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## KHS Cross Country Carnival Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2011



**Date for  
your Diary**  
**Information Evening for  
Year 12 Parents**

**Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May 2011**

**"Surviving the HSC"**

**Details to follow.**

## Rotary Vocational Service Awards

Recently the Rotary Club of Lindfield announced five local recipients of the 2010-11 Rotary Vocational Service Awards. Ms Julie Phelan, relieving Deputy Principal at Killara High School was presented with the Vocational



Excellence Award by the Member for Davidson, Mr Jonathan O'Dea at an awards dinner hosted by the Rotary Club of Lindfield.

The Award recognises outstanding contributions by individuals to the workplace and in the community. Dr Carter introduced Julie at the presentation ceremony and noted that for more than thirty years she had been teaching Mathematics, caring for students as a Year Adviser and taking on Executive leadership roles at Killara High School and previously at Ku-ring-gai Creative Arts High School. Julie had also served as Northern Sydney Region Student Welfare Consultant.

In his introduction Dr Carter said, "Literally thousands of students in the local area have benefited from the work, compassion and dedication of Ms Phelan. For more than three decades Julie has specialised in teaching Mathematics to those who find it the most challenging of subjects. None has left her classroom without a sense of worth, achievement and positive outlook on life. Julie confesses she loves numbers and wants to instill this passion in others, but her highest priority is the care and well being of young people. One afternoon last week I sheltered from a rain shower in the Killara Oval Pavilion, on my way to the station. Sharing the shelter was a grandmother and her two infant grandsons. When she learned I'd come from Killara High School, her first question was, 'Does Ms Phelan still work at Killara? One of my sons was taught Mathematics by Ms Phelan for all his six years at high school. She was the most wonderful teacher and person. I am eternally grateful that Ms Phelan taught my children.' There is no better endorsement of a teacher. It is my privilege to work with Julie and on this occasion to nominate her for this Vocational Excellence Award."

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## InTech 2011

The 2010 HSC Industrial Technology Major Projects of **Sean Will and Takayuki Chikamoto (Year 12 2010)** have been identified by the examiners as being of sufficiently high standard to be suitable for possible inclusion in one of the InTech 2011 displays.

The Sydney display will be at the Timber and Working with Wood Show during June, held at Fox Studios, Moore Park.

Congratulations Sean and Takayuki!

## Calendar

### March 2011

- 21 - Yrs 7 & 10 Vaccinations
- 22 - KHS Cross Country Carnival
- 23 - Yr 10 Geography Excursion
- 24 - Computer Skills Competition
  - CHS Swimming Carnival (2 days)
  - Yr 12 Textiles Teleconference (P2)
  - Executive Conference
- 25 - Stage Band 1 performance – Chatswood High School
  - CHS Swimming Carnival
  - Mufti Day – SJC -Bandaged Bear Day
  - Yr 11 Mock Interview Preparation Speaker (P2)
- 28 - DEAS Gold Award Briefing Session – 3pm – C Block Conference Room
  - Yr 7 Parent Evening – 6pm-9pm
- 29 - Yrs 10 and 12 – English Excursion
  - Yrs 10 Drama and 12 Standard English Excursion – “Shoe Horn Sonata”
- 30 - Yr 11 Mock Interviews

### April 2011

- 3 - Chatswood RSL Music Afternoon – 2pm-5pm
- 4 - Yr 9 High Resolves Leaders Group Workshop (2 days)
- 5 - Student Progress Review Meeting
- 7 - ANZAC Assembly
  - Yrs 9 & 11 Photo Excursion
- 8 - DEAS Gold Practice Expedition – Wild Dog Mountains – 4 days
  - Last day – Term 1
- 25 - Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 26 - Substituted Public Holiday for Easter Monday
- 27 - School Development Day – Staff only
- 28 - First day Term 2 for students
- 29 - SRE Seminar – P1 Yr 12, P2 Yr 11

### May 2011

- 2 - Yr 12 Work Placement (2 weeks)
  - Yr 10 Assessment Block commences
  - Yr 9 Camp (3 days)
- 9 - Yr 12 Work Placement continues
- 10 - NAPLAN – Yrs 7 & 9 – Language Conventions and Writing
  - Yr 12 Parent Meeting – “How to Survive the HSC”
  - DEAS Parent Information Evening – Bronze Award – 7pm – C Block Conference Room
- 11 - NAPLAN – Yrs 7 & 9 – Reading
- 12 - NAPLAN – Yrs 7 & 9 - Numeracy

## Wonderful Students Supported by Selfless Staff and Parents

Last week it was my privilege to assist Ms Gartner and Mr Petkovski in the supervision of the 238 Year 11 students involved in the six day camp at Lake Jindabyne. Also assisting were 13 volunteer staff. The students were wonderful and I take this opportunity to congratulate them on exemplary behaviour. The staff at Lake Jindabyne see a lot of school groups (none quite so large as this one) and they made very complimentary remarks regarding the students, their engagement and courtesy.

I also wish to thank Ms Gartner, Mr Petkovski and my colleagues for their commitment to a fun but exhausting program of activities. Each willingly gave up his or her own time to make the program a success and supervise a large group of high energy students over six days without respite. The students and I are most fortunate to have them as teachers/ mentors and professional colleagues.

Earlier this morning I had the dispiriting experience of reading through an email complaining about the services provided by staff supporting one of the school's many enrichment programs for students.

All these enrichment programs are supported by the voluntary efforts of staff and some parents. None is obliged to be involved, but each keeps 'putting in' year after year. Not all goes according to plan and not all expectations are met, but there is sincerity and selflessness in the endeavour.

This same day I witnessed a band of parents giving up their morning to help keep the grounds of the school as well presented as possible; and as I sit finalising this contribution to the newsletter I see students and their music and drama teachers crossing the quad to enter the Kerrabee Centre for a school musical rehearsal. All on a Sunday of glorious weather.

I am thankful for being part of a unique and generous school culture. I know many, many parents, staff and students are of like mind. Commitment is tiring, but selflessness and generosity displayed by many lifts the spirit.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## Year 8 Parents Party!

Do you have a child in Year 8 this year?

Then you are very warmly invited to our Year 8 parents' party.  
Join us for a great night of chatting, relaxing, and meeting other Year 8 parents.

**Date:** Saturday 2nd April 2011      **Time:** From 7.30pm

**Place:** The home of Chris & Lee Bevitt in Roseville

**Bring:** Drink and a plate of food to share

**RSVP:** By 30th March (so we know how many glasses we need) to one of your Yr 8 P&C parent representatives this year:

Susi Durand ([tropicaldurand@yahoo.com](mailto:tropicaldurand@yahoo.com));

Dee Cleworth ([tammat@bigpond.com](mailto:tammat@bigpond.com));

Nicola Read ([nicalebec@yahoo.com.au](mailto:nicalebec@yahoo.com.au))

# Student Progress Review Evenings 2011

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Each year Killara High School schedules three student progress review meetings when parents can speak with teachers about their child's learning progress before too much of the year has passed.

We have scheduled a Student Progress Review meeting session for Years 7 and 8 (Stage 4) at the end of term one.

We hope parents can take advantage of this opportunity to discuss with teachers their children's progress to date.

Students in Years 7 and 8 will receive a booking sheet to make appointments with their teachers next week.

This year the evenings will be held on

**Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April (Stage 4 only) – Term 1 Wk 11**

**Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> May – Term 2 Wk 4**

**Tuesday, 24<sup>th</sup> May – Term 2 Wk 5**

***Interviews can be scheduled between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.00pm. However, please be aware that teachers will not be available for the entire period of 4.5 hours. They need a break at some stage during the evening or may not be available for the entire time.***

Please have your son, daughter or ward book your appointments as soon as possible.

## **Please note –**

□ Booking sheets will be issued early in Term 2 for the 16<sup>th</sup> and 24<sup>th</sup> May evenings. In the meantime, it would be helpful if you could establish with your child which of the evenings you prefer and an

approximate block of time that would be convenient to you on that night. With this information your child can start booking interviews for you as soon as the sheet is issued.

□ Parents are asked to bring the appointment sheet with them to these meetings. The appointment sheet highlights the names of the teachers, courses taught by them and appointment times.

□ The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will indicate course/ faculty locations and signs on tables will indicate locations of individual teachers.

□ **Interviews are of five minutes duration. Parents and teachers are asked to restrict their discussion to that time in fairness to all families seeking interviews. If teachers and/or parents feel the need to discuss matters further, another mutually convenient time should be arranged.**

□ Interviews must be prearranged. To drop in on the off chance of speaking to a teacher can prove very frustrating to those with appointments. Please give consideration to the needs of other parents and the staff during these evenings.

Please take advantage of this opportunity to meet with the school staff to discuss your child's progress. Year Advisers, a School Counsellor, Careers Adviser and the Support Teacher Learning Assistance will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school.

**Ken Hopley, Liz Diprose and Julie Phelan (Rel)  
Deputy Principals**

## **Did You Know...?**

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**Eliza Cepak (Year 10)** participated in the Under 17 Women's Discus event at the Australian Junior Championships held recently at Sydney Olympic Park. Eliza achieved 4<sup>th</sup> place with a throw of 35.75m. Well done, Eliza.

**Maddie Saraceno (Year 12 2010)** has been accepted into American Camp Scheme to work for the next 12 months. This is a great achievement as they do not

take many under the age of 21. Maddie increased her chances of acceptance because she had completed both Hospitality at school with two successful work placements and the extension Hospitality program. Maddie also presented a quality folio and successfully managed a rigorous interview process.

## **Grounds Working Bee – Thank You**

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On Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March, a wonderful team of parents carried out some much needed maintenance on the grounds, garden and facilities.

Over the last nine years the condition of the grounds has improved very significantly because of the hard work of parents.

Our sincere thanks go to the following families for their assistance on Sunday. It is greatly appreciated.

They were Richard Frith, coordinator, along with his team of volunteers; Ric Klusman, Le-Anne Pon, Tim Hand, Marion Iraninejad, Rick Stern, Elize Olivier, Julian and Elizabeth Holden, Jaehee Kim, Kwon Hee Han, Greg and Rosie Swords, Ho Yin Chen, and students, Q-Ho Han (Year 7) and Q-One Han (Year 8), Anton Lubbers (Year 9) and Stuart Jamieson (Year 12) .

**Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal**

## Mixed Results for Killara Boys in State Knockout Competitions

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There is lots of sport being played at the moment and Killara, despite the results not always going our way, has been performing at an extremely high level across the board.

### Boys Open Touch Football

Last Wednesday, the Boys Open Touch team headed out to North Turramurra to take on Ku-ring-gai High School in the first round of the State Knockout Competition. Killara dominated from the outset and were rarely challenged, piling on 14 tries to 2 by the time the full time hooter rang.

It has been a long time coming for the boys who had been beaten in the first round for the last couple of years. Bring on Terrigal High School in the next round!

The team comprised **Michael Dyason, Raphael Eder, Haider Khan, Caspar Lewis, Henry Mikkelsen (Year 12), Jamie Scott, Lyle Righetti, Scott Poole and Mitchell Hansen (Year 11).**

### Boys Open Volleyball

It was a slightly different story for the Boys Open Volleyball team who were beaten but far from disgraced when they played Killarney Heights on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March. Despite going down in three sets, Killara was always competitive and, in true Killara fashion, the boys never gave up. They also showed flashes of brilliance with some amazing blocks and smashes, particularly by Maleva, Mitchell and Lyle, whilst the scrabble shown by Reuben and Calvin was excellent.

Special thanks to Maria Fe for refereeing on the day.

It's looking good for next year boys!!

The team for that match was **Ryan Persson, Jamie Scott, Eddie Um, Calvin Kwok, Dean Kelly, Lyle Righetti, Mitchell Hansen, Scott Poole (Year 11), Maleva Tau-Vali, Reuben Bignell, Ronnie Ropiha (Year 10).**

### Boys Open Basketball

The Boys Open Basketball team had a nail biting game against Freshwater High School. With the odds against them playing in front of a large Freshwater crowd the boys fought back after trailing the whole game to go into extra time. Amazing pressure defence leading to a few crucial turnovers allowed Killara to take the lead and win the game 39-36. The team consists of **Eric Fan, Ben Foo, David Huang, Stuart Jamieson, Chris Lam, Nigel Leung, Jeth Winarta, Alex Yeung, Anthony Zhang, Andreas Zimmerman.**

### Girls Open Basketball

The Girls Open Basketball Team also had a win against Ryde Secondary College. Strong leadership from Jess Young and a good all round team performance ensured the girls had a comfortable win 48-32. The team consists of **Jessica Young, Eliza-Jane Ellis, Rachel Wessels, Julia Kirkpatrick, Hannah Dawson, Sunny Xia, Bronte Carfino, Bethany Rogers, Sophie Chant, Thea Margalit.**

**Adam Bruckshaw and Duncan Smith, PDHPE Faculty**

## Smoking Policy

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**Smoking on school premises is prohibited. The NSW Department of Education and Training's Drugs in School Policy states:**

*Smoking on school premises, including school buildings, gardens, sports fields and car parks, is prohibited. This includes students, employees, visitors and other people who use school premises, including community groups. In the case of cross-sectoral sites (e.g. joint school/TAFE sites), a decision regarding the extent of 'school premises' will need to be made in the local context.*

Smoking is banned at Killara High School. Students smoking while in school uniform on their way to and from school or in public areas are in breach of the school's Code of Conduct. Students in possession of cigarettes or in the company of students smoking, by association will also be considered as smokers and will incur the same consequences as the smoker(s).

### First occurrence

- Student is referred to the Deputy Principal
- Student is given a copy of the School Smoking Policy and parents are notified.

### Second occurrence

- Student is cautioned by the Deputy Principal and a Formal Caution letter is sent to parents. A one week playground withdrawal will be imposed, during which students will work through a smoking modification program.

### Third occurrence

- Student is placed on Level 3. A meeting with parents is to include a plan for refraining from smoking while at school.

### Fourth occurrence

- Student is suspended.

This Smoking Policy includes notification by staff of repeated smoking offences over a period of approximately one year. If there is a long time between offences the school may elect to repeat a particular step in the process.



## Killara Finishes 2<sup>nd</sup> at Kuring-Gai Zone Swimming Carnival

On Monday 7<sup>th</sup> March, 47 students represented Killara High School at the Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival at the Sydney International Aquatic Centre. It is possibly one of our finest performances at Zone Swimming in recent times. Killara student performed at the highest possible level, leading to 10 relay teams being selected for the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival on 16<sup>th</sup> March. It was an outstanding achievement by both individuals and relay teams on the day.

Congratulations to all the students involved.

The relay teams who achieved selection for Sydney North Regional swimming are:

Girls 12-19yrs	6 x50	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls 12yrs	4x50	1 <sup>st</sup>
Girls 13yrs	4x50	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls 15yrs	4x50	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Girls 17-19yrs	4x50	1 <sup>st</sup>
Girls 12-19yrs	4x50 Medley	1 <sup>st</sup>
Mixed All Age	Knockout relay	1 <sup>st</sup>
Boys 12-19yrs	6 x50	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys 12yrs	4x50	2 <sup>nd</sup>
Boys 13yrs**	4x50	1 <sup>st</sup>

\*\* This team broke the Zone record



Boys 13yrs 4x50 relay team (finished 1<sup>st</sup> and broke the Zone record)

Some of the outstanding individual performances were:

<b>Alicia Walker</b>	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall in 13yrs girls
<b>Oliver Sims</b>	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall in 13yrs boys
<b>Michaela Zipkis</b>	- Age Champion 14yrs girls
<b>Oliver Sims</b>	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> overall in 13yrs boys
<b>Brandon Marsh</b>	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> overall in 14yrs boys
<b>Clare Young</b>	- 4 <sup>th</sup> overall in 15yrs girls
<b>Brianna Sims</b>	- Age Champion 16yrs girls
<b>Stephanie Cannell</b>	- Age Champion 17-19yrs girls



Girls 12yrs 4x50 relay team



Girls 13yrs 4x50 relay team

**Megan Clarke, Head Teacher PDHPE**

## Absent, Leaving Early or Late For School Notes

**If a student is absent from school for whatever reason** he/she must bring a note of explanation, preferably the next day, to their Homegroup teacher. This includes whole day or partial absences.

**If a student arrives late to school**, he/she signs in at the office but still needs to bring a note of explanation, preferably the next day.

**Leaving early explanation/requests** are to be signed by a Deputy Principal before school, shown to the

teacher of the class from which the student needs to leave, and then handed into the office on leaving, to be issued a 'leave early' pass.

Thank you for your cooperation in this area. We hope that this will save any embarrassing 'unexplained absences' on school reports and reduce the number of letters of requests for absence explanations having to be sent home.

**Julie Phelan, Relieving Deputy Principal**

## DEAS Silver Practice Expedition, Colo River

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We arrived at Somerset on the Colo River at a leisurely 9am and took our packs over to our groups where we were told to unpack all of our food for inspection. Unfortunately a considerable amount of our food was packed far in the depths of our bags so this took a lot longer than expected. We complained and argued for a good half an hour before we were finally defeated and had to accept that our Nutella was not coming on the trip with us due to nut allergies.

A shuttle bus came to pick us up and took us out into the bush where we were to begin our day's hike. We took turns leading and navigating in our pairs and we encouraged each other through the heat, only a small attack from the fire ants could do anything to hinder our hike. When we arrived at our campsite we had plenty of time to sit back and relax and everyone went down to the river for a swim and a game of rugby in the water. It was a good start to the hike and we were in high spirits when we went to bed.

On Saturday we woke at 6am to the sound of cows mooing just metres from our tents and no matter how much we tried to ignore them and go back to sleep, they were incessant and continued to moo with loudening intensity. After this unexpected alarm we had our breakfast, packed our bags and got ready for the hike ahead. The hike was roughly 12km which wasn't a particularly hard trek for us as we had gone further on our bronze expeditions.

The hike on Saturday was very enjoyable as we were able to walk at a fairly relaxed pace but just near the end of the trip Jahna injured her foot and we resigned ourselves to about an hour long break despite Jahna telling us numerous times she was fine to keep on going. We decided that she was not fit to carry her pack and thoroughly enjoyed the team building exercise that came with it as we worked out the best way to carry her pack as a team.

When we arrived at the campsite we were relieved to see there were no cows in the vicinity and were told that everyone else was down in the river having a relaxing swim so we went down to find them only to be told that one of the boys groups had arrived at the campsite at 12:30 - three hours before us. It was unbelievable, but we accepted that it was probably true considering how many times we had stopped to sit down and eat and talk about the formal.

In the morning, everyone had a "sleep in" because there were no cows to wake us. Once everyone in our tent was up, we packed up and prepared for the day. After breakfast, we set off on a short 2km walk to where we would begin our canoeing leg of the trip. Once we reached it, we geared up with PFD's and paddles. We paired off and dragged our boats down to the river. We hopped in and set off on our paddling journey. There was constant entertainment as various pairs zigzagged their way down the river, constantly running into trees and banks.

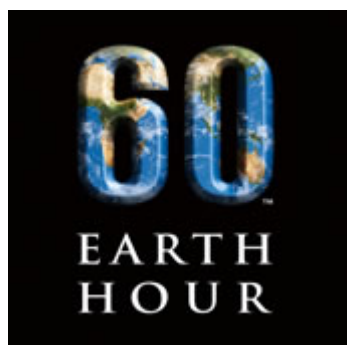
About an hour and a half later we stopped at a little sand bank and started having some snacks but we were then told by our group leader that we had run out of time and had to pull our canoes out of the water. We hopped on a bus back to Somerset base camp, had some lunch and rested whilst waiting for our parents. Although the end of the trip came slightly unexpectedly we all agreed it had been a very enjoyable trip and were excited for the car trip home where many of us had been promised McDonalds and various other fast food delights.

It was fun to experience the paddling part of the expedition and everyone appreciated the support from Dr Carter, Mr Brinkley and Mr Margalit who walked with us as well as Ms Johnson for organising the trip.

**Roxie Swart and Thea Margalit, Year 10**

## Earth Hour 2011 at KHS

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As the lights go out we empower ourselves. Earth Hour is 8:30pm 26<sup>th</sup> March, and what began as an Australian grassroots initiative will grow further into a wave of global environmental action.

Earth Hour is a call to action that begins by turning off all electrical devices for 1 hour. Why? Because by doing so, we can see just how few of these devices we really need to be switched on all the time. Electricity generation is a major source of carbon-dioxide emissions in Australia.

This year, the Social Justice Committee and Killara High School are supporting Earth Hour by encouraging all students and teachers to conduct classes without electricity during Period 4, Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March.

The SJC would like to encourage all members of the KHS community to join Earth Hour. More broadly, this is an opportunity to "go beyond the hour" and build your own awareness of the issues and take action in your own way.

It's our Earth. It's up to us. Earth Hour 2011 – "go beyond the hour".

**Leah Wiernik (Year 12)**

**KHS Social Justice Committee**



## To Year 11 Parents

On Friday 25<sup>th</sup> February, 162 Year 11 students attended the pre driver training course called "U Turn the Wheel" which is supported and subsidised by Rotary.

This program gives young people a clear understanding of the dangers of driving and responsibilities of drivers.

We have been offered the opportunity to take the remainder of our Year 11 students (the year in total is approximately 280) to another session, however at this

stage only a further eight students have paid. We really need a busload of 40-50 to make this viable.

If you would like your son or daughter to attend "U Turn the Wheel" on a date to be arranged, please ask him or her to pay the \$25 required to the Accounts Office in A Block as soon as possible after the return from Jindabyne.

If there are not enough students showing interest, those students who have paid but not attended will be eligible for a refund.

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**

## Stage Head Teacher Report

Term one 2011 has been a great success for our students in Stage 4 and I would like to take this opportunity to commend them on their wonderful attitudes and efforts throughout this term.

**Year 7** enjoyed their Orientation Camp at Vision Valley and participated enthusiastically in the activities, disco and peer support sessions, which have continued back at school.



**Year 8** has been busy settling into their second year at high school. A recent highlight for Year 8 was the award of an Honour Badge to the following students at assembly.

**James Andreou**  
**Kristen Bergersen**  
**Luke Bevitt**  
**Lucy Birtwistle**  
**Daniella Csizmadia**  
**Hannah Dawson**

**Stephanie Karefylakis**  
**Charlotte Middleton**  
**Ellen Mighell**  
**Samantha Morrison**  
**Isabelle Raffle**  
**Megan Simon**

**Rohan French**  
**Mark Friedland**  
**Lily Giles**  
**Isabel Griffin**

**Na Young Song**  
**Roger Wang**  
**Mahalia Wilcox**  
**Kieren Young**

Congratulations to these students on all their fine efforts in all areas of school life last year. Congratulations also to the students in Year 8 who received Honour Book inscriptions and certificates.

In our first **Stage 4 assembly** of 2011 we had two guest speakers from Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services, who came to speak to our students about the services they offer and how these can be accessed. They have also left some leaflets and information for parents about Parent Forums they are running throughout the year. The topics and dates are listed below. For more information on these forums contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit [www.kyds.org.au](http://www.kyds.org.au). Leaflets are also available in A block reception.

- 28<sup>th</sup> March – *Building Strong Families in a Modern World*
- 9<sup>th</sup> May – *Lost in Translation – The Art of Conversing with a Teenager*
- 27<sup>th</sup> June – *World Wide Web – The Good, The Bad and The Ugly*
- 1<sup>st</sup> August – *One Too Many: Binge Drinking amongst Young People*
- 19<sup>th</sup> September – *Raising Resilient Teenagers*
- 24<sup>th</sup> October – *Life Cut Short – Dealing with Youth Suicides in the Community.*

**Clair-Louise Schofield**  
**Relieving Head Teacher Stage 4**

## DEAS Gold Award Expedition Briefing Session

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 – 3.00pm-4.30pm - in the C Block Conference Room**

Students should bring their Gold Award record books to this meeting. Permission notes, information sheets and maps will be distributed.

## Entertainment Book 2011/2012

The P&C will be selling the new Entertainment Book shortly to raise funds for the school. So don't buy your book anywhere else and watch this space for more information! For those of you who haven't purchased one before the book offers great discounts for local restaurants, cafes, and attractions as well as hotels and shopping.

## 2011 Digital Education Revolution (DER)-NSW Year 10 Parent Survey

Last year, Year 9 did the survey as part of their laptop induction. Now those students are in year 10. We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation is intended to take place over 3 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2011 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/RWN6ZS7?c=8457>

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

The results of last year's base line survey can be viewed online: [DER-NSW Evaluation Phase 1: Before the laptop rollout](#)

(<https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships-program/digital-education-revolution-nsw/program-information/research/prelimreport.pdf>).

Thank you for your assistance.

**Ross Kirbyshire, Head Teacher Computing Studies**

## Vaccination Program 2011

The vaccination schedule was altered from the time of the initial notification. On Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March Year 7 students received vaccination for Hepatitis B and DTP (Diphtheria, Tetanus Pertussis).

The next date for vaccinations will be **21<sup>st</sup> March**. Year 7 girls will have the first dose of the HPV (Human Papillomavirus) vaccine administered while Year 10 students will have the opportunity to be vaccinated against DTP (Diphtheria/ Tetanus/ Pertussis).

Permission notes will be issued in Week 7 to be returned by Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March, Week 8. Sending notes in on the day of the vaccinations can create difficulties as the nurses only bring a certain number of surplus vaccines. Latecomers may miss out.

Thank you for your help in the delivery of this program.

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**

## **BIG BAND CONCERT**

**Friday March 25<sup>th</sup> at 7pm**



**At Chatswood High School, 24 Centennial Avenue, Chatswood**  
featuring:



**Killara High School Stage Band**  
**The Chatswood High Big Band**  
**Epping Boys High School Stage Band**  
**Willoughby Girls High School Stage Band**

**Admission: \$6 Adults, \$3 Concession (Tickets at the Door)**



## Mufti Days – Dress Guidelines

While students enjoy the freedom and fun of mufti days they may be discontinued if some students make unwise decisions regarding their clothing on these occasions.

Many staff expressed concern at the inappropriate dress of some students on the recent mufti day.

Please consult again the guidelines in the student diaries which specifically warn against:

- Very brief shorts and skirts
- Midriff /bikini tops
- Transparent or low cut blouses

- Thongs or Ugg boots
- Excessive jewellery
- Jeans worn so low as to reveal underwear
- Singlet tops

Please help us to teach our students that appropriate dress on a mufti date is not the equivalent of what would be worn to the beach. It would be such a pity if the privilege to hold mufti days was withdrawn.

Thank you for your support and co-operation.

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**

## Uniform Shop

### Additional Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following additional dates for your convenience to purchase winter uniform items prior to Term 2:

<b>Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am – 12noon</b>
<b>Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>9am – 12 noon</b>

Current price list and order form can be downloaded from our new School website, <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/sws/view/2523.node>; select 'Killara High School Uniform Shop'.

### Request for Assistance in 2011

The Uniform Shop needs a volunteer to organize Killara High School's Uniform Shop volunteers on a weekly basis during school terms in 2011.

If there is a parent (or if you know someone) who is interested in becoming involved in running our Uniform Shop please contact me for further details at [khscp@yahoo.com.au](mailto:khscp@yahoo.com.au).

The Uniform Shop operates from E Block each Friday during school terms from 8.00am to 12noon.

Accepted payments are cheque (payable to KHSCP), cash, credit card or EFTPos. (Surcharges: 1.45% for credit card, \$1 flat fee for EFTPos.)

Please also check our green noticeboards outside the Uniform Shop for any important news.

Please contact us on 9498 3722 ext 128 or email [khscp@yahoo.com.au](mailto:khscp@yahoo.com.au).

**Dee Cleworth, Uniform Shop Coordinator**

## Year 11 DEAS Participants

If you have completed your Silver Duke of Edinburgh's Award and had your record book endorsed as completed and you wish to progress to the Gold Award and participate in the Practice Expedition from 8<sup>th</sup> – 11<sup>th</sup> April in the Wild Dog Mountains, you must send an email to Mrs O'Hanlon in the Administration Office at [diane.ohanlon@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:diane.ohanlon@det.nsw.edu.au) before close of business Friday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

You may only proceed to the Gold Award if your Silver Award has been completed and this has been endorsed in your Silver Award record book by Ms Johnson or Dr Carter.

A list of Expedition Participants will be prepared by Mrs O'Hanlon on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March and published on the DEAS noticeboard in the C Block.

Permission Notes, information sheets and maps will be distributed to listed participants at the Expedition Training meeting commencing 3pm Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011 in the C Block Conference Room.

Attendance at this meeting is **mandatory**. Participants will need to bring their Gold Award record books to this meeting. You will need to make alternate arrangements with respect to part time jobs or Extension classes scheduled at this time. Only those who attend the Training Session on the 28<sup>th</sup> March may participate in the expedition.

Return of permission notes with payment of \$30 must be made to the Administration Office by cob Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April. Late payments will not be accepted.

**Mark Carter, Expedition Coordinator**

## Performing Arts Ensembles Events

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### Term 1 - Week 9

Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> March - Choir performance - Stage 4 assembly

Friday 25<sup>th</sup> March - Stage Band 1 workshop at Chatswood High School at 4.15pm

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March - Concert Band 1 performance St Ives Showground at 11.00am

### Week 10

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> March - Stage Band 2 performance - Stage 5 assembly

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April - 'Schools Music Spectacular' Chatswood RSL at 6.30pm

### Term 2 - Week 1

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> May - Choir performance - 'Festival on the Green', St Ives

### Week 2

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May - Concert Band 2 performance - Stage 4 assembly

Please check school website – "Curriculum and Activities" → "Performing Arts Ensembles" for calendar, permission notes and other news.

**Jacki Berry, Performing Arts Ensembles Coordinator**

## From the Library

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### Volunteers wanted!

If you are a parent at Killara High School, and would like to assist with some volunteer work in the library, we want you! We are asking for parents to assist us with covering of books (with contact and plastic covering), and some general library duties. Can you help? Please contact Mrs Karen Jones, one of the Teacher-Librarians if interested. Thankyou!

### Premier's Reading Challenge:

If you are interested in registering for The Premier's Reading Challenge, you will need to log on to your student portal. You can use your DET username and password. You can complete your own online records at school, at home and/or at the local library. On your first logon for 2011, record your previous school if applicable. Parents can assist their children to enter books read. The easiest and most reliable way to enter PRC books is by your ID number. The Challenge closes on 1<sup>st</sup> September. You should complete your records by the 25<sup>th</sup> August, as the school co-ordinator must validate all completed entries before 1st September.

### New non-fiction:

Becker, Jasper. *Rogue regime: Kim Jong Il and the Looming Threat of North Korea*.

Davaa, Byambasuren and Reisch, Lisa. *The Cave of the Yellow Dog: The Extraordinary Life of the Last of the Mongolian Nomads*.

Farndon, John. *China rises: how China's Astonishing Growth will Change the World*.

Ford, Amanda. *Successful Comprehension*.

Ford, Amanda. *Successful Grammar*.

Ford, Amanda. *Successful Spelling*.

Ford, Amanda. *Successful Writing*.

### Issues in society series:

- *Children and Young People at Risk*
- *HIV and AIDS*
- *Poverty & social Exclusion*
- *Social Impacts of Digital Media*
- *Terrorism and National Security*

Kamdar, Mira. *Planet India: The Turbulent Rise of the World's Largest Democracy*.

Laidler, Keith. *Surveillance Unlimited: How We Become the Most Watched People on Earth*.

Murphy, Sam. *Get Fit Walking*.

Singleton, Glen. *1001 Cool Inventions*.

Zha, Jianying. *China Pop: How Soap Operas, Tabloids and Bestsellers are transforming a Culture*.

### New fiction:

Blume, Judy. *Summer Sisters: An Unforgettable Story of Two Women and the Friendships that shape a Lifetime*.

Cornwell Patricia. *All That Remains*.

Cornwell, Patricia. *The Front*.

Hearse, Leslie. *Georgia*.

Hill, Rosemary. *Stonehenge*.

Jonsberg, Barry. *Being Here: A Bittersweet Story of a Girl and a Boy, and a Secret Too Real to Hide*.

Murrell, Belinda. *The Ruby Talisman*.

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

## KHS Canteen

The Canteen at Killara High School is run by the P&C with the help of volunteer parents. This enables prices to be kept at reasonable levels and raises funds for the P&C. All students benefit directly from P&C funds! Volunteering at the Canteen is also a great opportunity for new parents to meet other KHS parents!

The Canteen is open every day and we ask that you please spare **one day per month** to help. If you cannot spare as much time, please consider offering your services on our emergency roster.

**You can contact the Canteen Supervisors, Carolyn or Pam, at the Canteen, 9498 3722 ext 118 or by email [khscanteen@hotmail.com](mailto:khscanteen@hotmail.com).**

## Careers Corner

### UMAT Information

The UMAT is mandatory for most medicine and dentistry courses across Australia, as well as a range of other health sciences. Please note the following information:

- UMAT registrations will open on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> April and close on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> June.
- UMAT Test date is Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> July.

UMAT and medicine information packs are available from the careers office.

### UMAT Preparation Courses

Information has arrived from the following providers:

- Medentry – for further information log on to [www.MedEntry.edu.au](http://www.MedEntry.edu.au)
- National Institute of Education - for further information log on to [nie.edu.au](http://nie.edu.au)

### Entry Requirements for International Students Applying for Health Science Courses

ISAT is a mandatory requirement for international students wishing to enrol in the following courses in 2012:

- Monash University – Undergraduate Medicine and Physiotherapy
- University of Queensland – Undergraduate Medicine and Dentistry
- University of Sydney – Veterinary Science
- University of Tasmania – Undergraduate Medicine
- University of Western Australia – Undergraduate Medicine and Dentistry
- University of Western Sydney – Undergraduate Medicine

### Year 12 Online Survival Guide

This tool, developed by Charles Sturt University in collaboration with the Department of Education and Training, is a study resource that offers comprehensive subject information and test papers for 51 HSC subjects. It can be accessed at [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au)

### Valemus Autumn School of Engineering

Organised by Engineers Australia, this program will run from 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> April and is ideal for students interested in pursuing a career in engineering.

Roseville Chase Rotary Club will sponsor interested students. Email Richard at [richard@tw.net.au](mailto:richard@tw.net.au)

### Professional Cadetships Australia

These are open to Year 12 students interested in working for a leading company in the financial services industry. Successful applicants will undertake university studies while in paid employment. The hallmark of these cadetships is that students may choose to study at any university in Sydney and select from a wide range of university courses. Applications are made online at [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au). Deadline for submission is 11<sup>th</sup> May.

### Gap Year Programs

Students can access the following gap year information from the careers office:

- Antipodeans Abroad
- Projects Abroad
- Tutors Worldwide which specialises in the recruitment of tutors for schools in the UK. Deadline for applications is 14 April.
- Latitude Global Volunteering which offers a wide range of placements in Europe, the Americas, Africa, Asia and the Pacific
- EF High School Year Overseas which gives students an opportunity to become fluent in a foreign language while studying at a local high school for up to a year.
- Cultural Care Au Pair – ideal for students wishing to spend a year in the USA caring for children
- STS Student Exchanges which offers scholarships and discounts to students in Years 10 to 12 who wish to travel abroad.

### Year 10 Work Experience in a Hospital

Any Year 10 student wishing to do work experience in a local hospital should contact the careers office for an application form. Deadline for submission is 29<sup>th</sup> April.

### Year 11 University of Sydney “Mind and Morality Course”

This 1-unit Board Endorsed course is available to high-achieving Year 11 students in the second semester of this year. Cost is \$775. For further information contact the careers office.



### **"Understanding your Teenager" Parent Forums**

The first of a series of lectures for parents with teenagers, organised by Ku-ring-gai Council and Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service, will be held on 28<sup>th</sup> March at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

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

**Colleen Clarke and Gemma Veriga**  
Careers Advisers



### **LINDFIELD ROTARY COMMUNITY FUN RUN 2011**

The LINDFIELD ROTARY  
COMMUNITY FUN RUN 2011  
will take place on

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011**

starting from Roseville Park, Clanville Road,  
Roseville.

Demonstrate your fitness whilst having fun with your  
friends.

The Start Times are as follows:

5 km Fun Run & Walk 8:00am

10 km Fun Run 8:15am

Everything that you need to know is on our website;  
together with online registration;

at: [www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au](http://www.lindfieldrotaryfunrun.org.au)

Enquiries to Noel Phelan  
at: [noelphelan@bigpond.com](mailto:noelphelan@bigpond.com)

### **"Dealing with Teen's Back Chat"**

**Are you struggling with a teenager who answers  
back all the time?**

#### **Workshop for Parents and Carers of Teens**

**Presented by Meredith Houltain**  
**Northern Sydney Central Coast Area Health  
Service**

When: Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April 2011

Venue: Centacare Waitara

Time: 6.30-9.30pm

Cost: Free of charge

Bookings: Essential. To make a booking call and  
speak to an intake worker on 8425 8700  
or email [Melinda.lowe@dbb.org.au](mailto:Melinda.lowe@dbb.org.au)

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

#### **Parent Forum**

#### **"Building Strong Families in a Modern World"**

**Monday 28<sup>th</sup> March 2011, 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 Speaker:** Lesley Withey from the Manly  
Adolescent and Family Counselling Service will  
teach you how to make your family more resilient,  
focusing on communication and setting boundaries.

With a wealth of experience in family counselling,  
Ms Withey will provide real life examples, give  
practical advice and lead parents through an in-  
depth discussion and role play.

All parents and carers are welcome to attend. Entry  
is a gold coin donation.

#### **About the speaker**

Lesley Withey has worked with young people and  
families on mental health issues, addictions and  
homelessness for 15 years. She is an adolescent  
and family counsellor at the Manly Adolescent and  
Family Counselling Service and also operates a  
private practice on the northern beaches.

Bookings required. Contact Ku-ring-gai Council  
Youth Services on 9424 0837 or  
[youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au)

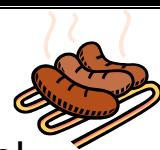
For more information on the forums contact KYDS  
on 9416 9824 or visit [www.kyds.org.au](http://www.kyds.org.au)



### **Election Day Sausage Sizzle and Cake Stall**

Killara Public School P&C

will hold a sausage sizzle and cake stall at Killara High School  
on **Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> March.**



Please consider supporting one of our local public schools when you cast  
your vote in the State Election.