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**Junior Drama Ensemble  
presents**



**'A Collection of  
Short Plays'**

**Monday  
14<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**4.30pm**

**Kerrabee Theatre**



**Killara High School**

**41<sup>st</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony**

To acknowledge student achievement  
for the 2009 school year

**Monday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2009**

**10.30am**

**Kerrabee Centre**



**Excellence in School Certificate Results Again!**

Killara High School Year 10 students have excelled once again in the NSW School Certificate, achieving results which are considerably above the State average in all courses.

There has been a significant shift of students into the top band in the English literacy examination this year in a comparison to previous years. Killara dominates the top two bands with a significantly higher percentage of students achieving either band 5 or 6 when compared with State-wide achievement levels.

This level of excellence is not isolated to our students' literacy skills. Results in Mathematics, Science and Computing Skills replicate this pattern with students at Killara heavily represented in the top bands. In Australian History, Civics and Citizenship Killara students achieved results in Bands 5 and 6 which exceed the State results by 20%. Our students are being well-prepared for a technological future with 96% of students achieving wither highly competent or competent in the Computing Skills course.

A comparative analysis reveals that in every course examined in the School Certificate, *at least* 50% of Killara High School students achieve results in the top two bands. This is a testament to the academic focus and hard work of our students but also to the quality teaching and learning experiences offered by staff in all Key Learning Areas.

In addition to this, the marked improvements evident in the 2009 results exemplify the success of new programs developed as part of a professional learning focus on student engagement over the past two years.

Congratulations to all Year 10 students on your impressive results and to the hard-working teachers who continue to inspire their students towards even greater success!

**Stephanie McConnell, Head Teacher English/Drama/ESL**

*See P2 for Band Summary results*

### English

Band	School	%	State	%
6	25	(9.61)	4,622	(5.57)
5	133	(51.15)	29,030	(35.02)
4	79	(30.38)	34,400	(41.5)
3	19	(7.3)	11,418	(13.77)
2	1	(0.38)	1,842	(2.22)
1	0	(0)	344	(0.41)

### Mathematics

Band	School	%	State	%
6	50	(19.23)	5,222	(6.29)
5	89	(34.23)	14,726	(17.75)
4	75	(28.84)	20,789	(25.06)
3	35	(13.46)	26,083	(31.44)
2	8	(3.07)	14,114	(17.01)
1	0	(0)	706	(0.85)

### Science

Band	School	%	State	%
6	47	(18.07)	6,119	(7.38)
5	121	(46.53)	23,874	(28.82)
4	62	(23.84)	28,287	(34.15)
3	22	(8.46)	16,098	(19.43)
2	5	(1.92)	6,601	(7.96)
1	0	(0)	568	(0.68)

### Australian History, Civics & Citizenship

Band	School	%	State	%
6	35	(13.46)	4,367	(5.26)
5	98	(37.69)	14,703	(17.74)
4	93	(35.76)	29,378	(35.44)
3	25	(9.61)	22,602	(27.27)
2	6	(2.3)	8,398	(10.13)
1	0	(0)	2,111	(2.54)

### Australian Geography, Civics & Citizenship

Band	School	%	State	%
6	17	(6.53)	4,406	(5.31)
5	92	(35.38)	18,524	(22.35)
4	93	(35.76)	25,703	(31.01)
3	41	(15.76)	23,269	(28.07)
2	13	(5)	9,208	(11.11)
1	1	(0.38)	446	(0.53)

### Computing Skills

Band	School	%	State	%
6	17	(6.53)	4,406	(5.31)
5	92	(35.38)	18,524	(22.35)

Congratulations, Year 10 students and teachers.

## **The Advantages We Sometimes Take for Granted**

Killara High School is a busy place to work and learn. Since I returned last Thursday the pace of activity and change is very apparent. In six months there have been many developments thanks to the advocacy of students, staff and parents.

One advantage of working at Killara that I take for granted too often is the teaching and leadership capacities of my colleagues. I take this opportunity to thank Ms Glenda Robinson and her executive team for their work in leading and managing Killara High School over the last six months. I am very grateful for their commitment and talents in pursuing the development agendas in close consultation with students and parents. Their wise guidance of students, particularly our 2009 HSC cohort, is easily overlooked when one enters a school full of students who are welcoming, happy and willing participants in learning. I also wish to thank the student leaders, the P&C executive and the multitudes of parent volunteers for their tireless support of the school.

I am glad to be home and back working at Killara. Living and working in another country very different from Australia is a rich and sometimes intense learning experience. It prompts personal reflection of our values and assumptions, as well as an appreciation of services in health, education and

justice which we take for granted and perhaps grumble about too often. And the capacity of people to live happily regardless of simplicity and privation is a strong counterpoint to the materialism of our own 'rich' culture.

I found my work with the Indonesian Ministry of National Education stimulating and on occasions, very challenging. I've learnt much about another culture, about government, bureaucracy and the issues facing a developing nation. But there is a universal aspect of education and schooling that is heart warming and reassuring. One evening in Gorontalo, Nth Sulawesi, a long, long way from Jakarta, I was privileged to be among guests entertained by students from a local senior high school. The music and dance of these happy and energetic young people brought my thoughts back to Killara.

The culture and sounds might have been different but the exhilaration and joy of the students at the end of the performances was pure youth without cultural boundaries. I might as well have been sitting in the Kerrabee Centre for the atmosphere of optimism and pride in personal achievement that the students created.

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## Calendar

### December 2009

- 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

### January 2010

- 27- School Development Day (Staff return)
- 28 - Years 7, 11 and 12 students return and new enrolments
- 29 - Whole school returns for 2010

### February 2010

- 2 - Yr 7 Camp (2 days)
- 8 - KHS Swimming Carnival (Lane Cove Swimming Pool)
- 16 - DEAS Silver Award Training Session
- 17 - School Photograph Day

## Beach Bus Timetable

### Macquarie University to Mona Vale

During school holidays Forest Coach Lines will operate a bus service between Macquarie University and Mona Vale.

For more information visit [www.forestcoachlines.com.au](http://www.forestcoachlines.com.au).



*The Principal and staff of Killara High School wish all our families a happy, relaxing and safe vacation.*

Above all my time away has strengthened my appreciation of the opportunities that our existing school system and society provides young people, in spite of obvious shortcomings. It might not be perfect but education at Killara High School has a lot going for it and should not to be squandered.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

Parents and relatives are cordially invited to the

## 2009 Year 10 Final Assembly

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Learning through Service



I did my service learning at the Centre for Disability Studies with Timothy Hart, a National Disability Coordination Officer. My placement comprised a series of data entry tasks which were very monotonous because of their repetitive nature, however, I did enjoy the vibrant break time conversation. Apart

from the CDS, I attended a one-day workshop entitled "Managing Disability at Work" which I found universally informative across all disabilities and which I personally would highly recommend.

The second week, I performed community service at Willoughby Council's Mosaic and Dougherty Centre where I worked with my mum and my Student Learning Support Officer to take care of aged people and performed basic office tasks and various other tasks. I found that this experience was a more fairly balanced and accurate



portrayal of the type of workplace I would like to work in.

**Jonathan Shar, Year 10**

## Scholarship Success

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Congratulations to **Rupert Holden (Year 12)** who has been awarded a Vice-Chancellor's Scholarship to study at Bond University on the Gold Coast.

This prestigious award is given to only eight students Australia-wide each year.

"We receive hundreds of applications from all over Australia for these elite scholarships which are

Australia for these

ultimately awarded to Australia's very best and brightest Year 12 students," said Bond University's Vice-Chancellor, Professor Robert Stable.

The rigorous application process is based on a combination of academic performance, leadership skills, co-curricular activities and a demonstrated commitment to community service.

Rupert will be only the second person in the university's history to undertake a double degree in Law and Forensic Science, combining his passion for research and argument.

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## Killara High School

# Music and Dance Performance Night

## Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2009

### 7.30pm

### Kerrabee Hall

A celebration of student music and dance achievements

Vocal, Piano and Instrumental Competition finalists

Performances by elective music students and

Our Ensembles



Sausage sizzle from 6.30pm



Drinks also available

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## Did You Know . . . ?

★ **Eliza Cepak (Year 8)** participated in the State Relay Championship recently, achieving 1<sup>st</sup> Place in the Girls U/15 Discus and Long Jump (a record 4.40m).

At the All School National Athletics Championships in Tasmania last week, Eliza finished 5<sup>th</sup> place in discus. Congratulations, Eliza, on these outstanding achievements.

★ **Sarah Coningham (Year 9) Madeleine Harsanyi and Elyse Powell (Year 7)** were selected as members of the Gymnastics NSW state team which competed at the Sports Acrobatics Australian Championships held in Canberra last week. All gained first place for their respective age groups and the NSW team came first the competition. Well done, girls!

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## Year 8 Social Justice Committee (SJC) Report

This year we have been planning, meeting and discussing the possibility of getting all of the Year 8 homegroups to sponsor a child or children through World Vision. With all of the other SJC activities and fundraising in the school we have been a bit slow getting it happening because we have been busy doing and organising other things!

Our plan is to get it happening at the beginning of 2010 when we are in Year 9. We plan to have a fundraising activity as early as possible in the new year so we have some backup funds to support our

project. Ideally we would like as many students as possible to come 'on board' so that each Home Group is able to support one child, and that extra funds raised could support another activity/project connected with World Vision e.g. a water pump or schoolbooks.

If you would like to be involved, or have some ideas, please come to VP01 on Wednesdays at lunchtime or find one of our representatives, **Thea Margalit, Andrew Birks, Curtis Chan or Nicholas Ujhazy.**

## Get to Know Your Prefect - Bumper Edition



**What is your name?** Cameron Wesley Xavier Carmody  
**When is your birthday?** 1<sup>st</sup> July 1992  
**Do you have any hobbies?** I read a fair bit, also golf  
**What do you remember most about Year 7?** Being short, very short  
**What is your biggest (irrational) fear?** Needles  
**What's on the back of your Year 12 jersey?** Romance, cuz it's Cameron jumbled  
**Your Fav Colour?** Red  
**Do you have any messages for the peoples?** Life's too short to not go for it!  
**What is your favourite TV show?** The West Wing  
**Describe yourself in two words:** impulsive, undecided

**What is your name?** Saskia Blumberg **When is your birthday?** 6<sup>th</sup> May  
**Who is a person you look up to as a role model?** Anyone that has set themselves a goal and done whatever it takes to make it happen!  
**What has been your most embarrassing moment?** Not too sure... but "can we start again" came pretty close  
**What do you want to do after high school?** Be a personal trainer and nutritionist or sports doctor... maybe one day all of them  
**The best/most memorable moment you've had at Killara?** "Grease" probably.  
**Describe yourself in two words:** loud and enthusiastic  
**If you had to be a sidekick to a superhero who would it be?** Superwoman  
**Ford or Holden?** Ford!!!!  
**If you could have one wish what would it be?** To kick ass in my HSC  
**What's your Nick name?** Sas or Sassy  
**What's on the back of your Year 12 jersey?** Either asSASsin or health freak! ☺



## Prefect Report

This year the Prefects have been able to achieve so many things. From organising multiple Red Cross Blood Drives to lending a hand at School Working Bees and holding a whole school Red Ribbon Mufti Day. But we still haven't finished!

To help celebrate the end of year festivities from all over the globe, in the second last week of term The Prefects will also be selling and distributing candy canes with personalised messages. All proceeds raised from this initiative will be donated to a charity for the homeless to help with their current appeal and services offered at Christmas. This is a great opportunity to join in the holiday celebrations and at

the same time help someone who is not be as privileged as us.

Please also don't forget to check out our notice board in the canteen where you can see the latest pictures from our last Red Cross Blood Drive and Candy Cane Activities, as well as the current Get To Know Your Prefect information sheet..

The Prefects would like to thank all students, parents and teachers of our school community who have helped us in our endeavours and wish them a safe and happy holiday. We look forward to another exciting, fun and packed term in the New Year!

**Drew McIntosh and Lauran Davis, Prefects**

## Stage Head Teachers' Report

Winding down as the year draws to a close? Not at Killara High School!

**Years 7 and 9 students** have now completed their **Water Safety and Survival Programs.**

We hope that the students extended and challenged themselves and we are sure that they had fun away

from school, but we are also sure that the lessons learned at the pool are lessons for life! We thank the teachers who provided this opportunity by being at the pool every day, but they also had to leave work for their classes back at school. We also thank the teachers that took their classes.

These programs that Killara High School provides would not be possible without the **cooperation and efforts of everyone**.

**Year 10 students** has no doubt benefitted from their **Work Experience and Service Learning** weeks. These programs also give benefit to students for life. A huge amount of organisation goes into these programs. A big 'thankyou' to Mrs Clarke and Ms Veriga and 'thank you' too to all of the teachers who either visited or contacted the students to support this worthwhile program. This week students have been sharing and reflecting on these experiences with reports, Powerpoint presentations etc.

And Year 10 students will be celebrating their achievements and completion of Stage 5 when they receive their School Certificates at the special assembly this Friday 11<sup>th</sup> December.

**Years 11 students** are busy with the first of their Higher School Certificate assessments for which we wish them well and for the demanding year ahead of them.

**Year 8 students** are in class completing their coursework for the year. A reminder that we will be recognising their efforts at the Stage 4 Completion and Recognition Assembly in period 3 on Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December. After the assembly we will be celebrating with a 'homegroup' party/picnic. Parents are welcome to attend the assembly to recognise their student's achievement of this important first stage of high school.

## From the Principal's Mailbag

*I am writing to thank you on behalf of the Australian youth climate Coalition for hosting the Bradfield Candidates Forum recently.*

*We greatly appreciated the use of you Kerrabee hall and the chance to interact with Killara High School students at their year meetings and on the night.*

*Your students are a credit to your school. Their knowledge and enthusiasm about the world around them are rare and I would like to acknowledge them. In particular, **Annabel Osborn, Cameron Carmody, Drew McIntosh (Year 11)** and the whole Social Justice*

## Uniform Shop

### Additional Opening Times for 2010

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

**Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010** - 9am - 12noon

**Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2010** - 9.00am - 12noon  
(Years 7, 11, 12)

**Friday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2010** - 8.00am - 12noon  
(business as usual)

**Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 2010** - 9.00am - 12noon

As we celebrate the successes, efforts and achievements of our students at these assemblies and at our Annual Awards Ceremony next Monday we can all reflect on another busy, productive and successful year at Killara High School. Hopefully we can all reflect and say "I did my best"! If not, there's next year!!

### Reminders:

- **Leaving before the end of the year?** - Don't forget to bring a note.
- **Absences** – bring note(s).
- **Uniform** is to be worn correctly every day and especially make sure that your uniform is perfect at special assemblies where we want to present ourselves the *best way we can!*
- **Lockers** – make sure they're cleaned out before the end of the year.
- **Leaving Killara High School** – bring a note to your Stage Head Teacher to complete a 'Leaver's `Form'.
- **Text books, equipment, library books** – make sure these are returned before the end of the year to your teachers.

All the best to everyone for a safe and happy break over the festive season with friends and family. Look after yourselves and each other!!

**Christine Black (Stage 6)**

**Jill Longhurst (Stage 5)**

**Julie Phelan (Stage 4)**

*Committee were excellent ambassadors for Killara High.*

*The students were helpful, professional and enthusiastic throughout their time working on the event, and in every interaction with candidates and the attendees of the forum.*

*Again, many thanks. We greatly appreciate your involvement.*

**Anne Rose, Co-Director, Australian youth Climate Coalition**

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'.

The Uniform Shop opened its door last Thursday, Friday and Saturday and sold our proud KHS uniform to new Year 7 2010 students!



Whilst the three days were exhausting, it all ran smoothly thanks to our great team of Uniform Shop volunteers.

A special *Thank You* also to all the current Year 7 students who helped us set up the additional classrooms last Friday morning!

Your help was really appreciated and reinforced the fantastic Killara High School spirit!

The Uniform Shop queues last Friday were once again kept to a minimum. Thank you Year 7 2010 students and parents for your patience.

Of course the inevitable happened again and we ran out of some uniform items! No need for panic, crested shirts will be available on Friday 11<sup>th</sup> Dec, nrt and the rest will be available on the 27<sup>th</sup> January 2010 onwards.

## From the Library

### New fiction

Brooks, Karen. *Tallow*

Earls, Nick. *The True Story of Butterfish*.

Grisham, John. *The Associate*.

Pelecanos, George. *The Way Home*.

Pryor, Michael, *Time of Trial* [4<sup>th</sup> volume of *The Laws of Magic*]

Pryor, Michael. *Word of Honour* [3<sup>rd</sup> volume of *The Laws of Magic*]

### And in detail...

Chevalier, Tracy. *Remarkable Creatures*.

A voyage of discoveries, a meeting of two remarkable women, an extraordinary time and place. From the moment she's struck by lightning as a baby, it is clear Mary Anning is marked for greatness. When she uncovers fossils of unknown creatures in the cliffs near her home, she sets the scientific world alight, challenging ideas about the world's creation and stimulating debate over our origins. This is an arena dominated by men but luckily Mary finds an unlikely champion in prickly, intelligent Elizabeth Philpot. Their relationship strikes a delicate balance between fierce loyalty and barely suppressed envy. Despite their differences in age and background, Mary & Elizabeth discover that, in struggling for recognition, friendship is their strongest weapon. [from the author of *Girl with a Pearl Earring*]

Park, Tony. *Ivory*.

Two women in his life – his financial adviser & his mechanic – have left him. He's facing a mounting tide of debt & his crew of modern-day buccaneers is getting restless. What Alex really wants it to re-open his parents' five-star hotel on the island of Dreams, off the coast of Mozambique. But a chance raid on a ship

And lastly, I am still looking for a volunteer to assist me on Fridays at the Uniform Shop, in running this almost 'well oiled machine'. Anyone?

### 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](mailto:khscp@yahoo.com.au).

**Conny Valeontis**

**Uniform Shop Coordinator**

sets the Chinese triads after him and, to add to his woes, corporate lawyer Jane Humphries lands, literally, in his lap. Another woman in the last thing Captain Tremain needs right now – especially one whose lover is a ruthless shipping magnate. Before he knows it, Alex is embroiled in two separate and equally risky pursuits – one takes him to South Africa's Kruger National Park and will pay enough for him to re-open his hotel, and the other involves the love of a lifetime.

### Non-Fiction:

Black, Johnny. *Rock and Pop Timeline: from the 1950s to the 21<sup>st</sup> century*.

Fail, Karen. *Quiltmakers of Australia: Celebrating the Traditions*.

Ganzl, Kurt. *Musicals: The Complete Illustrated Story of the World's Most Popular Live Entertainment*.

Gilbert, Sara. *The Story of McDonald's*.

Gilbert, Sara. *The Story of Starbucks*.

Gilbert, Angela. *Strictly Dancing*.

Low, Tim. *Feral Future: The Untold Story of Australia's Exotic Invaders*.

Steward, Sue. *Musica!: The Salsa, Rumba, Meringue, and More*.

Warshaw, Josie. *The complete Practical Potter: A Comprehensive Guide to Ceramics, with Step-by-Step Projects & Techniques*.

### And in detail:

Bowles, Robin. *Blood Brother: Justice At Last*.

A leafy street in St Ives, an affluent Sydney suburb. An engineer, his wife and three children live a privileged life – private schools, boating weekends in the family

motor launch, two cars, normal friends and family. But all is not as it seems...

Gardini, Lauryn. **Horses: A Complete Guide for Young Horse Lovers.**

The ultimate guide for your Aussie riders. Whether you have a horse or pony of your own, or just dream about it, this is the guide for you. Especially written for young Australians this book covers horse care, horse health, basic riding skills, riding disciplines, everything you need to know about tack, and more.

Horsfall, Margaret & Turner, Sharon. **Office Skills: A Practical Approach.**

Features case studies, real-life examples, practical work tasks and questions that allow students to reinforce their understanding of the material covered. Covers the requirements for Certificate I in Business.

### SEASON'S GREETINGS FROM THE LION LIBRARY!

**Karen Jones and Francie Campbell**  
Teacher-Librarians

### University of Technology Sydney Health Psychology Unit

### Managing HSC Stress Program

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running Managing HSC Stress programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer a special one-day school holiday program this coming January.

Come along and enjoy all of the benefits of the 4 week program in one day!

The Managing HSC Stress program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

**When: Monday 18th January 2010**

**Time: 10am – 4pm**

Lunch and afternoon tea will be provided.

**Where:** Health Psychology Unit, Ground Floor,  
174 Pacific Highway, St Leonards

The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.

**Cost:** \$50.00 per student. Private Health Insurance or Medicare rebates may apply.

**Register:** Registration is essential as numbers are limited.

To register call 9514 4306 or email  
[Megan.Varlow@uts.edu.au](mailto:Megan.Varlow@uts.edu.au)

### Christmas and You ... And The Kids? Night for Separated Fathers

The Christmas period is often seen as a time with family. For Separated Fathers this is not often the case. What do you do during this time? How we cope when are not with our children is just as important as when we are with our children. This one off group is given you the time to talk about what is happening for you and your children.

#### Night Includes:

- Talking about what you will be doing during this period
- What your children will be doing if not with you
- Strategies to cope if you are on your own
- Support and help your children during this time
- Talk about support available
- Space and time with other separated fathers

**Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (6:45pm – 9:30 pm)**

Brookvale Family Centre, Unit 9B, 44 Wattle Road  
Brookvale

**Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> December 2009 (6:45 pm – 9:30 pm)**

Waitara Family Centre, 29 Yardley Avenue, Waitara

**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)**

### LINDEM NETBALL CLUB

A reminder that:

**Lindem Registration** will be on

**Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> February 2010**

at Lindfield Public School

10am to 1pm.

**Grading** is planned for the following weekend,  
Friday 12<sup>th</sup>, Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> **or** Sunday 14<sup>th</sup>  
February.

**Social teams** welcome.

Please check Lindem web site (via [kna.com.au](http://kna.com.au))  
for exact times for each age group.

