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Calendar for Terms 2-4

The Calendar for Terms 2 – 4 is available on the school's website www.khs.nsw.edu.au, under "News".

The latest edition of the Newsletter is also available under "Newsletter" with the username "agreatschool" and password "closetohome".



Killara High School Athletics Carnival

**Narrabeen Sport and
Recreation Centre
Tuesday 2nd June
2009**

Amenities Upgrades and Capital Works at Killara High School

Building the Education Revolution Projects

The school has submitted a number of projects for funding under the Commonwealth Government's Building the Education Revolution (BER) program. Highest in the school's priority is the upgrade to student toilet facilities followed by an upgrade to the power supply throughout the school. While the P&C has budgeted for expenditure on student toilet upgrades in 2009 we will wait to see if the project can be funded instead through the BER program. A second round of projects is expected to be announced in the near future and hopefully Killara High School will be included.

Kerrabee Centre Repairs

There has been considerable delay to the commencement of repairs to the Kerrabee Centre. In the last week, following representations by local members of parliament and publicity of the delays in the Daily Telegraph, temporary fencing has been erected and a contractor has been engaged to commence work. No anticipated completion date has been provided. The school has no control over the process of tendering and related matters. The school community may be assured that representations have been made at every opportunity to get this project moving.

Capital Works Submission

In 2007 and 2008 the school, with the P&C Association, lodged major capital works submissions with the Department of Education and Training and a team of parents, staff and students met with the Director General and General Manager Assets in July last year to reinforce the case for action. A team of executive staff also made a presentation to the Director General and Deputy Director General in late February 2009 about the future needs of the school. The school understands the matter is being considered.

Science Laboratories Upgrade

In early April the school was advised that it had been placed on the State Government funded science laboratories upgrade program. Seven permanent laboratories in Blocks A, D and E will be upgraded in October and November 2009. Work is scheduled to commence at the start of the October vacation.

Upgrade to Sewer and Stormwater Services

As part of a separate program funded by the State Government, the sewer and storm water services throughout the school will be upgraded. Exploratory work has been undertaken by contractors in recent weeks to determine the scope of the repairs that will be required.

P&C Building Fund Projects

The upgrade of selected classroom facilities is planned for later this year. The amount of funding to be allocated to this and other projects is affected by the uncertainty surrounding the BER project nominations reported above. Hopefully, this uncertainty will be resolved shortly.

Mark Carter, Principal

Calendar

May 2009

- 21 - Yrs 11 & 12 Political Forum
 - Commencement of distribution of Year 12 Reports
- 25 - Performing Arts Ensembles Camp (3 days) – Vision Valley
- 26 - Yr 12 Advanced English Excursion (Bondi Pavilion)
- 27 - **Final Student Progress Review Evening**
 - ICAS Computer Skills Competition
 - Principal for a Day and Director-General for a Day
- 31 - P&C Grounds Working Bee 8.15am

June 2009

- 1 - Primary School Tour
- 2 - KHS Athletics Carnival (Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre)
- 5 - Prefect Mufti Day (Sri Lankan Schools Relief)
- 8 - Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 10 - ICAS Science Competition
- 11 - Sydney North Cross Country Carnival
- 15 - Yr 9 assessment commences
- 17 - Yr 12 Macquarie University Tertiary Information Day
 - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room
- 19 - Yrs 11 and 12 Careers Morning (P1 and 2)
 - Yr 12 Business Studies Excursion (Zenith Centre, Chatswood)
- 22 - Zone Athletics Carnival (2 days)
- 23 - ICAS Spelling and Writing Competitions
 - Physics Excursion (Macquarie University)
- 24 - Yr 8 Medieval Day (Theatre)
- 29 - Parents of Yr 8 & 10 students Course Information Evening (Theatre and A Block)

July 2009

- 1 - Yr 12 Physics Excursion (Sydney University)
- 2 - German Study Tour commences

Deputy Director-General for a Day 2009

Cameron Carmody (Year 11), based on his written Expression of Interest, has been selected to be *Deputy Director-General for a Day 2009*. Cameron will be sharing this role with a female student from Cabramatta High School. They will accompany Mr Trevor Fletcher, Deputy Director-General (Schools) for a day.

Deputy Director-General for a Day 2009 will be held on Wednesday 27th May. Cameron will also have an opportunity to meet the other students involved coming from the country.

Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award Success

If you see **Amie Liebowitz or Drew McIntosh (Year 11)** today, congratulate them on their winning performances in the local final of the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Award. It was held here at Killara High on Wednesday 6th May and drew senior speakers from seven other local area schools.

The competitors spoke on a topic of their own choice for eight minutes. The only requirement for their speech was that it had to focus on an issue covered in the *Sydney Morning Herald*. Speakers were then given three minutes to prepare a three-minute impromptu speech on the topic, "It's time to rock the boat".

In his comments at the end of the final, the adjudicator commented on the particularly high standard of all speakers. Both Amie and Drew finished in the top four and Amie will go on to compete in the Regional Finals at the end of the May.

Eileen Tuohy, English Faculty

Harmony Day



On 29th April, Year 7 celebrated Harmony Day at the 'China Teahouse' held in classroom VP03. Students from Year 7 were invited to attend at lunchtime to explore elements of Chinese culture such as calligraphy, paper cutting and music and of course to enjoy a cup of Chinese tea. Students from many

different Year 7 classes joined students from Years 8, 9 and 10 Chinese classes for a very enjoyable lunch hour.

Ruth Charles, LOTE Faculty

Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award 2009 Expedition

Silver qualifying "Pack and Paddle" expedition is being held on:

Saturday 24th October - Monday 26th October

The cost for each Silver Award expedition in 2009 is \$175. Total for both Practice and Qualifying Expeditions is \$350. The final payment for the qualifying expedition is due by Friday 2nd October 2009.

Kelly Johnson, Head Teacher Administration, DEAS Coordinator

Mock Trial Update



Congratulations to the KHS Mock Trial Team for their recent success against Masada at the end of Term 1, winning a civil law case, and most recently against Shore on Monday 11th May.

While the margin was very close the magistrate commended the team on their strong performances and understanding of the basis for making an objection and the rules of evidence. He recognised **Lauran Davis** as being a “star” witness and praised **Shanelle Brenner** for the flawless evidence she gave. **Maddy Ellis** did extremely well to present a clear, concise opening address and **Serrah Katz** was commended for her strong closing submission.

The magistrate acknowledged **Elyse Johnson** and the team for doing well to establish reasonable grounds for holding goods in the defendant’s custody that were actually stolen!! **Michal Mraz** performed his role as Court Officer with success and ensured that the Mock Trial went smoothly.

We wish the team well as they progress through to the next round of the Mock Trial competition against North Sydney Boys.

Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher HSIE

Student Progress Review Meetings

Three of these evenings have been scheduled for this term to give parents and teachers an opportunity to meet and discuss students’ progress so far this year.

The one remaining evening will be held on:

Wednesday, 27th May

Interviews can be scheduled between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.00pm. However, please be aware that teachers will not be available for the entire period of 4.5 hours. They need a break at some stage during the evening or may not be available for the entire time or at all on a particular evening.

If they have not already done so, please have your son, daughter or ward book your appointments as soon as possible.

Please note –

❖ Parents are asked to bring the appointment sheet with them to these meetings. The appointment sheet highlights the names of the teachers, courses taught by them and appointment times.

❖ The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will

indicate course/ faculty locations and signs on tables will indicate locations of individual teachers.

❖ **Interviews are of five minutes duration. Parents and teachers are asked to restrict their discussion to that time in fairness to all families seeking interviews. If teachers and/or parents feel the need to discuss matters further, another mutually convenient time should be arranged.**

❖ Interviews must be prearranged. To drop in on the off chance of speaking to a teacher can prove very frustrating to those with appointments. Please give consideration to the needs of other parents and the staff during these evenings.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with the school staff to discuss your child’s progress. Year Advisers, a School Counsellor, Careers Adviser and the Support Teacher Learning Assistance will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school.

Ken Hopley, Glenda Robinson and Liz Diprose
Deputy Principals

Protestant Prayer Time

Parents and church members interested in praying for the students and staff of Killara High School are invited to meet at the school for prayer. Throughout Term 2 we will be meeting fortnightly at 9:30am for half an hour in the Conference Room; Thursday 21st May, 4th June, 18th June, and 2nd July. I will meet all visitors to the school in the front office to sign in beforehand.

Matt Mulready, Christian Studies Teacher

School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Course Information

Meetings for Parents of Year 8 and 10 Students

Years 8 and 10 parents and students are advised that it is the time for selection of courses for 2010.

Information sessions for the parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

Monday, 29th June 2009 in the Kerrabee Theatre

Year 8 at 7pm and Year 10 at 7.45pm

In order to provide students and parents with as much information as possible to assist in decision-making regarding programs of study for students in Year 9 and 11 2010, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to Year 8 and Year 10 during Week 8.

The booklets contain a wealth of general and specific information about courses and programs of study. The meetings will provide parents and students with details about NSW Board of Studies requirements for the award of the School and Higher School Certificates in 2011. All faculties will have representatives available at the evening meeting to present information about courses and answer any questions or queries you may have.

Students will be asked to return their completed course selection forms, nominating their course choices, to school early in Term 3.

Glenda Robinson, Deputy Principal

Special Religious Education (SRE)

The start of the new timetable in Term 2 requires some changes to SRE scheduling in Term 2 and for the rest of the year. SRE had been scheduled in **Week A** term 2 for Year 9/10 during Period 4 Wednesdays and Yr 7/8 during Period 2 Fridays. This arrangement now causes a number of classes, particularly in Years 7/8 to again have SRE all term, and indeed all year. This requires a change to the scheduling so that students do not always miss the same class to attend SRE.

Thus starting from week 5, SRE will occur in **Week B ONLY** from Term 2 to Term 4, with the exception of senior seminars, with SRE rotating so that different classes are used for SRE each term. This means that there will be NO SRE in Week 4, and that SRE will resume in Week 5, then always in Week B. This will also require some changes to the Senior Seminar dates. These will be advised as soon as arrangements are made.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition – Southern Highlands 15th and 16th May 2009

Seventy two Year 9 students accompanied by four parents and Dr Carter participated in the Bronze Award practice expedition at the Outdoor Education Group (OEG) facility in the Southern Highlands last weekend. Groups of approximately 14 students and an OEG leader and KHS accompanying adult went their separate ways for two and half days and each managed to navigate its way back to the buses on Sunday afternoon.

Cold and windy conditions proved challenging for all, but the high spirits of the students remained undaunted throughout. Highlights for some of the students included "Getting to the top of that mountain!", "Gazing at a sky full of stars and seeing shooting stars!" and "Successfully using a compass to navigate through a thick pine forest and ending up at the right spot!"

Thanks go to Tim Tait, Erez Cohen, Randall Tame and Andrew Zimaras for giving up their time to accompany the groups in this program.

The qualifying expedition will be conducted along the Great North Walk in September. The leadership, facilities, focus on safety and levels of support provided by OEG throughout the expedition were of a very high standard.

A plea to students: Dr Carter left his camera at home and didn't get any photos of the walk. If any students would like to share their photos for school records and publication in the Newsletter and Green Years, please bring them into Dr Carter on a disk or memory stick.

Mark Carter, Principal

Basketball News

The Killara High Girls' and Boys' Open Knock Out basketball teams have finished their '09 season with fantastic results. The girls' team led by **Ella Jesse (Year 12)** battled their way to the 3rd round with convincing wins over Freshwater and Gorokan High school. This team consisted of the scoring machines, **Jess Young**

and **Maggie Babic (Year 10)**, the defensive force **Harriet Mears, Lucy Tunbridge and Clara Lubbers** and the veterans from Year 12, **Aida Khanpour, Anita Poole and Ella Jesse**, who finished off a glorious Killara High basketball career leading the team with outstanding commitment and sportsmanship.

The girls' season came to an end when they faced Cherrybrook but they put up a good fight and finished their season with their heads up and memories flowing.



The Boys' Open team had an exceptional season winning their way to the Sydney North Final after defeating Pittwater, Mosman, Killarney Heights and Lisarow High schools. The boys were beaten by a strong Tuggerah Lakes team in the final but should be proud of their efforts. They played all games with

outstanding skill and sportsmanship. As well as making the knock out final. The team were premiers in the grade sport competition for the summer competition.

The team consists of **Ethan Johnson, Tim Sharp, Oscar Wolff, Sam Hyman, Charles Hong, Hamish White, , Troy Mullins, Tom Goulding (Year 11) and Stuart Jamieson (Year 10).**

A Year 7 and 8 lunchtime basketball competition has begun with great enthusiasm shown from the younger students. Seven girls' teams and 12 boy's teams were entered to play in this round robin competition and students have shown some fantastic team work and skill in the first two weeks of competition. A before-school development program will be beginning soon for students in this competition who would like to further develop their basketball skills.

A great start to the year for basketball at Killara High and well done to all students who are participating, loving it and doing their school proud.

Duncan Smith, PDHPE Faculty

From the Principal's Mailbag

Recently I had the pleasure of accompanying the State Jazz Orchestra to the Generations in Jazz National Festival in Mount Gambier.

Notwithstanding the fact that the Jazz Orchestra won the coveted Division 1 title for the second consecutive year, our students were a pleasure to accompany and were a credit to public education, their school and their parents.

Their professionalism on stage was impressive and the musical and technical standard of their performance was outstanding and a credit to their conductor, Tim Crow.

*Individual achievements were also amazing. Your student, **Melissa Mony (Year 11)**, was an outstanding member of a team in which each person played their part to show a whole group which was focused and friendly.*

This is an amazing achievement in a National Competition which attracted 86 bands from across Australia.

This success should be celebrated in all our schools.

Di Hall, Regional Arts Coordinator New England Department of Education and Training

Where Are They Now?

Vive la différence!

Bonjour ! J'espère que vous allez bien !

Well, so far my whole stay in France has gone so incredibly fast that sometimes it's hard to comprehend! After saying "cya later" to everyone at the airport, it finally hit me that I was off on this amazing journey! Quite a weird feeling...

Landing in Paris, all the exchange students realised that we were here for a year, about to meet new people, trying to communicate in a different language and frankly we all felt a bit scared. When I exited, I was looking for my host family, when I heard « Marcoooooos » (My name here is **Mar** (with a French throaty R) **coos**) and saw Joël, my Rotary club

counsellor, Catherine, his wife, Ophélie and Violaine, their daughters.

We greeted each other with the « bisous » (the kiss on each cheek) and handshakes for the men. We had a quick café (kind of like espresso) and a croissant and got in the car. Instantly everything was in French and we spoke in French and I felt really included which was nice.

I first lived in a town called Vernon, halfway between Rouen (where Joan of Arc was burnt at the stake) and Paris. The town has roughly 24,000 people and the river Seine runs right through it.

It's right next to the little village of Giverny, where Monet lived and died, and painted « Waterlilies ».

My first day was very weird, as I was feeling so much and finding it so hard to express myself, but I woke the next day feeling much better and remembering I was in FRANCE!! Instantly, though, the family made me feel so at home and included.



Joël and Catherine have a house they are renovating in the countryside, in a little village called Aubigny. I've helped with gardening and laying down the wood flooring... I feel like "part of the family"!

I go to "lycée" which is Year 10, 11 and 12, (called Seconde, Première and Terminale). As my school is very big (14 hectares), there are facilities for disadvantaged students, boarding, adults taking the bac (HSC) and (like a TAFE) people learning trades etc.

The bac (HSC) is split into three levels; Literary, Scientific and Economic-Social. I do Economic-Social level: French, Economic and Social sciences, Science, History and Geography, English, Maths, German, and Civil and Justice Studies. The school offers us FLE which is French as a second language!



Anyway my first day of school was . . .interesting! I got to school pushing past the smokers (the students and staff all smoke outside the school gates, together which is really bizarre for me!!).

In class everyone was working really hard. Wednesday is a short day I went home! Quite easy

really! The next day was a strike (VERY French, haha) so I had no school.

I generally understand everything when I speak one on one with someone. I've even started adopting the little French expressions and movements which feels really nice.

Catherine has been so helpful and worked really hard to find something musical for me. She organised an audition with OCUP (Orchestra and Choir of the Universités of **Paris**). The standard is very, very good. I had an audition with the conductor in Paris: although it was scary and really difficult in French, it went well! I got into the orchestra and now I go every Monday! The website is www.ocup.fr/index.php?lang=en I have done so much that it's hard to write it all... I've been to Paris many times which I've loved, went to a petite soirée at my host sister's apartment in Paris. In Joel's forest I've fed the wild pigs and deer. It was really cool!



Then I moved to the home of the Ferrands, in a TINY little hamlet (about 10 houses) called Molincourt. Isolated, but extremely beautiful! There's Stéphane, the dad (a Rotarian), Sophie (the mum) and three children, Romain-11, Aubrée-13 and Caroline-15 (who is in the year below me at school). They are all so welcoming. I was sad to leave my first family, but I knew that changing families would feel like that! I feel less like a VIP here, due to the younger children, who treat me like an older brother which I like. I get up at 6am to catch the bus in the pitch dark at 7am and get back so late, sometimes 7pm!! However the family is moving to Vernon, so that will be great!

Soon I'm going on a mini eurotour through the south of France to Barcelona with some other exchange students and then on to Toulouse in the south, for a weekend with every single exchange student in France! Will write again!

Marcus Rigg (Year 12 2008)

From the Library

Book of the Year...OLDER READERS

KHS Lion Library has all of the following nominated titles for the Children's Book Council Book of the Year for Older Readers:

Cornish, David.	<i>Monster Blood Tattoo: #2 Lamplighter</i>
Eaton, Anthony.	<i>Into the White Silence</i>
French, Jackie.	<i>A Rose for the ANZAC Boys</i>
Marchetta, Melina.	<i>Finnikin of the Rock</i>
Maloney, James.	<i>Kill the Possum</i>
Tan, Shaun.	<i>Tales from Outer Suburbia</i>

MS-Readathon - www.msreadathon.org.au

Reading Dates: 1st-30th June

Sponsorship Money Due Date: 31st August

MS Reading Rewards & Certificates: Arrive

approx. 6 weeks after sponsorship money received.

Registration forms are available at the front desk in the library.

Some New Non-Fiction Titles:

Cook, Harry and others. ***The Urban Survival Handbook: The Essential Guide to Dealing With Emergencies at Home, at Work, and on the City Streets.***

Germano, William. ***Getting it Published: a Guide for Scholars and Anyone Else Serious about Serious Books.***

Jeffrey, Yvonne. ***Fix It: Everything You Need to Make Repairs Around the House.***

Ling, Peter J. ***The Democratic Party: A Photographic History***

Robertson, Geoffrey. ***The Statute of Liberty: How Australians Can Take Back Their Rights.***

Smith, Adam. ***The Republican Party: a Photographic History of the GOP.***

A Cyber Citizenship and Cyber Safety Series: Titles are –

Cyber ethics

The dangers of online predators

Intellectual property

Viruses and Spam

And in Detail...

Ang, Ien and others. ***The SBS Story.***

Traces the pivotal role of radio, television and the internet in reflecting the remarkable diversity of languages, cultures and perspectives at play in Australia and the world. Includes well-known SBS personalities, past and present, including the people who have fought for its establishment and survival. Without ignoring the challenges for all public broadcasters in an increasingly fragmented media world, this book highlights SBS' successes and

struggles in telling the world's stories to Australian audience.

The Australian Women's Weekly. ***Just Four Ingredients.***

A cookbook full of recipes that have no more than 4 ingredients - and they're all ingredients you can buy at the supermarket. There are chapters on brunch, snacks, the lunchbox, mid-week meals, Sunday night supper and lots more. It's the perfect cookbook for very busy people.

Fox, Janet S. ***Get Organised Without Losing It.***

This book is full of you-can-do-it ways to manage your desk, your locker, and other major messes (like your backpack). Topics include: put your stuff in order (so you can find it when you need it); manage your time (so you can free up more for fun); plan for homework and long-term projects; take better notes; and dealing with distractions. Don't worry, you won't turn into 'Super-Organised-Perfect Kid'. You will have less stress and more success - in school, at home, and in life.

Konstam, Angus. ***Piracy: the Complete History.***

Separating myth from legend and fact from fiction, this book takes you into the very depths of the pirate's dark world to provide a complete account to the blood-soaked history of piracy.

Lac, Juliet. ***War Child: A Story of Survival.***

'Am I unlucky because of the terrible things that happened to me as a child, or am I lucky because of the life I lead now? I hardly know myself. All I can tell you is that no sane person would ever choose war over peace. War is inhuman madness. War is what people do to each other when they have completely forgotten the sacredness of life.'

In 1978, Juliet Lac fled war-ravaged Vietnam in a fishing boat, desperately hoping to find freedom in America. This is a remarkable and inspirational story of a war child's fight for survival in the devastated landscape of Vietnam, and then for acceptance in the affluent West.

Verdick, Elizabeth & Lisovskis, Marjorie. ***How to Take the Grrrr Out of Anger.***

A hot temper isn't cool. You have the power to overpower your anger. This book tells you how. Look inside to find: five steps to taming your temper; six steps to solving anger problems; clues to your 'anger buttons' and your body's anger 'warning signs'; the lowdown on calming down; tips for using your 'anger radar'; and things you can do when grown-ups get angry.

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

Careers Corner

UBS Australia Cadetships Program

This is ideal for motivated Year 12 students looking to combine university study with paid work in one of the world's leading financial firms. There will be a lunchtime presentation on these cadetships at school on Tuesday 2nd June. Deadline for submission of applications is 10th June.

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship

This prestigious scholarship offers students interested in a career in accounting \$40,000 with 11 months of full-time work training. Historically successful candidates have had a 100 per cent employment rate. A high UAI is not essential. Deadline for application submission is Friday 12th June. Application forms are available from the careers office.

TAFE Pre-Vocational Courses

These will be held in the following areas:

- **Electrical** at Meadowbank TAFE. Information session and selection screening will be held on Thursday 2nd July at 9am in Room H-4-17. For more information contact Bob Kefford on 9942 3641.
- **Automotive and Vehicle Trades** at Hornsby and Northern Beaches TAFEs. To enrol, attend the college of your choice on Thursday 2nd July. Confirm enrolment details with individual colleges.
- **Architectural Services, Building and Construction** at Hornsby and North Sydney College. To enroll, attend an information session on Thursday 2nd July. Confirm enrolment details with individual colleges.

Raffles College Design and Commerce Scholarships

Application forms are available from the careers office for scholarships in Raffles' Bachelor of Commerce, Bachelor of Design and Bachelor of Arts (Visual Communication).

UNSW Year 10 Subject Selection Evening

This will be held in the Abbotsleigh Senior School auditorium on Thursday 21st May from 6.30pm to 8.30pm. All are welcome.

Free talk on "Raising Resilient Kids" and Career Hypothetical

Organised by NWBn, this event will be held on 30th June from 6pm at Avondale Golf Club, Avon Road, Pymble. To register contact Daniela Anderson on 9488 7505.

Australian Defence Force Technical Scholarships

Year 10 or Year 11 students interested in a post-school trade in the Defence Force can apply for these scholarships. Prerequisites are 2 unit Mathematics and preferably a VET or technical-type pattern of study. To register log on to www.defencejobs.gov.au/education/dts

National Careers & Employment Expo

This will be held at the Sydney Convention and Exhibition Centre from 29th – 30th May and is a good opportunity for students to gain career pathway advice and meet representatives from Australia's leading education, government and corporate organisations. For further information visit www.eocexpo.com.au or phone 1300 667 121

Notre Dame University Darlinghurst Campus Course Information Evening

This information session which will be held on 28th May from 6pm–8pm at 160 Oxford Street, Darlinghurst will showcase Notre Dame University's Schools of Medicine and Nursing. To register, telephone 8204 4404.

"Working with Customs Program 2009"

Students interested in a career in customs can apply to participate in an orientation program by registering online at www.careergov.com.au

Honeywell 2009 Year 11 Engineering Summer School

This program which runs from 6th – 11th December, brings together 100 Year 11 students who have a strong interest in mathematics, science and the environment. Successful candidates will live at the University of Sydney's Village and participate in an interesting suite of lectures and interactive activities. Application forms are available from the careers office. Cost is \$595.00.

Think Education Scholarships in Hospitality Management, Design and Business and Communication

Application forms for these scholarships which range in value from \$7,000 to \$30,000, are available from the careers office.

Deloitte 2010 Traineeship Program Sydney Information Session

This is open to Year 12 students interested in pursuing a cadetship which offers an opportunity to combine paid employment with part-time study at one of Australia's largest, fully integrated business consulting and advisory service companies. It will be held on 17th June from 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Grosvenor Place, 225 George Street, Sydney. To RSVP email eianno@deloitte.com.au

"Study with Qantm for a Day"

This program is offered free of charge to Year 10, 11 or 12 students interested in a career in the creative digital technology field. To sign-up contact the careers office.

For further information on any of the above please contact the careers office

Colleen Clarke and Gemma Veriga, Careers Advisers

Information for parents of students in Year 9

Laptops for learning



All Year 9 students in NSW government schools will receive a Lenovo laptop starting from August 2009. This has been funded by the National Secondary School's Computer Fund component of the Federal Government's Digital Education Revolution.

All laptops will come with Microsoft and Adobe software, giving NSW students and teachers access to the largest and most comprehensive roll out of software in any education system worldwide. The Department of Education and Training is also investing in wireless networking and technical support for all secondary schools as well as professional learning for teachers.

Benefits

Laptops allow students to learn anytime, anywhere. The laptop weighs just over 1kg and fits easily into a school backpack.

Studies show the benefits of providing laptops to each student are:

- increased student motivation, engagement, interest,
- improved student organisation and improved self-directed learning,
- increased academic achievements and better work habits,
- improved communication and information skills.

Requirements

- Parents/carers and students will be required to sign a Laptop User Charter prior to issue of the laptop.
- To increase security, students will be asked to keep their laptops out of sight when travelling to and from school.
- The laptop can be used for school work at home – with or without internet access.
- Students will be able to access the Internet at home if there is Internet service at home. The Department's Internet filtering will work at home so students will not have access to inappropriate content.
- Students must charge their laptop overnight to ensure it is ready for each school day.
- Year 9 students may keep the laptop if they complete Year 12. Students who leave school or move out of the government school system must return their laptops.

the laptops are provided. The school can also provide advice on the best academic use of the laptop, safe internet use, copyright, plagiarism and ergonomics.

Further information

Your school will provide information regarding requirements, ownership, damage or loss of laptops, laptop care and acceptable computer and internet use when



Round 'em up, hand 'em in.

The Great Muster is on Again!

This Term Killara High School is participating in the Mobile Muster Schools Recycling Challenge. For every 5 kgs of mobile phones we collect a pole and a section of a fence will be made from the phones and donated to The Victorian Bushfire Victims.

So over the weekend or any chance you get have a look under the bed, in the draw and at the bottom of the closet for any old mobile phones, mobile phone batteries and mobile phone chargers and accessories.

If you find any please bring them into school and place them in the GREEN recycling box in 'A Block Reception'. Thankyou!



mobilemuster



FREE SEMINAR

"Body Image and Eating Disorders"

Tuesday 2nd June 2009 - 6.30pm to 8.30pm

Gordon Library Meeting Room, 799 Pacific Highway,

The speakers will be:

Prof. Garry Walter - the Area Clinical Director of Child & Adolescent Mental Health Services in Northern Sydney. He is also Chair of Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at the University of Sydney;

David Citer and Sarah Williams - Adolescent and Family Counsellors at KYDS.

Prof. David Bennett - Head of the NSW Centre for the Advancement of Adolescent Health at the Children's Hospital Westmead. He is also Chairman of the KYDS Management Committee

Harry Smith - Chairman of the KYDS Clinical Support Committee and a psychologist.

There will be opportunities for the audience to ask questions to our speakers and panel towards the end of the evening.

Bookings required – contact Ku-ring-gai Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the seminars contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au

Understanding the NSW High School System and Pathways to Your Child's Career – conducted in Mandarin and Cantonese for parents

Wednesday 27th May 2009

10am to 12noon

Dougherty Community Centre

7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Presented by Mark Yan, Community Information Officer from the Department of Education & Training

Parenting in the Middle of Two Cultures – conducted in Mandarin and Cantonese for parents

Wednesday 3rd June 2009

10am to 12noon

Dougherty Community Centre

7 Victor Street, Chatswood

Presented by William Wong, experienced Counsellor, Social Worker and Family Educator from the First Light Care Association

An Approach to Complementary & Alternative Interventions in Autism Spectrum Disorder

To be held at the **Children's Hospital at Westmead** (Doreen Dew Lecture Theatre),

Wednesday 27th May

at 1.00pm (12.30pm registration)

Register and pay on-line www ldc.org.au

Cost: \$5 LDC members; \$10 non-members (includes light refreshments)

Dr Natalie Silove, Developmental Paediatrician, is the Head of the Child Development Unit at The Children's Hospital Westmead.

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