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Killara High Celebrates 40 Fabulous Years

To help us with our celebrations we are looking for donations of prizes for our raffle.



We are calling on our Killara High community to help support our celebration by offering prizes such as weekends away; exclusive boat/car hire; house cleaner for six months, etc. Any other suitable prize donations welcome.

For any enquiries please contact Sue Vale 0408 351 175 or khs40thcelebration@hotmail.com.

Learning from the Past

In March 1776 several months prior to adoption of the American Declaration of Independence, a man named John Adams published a pamphlet entitled *Thoughts on Government* that outlined his belief in the need for a bicameral legislature, separation of powers between the legislature and executive and an independent judiciary. His ideas came to fruition in the newly established republic. They have also become foundations of the Australian system of government. Adams eventually became the second President of the United States and while his is not a familiar character in history, the ideas to which he gave voice strongly influenced his world and ours. The second President's biographer noted that finally and emphatically in his *Thoughts on Government*, Adams urged the widest possible support for education. "Laws for the liberal education of youth, especially for the [most disadvantaged], are so extremely wise and useful that to a humane and generous mind, no expense for this purpose would be thought extravagant." For Adams an inclusive education system was as foundational to democracy as the principles of separation of powers and an independent judiciary.

Over the last 109 years the legislative and judicial pillars of Australia's democracy have proved robust and have been reinforced. Can we say the same for education? If the status quo in education does not suffice, how should it be reinforced or developed? Through transparency? Comparisons between schools? Choice/ competition between schools? 'Privatising' public schools? Principals' and teachers' accountability for results on national skills tests? Performance pay? The merits of some of these approaches to school development are hopefully being considered in the newly established review of the contentious Myschool website. Adams as an 18th century democrat would no doubt have applauded efforts in transparency but he and those who've inherited his ideals, would be looking to education for justice as well, not least social justice.

With 21st century elections looming there is every likelihood education will feature in public debate. Those in this school community voting for the first time, along with their parents and teachers, will be required to make informed decisions in the midst of often ill-informed argument and commentary. It is a perennial challenge facing citizens in a democracy. The following web address contains an interesting discussion of some of the aforementioned issues, albeit in different context. It may help you answer the question, 'What direction should we be taking in education?' <http://voices.washingtonpost.com/answer-sheet/diane-ravitch/ravitch-to-obama-change-course.html>

Mark Carter, Principal

KHS Open Day

Monday 23rd August 2010 - 12pm – 5pm

Annual Visual Arts Exhibition

Opening Friday 20th August 2010 - 7pm

Calendar

July 2010

30 - DEAS Silver Qualifying Expedition – 3 days

- Yr 12 Chemistry Assessment - Macquarie University

- Visit by No 13 Middle School from Nanjing, China

August 2010

2 - Trial HSC continues

- Yr 11 Hospitality Work Placement (2 weeks)

3 - University of NSW English Competition

4 - Trial HSC concludes

5 - Australian Mathematics Competition

6 - Prefect Mufti-Day – Mabobha's Promise

11 - Boccia Tournament, Homebush

- Yr 11 Biology Excursion – Australian Museum and Botanic Gardens

12 - Student Leaders Induction Ceremony – 8.50am – Kerrabee Hall

- Performing Arts Ensemble Concert – Kerrabee Hall – 7.30pm

16 - Student Leaders Conference

17 - UNSW Mathematics Competition

- Yr 12 Ancient History Lecture (P1-3)

18 - Yr 8 High Resolves Justice Module (3 days)

20 - Yr 7 Gala Day

- Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Opening Night 7pm – Kerrabee Hall

21 - Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Open

- Federal Election polling booths in A Block

22 - P&C Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am – 12noon

23 - Open Day

- Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Open

24 - Annual Visual Arts Exhibition Open

- Yr 11 Youth and Road Trauma Forum – ACER Arena

25 - Yr 12 Drama Night

26 - Yr 12 Music Night – Kerrabee Theatre

27 - Yr 9 Geography Excursion

28 - KHS 40th Birthday Celebration – 7.30pm – Kerrabee Hall

31 - Yr 12 Tertiary Information Evening - Theatre

Links with Fromelles

Last week a dedication ceremony was held at the new Commonwealth War Graves Cemetery Fromelles, France where 250 Australian and British men who died at the battle of Fromelles on 19th July 1916 are now buried.

94 years ago two former pupils of Killara High's foundation school, St Leonards Superior Public School in North Sydney, went into battle with the 30th Battalion. Earnest Frank Welling was killed and Blair Wark was wounded. Blair Wark recovered, returned to 32nd Battalion and was awarded the DSO and VC for acts of bravery in 1918. Earnest Welling was listed as missing on the 20th July 1916 and following a court of enquiry in August 1917 he was pronounced 'killed in action'. His remains were not identified or recovered at the end of the war. They may be among the remains of 111 soldiers exhumed from an unmarked mass grave at Pheasant Wood last year and reburied at Fromelles with grave stones bearing the inscription "An Australian soldier of the Great War".

Another 94 bodies of Australian soldiers were also buried last week at Fromelles after being identified through DNA matching with living Australian relatives. Earnest Welling probably finished his formal schooling in North Sydney around 1898. His employment at the time of enlistment was recorded as 'warehouse duties'. He was 32 when he died. His only known living relative was his mother to whom were sent the Commonwealth Government's Memorial Plaque and Victory Medal in March 1923. Earnest Welling's name is located on panel 117 in the commemorative area of the Australian War Memorial and it is among 1200 names of Australian soldiers with no known grave who are listed on the VC Corner Australian Memorial near Fromelles France.

Our thanks go to Gerald McCallum of the North Sydney Technical High School Old Lions Association for assistance in this research.



Photo courtesy of *The Guardian* UK, 19/07/2010

Did You Know

Rachael Stuart-Smith (Year 12) is a member of the Australian Girls Choir. Rachael has put her voice to good use by getting involved in the GenerationOne campaign to end Indigenous disparity.

In May, GenerationOne invited the Australian Girls Choir, including Rachael along with other well known Australian artists to record *Hands Across Australia*, the song written by Melinda Schnieder and Les Gock for GenerationOne to raise awareness of Indigenous disadvantage. Artists included Christine Anu, Brothablack, Kate Dearaugo, Ernie Dingo, Casey Donovan, Shane Edwards, Melinda Schneider, and many more.

Girls Volleyball Team finishes 4th at State Carnival



Killara High School's all conquering girls volleyball team has achieved the accolade of fourth best team in the state after an excellent showing at the state carnival at Homebush on the 30th June and 1st July. Not a bad achievement for a group of girls who, for all but two, had played very little competition volleyball before the start of the year.

We arrived at the Indoor Playing Halls at Sydney Olympic Park to see the 15 other girls teams from around the state (some driving 10 hours to be there) who had progressed through their various area competitions. The atmosphere was vibrant, with the colours, chants, dances and warm up techniques of some of the other schools. It could have been off putting for others but our young women took it all in their stride as they prepared for their first up match against Kotara High School.



Despite being a little rusty in the first set, Killara claimed it 25-15 and then went on to win the second and third sets quite easily to claim a place in the final 8 of the state. A match which was played against Bomaderry High went a similar way to the first with a reasonably close first set, which was backed up with 2 clinical performances in the second and third to force our way to the semi finals of the competition.

We knew our semi final opponents, Blayney High School, were going to be hard to beat for a number of reasons; they had knocked out Baulkham Hills High out in the previous round who had won the State

Championships for the last previous 11 years and reportedly they had been a 'team' and preparing for this event for the past 4 years.

Well we got exactly what we expected... a well drilled, keen and confident team. After the initial barrage by Blayney, our girls worked their way into the first set but it was too late to save it, going down 25-17. The second set went much like the first with Blayney getting away early and Killara having to fight for every point. Blayney claimed it 25-18 but we knew that if we could get a few early points in the third set that we were certainly still in the contest.

Killara got the good start we were looking for in the third set and lead it 23-19. Blayney, being the outstanding team they are, fought back to get it to 24-24, but thanks to some amazing blocking from a couple of our more inexperienced players and a couple of clutch plays from our 'stars' Killara was able to claim the third set 27-25.

The fourth set was another tight one but unfortunately we were beaten 25-22, and while it was extremely disappointing for the team at the time, we could later take solace in the fact that we were the only team at the carnival to take a set from the eventual winners.

We were unfortunately defeated two sets to one by Plumpton High in the play-off for third, but that did not take away from the fact that this group of girls represented Killara High with the highest esteem and pride. They are a credit to the school and themselves.

Special mention must go to our 'Aussie reps' Nicole Laird and Maria fe Artacho del Solar who provided a huge amount of leadership, encouragement and support to our players who, as mentioned did not have a great deal of experience in competition volleyball. Also, a big thank you to Ms Johnstone who provided support and knowledge for the girls at the carnival.

The entire squad was **Nicole Laird, Lauren Davis, Maria fe Artacho del Solar, Natalie Hendry, Carina Jacobs, Tal Gulst, Geraldine Sullivan, Anabela Nikolik and Eliza-Jane Ellis.**

Well done girls!!!

Adam Bruckshaw, Sports Organiser

KHS Performing Arts Ensemble Concert

Thursday 12th August 2010

7.30pm

Kerrabee Hall

Entry Free – All Welcome

Year 11 Student Tour of Vietnam and Cambodia

In the July school vacation, 19 Year 11 students and three teachers from Killara High School led by Ms Jenny Newell embarked on a tour of Vietnam and Cambodia. The academic focus of this great adventure was Studies of Religion and Society and Culture however there was a strong Social Justice and Duke of Edinburgh component to the tour as well, not to forget learning to deal with the challenge of travelling for two weeks through the hottest time of the year in countries that offer few of the comforts of home.



Group photo at Giac Lam Pagoda, Saigon's oldest pagoda dating back to 1744

The tour group flew into Ho Chi Minh City and spent three days exploring the city's temples and pagodas, talking with monks and participating in Buddhist ceremonies. The students then visited the temples of the unique Cao Dai sect in Tay Ninh, near the Cambodian border before experiencing what life was like for the Viet Cong in the Cu Chi tunnels of the American-Vietnam war.



Making offerings to the monks.

The tour group left Ho Chi Minh City by coach arriving at the Mekong Delta after a five hour trip stopping along the way for lunch and to buy drinks and pineapples from roadside stalls. Two days in the delta gave the students ample time to explore the floating markets and get to know people in the local

riverside villages. The Killara High School boys challenged the village boys to a volleyball match and were soundly thrashed! A good time was had by all and a lot of Aussie dollars were spent at the village weavers' stall.

It was then on to Phnom Penh, the capital of Cambodia, by a specially chartered speed boat up the Mekong River. The group explored Phnom Penh by cycle and the following day visited the Royal Palace and National Museum. The afternoon was a more sombre affair when the students visited the Genocide Museum and spoke to one of the survivors of the Pol Pot massacres. The entire group was visibly moved by many of the images and gruesome artefacts of the genocide.

During the tour, the students made every effort to visit as many markets as possible and two of the favourites were the night markets in Phnom Penh and Central Markets. T-shirts, jewellery, bags and paintings were popular items. One of the students picked up a real, antique Rolex watch which was an amazing find – not exactly market prices but excellent value regardless.



On day eight, the tour group started the overland trip from Phnom Penh to Siem Reap stopping midway for a picnic lunch at Kampong Thom. Here they explored three pre-Angkorian temples dating from the 7th Century. While the students ate their lunch in a forest clearing they attracted the attention of the local village children who did not have to use much persuasion to inveigle our students to buy an array of scarves and other artefacts.

The following day, the Killara High School touring group explored the vast temple and city complexes of Angkor Thom, the Bayon, Ta Prohm and of course the most famous and the best preserved of all, Angkor Wat. Some of the group decided to get out of bed at 4 a.m. this morning to be at Angkor Wat for the sunrise.

This was an amazing place and if it were not for the fact that the temperature was up in the mid 40 degrees many of us would have liked to stay longer to explore the many buildings, reliefs and statues in more detail.



The Social Justice and Duke of Edinburgh focus came into play with the community project the Killara High School students undertook in Prek Toal Village on the Tonle Sap Lake. Here they worked with the local village carpenters to construct a floating bridge and a set of shelves for the local cottage industry to display its baskets and other handicrafts.

Perhaps the greatest contribution our students were able to make was the money they brought into the community. Several months of cake stalls and a disco dance raised \$3000 which went towards buying the building materials and also medical supplies for the community and a range of school resources for the small village primary school.

The school worked with an NGO, Osmose, whose prime function is to raise environmental awareness while providing villagers with a sustainable income source. The women of the village now dry and weave water hyacinth into beautiful bags and mats and the students had lessons in how to create some simple items to take home with them.

The Tonle Sap Great Lake is the most important inland wetland in South East Asia, supporting three million people and providing the last refuge for some of Asia's most globally significant biodiversity. Many of the communities living on the lake are extremely poor and subsist on the barest essentials. Money from NGOs and private donors such as Killara High School make an enormous difference to the lives of the people. Our presence there also contributed to the local economy in many other ways. Our students all took the paddle boat tour of the village which provided a valuable insight into the life of the village. Local women were hired to cook for us and local carpenters were paid to assist us in our work.

Overnight, we stayed in village house homestays and the homeowners derived a small income for hosting us.

Overall, the tour was an amazing learning experience and much of what we have read about in textbooks has suddenly come alive. What once was put to us as themes and concepts have now become reality. Several of us have made the decision to return one day to volunteer our services working among the poorest street children we saw in the cities.



The students sitting on part of the floating bridge they had just constructed holding the sign (below) which was to be affixed.



For many of us this has been a life-changing experience.

Jenny Newell, English Faculty and Tour Organiser

DEAS Bronze Qualifying Expedition

Great North Walk - 4th and 5th September 2010

All students need to collect, complete and return medical forms to Ms Johnson by **Friday 13th August.**

No late payments or forms will be accepted.

Students will meet at **Berowra Oval** at 10am on Saturday. And depart from the oval at 3pm Sunday.

All students will require money for a train fare

Physical Activity and Sports Studies (PASS) Excursion



On 10th June Mr Smith's PASS class went to Marsfield Oval to help out with the Beaumont Road Public School Athletics Carnival.

We have been studying coaching and it was a great way to put our knowledge into action. During the day we were required to record times of races or help out with a field event. Whether it was raking the sand in the long jump, measuring jumps or throws, or demonstrating how to throw a discus, we all did really well.

It was a good experience having to encourage, teach and instruct the younger students and we all had a good time. I think the PASS lessons really paid off and we could all be amateur coaches in no time.

Sophie Chant, Year 9

Prefects' Report

The time has come - much too soon for most of us - for the last Prefect report from the 2009/10 Prefects. 2010 has been a big year, a successful year in many respects with The Prefects raising money for many charities, engaging in fun runs, attending school and interschool functions and representing Killara High School in the community. Some of the most notable achievements include donations to, and the establishment of KHS' ongoing commitment to the Afghani Mobobahs' Promise organisation that and continued work with the Red Cross Blood drive. As well as this the 2010 Prefects also helped organised the Year 7 camp disco, a Prefect auction, participated in the Balmoral Burn, various interschool leadership morning teas, programs and P&C 'Working Bee's' on Sundays. The 2010 Prefects have been active within the community of the school and will miss running assemblies, mufti days and probably most of all our Year 7 buddies, who we wish all the best of luck to next year in Year 8!

The Prefects would also like to give a big thank you to all the parents, staff and students who have gone above and beyond to support the endeavours and activities we have become involved in. A special thank you to the Accounts and Office staff who

helped us organise mufti days and sorted out monetary issues, and also to Ms Robinson, Mr Hopley and our year advisers who put up with us and generously donated their time and effort.

Thank you, Ms Watts, for giving up your lunchtimes each week, coordinating us and most of all making being a part of the prefect body such an ultimately rewarding and fun experience. Last but not least, a special thank you to Mrs O'Hanlon, your efforts in helping the Prefects stay organised with paperwork, news articles and more have been greatly appreciated. Without any of you, our endeavours would be more difficult to bring to fruition.

We would like congratulate the new 2010/2011 Prefects on their recent election. We hope they will be successful in their endeavours, attempt new challenges and have as much fun being a part of this body as we did. Most of all we hope they keep the spirit and pride of Killara High school strong and represent our student body to the community. As Arthur C. Clarke says "The only way of finding the limits of the possible is by going beyond them into the impossible". Best of luck new Prefects, we know you will do us and the school proud and Thank you KHS, we will miss you!

The 2009/2010 Prefects

YEAR 12 PARENTS' DINNER

Let's get together and relax over a sumptuous Asian treat; enjoy a laugh or two and shake off some of the pre-HSC 'tension'! It is our last social get together and it would be great to see you there.

Date: Friday, 6th August 2010

Time: 7.30pm

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

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

Contact & RSVP as soon as possible to: Claire Summers (8084 8122) tim.summers@optusnet.com.au
or Nalini Naidu (0402 059 359) nnaidu@optusnet.com.au

The café is cosy so get in early to confirm a spot.

A deposit is required so please let us know prior to the event if you need to cancel.

Come and Join the Party

It is official, Killara High is celebrating its 40th Birthday; I read it in the North Shore Times. So don't delay, buy your tickets straight away!!!

*Killara High is celebrating –
40 Fabulous Years*

To find out more about the “big” event for current parents, ex-students, teachers & staff

*check out Killara's HOME page www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
or email: khs40thcelebration@hotmail.com*

Any memorabilia of your days at Killara High would be appreciated.

Tickets on sale now, so get a group together, past or present and get INVOLVED!



KILLARA HIGH CELEBRATES-40 FABULOUS YEARS

Saturday 28th August 2010, 7pm-12MN

Ticket Order form

Name _____

Address _____

Email _____ Contact phone no: _____

What year did you complete Year 12? _____

No of tickets @ \$75 per person _____ = \$ _____

OR

Group booking of 10 tickets @ 70 each = \$700

Payment details:

Mastercard Visa Expiry date____/____ Signature_____

Cardholders Name: (please print) _____

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Cheque – please make payable to **Killara High School** and on the **reverse** write
“KHS 40th celebration”

Group of 10 Bookings ONLY:

Please provide contact details for those in your group(this will assist in forming a database of contacts for future events-*optional* and not for publication)

Name_____ Email_____

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Order form to be posted to:

Accounts Department
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Koola Avenue
KILLARA NSW 2071
Phone: 9498 3722
OR
Email form to: killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

Office use only:
Receipt No: _____
Date: _____
Ticket No Issued: _____

CALLING ALL YEAR 12 PARENTS – LET'S CELEBRATE THE FAB 40 TOGETHER



As you may know plans are well underway to celebrate the school's 40th birthday in style. On 28th August people will be dusting off their dancing shoes and getting their glad rags on for a night of fun and frivolity. There will be a live dance band, a sumptuous cocktail dinner and lots more with wine and beer also included!

We thought it would be good to support the evening by getting a group of Year 12 parents together as a group booking (only \$70 pp for a group of 10) so we can have a great night out together.

Details of the celebration are on the school web site. If you are interested in joining us then please contact Claire Summers at tim.summers@optusnet.com.au

YEAR 10 PARENTS LET'S CELEBRATE THE 40TH BIRTHDAY OF KHS TOGETHER

On Saturday night **28th August** KHS is going to celebrate the school's 40th birthday. There will be a live dance band and a sumptuous cocktail dinner. But wait, there's more... **wine and beer is also included!**

We thought it would be good to support the evening by getting Year 10 parents together as a group booking so we can have a night out together. Also, if we book for 10 or more, the price is reduced to \$70 pp.

Details of the celebration are on the school web site. If you are interested in joining us then please contact Lee Bevitt on lee.ccc@hotmail.com or 94173835.

PS: The Year 10 parents' dinner previously advertised for 3rd September will be postponed until 4th Term.

YEAR 7 PARENTS LET'S CELEBRATE THE 40TH BIRTHDAY OF KHS TOGETHER

Date: Saturday night, 28th August 2010

What is it?: There will be a live dance band, a delicious cocktail dinner, and wine and beer included!

Why?: We thought it would be good to support the evening by getting Year 7 parents together as a group booking so we can have a night out together.

Cost: If we book for 10 or more, the price is reduced to \$70 pp.

If you would like to attend the night with other Year 7 parents then contact Sandra Downing on 0418 450 370 or sandra@definity.com.au

P&C Communiqué

While our little darlings had a break over the holidays, KHS P&C continued to work. Here's an update on what's been happening since the last exciting edition of "P&C Communiqué":

Renovation of Eight A Block Classrooms

- The renovation of eight A Block classrooms with P&C funds occurred during the July break in time for the beginning of Term 3.
- The work included replacing notice boards, carpets, doors, lighting, painting and more.

- At the next P&C meeting parents will have the opportunity to look through the renovated classrooms.
- Any questions, contact Ron Green (Ronald.Green@chhwoodproducts.com.au)

Land Across the Road

- P&C have continued liaising with various government departments and other groups to try to expedite the use of the land across the road.
- Any questions, contact David Jordan (david@dacono.com.au)

Fresh Tastes @ School Booster Program

- The P&C application for the Healthy Kids Fresh Tastes @ School Booster Program has been accepted.
- This government funded program provides assistance where, and if, needed to ensure that our canteen satisfies the mandatory NSW government schools healthy canteen policy, whilst also remaining profitable.

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

The **next P&C meeting** will be on **Wednesday night 18th August**. We'd love to see many more parents come along. We make important decisions that could directly affect your child/ren. And as the saying goes . . . the more the merrier...

Lee Bevitt, P&C Vice President

The Science Experience –

Science Opportunity for Year 9 and 10 Students



A three-day hands-on practical science program, will be conducted again in 35 Australian universities and tertiary institutions throughout 2010-2011. The programs are non-selective and open to all students in Years 9 and 10. Each program includes a wide variety of practical activities, excursions, career information together with interesting presentations by leading Australian scientists and engineers.

This is a Rotary Youth Services Project, supported by the Australian Science Teachers Association and The Young Scientists of Australia. The total cost of the three-day program is \$110 (includes GST). Local Rotary clubs are often willing to sponsor students to attend, so please contact your local Rotary club for details.

Further information and application forms are available from your school, local Rotary club, *The Science Experience* office on **(03) 8288 1001** or www.scienceexperience.com.au. Early application is advised.

Marine Discovery Centre, Queenscliff, Victoria 2010

From Your Library

Here are some new fiction title reviews. Some of these books are replacements for books that were water damaged earlier in the year and are really worth a read.

Kuipers, Alice - *The Worst Thing She Ever Did*

All Sophie wants is to forget what happened last summer. But that's not easy when people keep asking if she's okay, and her mother locks herself behind closed doors for hours at a time. And now her best friend, Abigail, cares more about parties and boys than hanging out with Sophie.

Lost in memories of the life she once had — before that terrible day — Sophie retreats into herself. But it's only so long before she must confront the tragedy of her past so she can face the future.

Lovric, Michelle - *The Undrowned Child*

It's the beginning of the 20th century; the age of scientific progress. But for Venice the future looks bleak. A conference of scientists assembles to address the problems, among whose delegates are the parents of twelve-year-old Teodora. Within days of her arrival, she is subsumed into the secret life of Venice: a world in which salty-tongued mermaids run subversive printing presses, ghosts good and bad patrol the streets and librarians turn fluidly into cats. A battle against forces determined to destroy the city once and for all quickly ensues. Only Teo, the undrowned child,

who survived a tragic accident as a baby, can go 'between the linings' to subvert evil and restore order.

Laird, Elizabeth - *Crusade*

Two boys from opposing worlds come face to face in this thought-provoking new historical adventure from a highly acclaimed author. TWO BOYS. TWO FAITHS. ONE UNHOLY WAR . . . When Adams mother dies unconfessed, he pledges to save her soul with dust from the Holy Land. Employed as a dog-boy for the local knight, Adam grabs the chance to join the Crusade to reclaim Jerusalem. He burns with determination to strike down the infidel enemy . . . Salim, a merchants son, is leading an uneventful life in the port of Acre until news arrives that a Crusader attack is imminent. To keep Salim safe, his father buys him an apprenticeship with an esteemed, travelling doctor. But Salim's employment leads him to the heart of Sultan Saladins camp and into battle against the barbaric and unholy invaders . . .

Fitzpatrick, Becca - *Hush, Hush*

For Nora Grey, romance was not part of the plan. She's never been particularly attracted to the boys at her school, no matter how much her best friend, Vee, pushes them at her. Not until Patch came along. With his easy smile and eyes that seem to see inside her, Nora is drawn to him against her better judgment. But after a series of terrifying encounters, Nora's not

sure who to trust. Patch seems to be everywhere she is, and to know more about her than her closest friends. She can't decide whether she should fall into his arms or run and hide. And when she tries to seek some answers, she finds herself near a truth that is way more unsettling than anything Patch makes her feel. Nora is right in the middle of an ancient battle between the immortal and those that have fallen - and, when it comes to choosing sides, the wrong choice will cost her life.

Sachar, Louis - *The Cardturner*

When Alton's ageing, blind uncle asks him to attend bridge games with him, he agrees. After all, it's better than a summer job in the local shopping mall, and Alton's mother thinks it might secure their way to a good inheritance sometime in the future. But, like all apparently casual choices in any of Louis Sachar's wonderful books, this choice soon turns out to be a lot more complex than Alton could ever have imagined. As his relationship with his uncle develops, and he meets the very attractive Toni, deeply buried secrets are uncovered and a romance that spans decades is finally brought to a conclusion. Alton's mother is in for a surprise!

Gwyther, Sheryl - *Secrets of Eromanga*

Secrets of Eromanga is an Australian outback adventure that includes plenty of factual details about dinosaur fossils and where they might be found. Eromanga was once an inland sea and is fossil-rich. The novel speculates on the life of some of the dinosaurs who lived by the sea as it simultaneously tracks the discovery of the fossils. Ellie is a realistic heroine, who finds the courage she needs when circumstances require it. She also experiences all the jealousy and insecurities of most girls of her age. Tom manages to stay outside the friction between Ellie and Peta but is pleased when they find a way to be friends. Some new Non fiction titles in detail

Sowdon, Trevor - *Analysing the Chinese Revolution*, 951.04 SOW

Analysing the Chinese Revolution helps students to develop understanding of the process of revolution,

and to analyse and reflect upon the political, social and economic changes of the Chinese Revolution. An engaging combination of narrative, documentary sources, analyses, historiography and activities students are asked to read these cultural forms as records of the ways people tried to think their way through the revolution. [This book has an accompanying CD]

Graham, Ian - *Amazing Stadium*, 725.827 GRA

'Amazing Stadiums' takes a close-up look at some of the most famous stadiums ever built. Discover the challenges that faced the designers and builders of these engineering marvels. Learn about the great stadiums of the ancient and modern world, including Australia's Melbourne Cricket Ground, The USA's Michigan Stadium, Germany's dazzling Allianz Arena, England's new Wembley Stadium and China's world-famous Bird's Nest Olympic Stadium. Then check out some amazing stadiums being planned for the future.

Jakab, Cheryl - *Greenhouse Gase*, 363.7387 JAK

This pertinent books details which gases /pollutants increase the natural greenhouse effect, where they come from and how they can be reduced. It is part of the **Global Issues** series that offers important insights into some of the major environmental issues of our time. Special features include a world map with mini photos and captions. **What can you do?** – practical ideas for making a difference and **Fast facts** – a snappy piece of information relating to sustainability.

McLeish, Ewan - *Genetic Revolution*, 660.65 MCL

The Genetic Revolution is an issue that is likely to affect every one of us in the future. This book will help you to understand more about genetic engineering, what this actually means, how it works and how it could affect you. Take a closer look at cloning, find out about the pros and cons of genetically modified food and understand the impact that genetic engineering could have on medicine.

Francie Campbell and Christine Sugowdz Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

Open Days

Year 12 students are strongly advised to attend the open days of universities they are considering attending in 2011. Dates are listed below;

- Australian Catholic University
- North Sydney Campus – 28th August
- Strathfield Campus – 11th September
- ANU – 28th August
- University of Canberra – 28th August
- Charles Sturt University Sydney Open Day – 28th August. (Target Theatre, Powerhouse Museum. Sessions ^{at} 10.30am and 1.30pm)

- Griffith University – 8th August
- Macquarie University – 11th September
- UNSW – 4th September
- University of Newcastle
- Callaghan Campus – 28th August
- Ourimbah Campus – 21st August
- Australian Defence Force – 28th August. For those interested in combining a challenging and exciting career in the Australian Defence Force with a degree.
<http://www.unsw.adfa.edu.au/openday/>
- University of Sydney – 28th August

- UTS
 - Broadway Campus – 28th August, 9am-4pm
 - Ku-ring-gai Campus – 8th September, 4pm-7pm
<http://openday.uts.edu.au/>
- University of Western Sydney
 - Parramatta Campus 29th August
- Raffles College for Design and Commerce
- William Blue College of Hospitality Management – 28th August

Bluescope Steel 2011 Cadetship Applications

These can be accessed at www.bluescopesteel.com following the links to 'careers'. Bluescope is recruiting students in mechanical, electrical, computer, mechatronics, civil/structural, materials and chemical engineering as well as those interested in a career in chemistry. Generally a cadetship is completed over 5 years: 3 years as part time study and full time work and 2 years in full time study with a paid allowance. For further information email kathy.spake@bluescopesteel.com

Scholarships

Scholarship Information has arrived from:

- The Penrith City Council and the Wollondilly Shire Council for potential UWS urban planning students
- University of Sydney's Women's College

UAC Guides

Both local and international versions have arrived at the school and will be distributed to Year 12 students when they return from their trial examinations.

University of Sydney Careers Forum: Medicine, Nursing, Pharmacy, Health Sciences

12th August from 4:00pm-6.30pm. MacLaurin Hall, Quadrangle, University of Sydney
Cost: Free. All students welcome.
Contact: Felicity Barry Phone: 90367552 or Email: felicity.barry@sydney.edu.au
<http://www.usyd.edu.au/news/93.html?eventid=6051>

Charles Sturt University New Physiotherapy and Rehabilitation Science Facilities

\$7.7 million dollar development at Charles Sturt University (CSU) in Orange. A Bachelor of Physiotherapy course started this year. A Bachelor of Health and Rehabilitation Science degree starts in Orange in March 2011.
<http://news.csu.edu.au/director/regionalnews/albury-wodonga.cfm>

Chartered Accountants Meet the Business Leader

18th August 2010 from 4.30pm-7.00pm. The Institute of Chartered Accountants in Australia, Level 1, 33 Erskine Street, Sydney. For Year 10 and 11 students.
http://www.charteredaccountants.com.au/students/whats_on/meet_the_business_leader

Projects Abroad Volunteer Organisation Information Evenings

Sydney Central YHA, 11 Rawson Place, 16th August 2010, 6.30pm - 7.30pm.
<http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/>

Talent Development Project "Start Me Up" Concert

TDP prepares students from NSW public schools for a career in the music industry. Prior to the concert, the Master Class will allow students to learn about the industry.

Details: <http://www.talentdevelopmentproject.org.au/index.php>

Australian Institute of Music Open Day

14th August between 10am and 3pm. Free Live Music, Master Classes and Music Workshops. Tour AIM's State of the Art Q Recording Studios, 1-51 Foveaux Street, Surry Hills. Ph (02) 9219 5444. <http://www.aim.edu.au/about/open-day>

Boyce Chartered Accountants

With five offices in regional NSW, Boyce can offer **cadetships** for students to develop a career and go to university whilst remaining in regional NSW. Program opens in July 2010. Applications close Friday 27th August 2010. Ph. (02) 6452 3344

JMC Undergraduate Scholarships 2011

15 scholarships (5 in Sydney, 5 in Melbourne and 5 in Brisbane). Entries close on Friday 3rd December 2010.
<http://www.jmccademy.edu.au/index.cfm>

CIB Accountancy Cadetships

http://www.cibaccountants.com.au/employment/cadetship_application
For additional information on Financial Planning Cadetship positions: http://www.cibaccountants.com.au/employment/financial_planning_cadetship
<http://www.cibaccountants.com.au/>

National ICT Careers Week

26th July to 1st August 2010. Designed to show the opportunities for young people in information and communications technology.
www.ictcareersweek.info

Australian Medical Students' Association (AMSA)

Useful information about applying to study Medicine in Australia.
<http://www.amsa.org.au/content/premed-amsa-disclaimer>

Australian Catholic University Scholarships

Applications close on 2nd August 2010
http://www.acu.edu.au/courses/scholarships_and_financial_aid/acu_scholarships_and_bursaries/
<http://cadets.bluescopesteel.com/home/australian-cadetships/brighter-future>

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

Colleen Clarke and Deborah Lloyd, Careers Advisers

Tennis at Killara for Term 3

Here at the school we offer a number of after school tennis programs as well as a Saturday morning competition. The squads are run on Thursdays and Fridays and cater to all levels.

For more information please call Scott Chapell on 0401 518 514.

First Friday Prayer Time

Parents and supporters of the Killara District Christian Education Association are invited to meet for prayer.

On the first Friday of each month during term time we meet at the school to pray for students and staff. Our next meeting is **Friday 6th August**, meeting at Reception in A Block at 9:30am.

For further information please contact Mr Matt Mulready.

Do you want to play CRICKET at the Home of Cricket on the North Shore?

Lindfield District Cricket Club, one of the largest and oldest community cricket clubs in Australia, would like to invite KHS students to give Cricket a go and have some fun! There are many KHS students already playing so welcome back to those players for the coming season, and bring along some of your mates to play for the Club!

Our registration day is on this **SUNDAY 1st AUGUST** at the Lindfield Oval Clubhouse, Tryon Rd, LINDFIELD from 10.00am-12.00noon. Alternatively you can register on line at www.ldcc.com.au, click on juniors and then registration. On line registration will be open for week or so after 1st August. If you would like further information, please email Jeff Bolt, LDCC Junior Convener at juniors@ldcc.com.au. Please see below for further details.

LDCC has 32 teams playing in the North Shore Junior Cricket Association ranging from U9's to U16/17's.

Coaching is a focus to allow you to develop and enjoy your game. Teams are not graded, ensuring that everyone gets a go.

Training facilities are excellent with the club helping develop practice nets at Killara High and Lindfield East PS, easing the burden on council provided facilities.

Our Club has an enviable record of allowing players to enjoy their cricket, but at the same time playing quality cricket.

The U16/17's play on turf wickets on Sunday mornings to facilitate the path to senior cricket, and will be given the opportunity, if desired, to play in the seniors comp.

The U14/15 age group plays Sunday morning.

The U13 and U14 age groups play Saturday afternoon
LDCC is committed to providing players with an enjoyable and rewarding experience, with a continued focus on developing their skills as cricketers, as well as encouraging active participation from all players.

Two of Australia's top science organisations join forces for National Science Week.

See hard core measurement, physics and engineering research in action.

Our doors are open, so come along!

What: Open Day 2010

Who: The National Measurement Institute (NMI) and CSIRO Materials Science and Engineering

When: 10am - 4pm Sunday 15th August 2010

Where: The National Measurement Institute, Bradfield Road, West Lindfield, NSW

More: Learn how important accurate measurement is to everyday life. Hear about our research in measurement, physics, engineering and materials science. Chat with our scientists about their work. Discover pathways to a career in science.

If that's not enough ... Find out how modern movies such as *Avatar* use science, technology, engineering and lots of complicated mathematics. Be entertained by 'The Excited Particles', Questacon's theatre troupe, as they explore all things measurement.

And much more ...

visit www.measurement.gov.au/openday for the full program.

Keep in touch: contact us at communications@measurement.gov.au or 02-8467 3771

Fitz Band Comp 2010

Details: Now in its eighteenth year, the Fitz Band Competition is an opportunity for young local bands to perform on stage in front of big crowds with a professional sound engineer, with great prizes on offer.

If you are a band with at least one member residing in the Ku-ring-gai area or attending school in the area, and the majority of your band members are under the age of 24, you are eligible to enter the Fitz Band Competition 2010.

Entries are now open to all bands and performers who would like to participate in this year's event. Please contact Jordan Howe on 9424 0994 or email johowe@mkc.nsw.gov.au to obtain an entry form. Entries are \$35 and must include a band demo signed entry form and payment. Entries close 16 July

Dates of competition: Heat 3 – 6th August, with the final to be held 13th August

Time: 7pm - 11pm **Venue:** Fitz Youth Centre, St Ives

Parenting Young People: Strategies For Harmonious Living

The Health Psychology Unit, UTS presents a community seminar comprising three presentations:

Keeping your cool: Handling hostility at home - Dr Antony Kidman

Cyber Bullying: What every parent needs to know - Dr Rachael Murrhiy

Helping your teenager to manage their emotional well-being - Louise Remond

Staff will be available to answer questions after the presentations

Date: Wednesday, 27TH October 2010

Time: 7pm – 9:30pm

Venue: Health Psychology Unit, UTS Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway, St Leonards (near Dick Smith)

Cost: \$60

Bookings required – please contact Rie:(ph)
95144077 or 9438 3828 (fax) 9906 3825
Health.psychology@uts.edu.au

Proceeds will support research by the unit into mental illness in young people

Ku-ring-gai Council and Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS)

Parent Forum

**“How Does Generation Y Navigate Relationships
– How You Can Help “**

Monday 9th August 2010, from 6.30pm - 8.30pm
(registration from 6:15pm)

Venue: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon (enter via the rear carpark).

Guest Speakers :

David Citer - David has been working as an Adolescent and Family Counsellor for the past ten years with organizations including the Ted Noffs Foundation Program for Adolescent Life Management, The Hawkesbury District Health Service and The Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service. He is the current Manager of KYDS.

Glen A Gerreyn - Glen is a youth communicator that speaks to more than 100,000 people each year throughout Australasia. He is the founder of the Oxygen Factory, which works with schools, community groups, youth conferences and businesses offering education, excellence and empowerment.

Entry- gold coin donation

Bookings required. Contact Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

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

Family Advocacy

Family Advocacy is a New South Wales based disability advocacy organisation that provides advocacy related information and advice primarily to families of people with developmental disability.

● **Family Advocacy know how to build a positive vision for people with developmental disability by...** Believing in them - Supporting big dreams - Building bright futures

Information session times: 9.30am—10:45am at each location

Hornsby – 11th August 2010

We are holding **information sessions** in your area where we will discuss opportunities for creating rich lives for people with disability and how you could find Family Advocacy helpful.

Come for morning tea and a chat that could provide you with ideas, contacts and information.

There is no cost to attend - tea / coffee on arrival and morning tea after the session will be provided.

Phone for more information about the session, venue details and to register on (02) 9869 0866 or 1800 620 588 (free call for NSW non metro callers)

● Lets get started... getting ready for school and life
“An opportunity to explore the lifelong benefits of, and strategies to achieve, an inclusive education for children with a developmental disability*.

Hornsby – 11th August 2010

Registration: 10:45am — 11:15am

Workshop: 11:15am—2:15pm

Do you have a son or daughter with developmental disability* who will be starting school in the next couple of years or has recently started school?

Are you interested in them going to a mainstream school — an ordinary class with children of their own age?

This workshop aims to help you start planning a positive future and looking at what is needed to achieve an inclusive education.

It is especially relevant for families of children preparing for school or in their early school years.

Practical tips, strategies and ideas will be shared.

Cost: FREE (tea/coffee & morning tea on arrival plus lunch provided)

How long: 11.15am until 2.15pm

Who should come: Mums, dads, adult extended family of a child with developmental disability.

Register 7 days prior to workshop to receive venue details and confirm that the workshop is right for you!

Email: workshops@family-advocacy.com