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



## Optimism, commitment courtesy and goodwill

If there is a distinguishing feature of this school it is the optimism, courtesy and goodwill that prevail in nearly all interactions between staff students and parents. Since late January my colleagues have been most grateful for the patience and understanding shown by students given the disruption to routines and amenities available to them. The staff, too, has been very accommodating in making do with less than ideal conditions for work and teaching.

The work on drainage will end eventually. It will rectify shortcomings evident for nearly a decade. The short term inconvenience will bring long term improvement.

When this work has been completed the school and P&C will be investing funds in a number of improvements to facilities that have been temporarily postponed until the site is cleared of contractor compounds, trenches and materials.

Some areas of artificial grass will be laid, additional seating installed and pathways to the House established.

Future grounds working bees will focus on restoration of gardens disturbed by the recent drainage work.

In spite of the limitations in the physical amenity our students and staff have shown commitment to the educational tasks at hand and their goodwill and sincerity are deeply appreciated.

To spend time with students at Killara is to be reminded of their quality, their intelligence, sense of responsibility, their happiness and an abundant generosity of spirit.

On two recent occasions staff has accompanied students away from the school on physically demanding outdoor learning opportunities. On both, the resilience of students and their capacities to rise to challenges and demonstrate a wonderful maturity, has been clearly evident.

With students like this and the many talented, hard working staff providing professional services and a deep sense of care, and with so many parents providing extensive support for more than their own children, 2011 promises much. We are all indeed fortunate to be part of the Killara High School community and our good fortune affords us the opportunity to reflect and consider how we might contribute to more advantaged lives for those who, through circumstances beyond their own control find themselves in need of help.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## P&C Meeting - Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> March 2011

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

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

Hope to see you there.

## Calendar

### March 2011

- 3 - Mock Trial (vs Killarney Heights HS)
- 4 - "Busking day" organized by the Arts Council
- 6 - Yr 11 Jindabyne Camp (all week)
- 7 - Yr 12 assessment commences
  - Zone Swimming Carnival
- 8 - Yrs 7 & 10 vaccinations
  - Yr 6 Gifted & Talented – Creative Writing Sessions
- 9 - NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships
- 11 - Yr 10 Commerce – Australian Electoral Commission Mock Election
- 15 - Yr 6 Gifted & Talented – Creative Writing Sessions
- 16 - Sydney North Swimming Carnival
  - P&C Meeting – 8pm – C Block Conference Room
- 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
- 28 - DEAS Gold Award Briefing Session – 3pm – C Block Conference Room
- 29 - Yrs 10 and 12 – English Excursion
- 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
- 8 - DEAS Gold Practice Expedition – Wild Dog Mountains – 4 days
  - Last day – Term 1

## From Our Student Leaders

*At a recent assembly some of our student leaders addressed the school.*

*Following are reports made by the Social Justice Committee (SJC) and Prefect leaders at the assembly:*

Social Justice is what faces you in the morning. It is awakening in a house with adequate water supply, cooking facilities and sanitation. It is the prospect of genuine employment and good health; a life of choices and opportunity free from discrimination. The SJC is not just about raising funds but raising awareness about important issues that are facing our community and the world. To us, social justice means giving a voice to those who don't have the ability or opportunity to be heard.

Amongst having collective projects such as our home group sponsoring a child, each year group is dedicated to a specific cause. Year 8 and 9 are raising awareness of what Westmead Children's Hospital does so watch out for Bandaged Bear Day. Year 10 are working on cancer related causes including the World's Greatest Shave. They are also focusing on the World Vision "Smiles" project with year 11 who are committed to addressing the disadvantages associated with poverty in developing countries. Year 12 are interested in developing a stronger relationship with our new rural sister school in Dubbo. They are also working collectively with the Arts Council and the SRC and Year 11 SJC members to raise awareness of youth depression and social anxiety. Recently we had a "Spider Day" to support victims of the recent floods in Queensland. Events to watch out for include the Mufti Day in Week 9 for the Kenyan Children's Fund.



Thank you.

### **Clair Birks and Eleanor Kirkpatrick, Student Justice Committee**

Our main role as senior prefects is to lead and coordinate the prefect body. The prefect body is an important part of Killara High – we coordinate several events throughout the year – examples are the recent year 7 disco which was a great success and several fundraising events throughout the year.

We also have the privilege of representing the school at community functions when the school captains are unavailable or otherwise engaged. As senior prefects we are a liaison for the prefect body during SLC meetings - we are given ideas by the students and it is up to us to convey this idea to the school captains and school executives.



We are looking forward to a great year representing the school as your senior prefects.

### **Will Longman and Jessica Young, Senior Prefects**

## **Arts Council Mufti Day – Friday 4<sup>th</sup> March 2011**

This Friday, 4<sup>th</sup> March, is the Arts Council's Band T-Shirt mufti day. Come dressed in your favourite band's t-shirt and show off your musical taste. A busking session will be run at lunch time to give exposure to all the talented people in the school.

Don't forget to bring in \$2 and more because we are also having a barbeque. All proceeds of the mufti day will go towards the KHS 2011 musical "Alice in Wonderland" to be held later this year.



## DEAS Gold Qualifying Expedition - Mt Jagungal, Snowy Mountains

Very, very bright and early on 2<sup>nd</sup> February our last Duke of Ed journey began. We all crawled out of bed to meet Dr Carter at 5:30am(!) and loaded the bus ready for the seven hour drive south.



On arrival at the track head, in the Jagungal Wilderness Area, Snowy Mountains, we began our four day hike through some very challenging terrain and some less than exciting weather. Following the Tumut River towards our first campsite, we got a real taste of the Snowy Mountains and how the scenery is spectacularly different to the Wild Dog Mountains and the Colo river areas where we had hiked before. That night, we received our first of many significant downpours and the river beside us rose but half a metre. Unfortunately Emily, Jess, and Annalise's tent flooded, and Emily's sleeping bag ended up being used as a dam.

The next day was sunny and warm; we walked out of the campsite towards O'Keefe's Hut, where we would spend the next two nights. This day involved some extremely steep hills and a few river crossings. The weather stayed fine for the evening and we enjoyed a camp fire and various card games in the hut.



Again the night brought on a huge down pour, and more tents were flooded. The next day was very foggy, but not raining, so we started our trek to the

top of Mount Jagungal, unfortunately without Dr Carter and Annalise, who was feeling sick. Jagungal is one of the highest mountains in the Snowy Mountain Range and it proved to be the most challenging ascent yet. At the top we had lunch, and all felt like we were about to be blown off the mountain because of the incredible winds and cloud that was blowing past.



We returned to the hut to find that Dr Carter had called an ambulance for Annalise, who was at this stage, not getting any better. After she had left with the ambulance, a huge storm rolled in, and that night, many of us didn't sleep very much at all because of the intensity of the thunder and lightning around us.

On our final day's walk, the rain had not stopped and we were forced to take a longer route to avoid the swollen Tumut River. We walked 20km with rain falling sideways the whole time. The relief amongst the group when we reached the bus was incredible as



we were able to be dry for the first time in a couple of days. We then drove to Talbingo where we had a Chinese Buffet for dinner, and a very good night's sleep.

I'd like to thank Dr Carter, "Year 13 mum" Michelle Lambert who came back for more, Mr Hudson and Mr Croker who walked with us on the hike. Everyone enjoyed it and appreciates their support.

**Stephen Mackay, Year 12**

# 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)

## YEAR 11 PARENTS DINNER

It's time for us to relax and catch up with other parents over a Thai banquet at 'Kaffir Lime' in St Ives

**Date:** Saturday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2011

**Time:** 7.00-10.00pm

**Venue:** Kaffir Lime, Shop G1/166 Mona Vale Road (next to Bendigo Bank), St Ives

**Cost:** Fantastic deal @ approx. \$20.00pp!

Banquet includes entrée, main (including seafood), dessert & corkage. Café is byo.

Let me know if there are any special diets.

Contact & RSVP by Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> March to:

Nalini Naidu on 0402 059 359

or [nalini.naidu@hp.com](mailto:nalini.naidu@hp.com)

New families most welcome!

## 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 30<sup>th</sup> 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 ([tammatt@bigpond.com](mailto:tammatt@bigpond.com));

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

## Did You Know? . . .

**Brendan Tieu (Year 12)** represented Australia in the team and individual events in the Oceania championship held in Suva, Fiji, last week.

Australia was runner up in the team event and Brendan was runner up in the men's singles and doubles events. An excellent result, Brendan!

## 2011 P&C Committee

At the Annual General Meeting on 16<sup>th</sup> February a new P&C Committee was elected. Welcome to all members, new and old, of this committee.

### Committee:

President:	David Jordan
Vice President:	Lee Bevitt
Vice President:	Tim Tait
Treasurer:	Brian White
Secretary:	Belinda Thompson

### Sub Committees:

Alumni:	Greg Swords
Building Committee:	Michael Scollay
Canteen Committee:	Denise Gamaroff
Canteen Treasurer:	Heather Jordan
Ekuba:	Claire Summers
Grounds:	Richard Frith
Publicity & Public Relations:	vacant
Social Committee:	Robin Hall
Sport :	Di Stewart
Technology:	Tim Hand
Uniform Shop:	Dee Cleworth

### Year Representatives:

Year 7:	Rossanna Bodell Annabel Gibson Shelley Benesh Blandine Carraro Minna Monaghan
Year 8:	Susi Durand Dee Cleworth Nicola Read Lee Bevitt
Year 9:	Christine Reidy
Year 10:	Belinda Thompson
Year 11:	Claire Summers Connie Valeontis Di Stewart Nalini Naidu
Year 12:	Rosie Swords Kim Scollay



## Working together to improve the School grounds

### Working Bee

**Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March 2011 - 8.15am**



Our previous efforts have led to great improvements in the quality of the grounds and landscaping at Killara High School. The results of our labour are literally growing before our eyes.

It is a great occasion to assist KHS and to meet other parents, form and extend friendships and keep fit. We enjoy morning tea refreshments and for those able to stay we finish around midday with a BBQ.

All parents (and families too) are most welcome.

If you can only spare an hour or so we would appreciate your help too.

Please come along.

For further information, contact Richard Frith on 0419 223 127



## Vaccination Dates for March 2011

### **Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> March**

- Year 7 – Hepatitis B  
– dTpa vaccine - Diphtheria/ Tetanus/  
Pertussis

### **Monday 21<sup>st</sup> March**

- Year 7 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (1)  
Year 10 – dTpa vaccine - Diphtheria/ Tetanus/  
Pertussis

### **Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

- Year 7 – Chicken Pox  
Year 7 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (2)

### **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> September**

- Year 7 – Hepatitis B  
Year 7 – Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine (3)



## Mathematics Matters

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### CALCULATORS

All students in Years 8 – 12 are required to have their own scientific calculator to use in mathematics lessons. Students wishing to purchase a calculator will need to pay \$25 at the school office. They will be issued with a receipt which they need to present to the mathematics staffroom to receive their calculator.

Year 7 students will require a calculator for the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN). The NAPLAN test dates for 2011 are Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> May to Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> May. Students will shortly receive a note about calculators and it is advised that they purchase a calculator as soon as possible as they will

need to have their own calculator for the test and be familiar with its use.

### MATHEMATICS TEXTBOOKS

Unfortunately, many students failed to return their mathematics textbooks last year and consequently, several students are yet to receive them this year as we do not have sufficient to issue. Students who have not returned the textbook that was issued to them in 2010 by **Friday 11<sup>th</sup> March** will be issued with an invoice (approximately \$55) to cover the cost of replacing the textbook.

We encourage parents to support us in this endeavour.

**Alison Gambino, Head Teacher Mathematics**

## Year 11 DEAS Participants

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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**

## Additional Bus Services to and from Gordon

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A longstanding issue has been overcrowding on the **Gordon buses**. Shorelink have been sympathetic to this issue and have now successfully gained approval from Transport NSW to run an additional service from Gordon in the morning and to Gordon in the afternoon.

The additional bus, **8082** will leave Gordon at 8.25am coming to the school. The reciprocal bus **9082** will depart from Rank 10 as soon as possible after the bell, to be followed by the normal **9004** from Rank 10 to Gordon, changing at Gordon for West Pymble. Hence, there will now be **three** buses going to and from Gordon each day.

This change does however necessitate that the **8061** from **West Killara** in the morning will now run five

minutes earlier, leaving at 7.50am and arriving at school at 8.18am to allow it time to return to Gordon to complete the additional 8082 run at 8.25am. Students on this bus have been notified. I am sure that you will understand that the inconvenience caused by this earlier bus is far outweighed by the capacity to run an additional service for students who have suffered increasing overcrowding over a period of time. Indeed, a number of students travelling to and from Gordon have had to make alternative arrangements in the past because they simply cannot fit on.

I thank management at Shorelink for their proactive work in generating a solution to this problem.

**Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal**

## Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) Young Women's Program

All Year 8 girls will participate in a program being provided free of cost by the counsellors and youth workers of the KYDS Counselling service based at Lindfield. The program will address many relevant social and emotional issues in order to build openness and resilience in our young women and hopefully

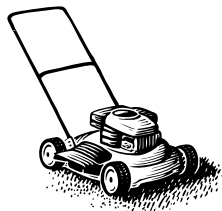
provide some positive intervention during an intense period of adolescence.

All girls will attend five sessions over a period of three weeks and will work in small groups with trained counsellors, psychologists and youth workers.

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**

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### Thank You!



Mr Parish and the Year 9 Industrial Technology (Automotive) class would like to take this opportunity to thank **Thompson's Mower Centre, Hornsby**, for again supporting our automotive class by supplying lawnmowers, both 2 and 4 stroke, for the students to work on.

As an initial experience of working on single cylinder motors, this is a very important stepping stone for understanding automotive principles.

**Phil Parish, TAS Faculty**

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### From the Library

#### Welcome to the Lion Library ~ Year 7 and new students across Years 8-12!

We are currently working on providing computer access to all new students at the school. This is a big job, and we are working very hard to ensure all new students have their correct computer access, and have orientation skills for effectively using the Lion Library and all our resources.

Could Parents/Carers please assist us by ensuring that all Technology Agreement Forms are signed and returned as soon as possible to the library. Thank you!

#### New books:

Coleridge, Samuel Taylor & Hunt Emerson. *The Rime of the Ancient Mariner*.

Foreign Language Press (Compiler). *Chinese Auspicious Pictures*

Good Housekeeping Institute. *Stain Rescue: The A-Z Guide to Removing Smudges, Spots & Other Spills*.

Hirst, Paul and others. *Globalization in Question*

Johnson, R.W. *South Africa's Brave New World: The Beloved Country since the End of Apartheid*.

Li Zhuman and others. *China's Cultural Relics: Unearthed History of 10,000 years*.

Liwen, Yue and others. *Chineses Festivals: Traditions, Customs and Rituals*.

Mehigan, Janet. *Mastering the Art of calligraphy*.

Riley, Tim. *Year 12 Economics 2011*.

#### A New Non-Fiction Book in Detail:

Bruckner, Martin and Ross, Dyann. *Under Corporate Skies: A Struggle between People, Place and Profit*.

The story of a small Australian country town, Yarloop, and its struggle with its corporate neighbor, Aloca, and the West Australian government. Though it deals with a particular community, this tale could be told almost anywhere in Australia – where people live in close contact with industry – The Hunter Valley, Latrobe Valley, East Gippsland or Gladstone. The authors show us the dark side of today's development agenda – the threat to the social and environmental sustainability of towns when body corporate and governments fail to protect health and well being of communities in the shadow of heavy industry.

While all parties in the conflict are heard in this book, the voices of the least are heard - in the spheres where politics and economics meet- the local people faced with the breakdown of their town and community, their marriages and friendships, the loss of family, a sense of place and local history.

The authors argue for a form of partnership building in which industries, governments & their electorates meet as equals to create a shared vision that provides for society's material needs while it protects what matters locally: people and place.

#### Did You Know?.... Thirty years ago, Killara High School had some 'firsts' in the following areas:

**1981** was the first time that KHS's Home Economics Department implemented 3 Unit Syllabuses in Home Science and in Textiles and Design.

**1981** was the first year the Physical Education Department [now the PDHPE Faculty] became a separate Department at KHS. Year 7 KHS students were divided into three mixed boys and girls groups for PE lessons. Also the introduction of a Basic Skills Program, one period per week was introduced for all

Year 7 students. It was aimed as a link between primary and high school, with emphasis on basic movements common to many sports e.g. hand-eye, foot-eye coordination, balance and control over body movements.

In 1981, KHS School Band was formed.

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



## LINDFIELD ROTARY COMMUNITY FUN RUN 2011

The LINDFIELD ROTARY COMMUNITY FUN RUN 2011 will take place on Sunday 3 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)

### THE KURING GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE IN PARTNERSHIP WITH KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL Communicating and Caring

#### "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

FREE In-Depth Seminar for  
PARENTS/SUPERVISING DRIVERS together with  
YOUNG DRIVERS

**MONDAY – 14<sup>th</sup> March 2011 at 6.30pm for  
7.00pm– 9.00pm**

*At Ku-Ring-Gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818  
Pacific Highway, Gordon - Access Via Rear  
Entrance*

Light Refreshments

**Presenter: Jeff McDougall** - (President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd; Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, MD Trent Driving School)

will discuss the vital aspects of what you need to know when teaching a young driver and vital information about the current driving test!

**BOOK EARLY – SEATS LIMITED: Phone Carroll  
on mobile 0405 558 660 or 9489 6283  
or email [carroll.howe@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.howe@gmail.com)**

## Killara/West Pymble Junior Rugby Union Club

Under 14 and Under 16 Players

**WE WANT YOU!**

Your local rugby club is seeking players for our Under 14 and Under 16 sides to play in the upcoming rugby season.

Our home ground is Lofberg Oval, West Pymble.

Registration cost is \$155, which includes shorts, socks and all insurances and affiliate fees.

Register now online at [www.kwprugby.com](http://www.kwprugby.com) or come on down to Lofberg Oval on Sunday afternoons at 3pm (starting 27th February) to see what it is all about.

Got questions? Please call Martin O'Brien on 0437 342 758 or drop us an email via [juniors@kwprugby.com](mailto:juniors@kwprugby.com).

We would love to see you down at Lofberg in 2011!!

## ARE YOU A SINGLE PARENT?

Single with Children is a non-profit social group that provides fun and exciting social activities every week specifically for single parents and their children.

It's a great way to meet or make new friends in your area.

**For your FREE copy of our social calendar  
contact us today**

**Call 1300 300 496**

**Or check out our web**

**site: [www.singlewithchildren.com.au](http://www.singlewithchildren.com.au)**

## Parent Line

### Retaining Relationships with Adolescents

One third of Parent Line's 10,000+ calls each year are from parents of adolescents. The adolescent years are unquestionably a challenging time for families. The child and family are both experiencing changes.

We provide free, confidential, professional counseling to families across NSW, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. If you would like to discuss your relationship with your adolescent with a counsellor or discuss any other parenting issue, please call 1300 1300 52 or visit our website [www.parentline.org.au](http://www.parentline.org.au)