### NEWSLETTER

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### Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

# **Bronze Qualifying Expedition**

20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> August 2011 Great North Walk Final amount owing \$200 to be paid by 29<sup>th</sup> July.

# Silver Qualifying **Expedition**

2<sup>nd</sup>- 4<sup>th</sup> September 2011 Somerset Final amount owing \$210 to be paid by 5<sup>th</sup> August.



### **Futsal Fever**

Many of us are unfamiliar with the game or even its name, so here goes. Futsal is one of the fastest growing sports in the world, is played in over 100 countries and boasts millions of players around the world. It is the only form of 'indoor football' or 'five-a-side' that is officially approved by FIFA and Football Federation Australia, according to the Football NSW website.

Boys and girls (ages 10-19 years) in schools across the state participate in the Futsal School Regional Championships, and over the years it has become one of the largest school-based, single sport events in NSW and Australia.



At Killara High School, we're not just familiar with the sport, we're actually pretty good at it. We have two teams of Boys (U16 and U19) and one team of Girls (U16) who recently competed 2011 in the School Regional Championships in the Northern Beaches Region at Narrabeen and came out tops.

Thanks to rigorous training by coaches Ben Costantini (Boys U16)

and Goran Petkovski (Girls U16), KHS has made its mark this year and won some tough matches against strong teams. The Girls U16 team, in particular, put up a stellar performance, winning all their matches against five schools in a single day, with a total of 19 goals for and 0 against.

Congratulations to both the U16 teams who defeated their opponents to reach the finals! We wish the teams the best of luck at the state title in August!

In the words of players Thea Margalit and Roxie Swart, here's what happened with the U16 Girls' team:

"On Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup>
June, nine girls from
Years 8 - 10 (Roxie
Swart, Rashna
Krishnan, Eliza Cepak,
Thea Margalit Year



10), Ella Gibson, Holly Gibbons, Hannah Bryant (Year 9), Georgia Swinton (Year 8) and our sick supporter Zoe Sitas (Year 9) competed in the Northern Beaches Regional Futsal Championships. (Continued P2)

### **Calendar**

#### **June 2011**

30 - Yr 8 Gifted & Talented Program – P1

### July 2011

- 18 School Development Day Staff only
- 19 First day Term 3 for students
  - Yr 12 PDHPE Enrichment Day
- Yr 9 PASS students to Gordon East PS Athletics Carnival
  - Yr 11 Play Production (2 days)
  - Science & Engineering Challenge –
     24 Yr 10 students to Macquarie
     University
- 21 PASS Primary schools coaching Gordon East PS
- 22 Yr 8 German Excursion to Lowenbrau Keller – P2 & 3
- 23 Legal Studies student lectures
- 24 Dance groups to Sydney Eisteddfod
- 25 Yr 11 VET Work Placements (2 weeks)
  - Sydney North Athletics Carnival (2 days)
  - Yr 11 Drama Production
- 28 Student Leaders Induction Ceremony
  - Yr 9 PASS students to Killara Public School Athletics Carnival
  - Yr 11 Drama Production
- Yr 8 Gifted & Talented students -NASA Space Station: live virtual excursion

#### August 2011

- 1 Trial HSC commences
  - Yr 11 VET Work Placements continue
- Yr 9 PASS students to Roseville Public School Athletics Carnival
  - Student Leaders Conference
  - ICAS English Competition (Day 2)
  - EAA English Competition
- 4 Australian Mathematics Competition
  - Winter Grade sport semi-finals
- 5 Yr 10 History Canberra Excursion
- 8 Trial HSC continues
  - Yr 11 VET Work Placements continue
- 9 Yr 8 High Resolves (2 days)
- 10 Election of School Captains
- 11 Executive Conference
  - Winter Grade Sport finals
- 14 Yr 10 PASS students Berridale excursion (4 days)
- 15 Trial HSC continues
- 16 EAA Mathematics Competition
- 17 Visual Arts Exhibition set up
  - P&C Meeting 8pm A Block Common Room

Our first game was against Mackellar High School whom we had just come up against in the 15's knockout the week before. We were all eager to start and after a short warm-up, we walked confidently onto the pitch. The team played strongly from the whistle and we were up considerably at half-time. By full-time we had put 6 goals into the back of the net and had conceded none ourselves.

Our next game was against Narrabeen Sports High School and we were keen to prove ourselves again. We played equally well in this game and our results reflected this. Once again we had put a commendable 6 goals away and conceded none. We walked off the pitch feeling confident about the next game but reminded ourselves of the need to focus and continue playing the way we had been, so as to progress to the semi-finals.

Our much anticipated final round-robin match was against PLC, who were probably considered our greatest threat. After starting out a bit shakily we started putting together some good passes and slotted some goals in. In the second half we stepped up and won the match 3-0.

After winning all three games we had progressed to the semi-final! There was excitement in the air for the Killara team and we were confident that if we continued playing the way we had been, we could pull together a few more wins.

In the semi-final we were up against Masada. The girls went out firing and were straight in from the whistle. We soon realised this was the toughest match we had played so far, but we played our game and held them out. After an intense 30 minutes the final whistle had blown and we had come out with a 2-0 win. From this we proceeded to the final against St. Marks, where we played our best game of the day. Every team member played strongly and we created numerous opportunities for goals. In the end our 2 goals came from long throws from the keeper down to the opposing goal where they were controlled and put in the back of the net! We kept another clean sheet and won the game 2-0, winning the entire day with a total of 19 goals for and 0 against.

The girls played remarkably well the entire day and bonded as a team quickly. Now, we will compete in the state championship in August where we will meet teams from other regions who have also won their respective regional tournaments. It will be a challenging day but we are looking forward to the opportunity to play some tough teams from all over NSW."

### And the Boys Futsal team was not left behind...



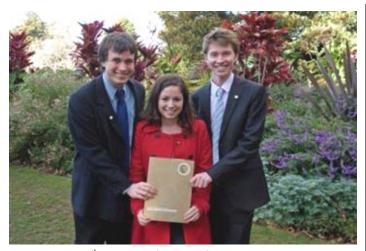
"Killara High School was well represented in the boys Regional Futsal competition held in Narrabeen on Wednesday 15th of June. We had two teams enter the competition, a U16 and

U19 side.

The U16 boys were undefeated and looked very strong throughout the entire tournament. The team consisted of Dominic Ferguson (Year 11), Sam Mackay, Luka Pavkovic, Daniel Stern (Year 10), Harrison Devenish-Meares, Ryan Peterson (Year 9), Anthony Kalik (Year 8). They are now the regional champions and will go off to the state titles being held in August.

The U19 boys won two out of three pool matches, however it was not enough to see them through to the finals in very competitive championship. **Gouri Umashankar (Parent)** 

### **Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Award Certificates Presentation Ceremony**



On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> June, **Oliver Freidman (Year 12 2010), Cameron McPhedran (Year 12 2006) and Amy Schneider (Year 12 2010)** were presented with their Gold Award Certificates by the Governor Her Excellency Professor Marie Bashir AC CVO at a ceremony at Government House.

Congratulations to these young people on their magnificent achievement. They have joined a select group of 35 Killara High students who have completed this award since 1988. Cameron was part

of the first expedition conducted by the school back in 2003. Five of that pioneering group of 29 students from across Years 9, 10 and 11 have now received their Gold Awards. Eight years on and 24 Killara students have now completed the Award and expeditions program through Killara High School. From relatively humble beginnings the number of Year 9 students entering the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme each year exceeds 80. Not all complete the three levels but there is learning and challenge at all stages in this program. Those who do complete the Gold Award stand out to employers and selection panels as resilient, selfless, resourceful and motivated young people, willing to take on new challenges and learn from the experience.

Oliver will be the second Friedman on the Honour Board, following his older brother, Ben, who received his award in 2007. Cameron and Oliver are completing university studies and Amy is about to put on the backpack again for the camping trip of a life time across several continents. She is travelling with another Killara High Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Awardee, Orr Cohen.

Mark Carter, Principal

### **North Sydney Dance Festival**

Our Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles auditioned for the Sydney North Dance Festival early in Term 2. They performed in the festival on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> June and their performances were outstanding.

The Junior routine "Jai Ho" is a Bollywood inspired jazz routine and our Senior's captivated the audience with their own version of "Thriller".

Special thanks go to Jasmine Crewe who choreographed both routines. The dancers have been



### SENIOR ENSEMBLE

Bronte Carfino, Estella Holden, Tiffany Hurwitz, Rebeccah Krieger, Lauren McKinnon, Sydelle Morrison, Chana Perlgut, Olivia Pitt, Millie Thompson (Year 10), Debbie Lowenstein, Emily Savage (Year 9). rehearsing during lunch times since Term 1 and I would like to thank them for their commitment to the dance program.

The dancers are looking forward to participating in the MacDonald's Performing Arts Challenge and our dance concert, Korobro, in September.

Helga Lam, Dance Coordinator



### **JUNIOR ENSEMBLE**

Kristin Bergersen, Samantha Morrison, Rhea Nagi, Rebeccalee Pipon, Naomi Pitt, Isabelle Raffle, Ellie Robotham (Year 8), Brittany Barlow, Jada Andersen, Christina Ashcroft, Isabella Baker, Morgan Baynash, Kelly Choo, Brianna Gibson, Nicola Heilig, Josie Mura, Sibel Ozdemir, Greta Paget, Renee Park, Jessica Ramsey, Tilly Scott, Tiffany Soans, Zoe Stapley, Madisyn Thompson, Talitha Vermeulen (Year 7).

### Year 7 Disco

Last Thursday the Year 7 students attended a disco hosted by twenty-five Year 11 students. The Year 7 students arrived in a variety of guises based on their favourite book or film personalities and had the three participating teachers scratching their heads as to the identities of these characters.

The Light and Sound Team led by Aaron Tucker turned on all the strobes and lasers and ensured the music pumped all night. The Year 11 students led the limbo, danced and maintained the pace of the evening while the teachers cooked the barbeque and ensured all went off well. The photos show what a good time was had by all.

Jenny Newell, Jess Lambright, David Browne, Organisers













The Principal and Staff of Killara High School wish all our families a happy, relaxing and safe vacation.



### **Literacy Review at Killara High School**

The Department of Education and Communities Literacy K-12 Policy defines literacy as: the ability to understand and evaluate meaning through reading and writing, listening and speaking, viewing and representing. Literacy skills need to continually expand and diversify because our rapidly changing social and economic environment requires competence in a range of new communication forms and media. Literacy competence is central to achievement in all areas of learning as students progress through school and while there is much that is common in literacy across school subjects, each subject also has its own specific requirements.

In the week commencing Monday 1<sup>st</sup> August 2011, a review team will be investigating the teaching of literacy across the Killara High School. The team will have access to classrooms, teaching programs and

students' work, and team members will interview staff, parents and students and observe lessons.

To assist the team in its investigations, the school is collecting parent, student and staff responses to surveys of learning and teaching practices.

The following link will direct you to an online survey instrument that we would appreciate your taking a little time to complete. Respondents will remain anonymous.

### https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/khsparents

The data collected will be used by the school and the review team in the evaluation of literacy teaching and learning at Killara High School.

Liz Diprose, Deputy Principal

### **Notes from the Performing Arts Ensembles**

Congratulations to Year 12 student Oliver Nelson, who was one of the seven finalists from around Australia in the \$10,000 James Morrison Scholarship. Oliver is also a member of the highly successful Jazz Workshop Australia Big Band, which achieved the highest award in the Yamaha Band Festival A Grade Division.

### **MUSIC CAMP 2011**

120 students from across the various musical ensembles came together at Elanora in early June for a hugely successful two day Band Camp.

Renowned Australian Composer and Conductor, Stephen Leek, was particularly inspiring for our choir students but ALL students had a chance to experience his compositions, as they started each morning with some invigorating singing, and finishing with a sublime mass choir on the final day.

These students enjoyed the experience of working intensively with professional tutors and it was a great time to consolidate the term's work in rehearsal.

The two days of hard work was rewarded with some fantastic performances from all ensemble groups heard by parents in a combined concert to finish up the weekend.

The students were not only given stimulating rehearsal time during the day but participated in some entertaining games that evening thanks to our creative Year 11 students!

Thanks to all the conductors, parents and students for giving up their weekend.

It was a great start to the following week's events.

Many of the ensembles attended the McDonald's Sydney Eisteddfod, a competition that involves many public, selective and private schools. It was a great

chance for our students to hear the quality of other bands in our Sydney region. There were some excellent performances and great results.

Concert Band 1 were electric on stage and received some wonderful marks from the adjudicators, but met with some tough competition on the night. Stage Band 1 played brilliantly but unfortunately came away without a placing.

Stage Band 2 placed 3<sup>rd</sup> and Concert Band 2 received a Highly Commended. Well done to all these bands, students and conductors.

This term saw the opportunity for Stage Band 1 to perform at Darling Harbour's Annual Jazz & Blues Festival alongside jazz drummer and "Australia's master of swing", John Morrison.

### **YEAR 9 ELECTIVE MUSIC**

On 23<sup>rd</sup> June the Year 9 Elective classes attended the Arts North Music Festival. This is a regional festival that showcases school from the Arts North region. They attended an evening performance at the Sydney Town hall after a long day of rehearsals. All students were on their best behaviour and should be congratulated for their efforts.

#### TERM 3

Term 3 promises to be just as busy, with a number of events planned. On 30<sup>th</sup> August, our Concert Bands will be performing at "A Night at the Movies", and will entertain a number of local primary schools during the term. Our Concert Band 1 will be appearing at the West Lindfield All Saints Church Fair (2pm on 13<sup>th</sup> August).

The year will be capped off with a regional tour for Concert Band 1 and Orchestra. More details to follow **Jacki Berry, PAE Coordinator** 

### From the Library

## CHILDREN'S BOOK COUNCIL SHORTLIST 2011 – OLDER READERS

We have the following shortlisted books available for borrowing:

Crowley, Cath. Graffiti Moon.

Hartnett, Sonya. The Midnight Zone.

Horniman, Joanne. About a Girl.

Marchetta, Melina. The Pipers Son.

McLeod, Doug. The Life of a teenage Body-Snatcher.

Wood, Fiona. Six Impossible Things.

#### **NEW NON-FICTION**

Bartz, Gabriele and Konig, Eberhard. *The Lourve*. Brooks, Ron. *Drawn from the Heart: A Memoir*. Dvorson, Alexa. *The Hitler Youth: Marching Toward Madness*.

Earl, Sari and Watson, Stephanie. *Under pressure:* Handling The Stresses of Keeping Up (Strong, Beautiful Girls)

Farrell, Courtney. Terror at the Munich Olympics.

Forbes, Cameron. The Korean War: Australia in the Giant's Playground.

Furgang, Adam. Carbonated Beverages: The Incredibly Disgusting Story

Galford, Ellen. Julius Caesar

Gay, Kathlyn. Am I Fat? The Obesity Issue for Teens.

Giddins, Sandra. Escape: Teens who Escaped the Holocaust to Freedom.

Gregorsen, Erik (ed.) The Outer Solar System: Jupiter, Saturn, Uranus, Neptune, and the Dwarf Planets

Harkins, Sarah Sales and William H. *The Life and Times of King Arthur: The Evolution of a Legend.*Jennings, Terry. *Atmosphere and Weather.* 

Kamberg, Mary-Lane. Bono: Fighting World Hunger and Poverty.

Lambert, Andrew. Franklin: Tragic Hero of Polar Navigation.

McPherson, Stephanie Sammartino. Stressed Out in School? Learning to Deal with Academic Pressure.

Miller, Mara. The Iraq War: A Controversial War in Perspective

Morris, Neil. Gadgets and Inventions.

Owens, L.L. Frenemies: Dealing with Friend Drama (Strong, Beautiful Girls)

Rafferty, John P. (ed.) New Thinking about Evolution.

Richter, Burton. Beyond Smoke and Mirrors: Climate Change and Energy in the 21st Century

Rogers, Kara (ed.) The Respiratory System.

Rodgers, Alan and Angella Streluk. Wind and Air Pressure.

Roselius, J Chris. Surviving School: Managing School and Career Paths (A Guy's Guide)

Whiting, Jim. Jason (profiles in Greek and Roman Mythology)

### **NEW SCIENCE- FICTION IN DETAIL**

**Doctor Who; Heart of Stone** by Trevor Baxendale / **Doctor Who; Death Riders** by Justine Richards The Doctor, Amy and Rory are surprised to find lumps of moon rock scattered around a farm. But things get stranger when they find out where the moon rock is coming from – a Rock man is turning everything he

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touches to stone! Can the Doctor, Amy and Rory find out what the creature wants before it's too late?

#### 2 in 1 / 2 in 1

The Galactic fair has arrived on the mining asteroid of Stanalan and anticipation is building around the construction of the fair's most popular attraction - The Death Ride! But there is something sinister going on behind all the fun of the fair; people are mysteriously dying in the off-limits tunnels. Join the Doctor, Amy and Rory as they investigate...

**Doctor Who; System Wipe** by Oli Smith / **Doctor Who; The Good, the Bad and the Alien** by Colin Brake

The Doctor finds himself trapped in the virtual world of Parallife. As he tries to save the inhabitants from being destroy be a deadly virus, Amy and Rory must fight to keep the Doctor's body in the real world safe from the mysterious entity known as Legacy...

#### 2 in 1 / 2 in 1

The Doctor treats Rory to a to a trip to the wild west where the Tardis crew find a ghost town full of sleeping people and the Black Hand Gang; a group of outlaws intent on robbing the local bank. But it's not quite the same as the films Rory's seen on TV. They soon discover they're not the only visitors to Mason City, Nevada and find themselves in a showdown against the alien Cemar!

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarians

### **Carruthers Tennis Program - Term 3**

Tennis, conducted at Killara High School, has become a prominent sport.

There are numerous programs on offer ranging from after school squads, weekend competitions to private lessons, and they are offered 7 days a week.

Anton Monaghan, currently NSW No 33, attends the Tuesday tournament squad and is coached privately by Head Coach, Stuart Carruthers.

If you would like to get involved in one of our excellent programs, please call Stuart on 0402 929 919 to discuss the best options for your son or daughter.

### **Careers Corner**

### **Scholarship Information**

- Bond University is offering a range of scholarships to students who combine academic prowess with leadership and community achievements. Online applications open on 1 August at <a href="https://www.bond.edu.au/scholarships">www.bond.edu.au/scholarships</a>
- Applications for two scholarships each valued at \$28,000 to Billy Blue College of Design are available from the careers office. Closing date is Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December.
- CATC Design School is offering two scholarships valued at \$17,000 each. Application

forms can be obtained from the careers office. The scholarships are available in graphic design, interior design and photography. Deadline for submission is Friday 18<sup>th</sup> November.

• Sydney Institute of TAFE is offering a range of scholarships for students who may encounter financial barriers to study and who are keen to enrol in a diploma course. Deadline for applications is 8<sup>th</sup> July. To download an application form visit <a href="http://www.sit.nsw.edu.au/scholarships">http://www.sit.nsw.edu.au/scholarships</a>.

### Year 10 and 11 "Meet the Business Leader"

This is an ideal forum for students wishing to find out more about what it's like to work in business and commerce. Organised by the Institute of Chartered Accountants, this event will take place on Wednesday 24th August from 4.30pm at Level 1, 33 Erskine Street, Sydney. Register at:

www.charteredaccountants.com.au/student and click on "Getting Connected"

### Hornsby TAFE Digital Photography Winter School

This course, which costs \$395, is designed to give high school students the skills and knowledge to produce digital artworks to a professional standard, particularly high school students who are developing portfolios for entry to university. The course will be from 5<sup>th</sup>–7th July. To register to www.nsi.tafensw.edu.au.

### **Tocal College Open Days**

Information on the practical agriculture courses on offer at this college will be available at the institution's open days on Friday 8th and 15th July. **Programs** available at http://www.tocal.nsw.edu.au.

### Bluescope Year 12 Cadetships 2012

These are ideal for students interested in pursuing a Mechanical, in Electrical, Computer, Mechatronics, Material and Chemical Engineering as well as Chemistry. Detailed information about these opportunities available is from www.bluescopesteel.com/cadets. Deadline for applications is 31st August.

### **Ausgrid Year 10 and Year 12 Opportunities**

These fall into three categories:

- Trade Apprenticeships that lead to a nationally recognised Certificate 3 trade qualification. Closing date is 29<sup>th</sup> July. For further information visit: www.ausgrid.com.au/careers/apprencitships.
- Traineeships in Electrical Engineering which are a para-professional qualification combining study for a TAFE diploma with paid work. To apply log on to www.ausgrid.com.au/careers/traineeships. Closing date is 30th September.
- Cadetships in Electrical Engineering which combine full-time university study leading to a degree in Electrical Engineering with work experience at For further information Ausgrid. contact www.ausgrid/careers/cadetships. Closing date is 30th September.

### Elevate "Ace Your Exams" Seminar

This 60-minute seminar introduces students to a range of skills that will help them prepare effectively for their year-end examinations and manage exam stress.

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

**Colleen Clarke and Fionna Massey, Careers Advisers** 

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