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P&C Meeting

**Wednesday
15th September 2010**

You are warmly invited to the next P&C meeting at 8pm on 15th September, in the conference room above the canteen (C block).

Find out what's going on in your child/ren's school and share your ideas.

In particular, we will be approving various building projects to be funded with P&C monies.

Hope to see you there.

School Captains for 2010-11

Congratulations to the following students on their election as School Captains:

Victoria Durand and Stephen Mackay

The Captains will be formally inducted later this year. Following the announcement of those elected Dr Carter thanked all the Year 11 student leaders who stood for election and acknowledged the extraordinary capacity they bring both individually and collectively to their roles as school leaders.

As part of the process of choosing the Captains, all nominees presented a written submission on why they wished to be Captain of Killara High School. Each nominee was interviewed by the Principal, current school captains, and Year Adviser. Each was also required to deliver a speech to their peers and staff prior to the election.

Showcasing our Students' Talents

Term 3 brings HSC and Preliminary HSC deadlines and demands on students, staff and their families. In recent weeks Year 12 students have completed major projects in Visual Arts as presented at the Annual Arts Exhibition over the election weekend and performed in music and drama for large evening audiences comprising fellow students, parents and staff.

Year 11 drama students performed a series of play scenes by well known and some lesser known playwrights, again to a large and enthusiastic audience of supporters. Prior to this, many parents and siblings were on hand to see the music ensembles in a wonderful program of concert band, stage band, orchestral and choir items. And most recently, an evening of dance at Korobro.

Each exhibition and evening of performances showcased the extraordinary talents and commitment of students. It also provided an opportunity for parents and staff to observe the exhilaration and joy of many students who rose to the challenge of performance and who gained a sense of achievement at the core of human endeavour and growth. While not quantifiable in marks, it was most evident on each occasion, and the satisfaction will remain with those students for a long time to come. Thanks go to the many staff who gave up their weekends and evenings to assist and support the students.

Last weekend seventy five Year 9 students accompanied by parents (Mrs Rosemary Norrington, Mr Matt Walker and Dr Mark Kreiger) and staff members (Mr Stewart Mitchell, Mr Steven Brinkley and Mr Guy Hudson), completed challenging sections of the Great North Walk between Berowra and Hornsby for the Bronze Duke of Edinburgh's Award. Again, the sense of personal and team achievement was overwhelmingly evident as the groups dropped their packs after completing their 32 km walk on Sunday afternoon. Thanks go to the parents and staff who gave up their weekend to support our students.

Mark Carter, Principal

Calendar

September 2010

- 9 - NSW CHS Athletics Carnival – Sydney Athletic Centre (3 days)
- 13 - Yr 11 Preliminary Assessment continues
- 15 - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room
- 16 - Yr 12 Reports issued via Home Groups
- 21 - EKUBA – 6.30pm – Kerrabee Hall
- 22 - Yr 7 Fun Day – Ermington Putt-Putt Golf
- Youth Review Forum – Roseville College
- 23 - French Study Tour departs
- 24 - Yr 12 Farewell Assembly and Picnic
- Last day – Term 3

October 2010

- 11 - First day – Term 4 – Staff and Students
- Yr 10 Assessment (continues)
- 13 - French Study Tour returns
- Yr 10 Assessment concludes
- 14 - **HSC examinations commence**
- 15 - Prefect Blood Drive
- 18 - HSC examinations continue
- 19 - Yr 7 Immunisation Program
- 20 - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room
- 25 - HSC examinations continue

November 2010

- 3 - Yr 11 Legal Studies Excursion
- 8 - **School Certificate examinations commence (2 days)**
- Yr 9 Camp – Stanwell Tops (3 days)
- 10 - **School Certificate Computing Studies examination**
- Yr 10 Elective Assessment
- 11 - Remembrance Day Assembly
- 12 - Yr 11 Geography Excursion – Observatory Hill Field Cenmtre
- 14 - P&C Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am – 12noon
- 15 - Yr 10 *It's Your Life* Program (all week)
- 17 - DEAS Induction Evening
- 19 - Lindfield Public School Music Spectacular (3pm-9pm)
- 22 - Yr 9 Water Safety & Survival (all week)
- Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (all week)
- 29 - Yr 7 Water Safety & Survival Skills (all week)
- Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (all week)

Year 12 Tertiary Information Seminar

On Tuesday evening this week, Mrs Clarke, Careers Adviser, again assembled an expert panel of advisers and former students to speak at the Year 12 Tertiary Education Information Seminar.

A full house in the Kerrabee Theatre is testament to the esteem in which Mrs Clarke and her colleagues are held when it comes to clear, concise and informed advice on tertiary education pathways.

Parents and students are encouraged to take advantage of the expertise and information available through the school's Careers Office. The service Mrs Clarke provides has few parallels in NSW schools.

Mark Carter, Principal

ATAR Morning Tea for Year 12 Students

On **Thursday 16th December 2010**, our HSC students will be able to obtain their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), formerly known as the University Admission Index (UAI).

On that morning we would like to invite our Year 12 students to come into school to share with us their good news and good fortune or to commiserate and help plan if they are not happy.

We will provide morning tea in the staff common room in A Block and would love to see as many of our students as possible. This is also helpful for our records as the school does not receive this information.

So, Year 12, it's a date - on Thursday 16th December at 10.30am in the staff common room upstairs in A Block. Come and celebrate with your friends and teachers.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Christine Black, Head Teacher Stage 6

Debating - *The Internet Does More Harm Than Good*



On Wednesday 18th August, Killara High School held a demonstration debate for Lindfield East and Killara Public Schools. The topic for the debate was *The Internet Does More Harm Than Good*.

The affirmative team consisted of first speaker **Na Young Song**, second speaker **Marissa Parel**, third speaker **Isabel Griffin** and team adviser **Imogen Ruberg (Year 7)**.

The negative speaker consisted of first speaker **Grace Fitton (Year 8)**, second speaker **Nick Phillis**, third speaker **Emma Johnstone**, and **Ellie Anderson-Gingold (Year 7)**.

Both teams did very well, but the negative team won, due to their extension of their argument to a national level. The debate was adjudicated by a group of Year 11 debaters, **Georgia Kenny-Watson**, **Nicole Simon**, **Nathalie Frauenfelder** and **Laura Werman**. The Year 11s then talked about the roles of the speakers in debating and about the benefits to students of this challenging yet enjoyable activity. The primary students asked several thoughtful questions to round off the session. T

his debate followed a series of workshops run by Year 11 debaters at Killara Public School last term.

Year 7 and 8 Debating Squad



I would like to thank all the people who came to Korobro. We really appreciated your support. It was a great evening of entertainment and many in the audience commented on the variety of performances the program offered.

Elyse Powell (Year 8) and Sarah Cunningham (Year 10) performed a memorable acrobatics routine and our classical, jazz and contemporary dancers should be commended for their excellent performances.

Mark Kruize (Year 12) and Eddie Um (Year 10) carried the flag for the boys this year, but we are hoping to see more boys in the program next year.

The Light and Sound Team did a great job and our special thanks go to Jasmine Crewe for choreographing our ensembles this year and for putting the show together.

Helga Lam, Dance Coordinator

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be open on

Saturday, 9th October 2010 - 9am to 12noon

during the school holidays for your convenience to purchase summer uniform items prior to Term 4.

Our price list and order form can be downloaded from our School website;

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/41261.node>, and select **Killara High Uniform Shop**

Conny Valeontis, Uniform Shop Coordinator

Community Bush Fire Awareness

The NSW Rural Fire Service have advised the school of a new electronic newsletter called *Firewise eNews* that has been launched to assist schools and the community to identify ways to protect themselves and their property from the impacts of fire.

Families are invited to subscribe if interested. This can be done by visiting the RFS website at www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and following the links.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

The Student HSC PIN and UAC PIN – What the Difference?

All HSC students have now received an HSC PIN and recently received a separate UAC PIN via their school. The Board of Studies issued all HSC students with



their HSC PIN on a handy card (see accompanying image) attached to a letter in April this year.

Using their HSC PIN and Student Number,

students are able to access BOS *Students Online* where they can check their personal details, including their HSC course enrolments and personal exam timetable.

From Wednesday 10th November students will be able to access their personal HSC Assessment Ranks for each course and their HSC results in December.

Students should check that they have their HSC PIN and visit the *Help* section of *Students Online* if they have lost or forgotten their HSC PIN.

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) recently issued all HSC students with a UAC PIN, which they need to use when applying to study in 2011 at UAC participating institutions. Visit the UAC website www.uac.edu.au for more information and a range of Frequently Asked Questions about applying through UAC.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Youth Book Forum



On 2nd September, two of our male Year 9 students from Killara participated in a Youth Book Forum at Roseville College. This is an annual event, where

students from four schools form a panel, to discuss the fiction titles nominated on The Children's Book Council of the Year Shortlist for Older Readers. The panel is chaired by Paul Macdonald, from the Children's Bookshop in Beecroft, who manages and directs the lively debate that ensues!

This year, there were two representatives from Roseville College, Ravenswood School for Girls, The Kings School and Killara High School. Our two participants, **David Nouri and Hatim Khanbhai**, spoke exceptionally well, intelligently sharing their insights and opinions about the novels. They were a credit to the school and themselves! At the end of the forum, the two students were able to select two novels to take home!

Francie Campbell, Teacher-Librarian

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme – Bronze Qualifying Expedition

On the 4th September at 10:00am on a Saturday morning, 75 adventurous Year 9s' of Killara High set out on their qualifying Duke of Edinburgh hike. It was drizzly as we hiked with our packs out of Berowra Park. When we got to the train station, we were confronted by the daunting task of extracting twelve tickets from the temperamental machine.

Nonetheless, we caught our bus to Hornsby train station (the trains were inactive) and set off finding the head of the track. I was leading the group first, and successfully navigated us to the Great North Walk, not much of a feat considering the saturation of ex-Scouts following me around.

The trail took us down to the bottom of the Berowra Valley and to the Hawkesbury River, where we stopped for lunch.

I passed the leadership over ex-Scout Ashlee, and she led us to our first challenge: The crossing of the river. We were being attacked by leeches, and that just added to the confusion of the next half an hour. Somehow, we managed to cross the river (over a bunch of flooded stepping stones) no less than three times, soaking our boots. I quote from Harry Wheeler, another ex-Scout: "Ohhh, if we cross that river again, I will kill someone. I just put on new socks!" The next few hours were a blur of track and leech jokes. We stopped at an old Military bridge, where a bush turkey jumped off the edge.

We walked until we reached the Crosslands, where we dropped our packs and set up camp. Dinner was the standard, creamy bacon cabonara with ham and cabanossi. Thank the camping gods for dehydrated foods.

Morning broke, the sun filling the valley, the birds twittering on cue, and the pots ready for shining. Sad face. I enjoyed my nutritious two minute noodle breakfast, and before long, was ready to leave. Our day's adventures were limited to a lazy six kilometre walk, where we enjoyed the sun, played games with our awesome leader Jess (who we had had on a previous hike), and enjoyed a great weekend. Around one o'clock we walked out via a rather large

hill, and made it back to Berowra for the last of the chocolate and lifts home.

Despite all the complaining about sore legs, I think everyone enjoyed the hike immensely. We all came back with some great memories and closer friends. And a shared hatred for leeches.

Tim Scollay, Year 9

Thank you to all the parents, ex students, teachers and staff of Killara High.

A great night was had by all at the Fabulous 40 celebrations. Many a staff member was seen kicking up their heels to "Gluteus Maximus"; as we all danced the night away.

Thanks to the Killara Community for supporting the event and making it a night to remember. Thank you to our great guest speakers who helped us understand what Killara High has meant to many past students and staff over 40 great years.

The organising committee would like to thank everyone who contributed to making the night a resounding success.





Year 11 Parents – We Need Your Help!

Ekuba 2010 - Year 12 Farewell Dinner

Year 11 is hosting the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, known as EKUBA, in the Kerrabee Centre on the evening of **Tuesday 21st September 2010**.

There will be approximately 500 students, parents and teachers attending the function which is always a very happy occasion. To make the evening the success it should be we need your help from about 9.30am onwards for setting up, laying the tables, decorating the hall and then later for the clean up. We expect to be finished no later than 11.30pm.

A number of Year 11 hospitality students have kindly offered their assistance and from 5.30pm they will be assisting the caterers, serving food and helping to clean up afterwards. However we also need the help of Year 11 parents to ensure the preparations and the function run smoothly.

If you can assist in any way please complete the slip below and return to A Block (marked EKUBA) before Monday 13TH September 2010. Alternatively you can reply by email to Heather Jordan at Heather@dacono.com.au.

If you have any queries then please do not hesitate to contact:

Heather Jordan – 9415 6563. Mob: 0429 669 729

Thank you for your help.

Ekuba Committee 2010

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EKUBA 2010 – Year 11 Parents Assistance

Please return to A Block (Reception)

I am able to help at Ekuba on **Tuesday 21st September 2010**.

Parents Name: _____

Contact Number(s): _____
(Home No) (Mobile)

Email Address: _____

Please circle preferred time:

9.30am – 1.30pm
Setting up

1.30pm - 5pm
Setting up

9.30pm - end
Clean up

From the Library

New Non-Fiction:

Aussie! Aussie! Aussie!: a Great Big Book of Aussie Legends, Icons and Animals.

Bennett, Anthony G. (editor) *The Big Book of Marketing: Lessons and Best Practices from the World's Greatest Companies.*

Copland, Aaron. *What to Listen for in Music.*

Coulter, Leo and Jones, Richard. *How to Record Your Own Music and Get It On The Internet.*

Healey, Justin, (editor). *Coping with Grief and Loss.*

Healey, Justin (editor). *Whaling.*

May, Ed and Simpson, Les. *Approach to Automotive.*

Nagle, Jeanne. *Making Good Choices about Renewable Resources.*

Porterfield, Jason. *Considering Basic and Advanced Searches.*

Watson, Stephanie. *Making Good Choices about Recycling and Reuse*

In detail:

Bodden, Valerie. *Haiku*

People have written poems for thousands of years. The goal of the Japanese form of poetry called 'haiku' is to help readers feel the emotion of a poem by presenting them with a brief image.

Caughey, Jane. *Write with Purpose: An Approach to Personal Writing.*

Develop your students' skills in planning, composing, editing and publishing across a range of personal writing genres. Activities are focused around: story ideas; building shape and structure; consideration of audience and purpose; language features; re-reading, editing and publishing.

Forrestal, Elaine. *Write with Purpose: An Approach to Creative Writing.*

Turn the common student response, 'Oh no, do we have to write a story?' into 'Can we do writing now!' Activities are focused around: story starter ideas; research techniques; shape and structure; audience and purpose; language features; reading, editing & publishing.

Killens, Sharyn & Lewis, Lindsay. *The Inconvenient Child.*

An abandoned Australian child struggles to survive and find her African American father.

Shapcott, Thomas. *Parts of Us.*

Ranging from sonnet sequences to long lyrical mediations, dramatic monologues to more confessional works, these poems are imbued with verve, curiosity and elegant inquiry. The collection is marked by an almost self-elegiac strain, an unflinching imagining of one's own death, and a sense too of love fading, which serves as a brave and powerful corrective to the idealisation to some poetry written by men about women.

New fiction:

Clavell, James. *King Rat*

Gould, Steven. *Jumper.*

Gregory, Philippa. *The Virgin's Lover*

Hall, Leanne. *This is Shyness.*

Hilton, Nette. *The Innocents*

Levine, Gail Carson. *Fairest*

Lord, Gabrielle. *Conspiracy 365.*

Patterson, James. *Sam's Letters to Jennifer.*

New fiction in detail:

Lucy, Christopher. *Stolen: A Letter to My Captor.*

'It happened like this. I was stolen from an airport. Taken from everything I knew, everything I was used to. Taken to sand and heat, dirt and danger. And he expected me to love him. This is my story. A letter from nowhere.' [Short-listed book for the Children's Book Council of Australia - Book of the Year for Older Readers 2010' and 2010 Shortlist – Young Adult Fiction in the Prime Minister's Literary Awards]

Wilson, Mark. *Angel of Kokoda.*

A picture book about the effects of WWI in the Pacific as seen through the eyes of a young Papua New Guinean boy. Kari, a free-spirited mountain boy, doesn't know why there is fighting in the village of Kokoda. But when he finds a wounded Australian soldier lying in a ditch, he knows he cannot leave him. Together they embark upon a perilous journey along the Kokoda Track...

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

NSW Sports Federation "Careers in Sport Workshops"

This interactive information day which costs \$30 will examine the wide-range of sporting careers available as well as associated tertiary courses. Guest speakers from a variety of sports will outline their real-life experiences of working in sport. Venue is Sydney Olympic Park. To book and check on dates visit <http://www.sportsnsw.com.au>

Design Centre Enmore offers Bachelor of Design (Interior Design)

Information on this new 3-year course is available from the careers office. To gain entry students are required to complete a NSW Higher School Certificate, submit a 500 word written statement, attend an interview and submit a portfolio.

University of Sydney Faculty of Economics and Business Scholarships

A detailed outline of the scholarships offered by this faculty is available from the careers office. The Faculty of Economics and Business offers the largest and most comprehensive scholarship program at the University of Sydney. Applications, which can be accessed online at www.sydney.edu.au/business/futurestudents/scholarships, close on Thursday 30th September.

HSC Preparation Lectures

This course of final HSC preparation lectures offered by the School for Excellence will be held from 26th September to 2nd October. Venue is the University of Sydney. For program details visit www.tsfx.com.au

University of Sydney Year 12 Engineering and Information Technologies Night

This event will start at 6pm. Registration forms are available from the careers office.

Audit Office of NSW Cadetship Program

This is ideal for Year 12 students wishing to become professional accountants. It combines paid, on-the-job

work with tertiary studies. For further information email Gary Beer on gary.beer@audit.nsw.gov.au

Apprenticeships available

- APS Marine has an opportunity for a shipwright apprentice. Telephone 0412 205 157
- An electrical apprenticeship is on offer at Brookvale. For further information contact Jeff Westwood on 0409 954 743
- **Ryde College of TAFE Open Day**
This will be held on 25th September from 10am – 3pm. Ryde TAFE specialises in courses in Tourism, Hospitality, Horticulture and the Environment. For more details log on to www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au

University of Sydney 4-week “Head-Start Program”

Students interested in accessing this program which aims to prepare students for academic success in advance of starting university should email stephen.howlett@sydney.edu.au for more information.

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

Colleen Clarke and Deborah Lloyd
Careers Advisers

TAG Camp



On 27th – 29th August 2010, three Killara High students; **Niki Allum, Susannah Gilder and Cooper Kruize**, two Chatswood High students, and eleven St Ives High students (who all go to lunchtime groups to learn about God at their schools) came to camp with their leaders. We were treated to some awesome scenery at Chaldercott campsite in the Royal National Park.

It was an great weekend choc-a-bloc with games, singing, talks about God, food, meeting new people



and a whole lot more. Something we all really enjoyed at the camp was running into trees whilst playing capture the glow-stick in the dark, with scores tied at 10 all.

It was a real blessing to see these students from all different schools come together to learn about Jesus. The friends we've made will be friends we'll know forever.

Susannah Gilder & Niki Allum, Year 10

“Seussical” the Musical

Presented by Stage Artz Theatre Company and Stage Artz School

24th September – 2nd October 2010 at the Glen Street Theatre

A fantastical, magical, musical extravaganza that creates the witty, wild and whimsical world of Dr Seuss as it has never been seen before!!

