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**The P&C
welcome all
to their
Annual
Christmas Get
Together**

**Wednesday
5th December 2012**

8pm

**A Block Common
Room**



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

300 Volunteers for 2012 and counting!



Few schools could compile the invitation list comprising more than 300 parent volunteers. Killara High School hosted a morning tea for many of these parents last week in recognition of their hard work over many years.

School Captains, **Alex Mura and Roxie Swart**, thanked the parents on behalf of the students and staff. Uniform shop, canteen, working bees, performing arts

ensembles, catering in support of school functions - these are just some of the tasks performed tirelessly by teams of parents year after year at Killara. Without their commitment of time, energy and expertise many dimensions of the school's operations along with the culture of optimism, participation and opportunity would not prevail.

Thank you to all who have supported Killara High School in 2012 and previous years and a special thanks to the parents of the youngest sibling finishing at Killara this year.

Mark Carter, Principal



Calendar

November 2012

- 30 - Yr 8 Science Excursion to Darling Harbour

December 2012

- 4 - Yr 10 "The Successful Senior" Program
- Yr 10 Studies of Religion Excursion
- 5 - Yr 7 2013 Enrolment Day
- PAE Festival (3 days)
- P&C Christmas Meeting
- 6 - World's Biggest Beep Test
- 10 - Yr 10 "Survive" Program
- Primary Schools gala day - Yr 9 PASS students
- 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
- Yrs 9 and 11 German excursion – Lowenbrau Keller
- 18 - Stage 5 Completion and Recognition Ceremony
- Gifted & Talented students showcase – Theatre – 6pm
- 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 and 12
- 31 - Whole School returns

February 2013

- 4 - KHS Swimming Carnival – Lane Cove
- 5 - Yr 7 Camp (2 days)
- DEAS Gold Award Information Night – C Block Conference Room – 6pm-7.30pm
- 11 - School Photos
- 16 - DEAS Gold Practice Expedition (4days) – Cross City Challenge
- 19 - Chinese Parents Information Evening – 6pm-8pm

The NS5 Year 8 Debating Gala Day Competition

On 26th November, the Year 8 Killara debating team comprising **Abby Constable, Brianna Gibson, Tess Hanrahan-Shirley** and **Nina Stambach**, left for Chatswood High School to compete in the NS5 School Debating Gala Day. This competition included teams from Killara High School, Chatswood High School, Turramurra High School, St Ives High School and Ku-ring-gai High School respectively.



In a round robin competition, our team engaged in topics as diverse as the effectiveness of current NAPLAN testing and the question of compulsory ethics classes in schools. The competition was a points based system, and after debating for two rounds, our team had won both debates on points

convincingly. With this noteworthy lead, they were able to solidify their position at the top of the schools results table and be awarded the champions' trophy.

This is a fantastic achievement for our all girls' team. Thanks to the team's debating coaching staff; Mrs Carroll, Mr Williams and Mr Purchas, who have provided the team with guidance and support over the past two years.

Our team this year have set a standard for future inter-regional school debates. The responsibility now falls to next year's group of Year 8 students to take up the mantle and keep the trophy with Killara.

James Purchas, English Faculty

Legal Aid Talk for Legal Studies Students

On 5th November, Year 11 Legal Studies classes attended a presentation by Matt Dimich, a lawyer employed by Legal Aid to represent children in a court of law.

We were taught the various levels of jurisdiction which apply to minors when they have committed an offence. Matt referenced the different severity levels of offences which minors commit ranging from explicit language to murder being the most serious. We were also taught that a common reason for arrest of youths results from young offenders answering back to police officers. As a result an individual can turn what would have been a fine, into an arrest and receive a criminal record for assault.

We learned about the importance of knowing our rights and the resources and services available. He educated us about the importance of Legal Aid and how anybody under the age of 18 is automatically eligible to access the service.

Overall Matt taught us a lot of useful information that will help us not only with our Legal Studies course but with our overall lives.

John Bi and David Nouri, Year 11

Year 11 Student receives Regional Award



Congratulations to **Milica Ivanovic (Year 11)** who received the Northern Sydney Regional Award for excellence in Vocational Education and Training.

She was nominated for the award by Paul Desmet, owner of the restaurant "Salt, Pepper, Nutmeg" where Milica is completing a school-based traineeship in Commercial Cookery. Milica's goal is to become a chef. According to Mr Desmet: "When Milica first started out in the workplace, she used to keep checking the clock. Now however, as her skills have developed, she has discovered a passion for cooking and an understanding of how to keep customers satisfied."

Milica is completing a school-based traineeship as part of her Higher School Certificate. Continues Mr Desmet: "When Milica completes her HSC she will be very employable and streets ahead of her peers who have not been part of a traineeship program."

Liz Diprose, Deputy Principal

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Class: Showcase Evening

Students involved in the Year 8 Killara High School Gifted and Talented Program will be holding a showcase evening where they will present their work and lecture on various topics studied throughout the year.

Parents and family members are invited to attend the **Kerrabee Theatre at 6pm on Tuesday 18th December 2012**. Parents and students who are interested in this Year 8 program are also invited to gain an appreciation of the academic requirements of this program.

Proposed Program:

- Welcome and student showcases in the Kerrabee Theatre at 6pm
- Completion of an online educational activity created by students

This showcase evening has a dual objective. It will be an evening where important information about the program is disseminated to parents about the area of study undertaken throughout the year. Secondly, it will provide students with an audience to implement their online learning activities and to develop their public speaking skills.

This evening is designed to be a celebration of the work completed by students in this program. Selection for the 2013 class will not be associated with this event. Student identification and selection information will be provided next year.

Please complete the RSVP slip below and have your child return it to Mr Robin Chand in the HSIE Blue staffroom by **Tuesday 11th December 2012**.

Robin Chand, Gifted and Talented Coordinator

RSVP

Return to Mr Robin Chand in the HSIE Blue staffroom by Tuesday 11th December 2012

Year 8 Gifted and Talented Class – Showcase Evening

Name of child: _____

Number of people attending: _____

Parent / carer signature: _____

Date: _____

BIGGER AND BETTER THAN BEFORE

WORLD'S BIGGEST BEEP TEST



Come to school in SPORTS UNIFORM!!

**Thursday 6th December
lunchtime on Koola Oval**

It's going to be AWESOME

From the Principal's Mailbag

On a recent visit to Vietnam, we took a two day/one night trip on Halong Bay. What a wonderful experience! I am sending you a photo of my husband and I outside the floating school in the bay which has been supported by Killara High School. I don't know how many of your faculty or students have visited Halong Bay (or Vietnam), but it is a

simply beautiful country with friendly, peaceful people who are desperately poor.

I am sure the people of the floating community are extremely grateful for your generosity. I hope you will all have the opportunity to get the 'Vietnam experience' one day.

Deirdre Stewart, Pottsville (far north NSW)

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

Strings, Orchestra & Vocal Ensemble	South Coast Tour Wednesday 5 th	Friday 7 th December 2012
Stage 5	Completion Ceremony	Friday 14 th December 2012
Stage Band 1 & Vocal Ensemble	Annual Awards Ceremony	Wednesday 19 th December 2012

Schools Spectacular 2012



Last week 36 students from Stage Band and Vocal extension and some soloists were involved in the Schools Spectacular

The theme was 'Our Time'.

It was a fabulous experience that the students will remember for many years to come.

The Schools Spectacular involved over 2000 children from state schools across the state, both primary and secondary.

It was an amazing show with a massed choir, soloists, stage band orchestra with dancers and even pyrotechnics!

Jacki Berry, PAE Coordinator



Did You Know?

Congratulations to **Brandon Hare and James Karefylakis (Year 11)** who have been invited by The Australian Informatics Olympiad Committee (AIOC) to be members of this year's AIOC Informatics School of Excellence. The invitation is as a result of their outstanding performances in recent Informatics

contests. The school will be held in Canberra for 10 days in December. Only 26 students will be attending the school.

Alexander Harper (Year 10) recently achieved an A in the Grade 8 Australian Music Examinations Board exams.

Year 11 Food Technology Excursion

In Week 6 this term, the Year 11 Food Technology class made a trip to Brasserie Bread, Botany, to discover how an organisation in the Australian Food Industry operates and how to make beautiful bread!



Brasserie Bread is an artisan bakery that produces and supplies an award-winning range of artisan bread, pastries & cakes to over 400 top restaurants, hotels, cafés and delis across Sydney, Melbourne and the ACT.

The students were treated to a bread baking class where Matt, our trainer, talked to us about how yeast works, the unique properties of sourdough bread, and taught us some tricks for making a plaited baguette, and some scrumptious pizza scrolls!



We then took a tour of the bakery where we learned more about what Brasserie Bread does and the products they make. The students learned about factors of the business such as Quality Assurance, product development, customer influences and the impacts a business like Brasserie Bread has on the environment, society and the economy.

Matt finished the tour by awarding a couple of the students with title 'The Best Plaited Baguette Baker'! (It was quite a difficult task!)

It was a great experience for all of us, and we thank Matt and the Brasserie Bread team for having us!

Amanda Walsh, TAS Faculty

Information for Year 8 Students and Families

Year 8 will be recognised as they complete Stage 4 in the Stage 4 Completion and Recognition Ceremony to be held on **Monday 17th December at 9am**.

All students will be presented with their Certificate and some students will be acknowledged for receiving an Honour Badge or an Inscription in the School Honour Book for having excellent attendance or for their outstanding service to the school.

It's where we say, "Well done, Year 8". Year 7 students will be attending this ceremony as the audience.

Parents may attend but it is not essential, and there are several other ceremonies and activities at the end of our school year.

Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal

Goran Petkovski, Rel. Head Teacher Stage 4

School Resumes 2013

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

School Experience Transition Program 2012

On Thursday 25th October 2012 a group of Year 8 students received certificates of appreciation for participation in a School Experience Transition (SET) program. These students took on the role of buddies for three days to welcome and orientate students visiting from an Intensive English Centre. The students they welcomed are now full-time students at Killara High School.

A full list of participants from the past two years is as follows:

Isabella Baker, Brittany Barlow, Jordan Cassidy, Ayush Dallakoti, Raukura Doyle, Emily Fien, Dennis Fu, Ben Goldring, Jake Hind, Afreedi Jafar, Jaewon Jung, Jake Logan, Laura Morison, Rhys Seeho, Rina Tezuka, Jarrod Tucker, Matthew Wai, Jack Xu.

Greg Butler, Program Coordinator



KYDS Celebrates

On Thursday evening 22nd November, I was pleased to join with Community leaders and the staff of Kuring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) in their celebration of a successful year.

2012 had begun with seemingly grim prospects as funding was in doubt however with the support of the Council the work of KYDS has gone from strength to strength.

Killara High School has had a continuous association with KYDS since its inception. The service extends counselling to young people aged from 12-18.

In addition we have for two years successfully run a program for young women which we were able to offer our Year 8 girls free of charge.

In 2013 the staff at KYDS will begin to deliver a companion program for young men of the same age.

Check the web site to see the range of valuable services that this centre offers. It is a vital component in the care of vulnerable young people on the North Shore.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Student Support

Uniform Shop News

New Volunteer Coordinator

The Uniform Shop has a new volunteer coordinator. Yvette Vink has kindly offered to take over the role from Blandine Carrero. Thank you to Yvette for taking over this position and a big thank you to Blandine for all her work whilst in the role.

The Uniform Shop is always looking for more volunteers! If you are interested and can spare a few hours each term to assist in the uniform shop please contact Yvette via email on:

yvette.vink@bigpond.com

Every little bit of time you can spare helps! Without your help the Uniform Shop will not be able to function smoothly. It is a great way to meet other parents or even spend some time with your friends whilst helping the school.

Boys Crested Shirts

Boys Crested Summer Shirts will be available for sale from Tuesday 4th December. If you have prepaid, your order can be picked up from the uniform shop from that date.

Opening Hours

The last day the Uniform Shop will be open for 2012 is Tuesday 11th December 8am to 12pm. It will be closed on Tuesday 18th December.

The opening hours for 2013 are:-

Friday 25th January **12pm-4pm**

Tuesday 29th January **8am-12pm**
(School Development Day)

Wednesday 30th January **8am-12pm**
(First day of Term 1, Years 7, 11 and 12)

Thursday 31st January **8am-12pm**
(Whole School returns)

Saturday 2nd February **8am-12pm**

Tuesday 5th February **8am-12pm**

Then every Tuesday in the school term, 8am – 12pm.

Kim McPartlin, Uniform Shop Manager

Email: khscp@yahoo.com.au

From the Library

Fiction

Dixon, Franklin W. *The Hardy Boys: Deprivation House* [Book 1 in *The Murder House Trilogy*]

Morphurgo, Michael. *A Medal for Leroy*

Pichon, L. *Everything's Amazing* (sort of)

Taylor, Thomas. *Haunters: Ghosts from the Future*

Fiction in Detail

Denman, K.L. *Stuff We All Get*.

Suspended from school, lonely and bored 15-year-old Zack will do anything for amusement. His mum drags him out geocaching, and Zack finds a CD with the word *Famous* written across it. He puts the CD in his stereo and loses himself in the music. Zack has sound-colour synaesthesia. He sees colours when he hears music, and the music on the *Famous* CD causes incredible patterns of colour to him. Zack becomes obsessed with the girl on the CD and decides he has to find her.

Ellis, Deborah. *Parvana's Promise*.

On a military base in post-Taliban Afghanistan, American authorities have imprisoned a teenage girl found in a bombed-out school. The army major thinks she may be a terrorist working with the Taliban. The girl does not respond to questions in any language and remains silent, even when she is threatened, harassed and mistreated over several days. The only clue to her identity is a tattered shoulder bag, containing papers that refer to people names Shauzia, Nooria, Leila, Asif, Hassan – and Parvana...

This is the sequel to *Parvana* and *Parvana's journey*.

Fukuda, Andrew. *The Hunt*.

Against all odds, 17-year-old Gene has survived in a world where the general population has eaten humans to near extinction. The only remaining humans, or hepers as they are known, are housed in domes on the savannah and studied at the nearby Heper Institute. Every decade there is a government sponsored hunt. When Gene is selected to be one of the combatants he must learn the art of the hunt – but also elude his fellow competitors as suspicions about his true nature grow...

Grant, Michael and Applegate, Katherine. *Eve & Adam*.

In the beginning, there was an apple. And then there was a car crash, a horrible, debilitating injury, and a hospital. But before Evening Spiker could regain consciousness, there was a strange boy checking her out of the hospital and rushing her to Spiker Biopharmaceuticals, her mother's research facility. Once there, Eve has to heal, cope with an eerie isolation only interrupted by her overbearing mother, a strange group of doctors, and the mysterious boy who brought her there. Just when Eve thinks she will die – not from her injuries, but boredom – her mother gives her a special project: Create the perfect boy.

Non-Fiction

Anderson, Michael (ed.) *Investigating the Global Climate*

Anderson, Michael (ed.) *Investigating Plate Tectonics, Earthquakes and Volcanoes*

Baker, Joanne. *50 Ideas You Really Need to Know*

Barker, Geoff. *Hunger* (Voices)

Bickel, Lennard. *This Accursed Land: Douglas Mawson's Incredible Antarctic Journey*

Bjornland, Lydia. *Angelina Jolie* (Modern role models series)

Bright, Michael. *The Distribution of Species*. (Timeline: life on earth series)

Chaline, Eric. *Fifty Minerals that Changed the Course of History*

Corbetta, Luigi. *Legendary Motorcycles*

Costantino, Maria. *Living Green* (Green guides series)

Donovan, Sandy. *Scheduling Smarts: How to Get Organised, Prioritize, Manage Your Time and More*

Farndon, John. *China Rises; How China's Astonishing Growth Will Change the World*.

Freeman, Jeri. *Online Safety*

Gorn, Michael H. *Superstructures in Space: From Satellites to Space Stations – A Guide to What's Out There*

Hart, David Bentley. *The Story of Christianity: An Illustrated History Of 2000 Years of the Christian Faith*

Non Fiction in detail:

Brieger, Nick. *Writing* (Collins English for Business series)

Aims to assist in writing clearer business documents more efficiently. Easy-to-follow explanations and simple tasks will improve your writing style. You can choose to work on the units that are most relevant to you, or work through the whole book for a full course in business writing.

Bulmer, John. *Updated Economics 2013 Edition: Part A*

Topics: The global economy; Australia's place in the global economy: Case study – China.

Humphreys, Edward (ed.) *Great Speeches: Words That Shaped the World.*

A collection of over 40 for the most powerful and stirring addresses delivered in the English language. Some of the speeches included are: *This was their finest hour speech* by Winston Churchill; Barak Obama's election victory address; Charles I – statement at the trial of Charles Stuart, King of England; Susan B. Anthony's speech on a woman's right to vote; Nelson Mandela's inaugural address; and John F. Kennedy's speech – *Ich bin ein Berliner*.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

Available Apprenticeships/ Traineeships

A range of apprenticeships/traineeships are available in the following areas:

- Housing Industry Association: Carpentry, Joinery and Landscaping. Contact Dorothy Frick on 9978 3370.
- Business Traineeship including the completion of a Certificate III in Business Administration. Contact Josephine Sefo on 137277.
- Extrastaff apprenticeships/traineeships are available in a wide range of career areas. For further information on assessment dates contact Mitchell Price at the Australian Business Apprenticeship Centre on 0407260687.
- Automotive apprenticeships are available from:
 - Apprentices Plus - contact Sarah Saunders on 9891 6900 and
 - WPC Group - for further information contact 1300 760 099.
- Air Conditioning apprenticeships are available for students who have a driver's licence. Email tyron.lawless@talentoptions.com.au for more details.
- Beauty Therapy apprenticeships are available through Ella Rouge. The first step is for students to complete a registration of interest by sending a resume to info@scsc.edu.au
- 1300apprentice and traineeships offer opportunities to students interested in careers in a range of trades and business areas.

2013 Pre Apprenticeship Courses

Hornsby TAFE has two on offer in the following career areas:

- Automotive which entails 20 hours each week for 10 weeks. Interested students should enrol online.

For further information email Gregory.cohen@tafensw.edu.au and

- Construction which is 6 months in duration. Interested students should register online. For further information email Robert.a.brown@tafensw.edu.au

Ultimo TAFE is also offering two pre-apprenticeship courses:

- An 18-week Autobody Vehicle Painting and Panel Beating Course. Enrolment and Information session is on Wednesday 6th February at 9am. Email enquiries to rainer.malkki@tafensw.edu.au and
- Certificate II in Carpentry. Information day and interview/test will take place at 10am on Tuesday 29th January.

University of Sydney Accelerated Courses

Two Board Endorsed Year 11 preliminary courses designed to give high achieving students the opportunity to supplement and extend the HSC curriculum are available to students who are in Year 11 in 2013. The courses are:

- America: Rebels, Heroes and Renegades and
- World Politics

For further information on how to apply email Amelia.trial@sydney.edu.au

New UNSW University Preparation Program

This is designed for students whose ATAR falls below 80 and who have an interest in and the potential to succeed at tertiary studies but who have:

- suffered educational disadvantage
- experienced social disadvantage and/or
- do not possess the required assumed knowledge to gain entry to their required program.

There are four streams in this program that enable entry to the following faculties:

- Arts and Social Sciences

- Australian School of Business
- Engineering
- Science

For more information visit: unsw.edu.au/upp17-20.

UNSW New Degree for 2013 – Bachelor of Science and Business

Alongside studies in a contemporary Science discipline, students study business and management courses. Indicative ATAR is 90.

Macquarie University Current School Leaver Information Evening

This session which will be held on Wednesday 12th December is open to parents and Year 12 students interested in studying at Macquarie University in 2013.

School for Excellence 2013 HSC Head Start Lectures

These will be held at the University of Sydney from 7th – 25th January. To access a timetable log on to www.tsfx.com.au

University Information Days

Academics from all universities will be available at their respective campuses to answer detailed, last-minute questions from prospective students and

their parents on Thursday 3rd January, the day before the deadline for all UAC preferences to be finalised.

Law Office Junior Position

This full-time, 12-month position is available to Year 12 students interested in a career in law. For more details contact Emma Hoolahan at clerk9@windeyerchambers.com.au

Medical Reception Course

This is an ideal opportunity for school leavers looking for a career or wanting part-time work while undertaking tertiary studies. The course can be completed either online or face-to-face. To enrol phone 1300 887 082.

School-based Traineeship Opportunities

These are available Automotive and Beauty to students starting Year 11 in 2013. They involve one day of paid work throughout Year 11 and 12. For further information contact the careers office.

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

Colleen Clarke and Andrew Chisholm
Careers Advisers

COMBINED CHURCHES & KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL



Bicentennial Park, West Pymble

SATURDAY 8th December 2012
from 6.00 pm (Program starts 7.00pm)

Free entry

Bring picnic or buy food there;
farm animals;

sing favourite Carols with big brass band and choir;
stage dancers and singers

Candles at sunset

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"Christmas Carols are the best!"

Bring a picnic rug and nibbles,
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All Saints' Carols on Moore

Be wowed in the gardens of All Saints' by the
Turrumburra Concert Band
(Musical Director Phil Arnold)

and

The Beaumont Road Big Band

With a glow candle for every child,
Enjoy a sausage sizzle from 6:30pm and celebrate
Christmas from 7:30pm.

Sunday 9th December 2012

11 Moore Avenue, Lindfield

ATAR Morning Tea for Year 12 Students

Thursday 20th December 2012
10.30am

Staff Common Room upstairs in A Block.

Come and celebrate with your friends and teachers.