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Thank You

The school would like to thank a former parent of the school, Mr Jim Pringle, for his kind donation of a quantity of mahogany and cedar suitable for use by our Industrial Technology (Timber and Furniture Products) students, particularly in their HSC projects.

Mr Pringle had two children who attended Killara High some years ago, who expressed fond memories of their time here.

KHS Newsletter On Line

The next issue of the Newsletter will only be available by website link unless a hard copy is specifically requested.

For more information, see Page 6.

The Bruce Kelso Political Forum

For Year 12 students turning 18 means entering the world of adulthood and accepting adult rights and responsibilities. An often overlooked obligation (that falls somewhere between a right and a responsibility) is casting your first vote. In honour of this, the great democratic practice of voting, Killara high Prefects **Annabel Osborn and Cameron Carmody** hosted the Bruce Kelso Political Forum for 2010.



Pictured left to right: David Brigden, Paul Fletcher, Cate Faehrmann and Annabel Osborn.

Photo: Edmund Ong

The intention of the forum was, according to Cameron Carmody, twofold. Firstly, to "make sure the Year 12s of Killara High School know how to vote" and secondly, know "who to vote for and why". In attendance at the forum were Bradfield Liberal MP Paul Fletcher, future NSW Upper House member for the Greens, Cate Faehrmann and Secretary of the Ku-ring-gai Labor Party, David Brigden.

In their introductory speeches the representatives, in typical politician fashion, pitched their party's policy to their future constituents. However in atypical politician fashion all representatives reiterated the importance of the "right to choose in a democracy". Once the forum was opened to students the questions came hot and fast. Topics ranged from the Northern Territory Intervention and NAPLAN Testing to Health Care and Climate Change. Killara High Year 12 students proved wrong the cynics who say teenagers are "disillusioned with politics".

The forum had offered a unique chance to question those in politics about policy. It was a process that yielded argument and discord but also served as an affirmation of the importance of being a well-informed voter. As Whitney Houston famously sang: "children are our future".

Joel Perlgut, Year 12 Student

Calendar

May 2010

- 27 Yr 12 English Advanced "Hamlet Intensive" Kerrabee Theatre
- 28 Biggest Morning Tea (student fundraising event)

June 2010

- 1 Yr 12 Legal Studies lectures
- 4 Yr 12 Physics Assessment (Sydney University)
 - SRC 40th KHS Anniversary Event
- 8 Yr 7 Immunisation Program
 - SRC Connected Classroom Project
- 11 Year 9 Commerce Market Day-Lunch-Basketball Court
 - Prefect Mufti-Day
- 14 Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
- 15 Yrs 9 & 10 Theatre Sports (4 days)
- 16 Yr 11 Visual Arts Excursion
 - P&C Meeting 8pm C Block Conference Room
 - SRE Senior Seminars
- 17 Sydney North Cross Country Carnival Gosford Race Course
- 18 Yr 8 Music Drum Beats Workshop (P1-2)
- 21 CAPA Fest (3 days)
- 22 Yr 12 Geography Excursion (2 days)
- 23 Zone Athletics Carnival Homebush
- 24 Yr 12 PDHPE First Aid in a Box
- Yr 12 Economics Excursion (TBC)
- 25 SJC Mufti Day
- 28 Yrs 8 & 10 Course Section Parent Information Evening - Theatre
- 29 Yr 11 Senior Science Field Work
 - Yrs 11 & 12 Japanese Excursion
- 30 Yr 8 Gala Day
 - Yr 12 Earth & Environmental Science Field Work

July 2010

- PDHPE HSC Enrichment Day St Ignatius College
- 2 Vietnam/Cambodia Study Tour leaves
 - Yr 8 History Medieval Day (Theatre)
 - Last Day Term 2
- 19 School Development Day
- 20 First Day Term 3 Students
 - Trial HSC commences
 - Yr 10 Science and Engineering Challenge - Macquarie University

No Nuts at Killara High School

A number of students at Killara High School have very high levels of sensitivity to nuts which can cause severe allergic reactions. Sometimes these reactions can be life threatening. In the interests of students' safety the school will implement a policy of banning all nuts on the school premises and at school events.

There are several students who are extremely allergic to any trace of nuts on people's hands, on paper, on plates and so on. While these students manage their allergies well, the risks are severe and the danger disproportionate to the convenience of having nuts at the school. The school therefore asks that **all nut products** be removed from students' lunch and recess snacks. In addition please be vigilant when baking cakes and cookies for class parties or for fundraising events. Such things as energy or health bars should be checked for nut components and left at home if they contain nuts or nut traces. This ban applies to all staff, students and volunteer workers at the school. The school canteen and classes involving food preparation currently apply this ban on nuts and nut products.

We thank the Killara community for its co-operation in this matter. While there is a degree of inconvenience it is a small price to pay for guaranteeing the health and safety of all of our students.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Laptop Screen Damage and Care

The school has been informed that the damage to laptop screens is not covered by warranty. Additionally repairs to damaged laptop screens are not being covered by DET insurance. This is irrespective of whether or not the damage was caused by an accident. The school does not have the resources to cover the cost of damage to these laptops. This means that the cost of repairs to laptops will have to be borne by the family of each student whose laptop requires repair. Currently the cost of a screen repair is approximately \$300. This is potentially a significant additional cost to families.

Parents and carers are asked to remind children that they should take extra care in handling and using the laptop they have been issued.

The school's policy is that in the event that a student's family does not pay for repairs for a machine not covered by warranty or insurance, the student will have access to a computer on a day to day basis at school. This loan machine is not to leave the school grounds.

Ross Kirbyshire, Head Teacher Computer Studies

Cybersafety

Members of the welfare team recently attended an ACMA (Australia Communications and Media Authority) workshop on Cybersafety. The main issues discussed were teaching positive online behaviour, cyberbullying, digital media literacy, our digital footprint and being a good cyber citizen.

Some interesting features of the day included:

- the rapid change of cyber trends
- cyberbullying as a faceless crime
- the ramifications of our digital footprint
- how much personal information students often give away while social networking
- the use of your cyber profile by recruitment agencies

The webite <u>www.cybersmart.gov.au</u> has very useful information for students and parents.

Clair-Louise Schofield (Year 8 Adviser) and Melissa Foster (Year 7 Adviser)

KHS Athletics Carnival 2010

The carnival this year was held on Tuesday 4th May at Narrabeen Sport and Recreation Centre. The weather was on our side this year as the sun shone helping to keep everyone's spirits high and motivated to run. It was great to see more students competing this year. Congratulations to all competitors.

The new records for this year are:

Georgia Griffith	12-14yrs 400 m	1:03.51
Vivienne Wild	12 yrs Triple Jump	7.96m
Daniel Grob	17-19yrs Triple Jump	12.40m
Georgia Swinton	12yrs Discus 12yrs Javelin	26.68m 20.71m
Eliza Cepak	15 yrs Discus 15yrs Javelin 15yrs Shot Put	29.93m 29.39m 9.67m
Nicole Laird	17-19yrs High Jump	1.48m
Rachel Armstrong	13yrs Triple Jump	8.82m
Annika Wun	14yrs Triple Jump	9.34m

Good luck to the zone team for Wednesday 23rd June at Homebush

The Age Champions are:

	Boys	Girls		
12yrs	Peter Bowes	Vivienne Wild		
13yrs	Brandon Marsh	Rachel Armstrong		
14yrs Sam Mackay		Ella Gibson		
15yrs Ryan Persson		Eliza Cepak		
16yrs Mitchell Hansen		Carina Jacobs		
17yrs	Chris Royle	Emilie Sharp		

Congratulations to Kimba on being the winning house:

Kimba - 1601 Mundara - 1058 Doongara - 879 Caringa - 850

Jennifer Downes, Carnival Coordinator

Combined High Schools Swimming Carnival

The results from Combined High Schools are:

Stephanie Cannell -

3rd - 100m Butterfly,

6th - 200m Freestyle and

8th - 100m Backstroke and 50m Freestyle,

Brianna Sims -

7th - 100m Breaststroke

8th - 100m Freestyle and 200m Freestyle

12th - 50m Freestyle.

Michaela Zipkis -

13th - 100m Butterfly

Roger Wang –was sadly disqualified in the 100m Breaststroke

17 yrs+ girls

The 17+ girls relay team comprised Jessica Young, Cherie Kelly, Brianna Sims and Stephanie Cannell - placed 13th

The 17+ boys relay team comprised **Alex Zimaras**, **Dean Kelly**, **David Wheeler and Stephen MacKay** - placed 11th.

Congratulations to all swimmers who have represented the school this year.

NSW All Schools Swimming Carnival

Stephanie Cannell placed equal 1st in the 100m Butterfly.



Stephanie has been selected to represent NSW at the Australian Schools championships to be held in Brisbane on 5th-11th June.

Congratulations, Stephanie, on your selection.

Jennifer Downs, Carnival Coordinator

Year 11 Jindabyne Camp

Jindabyne was a pleasant experience for all who went. The activities were fun and varied and the weather was hot. It was a fantastic week which was worth the eight hour journey.

I would like to thank all the staff who attended for providing such an enjoyable week.

James Whitfield, Year 11







No Sports Car . . . But a Big Bash! . . . We only turn 40 once!!

Killara High School may be celebrating its 40th birthday at Koola Ave, but there's definitely no mid-life crisis looming.

Instead, the big 4-0 is cause for a fabulous birthday bash. What form the party will take is still under

wraps, but the parents' organizing committee is encouraging us to get into the spirit and mark our calendars for **Saturday 28th August at 7pm**.

What we can tell you is that the theme is 'ruby' - the stone associated with 40th anniversaries and ruby red

dancing shoes. And music will be supplied by *Gluteus Maximus* playing covers of the 70's 80's and 90's.

In its relatively short life, KHS has made a name for itself on the education landscape. It carries on a proud tradition started by the first school on the North Shore. KHS can trace its history back in an unbroken lineage to 1844 and the North Shore Presbyterian School ('St Peter's'), which makes us, arguably 166 years old!

As well as party planning, the committee is looking at ways to acknowledge the School's history.

Year 8 Parents' Party

Year 8 Parents, at last, an opportunity for us to meet, greet and have some fun!

Saturday 12th June 2010 at 7:00pm

Meet at the Highway Bar in the Greengate Hotel, Pacific Highway, Killara We'll be under the helium balloons!

Looking forward to your positive RSVP

Cathy Braun: cathy-braun@yahoo.com.au; Denise Gamaroff: gamafam@optusnet.com.au;

School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Course Information Meetings for Parents of Year 8 and 10 Students

Years 8 and 10 parents and students are advised that it is the time for selection of courses for 2011.

Information sessions for the parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

Monday, 28th June 2010 in the Kerrabee Theatre Year 8 at 7pm and Year 10 at 7.45pm

In order to provide students and parents with as much information as possible to assist in decision-making regarding programs of study for students in Year 9 and 11 2011, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to Year 8 and Year 10 during Week 9.

The booklets contain a wealth of general and specific information about courses and programs of study.

The meetings will provide parents and students with details about NSW Board of Studies requirements for the award of the School and Higher School Certificates in 2012.

All faculties will have representatives available at the evening meeting to present information about courses and answer any questions or queries you may have.

Students will be asked to return their completed course selection forms, nominating their course choices, to school early in Term 3.

Christine Black, Head Teacher Stage 6 Jill Longhurst, Head Teacher Stage 5

Get To Know Your Prefect:



What is your name? Grace Tame When is your birthday? 23rd February

Do you have any hobbies? Baking, reading, knitting, watching a film or 3 Do you have a Message for people? - Wash your hands, always! & with SOAP! What do you believe in? Reincarnation and ufo's, I saw one the other night actually.

If you could have one wish what would it be? For someone else to do the HSC for me. And ace it.

What could you not live without in your life right now? A good book and earl grey tea.



What is your name? Kay Pengelly When is your birthday? 4th March What is your favourite TV show? Glee

What is your earliest childhood memory? My brother getting his head stuck in a wall when I was six years old

If you could have one super power what would it be? Teleportation What makes you happy? Pink Grapefruits What can you cook? I burn salads

Grounds Working Bee - Thank You

On Sunday 23rd May, a small team of parents carried out some much needed maintenance on the grounds, garden and facilities. In particular, mulching at the front of the school and new small trees and shrubs were planted. The boundaries of the school along Churchill Rd and Wentworth Avenue were also cleared of debris accumulated over recent months.

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

Over the last eight 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. Tim Hand, Jay Kim, Kwon Hee and Q-Ho Han, Miae Lee, Yeon-Ho Choi, David Jordan, Bruce and Alison Griffin, Greg and Rosie Swords and student, Anton Lubbers.

Richard Frith, P&C Grounds Committee Convenor

From the Principal's Mailbag

I do wish you to know how much your students' participation in community services programs at James Milson Village is appreciated by the residents, the staff, the Board and myself.

At a time when many of our residents feel very vulnerable and in a way removed from the general community, it is of great support and consolation to experience the presence, the connectivity and brightness of your students.

Congratulations to you for empowering the scheme and the teacher/coordinator for ensuring its implementation, but especially thanks to each and every student of Killara High School, that has helped enhance the quality of life of James Milson residents.

Michael O'Dea

Chairman, North Sydney Retirement Trust

School Newsletters and Email Addresses

In April an email alert was sent to parents with a link to the current KHS newsletter. In the future newsletters will be sent via email, unless students request a hard copy from their respective Home Group teachers.

The email alert that will be sent to families currently looks like this:

This email is intended ONLY for the parents and carers of students at Killara High School.

The links below will take you to the current issue of the Killara High School fortnightly Newsletter or the Killara High School website.

Current Newsletter:

http://www.killara-

h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sites/swsRepo/8457/asset/2010/5/19eb9eeb286a61ea012894fdce131eb6.pdf

KHS Website: www.khs.nsw.edu.au

To update your email details please ask your son/daughter to collect a Contact Details form from the Administration Office in A Block and return the completed form to the Administration Office.

** Please do not reply to this email **

This message is intended for the addressee named and may contain privileged information or confidential information or both. If you are not the intended recipient please delete it and notify Killara High School on 9498 3722.

The accuracy and number of email addresses in the school's administration system is critical to the successful communication of newsletter availability. If your email details have changed or you wish to have your details updated or recorded, please complete the following slip and ask your son/daughter to bring it to the school administration office.

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Student (2):	Home Group						
Student (3):	Home Group						
Relationship to student/s :							
family email address:							
Mother :	Father :						
Guardian:							
Signed :	Date :						

Stage Band 1 Performs at the Darling Harbour Jazz and Blues Festival

As I woke up early on a very inclement and cold Saturday 22nd May, staying in bed and indoors was certainly a passing thought. But not to be! I had committed myself to supervising the KHS Stage Band 1 at the Darling Harbour Jazz and Blues Festival under the direction of John Morrison (well known in jazz circles and also brother of James Morrison). John has been directing and sharing his expertise with our Stage Band 1 since the beginning of this year. When asked by the Festival's organising committee, he nominated the KHS Stage Band 1 to perform.

From the moment we arrived in the dressing room behind the Tumbalong Park Stage, Killara students did us proud. They responded respectfully to John's instructions both before and after they took their places on stage.

Stage Band 1 is a diverse group of students ranging from Year 8 though to Year 11 and their teamwork and respect and support for each other was most evident.

Not discouraged by the small but enthusiastic crowd, Stage Band 1 showed their talents, with several of the students bravely performing solos. After one hour, which went too quickly, John thanked the audience but also acknowledged the pleasure that he gets from working with such a fine and talented group of your men and women.

So, well done, Stage Band 1 – you definitely did Killara High proud.

Congratulations: Nicholas Barnard, Alex Batt, Dean Bevitt, Matthew Bruck, Nick Duce, Luke Gerber, Alex Hall, Bronte Hall, Sam Mackay, Stephen Mackay, Jeremy McNamara, Melissa Mony, Ollie Nelson, Tim Sharp, Ellie Shearer, Lauren Stern, Marcus Swift, Nicholas Ujhazy, Georgie Willis and Matthew Wun.

It was definitely worthwhile, and it was a pleasure to watch and listen to such talented and dedicated young people.

Thank you Stage Band 1.

Julie Phelan, Head Teacher Stage 4

Dress Guidelines for Mufti Days at Killara High School

Recently on mufti days some students made some inappropriate decisions in their choice of clothing for a school event. While a great way to raise money for charity, mufti days require students to dress appropriately and safely. Occupational health and safety rules, such as wearing **enclosed footwear**, must be observed in science labs and Design and Technology rooms.

The guidelines listed below are not definitive but KHS staff would ask parents to become involved and give their sons and daughters some guidance as to dress which is not immodest, disrespectful or unsafe.

Girls Should Not Wear:

Very brief shorts/ skirts

- Midriff/singlet/ bikini tops
- Transparent or low cut blouses
- Thongs or Ug boots
- Large hoop earrings/ excessive jewellery

Boys Should Not Wear:

- Low slung jeans or shorts which reveal underwear
- Singlet tops
- Thongs or Ug boots

Mufti days should be fun and a chance to display some individuality in dress but also stay safe! The student dress code for mufti days is printed in student diaries. Please help maintain a standard which brings credit to our school and to you and your family.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Welfare

Year 7 Vaccination Program

On Tuesday June 8^{th} Year 7 students <u>only</u> will be receiving their 2^{nd} Dose of the HPV.

Records have been retained by Area North Health for those students who are eligible for the second dose of HPV so only those students will be called out of class on 8th June.

Chickenpox Vaccination Program Delay

Consent forms for Chicken Pox vaccination were issued through Home Groups on 26th May and must be returned to their home group teacher.

Due to a shortage of chickenpox vaccine supply, **Year 7 students** who were due for vaccination on 8th June

will be vaccinated later in the year when supply will become available.

This will mean that some students will need to have three vaccines on the same day i.e. Human Papillomavirus vaccine dose 3, Hepatitis B vaccine dose 2 and the Chickenpox vaccine. Please be reassured that these vaccines can all be given on the same day.

For further information, parents can contact the Immunisation Team at the Northern Sydney Central Coast Public Health Unit on 02 9477 9019 (Northern Sydney Office) or 02 4349 4845 (Central Coast Office).

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Bronze Practice Expedition

Three separate DEAS reports from our Year 9 students were submitted for publication this week. It seems the experiences reported below left their mark!

Report 1: We left on Friday (14th May) afternoon for the Belanglo State Forest and Bangadilly National Park to start our DEAS adventure. With our backpacks, tents, food and equipment, we hiked about 15kms over the weekend staying in an eco hut on Friday night and camping in the bush on Saturday night.

We had great weather for walking during the days, but the nights were very cold. We all took it in turns to lead the way, using maps and compasses, walking along river banks, struggling through thick bush at times and climbing very steep gorges to reach our destinations.

Warming ourselves around the campfire in the evening, we chatted about the adventure that awaited us the next day, route selection, food and the toilet (or lack of).

Many thanks to the teachers, outdoor education group staff and parents for a great experience and assisting us to do this practice walk. Our next expedition, the qualifier in September, I hope will be just as good or better than the one we have just done.

Isabelle Pont, Year 9



Report 2: Getting to school and feeling the excitement in the air was a massive rush. The big backpacks blocked the view as we walked through the A Block corridor. As we hopped on the bus (smuggling our food with us) the chatter was full of nervous energy. When we arrived at Belanglo State Forest we unloaded, separated into groups, got assigned our leaders and were briefed for the three day trip. We set out to navigate through the bushwalking paths all the way to our hut for the night.

A small misadventure down the wrong track only hindered our journey slightly but unfortunately we were overtaken, a healthy rivalry between the groups was evident. When we finally arrived at our huts for the night we were pleasantly surprised. A long-drop toilet was just 10 metres from our hut. No digging for us tonight!



The next morning we woke up at 7.00 (apparently this was a sleep in!) and got our packs ready to go. We trekked down to the starting point, collected a few items and kept going. About halfway we reached a gully we would be climbing up. This proved to be the hardest part of the trip with teamwork evident all the way through.

Finally we reached our campsite for the night, stories of Ivan Milat only putting us off slightly. We got our camp ready, cooked our dinner, told stories by the campfire and then turned in for the night. The next morning was just a small trip to the bus. It turned out to be a very enjoyable trip which was very successful with the help of our group parents, Mr Krieger, Mr Margalit, Mr Walker, Hayden Brown, teacher Mr Mitchell and our Principal, Dr Carter. We also appreciated the help from all the Outdoor Education Group instructors and the organization from Ms Johnson was great.

Thea Margalit, Year 9

Report 3: On Friday 14th May, Year 9 students walked on to the bus, not knowing what to expect for the following 48 hours. Three hours later the buses arrived at our destination in the Belanglo State Forest where we met the Outdoor Education Group (OEG) crew waiting for us.

The experience of one group which included James, Marlene, Rashna, Toby, Tom, Samuel V, Sam M, Michael, Marc, Brianna, Kate, Anja, Alex and Moko was one to remember, with our trusty leader, 'G dog', and our No. 1 Principal, 'DC'.

On the first day we got straight into it with a 4km hike to our first camp site. Up and down the hills we went and hiked until sunset. Finally arriving at the campsite we were all having second thoughts about why exactly we decided to take up the hike. Not knowing that the following day was going to be a gruelling

14km bush bashing hike ahead, we set up camp on Friday evening, 'preparing' our canned food which could easily be mistaken for dog food. We unstuffed our sleeping bags, blew up our sleeping mats and warmed our numb hands around the fire. Tom Harding provided hours of entertainment with classic stand up comedy around the camp fire. Late at night when people went to the toilet they discovered the native bull ants had taken over. We also discovered how cold it was with two of the girls having to share one sleeping bag to stay warm. Many people have midnight snacks but not many people have midnight fires, a few people were woken when Tom tried to make a fire from midnight-4a.m.

The next day was an early and freezing start with a cold breakfast and no shower. After cleaning up the camp site we set off for our full day hike. After an easy start we came to a steep descent, which we had to wind our way down. After crossing a valley we started to bush bash our way through thick scrub with stinging nettles everywhere not to mention the mine fields of wombat holes. Over the next 6 km, almost everyone either tripped over a tree, fell down a mini cliff or wombat hole with the weight of the bag weighing us down and a 2 person team needed to get back up. After 3 hours everyone was cut, stung, bruised and sore, but what lay ahead of us was a 300m stretch on a constant 60 degree incline. After 15 minutes we conquered the hill and everyone's calves and thighs were burning but we still had another 3 km left. Once arriving at the campsite we had to set up camp with jobs allocated such as digging a toilet pit, collecting fire wood, as well as cushy jobs like opening water and digging a fire pit. Food that night wasn't much better than the first night but we were still happily sitting around the camp fire whilst Tom made us laugh and Rashna and Michael told scary stories. After the campfire had burnt down to ashes, we reluctantly got into our freezing cold tents. However sleep was not had till well after, with people in other people's tent as well as everyone talking, but finally everyone fell asleep.

The next morning again was an early start because we had to clean up camp and make sure there wasn't anything left behind. After setting off we discovered that Moko's rubbish bag had burst leaving a trail of rubbish. Half the group back tracked to pick up all the rubbish whilst the other half stayed put and relaxed. After finally picking up all dropped rubbish we set off along the pine trail on a relatively warm and sunny Sunday. Up until this point, DC had managed to not fall over but whilst descending some rough terrain the inevitable happened with DC fallen over but 'claiming' to have just decided to sit down abruptly.



After an hour or so we finally arrived at the pickup point, and everyone felt as light as a feather when we finally dropped our packs off for good and boarded the buses for the trip home. Although at the end our bodies were battered, bruised, cut, sore, tired, smelly and dirty we all agreed it was one of the best weekends we had ever had.

James Gowland, Marlene Grobler, Rashna Krishnan, Year 9

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme - Gold Practice Expedition

From 23rd to 26th April 2010 over the ANZAC long weekend, the Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award participants ventured out to the Wild Dog Mountains for our practice expedition.

We began our epic four day journey at 9.30am, navigating our way down Carlan's Creek. Initially the pace was slow as our packs weighed 15-20kgs and we encountered many obstacles along the way, such as nasty stinging nettles and blood-sucking leeches. Students took turns navigating for the group and it was difficult at times as there was often no clear path.

The most challenging part of the hike was day 2, as we had to trek up what some described as a very steep hill, but we think it resembled a mountain. The group supported each other and we finally reached

the summit after many well-earned rest stops. After walking along the ridge, we descended to Mobb's Swamp and set up camp. When it got dark, we lit a camp fire which we all huddled round to keep warm and there was a great atmosphere.

One of the downsides to being stuck in the middle of the Blue Mountains was that there was very little fresh water for us to drink. Most people were well prepared for this and we used water purification tablets to "purify" the water, although it made the water taste like chlorine and there was more than the odd speck of moss floating around in the water.

On the third moaning we were woken by the shouts of Mr Mitchell, "It's 4am, up you get! We're leaving in 15 minutes!". The committed hikers roused from

their sleeping bags, packed their day packs, donned their head torches and set off in the darkness, hiking to the Bushwalkers' Memorial at Splendour Rock where an ANZAC day dawn service was held. A line of dazed, half-asleep hikers scrambled up the side of the rocky mountain in the rain, finally completing the journey at about 6am. We were met by other bushwalkers as well as scout groups who had come to pay their respects to the fallen Bushwalkers and honour the ANZAC spirit. Although we had to endure an interesting interpretation of the Last Post played by two bagpipers, the service was definitely worthwhile and the view was amazing. After eating lunch at 9am, we walked back to Mobb's swamp and relaxed for the afternoon.

On the fourth day, everyone was keen to return home, sleep in a bed, have a shower and drink some "normal" water. After hiking through some beautiful Australian bush, we hit a long dirt road, which we followed until the end of the walk. The road seemed to stretch forever, but finally we all made it back to Dumphy's campsite, the place from which we had set off.



Overan, it was a very rewarding and worthwrine experience. We developed a number of competencies including teamwork, camping and navigation skills, and the group bonded quite a bit over the walk. We're excited for our qualifying expedition hike in December in the Snowy Mountains, which should be "in-tents"!

Eleanor Kirkpatrick and Lauren Stern, Year 11

High Resolves Initiative Program for Year 8 Students

On the recommendation from other schools that have facilitated this program, Killara High will run the High Resolves Initiative Program for all Year 8 students on 7th, 8th, 9th June and 18th, 19th, 20th August 2010.

Your Year 8 student should have received a flyer (after a presentation at assembly) and a note with permission and payment details attached (distributed in home groups). Year 8 is an appropriate time to raise students' awareness of "Our World, Our Choice" (The High Resolves motto!). Through the fun, interactive program students will be working in small groups where they will stretch their minds, learn about making a difference and having their voices heard. The program covers topics such as 'Citizenship', 'Collective Identity', 'Justice' and 'Conflict Resolution'.

The program also provides an opportunity for interested students to continue the program into years 9 and 10 through the leadership program. This year we are using the skills of selected Year 10 leaders as facilitators of workshops/ activities in the program. For more details go to www.highresolves.org

Would you please assist in the effective running of the program by having your Year 8 student return their permission slip with payment to the office by Tuesday 1st June.

For further information please contact Ms Glenda Robinson (Deputy Principal Stage 4), Ms Julie Phelan (Head Teacher Stage 4) or Ms Clair-Louise Schofield (Year 8 Adviser).

Julie Phelan, Head Teacher Stage 4

Arts Unit Showcase

The NSW Department of Education and Training Arts Unit Showcase is an exciting development in collaborative performance for The New South Wales Department of Education and Training's Arts Unit Ensembles. A new initiative in 2009, in 2010 the Showcase will once again draw together different art forms included within The Arts Unit programs to explore the theme *Come to Your Senses*.

Joel Berliner (Year 12 2009) has had his body of work *Persistence of Memory* selected as one of 12 bodies of work included in an exhibition in the foyer of the Seymour Centre as part of the Showcase. Works were used as projected images during the dance and musical items.

Come to Your Senses was presented in two exciting shows on 22nd May.

First Friday Prayer Time

Parents and supporters of the Killara District Christian Education Association are invited to attend a monthly prayer time for Killara High School students and staff.

We meet on the first Friday of the month during term time, 9:30am at the school reception.

Matthew Mulready, Protestant SRE Coordinator

P&C Communiqué (communicating school community matters)

Following is a summary of discussions at the last P&C meeting.

Police Presentation on Sexting & Internet Safety Sexting

- Any picture of a sex act, or anything sexually suggestive, involving a child under the age of 16, is considered child pornography and carries a penalty of up to 4 years in prison and/or a fine of \$5,500.
- It is a crime to take such a picture.
- It is a crime to forward such a picture of someone else, even if it is of yourself.
- It is a crime to keep such a picture if it is forwarded to you. It must be deleted immediately or reported to police.
- Remind your kids not to allow themselves to be photographed or filmed doing anything they wouldn't be happy for their parents to see.

Internet Safety

- Kids should never tell anyone their password, not even their best friend. Best friends can become worst enemies.
- Many teenagers do not tell their parents about cyber harassment because they are afraid of their parents' reactions and having the technology taken away.
- Encourage kids to come to you if they feel uncomfortable about anything, but try to stay calm when they do!
- Remind kids that everything on the internet is public and permanent, even if they think it is only available to their friends and even if they delete it later.
- Don't allow kids to have their computer in their bedroom.
- The best protection for kids is parental supervision and guidance.
- Our thanks to police officer Julie for her presentation.

Any questions on these issues, please contact the school.

Acquisition of Land beside Koola Oval

- The Education Minister has signed off for the Department of Education and Training (DET) to negotiate for the acquisition of approximately 3,000 m² of land opposite KHS.
- The DET indicated that it would allocate funds to make the land usable (e.g. clear, level, turf, fence).
- The exact use of the land has not yet been determined.
- Our thanks to the tireless efforts of Tim Tait and Peter Sheldon for helping make this happen.

Any questions, contact Tim Tait (<u>Timandrhonda7#@optusnet.com.au</u>).

Classroom Refurbishments

- P&C will fund and organise the refurbishment of 9 classrooms in A block during the July school holidays.
- Our thanks to Ron Green for organising this.

Student Leadership Council (SLC) Wish List

- P&C approved funding 2 murals to be painted on school walls by students, with the assistance of professional artists.
- P&C approved upgrading Sick Bay, to be organised by the P&C building committee.
- The building committee will also organise the construction of a covered area for student bikes, for rain protection.

Ekuba (Yr 12 Formal Dinner)

- After a presentation and subsequent discussion, it
 was decided that Ekuba will be a sit down dinner
 at the school, as in previous years. However, due
 to this Yr 12 cohort being extremely large,
 numbers will have to be limited to around 500 for
 safety reasons.
- Every year, Year 11 parents organise Ekuba for the Year 12 families. More Year 11 parents are urgently needed to assist in organising the night.

Please contact Cathy Foley (Cathy.Foley@csiro.au) if you have any questions or can help.

Performing Arts Ensembles (PAE) Program

- Mr Mulready resigned as the PAE co-ordinator at the end of last term.
- A new PAE co-ordinator is expected to begin within the next two weeks.
- Our thanks to Ms Robinson for filling in that role until the new co-ordinator begins.

Any questions, contact Lee Bevitt (lee.ccc@hotmail.com).

New P&C Vice President

- Tim Tait was elected the second vice president, replacing Cathy Foley.
- Cathy Foley will now take the roles of P&C school liaison and Ekuba co-ordinator.
- Michael Scollay will replace Tim Tait as coordinator of the Building Committee.

Next P&C Meeting 16th June

The next meeting will be on Wednesday 16th June, at 8pm above the canteen. Please join us and be informed about what's happening in your kids' school and help build school community.

Lee Bevitt, P&C Vice-President

lee.ccc@hotmail.com)



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After all the publicity, the NAPLAN Tests for **Years 7** and **9** students happened without a hitch. Thanks to Mrs Rosemary Brown, our Support Teacher, for her expert organisation over the three days and to the staff who supervised these important tests.

I'm sure all our students did their best and we look forward to seeing their results later in the year and to use this data for future directions in our teaching and learning programs.

Many students recently participated in the **Ku-ring-gai Zone Cross Country.** Congratulations to all students who ran (or sloshed) their way through the course because the weather was possibly the worst we have had this year!

All students have been completing assessment tasks, projects etc, as teachers work towards the end of Semester 1 and writing student reports. We hope that all students will make their best attempts and take advantage of the opportunities and expertise of the KHS staff. It's important that students manage their time, meet due dates (using their diaries!) so that their work is a good reflection of these efforts. And if students are having difficulties in any of these areasit's okay to ask for help!!

Some reminders for students and parents:

- 1. <u>Uniform</u> Students need to wear correct uniform every day. On colder days, extra warmth must go under the school jumper / jersey. Students need to get a Uniform Pass from their homegroup teacher whenever part of their uniform is missing or incorrect and provide a note from home indicating the reason and when the correct uniform will be worn.
- 2. <u>Notes</u> whenever a student is absent or late a note of explanation must be provided, preferably the next day. This is a requirement of the Department of Education and Training as part of monitoring of student attendance at school.
- 3. <u>Long Term leave</u> If this is required then an application, in writing, must be given to the Principal, in advance if possible. Students will then be required to fill in the relevant form with each of their teachers so that they are aware of work to be covered during the extended absence.

Please follow these school procedures – it can save time and embarrassment too!

Remember, do your best, and look after yourselves and each other.

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

Kickstart your Career

Apprenticeships & Traineeships can be done as part of your HSC!!!

Tobi Kamsler (Year 12) has been studying Construction at Northern Sydney Institute, North Sydney College, as part of his HSC. On Wednesdays Tobi works with Living Space Constructions in Artarmon. Tobi is one of 80 students across the Northern Sydney Region combining school, training and paid work as part of their HSC. These students are undertaking school based apprenticeships & traineeships.

There are many different career areas to choose from such as Plumbing, Hairdressing, Tourism, Electro-Technology, Automotive, Retail & Hospitality. Students incorporate a Vocational Education and Training course into their HSC pattern of study. They complete a minimum of 100 days of paid work over two years, but this varies depending on the Industry area.

Tobi also works with his employer during the school holidays to make up the requirements of a minimum of 144 days over the two year period. Tobi commented that he enjoys being in the workplace, working towards his apprenticeship whilst at the same time being able to remain with his friends at school.

On successful completion of the HSC and the school based apprenticeship at the end of Year 12, Tobi will have the HSC, a Nationally Accredited Industry Qualification and gained credit and a pathway to further study. He will also have become part of an adult team in the workplace and gained valuable industry skills.

Other students at Killara High School undertaking School Based Apprenticeships and Traineeships are:

Joshua Lazarus, Sound Engineering Trainee with The Sydney Convention Centre, Liam James, Carpentry Apprentice with Living Space Constructions, Alexander Chant, Hospitality Apprentice with Wildfire Restaurant and Alisha Levenston, Hairdressing Apprentice with John Linquist Hair Design.

Colleen Clarke, Careers Adviser

From the Library

The PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE is on again for 2010!

Don't forget to register for the Challenge by entering their first completed book online at www.schools.nsw.edu.au/premeriersreadingchallenge - either from school or at home. Two posters are now on display in the library for your information.

Non-Fiction:

Eagleton, Catherine and Williams, Jonathan. *Money: A History*.

Ellis, Sherry (ed.) Now Write!: Non Fiction: Memoir, Journalism and Creative Nonfiction Exercises from Today's Best Writers and Teachers.

Gott, Robert. An Australian in Space: Andy Thomas.

Nixon, Len. Business Studies: Past HSC Questions with Worked Solutions (2003-2007) by Topic and the Last 2 Years HSC Papers with Worked Solutions (2008-2009)

Odlum, Catherine. Chemistry: Past HSC Papers with Worked Solutions 2001-2009.

Redfern Legal Centre Publishing. The Environmental Law Handbook: Planning and Land Use in NSW.

Rowe, Patsy. Manners Magic for Children: A Guide to Popularity and Success.

Skinner, Peter. World Trade Centre: The Challenge for The Future.

Shamburg, Christopher. *Student-Powered Podcasting: Teaching for 21st Century Literacy.*

Smith, Rick and Lourie, Bruce. Slow Death by Rubber Duck: How the Toxic Chemistry of Everyday Life Affects Our Health

Waugh, Steve. Germany 1918-1939: GCSE Modern World History for Edexcel

Woldendorp, Richard and others. Wool: The Australian Story

Wright, John, Osman, Peter and Ashworth, Peta. *The CSIRO Home Energy Savings Handbook*.

Non-Fiction in detail:

Corfield, Robin S. <u>Don't forget Me Cobber: The</u> <u>Battle of Fromelles.</u>

On the evening of the 19 July 1916 on a strip of farmland north of Fromelles, the AIF fought its first battle in France. Outnumbered two to one, a well-organised German division faced two divisions, one Australian and the other British, and yet inflicted a costly defeat. By dusk the following day there were 2436 Allied dead and 4123 wounded, no territory gained and only 501 Germans killed and 943 injured. As far as the Australians were concerned, at the disastrous battle of Fromelles, their commander, Major General McCay, was obsessed with ambition

and glory. After the war McCay's powerful friends ensured that Fromelles was never examined in any depth, and when it was, all blame was put on the British. A prodigious work of research on the Battle of Fromelles.

Crystal, Be. **Shakespeare on Toast.**

A light-hearted look at Shakespeare which dispels the myths and makes him accessible to all.

Ellis, Sherry. (editor). Now Write! Fiction Writing Exercises from today's Best Writers & Teachers

A collection of personal writing exercises from some of today's most celebrated short story writers, and writing teachers including Jill McCorkle, Amy Bloom, Robert Olen Butler, Steve Almond, Jayne Anne Phillips, and Virgil Suarez.

Franklin, Roger. Inferno: The Day Victoria Burned.

On February 7, 2009, 173 Victorian died in the worst bushfire disaster in Australian history. On *Black Saturday*, as the day became known, families were torn apart, countless homes and buildings reduced to rubble, 430,000 hectares torched, communities crushed and entire towns destroyed in an unstoppable sea of flames. This narrative brings to life individual tales of horror and heroism, recounting the devastation of Kinglake, Marysville and other Victorian towns, and salutes the generosity and unyielding spirit of humanity on the state' darkest day. There were failings, too, on a day on unprecedented tragedy. Communications breakdowns, inadequate warning systems, bush left unburnt for years and lack of leadership were all factors when Victoria boiled.

Grose, Peter. <u>A Very Rude Awakening: The Night The</u> Japanese Midget Subs Came to Sydney Harbour.

On the night of 31 May 1942, Sydney was doing what it does best: partying. The theatres, restaurants, dance halls, and clubs offered plenty of choice to roistering sailors, soldiers and airmen on leave in Australia's most glamorous city. The war seemed far away. Newspapers devoted more pages to horseracing than to Hitler. That Sunday night the party came to a shattering halt when three Japanese midget submarines crept into the harbour, past eight electronic indicator loops, six patrolling Royal Australian Navy ships, and an anti-submarine net stretched across the harbour entrance. Their arrival triggered a night of mayhem, courage, chaos and high farce, which left 27 sailors dead and a city bewildered. The war, it seemed, was no longer confined to distant desert and jungle. It was right at Australia's front door. Based on new first-person accounts and previously unpublished official documents.

Moore, Lt. Gen. Harold G. (USA Ret.) and Galloway, Joseph L. We are Soldiers Still: A Journey Back to the Battlefields of Vietnam.

Sequel to We were soldiers once...and young. This sequel returns to the Vietnam battlefield they immortalised to explore how the war changed them, their men, their enemies, and both countries. Recounts an unusual homecoming in which soldiers on both sides return to the la Drang Valley to look back – and forward.

Sparrow, Rebecca. <u>Find Your Tribe: (And 9 Other Things I Wish I'd Known at High School)</u>

This 'little black book' is indispensable guide for surviving – and enjoying – your teen years. Especially when: your best friend behaves more like your worst enemy; the person you have a crush on fails to notice you exist; even the C-Grade netball team thinks you have defending skills of a stapler.

Stafford, Mark and Cribb, Julian. <u>Dry Times: Blueprint</u> <u>for a Red Land.</u>

Provides new insights into how our desert environment and institutions work – and how this

affects the people living in them, Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal alike. It shows that the desert offers solutions to the challenges of living in an uncertain and threatening age, teaching us new easy to live, manage scarce resources, and cop with climatic extremes, isolation and lack of water and energy. These lessons apply not only to remote regions, but also to cities and entire nations as humanity faces growing scarcity of vital resources.

Wahlquist, Asa. <u>Thirsty Country: Options for</u> Australia.

Looks at how Australia's natural systems of water supply - and how its use has been dominated by politics, local agendas, short-terms and vocal lobby groups. It presents the latest forecasts for how climate change will impact on our water supplies, and challenges some long-held myths.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

Macquarie University Parent Information Evening

This event which will be held on Wednesday 30th June will feature current Macquarie University students as well as academic staff who will talk about all aspects of university life Including the Academic Advantage Program and other bonus point schemes. RSVP is essential and can be made via email at events@mq.edu.au

UTS IT Parent and Student Information Evening

UTS IT is holding an Undergraduate Course and Scholarships Information Evening for students interested in IT as a career. To RSVP contact Jenny Donovan on 9514 4302.

APM College of Business and Communications Open Day

This will be held at the North Sydney Campus on Level 10, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney on 12th June. Attendees can participate in a campus tour, course information sessions and workshops on marketing, event management, public relations and journalism. More information is available at http://apm.edu.au/

Billy Blue College of Design Open Day

This is scheduled for Saturday 19 June and will be held from 11am -2pm at Level 8, 171 Pacific Highway, North Sydney. There will be a tour of the design studios, course explanations, discussions with Billy Blue graduates, lecturers and courses advisers and information on scholarships. For a detailed program visit http://www.billyblue.com.au/

Scholarship Information

Information is available in the careers office for:

• UNSW Co-Op Scholarships which offer industry experience, leadership and professional

- development, networking, mentoring and \$15,00 per annum for each year of the program. Application deadline is Thursday 30th September.
- Charles Sturt University Merit and Equity Scholarships
- UTS BIT Co-Op Scholarship which combines lucrative paid work experience with tertiary study. Deadline for submission of round one applications is 25th June 2010.
- Bond University Scholarships. These should be completed online at <u>www.bond.edu.au/scholarships</u>.

Gap Exchange Programs

Information has arrived from the following organisations:

- EF High School Overseas in which students spend one school year, a semester or the summer holidays living abroad with a host family and attending a local high school. For further information telephone 9252-3911.
- Antipodeans Abroad which offers 3-month volunteer placements in developing countries.

INSEARCH Information Evenings

These will be held on 2nd and 8th June at Level 8, 187 Thomas Street, Haymarket, from 6pm -7pm and will showcase Insearch's diploma courses in architecture, business, communication, design, education, engineering, IT, law, nursing and science. These diplomas offer a pathway with advanced standing into mainstream UTS courses. Also on offer is a new Foundation Studies Program. For further information email Maria Ospina at Maria.Ospina@insearch.edu.au

Gap Year and Student Exchange Expos

Three free events are on offer where 11 of Australia's best known providers of Gap Year and Student

Exchange programs will be represented. They will

• 24th June- Warringah Mall Community Centre, take place on:

- 22nd June Pennant Hills Bowling Club, 52 Yarrara Rd, Pennant Hills
- 23rd June Dougherty Centre, Chatswood, 7 Victor St, Chatswood

Brookvale. Starting time is 6pm.

For further information on any of the above please contact the careers office

Colleen Clarke and Deborah Lloyd Careers Advisers

Ku-ring-gai Council and Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) Parent Forum **Understanding Your Teenager** Bullying, Racism and Intergenerational Issues

Monday 31 May - 6:30pm- 8:30pm

(registration at 6:15pm) at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

Guest speakers

Mr John Martin: Head of a Clinical Team at Youth Off The Streets

John has worked with Youth Off The Streets for 8 years and also runs his own clinical practice. He has a Masters in Psychology and is currently doing his PhD in Clinical Psychology. He has a long history of working with young people and specializes in trauma and healing particularly with migrant communities.

Renu Narchal: Lecturer and Course Advisor at the School of Psychology in University of Western **Sydney**

Renu has worked for 15 years with a university psychology department in India. Her current research interests as part of the UWS School of Psychology relate to health and well-being with a particular focus on how 'life events' impact on people's development.

Georgina Vega: Australian Palestinian Support Association

Please register by calling Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 emailing youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the forum, contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au

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Next school holidays, come and join in the fun with Hornsby Gang Show's fantastic musical extravaganza. This year Hornsby Gang Show's season of eight high energy performances titled the "Welcome to the House of Fun", runs from Friday 2nd to Saturday 10th July at Asquith Boys' High School.

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Check our website www.gangshow.com for booking forms or phone: Lynne on (02) 9427 6538.

National Day of Thanksgiving 29th May 2010

The National Day of Thanksgiving is a unique opportunity for Australians to pause as a nation and say thank you to God and to each other for those many things we often take for granted but which really make our lives worth living.

All Saints' will have a table set up at the West Lindfield shops in Moore Ave on the morning of 29th May. We will have thank you cards for signing which will be passed on to our local shopkeepers & tradespersons.

Please come along and sign your thanks.

We would also like to encourage you to give a thank you card to grandparents on this special day of Thanksgiving.

Please contact Rev. Phillip Read on 9416 5729 if you have any queries.

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