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Year 11 Drama
Production

**"A Midsummer
Night's Dream"**

Wednesday 9th and
Thursday 10th
September

At 7pm

Kerrabee Theatre

Students \$5

Adults \$8



School Captains for 2009-10

Congratulations to the following students on their election as School Captains:

Nicola Bevitt and Cameron Carmody

The Captains will be formally inducted at the Student Leaders Council induction ceremony during September. Following the announcement of those elected Ms Robinson thanked all the Year 11 student leaders who stood for election and acknowledged the extraordinary capacity they bring both individually and collectively to their roles as school leaders.

Nicola and Cameron will lead the school through the Student Leaders Council. This Council comprises the leaders of the student leadership groups of the school.

As part of the process of choosing the Captains, all nominees presented a written piece on why they wished to be Captain of Killara High School as well as delivered a speech to their peers and staff.

The extract below from Cameron's nomination indicates clearly the quality, thoughtfulness and understanding of the role of Leader of Killara High School, evident in not only his nomination but all our student leaders.

I will be a Captain who will represent the School in the community, represent the students to the staff, communicate and converse with the student body and work through the Student Leadership Council to ensure that the student leadership groups are active, effective and cooperative. But, perhaps most importantly of all, I will be a School Captain that is pro-active in all aspects of the role, committed to the betterment of our students' experience at school and will work tirelessly for the advancement of Killara High as a provider of quality public education.

Killara High VGroup Hosts the Feast to End Famine!



The Killara High School Vgen group hosted a family picnic to help get through those last hours of famine and to celebrate in style. The feast was held from 11.00am until 2.00pm on Sunday 23rd August – timed perfectly to incorporate a countdown to the end of the national 40 hr Famine.

The day was stuffed with stacks of activities, from chalk drawing in the quad to a Fair Trade Soccer Ball game. The major highlight for the majority of attendees was the sausage sandwiches being sold and the food they had brought to the picnic - after 40 hours of no food you kinda get hungry! The Band performing and the World Vision/Vision Generation stands were also hits and helped many people last that final hour and not give into temptation.

In total about 150 people attended the event and from the feedback we have gathered it was a worthy investment of our time and efforts.

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Calendar

September 2009

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| 3 | Year 12 Final Music Night |
| - | CHS Athletics Carnival Day 1 |
| 4 | CHS Athletics Carnival Day 2 |
| - | Yr 12 Film Workshop (P1-3) |
| 8 | Yrs 9-11 Music Night (Hall) |
| - | Yr 12 Modern History excursion (Sydney Jewish Museum) |
| 9 | Yr 11 Drama Performance – “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Theatre) |
| 10 | Yr 11 Drama Performance – “A Midsummer Night’s Dream” (Theatre) |
| 11 | Yr 12 Special Religious Seminar |
| 12 | DEAS Bronze Qualifying Expedition – Great North Walk (2 days) |
| 14 | Yr 11 Preliminary Assessment commences |
| 16 | P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room |
| - | P&C Performing Arts Ensemble Sub-Committee Meeting 7.30pm (A Block Common Room) |
| 21 | Yr 11 Preliminary Assessment continues |
| 23 | Yr 10 Assessment commences |
| - | Yr 9 Music Excursion – “Wicked” – Capitol Theatre |
| 24 | French Study Tour departs |
| 25 | Yr 11 Preliminary Assessment concludes |
| 29 | Yr 11 Textiles Excursion (Art Museum) |
| - | Yr 10 Assessment continues |

October 2009

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

We hope that this event will become an annual one perhaps even involving other schools and the wider community in the future years. We would also like to thank the light and sound team, the band and of course our mentor, Jo Brooke, whose assistance meant that the event went ahead without any hiccups.

Drew McIntosh and Zoe Champion, KHS Vgen Group Leaders



Killara Basketball Success

Congratulations to the Killara Allstars basketball team who recently won the Northern Suburbs U18 Division 1 title in a closely fought grand final. Although under enormous pressure and playing with only 4 players for the last 3 minutes, the Allstars put the result beyond doubt with 3 seconds on the clock by dropping two consecutive free throws to emerge triumphant at full time 38-34.



Having gone as far as they can in the junior ranks, the Allstars next challenge will be playing in the senior men’s competition starting October.

The Allstar team comprises **Ethan Johnson, Tom**

Goulding, Charles Hong, Sam Hyman, Oscar Wolff, Hamish White (Year 11) and Stuart Jamieson (Year 10).

Working Bee Thank You

A big thank you to the parents and students below, led by Richard Frith, the Grounds Committee Chairperson, and David Jordan, P&C President, who helped during the P&C Working bee on Sunday 30th August. It was a good turn-up of parents, and particularly good to see a number of Year 11 Prefects and other students.

Some significant works were completed. In particular, removal of dead limbs, plantings and mulching between the Library and Koola Avenue, and mulching in front of C Block and at the school’s entrance. Additionally, weeding and rubbish removal in a number of gardens was completed, greatly enhancing the appearance of these areas.

While being quite a social get together of parents, there have been marked ground improvements over the last few years. I would encourage as many parents as possible to come along and be part of it.

Thank you to parents - Richard Frith, David Jordan John Faulds, Greg and Rosie Swords, Michael Scollay, Steve McKenzie, Penn and Julia Hsiang, Le-Anne Pon, Debra and David Eddie, Deborah Haines, Joern Sauer, and students - Madeleine Ellis, Grace Tame, Saba Karimian, Imogen Faulds, Yu-Jie Yu, Jamie Chilcote, Paul Young, Troy Mullins, Edward Ferguson and Anja Sauer.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

Students Teach Local Business a Thing or Two

Three lucky local businesses will receive a 'makeover' by Year 11 students at Killara High School.

The students, who are undertaking courses in Information Processes and Technology and Business Studies will design websites and develop marketing plans for *Little Gem Cafe* in Gordon, *Roseville Gifts*, and *MJ Minards*, a building company based at Carlingford.

"The companies were chosen by Northwest Business Enterprises on the basis that none of them have existing marketing plans or websites," says Colleen Clarke, Careers Adviser at KHS.

The 'makeovers' will have real and powerful benefits for both the businesses and students.

"We will have industry mentors come into the classroom to help our students undertake this project to industry standards. The skills students develop here will help them meet the outcomes of both their Business Studies and Information Processes and

Technology courses not only in Year 11 but also Year 12."

"This partnership between the school and businesses in the community was set up by the North West Business Network as part of their "Adopt-a-School" initiative. It also fits comfortably in the Quality Teaching Framework used by schools in New South Wales. The framework advocates that students engage more with the learning process where that learning is seen to be relevant and significant and makes links to the outside world.

This is the first time North West Business Network has been involved in a cross-curricular program of this nature in which students from both Business Studies and Information Processes and Technology work on the same project and help each other achieve the outcomes of their separate courses.

Colleen Clarke, Careers Adviser

Did You Know . . . ?

Georgina Willis and Daniel Bramley (Year 7) have been selected to represent Sydney North area at the forthcoming NSW Combined High Schools Trampolining State carnival in September.

Adam Cowan, Oliver Nelson, Leah Wiernik (Year 10), Madeliene Ellis and Tim Sharp (Year 11) will be attending the 2009 Schools Spectacular Taikoz Workshops in September.

From the Library

Books:

"The only true equalisers in the world are books; the only treasure-house open to all comers is a library; the only wealth which will not decay is knowledge; the only jewel which you can carry beyond the grave is wisdom." **J. A. Langford**

Don't Forget - Become a Member of Ku-ring-gai Library!

We recommend to all students and staff to join Ku-ring-gai Library! The library's website address is: <http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/www/html/64-library.asp>

If you join, you gain access from your home computer or the Library's E-Zone, which has some great databases.

Remember: For students to become a member, they would need their parents to sign an application form. Parents need to come with their son/daughter to the library to show proof of their signature, along with a letter or bill to indicate their correct address.

Non-fiction:

Chiras, Dan. ***Power from the Wind: Achieving Energy Independence.***

Coussement, Frank [and others]. ***Brainstrains: Eye Popping Puzzles.***

Discovery Channel. ***Vietnam (Insight Guides)***

Monteverde, Matt. ***Budgeting and Money Management.***

Sawyer, Sarah. ***Body Piercing and Tattooing.***

Sobey, Ed and Woody. ***The Way Toys Work: The Science behind the Magic 8 Ball, Etch a Sketch, Boomerang, and More.***

New Non-Fiction Books in Detail:

Ahmad, Imran. ***Unimagined: a Muslim Boys Meets the West***

A fascinating and hilarious insight into what it is like to grow up as a Pakistani Muslim in modern Britain. It's about schools and neighbours and friends and girls and especially about the narrator himself, with his continuing puzzlement about religion, his smartly pressed clothes, and his apparently naive fixation with cars..."

Hoskins, Ian. ***'Was Thinking of Home Today...' North Sydney and the Great War.***

Here in North Sydney we live with the physical reminders of the 'Great War': the simple and elegant cenotaph in St Leonards Park, the captured field gun at the other end of the park, and the traditional and very moving Tramway Workers Anzac Statue in Anzac Park.

Inside out schools and churches there are honour rolls, plaques and stained glass windows honouring the memory of those who went to war. These are public memorials.

But there are also personal reminders of that war – postcards, letters, medals, badges, buttons and souvenirs that belonged to relative who served. This book explores the impact of the ‘Great War’ on North Sydney and provides a context for understanding the significance of those memorials and mementoes. It explores the stories of a local community caught up in a war on the other side of the world.

Sprague, Susan. **Coping with Cliques: A Workbook to Help Girls Deal with Gossip, Put-Downs, Bullying & Other Mean Behaviour.**

Topics include: sticking up for your rights; finding supportive friends; dealing with cyber-bullying; and overcoming social isolation.

Fiction Titles:

Click: The Voices, One Story.

Fitzgerald, Wendy. ***Bollywood Dreams***

Hearn, Lian. ***Heaven’s Net is Wide.***

Law, Ingrid. ***Savvy***

Lawrence, D.H. ***Kangaroo***

Pierce, Tamora. ***Page (Book 2 of the Protector of the Small Quartet)***

Pierce, Tamora. ***Street Magic (The Circle Opens Book2)***

Pierce, Tamora. ***Wild Magic. (Book of The Immortal Quartet)***

Reilly, Matthew. ***Seven Deadly Wonders***

Walsh, Helen. ***Brass***

Coellno, Paul. ***The Winner Stands Alone.***

Sit in the world of fashion and in cinema. Meet the players and posers behind the scenes at Cannes – the ‘Superclass’ of producers, actors, designers and supermodels, as well as the aspiring starlets, has-been stars, and jaded hangers-on. Shows the possible dire consequences of our obsession with fame.

Dickens, Charles. ***A Christmas Carol*** and Grahame, Kenneth. ***The Wind in The Willows.***

Both these new editions are beautifully illustrated by Robert Ingpen.

**Francie Campbell and Christine Sugowdz
Teacher-Librarians**

P&C Meeting

Wednesday 16th September 2009

8pm

C Block Conference Room
All welcome

Canteen Help Needed!

The Canteen is open every day. Please spare **one day per month** to help our supervisors and make their job easier. If you cannot spare this time, please consider offering your services on our emergency roster.

**Please contact Carolyn or Pam on 9498 6740
if you can help**

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open during the school holidays on:

Saturday, 17th October 2009 - 9am to 12noon

for your convenience to purchase summer uniform items prior to Term 4.

Our price list and order form can be downloaded from our new school website, <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/home.node>, select ‘Killara High School Uniform Shop’

Uniform items can also be pre-ordered; please send me an email, khscp@yahoo.com.au; students can pick up their school uniform items with payment on Fridays after 10am.

Please make cheques payable to ‘KHSCP’.

**Conny Valeontis and Heather Jordan
Uniform Shop Coordinators**

Technology Skills for Home, Work and Business

TAFE NSW- Northern Sydney Institute is offering a short course in technology skills for women in the Northern Beaches Area. The course is designed to improve and update many aspects of your computer abilities in a friendly and casual environment.

Topics covered: understanding computer terms, internet and email usage, working with photos, file management, software applications eg Excel and open source, and updating your computer.

The course will run for 5 weeks on Thursday mornings.

Date: Thursdays 3rd September – 1st October **Time:** 9.30am – 12.30pm **Cost:** \$150

Location: Northern Beaches College Brookvale, Information Technology Section

Registrations: Robyn Woolley Ph: 02 9448 4429; Fax: 02 9448 4451 - robyn.woolley@tafensw.edu.au

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Year 11 Parents – We Need Your Help! Ekuba 2009 - Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Year 11 is hosting the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, known as EKUBA, in the Kerrabee Centre on the evening of Thursday 1ST October 2009.

There will be approximately 500 students, parents and teachers attending the function which is always a very happy occasion. To make the evening the success it should be we need your help from about 11am onwards for setting up, laying the tables, decorating the hall and then later for the clean up. We expect to be finished no later than 11.30pm.

A number of Year 11 hospitality students have kindly offered their assistance and from 5.30pm they will be assisting the caterers, serving food and helping to clean up afterwards. However we also need the help of Year 11 parents to ensure the preparations and the function run smoothly.

If you can assist in any way please complete the slip below and return to A Block (marked EKUBA) before Friday 18TH September 2009. Alternatively you can reply by email to Claire Summers at tim.summers@optusnet.com.au

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact either

Claire Summers – 8084 8122. Mob: 0438 658 223

Kim Westgate – 9499 3880. Mob: 0416 242 623

Thank you for your help.

Ekuba Committee 2009

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EKUBA 2009 – Year 11 Parents Assistance

Please return to A Block (Reception)

I am able to help at Ekuba on Thursday 1st October 2009.

Parents Name: _____

Contact Number(s): _____
(Home No) (Mobile)

Email Address: _____

Please circle preferred time:

11am - 2pm
Setting up

2pm - 5pm
Setting up

9.30pm - end
Clean up

Do you suspect, or have you been told, that your child is gifted? Are you feeling unsure about how to be an effective parent to your gifted child??

Then join Professor Miraca Gross & other leaders in the field of **GIFTED EDUCATION** to find out more!

The Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre presents:

YOUR GIFTED CHILD: A Weekend Information Course for Parents

Tailor the course to YOUR needs – GERRIC will be holding simultaneous sessions so you can choose which session you will attend; if both parents register, one can attend each session.

When: Saturday 19 – Sunday 20 September, 2009

Venue: The University of NSW, Kensington Campus

Time: 10am – 4pm (both days)

Investment: \$265 per person or \$500 per couple (includes reading materials, morning tea & a light lunch)

To Book: Call 1800 626 824 or visit our

website: <http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au>

Presenters/Lecturers - The course will be led by GERRIC's director, Professor Miraca Gross, an internationally recognised authority on the education of gifted and talented children and adolescents. Professor Gross is joined by gifted education specialists - Michele Juratowitch and Rosalind Walsh. Michele is a former school counsellor with special expertise in the social and emotional development of gifted students. Rosalind brings specialised expertise in early childhood giftedness and parenting young gifted children.

Resource materials produced by GERRIC will be available during the course for your perusal and purchase.

Collaroy Surf Club

The Collaroy Surf Club would like to extend an invitation to all students who may be interested in joining the Club and participating in surf life saving activities over the upcoming 09-10 Season.

Our junior member (Nippers) activities cater for Surf Awareness and Participation from age 5 to 13 years. From there, Nippers move into the transitional Cadets section before joining the seniors.

There's something at the Club to cater for all interests and all levels. Children might simply want to gain an awareness of Surf Lifesaving and basic surf skills through to elite Competition at State and National levels. Parents are also encouraged to participate, with many gaining their Bronze Medallion.

Nipper registrations will be taken on 12th and 20th September 2009 from 10am-12pm, upstairs at the Clubhouse on Pittwater Rd, Collaroy. (New members - remember to bring your birth certificate) or at Collaroy beach when **the season starts on Sundays from 11th October** at 9.00am.

Enquiries can be made to Tara Sole at tarasole@hotmail.com, on 0402 021 974, or at the club website http://www.collaroysurfclub.com.au/collaroy/join_the_nippers.html.

Bradfield Park Wellbeing Centre

School Holiday Program

Urban Art

Video Clip Making

Dates: 5th-16th October 2009

Times: 10am-4pm

Where: 41 Alfred Street, Milsons Point

This program is for young people from a target group.

If you are interested in this program or want more information, please contact Megan Evans
Child & Adolescent Mental Health Service

Phone 9448 3155 mcevans@nscchhs.nsw.gov.au

Grandparents Forum

Are you a grandparent who provides care or support for your grandchild or kin because their parent has a mental illness?

If so, you are invited to a series of free forums specifically for you. There will be guest speakers and you will have a chance to share your experiences and discuss relevant issues and strategies to deal with them.

Dates: 2nd Wednesday of September, October & November.

Venue: 41 Alfred Street Milsons Point NSW 2061

Time: 10.30 am - 2pm

Program:

10:30 - Guest Speaker followed by questions & discussion
12.00 – Lunch

12.45 – 2.00pm A chance to discuss issues which are relevant to your caring role with Megan Evans, a child psychologist and Mary Ann Fry, caseworker.

RSVP Essential - Contact Mary Ann on 8920 0675
wrap2@knscsydney.org

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENING

Student Exchange Australia, a not-for-profit organisation which is registered with all state and territory departments of education, is pleased to extend an invitation for Killara High School students to attend an information evening in Sydney on **Wednesday, 9th September** at the Medina Grand Hotel, Corner Kent & Bathurst St, Sydney. The session starts at 7:30pm. Further details are available in the newsletter notice which can be downloaded in either [Word](#) format or in [PDF](#) format.

The evening gives students and families the opportunity to learn more about becoming an exchange student and the various scholarship options that are available.