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**The P&C  
welcome all  
to their  
Annual Christmas  
Get Together**

**Wednesday  
8<sup>th</sup> December 2010  
8pm**

**A Block Common Room**



## Killara High School

# 42<sup>nd</sup> Annual Awards Ceremony

To acknowledge student achievement  
for the 2010 school year

**Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> December 2010**

**10.30am**

**Kerrabee Centre**

### Acknowledging our Volunteers

This week the Principal and student leaders hosted a morning tea for parent and community volunteers who have contributed to the operation of this school during 2010. More than 200 parents have worked on behalf of the school to bring opportunities and facilities to students that would otherwise not be possible to provide. Support from volunteers and the activities that make up Killara's varied program of learning and enrichment, distinguish this school from many others. On behalf of students and staff, I thank parents for their continued support and generosity over the year.

In particular I thank Mr David Jordan, the P&C Executive team and P&C Committee coordinators and members who have worked on major projects throughout the year. Killara High School could not operate as effectively as it does and with the richness in its program without this unqualified support from many parents and members of the community.

Last week the school's Executive team spent some valuable time focusing on school priorities for the coming years. The opportunity to concentrate on the future and evaluate our performance over the last 12 months reaffirmed for me Killara's good fortune in having the services of its deeply committed and professional staff. Success had not bred complacency. We continue to look for ways to support and enhance achievement in all its forms and for all students.

In the coming weeks the school will complete the merit selection process for an Executive position and several classroom teacher positions. The school welcomes the following staff who will join the professional team at Killara in 2011: Ms Jacqueline Berry as a part time teacher in Music, Mrs Ruth Charles as a teacher of Japanese and Chinese in the Languages Other than English (LOTE) team, and Mr James Wray in Mathematics.

The year has been marked by student achievements too numerous to list. There is no doubt 2011 will have its share of highlights too. Such is the nature of Killara High School. Summaries of School Certificate and Higher School Certificate results will appear in the first newsletter for 2011.

I wish all students, their families and the staff a safe festive season and vacation.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## Calendar

### December 2010

- 3 - Yrs 9 & 11 German excursion to Lowenbrau Restaurant
- 6 - Yr 11 Assessment Block continues
  - Roseville Public School Musicale – pm
  - Yr 9 PASS – Primary schools Gala Day
- 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
- 9 - Student Leaders Council – Festive Season Song Day
- 10 - Yr 10 School Certificate presentation – Kerrabee Hall – 9am
- 13 - Yr 11 Photography, Video and Digital Imaging – Excursion to Blanco Gallery, Redfern
- 14 - Annual Awards Ceremony – 10.30am
- 15 - HSC results available
  - Yr 8 - Stage 4 Completion Ceremony
  - Last day Term 4 for students – Yr 7, 8 and 9 Reports issued
- 16 - Yr 12 - HSC Morning Tea – 10.30am
  - School Development Day
- 17 - School Development Day
  - Last day Term 4 for staff

### January 2011

- 28- School Development Day (Staff return)
- 31 - Years 7, 11 and 12 students return and new enrolments

### February 2011

- 1 - Whole school returns for 2011
- 7 - KHS Swimming Carnival (Lane Cove Swimming Pool)
- 8 - Yr 7 Camp (2 days)
  - Yr 11 Drama Excursion – Seymour Centre
- 14 - School Photography Day
- 16 - DEAS Silver Award Training Information Session – 7pm
  - Yr 12 Study Skills (P1-2)
- 18 - Mufti Day – Yr 7 Movie Night
- 21 - Catch Up Photo Day
- 24 - Yr 11 “U Turn the Wheel” Driver Safety Awareness Program – 2 days
  - Yr 12 Political Forum organized by the Prefects
- 25 - DEAS Silver Practice Expedition – Somerset Outdoor Learning Centre (3 days)

Parents and relatives are cordially invited to the

# 2010 YEAR 10 FINAL ASSEMBLY

**Friday 10<sup>th</sup> December 2010 at 9.00am**

Kerrabee Centre

Presentation of School Certificates,  
Year 10 Academic, Service and Sporting Awards

Morning tea will be served  
at the conclusion of the ceremony.

We do hope you can join us to mark this  
important milestone in your child's schooling.

## Did You Know . . . ?

- **Matheesha Premaratna (Year 9)** has received a Premier's Reading Challenge medal for outstanding participation in the Challenge. Forty-seven Year 9 students from across NSW will be acknowledged for completing the Challenge every year since Year 3. Congratulations, Matheesha.
- The following students represented Killara High School at the Schools' Spectacular 2011 in November.
  - **Efrem Beniagar, Haskell Beniagar, Matthew Bruck and Ellie Shearer (Year 11)** - members of the Orchestra and Stage Band
  - **Emily Layson, Brianna Sims and Anja Sauer (Year 9)** - members of the Choir.

## Uniform Shop Additional Opening Times for 2011

The Uniform Shop will be open on:

**Friday 28<sup>th</sup> January 2011** - 9am – 12noon

**Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> January 2011** - 9am – 12noon

**Monday 31<sup>st</sup> January 2011** - 8am – 12noon (First day of Term 1, Years 7, 11 and 12)

**Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011** - 8am – 12noon (Whole School returns)

Our price list and order form can be downloaded from our school website: <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> under “Our School”, select “Uniform Shop”.

**Conny Valeontis, Uniform Shop Coordinator**

## A Day in Botswana

We went to sleep in our flimsy tents to the sounds of elephants passing by less than 10 metres away and our sleep was broken during the night by the sound of hyenas yelping in the distance.

We were up at first light, before the sun was above the horizon. Tulane, our guide, was already preparing a light breakfast which we ate quickly before packing up our tents and squeezing all the gear into the trailer. Soon we were on the road and entered the Chobe National Park, famous for its massive population of elephants (120 000 +).

As the day went on we saw thousands of animals spread across the green flood plain, which contrasted with the dry sandy scrubland that made up much of the park. There were elephants, hippos, giraffes, buffalo, zebras and antelopes of many sizes and shapes, from the graceful Impala to the Kudus with their large, twisted horns.

As we drove along one of the back roads our driver, Sage, suddenly stopped the truck and pointed into the bushes about 50 metres away. I couldn't see what it was at first but as it stood up I saw it was a lion. As we looked more closely we saw there were four of them. They looked a lot different from the ones I had seen at the zoo. These lions were skinny and they looked very blood thirsty. They kept on eyeing something in the

distance, but we couldn't see what it was. One of the females eventually stood up and started walking slowly, stopping every now and then to sit and watch. She walked parallel to our truck and then crossed the road directly in front us, unconcerned by the three vehicles that had gathered to watch the unfolding scene. Soon after the others followed, taking positions in the nearby bushes. We followed the direction of their stares and saw in the distance a family of warthogs rolling around in the mud. The lions began to take up positions, trying to circle their prey. The warthogs sensed something was up and stopped rolling in the mud to sniff the air. As the lions drew in closer the warthogs became more nervous, desperately looking around for the predators they knew were nearby. One of the lions suddenly jumped out of the bushes and ran at the warthogs. The warthogs scattered and ran for their lives. I had never seen anything run with such desperation. The lions chased briefly but soon gave up, pausing to watch the cloud of dust the warthogs left behind before turning back to the shade of a nearby tree to escape the heat and wait for a better chance next time.

This was a once in a lifetime experience and one that I shall never forget.

**Nathan Sully-Harries, Year 9**

### ***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](mailto:khscp@yahoo.com.au) before the end of term.

### **Lost Property**

Please note that the lost property rack, located in A Block will be cleared out and item given to charity on the last day of term. Please collect your items of clothing as soon as possible.

## Performing Arts Ensembles

What a bank of talent we have at Killara High!

The Performing arts ensembles have been busy.

It started a couple of weeks ago when many of the ensembles went visiting the primary schools

SB1 went to Beaumont Road Public School and Lindfield East Public School playing their favourites and wooing the crowd.

SB2 impressed Gordon West and Killara public school and CB2 visited Gordon East Public School. This was great as it coincided with their own band recruitment program. They performed a Michael Jackson piece and thrilled the students. They were dancing in their seats.

The orchestra ventured out with their new conductor Jason Isaac. Jason introduced students to the more unusual instruments and some of our students performed a few impromptu solos.

In mid November the dedicated parents of CB1 and SB1 saw the sunshine at the “Kids Day Out” on the central coast.

The venue was packed and their performances were amazing and really impressed the locals.

The Primary schools tour was a complete success with all primary schools insisting that we return again next year and do it all again. Many of them are interested in work shopping with our students.

On 18<sup>th</sup> November all the ensembles came together for a final end of year concert and then last weekend SB1 impressed parents and teachers at the School Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment centre.

It has been an amazing term 4 for all these students and those lucky enough to hear them.

**Jacqueline Berry, PAE Coordinator**

**PS: See photos on pages 7 and 8**

## Exchange Experience

Well students, teachers and friends, I will tell you a bit of my great experience lived in Australia, Sydney and Killara High School – a great school close to home.

Everything started in a country a bit far away from here, called Chile, where a little boy decided fly to the land down under without knowing he would live in a wonderful city called Sydney, without knowing he would meet awesome people whom he will never forget and without knowing he would study in a fantastic school.



*Pedro with host brothers, Matt and Tim Scollay*

I still can remember my first day in Australia, when I was lost in the airport without knowing where my Chilean friends were but, after a while, I found them. A couple of days after that silly incident, I had an orientation where I could meet the other exchange students who would live in NSW with me. Not many of them as lucky as me to live in Sydney and of course to have the awesome friends and teachers that I had.

And finally at the end I met my host family! The family with whom I would live for the next five months! And I must say that I felt so excited and weird at the same time. And now I'm so glad of this family who gave me so many laughs and things to do.

Well returning to my little story, after that sort of emotions, more would come starting the school at Killara, where the first weeks were really a mess, trying to go to my classes – Senior Science, Geography, PDHPE, General Mathematics and Multimedia – without losing myself, trying to understand a word in my classes that I must say I couldn't after a while, trying to meet people and of course trying to speak a totally different language! But with the help of all those people who helped me, everything started to be better and so much fun. As the time went by every day started to be different, playing basketball at lunchtimes or playing soccer in the school with “the boys” and also playing with some guys from Year 12 and 11 on the weekends, or just enjoying the conversation. I also started going to new places, like Broken Hill or Canberra or Jindabyne where I had one of the best camps of my life! All thanks to the people who were there. But at the end of all that happiness I started to be a bit sad knowing my time was ending and thinking how my life would be without all these people, Sydney and Killara! But always thinking that they would be in my heart forever and I will never forget them because if that were to happen it would be such a big crime that I could not stand.

So I have to say I'm really, really grateful to everyone, all my teachers who always made me felt comfortable, thanks a lot for that!

I'm also grateful to all the friends who helped me with anything or just talked to me, my great family who thanks to them I could live here and enjoy this experience, the guys I played basketball with at lunchtime, my soccer team who remembered how fun is soccer and of course "the boys", I will never forget

all of you mates! I'm seriously grateful for giving me the time of my life! And of course, thank you Dr Carter for accepted me in your fantastic school where all the amazing happened!

**Pedro, Chilean Exchange Student**  
(February-July, 2010)

## KHS Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme (DEAS) Procedures

1. At the Information evening on 17<sup>th</sup> November 2010, the following was distributed:
  - a) DEAS registration fee note for parents. The registration fee is compulsory for all students wishing to join the program.
  - b) Permission note for expeditions. This note is only for those students wishing to complete expeditions with the school.
2. Payment of the registration fee and permission note for DEAS is due at the Killara High School accounts office after 1<sup>st</sup> December and before 15<sup>th</sup> December 2010. (Late payments cannot be accepted).
3. A list of students who have paid will be available from Ms Johnson at the start of Term 1 2011. Students will be notified of acceptance into the program by the end of week 1 term 1 via Student News.
4. Each student will be required to collect three Volunteer/Student Declaration forms from Ms

Johnson for each of the student's three assessors to complete.

5. The completed Volunteer/Student Declaration forms must be returned to Ms Johnson, before students are allowed to join via the online system.
6. On 21<sup>st</sup> February 2011, Ms Johnson and will endorse DEAS enrolments if all procedures have been followed.
7. Students who wish to complete expeditions with the school will be required to pay an Expeditions deposit (\$200) to the school by the 1<sup>st</sup> April 2011. A student will be unable to participate in the expedition if the deposit has not made by this date.
8. If a component for the award does not start until winter eg Netball the President of the Association, or another officer bearer, can be the official assessor.
  - All signed permission notes from parents will be retained in HT Administration office.

**Ms Kelly Johnson, DEAS Coordinator**

## New Enrolments for 2011

There will be an enrolment day on **Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> January 2011 at 8.30am** in the A Block Common Room for all new local enrolments who have all their paperwork in order. An Application to Enrol form can be downloaded from the Department of Education and Training's website, [www.det.nsw.edu.au](http://www.det.nsw.edu.au).

Please go to the Killara High School website, [www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au), for requirements for enrolment.

**Helga Lam, Enrolments Coordinator**

## From the Library

Here are some new arrivals at the library - good for holiday reading:

### New fiction

Ashton, Wayne. *Equator*  
Beale, Fleur. *Fierce September*  
Feist, Raymond E. *King of Foxes*  
Gallico, Paul. *The Snow Goose*  
Mahy, Margaret. *Organ Music*  
Marlantes, Karl. *Matterhorn*  
Sparrow, Ales. *Last Light*

### Non Fiction

Alexander, Anne. *The Rise of Political Islam*  
Andressen, Curtis. *A short history of Japan*  
Beardwood, Robert. *Literature for Senior Students*  
Caldwell, Zarrin. *The Warming Artic*

Caldwell, Zarrin. *Keeping the Peace*  
Foreman, Lillian E. *Health Care Reform*  
Gibbon, Edward. *History of the Decline and Fall of The Roman Empire*  
Lowe, Pat *In the Desert*  
Lorenz, Ulrike. *Brucke*  
Lusted, Marcia Amidon. *Cosmetic Surgery*  
Marcovitz, Hal. *Teaching Intelligent Design*  
Morse, Jenifer Corr. *Australian and World Records 2011*  
Rebel, Ernst. *Self Portraits*  
Renshaw, Lucy. *Mixed Media and found materials*  
Robinson, Tom. *Media Ownership*  
Shakespeare, William. *Othello*  
Sutro, Dirk *Jazz for Dummies*  
White and Lindsay. *How I Got Published*

Wolf, Norbert. *Landscape Painting*  
Wyatt, Christopher. *Afghanistan's Tragedy a problem for the West*

**2011 HSC Success Pack** is available to senior students for a cost of \$35. It includes *The Sydney Morning Herald* delivered to the school library, Monday to Friday, during each term.

- FREE Herald Education HSC Perspectives Booklet.

- FREE entry to the Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo 2011
- FREE access to the Herald HSC Success website. Order online at [HeraldEducation.com.au/hsc](http://HeraldEducation.com.au/hsc) or by calling 1800 628 011

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

### **Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services - January School Holiday Program**

Are you in Sydney for January? Looking for something to do?

Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services are offering three outings for young people during January.

Slam Skate Park; Kartatak Go-Kart Racing; Shelly Beach Snorkelling and BBQ

For details, dates and registrations please visit [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth) or call 9424837

### **Vision Valley Holiday Camps are on!**

Adventure day camps                      Horse riding camps  
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Climb a rock face, fly through the valley, ride a horse along a rugged trail, or try to stay dry in a canoe.

Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure, and are designed to promote confidence and give every individual the chance to grow.

Camps are for kids aged eight and up, and are on these summer school holidays.

Don't miss out: book your place now by calling (02) 9655 2600 or go to our website for more details [www.visionvalley.org.au](http://www.visionvalley.org.au)  
Childcare rebate is available

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Beginners & intermediate musicians are welcome!  
Instructed by professional musicians.

**Weekend sessions are starting in your area on Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2011**

Contact us for further details and to confirm your spot!!!

Early Payment Discounts Available.

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**ENROL NOW! Ph 1300 020 532**  
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### **Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE NSW**

#### **“Work Wise Women”**

Certificate III in Information Technology (Support)

A unique opportunity for women who want to participate in the workforce with up-to-date and professional ICT skills

Semester 1 is free (sponsored course)  
TAFE NSW fee \$352 payable in Semester 2 in order to complete the course.

Information Sessions:

Gawura Centre, Northern Beaches College

12noon, Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> November 2010

10am, Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2010

10am, Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2011

Places are limited. For details on Semester 1, 2011 – enrolment contact: Annette Bonnici, IT Head Teacher on 9941 5387 or email: [NorthBeaches.IT@tafensw.edu.au](mailto:NorthBeaches.IT@tafensw.edu.au)

### **Sydney Tours R Us**

Bus washer needed for our mini bus, after school or anytime - \$25. The job takes about 45 minutes. Located 5 minutes' walk from Killara High School. Needed about once per week.

If interested, reply to [dannistrue@hotmail.com](mailto:dannistrue@hotmail.com)

### **The Best Christmas Carols Yet!**

Make 2010 the year YOU join us for all your Christmas favourites.

With your picnic rug, nibbles, your family and friends, join us at All Saints' to hear the

**Lane Cove Concert Band and Beaumont Rd Public School Band at**

### **Carols on Moore**

**Sunday 12th December 2010**

With special songs and a glow candle for every child, enjoy the Christmas celebration from 7.30pm or join us for a sausage sizzle from 6.30pm.

**All Saints' Church  
11 Moore Avenue, West Lindfield  
[www.aswl.org.au](http://www.aswl.org.au)**

### **Opportunity to use your parenting skills...AGAIN**

JewishCare's Family to Family Respite program provides you with a rare opportunity to use your unique parenting skills by welcoming a Jewish child into your home for regular weekend respite.

It is your chance to give back and make a real difference to vulnerable child's life.

Professional assessment, training and supervision are provided to all interested.

Training in February 2011

Please contact Violet Astor on **02 9302 8023** or [v.astor@jewishcare.com.au](mailto:v.astor@jewishcare.com.au)





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

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