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Did You Know?

Anthony Kalik (Year 8) has been selected in the 2012 NSW Institute of Sport Football Squad. Congratulations Anthony on such a prestigious achievement.

Congratulations to **Kazuma Wittick (Year 11)** who has been selected to attend the National Computer Science School (NCSS) at the School of IT at the University of Sydney. It is a very sort after event for young people in Information Technology. NCSS brings together talented young people from around Australia for an intensive course of computer programming and website development in the School of IT at the University.

World Record Attempt

On Friday 11th November, the Sports Council held an event which had never been attempted before – to have the largest number of participants running the “multi stage fitness challenge”, which is commonly known as the Beep Test. The Beep Test is an endurance fitness test where participants have to run 20 metres repetitively in time with a “beep” which is produced through a public address system. The “beep”, however, continues to get faster and faster as participants progress through the levels.

The purpose of our world record attempt is to promote fitness and health to all Killara High students as well as raising school spirit in relation to sport. Our event was a huge success, with participants from all Years



totaling an extravagant number of students – 327. The number of students who got involved vastly exceeded our expectations and seeing the green and gold sports uniform flooding through the Koola Oval gates was quite spectacular as the Sports Council saw all our hard work had paid off.

The Sports Council would like to congratulate all those who contributed to making this event so successful and we greatly appreciate the presentation of school spirit.



Special congratulations goes to **James Murrie (Year 9)** for achieving the amazing result of 15.4 and being the last student to finish the multi stage fitness challenge.

Students from all years mingled together in unison, showing a terrific display of school spirit to achieve a common goal – the possibility of setting a Guinness World Record!

Alex Mura and Eliza Cepak (Year 10), Sports Council Representatives

Calendar

November 2011

- 17 - Student Leaders Council Executive Induction Ceremony
- Sport Spring Grade Finals
- Lindfield East PS Band Concert – 4pm
- 18 - Lindfield PS Spectacular – 2pm
- Prefects' Mufti Day in aid of CanTeen
- 21 - Yr 10 Work Experience/ Service Learning (2 weeks)
- Yr 9 Survival Skills & Water Safety Program (Monday to Thursday)
- Yr 6 Gifted & Talented Mathematics Program
- 22 - Yr 7 2012 small schools orientation
- Yr 8 ESSA Test
- 23 - Yr 11 Assessment commences
- 26 - Schools Spectacular
- 28 - Yr 7 Survival Skills & Water Safety Program (Monday to Thursday)
- 30 - Parent Volunteers' Morning Tea – Common Room – 10.30am

December 2011

- 2 - Yr 8 Japanese Excursion
- 5 - Yr 7 2012 Enrolment Day
- Yr 7L and 7Y Excursion – Gibberagong Field Studies Centre
- Gordon East PS Presentation – Kerrabee Hall – 3.30pm
- 6 - Yr 7I and 7Q Excursion – Gibberagong Field Studies Centre
- Korobro Annual Dance Concert – 7.30pm – Kerrabee Theatre
- 7 - Yr 7E and 7T Excursion – Gibberagong Field Studies Centre
- DEAS Gold Qualifying Expedition – Jagungal Wilderness, Snowy Mountains (5 days)
- Yr 11 Photography Video & Digital Imaging Excursion to Killarney Heights High School
- Yr 10 Science Incursion
- P&C Christmas Meeting
- 8 - Yr 7U and 7A Excursion – Gibberagong Field Studies Centre
- 12 - Concert Band 2 and Stage Band 2 performances at Darling Harbour
- 13 - Yr 11 HSC Studies of Religion Excursion
- 14 - Stage 4 Completion and Recognition Ceremony – 9am
- 15 - School Certificate Award Ceremony – P1 and 2 – Hall
- Yr 12 HSC Morning Tea – 10.30am
- 16 - Annual Award Ceremony – 10.30 am – Hall
- Yrs 7-10 Semester 2 reports issued
- Last day Term 4 for students

2012 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Bronze Award Information Session – Tuesday 27th March 2012

Students interested in commencing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 2012 should read the information on the school's website <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/web/killara-high-school/curriculum-activities/curriculum-enrichment/duke-of-edinburgh-s-award-scheme>

Additional details about the requirements for the Bronze Award are available on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award website <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/NSW.html>

The school has asked the NSW office of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to present an information session for interested students and their parents/ carers and answer questions. Because of the unavailability of staff this year the session has been scheduled for **Tuesday 27th March 2012 at 6.00pm in the C Block Conference Room.**

While staff at school will also try to respond to questions or issues not addressed by the website, advice can also be sought from the Award office. Refer to <http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Contact-the-NSW-Division.html> for information on how to contact the office.

Expedition Dates 2012

Bronze Award

Bronze Training / Practice Expedition –

Friday 11th – Sunday 13th May 2012 – Somerset

Bronze Qualifying Expedition -

Friday 10th – Sunday 12th August 2012 – Great North Walk

Silver Award

Information Session - Wednesday 29th February 2012 – 6pm – C Block Conference Room

Silver Practice Expedition -

Friday 9th – Sunday 11th March 2012 – Pack and Paddle Colo River

Silver Qualifying Expedition –

Friday 7th – Sunday 9th September 2012 – Pack and Paddle

Gold Award

Information Session – Wednesday 8th February 2012 – 6pm – C Block Conference Room

Gold Practice Expedition -

Thursday 16th – Sunday 19th February 2012 – Cross City Challenge

Gold Qualifying Expedition -

Thursday 11th – Sunday 14th October 2012 – Cross City Challenge

Kelly Johnson, DEAS School Coordinator (Voicemail 107)

Mufti Day

The Prefects will be holding a Mufti Day on Friday **18th November 2011**. All proceeds will go to CanTeen, the Australian organisation which supports young children living with cancer.

ArtExpress and InTech Nominations

Congratulations to:

Ada Chen Jeffrey King
Caspar Lewis Jason Zhao

whose HSC Bodies of Work for Visual Arts have been retained at the HSC marking centre for possible ArtExpress exhibition selection.

Their success follows in the rich tradition of achievement by Killara High School in Visual Arts.

Remembrance Day Assembly

At our Remembrance Day assembly held on Thursday 10th November, Prefect Jeremy McNamara (Year 11) delivered the following speech:

“Remembrance Day is a time to reflect on those who have given their lives in war and, indeed, those serving in wars today.

Tomorrow marks the 93rd anniversary of the signing of the Armistice, signifying the official end of World War One. It was at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month that troops on both sides ceased their shooting and put down their weapons. It was the symbolic end to more than four years of continuous fighting with up to 13 million people having died and over 70 million having been mobilised to take part in the war to end all wars.

Across the following years, Remembrance Day attained a special significance. After World War Two this day was adapted to commemorate not just the ending of a war, but to be a time to remember those who had fallen in all wars and those who had suffered for it.

Remembrance Day has a particular meaning to me. When I was a young child my family and I were living in Singapore and we attended an ANZAC Day Dawn Service at the memorial in Kranji. This was a very solemn and humble occasion for my family. My great-grandfather had served in World War Two and was taken as a prisoner of war in Singapore. He had died as a POW, and his grave was here, in the very place where we were commemorating the ANZAC spirit.

Talking Technology

STUDENTS: BACKUP YOUR WORK BEFORE END OF DAY TUESDAY - WEEK 7 (23rd November)!

Killara High school is restructuring the way it manages software in the school.

The work will mean that our servers are being moved to a new virtual server, and all the desktop machines in the school (some 500 machines) need to be re-imaged. For students the message is to back up their

Congratulations to:

Jason Zhao

whose HSC Major Design Project for Industrial Technology has been nominated for consideration for inclusion in InTech 2012.

Final exhibition selections will be announced early in December.

Mark Carter, Principal

As I listened to and watched the service, I couldn't help but think of the sacrifices made by those who believed in a future free of tyranny, on behalf of young people like me. And I looked around at the faces of people, young and old, Australians, New Zealanders, South Africans, English, Turks and Japanese, drawn together for that commemoration, it dawned on me that while the loss of so many lives was a product of war, so too is a commemoration like today, and the bringing together of people to remember and offer thanks.

That day, with its special significance for my family, changed how I think about the importance of commemorating and remembering the past. I've grown up with a feeling of connection to services like the one we hold here today. This is truly a day for Remembrance- of sacrifice, of loss and mourning, but also of duty and a higher call.

Although Remembrance Day commemorates the moment when the guns on the Western Front fell silent, and enemy and ally alike put down their weapons, it also offers the chance to remember all the fallen and those who have given their lives for their service to their country. Although these men and women are gone, they will never truly leave us as long as we continue to remember their sacrifice. As the Irish saying goes “Death leaves a heartache no one can heal, love leaves a memory no one can steal.”
Jeremy McNamara, Prefect, Year 11

work be it on the school KHS network, the 'multimedia drive' or on the Moodle site.

Students have until the end of Tuesday of week 7 – 23rd November to back up their work. Student files and folders will not be available after this date to be view by students.

Ross Kirbyshire, Head Teacher Computing Studies

Mock Trial Wrap

A birthday at the races ended in Court last week with an 18 year old man charged with breaching a Police move on direction given under legislation only 24 hours old. At least, this was Mock Trial scenario faced by Killara High School in the state Semi-finals of the NSW Law Society Mock Trial Competition. The team, comprised of Neha Mulay, Harrison Schaap, Natalie Udler, Alice Webb, Brian Yoon and Nick Yuen, has been in the knockout competition since March this year.



The Mock Trial Competition pits two schools against each other in a fictional legal case, complete with barristers, a solicitor and witness evidence. Alice Webb, Barrister, said "The most difficult aspect is thinking on your feet when the Judge is firing questions at you about the case or a point of law." Teamwork is crucial in these situations. "We have a really great team and I often turn to the advice of Nick and Neha when I'm getting grilled!", she said.

The team is coached by prominent retired Judge, David Patten. Mr Patten has given up countless hours to assist the team sharing his experience in legal procedure, court room etiquette and the finer points of legal reasoning.

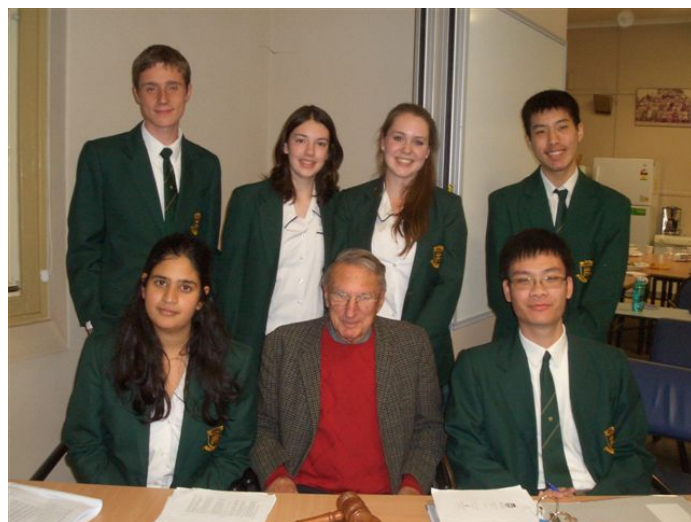
Student Diary Survey Results

Late last term students were encouraged to participate in a survey relating to the use of the USB Memory Stick in comparison to the traditional paper diary. In 2011 students in Years 10 and 11 were issued with the USB Memory Stick loaded with a diary function whereas all other students were issued with a traditional diary. The USB was issued to complement to use of the DER Laptops. Some interesting results of the survey include:

- Over 75% of respondents would prefer a conventional paper diary
- Over 80% of respondents think it is important that they are provided with a tool for organisation

A sample of comments about the positive aspects of the USB Memory Stick:

- It was easy to carry round files and folder



An 8 - 1 win-loss record would be the envy of any team in any competition. From 250 initial teams across NSW, the Killara team advanced through to the final four following a series of impressive and gripping victories.

Harrison Schaap said, "in one round, we won by a single point. It was a tie breaker and when the judge was handing down the decision it was the most nerve-racking thing ever!" Winning in tight situations is one of the marks of an excellent team, and defeating excellent opposition is another. Opponents defeated along the way included James Ruse High, Baulkham Hills, Roseville College and Barker College.

Unfortunately, the opposition in the semi-final, John Paul College, Coffs Harbour, was too strong, with Killara going down by 6 points. The Grand Final will be held in the first week of December.

David Browne, Head Teacher, HSIE Green Faculty



Harrison Schaap (Year 11) considers the merits of the USB Memory Stick

- It had free space to put my own work and/or notes with a date of what I had to do
- I could store heaps on the spare space I had!! YAAAY!
- The USB stick allowed for all of your information to be neatly itemised in one place and could be kept in a pocket in your bag so you would not forget it at home
- Easy to use when logged on

A sample of comments about the negative aspects of the USB Memory Stick:

- It requires a computer/ laptop to operate
- Complicated layout and it takes too long to organize tasks.
- It was a hassle to access when the teacher sets homework and tasks.

- Mine kept on getting mixed up with other people's USB and the diary took forever to load!
- Only one out of two of the drives could be modified (so files can be stored in it), so it was a little inconvenient to find which drive is modifiable every time
- It took forever to load your diary on the laptop just to write a few words for the homework where, if you had a proper diary, you could just whip it out and scribble a note in it in less than 1 minute.
- If you lose it then you lose everything.

After careful consideration of these results conventional paper diaries have been ordered for all students in 2012.

Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher Stage 5

Grounds Working Bee – Thank You

Our sincere thanks go to the parents and students who generously gave their time on Sunday 13th November. It is greatly appreciated.

Gardens at the front of the school were 'freshened up' with mulching and additional plantings. Heavily worn sections of the Year 7 area and high traffic areas between demountable buildings on the oval were mulched to reduce the mud that accumulates in wet weather.

It is nearly ten years since the rehabilitation work on the grounds and gardens commenced and I can report that in the area adjacent to the very first clearing of privet and vine and the subsequent planting of native shrubs, trees and ground cover, an echidna has taken

up residence. It's also very pleasing to see a number of brush turkeys roaming the grounds on occasions.

Thanks go to Richard Frith, coordinator, along with his team of volunteers; Greg Swords, David Jordan, Anton Lubbers, Penn and Julia Hsiang, Rick Stern, Ric Klusman, Amanda Huang, Julian and Liz Holden, Bala and Theresa Kunjan, Julian Ledger, Joy Song, Jianmin Yang, Le-Anne Pon and Lisa Geiger. It was particularly pleasing to see the following students, Ben Klusman (Year 8), Anya Sauer (Year 10), Brian Lee, Mitch Hansen and Will Mulholland (Year 11) helping out on Sunday. Thank you to all.

Mark Carter, Principal

Killara High School would like to thank all our wonderful parent volunteers for their valued contribution this year.

You are cordially invited to the

Volunteers' Morning Tea

at Killara High School in the Common Room, A Block

on Wednesday 30th November 2011 between 10.00am – 11.00 am

If you are able to come along please reply to Reception 9498 3722 or email diane.ohanlon@det.nsw.edu.au by Wednesday 23rd November 2011.

The school is very appreciative of the time and effort you have given our students. We could not provide the services to students and families and the range of learning opportunities for students without parents' interest, support and voluntary assistance.

We look forward to your company and the opportunity to say thank you.

Virtual Excursion - Year 8 Gifted and Talented Class

Seeing a real lung specimen might send shivers down the spine for some people, however the Year 8 Gifted and Talented class certainly enjoyed the virtual excursion to the University of NSW Faculty of Medicine - Museum of Human Disease.

On the 14th October, we went on a journey to experience and learn about respiratory diseases, especially emphysema with our presenter Nadiya Brell, a second year medical student who is learning to be a specialist in the field of respiratory diseases, and also a lecturer at the Museum of Human Disease, a part of the Faculty of Medicine.

The lecture was primarily based around Nadiya performing a voiceover, around several slides with information. She frequently paused for questions and to ask for our opinions. She also helped us differentiate between the diseased and healthy parts of a real lung specimen. We attained a lot of new information, such as the anatomy of the respiratory system (after all, we do need to understand the basics before treading into the deep end), processes of

emphysema and tuberculosis, what we can learn from its action in patients, differentiating the stages of the diseases, auscultation and listening to the differences between healthy and diseased lungs, causes, preventions, symptoms, and finally who and how this disease impacts people.

After the lecture, the whole class had pages full of interesting facts about this particular disease. We also heard what doctors hear when they use a stethoscope, and we differentiated between the sounds made by a healthy and unhealthy lung.

So to sum it all up, what have we really learnt? Personally, it was that smoking does absolutely dreadful things to you. The recordings of wheezing and coughing lungs, as well as more disturbing graphics like holes, blackness and rash like patterns made me certain that I will never start smoking.

Our class would like to thank the University of New South Wales Medicine Faculty for letting us have this exclusive opportunity.

Patrick Yan, Year 8



Korobro

An Evening of Dance

Tuesday 6th December 2011

7.30pm in the Kerrabee Theatre

Tickets: Adults - \$10; Students/Concession - \$5

Tickets on sale NOW from Mrs Lam in the House at Recess B and lunchtime

One Show Only!



How you can help others in need



Killara High School is once again supporting the Salvation Army in making hampers for the homeless and disadvantaged across Sydney during this festive season.

Each Home group will be supporting a family or individual. Please bring in non-perishable food and other necessities to your Home Group. Let's work together to contribute positively to others' lives.

Thank you in advance to all KHS families for your support of this initiative.

Social Justice Committee

The need for Appropriate Shoes

Our uniform includes fully enclosed leather shoes.



Please keep this in mind when buying shoes for your child.

Some students have been wearing ballet style shoes, and canvas shoes with and without laces. They do not meet basic safety standards for the playground and practical classes.

The footwear depicted below is not acceptable



Killara High School 43rd Annual Awards Ceremony

To acknowledge student achievement for the 2011 school year

Friday 16th December 2011

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre

School Resumes 2012

Monday 30th January – Year 7, 11 & 12 students

Tuesday 31st January – Whole school

Survival Skills & Water Safety Program

Year 9 - Date: Monday 21st November – Thursday 24th November 2011 - Week 7

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.

Year 7 - Date: Monday 28th November – Thursday 1st December 2011 - Week 8

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.



From the Library

New fiction:

Baldacci, David; *Hell's Corner*

Cornish D.M.; *Foundling*

Duncan, Susan; *The Briny Café*. This novel is from the bestselling author of *Salvation Creek*. It is a tale of friendship and love as well as a search for a place to call home.

Gaskell, Elizabeth; *The Cranford Chronicles*

Feasey, Steve; *Changeling*

Ford, Jamie; *Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet*

Kiernan, Celine; *The Rebel Prince*

Marriott, Zoe; *Shadows on the Moon*

Maugham, W. Somerset; *Collected Short Stories Volume 2*

Prince, Alison; *Henry VIII's Wives*

Scarrow, Alex; *Time Riders*

Shaffer, Mary Ann and Barrows, Annie; *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society* - highly recommended.

Sparks, Nicholas; *Safehaven*

New Fiction in Detail

In recognition of Remembrance Day our novels feature a war theme.

Armstrong, Diane; *Empire Day*

On empire day, 1948 a back street in Bondi is transformed as the fireworks of Cracker night cast a glow over its humble cottages. But Australia as a whole is being transformed in this postwar era and the people of Wattle Street know that life will never be the same again.

Barry, Sebastian; *On Canaan's Side*

Narrated by Lilly Bere. This novel opens as she mourns the loss of her grandson, Bill. The story then goes back to the moment she was forced to flee Dublin, at the end of the First World War and follows her life through into the new world of America, a world filled with both hope and danger. Spanning nearly seven decades, it is a novel of memory, war, family ties and love.

McDonald, Roger; *1915 : A Novel Gallipoli*.

With remarkable skill McDonald tells the story of two boys from the bush, who together, discover a future that seems full of promise, drawing them into the turmoil of passion and war, But theirs is a fateful alliance.

Shute, Nevil; *Pied Piper*

John Howard is determined to brighten up his old age by taking a fishing trip to France. However during his stay the Second World War breaks out and he is forced to escape back to England. He takes with him the two small children of some friends who stay behind in order to help the Allies. As the conflict worsens Howard comes across five more children who need his help. He ends up leading this group of youngsters through the French countryside, constantly beset by danger.

New Non-Fiction

Harris, Ashley Rae; *Do You Love Me? : Making Healthy Dating Decisions*.

Maybe you're ready to date. Maybe you want to wait. Maybe you kissed someone and now you wish you hadn't. Or maybe you suddenly have a crush. Whatever the situation matters of the heart can get messy. Pressure from friends can make matters even worse.

Nagle, Jeanne; *What Happens to Your Body When You Swim*

This book answers your questions in the How and Why of Exercise series.

HSC

Our new editions of Success One HSC for 2011 have arrived. Come in and see our display.

Senior Science 2011 edition Past HSC papers with worked solutions 2009-2010 and past HSC questions by topic guide.

ThankYou

We appreciate the assistance of Mrs Sabeti, who helped to cover some library books.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher librarians

FREE CONCERT

by Ku-ring-gai Youth Orchestra

Ku-ring-gai Youth Orchestra, your local community, talented youth orchestra is presenting a FREE Festive Concert on

Sunday 20th November at 3pm at Ku-ring-gai Town Hall, Pacific Highway, Pymble.

All welcome.

Afternoon tea provided after the concert.

Details 0413 058 749

Remembrance Day Assembly



Textiles & Design HSC Major Works





Bicentennial Park, West Pymble

Saturday 10th December

from 6 pm (Program starts 7.30pm)

Free entry

- Bring picnic or buy food there
- Sing favourite Carols to big brass band and choir
- Celebrity singer, Peter Cousens
- Soloists and dancers
- Candles at sunset

JOIN thousands of others in FAMILY FUN

Come and bring friends to this great event

Weather check: www.carolsinthepark.org

Join the fun of Wet Nose Day 2011

The complete Guide Dog experience

- Meet some adorable Guide Dog puppies
- Learn how a Guide Dog is trained
- Meet a Guide Dog user and be inspired by their amazing story

Bring your family and friends to this free event and support Guide Dogs NSW/ACT and the good work we do. Find out more at www.guidedogs.com.au or visit our Facebook page - www.facebook.com/guidedogsnewswact

Venue: Parramatta Park (next to the Park Office, just off Macquarie Street)

Date: Sunday 20th November 2011

Time: 10:00 to 16:00

Life cut short: Dealing with Youth Suicide in the Community

It's a tough topic, but one parents and communities must face up to – youth suicide.

Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services and the Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) will host a free parent forum focusing on the causes and effects of youth suicide on

Guest speakers: Dr Michael Dudley AM and Sarah Maxwell from Suicide Prevention Australia (SPA) will talk about the impact of youth suicide on young people, their parents and the larger community.

The aim of the forum is to give parents insight into youth suicide, its triggers, how Australian communities are dealing with it and what more can be done. Parents can discuss their experiences with other local families, ask questions and get advice from the expert speakers.

About the speakers

Dr Dudley has been chairperson of SPA since 2001 and works as a psychiatrist at Prince of Wales and Sydney Children's Hospitals. He has extensive experience working with young people, indigenous communities and refugees at risk of self harm and suicide. He is also a lecturer at the University of NSW and recently received an Australian Medal for his contribution to suicide prevention and youth mental health.

Ms Maxwell holds a Masters in Social Development and a Graduate Certificate in Suicide Prevention Studies. She is currently the Research and Policy Development Coordinator at SPA, and is responsible for researching and responding to suicide prevention issues in Australia and around the world.

Event details

Date: Monday 21st November

Time: 6.30pm – 8.30pm

Venue: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Cost: Gold coin donation

Bookings are essential: Phone 9424 0837 or email youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the forum contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth



Saturday 19th November 2011 - 3 – 8 pm

White Elephant	Food	Cupcake Decorating
Music	Stalls	Games and Rides

FREE ENTRY

BOOK UNLIMITED RIDES & GAMES TICKETS

ONLINE <http://www.trybooking.com/ZLK>

Print your tickets and swap for wristband at the Not Quite Night A'Fair

St Ives High School P&C, c/- Yarrabung Road, St Ives NSW 2075