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**Year 7 Parent
Information Evening**
Monday 20th February
6.30pm

in the Kerrabee Theatre

- meet key Year 7 staff members,
- gain information about Year 7 matters and school routines
- socialise and meet other Year 7 parents and members of the KHS P&C.

**DEAS Silver Award
Information Evening**
Wednesday 29th February
at 6pm
C Block Conference Room

Year 7 Camp

Killara High School's newest group of students had barely settled into the routine of high school life before they had to pack their bags and were whisked away to Vision Valley for the school camp.

Students were able to participate in a range of exciting activities, the most popular being ones that involved leaping from platforms into thin air, swinging at high speed while suspended from a rope, or anything that involved getting wet and muddy.

Other activities promoted team-building, cooperative behaviour and problem solving skills. Overall students said that participating in the activities allowed them to gain confidence by completing tasks that took them outside their normal comfort zone. It was most pleasing to see how many students were prepared to assist their peers when they needed help in completing a challenge.

Many students commented that going away to camp gave them the opportunity to get to know their classmates better and that they were able to meet many new friends. Teachers also noted that going away to camp with the students allowed them to appreciate the different abilities students could demonstrate outside a normal school environment.

Year Seven students showed particular enthusiasm when the prefects arrived to run the camp disco. The theme for the evening was "Jungle Fever", and there were plenty of outrageous costumes that created a fantastic atmosphere. Students were able to show the teachers a thing or two about how to move on the dance floor, and after two hours of solid partying everyone was ready to head back to the cabins.

On the second day of camp, the Year 7s were joined by the Year 11 Peer Support leaders. Once again students participated in the program with interest, and found the opportunity to get advice and encouragement from senior students very rewarding.

At the end of camp it was particularly pleasing to hear one of the Vision Valley team members comment that Killara High School students were one of the best behaved and enthusiastic groups that they had seen.

Finally, we would like to say a big thank you to the teachers who gave up their time to come on camp this year. These events could not occur without the dedication of so many teachers who ensure that students at Killara High School enjoy a range of varied and exciting activities to complement their education.

Richard Williams, Year 7 Adviser



Calendar

February 2012

- 16 - DEAS Gold Practice Expedition (4 days)
- 20 - Yr 7 Parent Information Evening and P&C Welcome (Theatre)
- 26 - Grounds Working Bee – 8.15am
- 27 - Zone Swimming Carnival
- 28 - Korean Parents Information Evening – A Block Common Room
- 29 - DEAS Silver Award Information Evening – 6pm – C Block Conference Room

March 2012

- 4 - Yr 11 Jindabyne Camp (5 days)
- 5 - Yr 12 Assessment Block commences
- 9 - DEAS Silver Practice Expedition (3 days)
- 12 - Yr 12 Assessment Block continues
- 13 - Sydney North Swimming Carnival
- 14 - Chinese Parents Information Evening – A Block Common Room
- 21 - Yr 12 Standard English (1 class) – Shoehorn Sonata play – all day
- 27 - DEAS Bronze Award Information Evening – 6pm – C Block Conference Room
- 28 - KHS Cross Country (All Yr 7 plus Yr 8-12 competitors)

April 2012

- 1 - CHS Swimming Carnival (3 days)
- 4 - Performing Arts Ensemble Melbourne Tour (5 days)
- 5 - Last day – Term 1
- 23 - School Development Day
- 24 - First day Term 2 for students
- 25 - Anzac Day Public Holiday
- 26 - Grade Sport semi-finals
- 30 - Yr 10 Assessment Block
- Yr 12 Work Placement – Week 1
- Yr 9 Camp (3 days)
- Yr 7 Vaccinations (HPV and DTPA)

May 2012

- 3 - Grade Sport Finals
- 7 - Yr 12 Work Placement – Week 2
- 11 - DEAS Bronze Practice Expedition (3 days)
- 14 - Zone Cross Country Carnival
- 15 - Naplan – Yrs 7 and 9 (3 days)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Expedition 2012

Gold Award

Practice expedition: Thursday 16th - Sunday 19th February- Urban Challenge

Qualifying Expedition: Thursday 11th - Sunday 14th October Urban Challenge

Silver Award

Information Evening - Wednesday 29th February 2012 - 6pm

Practice expedition: Friday 9th - Sunday 11th March

Qualifying Expedition: Friday 7th - Sunday 9th September

Bronze Award

Information evening - Tuesday 27th March 2012 - 6pm

Practice expedition: Friday 11th - Sunday 13th May

Qualifying Expedition: Saturday 11th - Sunday 12th August

Kelly Johnson, DEAS Coordinator

Performing Arts Ensembles – Coming Events

- Saturday 25th February - 7pm - Northshore Spectacular Chatswood RSL
 - Concert Bands, Stage Bands, String Ensemble and senior soloists.

Come and cheer them on. Tickets available at the door and all proceeds go to the school.

- Friday 9th March – 10.30am - Seniors' Week Turramurra Uniting Church
 - Stage Band

Parents, grandparents and friends most welcome to come along to the start of Seniors' week.

Grounds Working Bee

Waking up on a beautiful Sunday morning and thinking "its Gardening Day at the School"... Do I really want to go? There are a million other things I could be doing with my precious time. But is there???

Make the effort, get out of bed and come along on

Sunday 26th February 2012 commencing at 815am

In a short time, your work can transform a garden bed and make a real difference to the "look and feel" of our school. You don't need any experience, just a bit of enthusiasm and an hour or two of your time. All tools and training provided on the day. It is a fun and easy way to contribute to your school community and morning tea is provided.

Four times a year, once each term, the Grounds Working Bee is held to keep Killara High's gardens looking good. Richard Frith, our valiant parent leader, coordinates the morning. So put the **date in your diary NOW** and come along and meet Richard; don't feel shy and we're sure that you will leave with a smile on your face ☺ !!!

PS - Remember, it is your child's school, so they are more than welcome too.



Killara High State Knockout Teams

Killara High has an excellent tradition in state wide knockout sport. In 2011, Killara finished 4th in the Sydney North Region in overall achievement. Below are the teams which Killara High School has entered for 2012. Also noted are the likely coaches of those teams as well as the date by which the first round is to be played.

If you have any questions in regards to this information, please feel free to contact either Mr Petkovski or Mr Bruckshaw in the PDHPE staffroom on 9498 3722.

Sport	Coach	Date of First Round
Softball - Girls Opens	Ms J Downes	2/3 v H Kendall/Wyong
AFL - Boys 15s	Mr D Smith	5/4 v Asquith B
Cricket - Boys Opens	Mr D James	24/2 v Killarney Hts
Basketball - Boys Opens	Mr D Smith	29/2 v Mosman
Basketball - Girls Opens	Mr M Mulready	29/2 v Ku Ring Gai
Volleyball - Boys Opens	Mr A Bruckshaw	24/2 v Cherrybrook
Volleyball - Girls Opens	Mr A Bruckshaw	9/3 v Ryde/Killarney Hts
Touch - Boys Opens	Mr A Bruckshaw	2/3 v Randwick B
Touch - Girls Opens	Mr S Brinckley	17/2 v Chatswood
Soccer - Boys Opens	Mr G Petkovski	30/3 v Cromer
Soccer - Girls Opens	Mr G Petkovski	9/3 v Marsden
Netball - Boys Opens	Ms N Gartner	TBA
Netball - Girls Opens	Ms N Gartner	1/5 v Riverside G/Carlo
Netball - Girls 15s	Ms N Gartner	26/10 v Riverside G/Carlo
Table Tennis - Mixed Opens	Ms R Berghofer	26/3 v Asquith G
Tennis - Boys Opens	Ms N Gartner	2/3 v Nth Sydney B
Tennis - Girls Opens	Ms N Gartner	23/3 v Killarney Hts
Soccer - Boys 15s	Mr B Costantini	TBA
Soccer - Girls 15s	Mr B Costantini	TBA
Basketball - Boys 15s	Mr T Williams	27/7 v Bris Water/Wadalba
Basketball - Girls 15s	Mr O Wood	6/8 v Asquith G
Futsal - Boys Opens	Mr B Costantini	TBA
Futsal - Girls Opens	Mr B Costantini	TBA
Futsal - Boys 15s	Mr B Costantini	TBA
Futsal - Girls 15s	Mr B Costantini	TBA

PDHPE Program

As part of the Year 7 – 10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education curriculum, the PDHPE staff aim to enable your child to develop positive attitudes which will allow them to lead a healthy lifestyle. As they mature your children will be required to make decisions about the lifestyle they wish to adopt. We believe they should make these decisions based on sound knowledge. PDHPE staff will address some sensitive issues in lessons during the year. The depth of content and the amount and type of information given will be appropriate to each particular year group. These issues will include:

- Sexuality, puberty and menstruation
- Sexual health, contraception and sexually transmitted infections

- Relationships and the uses of power in a relationship
- Diversity, discrimination, harassment and vilification
- Child protection and protective strategies
- Decision making and communication
- Drug use
- Challenges and opportunities
- Accessing and assessing health information, products and services.

All programmed units are based on the mandatory Year 7–10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus, developed by the NSW Board of Studies. This newsletter notice is to advise parents that these issues will be discussed in classes. Parents may wish to prepare for questions that may result from these lessons. Parents may ask

that their children be withdrawn from classes involving such discussions.

Parents with questions or concerns in regard to the content of the program or the information presented should contact Mr A Bruckshaw, Relieving Head Teacher PDHPE ON 9498-3722, email adam.bruckshaw@det.nsw.edu.au.

Drama

2012 promises to be another busy year for Drama at Killara High School. We are starting the year off with a bang, with a night of laughs and fun promised as Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Drama compete for the inaugural **Killara Theatresports Competition**. The best performers overall will then compete in the Improv Australia Inter-School Theatresport competition in Term 2. Please come and support our students on Monday 27th February at 7.30pm in the Kerrabee Theatre.

The Junior Drama Ensemble has started meeting Tuesday afternoons from 3.15-4.15 in the Theatre. Students in Years 7 and 8 are invited to attend, and

need to obtain a permission form from Mr Purchas in the English staffroom. They will learn basic improvisation and performance skills, culminating in a group performance at the end of the semester.

Year 12 Drama recently went to Onstage, the best of the HSC Drama Individual and Group Projects from 2011. Our students were impressed with the standard of performance and are excited about working on developing their selected projects. There will be a performance evening in Term 3 prior to their practical HSC exams- stay tuned for more details.

Renee Lane, Drama Teacher

Come and see Year 9, 10, 11 and 12 Drama
battle it out in the Killara Theatresports Competition!



When: Monday 27th February 2012

Time: 7:30pm - 9pm (approx)

Where: Kerrabee Theatre

ENTRY: GOLD COIN DONATION

» HSC De-Stresser «

Please join us for a Cocktail Party for **Year 12 Parents**

Catch up with other parents for a chat & drink!

Date: **24th March 2012**

Venue: **Carol & John Eklund's home**

Time: **7:30 pm; byo drinks & food to share**

RSVP: By 17th March to **Nalini (0402 059 359)**



This Week from the SJC...

In 2011, the Social Justice Committee (SJC) managed to complete numerous projects to raise awareness for causes such as violence against women and the global fight against HIV/AIDS. We also raised money and organised Christmas Hampers for the Salvation Army. This involved organising home groups to donate various goods that were then wrapped and collected. In all, 45 hampers were created and distributed to families throughout Sydney thanks to the generosity of the school community.

This term we have made some changes to the SJC, including writing a column in the school newsletter (the one you're reading right now!), weekly announcements, posters, and increased use of the electronic boards. We will also hold a monthly open SJC meeting on the last Tuesday of every month in

the Conference room at lunchtime. We are hoping that this will allow student ideas to be heard and hopefully we will be able to implement some of these in the future. Our first open meeting will be Tuesday 28th February and everyone is welcome.

A major campaign this term will focus on respect and diversity within the Killara student community. It's still in the planning stages. Broadly, the idea is *not* to tell people what to think or believe, but to inform about the impact of our words or actions and, hopefully, to *remind us to think* about what we say before we say it.

Let's make 2012 an even better year for social justice both within and beyond Killara.

Olivia Cary, SJC President

Parent Information Night Invitation for Korean Parents

NSW Department of Education and Communities
Northern Region

Please join us for this useful information night.

Interpreter will be present on the night.

**6.30pm – 8pm
Tuesday, 28th February 2012**

A Block Staff Common Room

Topics for the night include:

- NSW Education system
- Expectations of parents and students at Killara High School
- Subject choice

Refreshment will be provided.

RSVP: 9498 3722 (Killara HS) **or**

9987 3935 (NSW Department of Education and Communities), **or**

Please send tear slip below to the school by Friday,
24th February.

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Korean Parents Information Night

I will be attending the Information Night on Tuesday
28th February 2012.

Family Name _____

Child's name _____

Academic year _____

Number of people attending _____

NSW 교육부 북부 시드니 교육구청 주관
유익한 정보의 밤에 꼭 참가 하시기
바랍니다
통역관이 참석 합니다

2012 년 2 월 28 일

화요일

오후 6 시 30 분- 오후 8 시

교직원 휴게실

Killara High School
Koola Ave, Killara 2071

강연 내용

‘NSW 교육제도’

‘Killara 고등학교에서는

학부모님과 학생들이 무엇을 하도록 기대하는가’
‘과목선택’

가벼운 간식이 제공 됩니다.

참석여부를 9498 3722 (Killara 고등학교),

9987 3935 (교육부)로 전화 하시거나,

아래의 양식을 2 월 24 일까지 학교로 보내 주십시오.

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저는 2 월 28 일의 행사에 참석 하겠습니다

I will be attending the Information Night on Tuesday
28th February 2012.

Name(성함)_____

Child's name(자녀이름)_____

Academic year (학년)_____

Number of people attending (참석자 수)_____

Stage 4 Report

Welcome to what is already another busy and exciting year at Killara High School. A big welcome to all our new Year 7 students and their families and we hope that this is the beginning of an exciting, positive and interesting journey for you all as you face some challenges, enjoy new experiences and take advantage of the opportunities that Killara offers both this year and during the next five. Remember that there are lots of people to help you, both students and parents, including Year Advisers (for Year 7, Mr Richard Williams and Ms Catherine Berry), Stage Head Teacher, Deputy Principal (for Year 7 – Ms Liesl Williamson), Head Teacher Welfare, Ms Jane Rountree, School Counsellors, homegroup teachers and class teachers.

A reminder to Year 7 parents of the **Year 7 Parent Information evening** on Monday 20th February at 6.30pm in the Kerrabee Theatre. Parents, please take this opportunity to meet key Year 7 staff members, to gain information about Year 7 matters and school routines, to ask questions and afterwards to socialise for a short while and meet other parents and members of the KHS P&C.

We look forward to meeting as many parents as possible on this informative and pleasant evening.

What's been happening so far in 2012?

We've had the **Swimming Carnival** where participation was great and several records broken – well done! Special mention goes to Sarah Parker (Year 7) who bravely volunteered to be a member of the senior girls' relay team for her sporting house – well done, Sarah!

We've had the school photographs, Technology Access Agreement forms, Special Religious Education, dance auditions, tennis coaching, competitions, assemblies and more! The highlight for Year 7 has probably been **the Camp**, where a lot of fun was had by students and teachers, fears overcome, challenges met, new experiences had and new friends made.

A big thank you goes to our Year 12 Prefects and our Year 11 Peer Support leaders for their time given and effort at the Camp – a great "jungle" disco, and an excellent first session of Peer Support.

For all Stage 4 there have been lots of new lessons, new teachers and new opportunities and challenges.

I remind all parents that every Stage 4 student has been issued with a **School Diary**. Diaries are to be used and brought to school every day. Parents, please help us to help our students be organized and manage their time, meet deadlines for homework, tasks, etc., by insisting on diary use. Please check your child's diary as we will be.

A reminder about school uniform. We are a uniform school and while we are addressing the need for some changes (have you completed the survey?), please assist us by insisting that your child is wearing the uniform correctly every day and show our shared pride in Killara High School.

Be and do your best and "*All the statistics in the world can't measure the warmth of a smile*" (by Chris Hart) – share yours!!

Julie Phelan, Head Teacher Stage 4

"U Turn the Wheel" (RYDA Road Safety Education Program)

Year 11 students will attend the RYDA Program on **Tuesday 21st February 2012**. The venue for the Program is at the HART (Honda Advanced Roadcraft Training Centre) Mona Vale Road, (opposite St Ives Showground).

During the RYDA Program, students will take part in six interactive sessions on a broad range of road safety topics including hazard perception, stopping distances, fatigue, experiences from crash survivors, ramifications of traffic offences and vehicle safety.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Youth Advisory Group on Cybersafety (YAG)

Students are invited to participate in an online consultation program - the Australian Government's Youth Advisory Group (YAG) on Cybersafety – 2012.

Internet and mobile technologies have created substantial benefits for young people, but they also expose them to a number of potential dangers, such as cyber-bullying or coming into contact with prohibited or offensive material. The Government is working to increase the cybersafety of Australian children and is seeking advice from them about cybersafety issues and their online experiences.

The YAG was launched by the Minister for Broadband, Communications and the Digital Economy, Senator the Hon Stephen Conroy, in May 2009 and has been an excellent source of information and advice to Government on many cybersafety issues including cyberbullying, sexting and online privacy. The Cybersafety Help Button and the Easy Guide to Socialising Online, which were recently launched by the Prime Minister, are both innovative cybersafety tools that were developed as a result of the advice of the YAG.

The Cybersafety help button can be found at www.dbcde.gov.au/helpbutton and the Easy Guide can be found at www.dbcde.gov.au/easyguide.

As a member of the YAG, your students would be part of up to 3,000 students from around Australia who would play a key role in developing Australia's cybersafety policy and programs. Students in your school may also have the opportunity to come to Canberra to participate in a Cybersafety Summit in June 2012. Community consultation is a key approach used by

governments to inform policy development and to test the effectiveness of government programs.

Please visit the YAG website <https://yaggovau> for more information.

**Kerrie Westcott, Manager,
Cybersafety Programs Section
Department of Broadband, Communications
and Digital Economy, Australian Government**

From the Library

2012 is the National Year of Reading!

The Lion Library wants to open up to our students a new competition that has a prize at the end for the best *Powerpoint* presentation (2 slides), promoting a particular book they have enjoyed reading! Their presentations will be displayed on the screens around the school. Would your child like to be involved in this competition? Speak to one of the Teacher-Librarians - Ms Jones or Ms Campbell, about this new project!

Many readers around Australia have voted for the book that they thought should represent each state or territory as one of the eight on the National Recommended Reading List for 2012. The list of eight winning titles and the start of Australia's biggest book group for the national Year of Reading will be announced at the launch of the campaign on 14th February 2012.

The shortlist is available on the national year of Reading website – www.love2read.org.au

The Sydney Morning Herald is now available online for all year 11 and 12 students – FREE!

What you can access:

- Up-to-date news and information as provided by *The Sydney Morning Herald*
- Access all hours to Digital Education of *The Sydney Morning Herald*
- HSC Study Guide and more

Here's how:

- Type **smh smartpass for hsc** into a search engine such as Google
- Year 11 and 12 students must use their DET login for your password. You also will need your Student Number provided by the Board of Studies

New non-fiction:

Connolly, Sean; *Insurance (World Economy Explained Series)*

Doctor Who: The Official Annual 2012

Dodgshun, Graham [and others]; *Cookery for the Hospitality Industry*

Fleming, Justin; *Stage lines: Writing Scripts for The Stage*

Green, Jen; *Reducing Pollution and Waste*

Green, Jen; *Sustaining our Natural Resources*

Guillain, Charlotte; *101 Ways to Get in Shape*

Harrison, Ian; *The Book of Inventions: The Stories Behind the Inventions and Inventors of the Modern World*

Hill, Frank Ernest (translator) and Burne-Jones, Edward and Morris, William (illustrators); *The Complete Canterbury Tales: Geoffrey Chaucer*

Langley, Andrew; *Bridging the Energy Gap*

MasterChef Australia Volume Two: The Cookbook

Mattison, Chris; *Frogs and Toads*

Senker, Cath; *Privacy and Surveillance*

Sullivan, Bruce and Francis, Steve; *Attitude is Everything*

Sutherland, Adam; *APPLE: The Story Behind the Iconic Business*

The Usborne Encyclopedia of World History

Vickers, Rebecca; *101 Ways to be Smart About Money*

Vickers, Rebecca; *Promoting Health, Preventing Disease*

Some Teacher-Librarian recommendations:

I am Sam [DVD]

Sam Dawson [played by Sean Penn] is a developmentally disabled adult who has been singularly raising his daughter, Lucy, for all of her seven years. Sam provides a fun and loving environment for Lucy, but it soon becomes apparent that she is intellectually surpassing him. When she begins intentionally stunting her own growth so as not to hurt her beloved father, a social worker intervenes, removing Lucy from her home and placing her in foster care. It is now up to the courts to decide if Sam is fit to continue raising Lucy. As the day of the hearing looms, Sam seeks the aid of a lawyer, who only agrees to take on Sam's case free of charge to save face with her colleagues. And so it begins: a battle of love versus ability, the individual against an unbending system. In the centre remains a father and daughter who just want to be together. Also stars Michelle Pfeiffer and Dakota Fanning.

Rodriguez, Deborah; *The Little Coffee Shop of Kabul*
In a little coffee shop in one of the most dangerous places on earth, five very different women come together: *Sunny* – the proud proprietor, who needs an ingenious plan – and fast – to keep her care and

customers safe; *Yasmina* – a young pregnant woman stolen from her remote village and now abandoned on Kabul's violent streets; *Isobel* – a determined journalist with a secret that might keep her from the biggest story of her life; *Candace* – a wealthy American who has finally left her husband for her Afghan lover the enigmatic Wakil; and *Halajan* – the sixty-year-old den mother whose long-hidden love affair breaks all the rules.

Plus:

Falconer, Ron; *Together Alone*
Gold, Alan; *The Pirate Queen*
Marriott, Zoe; *Shadows on the Moon*
Shaffer, Mary Ann and Barrows, Annie; *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society*
Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

Killara West Pymble Junior Rugby Club

Play Rugby

For Boys and Girls – Age 5 to Opens

Register now online: www.kwprugby.com

All ages and experience welcome

Kick Off 2012

Meet and greet for players and parents

Saturday 18th February

3pm – 5pm

Lofberg Oval, West Pymble

See website for more details

The Golden Kangaroos (Hornsby Concert Band)

The Golden Kangaroos (Hornsby Concert Band) is starting up a new beginners' band for adults and children with little or no previous musical experience at Cheltenham on Mondays 6-7pm

If you have always wanted to learn an instrument (brass, woodwind or percussion), or your child is unable to take advantage of the school music program due to other commitments, call Annette for details 9868 3289

New members of all ages with more experience are also welcome in our other concert, stage and marching bands www.gksorgau

Problems hearing in the classroom?



The National Acoustic Laboratories, a world-leading research facility, is currently investigating the efficacy of screening test for early identification of **Central Auditory Processing Disorder (CAPD)**. CAPD is the result of a breakdown in the hearing process. One of the biggest problems experienced by individuals with CAPD is difficulty listening in background noise.

If anyone in your family and friends aged between 6 to 60 years, have concerns about their ability to understand speech in background noise and would like to participate in the research study, please contact Sujita Kanthan on 9412 6844 or at SujitaKanthan@nalgovau, or Anna Kania on 9412 6861 or at AnnaKania@nalgovau.

This research study has approval from the Australian Hearing Ethics Committee.

Scenes from the Year 7 Camp

