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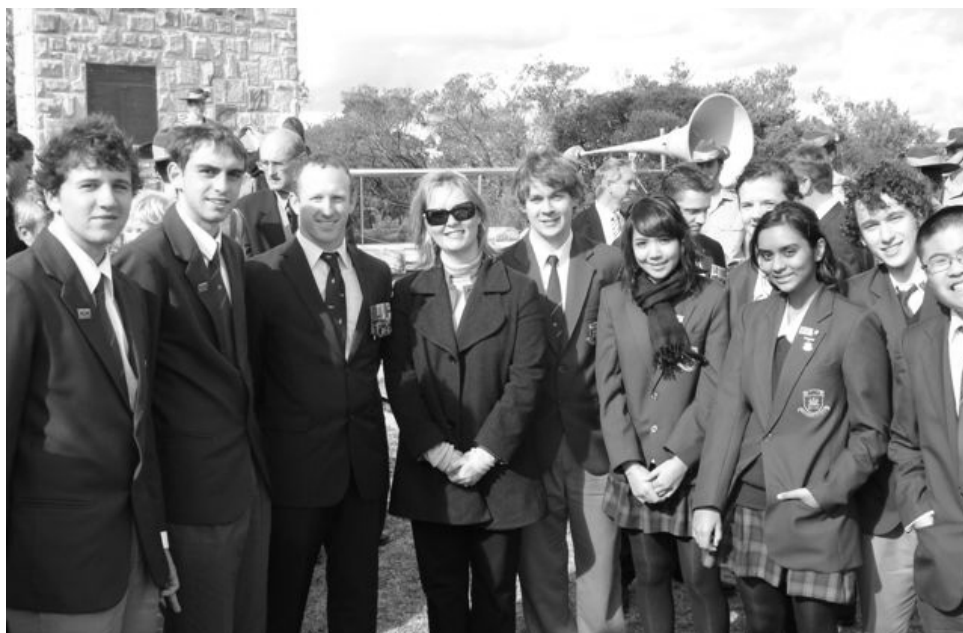
Sam Hyman (Year 11) has been appointed Captain of the Australian Under 20's basketball team participating at the Maccabee Games in Israel.

Sam Margalit (Year 12) is a member of the 2009 NSW Public Schools Drama Company. During July, he will be involved with several performances of Season One ("The Elephant Man" written by Bernard Pomerance) at the PACT Theatre in Erskineville.

Brendan Tieu (Year 10) is a member of the Under 17 NSW State Badminton Team.

Benjamin Ng (Year 12) is a member of the Under 19 NSW State Badminton Team.

Australia Remembers



Pictured from left - Martin Gassner, Sam Margalit, Trooper Mark Donaldson VC, Ms Liesl Williamson (Head Teacher HSIE), TJ Mundy, Meilyn Michoux, Isabel Hudson, Serena Dias, Joel Berliner, Johnson Zhang

Last Friday student leaders represented Killara at a ceremony in remembrance of those servicemen who lost their lives on the night of 31st May 1942 during the mini submarine attack in Sydney Harbour. The service, held at North Head, was also attended by representatives from many other schools, the former head of the Australian Army General Leahy and special guest, Trooper Mark Donaldson VC. Trooper Donaldson is the first Australian to be awarded the Victoria Cross in 40 years. He joins a select group of men who showed extraordinary service and duty in the face of extreme danger. General Leahy observed that Trooper Donaldson is an exceptional soldier, but one, who in particular circumstances, performed extraordinary feats. Trooper Donaldson, who made no pretence to be a public speaker, quietly answered several questions put to him by students. His manner of response reinforced his own perspective on his actions when he humbly observed that he was an ordinary person. His response in the time of crisis he attributed to his training and a little instinct about doing what was right. When questioned about heroism he regarded those to whom he looked up to for the example of service they set in their everyday deeds as the real heroes we ought to recognize and acknowledge. The sincerity, economy and humility of responses from Trooper Donaldson VC left a lasting impression on all those who attended the ceremony. As someone observed quietly at the end of the ceremony, that while he might not wish it, Trooper Donaldson VC will remain in the eyes of most other Australians an example for us all – an ordinary person capable of extraordinary things.

Mark Carter, Principal

Calendar

June 2009

- 5 - Prefect Mufti Day (Sri Lanken 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
 - Yr 11 Physics Excursion (Macquarie University)
- 24 - Yr 8 Medieval Day (Theatre)
- 25 - P2 Yr 10 Course Selection Meeting (Hall)
P3 Yr 8 Course Section Meeting (Hall)
- 29 - Parents of Yr 8 & 10 students Course Information Evening (Hall and A Block)

July 2009

- 1 - Yr 12 Physics Excursion (Sydney University)
- 2 - German Study Tour commences
- 3 - Special Religious Education Seminars - Yr 12 (P2), Yr 11 (P3)
- 8 - Creative & Performing Arts Fest (3 days)
- 9 - Winter Sports Semi Finals
- 10 - Last day Term 2

On Leave

Ms Robinson will be relieving as Principal for the next three months while I am on leave. During this time I will be working with the Indonesian Ministry of National Education on a teacher professional development project funded by the World Bank.

Mark Carter, Principal

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 Hall
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

Cross Country Congratulations

Congratulations to the following students who are representing the Ku-ring-gai Zone in the regional Cross Country to be held at Gosford Racecourse on the 11th June.

Georgia Griffiths (Year 7)
Rachel Wessels (Year 8)
Bronte Carfino (Year 8)
Stewart Jamieson (Year 10)
Jess Young (Year 10)
Rupert Holden (Year 12)

We wish them the best of luck and look forward to their future success.

The Muster is on Again!

This term Killara High School is participating in the Mobile Muster School Challenge. Our school is trying to collect five kilograms of phones and their accessories to help the Victorian Bushfire Victims. For every five kilograms of mobile phones, mobile phone batteries and accessories like chargers we collect a section of fence will be made from them and donated to a Victorian Bushfire Victim.

So if you, your neighbours or any relatives have any old, disused mobile phones or their accessories underneath the bed, at the bottom of the closet or in a draw please bring them in and place them in the 'GREEN' recycling box in reception. It's a great way to dispose of old mobile phones as recycling them helps the environment and others.

Social Justice Committee

Year 9 Camp Reports

On Monday 11th May most of Year 9 went to Toukley for our Year 9 camp. The first night was movie night, where we watched *Fantastic 4*. We then had supper.

Most people stayed up late and ate loads of junk food.

On the first day we had a lot of fun activities to do. There were quad bikes, where we got very dirty, and a giant swing, where we got scared to death!

On the second day there were more fun activities and the Welfare programs run by the staff. The food was edible and the desserts were great.

Sadly on the last day we had to leave but most people had the last ride and played the last game of soccer as much as they could. Then we boarded the bus and in no time were back at school.

We all had lots of fun!

A special thanks to Ms Gartner for organizing our camp and to the other teachers that helped.

Chloe Berry and Cassie Tofler, Year 9

On Monday 11th May, Year 9 students went on a memorable camp to Toukley. The camp was an excellent opportunity to meet and make new friends and to have fun through many enjoyable indoor and outdoor activities.

From the welfare activities, Year 9 students became closer as friends, as we were "forced" to sit next to the

students whom we normally do not sit next to. Thus new friendships were forged on that day. In the welfare activities we learnt a lot. After watching the movie *Stand by Me*, we learnt how to support friends, how to understand students who are struggling from eating disorders, childhood depression and dangers of drugs. We also learnt about people of different social groups. At night, watching the movie *Fantastic 4* was quite unique.

Outdoor activities provided us great fun. The activities varied from some being fun (canoeing, raft building, archery) and another being dangerous (giant swing, flying fox and leap of faith).

Disco night! That's where we all let our hair down. Many students had a lot of fun assembling black and white clothes into very strange combinations. Bowties made students look very dapper. The teachers really put their best foot forward by fishing the weirdest wig they could find in their dress up box at home, in their attempt to be funny and kinky.

Nevertheless fun was had by all at another successful Killara Year 9 camp. Many thanks are extended to the organising staff who put a lot of time and effort in ensuring that not only the students had fun in the variety of activities, but also that they were safe.

Jaeho Lee, Year 9



Year 9 Camp – What’s It All About?

The theme of the Year 9 Camp is about students supporting each other and the idea is that we want students to learn when and how to help a friend, and to also realise that there are times that they may need to seek external help as they may not be fully equipped to deal with the situation.

The purpose of the camp is to bring students in the year closer together and to help them to get to know a broader range of students in their year.

Stage Head Teachers’ Report

What a surprise- life is still/always busy at KHS!

Year 7 students should now be getting more used to ‘life in high school’. This includes the demands of homework, assessment tasks, projects, presentations, tests etc., managing their time to fit in schoolwork as well as time for family, friends, eating well, sport, music and also allowing time for themselves! Year 7 students very successfully completed the recent series of **NAPLAN tests**. We look forward to seeing their results so that we can both celebrate and continue to improve and add value to our learning at KHS. Keep up your good efforts, Year 7, and I believe there might be a treat at the end of term to reward you! We’ll keep you posted on that one!

Year 8 students have settled into the increased demands of their second year at high school and most are working well! Many parents took advantage of the school’s three **Student Progress Review evenings** to discuss their child’s progress with his/her teachers.

It won’t be long before we ask Year 8 students to start planning for next year by selecting their elective subjects. An information time that starts this process is **Thursday 25th June**. Parents are invited to an evening presentation on **Monday 29th June**.

All Year 7 and 8 students were given a **Term Planner** during Home group recently. Students, with the support of home group teachers and classroom teachers, now need to put this in their diaries and fill it in as Assessment tasks etc. are issued. This should help students and parents to get an overall picture of the term’s assessment tasks, projects, tests etc. and thus help with time management and planning.

Year 9 students have had to come back to the reality of school after much fun was had at their camp. The teachers had a lot of fun too! They returned to school to complete their series of NAPLAN tests. It will be interesting to compare their results this year with their results when they were in Year 7!

Year 10 students are managing the increased assessment and test load as teachers work toward preparing our students for their **School Certificate**. To help students in this regard, workshops are being offered to Years 10 and 11 to ‘Take Charge of your own Learning’.

In addition to the many exciting personal challenge and adventure activities led by the trained staff at Stanwell Tops Centre we worked on the Welfare theme for Year 9 which is *“Talking Tolerance”*.

Thank you to the staff from who accompanied the groups and lead the sessions which related to tolerance and discrimination.

Natalie Gartner, Year 9 Adviser

Students are encouraged to sign up for these workshops-

- “What do I need to know”.
- “How do I get help”.
- “Effective Study Timetable”.
- “Study techniques”.
- “Studying languages effectively”.

(The sign up sheets are in the Stage Head Teachers’ office in the House.)

In the meantime **Year 10** are also planning and preparing for next year with their **Course Selections for Year 11** with information sessions on **Monday 29th June**.

All Years 7 to 10 students will be receiving reports towards the end of this term so now there is even more reason to be **‘on task’** and **‘doing your best’!**

This is a very important time for reflection for both Years 11 and 12 students. **Year 12 students** are, hopefully, working effectively and preparing appropriately for the Trial HSC exams early next term. **Year 12 students** are also planning for next year. With the wonderful help and guidance our **Careers Adviser, Mrs Colleen Clarke**, students are accessing informative websites and will be engaged in individual interviews with Mrs Clarke. There is also an upcoming **Tertiary Information Day** at Macquarie University on **17th June**.

Another reminder that **all students** are to wear the **full winter uniform** this term. Check diaries for correct uniform information. A tie is part of our uniform for boys and girls (Boys and girls cannot avoid wearing a tie by wearing a short sleeved ‘logo’ shirt!). Wear the uniform ‘correctly’ and with ‘pride’!

A reminder to bring ‘absentee’ notes the day of return to school to your home group teachers or the office This will save lots of time and money in administration.

And something to think about - *“Take control of your own education.....The more you learn now, the better off you’ll be later”*.

Christine Black, Jill Longhurst, Julie Phelan
Stage Head Teachers

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

World Education Program (WEP)

World Education Program (WEP) Australia is a non-profit student exchange organisation registered with the Education Department.

Their programs provide secondary students with the life-changing opportunity to participate in academic exchange programs to over 20 countries in the Americas, Africa, Europe and Asia.

Email: info@wep.org.au.

Australia Post – 200 Years

In 2009, Australia Post will celebrate being part of every day in Australia for 200 years. Why not join in the bicentenary celebrations. Students under 15 yrs can enter the "Postie Past, Present or Future" competition! Students 15 years and over can enter the '200 Seconds' short film competition, presented by Australia Post and the AFI. There are some great prizes to be won! Lesson and activity ideas for teachers and interactive fun for students can also be found.

Visit the website: www.aupost.com.au/education.

What are KHS Students up to When They're Not at School??

This is the next installment from Matt Scollay (Year 10) in Costa Rica.



Family Life: My house is a lovely little building in a beautiful country setting with Brahma cows, monkeys, geckos, spiders, ants and scorpions in and around the house. 1000 something ants had colonised my money shoe and after a tin of Raid we didn't have an ant problem in Chino's and my bedroom but all my money is covered in ant poo. The monkeys are both fantastic and horrible because not only do they jump and have a good time in the trees but they also wake me up at four in the morning. And after they have finished their gurgling chorus, the chickens and turkeys across the road start up. I can't wait for Thanksgiving.

I've extensively explored the hills and paddocks around my house and have some great views of Hojanca (pronounced 'ohancha'), Nicoya and the Pacific Ocean. The food is fantastic here. Marielos is a great cook. Both parents attend university or school

(Marielos is studying law (is third in the University of Nicoya) and Wilmar is learning about computers but wags class. Both work a lot. Marielos at the Diria Coffee tour down the road and Wilmar on his two properties (cattle farm, hard wood and Coffee plantations). Chino is great company around the house and we play video games (he has a Nintendo 64, Gamecube and PS2), explore, visit the internet café, listen to music and exercise together from 6-7:00 every night. Television here is interesting as I've watched *Happy Gilmore*, *Van Helsing*, *Family Guy*, *The Simpsons*, *Futurama* and *How I Met Your Mother* all in Spanish. My Swiss exchange student neighbour, Stephanie is also great company and we talk about stuff and play with the puppy that her parents gave her as a welcome gift. Shana is both adorable and killer at the same time and attacks anything that moves.



There have been many social events including the fund raiser for the soccer clubhouse across the road,

where Stephanie, Chino and I all helped make Tamales - Costa Rica's traditional dish, ground corn, carrots, cooked and marinated beef all boiled in a banana leaf. We made them at the community centre down the road which was a hygienic nightmare. Dust and cockroaches were on everything, the water ran out of the taps deep red at first and a stocking was put on the main tap to stop chunks of rust falling in the food. Knives were passed around like hot potatoes and could cut any thing from red meat to vegies to fingers all in one circuit. A cockroach that fell in the food was picked out and crushed under foot or whacked with the stirring spoon. The Tamales were sold at the fund raiser the next day and all the spectators were happily munching on 'Fresh Tamales' all day - no one died!

Travels: I've visited the surrounding towns and communities around Hojancha- Nicoya, Socorro and Guanacaste's capitol Liberia. Been in San Jose twice now and explored a bit the second time. The farm was one of my most enjoyable trips and I rode a horse for the first time, then it ran me in to a barb wire fence and lacerated my knee. But I made it gallop which was so awesome and made it pay in litres of sweat for injuring me. It was one very tired horse. The farm house was a little wind damaged but was still usable. But the trip to Playa de Carrillo was the highlight of this month. We rode there in the tray of Wilmar's ute

From the Library

New fiction titles:

Cast, Kristin and P.C. ***Chosen: A House of Night novel***

Zoey's best friend, Stevie Ra, is undead...in an eww! zombie kind-of-way!, not in a cool vampire kind-of-way. She's struggling to retain her humanity and Zoey doesn't have a clue how to help. But she does know that anything they discover must be kept secret. Unfortunately trust has become a rare commodity. Sinister forces are at work at the house of Night, where the line between friend and enemy is becoming dangerously blurred...

Yalata and Oak Valley Communities, with Christobel Mattingley.

Maralinga: The Anangu Story.

In words and pictures, Yalata and Oak Valley community members, with author Christobel Mattingley, describe what happened in the Maralinga Tjarutja lands of South Australia before the bombs and after.

New Non-Fiction titles:

Gardener, Olivia, with Emily and Sarah Buder. ***Letters to a Bullied Girl: Messages of Healing and Hope.***

One bullied girl, two sisters who cared, and thousands more who opened up their hearts...Olivia

for an hour before we arrived at my new North Curl Curl. It was the most perfect tropical scene I've ever laid eyes on. Coconut trees lined the beaches white sand the water was like a bath and a barrier reef enveloped the beach from head to head. Every girl wears a bikini which is great but even the grandmas do as well which is not great. Stephanie's family came down as well and Shana too who provided great entertainment by chasing tourists and burning her paws on the hot sand. I got majorly sunburnt and peeled like banana all over my face.

The People: Someone told me Ticos were small - they're not! Some boys tower over me and they all shake my hand in the corridors. The boys all look like hedgehogs or cockatoos because of the amount of gel in their hair. They don't wear helmets when they ride bikes, they don't need too. Their hair will protect them from any cranial injury. The girls are not all the stuff of legend either - most are and stand out like nuns in a rock concert but others have moustaches to rival Chopper Reid's or beards to rival Santa's or both. But the girls who don't are awesome.

Matt Scollay, Year 10

PS My Spanish has greatly improved from my first day.

PPS I tried the Tomales and they were really tasty.

Gardner, a northern Californian teenager, was severely taunted and cyber-bullied by her classmates for more than two years. News of her bullying spread, eventually reaching two teenage girls from a neighbouring town, sisters Emily and Sarah Buder. The girls were so moved by Olivia's story that they initiated a letter-writing campaign to help lift her spirits. It was a tender gesture of solidarity that set off an overwhelming chain reaction of support, encouragement, and love.

In this book, Olivia and the Buder sisters share an inspiring selection of messages that arrived from across America - the personal, often painful remembrances of former targets, remorseful bullies, and sympathetic bystanders. It examines the national bullying epidemic from a variety of angles and perspectives, and includes practical guidance from a bullying expert. Though addressed to Olivia, the letters speak to all young people who have been bullied, offers and advice and hope to those who suffer, and provide a wake-up call to call who have ever been involved in bullying.

Goldstein, Nikki.

GirlForce*Friends: a Girl's Guide to Friendship.

This book is a celebration of girl (and boy) friendships. All the information comes from the best experts on friendships - plus some celebrities.

Healey, Justin.

Human Genetics: Ethics and Issues.

Topics covered: human genetics and genetic technologies; Your DNA; human genome facts; gene therapy; gene map for synthetic life created in lab; some ethical issues in human genetics; genetic discrimination; to 'Gattaca' and beyond; privacy and genetic information; what is non-consensual genetic testing; and ethics of stem cell research.

Hughes, John with Brock, Paul.

Reform and Resistance in NSW Public Education: Six Attempts at Major Reform, 1905-1995.

Written by two historians within the NSW Department of Education and Training, Dr John Hughes and Dr Paul Brock, this book provides unique perspectives on the forces for and against reform that were in operation during six major attempts at reforming public school in NSW from 1905 to 1995.

Klein, Donna.

The Gluten-Free Vegetarian Kitchen: Delicious and Nutritious Wheat-Free, Gluten-Free Dishes.

Provides more than 225 delicious and nutritious gluten-free recipes; explanations and definitions of terms and ingredients; tips for successful gluten-free cooking and baking; nutritional analysis; and many vegan and low carb options.

Careers Corner

UNSW Scholarships

Information has arrived on a wide range of prestigious UNSW scholarships including:

- Co-Op Scholarships which is offered in science, engineering, built environment and business courses and has a value of around \$15,000 for every year of study
- Scientia Scholarships for students achieving a UAI of 99.90, and
- Faculty and Cross Faculty Scholarships

Australian Defence Force Gap Year Applications

Students should apply online at www.defencejobs.gov.au Deadline for submission is 3rd September.

2009 Institute of Chartered Accountants Cadetship Guide

This resource which provides an up-to-date summary of the application process for accounting cadetships across a range of companies is available for students to use in the careers office.

Tertiary Preparation Certificate

A mid-year intake in this course is being offered at North Sydney College of TAFE for students seeking an alternate pathway into university or high level courses in TAFE. An information session will be held on 2nd July at the TAFE in P415. For further information contact Melissa.knudson@tafensw.edu.au

A Look Back in Time...

1981:

The '**Sidetrack Theatre**' visited Year 11 and 12 KHS English students to present their play, '*The Poet's Company*.'

In May, **KHS** was transformed into an **Elizabethan village** to celebrate (belatedly) **Shakespeare's birthday**.

KHS History film excursions for junior years were to: *Manganinnie, Breaker Morant* and *Gallipoli*.

A **KHS Year 12 male Mathematics student** was one of only 60 students selected from NSW to attend the 13th National Mathematics Summer School conducted at the Australian National University. He was also successful in winning a prize in the 1981 University of NSW School Mathematics Competition.

The **KHS Lion Library Audio Visual** section of the **library** ran at a rate of 16 videos on average screen per day, and subscriptions to magazines reached 90 per month. The average borrowing record continued to be around 100 items per day.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Pre-Apprenticeship Programs

These 6-week full-time courses will be run across Sydney in the Automotive, Building and Construction, Engineering and Electrical trades. Further information can be obtained by visiting www.dpc.nsw.gov.au/entrylevelprograms.

Information Technology Skills Course for Employment

This will take place 3 days a week over 18 weeks at Brookvale Beaches College. An information session will be held at the TAFE in Block M, Room M1.13. For further information telephone 9941 5211.

UTS Engineering Information Evening

This event which will be held on 24th June at the Guthrie Theatre, UTS Building 6, Level 3, Room 28, 702 -730 Harris Street, Ultimo is open to students from Years 9 to 12 who are interested in finding out more about engineering courses. For further information, telephone 9514 2666.

UTS Bachelor of Information Technology Co-operative Scholarships

There are two application rounds for this scholarship: 10th June and 31st October. Applications can be downloaded from the UTS website.

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

