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## KHS Uniform Shop

Additional Opening Hours  
in Term 1:

**Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March**  
9am-12noon

**Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> April**  
8am-12noon  
(instead of Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

## Haiti and Chile Relief Week at Killara High School

2<sup>nd</sup> March to 5<sup>th</sup> March was "Haiti and Chile Relief Week", a week full of fun, entertainment, food and the auctioning of personal assistants. It was a great week, only made possible by the combined efforts of the five Student Leadership groups and the participation of the students and our community. The aim of the week was to raise money for the survivors of the recent earthquakes in Haiti and Chile, helping to provide them with crucial funds which will help them rebuild their families, homes and community, as a large number of people has been affected by these earthquakes. In times like these we all must remember how fortunate we are to live in Australia and to have the ability to gather funds and support those in less fortunate situations.

**Tuesday:** To start off the week on Tuesday, students participated in a game of Bompo Domp which was organized by the Sports Council. This event was a great way to kick off the week at KHS with many staff and students thinking that it was fantastic to see the younger years mixing with the older years, in a friendly game which was able to raise close to \$100.

**Wednesday:** Bands and a barbeque in the Quad. The sausage sizzle went off with a bang, with many students queuing up to get a sausage sandwich and a drink, and at the same time supporting a really great cause. The entertainment was provided by talented student bands which was coordinated by the SRC and Arts Council. In total from the day's activities we were able to raise \$530!



**Friday:** Friday was a Mufti Day which also included a special Prefect Auction. There have been many Prefect Auctions at Killara High School and the Prefects decided to revive the tradition this year after a long dry spell of no auctions. Students showed great enthusiasm in buying groups of Prefects to be their personal assistants and helpers, with most Prefect groups being sold for about \$70 to \$80, with one Prefect even being bought for \$100 by himself. A big thank you needs to be said to Alex Carr and Edie Perrygrove from Year 12 for being our great auctioneers on the day. The SJC and Prefects were able to raise a whopping \$728 from the Prefect Auction and over \$800 from the mufti day thanks to the generosity of the students. One group of year 7s donated over \$120 by themselves! (Thank you Marissa Parel, Stacy Thetephakeaykeaw, Jordan Hare, Danielle Heath, Neda Sabeti, Emma Johnstone, and Tammy Deworth).

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# Calendar

## March 2010

- 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
  - Yr 9 Parent & Student Laptop Information Meeting – 7pm
- 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
- 27 - Information Evening for Yr 12 parents
- 28 - Official Opening of the new Science laboratories
  - Yr 9 Parent & Student Laptop Information Meeting – 7pm

## May 2010

- 3 - Yr 12 VET work placement (2 weeks)
- 4 - KHS Athletics Carnival
- 5 - Yr 10 assessment commences
  - Theatre Sports (over 8 days)
- 11 - Yr 7 & 9 - NAPLAN Tests (3 days)
- 12 - Yr 12 Macquarie Uni Tertiary Information Day
- 14 - DEAS Bronze Practice Expedition (3 days)
- 17 - Student Progress Review Evening – 3.30pm-8pm
- 18 - Zone Cross Country
- 19 - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Centre



Photos: Edmund Ong

Haiti and Chile Relief Week could only be described as a success. Killara High School students and teachers were able to raise close to \$2200. The majority of the money will be donated to the **Save the Children** organisation which will help the recovery effort in Haiti and the remaining funds will be donated to **UNICEF** for relief efforts in Chile.

On behalf of all the Student Leadership groups, I would like to thank, in particular, the teachers who helped us organize these events, the Accounts Office for helping us to organize the funds, all the student leaders who gave up their time to organize this successful week and all the students and staff who supported us in this Endeavour.

Students are also encouraged to keep an eye and ear out for other activities the Student Leadership groups have planned for Killara High for the rest of the year. All the photos that have been taken from the Haiti Relief Week will also be displayed on the notice boards in the canteen.

All the Student Leadership groups would like to wish all staff, students and members of our community a safe and relaxing break.

**Curtis Chan, Social Justice Committee**

## 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 27<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto:chrisbevitt@ihug.com.au)

# Swimming Results 2010

## Zone Swimming Carnival

The Zone Swimming Carnival was a great day with the school represented by a team of 62 swimmers. As the day went on many personal best's were broken and many swimmers secured a place to swim at the Sydney North Area Carnival. This year the team placed 4<sup>th</sup> to Turrumurra, Pennant Hills and congratulations to Cherrybrook Technology High School who took out the champion school prize for the third year.

## Our Zone Age Champions

12yrs Boys	- 5 <sup>th</sup>	- Lachlan Duff-Tytler
13ys Boys	- 4 <sup>th</sup>	- Brandon Marsh
16yrs Boys	- 5 <sup>th</sup>	- David Wheeler
17yrs Boys	- 3 <sup>rd</sup>	- Alex Zimaras
13yrs Girls	- 1 <sup>st</sup>	- Michaela Zipkis
14yrs Girls	- 5 <sup>th</sup>	- Holly Gibbons
	- 6 <sup>th</sup>	- Georgina Willis
15yrs Girls	- 1 <sup>st</sup>	- Brianna Sims

17yrs Girls - 2<sup>nd</sup> - Stephanie Cannell

Our relay teams, who achieved the following results at the Zone Swimming Carnival, also competed at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival:

The knock out relay team - 1<sup>st</sup>

17 yrs+ girls - 1<sup>st</sup>

17yrs + boys - 1<sup>st</sup>

13yrs girls - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Girls all age relay - 2<sup>nd</sup>

Girls Medley relay- 2<sup>nd</sup>

14 yrs girls - 2<sup>nd</sup>

## Sydney North Swimming Carnival

These students competed at the Sydney North Swimming Carnival at Woy Woy on 17<sup>th</sup> March: **Stephanie Cannell, Brianna Sims, Rodger Wang, Michaela Zipkis, Brandon Marsh and Holly Gibbons.**

**Jen Downes, PDHPE Faculty**

## Killara High School Tennis



Every Saturday morning during the school term around 12 teams of four people represent Killara High in tennis.

They battle head-to-head with some of the toughest junior tennis clubs and schools in the Northern Suburbs Tennis Association (NSTA) junior competition, for the NSTA cup, junior tennis' Holy Grail.

One such team is Killara 6, the team I currently captain. Consisting of **Justin Chu (Year 9), Daniel Gibbons (Year 10), Jamie Scott (Year 10) and myself, Henry Chim (Year 10).**

Last year, we played Chatswood High, MAD tennis club, North Sydney Boys High, Reddam House School, St Ignatius' College Riverview, Roseville Park and St Pius X College, with our finals match against St. Pius 6. The match was close and hotly contested. It wasn't until the very final point could I rest my tense breath. It was the combination of Jamie's consistent application, Daniel's volleying dominance and Justin's luck that finally pulled us through. The competition that day was so fierce, out of the 12 Killara teams only Killara High 6 team managed to emerge victorious in the Term 4 competition.

We owe our success to Stewart Carruthers, Killara High's official tennis coach, who has been coaching the Killara tennis team for many years and Dr Mark Carter, Principal, for providing us with an excellent home court. Currently our team, Killara 6 is going for our 3rd consecutive cup but this term we face many challenges, like the onslaught of our rivals, the North Sydney Boys team and the loss of Jamie from our team.

**Henry Chim, Year 10**

## DEAS Gold Award Expedition Briefing Session

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March 2010 – 3.00pm-4.30pm – C Block Conference Room

## Information Evening for Year 12 Parents, 2010

On **Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> 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**

### Get To Know Your Prefect



**What is your name?** Ethan Robert Johnson

**When is your birthday?** 19/7/92

**Do you have any hobbies?** Basketball

**Who are your role models?** Steve Nash, Heath Ledger and my Dad

**Ford or Holden?** Neither NISSAN MICRA all the way

**What makes you laugh?** The mirror

**Describe yourself in two words?** Loud, fun loving

**What do you usually do on a Saturday night?** Study (just for my teachers)

**What is your name?** Millie Holden

**When is your birthday?** 20<sup>th</sup> April. TURNING 17 THIS YEAR.. WOOP

**What is your favourite TV show?** Skins ☺

**Ford or Holden?** Holden!!!!

**If you could be someone else for one day, who would it be and why?** Harry Potter ... He's magical

**What makes you happy?** Colourful nail polish

**What could you not live without in your life right now?** Facebook <3



**What is your name?** Timothy Goh

**When is your birthday?** It's on the 5<sup>th</sup> of May

**Do you have any hobbies?** Music, sport, hanging out with friends

**What's on the back of your year 12 jersey?** Up & Goh

**Ford or Holden?** HSV/FPV...I wouldn't mind owning either ☺

**Do you have a dream place you would like to visit?** Well, not a dream place, but a whole string of destinations...

**What year 7 home group do you mentor?** Mr Butler's 7T!

## 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, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2010, 9am to 12noon**

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> April 2010, 8am to 12noon**

**Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto: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 Evenings 2010

Three of these evenings have been scheduled for next term to give parents and teachers an opportunity to meet and discuss students' progress so far this year.

This year the evenings will be held on

**Monday, 29<sup>th</sup> March (Stage 4 only)**

**Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> May**

***Interviews can be scheduled between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.00pm. However, please be aware that teachers will not be available for the entire period of 4.5 hours. They need a break at some stage during the evening or may not be available for the entire time.***

As Year 12 Semester 1 reports are not issued until after the second evening, Year 12 parents are asked to make appointments to meet teachers at the 25<sup>th</sup> May Student Progress Review evening.

Please have your son, daughter or ward book your appointments as soon as possible.

### **Please note –**

□ Booking sheets will be issued early in Term 2 for the 17<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> May evenings. Booking sheets for Years 7 and 8 students have already been issued. In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could establish with your child which of the evenings you prefer and an approximate block of time that would be convenient to you on that night. With this

information your child can start booking interviews for you as soon as the sheet is issued.

□ Parents are asked to bring the appointment sheet with them to these meetings. The appointment sheet highlights the names of the teachers, courses taught by them and appointment times.

□ The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will indicate course/ faculty locations and signs on tables will indicate locations of individual teachers.

□ **Interviews are of five minutes duration. Parents and teachers are asked to restrict their discussion to that time in fairness to all families seeking interviews. If teachers and/or parents feel the need to discuss matters further, another mutually convenient time should be arranged.**

□ Interviews must be prearranged. To drop in on the off chance of speaking to a teacher can prove very frustrating to those with appointments. Please give consideration to the needs of other parents and the staff during these evenings.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with the school staff to discuss your child's progress. Year Advisers, a School Counsellor, Careers Adviser and the Support Teacher Learning Assistance will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school.

**Ken Hopley, Glenda Robinson and Liz Diprose**  
**Deputy Principals**

## Year 9 Parent & Student Laptop Information Meetings

**Term 2 Week 1 - Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April 2010**

**OR**

**Term 2 Week 2 - Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> April 2010**

**7.00pm in the Kerrabee Theatre**

Parents are required to attend one of these important meetings, where responsibilities of families and students regarding laptops will be explained and questions answered

Students will be issued with their laptops AFTER these meetings.

## New Timetables to Begin Next Term

During Week 10, all students will be issued with new timetables for commencement Week 1 next term. The majority of Stage 5 and 6 classes have only minimal changes. Year 7 classes also have minimal changes.

The formation of an additional Year 8 class has brought about major changes for this Year. Year 8 students will continue to study the language of their choice. The Year has been divided into three sections

– GPY, RAM, IDS – with students purposefully placed in each grouping for English, Science, HSIE, PDHPE, CAPA and TAS. Within each group students have been reallocated to a suitable Mathematics class.

The new timetable has been structured to accommodate the future appointments of teachers to vacant positions with minimal disruption.

**Liz Diprose, Deputy Principal**



## Physics Lecture by an Outstanding Scientist

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Our Year 11 science students were provided with an exceptional opportunity when Dr Cathy Foley spoke to them on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March. Dr Foley sits on the Prime Minister's Science Council, she has been awarded a prize as an outstanding Science communicator and the Sydney Morning Herald nominated her as one of Australia's 100 most influential people. We are fortunate that Dr Foley is associated with Killara High School.

She spoke of the importance of basic physics concepts that the students are studying now. She cited that it was a physicist who solved the mystery of Caroline Byrne's death by using projectile motion equations.

The importance of seat belts was demonstrated using a trolley and an egg. Dr Foley showed how this relies

on Newton's Laws of Motion. Newton's Third Law was shown using teams of students pulling in a tug of war.

This was a wonderful lecture as it made concrete, concepts often seen as abstract by our students and explained the everyday importance of the work these young physicists are doing right now.

Dr Foley also spoke of her own background, how she became a research scientist and the excitement and variety that her profession provides her.

Thank you Dr Cathy Foley!  
**Ann Dixon, Science Faculty**

## Stage Head Teachers' Report

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How the time has flown this term with everything from camps, carnivals and course work!!!! As we approach the end of first term, it is timely to remind parents and students of the upcoming Student Progress Review Evenings. The first one is next Monday and is specifically for parents of Stage 4 (Year 7 and 8) students. Students have been reminded that it is their responsibility to arrange appointment times and record these on their booking sheet. Booking back-to-back appointments should be avoided as parents need time to find each teacher. For those attending for the first time, there will be a map of the hall showing the position of each faculty. Please ensure that you know which faculties your child's teachers are from. There will be people available to assist you in locating the area of the hall. If you require the assistance of an interpreter, contact the school on 9498 3722.

**Year 8 students** will be given their new classes for the remainder of the year. With the introduction of an extra class, most children will have some new teachers as well as new classmates.

**Year 9 students** have recently completed a survey about Preferred Learning Styles (PLS). The purpose of this is to inform their teachers and, hence, the teaching and learning programs for individual students who have significant preferences. The majority of learners will have more than one preferred

learning style but some may have only one strong preference. Once the survey results have been collated, targeted students will be giving tips in improving their less preferred styles and teachers will be made aware of individual students who may need a more varied style of lesson delivery. Parents who wish to know more about their child's PLS are asked to contact Mrs Longhurst (HT Stage 5) on Extension 129 at the beginning of next term.

Mid-course assessments are now completed for **Year 12 students** who are anxiously awaiting feedback from their teachers. Now, more than ever, is the time to ensure that their current pattern of study is the one they wish to follow through to the HSC. Students are encouraged to discuss their options with their classroom teachers and their parents and seek further assistance from Mrs Black (HT Stage 6).

Lastly, a reminder. Winter uniform will be expected to be worn next term. If you are unsure of the specific details, please refer to your Student Diary. Remember that in very cold weather you may only wear non-uniform clothing **UNDER** your KHS jumper.

Enjoy the vacation and stay safe.

**Julie Phelan (Stage 4)**  
**Jill Longhurst (Stage 5)**  
**Christine Black (Stage 6)**

## Calling Korean Parents of Killara High School

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Recently some KHS Korean parents have become involved with the Killara High School P&C to be part of our children's school life and share useful information to help them.

We have 16 families and 19 students from Year 7 to 11. If you would like to join us please contact me by email or phone. My contact details are 0431 154 177 or [kwonheehan@gmail.com](mailto:kwonheehan@gmail.com).

**Kwon Hee Han, Year 7 Parent**

## Did You Know . . .?

**Eliza Cepak (Year 9)** achieved 6<sup>th</sup> place at the Nationals Hammer Throw U16's, throwing a distance of 30.88m.

**Elyse Powell (Year 8) and Sarah Conningham (Year 10)** recently competed in the NSW State Gymnastics competition where they came 1<sup>st</sup>. They have since been selected to represent Australia at the World

Championships to be held in July in Poland. We wish them great success.

**Harry Howarth (Year 7)** has been selected as a member of a Sydney representative soccer team to compete in the Mediterranean International Cup in Barcelona, Spain, next week.

## Notice to students and parents: Responsible use of electronic communications devices

Recently a small number of students in Year 8 has admitted to the inappropriate use of electronic devices, in particular mobile phones.

Since the incident earlier this month, staff and police officers from Ku-ring- gai Local Area Command have met with students to explain the law relating to use of electronic devices and the serious consequences that may arise from inappropriate use. All students and adults in this community are required to abide by the law. Responsible use of electronic devices and the need for compliance with the school's Code of Conduct was emphasised. Students have also been reminded of their responsibilities to each other and the need for care and consideration of their peers at all times.

All students and their parents are reminded that any breaches of the school Code of Conduct will be dealt with in relation to the school's student Welfare and Discipline Policy and the NSW Department of Education and Training Procedures for the Suspension and Expulsion of School Students. Where students

may have broken the law, these matters will also be referred to the Police.

Ms Julie Jones, Police Liaison Officer for Killara High School, will be available on the night of the next P&C meeting, Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> May, to speak to parents about risks associated with students' use of 21<sup>st</sup> century communications technology.

I seek parents' support in reminding our young people of their responsibilities in the use of all communication devices such as mobile phones and computers and in so doing contribute to a safe and caring school environment for all.

Elsewhere in this Newsletter is a notice informing Year 9 parents of important information evenings regarding the use of laptops. Parents are strongly urged to attend one of the scheduled meetings. Issues relating to cyber-safety, responsible use of the internet and the agreement students and parents need to sign prior to receiving their laptops, will be discussed.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

### ★ Entertainment Book 2010/2011 ★

The P&C will be selling the new Entertainment Book shortly to raise funds for the school. So don't buy your book anywhere else and watch this space for more information!

For those of you who haven't had one before, The Entertainment<sup>TM</sup> Book is a local restaurant and activity guide which provides valuable 25% to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers from the local restaurants, cafes, attractions and accommodation.

### 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 22<sup>nd</sup> May 2010

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

**More information:**

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

## "My Space" Parenting, Technology and Adolescents

Parent Line is a telephone counselling, information and referral service for parents and carers of children ages 0 to 18 in New South Wales.

Many parents are not comfortable or familiar with the technological world that their children live in.

Children often have more skills and knowledge about technology than parents. This can create anxiety and fear in parents. Nearly 50% of Australian children access the internet after school and use it 2 – 6 days a week and 25% use it every day.

On average children spend 7.9 hours per fortnight playing online games. (NSW Govt Factsheet "Game over! Knowing when to stop", 2009)

So how can parents influence what their adolescent children are doing on line?

1. Educate yourself about their on line activity. Be curious and interested when you talk to your children about technology and what it means in their lives.
2. Try to have the computer in a public space so that there is a transparency about their on line activity.

3. Instead of being critical of technology, discuss what is concerning you about it (e.g. their safety, lack of sleep etc)
4. Make an assessment about whether their on line activity is impacting these areas.
5. If you are concerned or think that your child might be addicted to on line activity, contact a professional for help.

For the cost of a local call, Parent Line's professional counsellors are available 24 hours a day to talk through any of your parenting concerns on 1300 1300 52 or visit our website [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**

## Where Are They Now?

"We dance for laughter, we dance for tears, we dance for madness, we dance for fears, we dance for hopes, we dance for screams, we are the dancers, we create the dreams." – Anonymous.



Hello from Macau!! With only two weeks' notice and only four days after finalising Year 12 at Killara, I was on a plane flying to Macau to work on a three month contract as a dancer, for the Venetian Hotel. Throughout Year 12, my plan was always to go to University and study Media and

Communications. I loved dancing, but at that time I did not believe I had enough talent to pursue dancing as a career. It was a hobby I was passionate about. I was accepted into the University of New South Wales for 2009 but life had other plans; before the year ended I was offered a place for 2009 at ED5 International, one of the top full-time performing art colleges in Sydney.

Throughout that year I was given many opportunities. I was featured in the Australian Idol winner Stan Walker's video film clip "Black Box", I appeared in the "So You Think You Can Dance" Grand Final Opening, and Nikki Webster's "Devilicious" video film clip. We also had the chance to participate in a workshop with American choreographer Michael Schwandt, Supple (SYTYCD choreographer), Ian Knauer ("Mamma Mia" USA), Ben Veitch and Amy Campbell (SYTYCD finalists).

After studying the intensive one year course I gained a Certificate IV with a Dance Major. I was then offered a job by the Venetian Macau Resort Hotel- the biggest

casino in the world and a 5 star hotel, as a performing artist for live entertainment. The Venetian is 10.5 million square feet, twice the size of the Las Vegas original.

This was my first ever audition in the professional entertainment industry and I remember I was so nervous! I was pulled aside after the third round by the audition panel. They offered me the job straight away and told me that I did not need to stay for the last round! And soon, I left home for Macau on the 14<sup>th</sup> December. We had 2 weeks rehearsal, learning four 15 minute shows. I live in the luxurious Venetian Hotel, working 6 days a week, with one day off.



In those times I have had the chance to see Cirque Du Soleil (which is set right here in the Venetian) explore Macau and cross the Border into Zhuhai; going shopping and eating lots of local food as well as sightseeing! I have also been able to pop over to Hong Kong a couple of times, which is an hour's trip by ferry. The highlights of that were Disneyland, and again, the amazing food and shopping!! I have met some amazing people here; people who already have impacted my life in so many ways. The entertainment team is wonderful!



I have learnt so many new things, growing as a person and becoming more independent. I am loving it here!! And I know that this is only just the beginning.

Last week I was offered an extension to my current contract for another three months. So here I am, having so much fun, living my life that was once only a dream; now I know what it really feels like to do something you love and get paid for it! I honestly feel like I'm on an extended holiday! I can't wait to see

## From the Library

***The Premier's Reading Challenge has started. You can now login to the PRC website on your portal...start reading now!!***

### **New fiction titles**

Falconer, Delia (editor) ***The Best Australian Stories 2009.***

Fitzhugh, Louise. ***Harriet the Spy.***

Koontz, Dean. ***The Funhouse***

Mason, Sophie. ***The Hunt for Ned Kelly.***

Nix, Garth. ***The Keys to the Kingdom: Lord Sunday.***

Pratchett, Terry. ***Guards! Guards!***

Rankin, Ian. ***The Complaints.***

Roy, James. ***Anonymity Jones.***

Smith, Wilbur. ***The Eye of the Tiger***

### **New Fiction Titles In Detail**

Abdel-Fattah, Randa. ***Where the Streets had a Name.***  
Thirteen-year-old Hayaat is on a mission. She believes a handful of soil from her grandmother's ancestral home in Jerusalem will save her beloved Sitti Zeynab's life. The only problem is the impenetrable wall that divides the West Bank, as well as the check points, the curfews, the permit system and Hayaat's best friend Samy, who is mainly interested in football and the latest elimination on *X-Factor*, yet always manages to attract trouble.

Cotton, Menena and Faria, Rosana. ***The Black Book of Colours.***

Thomas can't see colours because he is blind...but he can hear them and smell them and touch them and taste them. Now see the world the way Thomas sees it.

Kate, Lauren. ***Fallen.***

Some angels are destined to fall...Instant, intense. Weirdly familiar. The moment Luce looks at Daniel she knows she has never felt like this before. Except she can't shake the feeling that she *has*...and with

what the future holds. University is still on the cards. But right now I am going to soak up this amazing experience, live in this moment, enjoy and love every single second of it!!

My lesson learnt: "If you can imagine it, you can create it. If you can dream it, you can become it." - William Arthur Ward.

**Katy Hong, Year 12 2008**

*him...* - a boy she doesn't remember ever setting eyes on. Will her attempt to find out why enlighten her – or destroy her? A thrilling story about forbidden love.

Marchetta, Melina. ***The Piper's Son.***

Thomas Mackee wants oblivion. Wants to forget parents who leave and friends he used to care about and favourite uncles being blown to smithereens on their way to work on the other side of the world. But when his flatmates turn him out of the house, Tom moves in with his single, pregnant aunt, Georgie, starts working at the Union pub with his former friends, and winds up living with his grieving father again. And remembers how he walked away from Tara Finke two years ago, after his uncle's death. In a year when everything's broken, Tom realises that his family and friends need him to help put the pieces back together as much as he needs them.

Tolstoy, Leo. ***Anna Karenina.***

Anna Karenina seems to have everything – beauty, wealth, popularity and an adored son. But she feels that her life is empty until the moment she encounters the impetuous officer Count Vronsky. Their subsequent affair scandalizes society and family alike, and soon brings jealousy and bitterness in its wake. Contrasting with this tale of love and self-destruction is the vividly observed story of Levin – a man striving to find contentment and meaning to his life – and also a self-portrait of Tolstoy himself.

Wang, Gabrielle. ***Little paradise.***

Melbourne 1943 and Mirabel is seventeen. She's leaving school, designing dresses, falling in love. Then fate intervenes, her forbidden affair discovered, and JJ is posted to China where a civil war is raging. Despite all warnings, Mirabel sets off for Shanghai to find him...Inspired by a true story.

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

## **Lindfield Rotary Fun Run 2010**

10km Run and 5km Run/Walk - Roseville Park, Clanville Road, Roseville

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2010**

Organised by the Rotary Club of Lindfield Inc.

Register online at [www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au](http://www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au)

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

## National Youth Week - 10<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> April Ku-ring-gai Councils Youth Week events

### Monday 12<sup>th</sup> April - Labour of Love Youth Art Exhibition Opening night

Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway  
Gordon from 7pm.

If you would like to enter a work please call 9424 0981 to obtain an entry form. Deadline for applications is Friday 2<sup>nd</sup> April

### Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> April - Launch of the Youth Services Crime Prevention Resource

Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway  
Gordon from 6:30pm

This resource includes three short films that cover a range of youth related issues that have been produced by Youth Services and acted by young people from the Ku-ring-gai Area. Be the first to see these short films on this night. RSVP by 9<sup>th</sup> April on Tel. 9424 0981.

### Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April - Sounds of the Secret Garden

Free live acoustic afternoon and BBQ from 2:30pm – 6:30pm at the Gordon Library Garden.

### Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> April - Discobility

A dance party for Young people with special needs - 6:30pm-9:30 pm at St Ives Youth Centre, off Memorial Ave. \$5 entry. To RSVP call 9424 0981

Family, carers and friends welcome.

### Parent Forums

Ku-ring-gai Council hosts a series of parent forums throughout the year. Each one covers a youth related topic and information is delivered by highly respected experts within the industry. The next parent forum is on 19<sup>th</sup> April and the topic is 'Your Child's Road Map to Thriving at School.' Forums are held at Council Chambers from 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Entry- gold coin donation. To RSVP call 9424 0837

For more information about youth services please visit [www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth](http://www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth)



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

## PUBLIC FORUM

Hosted by Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment Inc  
(FOKE)

### DICK SMITH

Businessman, entrepreneur, adventurer, philanthropist, aviator, a passionate advocate for the environment and one of "Australia's Living Treasures."

*"POPULATE – PERISH OR PROSPER?"*

**On: Thursday 15th April 2010**

**At: Killara Uniting Church Hall**  
Cnr Karranga Ave & Arnold St ("Five Ways")  
Killara

**Time: 8.00pm** (following the conclusion of  
FOKE's 2010 AGM.)

Mr Smith, founder of Australian Geographic, aviator, explorer, film-maker received the Lindbergh Award in 1992, an annual world-wide award given to one individual for lifetime achievement for a balance between technical advancement and environmental preservation.

Mr Smith grew up in Ku-ring-gai.

FOKE is delighted to welcome Mr Dick Smith to Ku-ring-gai to speak on the most pressing issue in Australia today: population growth.

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St Leonards

### Managing HSC Stress Program

This is a 4-week program for students who are currently completing year 11 and year 12.

The program aims to assist students to better manage the stress of the HSC and teaches a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. It can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

The next program will be run in **Term 2 2010** starting on Tuesday 4th May. Sessions will run from 4pm – 5.30pm.

The Managing HSC Stress Program is run **free of charge** however **bookings are required**.

For more information or to book a place in this program, please call 9514 4077. All services are confidential.