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**The P&C
welcome all
to their
Annual Christmas
Get Together**

**Wednesday
7th December 2011**

8pm

**A Block Common
Room**



Killara High School

43rd Annual Awards Ceremony

To acknowledge student achievement
for the 2011 school year

Friday 16th December 2011

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre

Acknowledging our Volunteers

This week the Principal and student leaders hosted a morning tea for parent and community volunteers who have contributed to the operation of this school during 2011. More than 250 parents have worked on behalf of the school to bring to students opportunities and facilities that would otherwise not be possible to provide. Support from volunteers and the activities that make up Killara's varied program of learning and enrichment distinguish this school from many others. On behalf of students and staff, I thank parents for their continued support and generosity over the year.

In particular I thank Mr David Jordan, the P&C Executive team and P&C Committee coordinators and members who have worked on major projects throughout the year. Killara High School could not operate as effectively as it does and with the richness in its program without this unqualified support from many parents and members of the community.

Considering arguments in the perennial education funding debate

Below are some extracts from a paper written by Dr Lyndsay Connors, President of the Australian College of Educators. They may prompt some reflection on debate that will precede and no doubt follow the release of Professor Gonski's report arising from the Review of Funding for Schooling. Henry Parkes was a Premier of NSW and the architect of the Public Instruction Act in the late 19th century, an act which formed the basis of free secular education in this state.

Henry Parkes' vision (not always attained in reality) was of education as a social contract, a public space where social norms and values such as reciprocity, mutuality and altruism prevail; not a space governed by market norms of competition and choice where you get what you pay for, or rather what your parents pay for.... As far as I know, there are few or no societies, regardless of their system of government, where difference in wealth, income, power and possessions do not have an influence on educational opportunities and achievement.

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Calendar

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
 - GATS Parent Information Night – 6pm – 8pm
- 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
 - Arts Council Talent Quest
 - Yrs 7-10 Semester 2 reports issued
 - Last day Term 4 for students
- 19 - School Development Day
- 20 - School Development Day
 - Last day Term 4 for staff

January 2012

- 25 - Enrolment Day for new student
- 27 - School Development Day
- 30 - First day Term 1 – Years 7, 11 and 12
- 31 - Whole school returns

February 2012

- 6 - KHS Swimming Carnival
- 7 - Yr 7 Camp – Vision Valley (2 days)

But, in a democracy, we believe that however endemic or 'natural' this state of affairs may be, this does not make them good or right. Few societies are free from racism, sexism, abuses of power of all kinds, but this does not mean we embrace them or yield to them – or go out of our way to reinforce them through public policy.

The argument here is about the role of government. Is it really the role of government simply to accept that we have a school system where educational opportunities and achievement are significantly dependent on wealth, income, power and possessions, let alone to take active steps – through the way it invests public funding in schooling – to create such a system?

Dr Connors' argument and article would be regarded by different groups and individuals in different ways. Some will agree with her views while others will find her argument offensive and biased. Regardless, the article provokes thought, reflection and reaction. A copy of the complete article by Dr Connors is available at the following link:

https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/documents/3148203/3155406/connors_address_to_gonski_review_1322437084686.pdf.

Mark Carter, Principal

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Congratulations' to the following students completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Award:

**Samuel Acquilla
Leo Ni**

**Thomas Harding
Nathan Sully-Harris**

Congratulations to the following students completing the Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Award:

Nicholas Barnard	Meg Hornsby	Jarrad Parata
Annabel Bolding	Sophia Jo	Holly Pearson
Alex Bowes	Helena Kertesz	Rachael Piech
Nicole Braun	Sharmini Kunjan	Harald Poynten
Daniel Brini	Reuben Lazarus	Freya Stromsvag
Gabi Eisinger	Evangeline Leslie	Claire Swift
Grace Fitton	Debbie Lowenstein	James Tompson
Emily Gamaroff	Anton Lubbers	Manisha Viyakesparan
Ella Gibson	Emily Marriage	Georgie Willis
Georgina Green	Brandan Marsh	Anniika Wun
Jack Hanrahan-Shirley	Joshua Morison	Clare Young
Claudia Harper	Nicola Nyland	Liam Zachariah
Ashleigh Ho		

Sculpture by the Sea – Bondi 2011



At the recent Sculpture by the Sea exhibition, **Mark Swartz (School Captain 2006)**, with two other artists, had their artwork exhibited.

The artwork entitled "Tortoise" is made out of recycled timber and used tyres.

One Show Only!

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



Success at Open High School

The Open High School will recognise the achievement of the following Killara High School students at an Award ceremony tomorrow night.

Emma Robinson, Year 11

First Place - German Beginners

Madeline Nendick, Year 12

1st Place – French Continuers

Karl Krauth Year 12

2nd Place – French Extension

Congratulations on their achievement in their chosen language.

Information for Year 10 Students and Families

On Thursday 15th December 2011 there will be an assembly for Year 10 students to acknowledge the completion of Stage 5. At this assembly Year 10 students will be presented with their School Certificate credentials. The assembly will commence at 8.50am in the Kerrabee Hall and parents are welcome to attend.

Normal Thursday periods will follow the assembly including a rehearsal for those receiving awards at the Annual Awards Ceremony.

The Annual Awards Ceremony will be held on Friday 16th December commencing at 10.30am and concluding around 12noon. All students from Year 7 to Year 11 are expected to attend.

Students from Years 7 to Year 10 will receive their progress reports during Period 4 on Friday 16th December.

Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher Stage 5

Information for Year 8 Students and Families

Year 8 will be recognised as they complete Stage 4 in the Stage 4 Completion and Recognition Ceremony to be held on **Wednesday 14th December at 9am.**

All students will be presented with their Certificate and some students will be acknowledged for receiving an Honour Badge or an Inscription in the School Honour Book for having excellent attendance or for their outstanding service to the school.

It's where we say, "Well done, Year 8". Year 7 students will be attending this ceremony as the audience.

Parents may attend but it is not essential, and there are several other ceremonies and activities at the end of our school year.

Julie Phelan, Rel. Deputy Principal

Goran Petkovski, Rel. Head Teacher Stage 4

YEAR 7 PARENTS' END OF YEAR CELEBRATION

Let's get together and celebrate the completion of the first year of high school!!!

Thursday 15th December at 7.30pm

Greengate Hotel, Killara (Pacific Hwy and Greengate Road)

RSVP: Blandine Carraro – blandine_robb@yahoo.com

Rossanna Bodell – rossana.b30@gmail.com

Please pass the message on to any Year 7 parent



Year 6 Gifted and Talented Mathematicians have a great time at Killara High

As part of the Killara Schools Partnership (KSP), twenty one local primary school GAT Mathematics students came to KHS to have loads of fun with numbers. They had been invited to come and explore mathematics and mathematicians and to challenge themselves.



Ms Julie Phelan and Ms Ann Dixon helped the students discover many types of numbers such as: perfect numbers, happy numbers, factorials, palindromic numbers and Fibonacci numbers. The students developed their problem solving skills using 'working mathematically' strategies such as 'trial and error', 'drawing a table', equations and logic to solve puzzles and problems.

New Enrolments for 2012

There will be an enrolment day on **Wednesday 25th January 2012 at 8.00am** in the A Block Common Room for all new local enrolments who have all their paperwork in order.

An Application to Enrol form can be downloaded from the Department of Education and Communities website, www.det.nsw.edu.au.

Many of the students solved a 'kenken' for the first time! Students also learned more about magic squares including the amazing characteristics of Benjamin Franklin's and Durer's Magic Squares and more about other mathematicians including Gauss, Escher (great 'tessellated' pictures!) and Euler (he studied lots about 3D shapes).

The students: Antone Smith, Sarah Bruggesser, Dean Rouzbehi, Tommy Choi, Kasper Broeng, Sam Hughes, Isobel Middleton, James Raffle, Tim Fitzpatrick, John Shin, Jack Savage, Rachel Lowenstein, Sonia Ho, Naomi Irving, Aidan Whitfield, James Timso-Louie, Johnny Benstead, Rigby Campbell, Benedict Duce, Chelsea Hampton, Liam Cihra came from Beaumont Road Primary School, Killara Primary School, Lindfield Primary School, Lindfield East Primary School and Roseville Primary School. It was also an opportunity for these students to make new friends with the students from the other schools.

On completion of the program each student was presented with a certificate by our Principal, Dr Carter.

We were impressed by the talents of these students and their behaviour and participation were excellent. They were very good representatives of their primary schools and we look forward to seeing them bring their talents to KHS next year!

Julie Phelan, Relieving Deputy Principal

Please go to the Killara High School website, www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au, for requirements for enrolment.

Helga Lam, Enrolments Coordinator

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Class: Showcase Evening

Students involved in the Year 8 Killara High School Gifted and Talented Program will be holding a showcase evening where they will present their work and lecture on various topics studied throughout the year.

Parents and family members are invited to attend the Kerrabee Theatre at **6pm on 12th December 2011**. Parents and students who are interested in this Year 8 program are also invited to gain an appreciation of the academic requirements of this program.

Proposed program:

- Welcome and student showcases in the Kerrabee Theatre at 6pm
- Completion of an online educational activity created by students

- Farewell in the Kerrabee Theatre by 8pm

This showcase evening has a dual objective. It will be an evening where important information about the program is disseminated to parents about the area of study undertaken throughout the year. Secondly, it will provide students with an audience to implement their online learning activities and to develop their public speaking skills.

This evening is designed to be a celebration of the work completed by students in this program. Selection for the 2012 class will not be associated with this event. Student identification and selection information will be provided next year.

Robin Chand, HSIE Blue Faculty
(robin.chand@det.nsw.edu.au)

Uniform Shop Additional Opening Times

Additional opening times at the Uniform Shop are as follows:

Monday 5th December 2011 - 10am – 1pm
(Year 7 Enrolment Day)

Friday 27th January 2012 - 9am – 12noon
(School Development Day)

Saturday 28th January 2012 - 9am – 12noon

Monday 30th January 2012 - 8am – 12noon
(First day of Term 1, Years 7, 11 and 12)

Tuesday 31st January 2012 - 8am – 12noon
(Whole School returns)

The Uniform Shop accepts cash, cheques (payable to 'KHSCP'), Visa and MasterCard. Please note, a **surcharge of 1.45%** will be applicable for the use of credit cards (Visa and MasterCard). A surcharge of **\$1** is applicable to the **EFTPOS** facility.

Our price list and order form can be downloaded from our school website: <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au> under "Our School", select "Uniform Shop".

Dee Cleworth, Uniform Shop Coordinator

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

White Ribbon Day

It was a wet day, but students from Killara were full of enthusiasm about the White Ribbon Day breakfast. On Friday 25th November, four Year 11 student leaders attended the breakfast at Hornsby RSL, hosted by Hornsby Police, for the purpose of raising funds, raising awareness and changing attitudes about domestic violence.

Peter Lin, Paolo Arimado, Patrick Ahadizadeh and James Chung-Gon, along with Mr Browne, represented KHS by saying no to domestic violence and, learning more about prevention of violence

against women, and taking on the White Ribbon commitment.

One in three Australian women will experience domestic and family violence at some stage in their life. Children and young people are also victims of direct violence by adults. Exposure to domestic violence inflicted upon others is itself a form of abuse.

"We are pleased to see all the men and women from different backgrounds, different workplaces, and especially school students from the community

coming today and supporting the White Ribbon Day” commented by MC Superintendent Michael Kenny from NSW Police Force in his opening speech.



The guest speaker was Nathan Cayless, retired Parramatta Eels Captain. “(Regarding player off-field mis-conducts,) it’s really about educating young men about what is expected of them when they do go out...” said Mr Cayless during his on stage conversation with Snr Constable Natasha Doggatt from the Hornsby Police Domestic Violence unit.

“White Ribbon Day specifically targets violence against women ... In addition to the personal cost to the women abused, this violence costs our community as well.

In 2009, KPMG estimated that violence against women and their children cost the Australian economy 13.6 billion annually. This is expected to raise to 15.6 Billion by 2011”, stated Mayor Nick Berman, Hornsby Shire Council.

Mr David Browne and students signed their signatures along with “Killara High School” on the signature board to show their commitment to promote positive attitudes and behaviours towards women. As an active SJC leader, Paolo Arimado even posted his oath onto his Facebook wall to send this message to all his peers.

The breakfast was concluded by the saying, “Let’s walk the talk: let’s make sure that we exercise what we speak”. The White Ribbon Day oath sums up this intention:

I swear never to commit, excuse or remain silent about violence against women.

Peter Lin, Year 11, Social Justice Committee

Performing Arts Ensemble Events

♫ **Monday 12th December** - Excursion to Manly, Students are to wear black PAE uniform and bring swimmers, etc

♫ **Melbourne is Coming!**

Concert Band 1 and Concert Band 2 will be travelling to Melbourne for the 2012 Australian Band

Championships which will be held on 4th - 10th April 2012.

Permission notes will be issued next week. Deposits of \$100 will need to be paid this term to secure your spot.

Jacqueline Berry, PAE Coordinator

From the Library

New fiction:

Heffernan, John. *Harry’s war*.

Lee, Y.S. *The Agency: A Spy in the House*.

Marriott, Zoe. *Shadows on the Moon*.

Phelan, James. *Alone: Quarantine*.

New fiction in detail:

Anderson, Rachel. *Asylum: A Poignant Tale of Loss and Friendship, with Some Harsh Truths*.

Sunday waited, as he had been told, as the lorry rumbled off the ferry. It slowed at the roundabout. He jumped down from the axle and walked casually away. As he had been told. He had no luggage, only his precious book, tucked inside his vest. He was giddy from eight hours bobbing across the North Sea. All he wanted was a country that was democratic and respectful of human life. All Rosa wanted was somewhere safe. Away from the bad things of the past. With perhaps a garden, even very small, with good earth to grow things. What Sunday

and Rosa got was Hawk Rise. Seventeen storeys of it. Condemned.

Coelho, Paulo. *Aleph*.

Aleph marks a return to Paulo Coelho’s beginnings. Facing a grace crisis of faith, and seeking a path of spiritual renewal and growth, Paulo decides to start over: to travel, to experiment, to reconnect with people and the world. On this journey through Europe, Africa and Asia, he will again meet Hilal – the woman he loved 500 years before – an encounter that will initiate a mystical voyage through time and space, through past and present, in search of himself. Aleph is an encounter with our fears and our sins. A search for love and forgiveness, and the courage to confront the inevitable challenges of life.

Pitcher, Annabel. *My sister lives on the Mantel Piece*. ‘We meet again, Spider-man’, she said. And I replied, ‘How many people have you saved today, Girl M.’ She pretended to count on her fingers. ‘Nine hundred and thirty-seven’, she shrugged. It’s been a quiet day.’

Prince, Alison. *No Ordinary Love Song*.

Cal hates: what humans are doing to planet – and his dad, most of the time. Cal likes: music – and Kerry from Australia, who's so beautiful it hurts. But when liking turns to love, everything changes.

Non-fiction:

Bahadur, Jay. *Deadly Waters: The Hidden World of Somalia's Pirates*.

Boehmer, Elleke. *Nelson Mandela: A Very Short Introduction*.

Dykes, Barbara. *Grammar made easy: a guide for parents & teachers*.

Fair Work Australia. *Waltzing Matilda and the Sunshine Harvester Factory: The Early History of the Arbitration Court, the Australian Minimum Wage, Working Hours and Paid Leave*.

Hodgson, Godfrey. *Martin Luther King*.

Lucia, Lynn Santa. *First & Only Women: History's Female Trailblazers*.

Moaveni, Azadeh. *Lipstick Jihad: Memoir of Growing Up Iranian in America and American in Iran*.

Singer, Ruth. *Sew Eco: Sewing Sustainable and Re-Used Materials*.

Stirzaker, Richard. *Out of the Scientists' Garden: A Story of Water and Food*.

Non-fiction in detail:

James, Andrew. *Kokoda Wallaby: The Rugby International who became a Kokoda Hero*.

Stan Bisset was a real hero, both in battle on the rugby pitch and in desperate armed combat against

the Japanese during the Second World War. As a member of the ill-fated 1939 wallaby touring team to England, he was a rugby legend. In the Middle East and on the Kokoda track, he was one of Australia's most distinguished and heroic combatants. But above all else, he personified so many attributes of the Australian soldier; moral and physical courage, compassion, selflessness, independence, loyalty, resourcefulness, devotion and humour. Stan Bisset's remarkable life story is told by former soldier and Afghanistan veteran Andrew James.

Moriarty, Ros. *Listening to Country: A Journey to the heart of what it means to belong*.

This big land, Australia. It's big enough for everyone! calls Annie Karrakayn across the pre-dawn campfire to the other Law women stirring from the perfect quiet of a still, desert night. *Strong Dreamin'*, she whispers.....so begins the intimate diary of Ros Moriarty, a white woman married to an Aboriginal man, as she takes an emotional journey across country and culture to the Northern Territory's Tanami Desert with Annie and other matriarchs of her husband's Aboriginal family to perform ceremony. She opens up a rare and vivid window to the voices, humour and strength of these remarkable Law women of the remote Gulf of Carpentaria. It reveals the human relationships and philosophical insights which enable them to transcend the heartbreaking material poverty, illness and increasing violence of the community, to live life with astonishing happiness and purpose. Shortlisted for both *The Age Book of the Year* and the Australian Human Rights Commission Literature Award.

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

Christmas Carols are the best!

Bring a picnic rug, nibbles, and join in the fun at

All Saints' Carols on Moore

Sunday 11th December 2011

Be wowed in the gardens of All Saints' by the

Turrumurra Concert Band and

The Beaumont Road Big Band



With a glow candle for every child, enjoy a sausage sizzle from 6.30pm and celebrate Christmas from 7.30pm.

11 Moore Avenue, West Lindfield

www.aswl.org.au

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Adventure day camps - Horse riding camps
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Swirl down the waterslide, climb a rock face, fly through the valley, ride a horse along a rugged trail, or try to stay dry in a canoe.

Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure, and are designed to promote confidence and give every individual the chance to grow.

Camps are for kids aged eight and up, and are on these school holidays from 21st December – 25th January.

Don't miss out: book your place now by calling (02) 9655 2600 or go to our website for more details www.visionvalley.org.au go wild these holidays:



COMBINED CHURCHES & KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL

Bicentennial Park, West Pymble

Saturday 10th December

from 6 pm (Program starts 7.30pm)

University of NSW Study – “How Do You View the World?”

Your chance to discover how websites impact the way you think, react and interact with the world.

The University of NSW is running a study. With just a few mouse clicks, you will get the opportunity to help them investigate how the internet affects people under 18.

To show their thanks, you will get a \$20 voucher half way through the study from the University. But most importantly, if you finish the study you'll be in the draw for an iPad2, and iPod or a \$200 JB HiFi voucher.

You can take part if you are 12-18 years old, live in Australia and have an email address and internet access somewhere. Visit www.uviewtheworld.org.au to find out more and sign up for the study.

English for Women

English classes for mothers

- Learn English at home with friends and have fun
- University qualified native speaking English teacher
- Teacher comes to your home
- Practice conversation, pronunciation, writing or listening
- Learn about Australian culture

Learn how to:

- Talk to your children's school teachers
- Talk to your husband's work colleagues
- Talk to Australian mothers
- Make appointments for the doctor or dentist

And lots more....

• 專為媽媽們開設的英語班。老師上您家門授課。讓您和朋友一起有趣地學習英語和澳洲文化。請現在就打電話預定下學期的英語班。

• 专为妈妈们开设的英语班。老师上您家门授课。让您和朋友一起有趣地学习英语和澳洲文化。请现在就打电话预定下学期的英语

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Drive safely this Christmas Driving tips that will help make sure your journey is a safe one.

As a driver:

- Plan your trip before you leave and when you want to get there. Sleep well before travelling and avoid driving at night time.
- Always wear your seatbelt and ensure everyone in your car is as well.
- Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- Check your medication. Does it warn you not to drive? Then don't!
- Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration.
- Keep the inside of your car cool. Use air-conditioning or wind down windows.
- Do not use your mobile phone while driving. Turn off your mobile phone or keep it on silent.
- Obey the legal blood alcohol limit of zero.
- PLEASE DON'T SPEED!!!

As a passenger:

- Know what can happen if you travel with an unsafe driver.
- Assist the driver by helping to identify hazards.
- Keep your mobile phone on silent to avoid distracting the driver.
- Keep the radio at a level so any sudden changes in traffic or emergency vehicles can be heard.
- Wear your seatbelt at all times.
- Do not speak loudly with the driver or other passengers in the car.
- Remind the driver to take a rest every two hours. Have a stretch and some water.
- If you notice the driver is getting tired, ask them to pull over. Your safety is at risk too!
- Help put money towards petrol.
- If you don't feel safe, SAY SO!!!
- For more information check the Transport Roads and Maritime Services website <http://www.rta.nsw.gov.au>

School Resumes 2012

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

Tuesday 31st January -
Whole school