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KHS Uniform Shop

Additional Opening Hours
in Term 1:

Saturday 27th March

9am-12noon

Thursday, 1st April

8am-12noon

(instead of Friday 2nd April,
which is Good Friday)

Uncollected Green Years Magazines

Any students, who have paid for a 2009 Green Years magazine and not collected it, please do so from the HSIE Blue staffroom during recess or lunch before the end of this term.

ArtExpress: Leap of Faith

The video freezes as **Sam Margalit (Year 12 2009)** does a belly flop from a first floor roof to the road below. He appears to be falling through space. When the video starts up again, Sam doesn't smash into the asphalt - as seems inevitable - but lands on his feet and bounds off.

The viewer watching 'The Jump' - Sam's 2009 HSC body of work which is currently exhibited in ArtExpress at the Art Gallery of NSW - might imagine that some fancy post-production editing has been used in this stunt. Not so. Sam really did 'fall' to the ground - no props and no safety devices.



How the agile KHS student did it can be explained by Parcour, a discipline which Sam describes as 'using your body to overcome any obstacles as quickly as possible'. He's been learning Parkour for four years and has become an instructor.

The inspiration for his major work, which includes photographic images as well as the video sequence, came from his Visual Arts teacher, Ms Trenoweth, who introduced him to the famous black and white photo by French artist Yves Klein, 'Leap into the Void'. Klein's photo shows a man similarly frozen mid fall from a building.

'At the time, there was a controversy over whether that photo was real or a fake. It turned out to be a fake,' says Sam.

Scouting around for a location that looked similar to Klein's photo, Sam set about recreating the original artwork. He found just the right spot in Newtown. While the frozen frame in 'The Jump' pays homage to Klein, the subsequent video of the fall makes it clear that there is no fakery here. Sam achieves in reality what Klein could only do with artifice.

There are other references in 'The Jump' to Klein, in particular, the use of International Klein Blue (IKB). Yves Klein managed to retain the brilliance of ultramarine blue pigment by suspending it in synthetic resin and his name was given to the resultant hue. In fact, Klein famously painted many monochrome canvases in IKB alone.

'I'm fascinated by a person who could create a colour,' says Sam.

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Calendar

March 2010

- 14 - Yr 11 Jindabyne Camp (all week)
- 15 - Yr 12 Mid Course Assessment continues
- 17 - Sydney North Swimming Carnival – Woy Woy
 - P&C Meeting - 8pm – C Block Conference Room
- 18 - Kofu High - Japanese School visit
- 19 - Yr 12 Mid Course Assessment concludes
- 20 - North Shore Music Spectacular - Chatswood RSL
- 22 - National Geographic Channel Geography Skills competition (Yrs 8-11) – conducted over 8 days
 - Yr 8 Japanese Excursion - Nihongo Tanken Centre
- 23 - KHS Cross Country Carnival
 - Immunisation Program (Yr 7)
 - Yrs 8 and 9 - Chinese Calligraphy Workshop (P3)
- 24 - Music and Drama (MAD) Festival - 7.00pm
- 25 - Music and Drama (MAD) Festival - 7.00pm
- 26 - Yr 11 Mock Interviews
- 28 - NSW CHS Swimming Carnival – Sydney Aquatic Centre (3 days)
- 29 Student Progress Review Meeting - Stage 4 ONLY – 3.30pm-8pm
 - DEAS Gold Practice Expedition Training Session – 3pm
 - HSC ENCORE Concert (Opera House) - 5.30pm
- 31 - Concert Band 1 Tour to Hobart (5 days)
 - Yr 8/9 Japanese Excursion - Nihongo Tanken Centre

April 2010

- 1 - Last day of Term 1
- 19 - School Development Day
- 20 - Students return – Term 2 – Winter uniform
- 21 - Group Photo Day
- 22 - Anzac Assembly
- 23 - Gold DEAS Practice Expedition – Wild Dog Mountains – 4 days
 - Yr 8 Japanese Excursion to Nihongo Tanken Centre
- 26 - Anzac Day Public Holiday

With the HSC behind him, Sam can't decide yet between acting or art for his tertiary studies, but he's in no rush. He's taking at least a year off, hoping to get some money together and go travelling.

'I've met so many people from around the world through Parkour and they've all invited me to come and stay with them.' As well as teaching and learning ('I still consider I'm learning every day') Parkour, he's used his skills in commercials.

'I had to do a massive jump through water dressed as a conquistador for a cinema ad for achacha fruit, and I've been flown to Singapore to double as a Formula 1 driver. That has been shown in 40 countries around the world.'

An image from Sam's 'The Jump' is used as the main publicity shot for the AGNSW exhibition. ArtExpress runs until 10th May.

Aviva Lowy

(Aviva Lowy is our 'resident' parent journalist. If you have a newsworthy item for the newsletter or media outlets you can contact Aviva by telephoning or emailing the school.

Music and Drama Festival (MAD)

Killara High School presents a festival of music, drama and dance celebrating some of the diverse talents of its students. A wide variety of student performances will be showcased in this fabulous festival. Come along to support our students and be marvelously entertained.

When: Wednesday 24th March 2010
Thursday 25th March 2010

Time: 7 pm

Tickets: Adult \$10 - Student \$5

Where: Kerrabee Theatre



Tickets on sale every Wednesday at recess B and lunchtime in the quad.

Year 12 Parents Pre-HSC Party !

The HSC is fast approaching and it could be a loooong year. So, if you're a Year 12 parent, please join us for a great night of chatting and relaxing (while we still can!).



Date: Saturday 27th March

Time: 7.30pm

Place: The home of Chris & Lee Bevitt in Roseville

Please Bring: Drink and a plate of some little nibbles

RSVP: By 23rd March, so we know how many glasses we need

RSVP To: Claire Summers on 8084 8122 or

tim.summers@optusnet.com.au

or Nalini Naidu on 9489 9281 or nnaidu@optusnet.com.au

or Lee Bevitt on 9417 3835 or chrisbevitt@ihug.com.au

Lions Youth of the Year Competition

I found the Youth of the Year Competition to be a valuable experience, especially the 30 minute interview with the panel of judges. Although it was quite scary, it was an amazing experience which enabled me to develop my interview skills. As well as discussing my community, sport and academic successes, I was also asked questions about current affairs issues in Australia. The public speaking section was enjoyable with the impromptu questions concerning areas about which I am passionate.

The title of my speech was "Our Secret Ingredient: Diversity". It was a social commentary on the role food plays in our society and how it can shape and affect our national identity, which is shaped by the cultural diversity in Australia.

At the end of the night I won the St Ives Lions Club award for Lions Youth of The Year as well as the Public Speaking Award.



As a result I will be competing in the Region Finals during March, which will involve another interview as well as prepared and impromptu speeches.

Drew McIntosh, Year 12

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Practice Expedition

The Practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh's expedition was an amazing experience and a chance to learn new skills. We hiked for two days and canoed for one. The first day, which was a Friday, all the instructors introduced themselves and then we started on our four kilometre trek. After a hot day of hiking, being able to sit down and relax was great! That afternoon after reaching the campsite we cooled off in the river and that night we sat out under the stars.

Next morning it was an early wake up and a 12 kilometre walk to the next campsite, walking up a steep hill was hard but once we reached the top it felt great. On the way down, Chris Eklund, Katherine Tame and Gina Simon had some slips and falls. That night everyone sat around cooking their dinners talking and joking around, Neha also gave us some night time entertainment with her singing.

The next morning we all had to wake up at 5.45am, pack our bags, eat breakfast and leave. After a two kilometre hike we all had to carry heavy canoes down to the water. Canoeing up the river was much harder then canoeing with the current, but after eight kilometres on the water, the Silver practice expedition was finally over. All of us, tired and sore, lugged the canoes back to the top of the hill and after some



organisation we all waited for our parents to pick us up.

When we jumped into Hannah's dad's car with Jack Johnson playing, we were proud of ourselves but desperate for a shower and to be home. In the end the Practice Silver Duke of Edinburgh's expedition was an interesting journey that we will never forget!

Caitlin Pon and Hannah Tait, Year 10

Information Evening for Year 12 Parents, 2010

On **Tuesday 27th April 2010 at 7.00pm** an information and support evening will be held for parents of students doing their HSC in 2010.

The intention of this evening is to help parents best support their students, understand the way the HSC and Board of Studies function and how to manage the demands on students' (and sometimes parents') time and nervous energy.

Speakers will include the Deputy Principal responsible for Year 12, the Stage 6 Head Teacher, Head Teacher Welfare and Ms Julia Griffith, School Counsellor.

Come along and share with other parents in the same situation over tea and coffee. A reminder notice will be issued at the start of Term 2.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Welfare

The Way Forward: A Principal's Perspective

Four decades of success at Killara HS have been founded upon the highest levels of commitment from staff and parents working in partnership. The partnership has focused on providing the best opportunities for all young people in this school.

Staff and parents continue to sustain this more than fruitful partnership that has spawned a culture of high expectation among our students. These characteristics distinguish this school from many others. They are not contrivances or products of principal's 'spin'. As a parent recently observed, ours is a unique school community that wrestles with the constraints of a large education system to which it must be accountable.

This school rightly 'tests the boundaries' in different areas in order to pursue improvement for young people, but it must also act within the bounds of public trust, policy and procedures that apply to all schools. A number of parents with children in the Performing Arts Ensembles (PAE) program have expressed discontent with changes to the management and organisation of the PAE program. The changes themselves are a product of emerging challenges that must be faced by staff and parents alike.

Staff and parents continue to work together to find solutions to these challenges. All parents may be assured that regardless of the challenges we jointly face, the staff involved remain committed to quality learning opportunities for young people, however, these must operate within the framework of policy and procedure mandated by the Department of Education and Training.

Some may not like the solutions. Unfortunately the way things were done a decade ago may no longer be appropriate today, but there is no reason to doubt the sincerity of the intention and the potential of partnership. Mr Watts, ESL teacher, has volunteered to attend evening rehearsals of the strings/ orchestra PAE until the departure of the conductor Mr Alex Pringle in August. Mr Watts gesture is an example of the goodwill that must underpin partnership. It is an interim solution to a problem of scheduling that I hope will be welcomed by all involved. On behalf of the school community I thank Mr Watts for his goodwill in support of the program. Goodwill underpins much of what this school does, and does well. It is not to be taken for granted.

The staff will continue to try to make things work but, as Winston Churchill remarked, just doing one's best and focusing on the way things are may not be sufficient. We must also do what is necessary and what is necessary in 2010 is sometimes not the same as what has been done in the past.

The challenges we face are significant. The school's three year development plan focuses particularly on improving classroom practice and infrastructure. These are significant challenges facing the school. We may not succeed immediately in all our goals but pursue them we will. Killara may be demonstrably successful as a school but it is not perfect; nor is it complacent about its success.

I thank the staff, the P&C Executive and all parents who have sought solutions to our shared challenges. My experience of this shared approach to meeting challenges over the last eight years informs my optimism that we can sustain fruitful partnerships in the future. It is, in fact, the only way forward for this school if its success is to be preserved and enhanced.

Last week I was invited to talk with a Year 11 Design and Technology class about the school's past and its future. In the course of the conversation I mentioned that one of the distinguishing features of the school in recent years has been its capacity to look forward and explore possibilities. I mentioned one such exploration was the co-location of the staff from two smaller staff rooms and the creation of a single larger and better appointed staff facility. I asked rhetorically why I'd be promoting this amalgamation and before I could ramble on further a student interjected without hesitation, 'Because you want them to work as a team.'

And later I asked if they'd considered why we'd introduced home groups, the Year 7 Village and created Stage Head Teacher positions and again without pause one student said, 'You're trying to set up more personal connections'. We try new things and explore ideas. Complacency is not an option if improvement is the goal. In the words of a scientist of some standing, "Life is like riding a bicycle. In order to maintain your balance you must keep moving." (Albert Einstein.) And (at the risk of tautology) I'd add the word 'forward'.

Mark Carter, Principal

P&C Meeting

Wednesday, 17th March 2010 - 8pm - C Block Conference Room

All welcome

2010 P&C Committee

At the General Meeting on 17th February a new P&C Committee was elected. Welcome to all members, new and old, of this committee.

Committee

President:	David Jordan	9499 4090	david@dacono.com.au
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Year 11:	Susie Durand		tropicaldurand@yahoo.com
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We are looking forward to an exciting 40th anniversary year, with some great ideas for celebrations already being discussed. Anyone with suggestions/ expertise/ enthusiasm is most welcome to join in. Those who are in contact with past KHS students, could you let them know that they will be the focus of at least one event, and ask if they would send their contact details to the P & C secretary or other committee members."

Robin Hall, Secretary

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following dates for your convenience to purchase winter uniform items prior to Term 2.

Additional Opening Hours in Term 1:

Saturday, 27th March 2010, 9am to 12noon

Thursday 1st April 2010, 8am to 12noon

Friday 2nd April - Good Friday, closed

Current price list and order form can be downloaded from our new School website,

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/2523.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, Uniform Shop Coordinator

Student Progress Review Meeting (SPRM) Stage 4 – Term One

Each year Killara High School schedules three student progress review meetings when parents can speak with teachers about their child's learning progress before too much of the year has passed.

In past years these meetings have occurred in Term 2.

This year we have scheduled a Student Progress Review meeting session for Years 7 and 8 (Stage 4) at the end of term one.

We hope parents can take advantage of this opportunity to discuss with teachers their children's progress to date.

Mock Trial Round 1: Prosecuting Child Abuse!

On 24th February 2010, the Mock Trial Team took the prosecution side of a case with a team from Loreto, Normanhurst taking up the case for the defense of the accused. The case concerned the assault of a child. Despite the fact that there was not much evidence to support the criminal charges, our team interrogated the witnesses with vigour, and was able to present some excellent arguments. Congratulations to **Georgia Kenny-Watson and Heather Harding** who took the roles of barrister, **Victoria Glassner** who played solicitor, **Simon Frost** who was the Court Officer and **Davis Murphy and Gabi Yip** who acted as prosecution witnesses. Our next round will be against Killarney Heights High School.

Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher HSIE (Blue)



They're MAD for it!

Give KHS students a chance to perform for an audience, and they'll be lining up at the stage door.

'We've never been inundated like this before,' says Helen Atkinson, relieving Head Teacher, English and Drama.

She's talking about the inaugural festival of Music and Drama - MAD - which takes place on Wednesday and Thursday, 24th – 25th March at 7pm.

'Over 100 students wanted to be involved in one musical number alone!' says Ms Atkinson. The program will be a mix of items highlighting the work of elective drama and music students.

'The idea was formulated last year as a way to showcase the fantastic talent of students. MAD will run in alternate years when the school is not staging a musical.

Students in Years 7 and 8 will receive a booking sheet to make appointments with their teachers this week.

Timetable changes

Due to an increase in enrolments the timetable now operating for classes is being revised. As a result there will be some changes to Year 7 and Year 8 classes and teachers from the beginning of term 2. An additional class has been formed in Year 8. As a result some students will change class. In Year 7 classes will remain unchanged, but some teachers may change.

Glenda Robinson, Deputy Principal Stage 4



'The students are very excited and there's been lots of interest from those in Years 7 and 8. There is a junior drama ensemble which meets one afternoon every week, a musical theatre group and a concert band. Year 9 drama will perform as a class and Year 10 drama students will be going through an auditioning process,' says Ms Atkinson.

With just one opening night and one closing night, MAD will have a very short season. Students (\$5) and adults (\$10) are encouraged to book their seats early.

A special matinee preview will be held for students from the local primary schools on Tuesday 23rd March, dazzling them with the performance opportunities that lie ahead at Killara High.

Aviva Lowy

Killara High School Dragon Boat Racing

On Saturday 27th February, the Killara High School Dragon Boat Team was at Darling Harbour challenging the rest of the world in the junior division of the Chinese New Year Dragon Boat Festival.



Due to the very late notice and the fact that we have only had three training sessions to hone our skills we had to 'borrow' paddlers from other clubs and be content with a position well below first place!

Nevertheless, **Tom Harding, Mitchell Tai and Millie Thompson**, all in Year 9, did us proud in the Killara

High School boat and we were cheered on by thousands of festival participants.



We are raw beginners but we hope to have our team in the state championships at the end of this month racing at the Sydney International Regatta Centre in Penrith. We will probably be looking for some extra paddlers so if you have siblings, cousins, friends with some DB experience, I would be interested in hearing from you.

Jenny Newell, Dragon Crew Manager

Get To Know Your Prefect



What is your name? Ed Ferguson

When is your birthday? 6/8/92

What can you cook? 2 minutes noodles

What makes you happy? Food and football

If you could be a vegetable what would you be? coco bean

What is your biggest (irrational) fear? Sharks when I attempt to surf

What do you want more than anything else in your life right now? Sleep

What do you usually do on a Saturday night? Have a civilised party with my friends

What is your name? Imogen Faulds

When is your birthday? 6/8/92

What is your particular role in the Prefect body? Roster Queen

What is your favourite TV show? Grey's Anatomy

What's the last book you have read? Harry Potter 7 for the thousandth time

Do you have any siblings? Yes, a younger sister

Describe yourself in two words: Short, boufy

What's on the back of your jersey? Imogenious

If you had to be a sidekick to a superhero who would it be? R2-D2 to Luke



POSITION VACANT - Vice President of the P&C

If you wish to get involved in the school and are interested in this role, please contact the President, David Jordan, on 9499 4090 or email david@dacono.com.au, or Vice President, Lee Bevitt, on 9417 3835 chrisbevitt@ihug.com.au, to find out more.

International Women's Day

On Monday 8th March, **Tasha Easten (Year 10)** and I had the privilege of attending the International Women's Day function run by Ku-ring-gai Council.

There were four guest speakers from non-government organisations, Room to Read, Opportunity International, Mahboba's Promise and ActionAid at this function. The words and stories struck a chord and even brought a tear to our eyes when we heard of the hardships suffered by many women and their children around the globe. We were encouraged to think about how we, as fortunate Australians, can act to make a difference in the lives of women and understand that the way we treat others can have lasting effects.

As members of the Social Justice Committee (SJC) we would like to encourage everyone to think about how you too can act to treat others with respect and support the idea of equality in your daily life. The SJC were also involved in International Women's Day here at school and sold purple ribbons for UNIFEM

and raised over \$140.00 Thank you to everyone for your support of the betterment of the rights of women.
Neha Mulay, Year 10



Grounds Working Bee - Thank You

On Sunday 7th March, a wonderful team of parents carried out some much needed maintenance on the grounds, garden and facilities. In particular, mulching and planting below the Kerrabee Hall, mulching garden beds above COLA 2, weeding front of school, Block courtyards, around the Kerrabee Centre, COLAs near the automotive COLA and COLA near the basketball COLA, and collection of branches and rubbish along Churchill and Wentworth Avenue boundaries.

To the families who gave up their Sunday morning – thank you!

Over the last six years the condition of the grounds has improved very significantly because of the hard work of parents.

Our sincere thanks go to the following families for their assistance on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated. They were Richard Frith, coordinator, along with his team of volunteers; Rick Stern, Liz Holden, Ho Yin Chen, Le-Anne Pon, Bruce and Alison Griffin (and their children, Eleanor and Lexi), Michael Wild, Debbie Admoni, Greg and Rosie Swords, Robin Hall, Anton Lubbers and Kym Scollay.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

40Km/h School Zones

Motorists will now be aware that new triangular road markings or 'Dragon's Teeth' have been painted at the start of each school zone sign for Killara High School. These are to increase the visibility of school zones for motorists and provide a constant reinforcement to slow down around the school between 8am and 9.30am and from 2.30pm till 4pm.

The RTA reminds us of the very significant minimum fines and loss of demerit points for exceeding the 40km/h speed limit in an operating school zone.

I again remind parents, students and members of our community that Police and Council Rangers are monitoring this area to ensure that the safety of our students is the highest priority. Please continue to take great care in this area and obey the 40km/h speed limit.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal



Swine Flu Vaccination

Swine flu infections have dropped significantly in NSW over recent months, but it continues to have a heavy impact in many Northern Hemisphere countries. It remains to be seen what the impact in Australia will be as we move into next winter. Higher rates of infection are possible.

A vaccine is now available to protect adults and children over the age of six months from swine flu. The vaccine, called Panvax®, has been approved by Therapeutic Goods Administration.

NSW Health is encouraging everyone to obtain a free vaccination against this potentially life threatening illness. The Panvax® vaccine is available free from most general practitioners and Aboriginal Medical Services. Some community health centres and council immunisation clinics are also offering the vaccine free of charge. Phone to confirm the health service is vaccinating on the day you wish to visit.

Further information about the vaccine can be obtained from NSW Health: <http://www.emergency.health.nsw.gov.au/swineflu/vaccination/index.asp>

2010 NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program

On Tuesday 9th March we had our first day of vaccinations for 2010. This involved Year 7 girls who received the first of three doses of Human Papilloma Virus (HPV). Dose two is scheduled for 8th June and dose three for 19th October. These vaccines must be administered at specified intervals.

Year 10 students received their Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccinations also on Tuesday. If any Year 10 student who wishes to be vaccinated missed out it may be possible to catch up later. The decision is in the hands of the vaccination team.

On Tuesday 23rd March, Year 7 students will receive Dose one of the Hepatitis B vaccination and the Diphtheria/Tetanus / Pertussis vaccination.

Varicella (chickenpox) permission forms have NOT been issued as yet. That vaccination is due to take place on 8th June and permission forms will be issued closer to that date.

Killara HS does not retain records of vaccinations. The program is administered and managed by the NSW Health. Killara, like other schools, is used by the NSW Health as the most efficient point of access

to the target group, young people. All students who are vaccinated are given a form, provided by NSW Health, to take home and include with their families' medical records.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Welfare

NSW Health Vaccination Program at Killara High School

First Visits: Tuesday 9th March 2010 – 9.30am

Year 7 students Human Papilloma Virus (Dose 1)

Year 10 students Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis

Tuesday 23rd March 2010 – 9.30am

Year 7 students Hepatitis B (Dose 1)

Year 7 students Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis

Second Visit: Tuesday 8th June 2010 – 9.30am

Year 7 students Varicella (Chickenpox)

Year 7 students Human Papilloma Virus (Dose 2)

Third Visit: Tuesday 19th October 2010

Year 7 students Hepatitis B (Dose 2)

Year 7 students Human Papilloma Virus (Dose 3)

Killara High School turns 40 !

So it's time to Celebrate!!

The Social Committee will meet on **Tuesday 16th March 2010** in the A Block Common Room at 7.30pm to discuss how best to celebrate this momentous occasion.

Please show your support for our wonderful school and bring your ideas to this meeting.

Any queries please email Belinda at belthompson@optusnet.com.au or Rossanna at rossannaoo3@yahoo.com.au

We look forward to seeing you there!



KHS Gets Active for a Good Cause!!

Some Killara High School staff and eight prefects are going to be getting active in the Cerebral Palsy challenge starting 20th April. Staff and students are entering in teams of 4 and will calculate their walking steps with a pedometer as well as their physical activity levels over a 10 week period.



As part of the challenge, each entrant develops an animated character online that will travel around a

virtual world depending on how much physical activity they do.

KHS teachers are looking forward to building staff morale, getting fit and competing against each other in this worthwhile cause. Staff and students will be seeking sponsors and all monies raised go to The Spastic Centre and Variety.

Cerebral Palsy (CP) is the most common, physical disability in childhood. CP is a permanent disability that affects movement. CP results from damage to the developing brain, usually before birth. In Australia, 1 in 400 babies are diagnosed with CP. There is no known cure, and for most, the cause is unknown. People with cerebral palsy may also have seizures, and sensory and intellectual impairments.

Some KHS staff members have family members with CP so this challenge has much personal meaning to them. If you would like to get involved, check out the website www.cerebralpalsychallenge.com.au or see Mrs Blachford in the PDHPE staffroom.

Year 10 Parents Party!

Year 10 parents, it's time we got together and had some fun.

Here's a provisional date for your diary:

Date: Saturday 22nd May

Place: The home of Claire and Tim Summers in St Ives

More information:

Contact Nalini Naidu (nnaidu@optusnet.com.au) or Lee Bevitt (chrisbevitt@ihug.com.au)

Where Are They Now?

"All right kids, that's it, pens down". These were the last words I remember hearing in my final HSC exam in November 2008, a feeling of excitement was present at the time as it was finally over but the anxious wait for the results was now underway. That final exam was Industrial Technology Multimedia, the subject I enjoyed most in my senior years at Killara High, the subject that put me in good stead for how I'm travelling today.

In Year 12 each student was required to construct a major work which contributed to half of the final grade in the HSC. For my major work I constructed a 10 minute presentational DVD on a local rugby league club. It involved the use of green screen for interviews, camerawork out in the field, hours and hours of editing in the classroom and how could I forget the 200 plus pages of paperwork for the folio. As it stands today I am currently studying a Bachelor of Creative Technology majoring in Digital Television Production at JMC Academy. I'm going into my second year of study and have already produced and

directed my own live multi-camera television show, a 10 minute documentary and just recently completed a short film which was entered into Tropfest last month.

At the beginning of Year 12 this was just a dream, a goal that I aimed to achieve at the end of my time at high school, but this is no longer a dream – it's reality, and my time at Killara High was the main contributing factor to making this dream come true.

To get into JMC Academy, you didn't only need a targeted UAI (ATAR) but an interview was also required. This is where my time at Killara really paid a dividend. I showed the recruitment team at JMC my Year 12 major work and folio and they were more than impressed. They couldn't believe the work that I had done as a high school student.

Just as I was leaving the building after the interview I was approached and offered a place at JMC even before the HSC results had come out.

There is one person to thank for this and it's my ITM teacher, Mr Telfer. He spent so much time helping us as students to achieve a major work we were proud of. He taught me how to use multiple programs which have really come in handy and he would come into school in the holidays and after school hours and on weekends to help us work on our major works. He gave up his Saturday to render a 3D max animation that after nearly 6 or so hours work, crashed his computer. The study lessons we had as a class and the one-on-one attention he gave us is the reason why I was able to get a Band 6 in ITM. Without Mr Telfer there pushing me to achieve my best I might not be doing what I love doing today. He was an inspirational teacher and he believed that my major work would be a success and he was right.

This is only the beginning for me, I have a lot more work ahead of me going into my second year of study

From the Library

New Non-Fiction titles:

Hunt, Patrick. *Ten Discoveries that Rewrote History*.

Innes, James. *The CV Book: Your Definitive Guide to Writing the Perfect CV*.

Innes, James. *The Interview Book: Your Definitive Guide to the Perfect Interview*

Logan, Philip & Richard. *Your True Purpose: Inspirational Writings from the World's Leading Thinkers*.

Lloyd, Christopher. *What on Earth Happened: The Complete Story of the Planet, Life & People from the Big Bang to the Present Day*.

Mortenson, Greg. *Stones into Schools: Promoting Peace with Books, Not Bombs, in Afghanistan and Pakistan*.

Young, Nat. *The History of Surfing*

In detail:

Salbi, Zainab and Beckound, Laurie. ***Growing up in the Shadow of Saddam***.

Zainab Salbi was eleven years old when her father was chosen to be Saddam Hussein's pilot and her family's life was grafted on to his. Zainab's mother taught her the skills she needed to survive. She later agreed to an arranged marriage in America, unaware it was to save her from Saddam's growing affection. Fleeing her abusive husband but stranded by the Gulf War, Zainab rebuilt her life in the States, and created an organisation to fight on behalf of female victims of war.

Verolme, Hetty E. ***Hetty: A True Story***.

as we get to produce music videos, television commercials and host a live awards ceremony.

My time at Killara was an immense learning experience and it taught me a lot. One thing I'll always remember is don't count the days, make the days count.

Lisa Georgas, Year 12 2008

Academy Awards: Did You Know?

Steve Pasvolsky (Year 12 1981) was nominated for an Academy Award in 2003 as director of the live action short film *Inja*. Mr Pasvolsky donated a copy of his film to the Lion Library collection. It is available for borrowing.

Hetty was just twelve years old in 1943 when her family was torn apart by the Nazis. Rounded up from her home in the Netherlands she was separated from her parents, not knowing if they were dead or alive. Hetty and her brothers were sent to the Children's House at Belsen concentration camp. There, Hetty, became the 'Little Mother', helping care for the babies, toddlers and children through those terrible years.

In her direct and powerful style, Hetty recalls one of the remarkable, largely untold stories of the Holocaust.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Happy Library Users

Here are some students keen to use the library again. Unfortunately, water damage following recent heavy rain caused the library to be closed for a number of weeks.



Lindfield Rotary Fun Run 2010

10km Run and 5km Run/Walk

Organised by the Rotary Club of Lindfield Inc.

Sunday 28th March 2010

Roseville Park, Clanville Road, Roseville

Register online at www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au

All proceeds will support Rotary projects, including
The Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service

The Holy Family Art & Craft Festival

Holy Family Catholic Primary School

2-4 Highfield Road, Lindfield

Sat 13th March – 9.30am to 4.30pm

Sun 14th March – 9.30am to 2.30pm (art only)

Features an Affordable Art Show, with:

- Seven major Sydney galleries and many independent artists showing 300+ works
- Affordable art to investment pieces
- Iconic artists through to emerging talents

The Church Yard Market, with:

- 20 of Sydney's most-desirable market designers and crafters offering handmade fashions, homewares, stationery, accessories, jewellery and more
- Plus pre-loved designer fashion, toys and books

A fun fair for the kids, with:

- Bungee jumping, face painting, a jumping castle, showbags, K-Zone magazine stand, fairy floss, a haunted house, disco, crafts, a kindy farm, water dunking and more.

International food, with:

- Traditional bbq, handmade spring rolls, Korean pancakes, Filipino pork dish, Croatian chevapis and more
- Plus cakes, Toby's Estate coffee, Fair Trade chocolates, gourmet food and gelatos.

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Contact Southern Cross Cultural Exchange today –
1800 500 501 or visit: www.scce.com.au

The Annual Ku-ring-gai Garden Festival and Growers Market

Sat and Sun, 13th and 14th March 2010

at the St Ives Showground Mona Vale Rd.

Gates open 9.00am to 4.30pm.

Plenty of supervised parking available.

There will be over 100 stalls offering help with all things gardening, landscaping, water management, solar power and advice from specialist gardening organisations. Plus lots of food and drink, arts and crafts and activities for the kids.

A varied program of top class live music

Talks and demonstrations will take place throughout both days.

The Graham Ross Gardening Clinic will again be a major feature of the Garden Festival to excite and interest you to get busy in your garden. Sandra Ross will be there each day to give inspirational talks and answer your questions.

The Ku-ring-gai Council stall will provide info about:-

- Council's upcoming community pilot project, aimed at assisting Ku-ring-gai residents to lead a more sustainable lifestyle. The pilot project will provide education and information to the Quarry Creek Catchment community in West Pymble through household visits, seminars and the web; promote the adoption of sustainable technologies through grants and subsidies; and support sustainability focused philanthropy.

- Climate Clever Shop highlighting preferred suppliers of efficient and quality water tanks, solar photovoltaic and hot water systems and green power products

The Garden Festival is organised by the Rotary Club of Ku-ring-gai and funds raised in 2010 will go towards supplying Shelterboxes to Haiti plus assistance to community projects in Sydney.

For more info visit the website

www.gardenfestival.com.au

Or contact Chris McGuigan 0411 215088

Are You a Single Parent?

Then join us at the Single with Children

Family Fun Day

Sunday 21st March 2010

Noon – 4pm

West Lindfield Community Hall

Free Food, Drinks, Magic Show, Face Painting

Find out more: www.singlewithchildren.com.au