (Year 9), James Gowland, Tahlia Mundy (Year 8), Lily Jennings, Evangeline Leslie, Emily Savage, Tessa Saxon and Claire Wilson (Year 7).**

All students and teachers who participated will be receiving a participation certificate later this term

A special thank you to **Drew McIntosh (Year 11)**, Student Coordinator, who spent hour upon hour, organising, distributing, collecting and counting 40 Hour Famine booklets and money with the assistance of the staff in the Accounts Office.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to next year's famine.

Edmund Ong, SJC Senior Publicity Officer

P&C News

P&C Meeting Wednesday 18th November – at the request of the P&C, Jane Simmons, DET Regional Director for the Northern Region, updated the school community on what is being done to address the requirements for new buildings and facilities and the limitations placed on the school by the small land area of the school. Jane highlighted: the potential acquisition of land opposite the school in Koola Avenue; the business case for a new building for Killara High; a separate business case for acquisition and development of the UTS site, including upgrades to other schools including Killara High; establishment of a joint Killara High School Community/DET working party with the DET regional Asset Manager, Steve Martens.

Cameron Carmody (School Captain) and parents spoke to and asked questions of Jane and Louise Yeomans, School Education Director, DET North Shore Network.

The main concern from the school community was the time it may take to fund, plan and build new facilities. The P&C will keep the school community informed of progress, but welcomes parents to join the P&C and become more active to support

continued work to improve the education outcomes from Killara High.

Grounds Working Bee Sunday 22nd November – volunteers, including a number of prefects, braved the heat to do mulching, weeding and oiling of outdoor seating

P&C Xmas Drinks – please join us on Wednesday **9th December at 8 pm** in the A Block common room for Xmas drinks and nibbles to celebrate the year and mix with the school community. Drinks will be provided, but could attendees please bring a plate of nibbles to share

Please also remember that the P&C always needs more parents' support, so come along to the P&C AGM in February 2010 to become more involved in the school community

If you have any further questions and/or suggestions, please do not hesitate to contact David Jordan, President Killara High School P&C on david@dacono.com.au 0428-669-730.

Food Technology Excursion

Panoramic city view of the entire Sydney, tour backstage to a world of high tech kitchen equipment, all-you-can-eat buffet...that only begins to describe the fun the Year 11 Food Technology students experienced on 4th November 2009.

The Sydney Tower was our destination for the day. "À la carte" and "duty of care" were some of the jargons we picked up along the way as we accessed the kitchen of Sydney Tower Restaurant. The operation of a restaurant at such a high altitude requires meticulous planning, we learned. Even the weather has to be taken into consideration, closing on windy

days. We also visited the misty cold room as seen in movies, the well-stocked pantry and the liquor room.

The tower has 1,504 stairs. The highlight of the excursion, we all had to admit, was the buffet lunch. Dining in a rotating restaurant was definitely a novelty, although it meant moving us away from the food area for some time!

Sydney Tower was a thoroughly fascinating place. Big thanks to Mrs Robertson for organizing this fantastic excursion.

Annie Chiang, Year 11

The Exodus Foundation Food Can Drive at Killara High School

Every day, over 400 people receive a free meal at the Loaves and Fishes Free Restaurant and every week night another 300 meals are served to homeless and disadvantaged people in the city. All the food that is served at this restaurant is provided by the generosity of people, who have donated their time, money or food.



This service is provided by the Exodus Foundation. However there is another key service that many people are not aware of. Each week the Exodus Foundation distributes food parcels to the disadvantaged all over Sydney, all the way from Brookvale to Campbelltown. These food parcels contain the basics, which help the disadvantaged and needy people survive each day. Without these food parcels many people and families wouldn't be able to survive every week.

This term the Killara High Social Justice Committee is aiming to help the Exodus Foundation continue their crucial programs by organising a whole school can drive. Students, teachers, families and members of our community are all being asked to bring in a can or two of food to school. Student leaders will be collecting tins and non-perishable foods (including tinned fruits and vegetables, long life milk, soup, rice, pasta, coffee/tea or cereals) during Home Group each day, with all the donations being placed under a Christmas tree in A Block reception.



This is a fantastic way to show that every member of Killara High School's community cares about somebody else, who may not be as lucky as they are. We hope that you will be able to support us in this endeavour.

Edmund Ong, SJC Senior Publicity Officer

Killara High School

Music and Dance Performance Night

Thursday 10th December 2009

7.30pm

Kerrabee Hall



A celebration of student music and dance achievements

Finals of the Vocal, Piano and Instrumental Competition

Performances by elective music students

Our Ensembles highlighted

Sausage sizzle from 6.30pm



Drinks also available

Year 6 Gala Day a Big Success

On Monday 16th November, Ms Clarke's and Mr Bruckshaw's Yr 9 Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) classes hosted approximately 170 Year 6 students from Lindfield East, Killara and Beaumont Road Primary Schools. Sports that were contested were soccer, newcombe ball and basketball.

The day was a huge success largely due to the fact that the Killara High students conducted themselves in a fantastic manner as they coached, refereed and scored the games on the day. Teachers from the attending schools were highly complementary of the day in general.

"Please pass on my thanks to all the teachers and Year 9 students involved in today's Gala Day. It was professionally organised and run and the LEPS students all enjoyed a great day. Thank you again for your hospitality." **Ms Caroline Desmond, Assistant Principal, Lindfield East Public School.**



A special thanks to Ms Ann Dixon who also worked extremely hard in order for the day to be a success.

Adam Bruckshaw, PDHPE Faculty

Year 7 Survival Skills & Water Safety Program

Date: Tuesday 1st December – Friday 4th December 2009

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre, Lane Cove

Youth Forum Report

On 2nd September, two Year 9 students, **Caro Derkenne** and **Kate Cranswick**, attended a Youth Forum at Roseville College, to discuss the nominated novels on the 2009 *Children's Book Council Older Reader's Short List*. They were accompanied by Ms Campbell, one of Killara's Teacher-Librarians.

Representatives from Roseville College, Ravenswood School for Girls and Killara High School formed a panel to discuss the various novels nominated.

The panel consisted of six students from these schools, with an audience primarily from Roseville College. Paul McDonald, from the Children's Bookshop at Beecroft, adjudicated the forum - allowing for robust discussion and debate about the novels, the authors that wrote them, and the character and plots. It was a great morning!

Here's what the students said about the Forum...

"The book forum held at Roseville College was a great way to meet other people who shared an equal love and interest of books, before having a panel discussion on the novels short-listed for the Older Readers Book of the Year. It was a brilliant opportunity to express thoughts and feelings on each of the books and have, sometimes, a heated discussion on their merits or faults when opinions



differed. It was interesting to hear how other people felt about the books and the intense dislike or appeal some of the books held over us. In the end we almost unanimously agreed on the winner, Shaun Tan's *Tales from Outer Suburbia*. I had a great time and would love to do it again."

Caro Derkenne, Year 9

"The idea of having teenagers giving their thoughts about books designed for their age group was a great one. The comments made by other students on the panel truly reflected on the implication of each book. The atmosphere was relaxed, giving the audience a say in what they thought too."

Kate Cranswick, Year 9

Francie Campbell, Teacher-Librarian



Get to Know Your Prefect ...

What is your name? Zoe Moira Barnes **When is your birthday?** 10/07/ 92

Do you have a message? If you're going to do it, you might as well do it well

What is your earliest childhood memory? Playing with my brother and having this huge mud fight. We were so muddy afterwards that mum had to hose us down outside, before we were allowed back in the house.

What is the most memorable moment you've had at Killara High ? Having my head shaved for The World's Greatest Shave!

Do you have any nicknames? ZBarnes, Zobo, Barnaby or Baldy

Describe yourself in two words: Loud, Bubbly

What do you usually eat for dinner? "Spag bol"

What's on the back of your year 12 jersey? "inside voice"

If you could be an insect what would you be? A lady bug, because they give people luck ☺

What do you remember most about Year 7? My year being bigger than my entire primary school

What's your favourite movie? Any classic Disney movie!

Do you have any hobbies? Latin American dancing, sewing, reading and hanging out with friends

What is your favourite subject? Textiles

What is your favourite food? Lollies, I'm a lolly-holic

Grade Soccer Success

Under Ms Lambright's coaching, both Killara A and B grade soccer teams achieved outstanding results and won the Grand Final against the Turramurra Grade soccer teams on Thursday 12th November.

The A team won 3-2 and the B team outstripped them by 2-0.

The Grand Final matches against the Turramurra Soccer teams were held at Koola Oval. With our home ground and home supporters behind us, we were feeling more confident and we were sure that we could win the match.

The day began full of excitement. The B's were the first to play. Under extremely hot conditions, The B's struggled to score a goal against such strong opposition. The first-half ended scoreless for both Killara and Turramurra. Our minds and bodies were exhausted from the weather, and we started to think we had very little chance of winning.

After three minutes of rest, the second-half was about to commence. However, before kick-off, the referee (Turramurra's coach) told us to sort out our kicking orders for the penalty shoot-outs in case there was no winner by the end of the game. However, three minutes later, with my goal assisted by Marcus Swift, it was proven that the referee's advice was pointless.

After the goal, it was apparent that the Turramurra team was in a great hurry to score, and looked like they were under pressure. However, in the desperation to find that critical goal, they slipped up and managed to score an own goal. And the score was 2-0 to Killara.

With Ed's strong tackles, Ryan's hustle, and Philip's amazing saves despite his hip injury, we were able to keep the lead and finish the game victorious.

Both Killara A and B grade soccer teams achieved great victories by winning the grand final matches.

We give special thanks to Ms Lambright for such great coaching, Mr Bruckshaw for the 'icy pole' donation to the team members and for organising the matches, and lastly to Turramurra High School Grade soccer teams for a pair of great matches.

Jaeho Lee, Year 9

On Thursday, 12th November, the Killara A grade Boys Soccer 7s team played against Turramurra in the final. The weather was very hot, over 30 degrees, and the field was in good condition at Koola Oval.

The boys in the team; **Jacob, Tom, Jack, Tim, Ji Ho, Petar, Turtle, Ryan, Zane, Siavosh** and I went out onto the pitch in good spirits. After a couple of minutes Turramurra led 1-0 and a scored second goal a few minutes later meant we were 2 goals behind. After I ran up the line, a Turramurra defender fouled me and we were awarded a penalty. Jack converted the penalty with a great shot and at half time the score was 2-1 to Turramurra.

We had our water and team talk and went back on for the second half. Siavosh leveled the score at 2-2 with a great finish and Tim put us into the lead a few minutes later with another good goal. After a suspenseful couple of minutes, the final whistle sounded and we celebrated our 3-2 victory.

Special thanks to Ms Lambright for her helpful words and encouragement as our coach, Mr Smith and Mr Petkovski for their refereeing and finally to Mr Bruckshaw for his support and round of icy poles after the game.

Michael Trkulja, Year 10

Working Bee - Thank You

On Sunday 22nd November, on a very hot morning, a wonderful team of parents and students carried out some much needed maintenance on the grounds, garden and facilities. In particular, mulch was spread in the garden beds between the Library and Koola Avenue. Significant weeding was carried out in the garden beds between A Block and the Kerrabee, between B Block and the basketball courts in the Year 11 COLA area, along the Koola road garden beds and around the Library. As well, a number of tables and seats were re stained. It was especially nice to see some family groups, including Penn Hsiang with Julia and son Riley, Yeen Ng and son Ben. It was also special to have so many of the Prefects come along and set and maintain a standard for all students to follow.

To the mums, dads and students who gave up their Sunday morning – thank you!

Over the last six years the condition of the grounds has improved very significantly because of the hard work of parents.

Our sincere thanks go to the following parents and students for their assistance on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated. They were Richard Frith, coordinator, along with his team of volunteer parents; Jan and Steve McKenzie, Oi Chee Lee, Tim Hand, John Faulds, Julia and Penn Hsiang, Yeen Ng, Mike McLeod, Greg Swords, Barbara Nash and Liz Wilson. David Jordan made a supervisory visit. The students were; Yu-Jie Yu, Drew McIntosh, Tim Goh, Saskia Blumberg, Imogen Faulds, Mitchell Deck, Anouschka Akerman, Kay Pengelly, Luran Davis, Zoe Barnes, Anton Lubbers, Maddie Ellis, Grace Tame, Ethan Johnson, Riley Hsiang, Ed Ferguson, Saba Karimian, Ben Ng and Fergus Wilson for giving up their time as well

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

Parents be Aware

This is a generalised warning to all parents, but particularly parents of students in Years 8, 9 and 10. As we move towards the end of the school year, and those heady summer days, we begin to hear more anecdotal chatter from the students about the social activities that they would like to be involved in or that they have attended.

It appears that there are plans afoot for many students to go to parties and gatherings where they hope to access and consume large quantities of alcohol or even "party drugs". Young adolescents appear to be experimenting earlier and earlier which places more students at risk. Evidence is clear about the dangers of consuming "binge" quantities of alcohol at a young

age. This trend worries teachers and parents alike and while the safety of our students is a high priority it can be very difficult to monitor.

For parents there is always strength in numbers. We would encourage parents to talk to one another. Your child will no doubt accuse you of being **the only** parent who would ring and check about adult supervision at parties or alcohol free social occasions, or to insist on collecting your child at an appointed time, but don't be discouraged. The more parents who follow these "old fashioned" guidelines the safer our students will be. Good Luck!

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Welfare

Uniform Shop

Additional Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

Thursday, 3rd December 2009 - 8.00am - 12noon
(business as usual)

Friday, 4th December 2009 - 10.00am – 1.00pm
(Enrolment Day - Sales for Year 7 2010 only)

Saturday, 5th December 2009 - 9.00am - 12noon

Wednesday 27th January 2010 - 9am - 12noon

Thursday 28th January 2010 - 9.00am - 12noon
(Years 7, 11, 12)

Friday 29th January 2010 - 8.00am - 12noon
(business as usual)

Saturday 30th January 2010 - 9.00am - 12noon

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'.

Request for Assistance in 2010

The Uniform Shop needs a volunteer(s) to organise KHS Uniform Shop volunteers and be responsible for monetary matters on a weekly basis during school terms in 2010.

If there is a parent who is interested (or if you know someone) in becoming involved in running the Uniform Shop, please contact me for further details at khscp@yahoo.com.au.

Conny Valeontis
Uniform Shop Coordinator

Stage Head Teachers Report

Lots of things still happening at KHS!!

Our **Year 12 students** have now completed all their HSC examinations and they enjoyed their final celebrations on Monday 16th November with their formal at Darling Harbour. They all looked fantastic, relaxed and ready to set off on the next part of their journeys. We have organised a morning tea for all Year 12 students to join us (after receiving their ATARs) on Friday 18th December at 10.30am in the Staff Common Room where we can celebrate their results and wish them well.

Year 11 students are busily working on the first of their HSC topics and are approaching the initial assessment tasks for their 2010 HSC. They have all received their Higher School Certificate Assessment Information and Schedule booklet, which details the assessment tasks and outlines specifically for their

HSC 2010 courses. We wish them well in these tasks and remind them how important it is to plan ahead.

Year 10 students have just completed their ***It's Your Life* program** where they learnt about 'self defence', 'applying and presenting themselves for a job', 'surviving as an adolescent', community service, leadership training for Peer Support as well as completing the compulsory (for Senior School) 'All My Own Work' program.

Now **Year 10 students** are learning a lot, and hopefully enjoying, either their **Work Experience** week or **Service Learning** (community service) week. Each student is expected to complete one week of each program. We are sure that they will not only do Killara High School proud but will learn a lot about the working world and about themselves. Teachers will be contacting the students either by visiting or phoning to find out how they are going and to support students during this valuable experience.

We look forward to hearing their stories upon their return during the week of their Year 10 School Certificate final assembly.

Year 9 students are currently also having a valuable life experience as they participate in the school's **Water Safety program**. Will they manage without their **new laptops** for a week? Every student in Year 9 has now received their laptops and has undergone training in their usage.

We remind students (and parents) of the responsibilities of students with regard to laptops and the charter that all students have signed. Unfortunately some students have already found out the consequences for not abiding by the charter!

Year 8 students will be receiving their laptops early in the new year when they move into Stage 5.

How exciting for them to be a part of the Digital Education Revolution! To acknowledge Year 8 students completing their first stage of high school we are having a **Stage 4 Completion and Recognition assembly** during Period 3 on the last day of school for students this year on **16th December**. During this assembly students will receive their Yearly Reports as well as receiving recognition for completing Stage 4 and also other certificates of achievement. We expect all Year 8 students to be present at this assembly.

Parents are welcome to come along and share this important occasion in their children's high school education.

Year 7 students will also be receiving their **reports on 16th December**. Before then they will be participating in the valuable **Water Safety program in Week 7**.

Don't forget – the school's **Annual Awards Ceremony on Monday 14th December** where we recognise the continuing successes, consistent efforts and achievements of our students. Teachers are busy at the moment marking and completing reports and classes/learning whether at school or 'off site' continue until **Wednesday 16th December**.

A reminder to any students leaving Killara High School that a letter needs to be brought from home to the Stage Head Teacher, to collect a Leaver's form and complete the signing out procedure. Don't leave this to the last day!

Enjoy the next few busy and exciting weeks at Killara High School. Remember to 'do your best'.

Jill Longhurst (Stage 5), Julie Phelan (Stage 4), Christine Black (Stage 6)

From the Library

New fiction:

Breslen, Theresa. *The Nostradamus Prophecy*
Funke, Cornelia. *Inkdeath* (The finale to the *Inkheart* Trilogy)

Koch, Christopher. *The memory room*

Larbalestier, Justine. *Liar*.

Mantel, Hilary. *Wolf hall*.

Marshall, James Vance. *Walkabout*

Rodda, Emily. *The Battle for Rondo*

Fiction titles in detail

Brooks, Terry. *A Princess of Landover*

When the soothsayer Nostradamus warns of a great massacre to take place on the streets of Paris, young King Charles only laughs. But Catherine de' Medici, the king's mother, believes that Nostradamus can truly see into the future and that her son's life is in danger. Into this French Court of tension, plotting, and unrest come Melchior with his leopard, and Melisande, the minstrel's daughter. Nostradamus is certain that Fate links him and Melisande together, and, as the Angel of Death approaches, he gives into her safekeeping some very special parchments – parchments that the rulers of France would do anything to see...

Genova, Lisa. *Still Alice*.

Alice Howland is proud of her life she worked so hard to build. At fifty years old, she's a cognitive psychology professor at Harvard and a world-

renowned expert in linguistics with a successful husband and three grown children. When she becomes increasingly disorientated and forgetful, a tragic diagnosis changes her life – and her relationship with her family and world forever.

New Non fiction:

Bonyhardy, Tim and Christoff, Peter (editors) *Climate Law in Australia*.

Johnson, Lesley and Lloyd, Justine. *Sentenced to Everyday Life: Feminism and the Housewife*.

Kuhling, Carmen & Keohane, Kieran. *Cosmopolitan Ireland: Globalisation and Quality of Life*.

Thackrah, Richard. *Revolutionary Conflicts: Terrorism and Unconventional Warfare Explained*.

Non-fiction titles in detail

Bose, Mihir. *Bollywood: A History*

Hollywood may define our idea of movies but it is the city of Bombay on the west coast of India that is now the centre of world cinema. Every year the Indian film industry produces more than 1,000 feature films. Every day 14 million Indians go to a movie in the country, a billion more people a year buy tickets for Indian movies than for Hollywood films. This is the first comprehensive history of this major social and cultural phenomenon.

Cresciani, Gianfranco. *The Italians in Australia.*

The Italians comprised the first truly large wave of immigrants to have arrived from southern Europe after WWII. Today, people of Italian background in Australia number around 1 million. The Italians have made an enormous contribution to the development of Australian society through the 20th century to the present. This book brings to life the important story of the Italo-Australian community into the 21st century.

Meares, Anna. *The Anna Meares Story: When Courage Triumphs over Disaster*

Olympic track cyclist Anna Meares experienced a disastrous fall at the World Cup in Los Angeles in January 2008, less than eight months out from the Beijing Olympic Games. Falling at a speed of 65 kms an hour, Anna suffered a fractured neck, a dislocated shoulder and torn ligaments – and was millimetres away from permanent injury. This is her story of recovery to a silver medal at the Beijing Olympic Games.

Sawer, Marian and others. *Australia: The State of Democracy.*

Since 2002 the Democratic Audit of Australia has been applying internationally tested indicators deriving from 4 principles – political equality, popular control of government, civil liberties and human rights,

and the quality of public debate and discussion – to Australian political institutions and practices. The audit analyses data from the Australian Commonwealth, States and Territories and from Canada, New Zealand, and the UK – to identify strengths, weaknesses and opportunities for reform.

Sullivan, Robin (editor). *Focus on Fathering.*

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**“How to Look After Yourself
as Parents of Teens”**

**Tuesday 1st December 2009
6.30pm to 8.30pm**

**Gordon Library Meeting Room,
799 Pacific Highway, Gordon.**

The night is open to parents, teachers and health professionals.

Guest Speaker is Professor David Bennett (Head NSW Centre for The Advancement of Adolescent Health and Chairman of the KYDS Management Committee).

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Date: Wednesday 9th December 2009

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