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Practical Help for Parents –

- School A to Z – tools, tips and resources for parents - <http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/>
- Google – howcybersmartareyou – youtube clip



When the Deputy Director-General came to KHS

25th August was a busy day for Killara High School. It was the day that Mr Greg Prior, Deputy Director-General, Public Schools, NSW Department of Education and Communities, chose to tour the school along with his colleague Ms Jane Simmons, Regional Director, Northern Sydney to see one of NSW's leading public schools in action.



School captains **Victoria Durand** and **Stephen Mackay** and Senior Prefects **Will Longman** and **Jessica Young** took charge as the group made their way around the school. They paused a while to listen to the music ensemble practising, chatted with Year 12, Year 10 and Year 8 students in classrooms and took a look inside the library and a lab.

As DDG, Mr Prior oversees 2400 public schools, with thousands of students and teachers in ten regions of NSW. He visits schools regularly to get a feel of the school and receive feedback from students and teachers.

So what is special about our school? "Killara High has a fine reputation as a public school, not just for its academic results but also the attitude of the students and care shown by teachers," pointed out Mr Prior. Besides academics, students have a wide range of extra-curricular activities to pursue, in creative and performing arts and sports, which helps to make Killara High the school of choice for students of all abilities and talents.

"We are very proud of Killara High School," said Ms Jane Simmons, emphasising the benefits of strong links with parents and the community, and the relentless focus on high expectations in academics as well as in extra-curricular activities.

Mr Prior asked a class of Year 12 students what they liked about the school. Students mentioned positive attitude of fellow students and the caring and respect they receive from teachers who are highly committed individuals, ready and willing to help them at any time. Mr Prior reminded them that, though Year 12 was an important milestone that deserved the best effort possible, a less than favourable mark is not the end of the world. There are many other pathways to achieving one's dream, he said, pointing out that his own son did not finish Year 12, but followed his passion to study snakes, and is now working on a PhD.

Calendar

September 2011

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| 8 | - CHS Athletics carnival (2 days) |
| 13 | - Vaccinations – Yrs 7 and 10 |
| 14 | - Yr 7 Gala Day
- Stage Band 1 - Lindfield PS performance/visit |
| 16 | - Yr 7 Fun Day |
| 18 | - Lindfield Rugby Club presentation in Kerrabee Hall |
| 19 | - Concert Band 1 – Beaumont Road PS performance/visit |
| 20 | - Concert Band 2 – Killara PS performance/visit
- Strings/Orchestra – Lindfield East PS performance/visit |
| 21 | - Vietnam/Cambodia Tour departs
- P&C Meeting – 8pm – A Block Common Room |
| 22 | - Yr 12 Final Assembly
- Yr 12 Picnic
- Ekuba – Yr 12 Farewell dinner – Kerrabee Hall |
| 23 | - Final day – Term 3 |

October 2011

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| 10 | - First Day – Term 4 – Summer uniform
- Yr 10 examinations commence |
| 13 | - Executive conference (2 days) |
| 17 | - HSC examinations commence |
| 19 | - P&C Meeting – A Block Common Room – 8pm |
| 24 | - Yr 8 Japanese Excursion to Nihon Tanken Centre
- Yr 6 GATS program |
| 26 | - Killara Schools Partnership Conference
- Yr 8 Gala Day |
| 31 | - Yr 10 Elective examinations during class (all week)
- Yr 8 Jewish excursion – Rose Bay College |

November 2011

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| 2 | - Elective Music Night |
| 7 | - School Certificate examinations (English and Science)
- Yr 9 assessment commences |
| 8 | - School Certificate examinations (Maths and Australian History, Geography, Civics & Citizenship) |
| 10 | - Spring Grade Sport semi-finals |
| 11 | - School Certificate examination (Computing Studies) |
| 13 | - P&C Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am |
| 14 | - Yr 10 "It's Your Life" Program (all week) |
| 16 | - Yr 11 Geography Excursion - Pymont |

Coincidentally, this fine morning was also the day scheduled for the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony. One hundred student leaders from Year 7 to 12 were inducted and took the oath in a solemn ceremony for the Prefects, the Student Representative Council, the Social Justice Committee, the Sports Council and the Arts Council. About 150 proud parents and grandparents shared the occasion and enjoyed morning tea with their sons and daughters afterwards.

Gouri Umashankar, Public Relations

Technology Corner

IWBs training and thank you to the P&C

The Technology Committee would like to thank the continuing support of the P&C who have provided an additional \$60,000 for the installation of 19 Interactive white boards – in this case "Smartboards". This means that the majority of rooms in the school now have IWB's installed. Teaching staff are currently engaged in professional learning sessions held after school to develop their skills in the use of these resources. Ms Jenny Newell and Christine Black are leading groups to learn Smart Notebook and an IWB refresher course.

Year 11 – Laptops

The software and warranty repairs on the Year 11 laptops are now complete. The machines have now been upgraded with new software and the battery rail and hinges have been replaced where necessary. The collection of the machines is also an asset management exercise and the assets need to be sighted for audit reasons. Any student who has still not handed their laptop in MUST do so as soon as possible.

SKWIRK

Killara High School is now subscribing to SKWIRK! Skwirk.com.au is an educational website providing syllabus-specific resources for students in Years 7 to 10. By logging on to Skwirk students can find information, including videos, games, animations and activities, related to the curriculum, all in one online environment. Ask at school for the password and user name.

Periodicals On-Line : ebscohost

Killara High School students now have access to a huge database of academic journals, newspapers, pictures, and other information on all subject areas through ebscohost. Great for senior students undertaking research and learning skills to tertiary studies. The site can be found at <http://search.ebscohost.com/>.

Ross Kirbyshire, Head Teacher Computing Studies

Hot topics for P&C Meeting Wednesday 21st September 2011

- Update on Council meeting re the land across the road
- How is KHS perceived by the community and how to improve this

8pm – A Block Common Room

All welcome

First at Mosman Youth Awards in Literature 2011

At the Presentation of Awards evening on Thursday 18th August 2011, **Nataysia Barnacoat (Year 9)** was awarded 1st Place in the Junior Secondary Poetry division. Nataysia's poem is reproduced below:

You are a wolf.

A metre tall at the shoulder.

A lion's mane on your back

A mate at your side

You are a wolf

Living in the golden beech woods.

Living in silence.

Living with a fear of nothing.

You are a wolf.

Playing with the pack.

Hunting with your mate.

Home again safe.

You are a wolf.

Watching, with hawk-yellow eyes.

Listening, with sharp ears.

Smelling, with a moist, black nose.

You are a wolf.

Caught, in mid-jump.



Poised, in mid-flight.

Found, in mid-life.

You are a wolf.

Knowing, hiding.

Silently watching.

Secretive, but powerful.

You are a wolf.

ATAR Morning Tea for Year 12 Students

On **Thursday 15th December 2011**, our HSC students will be able to obtain their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR).

On that morning we would like to invite our Year 12 students to come into school to share with us their good news and good fortune or to commiserate and help plan if they are not happy.

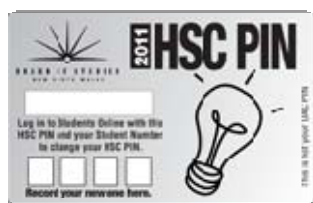
We will provide morning tea in the staff common room in A Block and would love to see as many of

our students as possible. This is also helpful for our records as the school does not receive this information.

So, Year 12, it's a date - on Thursday 15th December at 10.30am in the staff common room upstairs in A Block. Come and celebrate with your friends and teachers.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare
Christine Black, Head Teacher Stage 6

The Student HSC PIN and UAC PIN – What's the Difference?



All HSC students have now received an HSC PIN to log in to [Students Online](#) and also to retrieve their results online or by SMS on 14th December.

The Board of Studies issued all HSC students with their HSC PIN on a handy card (see accompanying image) attached to a letter in April this year.

Students Online (studentonline.bos.nsw.edu.au) is a website designed specifically for HSC students, with information, tips and tools to assist them in their study throughout the year.

There is also a personal account section called '[My Details](#)', which students log into with their HSC PIN and Student Number. 'My Details' is where they can check their personal HSC status including:

- enrolment and contact details
- personal HSC exam timetable (available 28 April)
- assessment ranks (available after the written exams)
- HSC results (December)

Students are also able to submit or update their email address to get HSC information and to help if they lose or forget their HSC PIN. They can also register now to receive their HSC results by SMS on 14 December.

The Universities Admissions Centre (UAC) recently issued all HSC students with a UAC PIN, which they need to use when applying to study in 2012 at UAC participating institutions. Visit the UAC website www.uac.edu.au for more information and a range of Frequently Asked Questions about applying through UAC.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Year 11 Parents – We Need Your Help! Ekuba 2011 Year 12 Farewell Dinner

It is traditional for Year 11 to host the Year 12 Farewell Dinner known as EKUBA. This will be held on the evening of Thursday 22nd September 2011 in the Kerrabee Centre.

There will be approximately 550 students, parents and teachers attending the function which is always a very happy occasion. To make the evening the success it should be we need help from about 10.15am onwards for setting up, laying the tables, decorating the hall and then later on in the evening for the clean up. We expect to be finished no later than 11.30pm.

If you can assist in any way please email Claire Summers at tim.summers@optusnet.com.au or call either Claire Summers on 8084 8122 (Mob: 0438 658 223) or Elaine Cary on 9499 5283 (Mob: 0431 226 426)

Thank you

The Ekuba Committee 2011

Get Wise, Question Everything

For some students in Years 10 to 12, “chewing the cud” during the lunch break has more to do with the brain than the stomach. That is, if they are headed for the informal Philosophy Club that English teacher, Saurabh Bhattacharya (Mr B for short), runs at Killara High.



Philosophy is described in Wikipedia as a study of general and fundamental problems especially those connected with existence, knowledge, values, reason, mind, and language. Philosophy is distinguished from other ways of addressing such problems by its critical, generally systematic approach and its reliance on rational argument. The aim of the free thinking Club, which meets every Monday and Tuesday at 1.10 pm, is to foster a desire among students to closely, logically and critically, examine all that is happening around them.

The Club's motto would probably be something from Plato's dialogue *Apologia*, in which Greek philosopher Socrates is quoted as saying 'the unexamined life is not worth living', says Mr B.

“In a world where information overload is the norm and where one can Google anything and accept it as the only truth, it is imperative for young adults to approach every single aspect of their lives with a strong critical awareness and a consistent desire for knowledge. The Club attempts to inculcate in its attendees this critical awareness through open dialogue on diverse issues, ranging from the deeply metaphysical to something taken from yesterday's headlines. Each session, though, is deliberately inquiring. It is often the case that at the end of a session, students walk out with more questions than answers, but it is my firm belief that true knowledge is achieved only by a mind constantly wrestling with questions,” explains Mr B.

Some students are analytical, some artistic and others subjective thinkers, but they all present a point of view. An educated mind must be capable of considering and discussing multiple or opposing thoughts, without necessarily believing in them.

Since its inception in Term Two, the Club has gained a steady popularity among Killara High's students. At present, about 15-20 students attend the sessions. It is not a mandatory class: students are welcome to drop in and out at their pleasure, but when they are in the Club they must engage in philosophical discussions. The topics students have engaged in so far include:

The meaning of justice. What is freedom? Is it ethical to download movies and music? Can there be a universal good? Is time travel logically possible? Is there free will? Where does the mind reside?

The word 'philosophy' comes from the Greek 'philosophia' which literally means 'love of wisdom'. And that can only be a good thing.

Gouri Umashankar, Public Relations

Bill Turner Cup

Killara High School once again achieved great results in the Bill Turner Cup Tournament this year. The competition goes across four states and has over 400 teams enter it annually. According to the websites its one of the largest sporting competitions in the world!

Killara once again won their way through to the Sydney North area final for the second year in a row and were victorious against Killarney Heights High School 7-0. Unfortunately we were once again drawn against Westfield's Sports High School in round six of the competition. We started the game strongly with **Ryan Peterson** scoring an early goal and the team going up 1-0 within the opening 10 minutes.

The boys played a fantastic match but we weren't able to capitalise on the lead and ended up losing the match 2-1.

The team comprised: **Sam Mackay, Peter Veliotis (Year 10), Kshitij Prasad, Tae Wook Chung, Alessandro Vella, Jin Saito, Harrison Devenish-Meares, HIRAK DAS, Ryan Peterson, Jacob Bird, Sam McLeod Year 9), Kieran Pain, Nikolas Pavkovic, James Andreou, Anthony Kalik (Year 8); Coach - Mr Costantini; Assistant Coach - Alex Mura (Year 10).**

I wish to thank all the students and parents for their involvement in the team trainings, transport and support. I think the boys played an outstanding match and did themselves proud against one of the best football schools in Australia.

We look forward to the continued success in Killara High School Football.

Ben Costantini, PDHPE Faculty

Performing Arts Ensembles

Our Performing Arts Ensembles have a busy period coming up. On Sunday September 11th, the Strings and Orchestra Ensembles will be performing at 12pm at Swains Gardens.

Also, could students please make sure they have returned their permission notes for the upcoming performances at our local primary schools. Permission notes can be found on the school website.

12noon, 11th September - Strings/Orchestra
Sunday Concert in Swain Gardens

2.00pm, 13th September - Choir, Wind Ensembles
Lourdes Nursing Home, Killara

12noon, 14th September - Stage Band 1
Lindfield Public School Tour

2.00pm, 19th September - Concert Band 1
Beaumont Road Public School Tour

10.00am, 20th September - Concert Band 2
Killara Public School Tour

2.00pm, 20th September - Strings/Orchestra
Lindfield East Public School Tour

We are also planning a South Coast Music Tour for our Concert Band 1 and Orchestra musicians. A note requesting expression of interest and deposit will be sent out shortly.

Jacki Berry, PAE Coordinator

From the Library

Our resources in the Lion Library in the 21st century are constantly being updated to meet our students and staff requirements and changing requests. We wish to acknowledge the generosity of parents. We are fortunate in purchasing many new resources and equipment. This year we have purchased new digital cameras, DVD recorders and a large range of nonfiction resources. Our biggest challenge has been transferring our extensive video collection to DVD and into digital media format on Clickview.

Here at Killara High School a short introductory course in library use and research skills is conducted for Year 7 as well as all new students by the teacher-librarian. Since these skills have relevance in some degree to all subject areas, they need to be continually applied and reinforced throughout the remainder of Years 7-10 in a cooperative effort by both the subject teacher and the teacher-librarian. Year 11 are given refresher courses to acquire more

complex skills at the start of senior studies and undertaking new subjects.



New Fiction Books

Bauer, Michael Gerard *Ishmael and the Hoops of Steel*

Bushnell, Candace - *Summer and the City*

Carroll, Lewis - *Through the Looking Glass*

Fussell, Sandy - *Samurai Kids; Golden Bat*

Gardiner, Kelly - *Act of Faith*

Gleitzman, Morris - *Too Small To Fail*

Gold, Alan - *The Pirate Queen*

Hardy, Janice - *The Pain Merchants*

Saliba, Sue - *Alaska*

Sarma, Siddharta - *The Grasshopper's Run*

Sedgwick, Marcus - *White Crow*

Wakefield, Vikki - *All I Ever Wanted*

Webster, Jean - *Daddy-long-Legs*

Reviews

Because I am a Girl

Seven authors including Joanne Harris, Tim Butcher, Xiaolu Guo and others have visited seven different countries and spoken to young women and girls about their lives, struggles and hopes. The result is an extraordinary collection of writings about prejudice, abuse and neglect but also about courage, resilience and changing attitudes.

Careers Corner

UNSW Elite Performers program

Applications for Elite Athletes and Performers bonus points (www.unsw.edu.au/eap) are now open. An **elite performer** is a student who has demonstrated excellence through performing arts, scholastic achievement or leadership on a national or international level. All Elite Athletes and Performers Program applicants must complete the online application and ensure certified documentation is uploaded by the closing date, 30th November 2011. If you or your students have questions about UNSW Elite Athletes and Performers bonus points, please contact eap@unsw.edu.au or the Student Recruitment Office on (02) 9385 1844.

UNSW Scholarships 2012

Closing date for all 2012 High School Leaver Scholarships is 30 September 2011. Applications open 1 July 2011. All applications for UNSW Scholarships are through our online system which can be found at www.scholarships.unsw.edu.au

Surveying

Traineeships are being offered in this 'hands on' career that doesn't involve getting your hands dirty. Several host employers across Sydney are seeking school leavers to undertake a Certificate 111 in Surveying and Spatial Information Services. Graduates of the Certificate 111 are then able to transition to a

Slumgirl Dreaming: My Journey to the Stars by Rubina Ali

Young Rubina was picked from among the five hundred slum children who auditioned for Danny Boyle's Oscar winning film *Slumdog Millionaire*. She saw her fairytale dream of stardom come true. But what does the future hold for a little girl trapped between Hollywood glamour and the bleak poverty of her Mumbai slum.

Here is a great series called Life Skills, which I would highly recommend. Some of the titles include: *Managing Mone; Study for Success; Feel Good, Look Great; Volunteering : Giving Back* and *Let's Debate*.

Lastly for all the cooks or would be chefs amongst us.....

Junior Masterchef Australia The Cookbook- Volume 1
It contains recipes the whole family will love.



Lost USBs needing to find their owners.....

Come and check out the dozens of USBs in the library.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Diploma of Surveying which is a pathway to University where you can further your studies to become a registered surveyor. Call 1300apprentice on 97157344. Email your resume to resumes@1300apprentice.com.au

Want to be a Doctor?

Seminars 29th September, 7pm Wallace Lecture Theatre, University of Sydney.
\$135 www.futuredoctors.com.au

Want to try Nursing?

Students in Years 9 & 10, parents, guardians and careers advisors are invited to a hands-on information and discussion session. Thursday 15th September, 1-4pm, includes afternoon tea, North Sydney College, 213 Pacific Highway St Leonards. Limited places. Book to attend. Phone 9448 4429 or email Robyn.Woolley@tafensw.edu.au

Year 12 Student Reminders

Apply for university at www.uac.edu.au with your UAC PIN posted to your home address last month. See Careers Office if there is a problem. Closing date for on time applications is 30th September. If you do NOT have a UAC 2012 Guide, collect yours in the Careers Office.

Elissa Kesby and Fionna Massey
Careers Advisers

Lindfield Cricket Club

Do you want to play CRICKET at the Home of Cricket on the North Shore?

Lindfield District Cricket Club, one of the largest and oldest community cricket clubs in Australia, would like to invite KHS students to give cricket a go and have some fun!

There are many KHS students already playing so welcome back to those players for the coming season. Bring along some of your mates to play for the Club!

Registrations are open on line, for a short time ONLY at www.ldcc.com.au, click on juniors and then registration, and from there you are able to be registered with LDCC! First round games commence the weekend of 17th/18th September. If you would like further information, please email Jeff Bolt, LDCC Junior Convener at juniors@ldcc.com.au.

LDCC has 32 teams playing in the North Shore Junior Cricket Association ranging from U9's to U16/17's.

The U16/17's play on turf wickets on Sunday mornings to facilitate the path to senior cricket, and will be given the opportunity, if desired, to play in the seniors comp.

The U14/15 age group plays Sunday mornings.

The U13 and U14 age groups play Saturday afternoon or Sunday mornings

LDCC is committed to providing players with an enjoyable and rewarding experience, with a continued focus on developing their skills as cricketers, as well as encouraging active participation from all players.

Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Safety Committee presents A FREE SEMINAR "PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS"

An in depth seminar for parents/supervising drivers and young drivers.

When: Monday 12th September 2011

Time: 6.00 for 6.30pm - 8.30pm

Where: Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon - access via rear [off Dumaresq Street

Light Refreshments available.

Keynote Presenter - Jeff McDougall: Jeff has 33 years of experience in the training and education of young drivers; a member of the Ku-ring-gai Police and Community Safety Committee; President, Australian Driver Trainer's Association [NSW]; Executive Committee Member of Australasian College of Road Safety and the Managing Director of Trent Driving School. Jeff will discuss the Vital Aspects of WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW when teaching a young driver:

- * A comprehensive and organised approach to the driving task
- * The five crash risks for young drivers
- * Preparation for the driving test
- * Keeping the log book honest
- * Teaching practical skills safely
- * The components of driving
- * Strategies for safe driving
- * Effective partnerships
- * Vital information about the current driving test and log book.

Parent Forum "Raising Resilient Teenagers"

Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) and the Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services Team will present a seminar on communicating with your teenager on **Monday 19th September** from **6.30 pm to 8.30 pm** at **Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers**.

Bookings are essential - contact Ku-ring-gai Youth Services on 9424 0837 or email youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au.

For more information on the forum contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au/events

Entry is via a gold coin donation and please use rear entrance in Dumaresq Street and take the lift to level 3.

Scenes from the Student Leadership Induction Ceremony – 25th August 2011 (continued next page)





Scenes from the Performing Arts Ensembles "Night at the Movies" – 30th August 2011

