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Did You Know . . . ?

Benjamin Koder (Year 8) has had his artwork entitled "The Seven Orbs of Chaos" selected as a finalist in the 2010 Young Australian Art Awards. Entries have come from many schools. Benjamin's artwork was chosen to receive the Gold Medal Award for being the runner-up in his section. Congratulations, Benjamin.

Annual Awards Ceremony

Tuesday
14th December 2010

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre Hall

The Student Leaders Council 2010-2011

Earlier this term the School Captains, Victoria Durand and Stephen Mackay, chaired the first meeting of the peak leadership group of Killara High School, the Student Leaders Council (SLC).

The SLC is formed from the leaders of each of the five leadership groups in the school. The SLC oversees the various projects the different leadership group organise to facilitate communication and co-operation between the groups. The SLC promotes the interests of Killara students and their school.

The SLC forms the communication channel between the school, parent body (P&C) and students.

The members of the SLC for 2010 -11 are:

- Victoria Durand and Stephen Mackay** - School Captains
- Annalise Bolt and Efrem Beniagar** - Arts Council
- Jessica Young and Will Longman** - Prefects
- Claire Birks and Eleanor Kirkpatrick** - Social Justice Committee
- Charlotte Baltussen and James Scott** - Sports Council
- Gina Simon and Millie Thompson** - Student Representative Council

Congratulations to these fine student leaders and we look forward to a wonderful year of student leaders' initiatives.

Glenda Robinson, Deputy Principal



Calendar

November 2010

- 8 - **School Certificate examinations commence (2 days)**
- Yr 9 Camp – Stanwell Tops (3 days)
- 9 - Yr 11 Food Technology Excursion – Sydney Tower Restaurant
- 10 - Yr 10 KHS Elective Assessment
- 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- **School Certificate Computing Skills examination**
- Yr 11 Geography Excursion – Observatory Hill Field Centre
- 12 - Yr 10 KHS Elective Assessment
- Yr 9 Assessment commences
- Yr 11 Society and Culture PIP Day – Wesley Centre
- 14 - P&C Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am – 12noon
- 15 - Yr 10 *It's Your Life* Program (all week)
- 17 - DEAS Induction Evening – 7pm
- 18 - KHS PAE Musicale Evening – Kerrabee Hall – 7.30pm
- 19 - Lindfield Public School Music Spectacular (3pm-9pm)
- 22 - Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (all week)
- 23 - Yr 9 Water Safety & Survival (4 days)
- Small Schools Yr 7 2011 orientation day
- 24 - Yr 11 Society and Culture Excursion – State Library
- Cyber Safety – Parent Presentation 7pm – Kerrabee Theatre
- 25 - Executive Conference (2 days)
- 29 - Yr 11 Assessment Block commences
- Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (all week)
- 30 - Yr 7 Water Safety & Survival Skills (4 days)

December 2010

- 6 - Yr 11 Assessment Block continues
- Roseville Public School Musicale – pm
- 7 - Enrolment day – Yr 7 2011 – 8.30am
- Yr 10 Studies of Religion Excursion – City
- Killara Public School Presentation Day and Evening
- 8 - DEAS Gold Qualifying Expedition – Mt Jagungal, Snowy Mountains (5 days)
- P&C Christmas Meeting
- 10 - Yr 10 School Certificate presentation – Kerrabee Hall – 9am
- 14 - Annual Awards Ceremony – 10.30am
- 15 - Last day Term 4 for students

Survival Skills & Water Safety Program

Year 9

Date: Tuesday 23rd November –Friday 26th November 2010 - Week 7

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Year 7

Date: Tuesday 30th November –Friday 3rd December 2010 - Week 8

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.



Donation by Chinese Ministry of Education 'Hanban'



Killara High School has been successful in its 2010 application for a large donation of teaching resources for the Chinese department. The donation has been made by the Chinese Government's Ministry of Education, 'Hanban Teaching Resources Centre (Oceania)' and is offered to only ten schools in NSW per year. It consists of a wide range of materials (over 230 books) covering language, history and culture as well as other teaching materials. This represents a significant opportunity for the growing number of students in stages 4, 5 and 6 who study Chinese at Killara High School to access authentic and modern Chinese teaching resources.

Representing KHS at the presentation at Rooty Hill RSL on 20th October were four students: **Jang-Un Lee and Seena Sabeti (Year 10), Sabina Bertuzzi (Year 9) and Oliver Rathje (Year 8)**. The presentation was followed by a dazzling display of Chinese dancing, martial arts and music. Students enjoyed an informative and memorable morning.

Ruth Charles, Languages Faculty

P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 17th November 2010 – 8pm

You are warmly invited to the next P&C meeting in the conference room above the canteen (C block).

Find out what's going on in your child/ren's school and share your ideas.

Hope to see you there.

2010 School Certificate Examinations and Year 10 Program for Weeks 5-9

The external School Certificate exams will be undertaken in November and the School Certificate issued to the students on Friday 10th December. The dates for the external exams are:

Monday, 8th November

English 9.00am to 11.10am
Science 12.20pm to 2.30pm

Tuesday, 9th November

Mathematics 9.00am to 11.05am
Australian History/Geography 12.20pm to 2.30pm
(Civics & Citizenship)

Thursday, 11th November

Computing Skills test (online) During Period 2
English classes

Students should be at school no later than 8.35am on the Monday and Tuesday.

Please note that these times have been brought forward with the permission of the Board of Studies to ensure that students can catch their school buses in the afternoon.

Students are reminded that:

- ❑ no extra time will be given to students who arrive late
- ❑ they **must attend** each exam and remain in the examination room for the duration of the exam
- ❑ **mobile telephones** cannot be taken into the examination room
- ❑ students must remain in the school grounds between exams
- ❑ approved **calculators only** may be used
- ❑ all equipment (pens, rulers, calculators) needs to be placed in a clear plastic bag and shown at entry to the examination room
- ❑ in the event of misadventure on the day of an exam, the school must be notified prior to the

commencement of the exam so that the correct procedure is followed and students are not disadvantaged

- ❑ **attendance at school is mandatory until 10th December in order for students to satisfy requirements for the award of the School Certificate.** Students who do not attend school or school endorsed activities, eg, service learning, up to this date may not be eligible for a School Certificate and may not be able to progress to Stage 6 (Years 11 and 12).

Following the School Certificate examinations, on the **Wednesday (10th November) and Friday (12th November)**, students will complete final examinations in their elective subjects. On these days only, students are required to be at school only if they have examinations. **HOWEVER**, on Thursday 11th November, students are required to be at school for the whole day – period 1 as normal, period 2 for the School Certificate Computer Skills Test and then Sport as normal after lunch.

Year 10 students will then be participating in the “It’s Your Life” program from Monday 15th to Friday 19th November 2010.

From Monday 22nd November to Friday 3rd December all Year 10 students will be participating in Work Experience or Service Learning/Volunteer activities. Students should ensure their arrangements for work experience or service learning are finalised before the School Certificate examinations.

All Year 10 students are required to be at school in the week commencing 6th December to meet final course completion requirements including return of textbooks and for the presentation of reports and School Certificate on Friday 10th December 2010.

Jill Longhurst, Head Teacher Stage 5

YEAR 10 PARENTS DINNER

To celebrate the end of another year, let's get together and relax over a fine Asian banquet with a glass or two. It would be great to see you there.

Date: Friday, 12th November 2010

Time: 8.00pm

Venue: Asia Plus, 108 Pacific Highway Roseville (near Roseville Cinema)

Cost: Fantastic deal @ \$20.00 pp! To be paid on the evening, includes entrée, main, dessert & tea (coffee can be purchased) & corkage. Café is BYO and licensed. Let us know if there are any special diets.

Contact & RSVP by Friday, 5th November to: Nalini Naidu (0402 059 359) nnaidu@optusnet.com.au or Claire Summers (8084 8122) tim.summers@optusnet.com.au

GET IN EARLY TO CONFIRM A PLACE.

A DEPOSIT IS REQUIRED SO PLEASE LET US KNOW PRIOR TO THE EVENT IF YOU NEED TO CANCEL.

Remote Places, Read Issues – Can We Help?



On the first Saturday of the holidays, we caught a plane to Broome, and emerged in the 42 degree heat – a bit different from Sydney’s weather. We were in Western Australia for two weeks as part of our Gold Duke of Edinburgh’s Award,

hoping to gain a greater understanding of indigenous culture and issues.

We stayed a night in Broome, and headed 200kms north to a town called Derby, where we would be staying for a week. We stayed with a mental health nurse who worked in the area and who had contacts everywhere, and was great to stay with as she provided an interesting insight into indigenous issues.

While we were in Derby, we worked with the Derby Council youth service to help with a program assisting an indigenous football team to learn about healthy eating. We also had a tour with the Derby Aboriginal Health Service people.



The highlight of the week was when we went on two Royal Flying Doctor Service flights to remote communities, Noonkanbah and Kupangarri, and we

also presented a cheque for \$1800 which was a result of a term’s fundraising by the Prefects and the other leadership groups.

In these communities the difficulties associated with the large distances in the Kimberly became very obvious as a doctor may only visit a clinic once a month.

While we were in Western Australia, almost every single person we spoke to provided us with a different perspective on indigenous issues in the Kimberly, and there were also many different attitudes towards government involvement and funding for indigenous peoples. It was good to hear real life opinions on these issues which haven’t been politically spun or tainted by the media. In many cases people thought that there’s not a quick fix to the issues faced by indigenous people – it’s a mixture of jobs, education and social support and funding that will break the cycle in many aboriginal communities - not just financial support.



Drugs and alcohol was thought by many to be the source of the great majority of issues like unemployment and school attendance. It was good to see some steps had been taken to try restricting the availability and consumption of alcohol – there was a blanket ban in place in Noonkanbah.

We thoroughly enjoyed our time in Western Australia and we achieved what we set out to do, and have gained an insight into indigenous issues and culture which are virtually non-existent in the North Shore.

Will Longman and Stephen Mackay, Year 11

From the Principal’s Mailbag

Once again we excelled at the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal in May.

Our tally for the Lindfield/ Roseville zone was \$34,354. While slightly short of target, this was an excellent result considering that for the first year the students from Killara High collected in Killara zone as well as Lindfield/ Roseville zone.

Please pass on my gratitude (and the gratitude of the Army) to the students and parents and teachers from Killara High who took part this year.

**Hugh Hamlyn-Harris, Zone Chairman
Salvation Army**

Assessment of Language Competence Awards- Japanese and Chinese

This year 15 students in the Year 9 Chinese class and 17 students in the Year 9 Japanese class participated in the Assessment of Language Competence examinations offered by the Australian Centre for Educational Research. These examinations are held Australia wide and cover reading, writing and listening skills. These are particularly challenging for students of Chinese and Japanese as the written sections are presented exclusively in script.

KHS students performed to a very high standard achieving a significant number of High Distinctions and Distinctions. Students enjoyed the challenging aspect of these examinations and can feel very proud of their performances.

High Distinction in Japanese:

Melissa Park

High Distinction in Chinese:

Sean Choi Samantha Tiah
Jeffery Zhang Peter Zhang

Distinctions in Japanese:

Curtis Chan Julie Kim
Henry Kwan Janet Liu
Roxana Swart Hae Young Shieh

Distinction in Chinese:

Mayu Ashida Sabina Bertuzzi

Ruth Charles, Languages Faculty

Retire the tie!

Proposed School Uniform Change

Ties to become optional all year round, for all students, except on formal occasions

- Society's dress codes are changing; it would seem appropriate for the school uniform to change with the times
- Tradition is great, but there needs to be accommodation of accepted and emerging trends
- The percentage of the male working population wearing ties is dwindling
- It is also important to demonstrate a non-gendered uniform message to students for example, what goes for the girls, goes for the boys too.
- There is no expectation for girls to wear ties in today's society
- Resistance to the traditional wearing of the tie has and continues to exceed the school's capacity to enforce this code
- When staff pursue compliance with the uniform code undesired conflict can emerge. In addition to student resistance, parent challenge to the code is encountered.

If you're a student, teacher or parent of the school, and have an opinion on the 'Retire the tie' proposed uniform change, then P&C wants to hear from you now.

Email feedback to khscp@yahoo.com.au before the end of term.

Working together to improve the School grounds

Working Bee

Sunday 14th November 2010 - 8.15am



Our previous efforts have led to great improvements in the quality of the grounds and landscaping at Killara High School. The results of our labour are literally growing before our eyes.

It is a great occasion to assist KHS and to meet other parents, form and extend friendships and keep fit. We enjoy morning tea refreshments and for those able to stay we finish around midday with a BBQ.

All parents (and families too) are most welcome.

If you can only spare an hour or so we would appreciate your help too.

Please come along.

For further information, contact Richard Frith on 0419 223 127



Parents - Be Cybersmart!

On Wednesday 24th November Killara High School invites you to attend an important presentation on **Internet Safety and Awareness**.

This presentation will be easy to understand, thorough, non-technical and informative. It will cover a range of issues including:

- the ways children use the internet and emerging technologies
- potential risks faced by children when online such as cyberbullying, identity theft,

inappropriate contact and exposure to inappropriate content

- tips and strategies to help children stay safe online

Date: Wednesday 24th November 2010

Time: 7.00pm

Location: Kerrabee Theatre

For any further enquiries call Melissa Foster, Year 7 Adviser, on 9498 3772.

Learning with Technology

The technology committee of the school invites parents and carers to an evening of workshops and presentations that explores our use of technology in learning. This evening was initiated by Tim Hand, a parent and technology committee member. The aim is to consider how different technologies can support student learning in a variety of curriculum areas.

When: Tuesday 30th November 2010;

Week 8 Term 4; 6.00 pm to 8.00pm

Where: Killara High School's Kerrabee Theatre and 4 classrooms in A block for presentation sessions (see below). Parents will be asked to move between rooms to participate in each session.

The Program

6.00 pm to 6.20pm - Welcome and Overview. – The school's web interface and 'Moodle'.
Theatre: Tim Hand, Ross Kirbyshire (HT Computer Studies) and Stephen Brinkley (Science).

6.25pm to 6.45pm - Session 1

6.50pm to 7.10pm - Session 2

7.15pm to 7.35pm - Session 3

7.40pm to 8.00pm - Session 4

Sessions and Rooms

Rooms	Group	Presentation	Presenter/s
A11	1	VC – Video Conferencing	Christine Black (HT Stage 6); Tim Hand (Parent)
A17	2	Interactive White Boards	Jenny Newell (ESL) Alison Gambino (HT Mathematics)
A15	3	OneNote	Natalie Gartner (PDHPE) Duncan Smith (PDHPE)
A04	4	Blogs	Steven Gibb (HSIE) and Robin Chand (HSIE)

Please Note: The maximum number of parents we can accommodate at this evening totals 100 people. Please ask your son or daughter to return the slip below to A Block office in order to RSVP to this invitation.

Ross Kirbyshire, Head Teacher Computing Studies

Expression of Interest to attend the Learning with Technology Information Evening

(Return this completed form to A Block Office)

Name . _____

Children's Names and Year (eg, 9, 10) _____

Contact Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Number of people in your party attending: _____

P&C Communiqué

Some big issues were discussed at our last P&C meeting. Here's a summary of what was discussed:

SRC Proposed Uniform Changes

- A survey of students investigated student feeling about the current school uniform. As a result of the survey the SRC is proposing the following uniform changes:
 - that the 'thick, hot' junior girls summer uniform be replaced with either:
 - a 'less baggy' and lighter weight summer dress, or
 - the winter skirt with a short sleeve blouse with a crest
 - that the school tie only be required by all students on formal occasions
 - that the current unisex, winter long sleeve white shirt be worn by all boys without a tie, and that the KHS crest possibly be added to the shirt.
- Other suggested school uniform changes included a new winter, long sleeve blouse for all girls without a tie, possibly with the KHS crest.
- SRC and the Uniform Shop recognise that it is too late to change the winter uniform (other than the 'Retire the tie') for next year. A committee of students/parents/school administration will be established to commence discussions on school uniform proposed changes, ready for rollout in December 2011 for the new Year 7 2012.

Electronic Signage

- Tim Hand presented a business case for putting electronic signage in strategic locations throughout the school.
- The purpose of these monitors is to more effectively disseminate information to students, which is difficult in a school as large as ours.
- Tim has seen electronic signage in use at Riverside Girls High School and the principal of the school as well as students are very positive about the new technology saying that it creates a sense of community.
- Dr Carter fully endorses this proposal.
- The P&C meeting approved spending \$17,842 for the purchase, installation and set up of ten 42 inch flat screen monitors (with Perspex covers) and a central console.

- For more information contact Tim Hand (tim.hand1@bigpond.com).

A Healthier Canteen

- The Healthy Kids Association report has recommended that certain items be removed from our canteen and replaced with healthier alternatives.
- Some members of P&C will be meeting with the representative from the Healthy Kids Association to discuss an implementation plan for next year.
- The first priority is to form a canteen committee with representatives from the SRC (or SLC), a couple of teachers, a couple of parents and the canteen staff. The canteen committee will probably only meet once per term to make decisions about what is sold, pricing, etc.
- Any questions contact Denise Gamaroff (gamafam@optusnet.com.au).

Planned Building Works

- The following P&C funded building work is planned for the Christmas holidays:
 - Refurbishment of some of the oldest portables
 - Refurbishing some staff toilets
 - Refurbishing sick bay
- An additional set of stairs down to the oval from D block have been completed.
- For more information contact Michael Scollay (scollays@optusnet.com.au).

Ideas for Improving the School?

- Do you have an idea about how we can use P&C funds to improve the school? Then give your ideas to one of the P&C executive now.
- The budget for next year will start to take shape over the Christmas school holidays. Therefore, our treasurer Greg Swords asked that parents, students and teachers make suggestions about things that need be done around the school before the end of the year.
- Contact Greg Swords (gswords@mariettacorp.com).

The next P&C meeting will be at 8pm on Wednesday 17th November. Come along, be involved, find out more and share your ideas.

Lee Bevitt (lee.ccc@hotmail.com)

From the Library

CLICKVIEW!

We have an extensive digital media database in the school ~ it is called *Clickview*. This database provides films, animated programs, and documentary programs that support curriculum and information needs. It can be accessed by staff and students during class time or during your own time on computers around the school. Please feel free to use *Clickview*, and ask the library staff if you need any assistance in accessing the data.

New fiction titles:

Bouchet, Bruno. *Dance Academy: Anywhere But Here*

Collins, Tim. *Diary of a Wimpy Vampire*

Cornish, D.M. *Monster Blood Tattoo: Book Three: Factotum*

Costain, Meredith. *Dance Academy: Learning to Fly*

Scott, Sebastian. *Dance Academy: Behind Barres*

New non-fiction titles:

Belshaw, Christopher and Kemp, Gary. *12 Modern Philosophers*

Bodden, Valerie. *Man Walks on the Moon*

Caughey, Jane. *An Approach to Personal Writing*

Chapman, Garry and Hodges, Gary. *Managing Money*

Cooke, Tim (ed). *Government Maps (Understanding Our World Series)*

Gottlieb, Bill (editor). *New Choices in Natural Healing: Over 1,800 of the Best Self-Help Remedies from the World of Alternative Medicine*

The Guide to Basic Cover Letter Writing (2nd ed)

Hollingum, Ben (ed). *Travel Maps (Understanding Our World Series)*

Kelley, Kitty. *Oprah: A Biography*

Langley, Andrew. *Are Girls Smarter than Boys?*

PCS Golf (Know the game)

Rothstein, Natalie (ed.) *400 Years of Fashion*

Swimming (Know the game)

Volleyball (Know the game)

Francie Campbell and Karen Jones

Teacher-Librarians

You are Invited to Help KYDS for Christmas!

Join us for a night of Christmas shopping at the Ravish Designs Lindfield showroom.

KYDS Counselling Service and Ravish Designs of West Lindfield are holding an event for Christmas to help support this free youth counselling service on Sydney's North Shore. Take this opportunity to purchase stunning Sterling Silver jewellery at Ravish Designs with 20% of all proceeds going directly to KYDS.

KYDS CHRISTMAS APPEAL

Date: Tuesday 16th November 2010

Time: 6:30pm-9:30pm

Location: Ravish Designs Showroom – upstairs, 36 Moore Avenue, West Lindfield (rear lane entry) – opposite the Lady Game Kindergarten.

Details of the event: Champagne and finger food will be provided upon entry.

Ravish imports sterling silver and gemstone pieces directly from the designers in Israel, including Turquoise, Onyx, Pearl, Opal, Garnet, Eilat stone, 2,000 year old Roman Glass and more...

Cash or credit cards – sorry no cheques.

Numbers are limited so please RSVP by the 10th November 2010 to **David Citer**, Manager KYDS kyds@bigpond.com or 9416 – 9824

For further information on ravish designs: www.ravishdesigns.com.au

For further information about the KYDS service: www.kyds.org.au

Bringing Parents Up to Speed: Thriving Not Just Surviving Being a Parent!

Saturday 6th November 2010

1.00pm – 5.00pm

Chatswood RSL Club, 446 Victoria Avenue,
Chatswood (behind Chatswood Station)

This interactive forum is for parents and adolescents living/going to school in Sydney North. There will be a variety of professionals presenting information on the day, addressing a range of current mental health issues for young people.

Parent/Carers are welcome to bring their teenagers along.

RSVP: Places are limited, everyone must register. Email your RSVP to community@parentscouncil.nsw.edu.au by Monday 1st November.

The forum is free and everyone receives a showbag!

Information: Rowena Stulajter, Community Development Manager, NSW Parents' Council on 9955 8276.