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P&C Meeting Wednesday 15th June 2011

You are warmly invited to the next P&C meeting at 8pm 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.

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Gold Practice Expedition – Wild Dog Mountains, 8th - 11th April



Rachael picked me up at 6.30am on Friday. We thought with the extra half an hour there was no way we could possibly be late to the Dunphy's campsite, even if we did get lost. We *did* get lost and we were late, so careful plans went to waste. We met up with Bec, Jess, Ashleigh, Caitlin, Mia, Gina, Alice, Bronte, Jess H, Joné, Liv, Maddy B, Niki, Maddie, Claire, Henry, Matt, Nadav, Josh and Daniel. Miriam's mum Michelle, Mr Simpson, Nadav's dad and Grant would also be hiking along with us - we would meet with Dr Carter at the end of the first day.

Once the route for the day was worked out, we were told to pitch our tents just next to the car park. Shortest hike I've ever done. We then got ready to set off for a day hike. Henry and Daniel volunteered to navigate first; we headed down the road and onto a grassy track. We wanted to follow Carlon's Creek to where it met Breakfast Creek, and from there head up a mountain. But no one had warned us about the stinging nettles or the leeches. The mountain had an unfair amount of false peaks as well; every time we thought we were at the top it turned out we still had a bit more to go. Once we were at the top we simply walked along the ridge and fire trails, and made it back to our first campsite by late afternoon. Dinner was pasta carbonara with a desert of Jelly Beans and a Kit Kat, just to be balanced. It's nice coming back to the campsite knowing there's a treat waiting for you.



The next morning we were told that we'd be moving onto Mobb's Swamp campsite, which was all well and good, *but* (and what a but it was) it meant going through the stinging nettles again and up the mountain again, this time with a full pack.

Still, we did it. Sweaty and red faced, but we did it. From there we went back along the ridge, then along Kennel's Flat. We had hit the campsite and pitched our tents by one thirty. Throughout the day I'd been spotting fungi, and when we got to Mobb's Swamp I saw there were *Pleurotus everywhere*. They're a pretty cool mushroom, because at night they glow green. Sure enough, later that night Nadav's dad came to the campfire and told everyone to come and look at the glowing fungi.

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Calendar

May 2011

20	-	SLC Mufti Day
24	-	ICAS Computer Skills Test
	-	Yr 11 Study Skills
	-	Student Progress Review Meeting (No 3) – 3.30pm-8.00pm
	-	Yr 12 Advanced English excursion to "Hamlet"
25	-	Yr 7 & 11 Motivational Media (P1)
	-	Yr 12 Biology and Senior Science excursion to Museum of Human Disease (P4)
	-	Yr 8 Geography Quiz (P4)
27	-	Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Program
	-	Yr 12 Biology and Senior Science excursion to Museum of Human Disease (P4)
29	-	P&C Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am
30	-	Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Program (P4)
31	-	Yr 8 Medieval Day
	-	High Resolves – Yr 9 Leaders Group Workshop

June 2011

1	-	Yr 9 Elective History Excursion- Sydney Jewish Museum
4	-	PAE Camp (2 days)
6	-	CB2- Sydney Eisteddfod
	-	Yr 8 High Resolves (over 3 days)
7	-	CB1 – Sydney Eisteddfod
8	-	AEE Science Competition
	-	SB1 - Sydney Eisteddfod
9	-	Nominations for Leadership Groups open
	-	SB2 – Sydney Eisteddfod
10	-	Yr 8 & Yr 10 Course Selection Information sessions for Yr 9 & Yr 11 2012
	-	Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Program (P1)
12	-	SB1 - Darling Harbour Jazz Festival
13	-	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
14	-	Yrs 8 & 10 Course Selection – Parent Information Evening - Theatre
	-	Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Program (P4)
15	-	P&C Meeting - 8pm
	-	Yr 12 Music Night Series 1
	-	Yr 12 Chemistry Field Study (2 days)
16	-	Sydney North Cross Country
17	-	Yr 9 Commerce – Market Day

The day after was another day walk. We hiked to an intersection with Splendour Rock, and headed up to the top of Mount Dingo. It was very steep, and was basically just rock climbing at some points- I think everyone enjoyed it, more the climbing Black Horse Ridge. Plus it was an absolutely brilliant view at the top. Most people agreed - best DEAS moment to date. We walked to Splendour Rock and had a memorial moment, then commenced our long loop of the mountains. Starting at Mount Dingo, we



walked back to Mount Merrimerrigal. We had lunch at Mount Warrigal, which was a damp, narrow walk, then after Blackhorse Mountain made it to Mount Mouin. The connecting saddle really was just a long strip of rock, barely two metres wide.

It looked awesome, but it was raining by this point and all the clay soil was getting precariously slippery. Matt fell victim to it on the way down and sprained his ankle. It was a slow trudge back to the campsite in the rain. We finally made it back and tried to get a fire going. It didn't.

Eventually, Nadav's dad, Grant and Mr Simpson got a beautiful, big fire going using bark stripped from the trees and needles from underneath logs. Good tip for the future! The rest of us crowded around, steaming. By this time our clothes were all looking much worse for wear, we all had bites and scratches down our legs, and I'd say most of us were really looking forward to just going home. As well as that, we had to re-pitch our tents in case any trees fell on us.

By 8am the next day we were all ready to go. Madly marching the whole way we made it to the finish point at about 11am. We took group photos and thanked all the teachers and parents that had come with us. Then Bec, Rach and I were picked up by my Dad in the Ute. We stopped at Blackheath, and bought three of the biggest hamburgers you've ever seen from one of the little takeaway shops there. We ate rather fast, and after that we all fell asleep, leaving dad with a Ute full of smelly, exhausted teenagers. Still, that was the practice; we've only the qualifier to go. We're tantalisingly close.



Caro Derkenne, Year 11

PAE MUSIC CAMP

When: Saturday 4th and Sunday 5th June 2011

Where: Elanora Conference Centre, Elanora Heights

Please return all money and permission notes to the Accounts Office by **FRIDAY 20th MAY.**

School Certificate and Higher School Certificate Course Information

Meetings for Parents of Year 8 and 10 Students

The time for Year 8 and Year 10 course selection for 2012 is upon us.

Information sessions for parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

Tuesday 14th June 2011 in the Kerrabee Theatre

Year 8 at 6pm and Year 10 at 6.45pm

In order to provide students and parents with comprehensive information to assist in making decisions about programs of study for Year 9 and Year 11 2012, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to students in Week 7, prior to the information evening.

These booklets contain a wealth of general information about School Certificate and Higher School Certificate requirements as well as a range of programs of study and details about all subjects on offer to students. Killara High School is able to offer students a very broad range of courses for both the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate.

The meetings on Tuesday 14th June will provide parents and students with further details about NSW

Board of Studies requirements for the awards of the School Certificate and Higher School Certificate in 2013. All faculties will have representatives available at the evening meeting to provide additional information about courses and answers to questions you might have.

Students are asked to choose their courses carefully in consultation with parents and teachers. Year 8 students choose three electives to study in Year 9 and year 10 students choose 10 units (most subjects are equal to 2 units) in addition to the compulsory 2 units of English. Students are always advised to make their choices based on their interests and talents.

For Year 10, all students will be interviewed by their Year Advisers and the Careers Adviser prior to finalising their course selections for their senior program of study. Killara High School provides a rigorous consultation process to ensure all students make choices that will best suit their individual needs.

Both Year 8 and Year 10 students will be required to return their selection forms before the end of Term 2.

Liz Diprose, Deputy Principal

KHS Young Women's Program 2011: Evaluation

The Young Women's program came from clinical observation and disturbing statistics relating to young women from the age of 15 to 24. Four specific issues were identified as impacting upon our young women locally and these were specifically targeted by the program. These issues were: drugs and alcohol issues; body image and self esteem; bullying and peer pressure and health and relationships. When surveyed post program girls rated each of these topics for 'Satisfaction' with an overall rating of 88%, while girls in Year 8 at KHS reported 'Increased Understanding' of 81% and reported that the "Provision of Practical Skills" related to these four topics was 86%. Over all the feedback provided by the girls at KHS indicates an overall Satisfaction rating of 4.4 out of 5 or 88%.

We would like to thank the counsellors and youth workers organised by the Ku ring gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) to deliver this program to our Year 8 girls and hope that future co-operation is likely to continue. This was a great service to our community.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Welfare

In Term One, 2011, KYDS. sent counsellors from the Butterfly Foundation to conduct a threesession course over three weeks, to all of the Year 8 girls at Killara High School.

The purpose of the courses was to help the girls learn and understand more about the sensitive subjects of drug use, peer pressure and cyber-bullying/bullying, body image and sexual health.

The counsellors who took charge of the courses were all friendly, unbiased and understanding and eager to help the Year 8 Killara girls. The girls had discussions, played games, made posters, watched videos, and participated in performances all to do with learning more about the topics.

It was fun yet very educationally worthwhile and it's safe to assume that every Year 8 girl gained something from the experience.

Kristina Ilisevic, Year 8

Did You Know . . . ?

Oliver Nelson (Year 12) was one of six selected nationally to compete in the finals of the James Morisson Jazz Scholarship in Mount Gambier on the

6th-8th May. He was the only drummer selected and beat the competition at a tertiary level.

Year 9 Camp



In week two this term, 226 of Year 9 students travelled to Morisset for our Year 9 camp. We stayed for three days and our camp was run by the Outdoor Education Experience. They had great instructors and we all had lots of fun with them.



Whilst there, we had lots of fun and many people conquered their fears of heights, as well as getting very muddy! We got to try the "leap of faith", abseiling, canoeing, sailing, survivor challenge, raft building, flying fox and mud world.



We all loved the mud world where we crawled under nets and through tyres in slimy, cold mud.

Although we were freezing cold (and I don't think our clothes will ever smell the same again) we all enjoyed it a lot!



Another thing where everyone had tons of fun was the Commando. We got into groups and trekked through the bush in the pitch black trying to save ten Year 9 screaming "hostages", as well as attempting to avoid the teachers and their torches. Especially funny were Ms Williamson and her shouting in the dark and Mr Smith sneaking up behind us whilst we were lying on the ground watching Ms Phelan discover another group.



We also had a disco with cool, colourful, flashing lights and scary stories around the campfire. The teachers, who gave up their time to watch us conquer our fears and keep us under control, made all this fun and excitement possible. Overall, we all had loads of fun, made new friends and really enjoyed our time together.

Grace Fitton, Year 9

Year 9 Camp – May 2011



Killara High School

DEAS Gold Practice Expedition – April 2011



A great school close to home

Annual North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular

5th Annual North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular

2011 Runner Up

\$1,000

Last Saturday night Killara went out to contest the finals of the Chatswood RSL 5th Annual North Shore High Schools Music Spectacular.

There were eight schools from the local area including Turramurra HS, North Sydney Boys' HS, North Sydney Girls' HS, St Ives HS, Chatswood HS, Willoughby Girls HS and Killarney HS.

Chatswood HS won the finals and Killara were runners up.

Concert Band 1 sounded magnificent despite the fact that many students were away on the DEAS Bronze expedition. Special mention was given to Stage Band 1 who conducted themselves. They played "In the Stone" performed by Earth Wind and Fire and sounded wonderful.

Killara's set was finished by an exciting performance from **Luke Gerber (Year 12)** who played "Oceans" by John Butler. Luke started off by dedicating his performance to his 90 year old grandmother who had made it to the evening on her birthday.

It was a very touching tribute and had the crowd in his hands before he even touched the strings. He gave a wonderful, energetic and passionate performance and the crowd responded!

Well done to all the musicians on the night and special thanks to a couple of students from Concert Band 2 and other ensembles that came in to perform with Concert Band 1 on the night. Thanks' again to all the parents who support these events and the program as a whole.

The Performing Arts Ensemble (PAE) camp is coming up in the next few weeks and this will give conductors an opportunity to work intensively on pieces for the upcoming Sydney McDonald's Competition.

An exciting night for all those involved.

Jacki Berry, PAE Coordinator

Student Safety

Parents may be aware that it is normal practice for the school to run **trial lockdown and evacuation drills**. These occur to ensure that in the event of an emergency, staff and students are well practised in the procedures to be followed. Parents can be assured that if there is any information that we need to pass onto parents, we will contact you as soon as we have relevant information, and as soon possible in the event of any emergency procedure.

Parents are reminded that the school is required to contact the police if any student brings to school a **prohibited weapon**. Suspension from school is mandatory for students in possession of a prohibited weapon without reasonable cause. The Police classify replica guns, knives and laser pointers as prohibited weapons if carried without a legitimate reason. Please ensure that your child does not bring any such item to school, even just to "show his or her friends". The school must be a place where you can be confident that such items will not be found.

I remind all parents that students are to catch the **correct bus which their bus pass entitles them to catch**. With the provision of an additional Gordon bus each afternoon, we have far less overcrowding and fewer students missing buses. However, some students are still missing their bus on Wednesday due to others catching the incorrect bus to "get home faster". Students who misuse their passes for this purpose may be in danger of losing their passes if the

result is other students being unable to board their correct buses.

I again remind parents, students and members of our community of the continued care that we all need to take with the safety of students around the school. All students are to use the **marked pedestrian crossing** on Koola Avenue. Staff currently monitor the bus area and crossing at lunchtimes when Koola Park is in use.

I also remind all drivers that the **unbroken centre line** outside the school makes **it illegal to undertake a U-turn** in this busy area. The police officers in attendance drew these traffic violations to my attention, and we can expect some police monitoring of this area. In addition, there are **"No stopping"** zones adjacent to the crossing that are strictly enforced. These zones are to allow for drivers' unrestricted vision of the pedestrian crossing. These **"No stopping"** zones are **not** to be used for dropping off or picking up students. There is a marked drop off or pick up zone opposite the school adjacent to Koola Park for this purpose. Our Council Ranger also reminds us that he is on duty in this area to enforce these regulations for the safety of our students. Please take great care in this area.

The school will address some of these areas of concern with students at appropriate assemblies.

Ken Hopley, Deputy Principal

Year 7 Year Adviser's Report

Term 1 has been a tumultuous and exciting one for the 223 new Year 7 students at Killara High and more than a few have appreciated the support of Miss Samantha Lee to help them settle into their new school.

Unfortunately for Killara High and Year 7 students Miss Lee was offered a permanent teaching position at another high school closer to her home and has now begun her new role at the beginning of term 2. This represents a great opportunity for Miss Lee and a suitable reward for her efforts and dedication to her classes. Killara High and especially Year 7 will miss her and we wish her well at her new school.

Replacing Miss Lee as Assistant Year Adviser will be Mr Chand who will offer the same level of care, support and professionalism towards all of the students in Year 7.

Should any students in Year 7 need to find either Mr Chand or myself we are both located in the HSIE Blue staffroom on the top floor of D Block. You are most welcome to stick your head in and say 'HELLO', or to come and ask for advice or help at any time! Should either parents or students need to contact us by email

I've included our details below and as always if you prefer to phone just contact the front office and ask for us directly.

Keep up the good effort, Year 7, and remember to 'do your best'!

- Mr Steven Gibb: Steven.gibb1@det.nsw.edu.au
- Mr Robin Chand: Robin.chand@det.nsw.edu.au



From left: Mr Chand (HSIE BLUE), Miss Lee and Mr Gibb (HSIE BLUE)

To The Parents /Carers of Year 12 Students

A note of clarification: Thursday mornings are important for all Year 12 students because the meetings that are held on a three weekly rotation are opportunities to communicate information relevant to the students.

Every Thursday morning Year 12 students will have either a Year meeting, a Stage 6 assembly (Years 11 and 12) or an extended Home Group meeting where activities relating to reference writing, study skills, careers planning or just discussion of current events will be on the agenda. We regard these as important

times for Year 12 to be present to receive all the benefit the services and information provided to them by the school and its staff.

Unfortunately, some students who do not have period one timetabled are regularly missing this flow of information which makes things much harder for all involved. Year 12 students are urged to attend the meeting time scheduled on Thursdays.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Chinese Brings Schools Together

Learning a foreign language is a wonderful way to get to know a new country, its culture and people, particularly if you want to work overseas, travel, romance, discover your roots, or just communicate secretly!

These are some of the reasons why Killara High School offers the study of various foreign languages including Chinese, Japanese, German and French. Students at KHS come from diverse backgrounds, with over half born in countries other than Australia, so there is an intellectual curiosity as well.

Many students are interested in learning Chinese as a second language, says Ms Ruth Charles, who teaches both Chinese (Mandarin) and Japanese at KHS. The

courses are tailored for beginners, continuers, heritage Chinese and Chinese background speakers from Year 7 to HSC.

This year, in a unique partnership, KHS has joined hands with St Ives High School to enhance the teaching of Chinese courses and make them accessible to more students. Background Chinese students at KHS benefit from the language skills of Ms Rose Wang at St Ives who specialises in teaching them, while Ms Charles focuses on the continuers in both schools. For these weekly classes, KHS students travel to St Ives High School and enjoy the interaction with their peers in another school, while getting the best language training.

There is a general perception among students that learning Chinese is hard – beginners learn 200 characters in Mandarin compared to 26 letters in the English alphabet – and the pronunciation and tones are challenging aspects. But most enjoy the novelty of learning a new language, especially one that is arguably the most complex in the world.

Ms Charles herself is multi-lingual and loves to speak foreign languages. She learnt French and German as a schoolgirl and Mandarin at a university near Shanghai, China, where she taught English to Chinese students. Japanese has been taught at KHS since the 1970s, and Ms Charles learnt the language in this school. She can teach Japanese up to Year 12, but keeps learning by reading widely to stay in touch.

The culture, behaviour of people and language of a nation are all intertwined. An overseas travel

experience can be so much more interesting when you know the language of that country, says Ms Charles, because you see the world through other people's eyes. Knowing more than one language is valuable in other ways too: one student got a job at a fast food outlet catering to Japanese customers because she had learnt Japanese at school.

There's nothing like living in a foreign country to learn the nuances of a language, but in this case, maybe China could come to the school: Ms Charles would like to encourage more Chinese parents to get in touch with her or the school and share any aspect of their culture, from martial arts to craft and even cooking, to enrich the learning of the language.

Gouri Umashankar (Parent), KHS Public Relations

Deputy Principals' Report

ATTENDANCE

This is a reminder about students and families' responsibilities re attendance at school.

Students are required to attend school every day that it is open, unless they are sick or taking leave.

If sick, students should bring a note of explanation to either the office or their home group teacher on the first day they return to school. **Short term leave** also needs to be accompanied by a note of explanation.

Long term leave (5 or more days) needs to be applied for to the Principal well before the leave is required. (See the Student Diary or the School Information Booklet for more information).

All other leave, either arriving late or leaving early, needs to also have a letter of explanation and school procedures with regard to 'signing in' and 'signing out' must be followed.

Students need to attend school to give themselves the best opportunity to achieve to their potential.

Students whose attendance is of concern may be contacted by the Stage Head Teacher and, if truancy is determined, will be placed on a level, according to the school's Discipline Policy. Senior students may receive an "N" Award Warning letter for 'insufficient evidence of having applied themselves with diligence and sustained effort to the set tasks and experiences provided by the school', which is in accordance with the Board of Studies' guidelines.

Parents need to reinforce these rules of attendance and, if having difficulty, contact the school through **Year Advisers, Stage Head Teachers, Head Teacher Welfare or Deputy Principals**, for help, advice and guidance.

UNIFORM

Killara High School is a 'uniform' school with a proud tradition. Students are expected to wear correct uniform each day, both at school and on the way to and from school.

If students are unable to wear correct uniform they need to see their Stage Head Teachers or a Deputy Principal for a 'uniform pass', in the knowledge that the situation needs to be sorted out as soon as possible. "Hoodies" and other non uniform items may be confiscated until a student can demonstrate they he or she possess and wears the correct items of uniform

Uniform items are available at the school's uniform shop which is open on Fridays. Uniform items are also available at Lowes in Chatswood

Ties are also available any day from the Accounts Office in A Block

Please respect and follow the school and community expectation.

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

Alice, the Musical

If you had walked into the Kerrabee Theatre over the last few days, you might have been accosted by an odd character that looks like a rabbit dressed in a smart waistcoat and carrying a watch, or one that has just stepped out of a deck of cards. The occasional shout of "Off with his head," may have been disquieting as well. So what's happening?

Actually, the shape-shifting characters are part of this year's school production 'Alice', inspired by the 1865 fantasy novel *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland* and its 1871 sequel *Through the Looking-Glass*, both written by English writer and mathematician Charles Lutwidge Dodgson, under the pseudonym Lewis Carroll.

As most of us know already, it is the story of a girl named Alice who falls down a rabbit hole into a fantasy world (Wonderland) populated by peculiar, anthropomorphic creatures (animals or non-living things with human characteristics). The tale plays with logic, and is considered to be one of the best examples of the literary nonsense genre. It has had lasting popularity with adults as well as children.

A musical in two acts, 'Alice' is being performed by 35 students from Year 8 to Year 11 and is supported by 10 band members. A small army of interested students from the art and textiles departments have helped with the costume design, make-up, props and set design, sound, lighting and backstage work. The 90-minute show is directed by English teacher Ms

Renee Lane with some original music by Ms Sunnie Kim.

This production has been set in modern times, reveals Ms Lane, with Alice going into a computer game instead of a rabbit hole. Curiouser and curiouser, as Alice would have said. There are many original songs, ballads and comic scenes and reflective scenes based on Alice trying to find her place in the world, and standing up to the arrogant Queen of Hearts. The band and ensemble have been rehearsing hard to produce some outstanding music, while the dancers have been practicing tirelessly all of last term.

Characters included in the production include the Cheshire Cat, The Tweedles, The Caterpillar and, of course, Alice. The key characters are played by **Emily Layson and Brianna Sims (Year 10)** as Alice (three shows each), **Ninah Kopel (Year 11)** as the Queen, **Alice Webb (Year 11)** as the White Rabbit, **Bronte Hall (Year 11)** as the Cheshire Cat and **Tim Scollay (Year 10)** as the Mad Hatter. Lighting and design is handled by **Alex Hall (Year 12)** and is assisted by **Aaron Tucker (Year 10)**. Ex-student Amie Liebowitz was invited to choreograph the show.

Memorable scenes include the Mad Hatters Tea Party and The Queen's Croquet.

The much-anticipated performances will take place on 18th, 19th, 20th, 25th, 26th and 27th May. Tickets are on sale now at lunchtime - \$10 children, \$15 adults, \$40 family.

Gouri Umashankar (Parent), KHS Public Relations

PAE Calendar 2011

Term 2

Wk4-5		KHS Musical
Wk 3	14 th May	North Shore Schools Spectacular
Wk 5	28 th May	SB1 Yamaha festival
Wk 6	4 th & 5 th June	PAE CAMP
Wk 7	6 th June 5pm	CB2 Sydney Eisteddfod
	7 th June - 5pm	CB1 Sydney Eisteddfod
	8 th June - 5pm	SB1 Sydney Eisteddfod
	9 th June - 6pm	SB2 Sydney Eisteddfod
Wk 8	12 th Jun	SB1-Darling harbour Jazz Festival
Wk 9	23 rd June	Arts North Secondary Music Festival - Year 9 Elective

Term 3

TBA		CB1 & CB2 - UNSW Band Championships
Wk 4	14 th Aug	Sunday concert in Swain Gardens
Wk 8		Primary School Tour - Band to be advised
Wk 9		Primary School Tour - Band to be advised
Wk 10		Primary School Tour - Band to be advised

Term 4

Wk 6	16 th Nov	KHS Concert
Wk 7	26 th Nov	Schools Spectacular
Wk 9	6 th - 8 th Dec	"Bush Tour" - Tour to Dubbo
		End of Year Concert



Working together to improve the School grounds

Working Bee

Sunday 29th May 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



From the Library

Don't forget about the Premier's Reading Challenge

If you are 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 **1st September, 2011**. You should complete your records by the **25th August**, as the school co-ordinator must validate all completed entries before 1st September.

The Sydney Morning Herald Young Writer of the Year 2011:

Submit an original short story on any theme or topic. You must incorporate the Young Writer Trigger word **CHAIN** into your piece, and any way you can – be creative!

Visit youngwriter.smh.com.au for details on how to enter. Entries close **Monday June 20, 2011**.

New fiction:

Asimov, Isaac. *The Robot Series: The Caves of Steel*.

Atwood, Margaret. *The Year of the Flood*.

Brooksbank, Anne. *Father's Day*.

Clark, Sherryl. *One Perfect Pirouette*.

Faranda, Melaina. *Thirteen Pearls*.

Hooper, Mary. *Fallen Grace*.

Kate, Lauren. *A Fallen Novel: Torment*.

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Lacuna*.

Klein, Lisa. *Lady Macbeth's Daughter*.

Mead, Richelle. *A Vampire Academy novel: Spirit Bound*.

Noel, Alyson. *The Immortals Series: Dark Flame*.

Noel, Alyson. *The Immortals Series: Shadowland*.

Richardson, Henry Handel. *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony*.

Rodda, Emily. *Deltora Quest 3: Dragon's Nest*.

Wulf, Linda Press. *Crusade*.

New fiction in detail:

Gleeson, Libby and Greder, Armin. *I Am Thomas (Illustrated book)*

As the voices in his life crowd in on him, Thomas looks for another way. Powerful illustrations and a spare text make a parable of Thomas's journey, which reflects the courage we all need to find our passion and be ourselves.

Klein, Lisa. *Lady Macbeth's Daughter*

Albia has grown up with no knowledge of her father, the powerful thane Macbeth, or her mother, the grief-racked Grelach. Instead she knows the dark lure of the Wychelm Wood and the moors, where she's been raised by three strange sisters. When the ambitious Macbeth seeks out the sisters to foretell his fate, Albia's life becomes entangled with that of the man who leaves nothing but bloodshed in his wake. She even falls in love with Fleance, Macbeth's rival for the throne. When Albia learns that she has second sight, she must decide whether to ignore the terrible future she foresees – or change it.

Richardson, Henry Handel. *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony*.

Set during Australia's gold rush, *The Fortunes of Richard Mahony* marks the birth of Australian literature. Despite his initial contentment in his marriage and profession, the Irish emigrant Richard Mahony finds himself filled with a growing sense of displacement. Shopkeeper, doctor, speculator on the stock market, pillar of society, broken man – throughout the trilogy's component novels (*Australia Felix*, *The Way Home* and *Ultima Thule*) Richard Mahony feels forced into increasingly desperate attempts to free himself from his ordered life. And throughout, his wife Mary attempts to weather the storm.

Mead, Richelle. *A Vampire Academy Novel: Spirit Bound*.

After a long and heartbreaking journey to Siberia, Dimitri's birthplace, Rose Hathaway has finally returned to St Vladimir's and to her best friend, Lissa Dragomir. It's graduation, and the girls can't wait for their real lives outside of the academy's cold iron gates to finally begin. But even with the intrigue and excitement of court life looming, Rose's heart still aches for Dimitri. He's out there, somewhere. She failed to kill him when she had the chance, and now her worst fears are about to come true. Dimitri has tasted her blood, and she knows in her heart that he is hunting her. And if Rose won't join him, he won't rest until he has silenced her...forever. But Rose can't forget what she learned on her journey – whispers of a magic too impossible and terrifying to comprehend. A magic inextricably tied to Lissa that could hold the answers to all of Rose's prayers, but not without devastating consequences. Now Rose will have to decide what – and who – matters most to her. And in the end, is true love really worth the price?

Kate, Lauren. *A Fallen Novel: Torment*.

It took Lucinda an eternity to find her beloved angel, Daniel. But he waited for her. Now they are forced apart again, to protect Luce from the Outcasts – immortals who want her dead. During their separation, Luce learns about her mysterious past lives. But the more she discovers, the more she suspects that Daniel is hiding something. What if Daniel's version of the past isn't true? Is it really their destiny to be together? Or is Luce actually meant to be with somebody else?

Kingsolver, Barbara. *The Lacuna*.

Mexico, 1935. Harrison Shepherd is working in the household of famed muralist Diego Rivera and his

wife Frida Kahlo. Sometimes cook, sometimes secretary, Shepherd is always an observer, recording his past experiences in diaries and notebooks. When exiled Bolshevik leader Lev Trotsky arrives, Shepherd inadvertently casts in his lot with art and revolution and his aim for an invisible life is thwarted forever.

New non-fiction DVDs:

Australian War Memorial (compiler). ***Australians in the Great War*.**

In October 2008 the Australian War Memorial launched the special exhibition *Advancing to victory, 1918*, the last in a series of four anniversary exhibitions look at the first world war from an Australian perspective - *Dawn of the legend, ANZACs in France, To Flanders Fields, Advancing to Victory*. These films use material from the memorial's archives, and offer an insight into the harrowing experiences and raw emotions of Australian soldiers at war.

Patrick Rotman, and Barberis, Patrick. ***Faith of the Century: a History of Communism*.**

A look at twentieth century communism. Using fascinating, never-before-seen footage from the national archives of Russia and France and other nations, this film offers an engrossing dissection of communism and its consequences in the 20th century. Beginning with the Russian Revolution of 1917, communism began to change from an ideological movement to the structure for a system of government. Over the following decades, hundreds of millions of men and women found themselves under communist rule, an ideology that proved harder to implement than to believe in.

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

Careers Corner

University of Sydney Year 10 Information Evening

Topics to be covered at this session which will be held on both the 6 and 8 June include:

- ATAR and scaling
- Subject Selection
- Career Pathways
- University Transition

To register, visit the University of Sydney website.

PricewaterhouseCoopers Traineeship Program

Applications are now open for this program which enables students to gain practical and commercial experience while completing a Commerce or Business degree majoring in Accounting. Interested Year 11 and 12 students are invited to attend a PwC Trainee Insight Day on 20th May to explore this pathway.

To register,
email sydneycampusrecruitment@au.pwc.com

Australian International Conservatorium of Music Open Day

This event which will include live performances by students, staff and guests, workshops and master classes as well as campus tours and interviews will be held on Saturday 28th May from 11am – 2pm at 114 Victoria Road, Rozelle. To register email admin@aicm.edu.au

UTS Business Information Scholarships

The deadline for Round 1 of this prestigious co-operative scholarship is 24 June. Application forms are available online at <http://www.it.uts.edu.au/courses/scholarships/bit/apply.html>

Pre-Vocational Electrical Apprenticeship Course

Interested students should attend an information session and selection screening at Meadowbank TAFE on 30th June at 9am in Room H-4-17.

UTS International Students' Information Day

International Students who attend this event on Thursday 26th May from 11 am to 2pm will have their application fee waived. In addition, students will be given an opportunity to meet with representatives from a range of UTS study areas as well as Insearch.

University of Western Sydney Information Day

A range of workshops, lectures and interactive activities will be the feature of this Information Day to be held on 7th June from 10 am – 2pm. To register log on to www.uws.edu.au/uwsday Deadline for registrations is 31st May.

Australian Catholic University HSC Enrichment Day
Attendees will be given the opportunity to participate in revision lectures in Economics and Literature. The program will run on 6th and 7th July. To register, visit the university's website.

Australian Catholic University Experience Program

Students can spend a day trialling careers in nursing, environmental science and exercise science at ACU. For details visit www.acu.edu.au/sydneyexperience

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

Colleen Clarke and Fionna Massey, Careers Advisers

Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Ku-ring-gai Council area

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RTA has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RTA has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be held on **Thursday 26th May** at the Ku-ring-gai Council Offices from 6.30 pm – 8.30 pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone Council on 9424 0798 now to reserve your place, or email kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au

St. David's Uniting Church, Lindfield

When: Sunday 22nd May 2011

Celebrating Education Sunday to acknowledge the importance of Education and to honour those who are dedicated to imparting education.

Guest Speaker: Ms Vicki Steer, Principal, Ravenswood School for Girls

Time: Service starts at 10am

Understanding Your Teenager Parent Forum

Monday 27th June 2011 - 6.30 – 8.30pm

"World Wide Web - the good, the bad and the ugly"

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

Bookings required on 9424 0837
or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

More Information: KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au

Teen Positive Parenting Seminars

Wednesday 8th June 2011, 6.30 – 8.30pm

"Raising Responsible Teenagers"

Wednesday 15th June 2011, 6.30- 8.30pm

"Raising Competent Teenagers"

Wednesday 22nd June 2011, 6.30 -8.30pm

"Getting Teenagers Connected"

Venue: Mosman Youth Centre, 30 The Crescent, Mosman (under Library)

Bookings are essential. Contact Centacare on 8425 8700 or Victoria.kean@dbb.org.au

Keys 2 Drive

Helping parents teach their Learner driver

A recent national survey of more than 1,250 parents of Learner drivers found that almost half were nervous or apprehensive when they began teaching their teen how to drive.

Keys2drive is a federally funded program that has been developed by the Australian Automobile Association which aims to take the drama out of learning to drive. It helps parents to prepare for their role as a supervising driver and to ensure that any time spent in the car with their Learner is successful and effective.

Keys2drive is a **free** lesson (involving theory and on-road) delivered by an accredited professional driving instructor to any Learner who is accompanied by their supervising driver – more often a parent.

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To register for a free lesson or to learn more, visit www.keys2drive.com.au.

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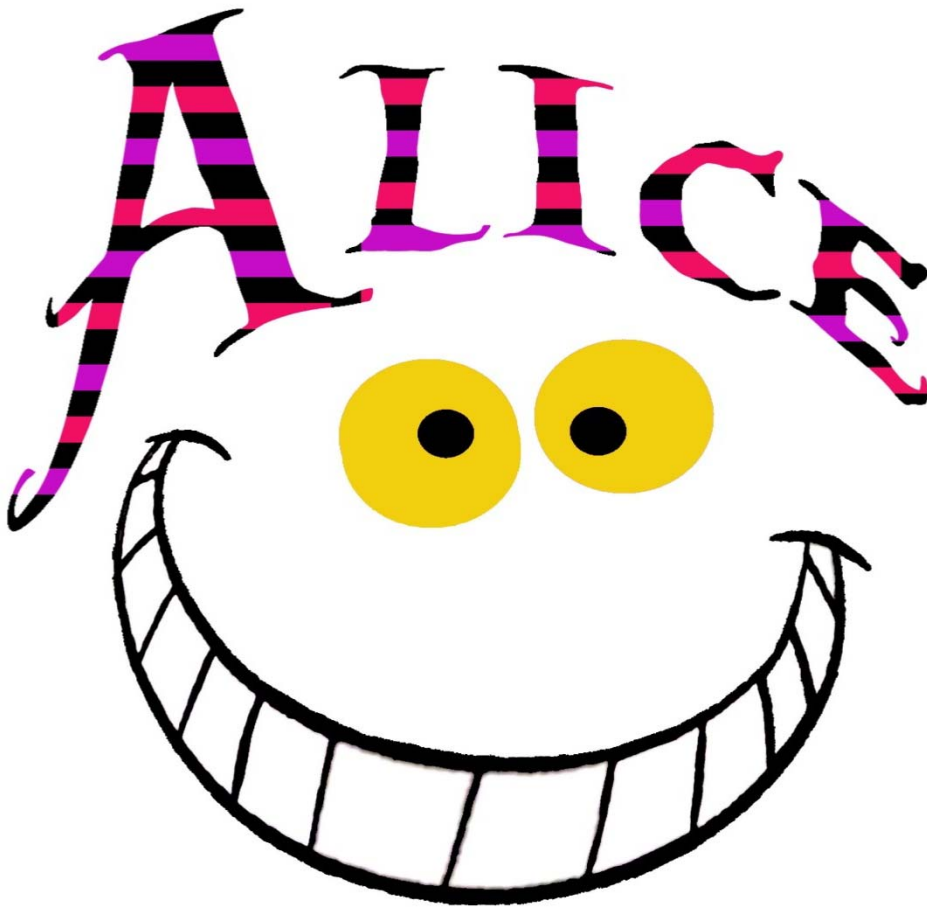
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