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Killara High School's 44th Annual Awards Ceremony

To acknowledge student achievement for the 2012 school year

Wednesday

19th December 2012

10.30am

Kerrabee Centre

Remembrance Day 2012

Students and staff attended a Remembrance Day Assembly on Thursday 8th November at which Mr Whitney, representative of the Roseville RSL Sub-Branch spoke of the origin and purpose of such a ceremony. Mr Whitney served in Vietnam in 1967-8 and his three children attended Killara High School in the 1980s.

On Sunday 11th November at 11am our school captains, Alex Mura and Roxy Swart chaired a community Remembrance Day ceremony at Roseville, attended by student representatives from Ku-ring-gai area schools. Mr Mike Askey, President of the RSL Sub-Branch, reminded the 100 people attending the ceremony that streets adjacent to intersecting the Memorial Park bear the names of local servicemen (Larkin. MacLaurin and Pockley) who died in conflicts early in the 20th century. Their names are also inscribed on the park Memorial. Daniel Brini (Year 10) played the Last Post and Reveille and Estelle Holden (Year 11) delivered a poignant address on behalf of



all students. Estelle's address is reproduced in this newsletter.

Remembering Pte Cecil Edward Warne, 7543 former student of St Leonards Superior Public School

Pte Warne's name and that of his brother Sidney are recorded on the Memorial Boards in the Kerrabee Centre that bear the names of former students of St Leonards Superior Public School who served in the Great War. This school was one of the foundation schools for North Sydney Technical High School and Killara High School.

Pte Cecil Warne followed his elder brother (who joined up in 1915) into the Australian Imperial Force when he turned 18 in 1917. Prior to this Cecil attended school until 1913. After leaving school he became an apprentice joiner for three years. He lived at home with his mother at 10 Carlow St North Sydney, which is immediately behind North Sydney Boys High School.

Once in England he was attached to School of Farriery and qualified as a

Cold Shoer before being sent to France in April as part of reinforcements for the 13th Battalion. At approximately 3.30am, as his unit was withdrawing from the line at Villers Bretonneux, he was severely wounded by a shell blast that killed another man. Pte Neal also in the 13th Battalion, reported: "He was wounded by pieces of shell all over the body, legs and arm.

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Calendar

- November 2012 15 - Grade Sport Finals 16 - Yr 11 Society & Culture Excursion - State Library - Lindfield PS Music Night 19 - Yr 7 Lifesaving (4 days) - Yr 10 Work Experience and Service Learning (2 weeks) 21 -P&C Meeting 8pm – A Block Common Room 23 -Schools' Spectacular (2 nights) 26 -Yr 11 HSC Assessment block commences - Menindee Student Exchange (all week) 27 - Yr 9 Lifesaving (4 days) - Small Schools Orientation Day 28 - Yr 11 Textiles & Design Major Works Excursion 30 - Yr 8 Science Excursion to **Darling Harbour** December 2012 - Yr 10 "The Successful Senior" 4 Program 5 - Yr 7 2013 Enrolment Day - PAE Festival (3 days) - P&C Christmas Meeting - World's Biggest Beep Test 6 10 - Yr 10 "Survive" Program - Yr 9 PASS students to Primary Schools gala days 13 -Sports Appreciation Day -Sports Council initiative 14 -Yr 10 leaders and Yr 11 Prefects - Peer Support Training Day 17 - Stage 4 Completion and **Recognition Ceremony** 18 -Stage 5 Completion and **Recognition Ceremony** 19 - Annual Awards Ceremony - Last day term 4 for students 20 - School Development Day 21 - School Development Day - Last day term 4 for staff January 2013 29 - School Development Day 30 -First day Term 1 – Years 7, 11
- 30 First day Term 1 Years 7, 11 and 12
 31 - Whole School returns

He had been wounded about an hour before we took him away, we bandaged him up and everything possible was done for him.

He was conscious and able to speak to us." Other reports indicate Cecil's left leg was shattered and his left arm also damaged.

Pte Warne died of wounds that morning in the Dressing Station at Daours. He is buried in the Daours Communal Cemetery Extension, France. It is not known when his mother Amelia Warne was informed of her son's death.

By this time Mrs Warne lived at 5 Military Road Neutral Bay and it was at this address that she received a package on the 3^{rd} February 1919 containing her son's surviving personal effects – a metal mirror, wrist watch (damaged), strap, disc, letters and photos.

Not until 1922 did she received the Memorial Plaque given to every family who lost a family member. Cecil's older brother also served in France, was wounded in 1917, but survived and returned to Australia and discharged as medically unfit in 1918.

2013 ArtExpress and InTech Nominations

<u>ArtExpress</u>

Congratulations to: Seunghyun Kim Tany Tan

whose HSC Bodies of Work for Visual Arts have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in ArtExpress 2013.

Their success follows in the rich tradition of achievement by Killara High School in Visual Arts.

<u>InTech</u>

Congratulations to:

Paul Galea Seena Sabeti Anthony Pearce Nicholas Valeontis

whose HSC Major Design Projects for Industrial Technology have been nominated for consideration for inclusion in InTech 2013, the annual exhibition of outstanding Major Design Projects developed by 2012 HSC Industrial Technology students.

Final exhibition selections will be announced early in December. Mark Carter, Principal

2012 Survival Skills & Water Safety Program

<u>Year 7</u>

Monday 19th – Thursday 22nd November 2012 Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.

<u>Year 9</u>

Tuesday 27th – Friday 30th November 2012

Venue: Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre.

How you can help others in need



Killara High School is once again supporting the Salvation Army in making hampers for the homeless and disadvantaged across Sydney during this festive season.

Each Home group will be supporting a family or individual. Please bring in non-perishable food and other necessities to your Home Group. Let's work together to contribute positively to others' lives.

Thank you in advance to all KHS families for your support of this initiative. **Social Justice Committee**

Chinese Teaching Assistant 2013

We are pleased to announce that Killara High School has been successful in gaining a Chinese Teaching Assistant for 2013. The Teaching Assistant program is run by the Department of Education and Communities, NSW Curriculum and Innovation Centre, and offers teaching assistants to support many language areas.

2013 Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme

Students interested in commencing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award in 2013 should read the information on the school's website http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/web/killarahigh-school/curriculum-activities/curriculumenrichment/duke-of-edinburgh-s-award-scheme

Additional details about the requirements for the Bronze Award are available on the Duke of Edinburgh's Award website http://www.dukeofed.com.au/NSW.html

The school has asked the NSW office of the Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme to present an information sessions for interested students and their parents/ carers and answer questions.

While staff at school will also try to respond to questions or issues not addressed by the website, advice can also be sought from the Award office. Refer to <u>http://www.dukeofed.com.au/Contact-the-NSW-Division.html</u> for information on how to contact the office.

Information Session and Expedition Dates

Bronze Award

Information Evening – Tuesday 2nd April 2013 6pm - 8pm - C Block Conference Centre KHS is delighted to welcome Ms Xiaoyi Zou, the only Chinese language teaching assistant in NSW, to support the Chinese language here. We anticipate that she will be of particular support to Year 12 students who form a composite class of Continuers and Beginners students. Ms Zou will be at KHS until July 2013 when a new assistant will assume the role. **Ruth Charles, Chinese Teacher, LOTE Faculty**

Bronze Training / Practice Expedition – Friday 10th – Sunday 12th May 2013 – Somerset

Bronze Qualifying Expedition -Saturday 10th – Sunday 11th August 2013 – Great North Walk

Silver Award

Information Session – Tuesday 5th March 2013 – 6pm – 7.30pm – C Block Conference Room

- Silver Practice Expedition -Friday 15th – Sunday 17th March 2013 – Pack and Paddle, Colo River
- Silver Qualifying Expedition Friday 6th – Sunday 8th September 2013 – Pack and Paddle

Gold Award

Information Session – Tuesday 5th February 2013 6pm – 7.30pm – C Block Conference Room

- Gold Practice Expedition -Saturday 16th – Tuesday 19th February 2013 – Cross City Challenge
- Gold Qualifying Expedition -Saturday 12th – Tuesday 15th October 2013 – Cross City Challenge

Kelly Johnson, DEAS School Coordinator (Voicemail 107)

Killara High School would like to thank all our wonderful parent volunteers for their valued contribution this year.

You are cordially invited to the

Volunteers' Morning Tea

at Killara High School in the Common Room, A Block

on Wednesday 21st November 2012 between 10.00am – 11.00 am

If you are able to come along please reply to Reception 9498 3722 or email <u>killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> by Friday16th November 2012.

The school is very appreciative of the time and effort you have given our students. We could not provide the services to students and families and the range of learning opportunities for students without parents' interest, support and voluntary assistance.

We look forward to your company and the opportunity to say thank you.

Remembrance Day Speech

As we are gathered here today, I do not doubt that all of us have some connection to war. I myself had two grandfathers that fought at El Alamein, in Egypt, 70 years ago. Both of them were fortunate enough to return home from war; however I never had the chance to meet either of them. The only glimpses I have of their lives during the war are their humble medals, which are kept away safely, but are seldom talked about. I know that one of my grandfathers lied about his age so that he was able to enlist. And it is with great pride that I wear badges of recognition on their behalf today. When I asked my family of their personal experiences of the war it was almost impossible to uncover anything. Their voices had been silent, their stories never told, their memories, too awful to bring into the sanctity of their homes.

And on this day of peace we must acknowledge the courage of the 70 million servicemen and women who engaged in that terrible conflict 94 years ago, many of which made the ultimate sacrifice to protect our nation. We must thank those who fought for our freedom, and those who died for it, in this war and in wars since.

On the 11th of November, at 11 o'clock, 94 years ago the guns finally ceased. The war was over, and peace began. Last year, a man named Claude Choules passed away like any other in a nursing home at the admirable age of 110. The parting of Mr.





Choules was no ordinary loss. It marked the end of an era as our last fragile thread that linked us to the First World War was severed. On this day, 94 years ago Mr. Choules witnessed the Armistice and the silence. Our sole survivor and hero, has joined his brothers in arms, as the last among them.

It is a tragic irony that the purpose of war is to bring peace, that unattainable object that bargains lives. And when the "War to End All Wars" was fought with such vigour and good intent, it is almost unbearable to consider the outcome; the endless rows of pale gravestones with only a name and date to differentiate one another amidst the silence. And yet people to this day are summoned to war in pursuit of peace and to defeat the obstinate forces behind tyranny and injustice. For Australia, war is a responsibility as well as an obligation, and a cruel one at that.

We remember and respect our veterans for their bravery and their strength. However we shall never know of the full horrors that they endured for our welfare. And it is difficult for us to comprehend the enormity of war and the devastating effect it has had on families all over the world. We can only contemplate something that words fail to explain. And in our silence we will remember them, Lest We Forget.

Estella Holden (Year 11)



End of Year Arrangements for Year 10

With the end of the year fast approaching you may be wondering about what activities are taking place for Year 10. As you would know the Record of School Achievement (RoSA) is the new credential introduced by the Board of Studies for students who leave school after Year 10 and before they receive their Higher School Certificate (HSC). It gives students **A cumulative record of all academic achievement** and is designed to record and credential all of a secondary school student's academic results up until the HSC.

- While all students currently receive grades for courses they complete at the end of Year 10, this system will be extended to also capture grades for courses a student completes in Year 11.
- If a student leaves school before receiving a grade in Year 11 or 12 courses, their RoSA will record the courses they commenced.
- This measure acknowledges the fact that many students begin senior secondary study but then leave school for employment or other training opportunities before receiving their HSC.

Students Online now open for Year 10 students

Year 10 students can now activate their <u>Students</u> <u>Online</u> account. Once logged in, students can currently view their enrolment details. From Wednesday, 12th December, students will also be able to view their grades in their Stage 5 courses and download their eRecord of results.

To activate their account, students enter their school, name, and date of birth on the account activation page. The Board of Studies will then send the student an email containing a link that allows them to log in with their student number and choose their PIN.

All Year 10 students will receive an email from the Board of Studies inviting them to activate their account. Please encourage your child to do this, so that they will be able to log in to view and download their results in December.

From 10th December, schools will be able to view students' results in Schools Online.

Week	Activities	
4 and 5 (29 th October - 9 th November)	Exam block. Exams will be held in regular timetabled lessons unless communicated otherwise. The Kerribee Hall is unavailable due to HSC examinations. All exams are on the KHS calendar.	
6	Stage 5 syllabus content and requirements to be continued	
7	Service Learning /Work Experience	
8	Service Learning/Work Experience	
9 (5 th December)	The "Successful Senior" Program including the "All My Own Work" – compulsory modules occurs. ALL students are required to bring their laptops full charged "The Successful Senior" sessions on study skills/research relevant to the modes of	
9 (7 th December)	learning inherent in each faculty area, that is, skills needed for Year 11	
9 (7 December)	"Survive" Program with Graham Hyman	
10	Presentations of work experience reports to occur on Thursday and Friday to class/year/home group	
10 (10 th December)	The finalised Stage 5 Completion Form needs to be submitted to Mr Wray and subject lines for 2013 will be released.	
11 (18 th December)	Highest quality Work Experience projects are showcased in the Stage 5 Completion and Recognition Ceremony.	
11 (19 th December)	Annual Awards Ceremony; Reports issued; Talent Quest	

Killara High School Activities for Year 10 Term 4

Note: Exam times can be viewed on the school calendar at: <u>http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/khs-calendar-links</u>

Killara High School is compelled to enforce attendance for all students, including those in Year 10 until the end of the school year which occurs on Wednesday 19th December 2012 and as such, requests for long term leave are discouraged.

If you have further questions regarding these matters, please contact Ms Judith Paszek, Deputy Principal, or Mrs Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher Stage 5.

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE





Come to SPORTS UNIFORM!!

Thursday 6th December lunchtime on Koola Oval

It's going to be AWESOME

Transition to Year 12 – Parent Evening

Monday 26th November 2012

7pm-8pm – Kerrabee Theatre

Meet the staff who will be managing Year 12 2013 and learn about the processes necessary for the completion of a successful HSC year.

Renee Lane, Head Teacher Stage 6

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Support

school in

Performing Arts Ensembles South Coast Tour

Wednesday 5th December to Friday 7th December 2012

- Visiting primary schools
- Outside performances
- Visiting local sites
- Jamberoo

Please contact Jacki Berry for further information: Jacqueline.berry@det.nsw.edu.au

Strings, Orchestra and Vocal Ensemble are going on tour for 3 days!

Performing Arts Ensembles - Important Dates for your Calendar

SS Choir Stage Band 1 SS Choir Strings, Orchestra & Vocal Ensemble Stage 5 Stage Band 1 & Vocal Ensemble Schools Spectacular Rehearsal Schools Spectacular Performance Schools Spectacular Performance South Coast Tour Wednesday 5th Completion Ceremony Annual Awards Ceremony

Thursday 22nd November 2012 Friday 23rd November 2012 Saturday 24th November 2012 Friday 7th December 2012 Friday 14th December 2012 Wednesday 19th December 2012

Killara High School Parents Social Night 2012

End of Year Celebration!

All parents very welcome

Featuring the live rock band *Peace Frogs*, playing classic rock from the 70s, 80s and 90s



West Lindfield Bowling Club

Highfield Road, Lindfield NSW 2070

17th November from 7.30 pm

Tickets \$15

This event is for persons 18+ Years.

Please bring a plate to share

Drinks available at the bar – NO BYO

For information and ticket purchase contact Carol Eklund carol@eklund.com

Tickets available for purchase on the night

Grounds Working Bee – Thank You

Our sincere thanks go to the parents and students who generously gave their time on Sunday 11th November. It is greatly appreciated.

The gardens around the school were tidied up with special attention to the weeding and cleaning up of the rubbish around the Colas. The gardens were refreshed with some much needed watering and several new native shrubs were planted along the pathway to A Block. Time was also spent clearing the weeds, rubbish and large sticks from the area behind Jubilee Oval and the basketball courts.

Plans are in place for our next Working Bee in Term 1 2013, to extend the garden area behind the

Bushfire Awareness – How Can I Help?

Now with summer upon us it is a time to remind ourselves of the dangers of bush fires, and the steps we must all take to stay safe during those times. Killara High School is one of many DEC schools listed in a bush fire prone area. At Killara High School, we have a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which details our response to emergency situations, such as a bushfire.

Staff and students are aware of these emergency plans, and we have regular practice evacuation and lockdown drills, so as to ensure staff and student familiarity and compliance with our procedures. These evacuation instructions are displayed in all of our classrooms.

There are some things you can do to help in the advent of a bushfire emergency situation. These are:

1. Consider that the school needs the phone line kept open for communication with emergency services

northern carpark with the planting of several native trees and shrubs.

Thanks go to Richard Frith, coordinator, along with his team of volunteers; Nick Macoun, Neil Macintyre, Rick Stern, Hongyun Lu, Le-Anne Pon, Anton Lubbers, Helen Hendy, John and Carol Eklund, Dominique Duce and Robin Hall. It was particularly pleasing to see the following students, Robert Ashcroft, Charlotte Benson, Anja Sauer, Kate Goodwin, Owen Olthost (Year 11 Prefects), Fraser Macintyre, Laura Eklund (Year 7) and Heloise Duce (Year 9) helping out on Sunday. Thank you to all. **Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal**

- 2. Consider keeping the roads clear for emergency services to attend to nearby fire
- 3. Stay calm and wait for advice from the school
- 4. Try to minmise use of mobile phone services so that peak demand on networks does not impede emergency services use of these networks.
- 5. Access 'Fires Near Me' App on smart phones and the RFS (Rural Fire Service) site.
- 6. Please ensure that all contact details for your family that are held by the school are accurate and up to date. This also includes emergency contact details. If you have moved house or your family circumstances have changed since the enrolment of your child(ren), you may need to have school records amended. Please contact the school's Administration Office on 9498 3722 or email updated details to the school at killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal

Uniform Shop News

New Volunteer Coordinator URGENTLY Required

The Uniform Shop is still looking for a parent volunteer to take over from Blandine as the volunteer coordinator. If you are interested and can spare a couple of hours a week to organize the uniform shop volunteers and would like to know more about what this role entails please email either me (khscp@yahoo.com.au) or Blandine (blandine robb@yahoo.com). Blandine is happy to provide training and guidance.

Out of Stock Items

We are currently out of Boys Crested Summer Shirts sizes 16 - 28. They will be back in stock Mid November. Sorry for the inconvenience. All other summer uniform items are available for sale.

Kim McPartlin – Uniform Shop Manager

Mob: 0417 929083; Email: khscp@yahoo.com.au

School Resumes 2013

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- Tuesday 29th January Wednesday 30th January Thursday 31st January
- School Development Day Staff return
- Year 7, 11 & 12 students return
- Whole school returns

From the Library

New Fiction in detail

Angus, Sam. Soldier Dog: Loyal to the End.

It's 1917. In the trenches of France, miles from home, Stanley is a boy fighting a man's war. He is a dog handler, whose dog must be so loyal that he will cross no-man's land alone under heavy fire to return to Stanley's side, carrying a message that could save countless lives.

Berenyi, R. Essay Maker: For Exams Too! A Simple Method That Works.

It's simple – you write small, focused pieces that slot into a proven structure; it expands into to suit anysized essay; and adapts to any subject. Discover how to: decode the essay question outline your structure; reference print and electronic sources using: the Harvard System footnotes & endnotes.

Lai, Thanhha. Inside Out Back Again.

For all the ten years of her life, Ha has only known Saigon: the thrills of its markets, the joy of its traditions, the warmth of her friends close by...and the beauty of her very own papaya tree. But now the Vietnam War has reached her home. Ha and her family are forced to flee as Saigon falls, and they board a ship headed toward hope. In America, Ha discovers the foreign world of Alabama: the coldness of its strangers, the dullness of its food, the strange shape of its landscape...and the strength of her very own family. This is the moving story of one girl's year of change, dreams, grief, and healing as she journeys from one country to another, one life to the next.

Levithan, David. Every Day.

Every day a different body. Every day a different life. Every day in love with the same girl.

Monk, Scott. The Crush.

Rising league star Matthew Cassidy is having his best year yet – his team of misfits is in the finals, the talent scouts are circling and everyone's his mate. Meanwhile, he's facing another dilemma – blue-eyed Kelly Sinclair, the girl he loves from afar. She dating his archenemy, who wants nothing more than to crush him both on and off the footy field. Losing is no longer just a game.

Shute, Neville. The Far Country.

When Jennifer leaves her ageing parents to visit friends in the Australian outback she falls in love, both with the country and with Carl, a doctor and Czech refugee. Brought together through dramatic encounters and strange twists of fate, their relationship hangs in the balance when Jennifer is called back to England.

Stone, Irving. Lust for Life.

The classical fictional biography of Vincent Van Gogh. No artist was ever more ruthlessly driven by his creative urge, nor more isolated by it from most ordinary sources of human happiness, than Van Gogh. A painter of genius, his life was an incessant struggle against poverty, discouragement, madness and despair.

Williams, Sean. *Star Wars: The Old Republic – Fatal Alliance*.

BioWare and *LucasArts* – creators of the hugely popular *Star Wars: Knights of the Old Republic* video game – have combined their storytelling talents and cutting edge technology for an online role-playing game that allows players to create their own personal *Star Wars* adventure 3,500 years before the Rise of Darth Vader. Now bestselling author Sean Williams bring the world of the game to life in this, his latest novel. [See also Williams, Sean. *Star Wars: The Force Unleashed*]

Fiction

Patterson, James. *Never More* [the last in the Maximum ride adventure series]

Non-Fiction:

Donald, Darroch. East Coast Handbook.

The HOMEWORK Book: A Complete Education in 20 Easy Lessons.

Kunstaetter, Robert and Daisy. *Ecuador & Galapgos Handbook.*

Miles, Hugh. *Al-Jazeera: The Inside Story of the Arab News Channel that is challenging the West.*

Newkey-Burden, Chas. Adele: The Biography.

POEMS of Fun and Fancy

POEMS of Vision and Prophecy

Non-Fiction in detail:

Ledbetter, James and Roth, Daniel B. *The Great Depression: A Diary.*

In the early 1920s, a young lawyer, named Benjamin Roth settled in Youngstown, Ohio, a booming Midwestern industrial town. Times were good – until the stock market crash of 1929. After 2 years of crisis, Roth began to grasp the magnitude of what had happened to American economic life. He set out to record his impressions in a diary – a document that would grow to span several volumes over more than a decade.

"We imagine the Great Depression at two extremes – Franklin Roosevelt's jaunty smile and the haunting images of Dustbowl destitution. But in between were everyday middle-class strivers like Benjamin Roth, trying to sort through the wreckage...Roth's incisive dairies....speak to our economic hopes and fears directly, and to the bewilderment of our own time." – Jonathan Alter.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarians

school's out this summer: Vision Valley holiday

camps are on!

Adventure day camps Horse riding camps Overnight camp out 3 day/2 night camps

Climb a rock face, fly through the valley, ride a horse along a rugged trail, or try to stay dry in a canoe.

Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure, and are designed to promote confidence and give every individual the chance to grow.

Camps are for kids aged eight and up, and are on these Summer school holidays.

Don't miss out: book your place now by calling (02) 9655 2600 or go to our website for more details www.visionvalley.org.au Childcare rebate is available



Scenes from the recent Study Tour to Vietnam/Cambodia



Students from Killara High School will be performing in the 2012 Schools Spectacular at the Sydney Entertainment Centre on:

Friday 23rd November 1pm Preview & 7.30pm Saturday 24th November - 2pm & 7.30pm

Tickets are available through Ticketmaster



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