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## Did You Know ...?

**Lauren Stern (Year 12 2011)** has been awarded a scholarship to the value of \$6000 from the University of Sydney.

**Rory Wilson (Year 10)** successfully auditioned and awarded a place in the Sydney Youth Jazz Orchestra program. This is a marvellous achievement as he was selected from auditions that were open to any musician in the greater Sydney region aged twenty or under.

## Keeping Abreast of the Public Debate on the Future of Education and Schooling

With the release of My School data and the Report on School Funding prepared by Mr Gonski there has been considerable public debate about education and how to achieve quality schooling opportunities for more young people in the decades ahead of us.

While far from perfect Killara High School is doing well relative to most other schools in this state and the nation. The children enrolled at Killara are thus advantaged. The opportunities before young people at Killara are not easily matched, and to their credit our students take advantage of these opportunities, generously supported by parents and families with the means to do so.

While we may appreciate the quality of our students' work that is brought forth by many dedicated and hard-working staff and the application of the students themselves, the school is not complacent. This year we are dedicating significant resources to the development of literacy skills across all Key Learning Areas with the English faculty taking the lead in this. The P&C has allocated more than \$40 000 this year to assist the school in this strategic goal. (Refer to our school plan 2012-14 at <https://edit.pws.det.nsw.edu.au/documents/3148203/3155406/KHS%20School%20Management%20Plan%202012%20FINAL%20Targets.pdf>). Ms Diprose will be reporting on initiatives to date at the next P&C meeting and articles will appear in this newsletter as well.

Additionally the school has allocated resources to address the needs of a group of Stage 6 students who are not seeking an ATAR at the end of Year 12 but who wish to remain at school to gain a Higher School Certificate. Work Studies has been added to the curriculum pattern for these students and Mr Travis Williams has been engaged for several hours per week to provide mentoring and after hours tutorial support to a number of students in Years 11 and 12. Success and a sense of achievement at school are critical to maximizing students' post school options. There are many more paths to that sense of success, engagement and achievement than an ATAR and offer of prestigious course places at university. Ms Colleen Clarke, Ms Fiona Massey and Ms Rosemary Brown have been instrumental in ensuring that all students have opportunities to experience success at this school.

Daily as we splash along rain soaked paths to demountable classrooms populating our Jubilee oval, or jostle for parking somewhere near the school or struggle to get a seat on a bus, we encounter frustrating aspects of life at Killara. But let's remember that they are relatively 'good' problems that challenge us. A letter to the editor in the Sydney Morning Herald on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February reminds readers that there are whole communities that would probably willingly trade places. The correspondent reflecting on the My School data released to the public this week, wrote:

*As I expected, my old primary school, Dubbo West Public, achieved results that placed it in the lowest 0.5 per cent. Along with the Brewarrinas, the Bourkes, the Daretons, the Coonambles, the Walgetts, Warrens and Wilcannias, Dubbo West Primary has trundled along at the bottom of the pile for at least the past 60 years, when I enrolled there. (Cont)*

## Calendar

### 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
- 19 - Kofu Commercial High School visit
- 21 - Yr 12 Standard English (1 class) –  
Shoehorn Sonata play – all day
- P&C Meeting – 8pm – A Block  
Common Room
- 22 - Yr 11 Mock Interview Preparation  
Seminar (P1)
- 27 - DEAS Bronze Award Information  
Evening – 6pm – C Block Conference  
Room
- Yr 11 Mock Interview Program (all  
day)
- 28 - KHS Cross Country (All Yr 7 plus Yr  
8-12 competitors)
- 29 - Yr 10 Geography Incursion

### April 2012

- 1 - CHS Swimming Carnival (3 days)
- 4 - Performing Arts Ensemble  
Melbourne Tour (5 days)
- Motivational Media (Yrs 7 and 11 –  
P1; Yr 10 – P2)
- 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
- 4 - Yr 7 Geography Excursion (half of  
Year 8)
- 7 - Yr 12 Work Placement – Week 2
- 11 - DEAS Bronze Practice Expedition (3  
days)
- PAE North Shore High Schools  
Music Spectacular Finals Concert
- 14 - Zone Cross Country Carnival
- Yr 11 Biology Excursion/Assessment  
– Bobbin Head
- 15 - Naplan – Yrs 7 and 9 (3 days)

*Sixty years is a long time to hold your breath thinking something might change for the better.*

*The common link between all these locations is large Aboriginal populations and entrenched disadvantage.*

*If 60 years of school education has not alleviated the problems confronted by these Australians then it is high time that some new educational approaches were tried - in earnest. Or are they going to continue to be fobbed off with bureaucratic activities like the Gonski Review that deals only with school-based funding inequality? If we fail to adopt some other approaches to education in these communities, my old primary school will be at the bottom of the pile for another 60 years.*

The letter's heading "Schools' real need is for fresh thinking" summed it up. Quite aside from the perennial private vs public school funding debate, we should avoid replicating the status quo wherein students attending schools like Killara HS (and our private school neighbours) continue to benefit, while young people growing up in less advantaged areas of the state miss out on the same opportunities. For example, if you are a young person in Menindee or Brewarrina, the uninterrupted access to experienced HSC teachers and the 'corporate knowledge' in staffrooms and classrooms that we tend to take for granted at Killara, just doesn't exist. As Dr Lyndsay Connors observed recently, children and young people usually get 'one shot' at school education. If the opportunities aren't equal then we must all accept responsibility for some 'fresh thinking'.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## InTech 2012

**Jason Zhao (Year 12 2011)** has had his Industrial Technology major work selected for display in InTech 2012. The InTech display will be held at the Timber and Working with Wood Show, Moore Park Precinct, on 15<sup>th</sup>-17<sup>th</sup> June 2012.

As reported in our Newsletter of 15<sup>th</sup> December 2011 Jason's Visual Arts major work was selected for ArtExpress 2012.

## Where Are They Now ...?

**George Bryan (Year 12 2008)**, joined the navy almost 2 years ago. He has been chosen to represent the Navy at the Anzac Ceremonies at Gallipoli this year, one of the two boys the Navy is sending. George is very much enjoying the Navy. He signed up for a 4 year term as an Able Seaman and so far he has been based in Canberra and has spent a few months at sea on the patrol boats working out of Darwin. Upon returning from Gallipoli he will be assigned to HMAS Parramatta.

**Claire Bryan (Year 12 2010)** has spent a gap year in Europe teaching sailing during their summer, traveling and visiting relatives. She will shortly commence her undergraduate degree (Commerce with Liberal Studies) at the University of NSW.

## Second Copy of Reports to Parents

If you are not residing with your child and would like to receive an emailed copy of his/her report each semester, please contact the school's office on 9498 3722 or email the school ([killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au)) and leave your email address.

# KHS Swimming Carnival 2012

The KHS carnival held on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February at Lane Cove pool was awash with sunshine and record crowds. This year 11 individual records were broken and 2 relay records broken in the same race. This year boys dominated the records. The carnival also saw us get a chance to run the relays and finish the day with a staff versus leadership teams. Congratulations to all competitors and all record breakers. The carnival was a great success.

The following swimmers broke records on the day:

**Mark Sahin**, 16 yrs - 200m Freestyle 2.149.95 and 200m Individual Medley 2.40.65

**Brian Ngan**, 17yrs – 200m Freestyle 2.13.84

**Alicia Walker**, 14 yrs – 200m Individual Medley 2.46.92, 50 m Freestyle 29.84 and 100m Freestyle 1.04.82

**Ella Gibson**, 16yrs – 200m Individual Medley 2.43.32

**Joshua Marsh**, 14yrs – 50m Backstroke 33.25

**Yushin Watanabe**, 15yrs – 50m Breaststroke 36.04

**Brandon Marsh**, 15yrs – 50m Butterfly 31.97

**Brianna Sims**, 17yrs – 100m Freestyle 1.04.79

Caringa - junior relay – 2.17.95

Kimba - junior relay – 2.15.34

## The Age Champions are

	Boys	Girls
12 years	<b>Felix Bowes</b>	<b>Leah Jennings</b>
13 years	<b>Rhys Tirado</b>	<b>Ami Watanabe</b>
14 years	<b>Joshua Marsh</b>	<b>Alicia Walker</b>
15 years	<b>Brandon Marsh</b>	<b>Michaela Zipkis</b>
16 years	<b>Mark Sahin</b>	<b>Clare Young</b>
17 years	<b>Brian Ngan</b>	<b>Brianna Sims</b>

Congratulations to Kimba on winning the overall house points, they were closely followed by Caringa, Doongara and Mundara.



## Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Qualifying Expedition

During the summer holidays 18 year 12 students embarked on their final Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Qualifying Expedition. Mr Mitchell and Elaine Cary helped organise the hike with assistance from Suzy Bekkedahl and Georgie Barron. The exploration commenced on Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> January and finished on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> January. We camped on a beautiful farm near Topi-Topi in Bulahdelah on the mid north coast. It was luxury we had running water and a pit toilet!!



As we only had 9 days to organise the expedition we quickly realised a different set of skills were being tested for this hike. We had to work as a team, planning, organising and shopping for every meal. We were split into small groups where we had to arrange transport, weather reports, and historical information about the area, flora and fauna reports, cooking rosters and of course ensure our map reading and navigation skills were spot on. The teamwork paid off and after long days of walking we enjoyed gourmet style meals expertly cooked by our



own fair hands, a game of croquet on the lawn and thanks to Mr Mitchell we learnt a new card game called "mafia". Suzy introduced us to 'geo-caching' and we all managed to find the hidden treats.

We sheltered from the heat in derelict churches, saw amazing wildlife and scenery, and met some lively local people who took pride in showing us around their properties. They were all interested in what we were doing and encouraged us to come back and explore the area again.

Our final morning was an early 5 am start. We had to pack up our tents and the basecamp and walk through the countryside to catch our bus at 7:40. The 5k downhill walk was a great way to wake up and reflect on our achievements.

Thank you Mr Mitchell and Elaine Cary for all your support and guidance during the exploration, we all appreciated having the chance to finish our final gold hike before getting back to school.

**Olivia and Matthew Cary and Caro Derkenne, Year 12**

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## » HSC De-Stresser «

Please join us for a Cocktail Party for Year 12 Parents

Catch up with other parents for a chat & drink!

Date: **24<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

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

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

RSVP: By 17<sup>th</sup> March to **Nalini (0402 059 359)**



# Killara High School P&C 2012

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## **Vale Mervyn Riddle OAM 1922-2012 former Principal Beaumont Rd PS**

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Mr Mervyn Desmond Riddle OAM passed away on the 30<sup>th</sup> January 2012. Mr Riddle was a regular guest of Killara High School and will be remembered by many students and staff of Killara as the Roseville RSL Sub-Branch representative at our ANZAC Day and Remembrance Day ceremonies each year. Mr Riddle joined the 21<sup>st</sup> Australian Field Company when he turned 21. He trained on the Atherton Tableland in 1944 and in 1945 took part in the 7<sup>th</sup> Division landings against the Japanese at Balikpapan, Borneo. He was demobilised in August 1946 and returned to his teaching career that had been interrupted by his war service.

More than a few parents and grandparents of current students will also remember Mr Riddle as the Principal of Beaumont Road Public School in the early 1970s. When health permitted Mr Riddle attended the annual awards ceremonies at

Beaumont Road PS as a special guest presenting an award for sporting achievement.

Mr Riddle served the community throughout his career as teacher and principal in public schools, his work as secretary of the Roseville RSL Sub-Branch for many decades and his service to the Roseville Lodge. Mr Riddle was a long serving member of the Legacy Club of Chatswood and acted as a Legatee for many war widows and their dependents. He is remembered fondly by many as a kind, generous gentleman with as much spring in his step as he could muster and a ready smile. Mr Riddle took great joy in his associations with local schools and the young people who welcomed him each year.

Thanks to Mr Mike Askey, President Roseville RSL Sub-Branch for his assistance in forwarding a copy of the eulogy delivered at Merv's funeral in February.  
**Mark Carter, Principal**

## Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Expedition

On Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> February, 42 Year 11 students assembled in A block to begin their Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Practice Journey. We split up into three groups of fourteen and were assigned different roles in the group such as leader, navigator and welfare officer.



Our hike began at the Hawkesbury River where we tackled an incline for the first 7 kilometres, continuing flat for some relief before ascending down to Cowan station. Upon reaching Cowan station, all hot and bothered, we were all devastated to hear that there was another 6.5km before we reached our campsite for the first night, the Cross lands. It was a relatively easy downhill leg of the trip and we arrived at the campsite feeling very accomplished. We then set up our tents and had a very satisfying dinner.



A restless night saw us waking up at 5am to beat the heat of the day as today saw us conquering Galston Gorge. Upon reaching the summit, we were all glad to hear that we had covered 8km before 10am. Not only did this mean arriving at the campsite early, but it also meant arriving at Gordon station at 2pm, rather than the expected 4pm – beating the school rush. A bus ride later, we arrived at Narrabeen BIG4 Holiday Park. We were all super excited as not only did we get to go for a swim in the lake, but we also got to have a shower!

After freshening up, we sent our treasurer and caterer off to the shops to purchase the night's ingredients for the master chef challenge. After an hour and a half of waiting they finally returned and the cooking began. After what seemed like a small lifetime, we were finally able to sit down and enjoy the 17 steaks that Rashna had purchased. With the judges being Mr. Brinckley, Dr Carter and Mr Mitchell, group 1 came out victorious. As our group leader Dee put it, we had had bought a whole cow to win the competition. After dinner we headed back to our tents before collapsing, exhausted, into bed.



Saturday was another early start. We caught the bus to the spit bridge, where we grudgingly started the 12km walk to Manly Wharf. Another battle of the uphill faced us, but it was all worth it when we reached the top of the headland where we welcomed the breeze and breathtaking views. We started the descent to Manly Wharf and when we finally made it, we sprinted to the water, aching muscles forgotten about.



After finally leaving the water we began our next challenge, the scavenger hunt. With "obscenities" on the list that had us walking aimlessly around Manly for about 30 minutes, we managed to scrape together 33 of the 34 items on the list.

We then boarded the ferry that would take us to Cockatoo Island, where we would be staying that night. That night we had to board another ferry to take us to China Town, where we would have to haggle for dinner as the budget we were given would not suffice.

After setting up the tents and catching the ferry we arrived in China Town. While the rest of the group was told to stay put, Rashna, Kate and Anja set out to look for a place to take us and an hour later we were seated and ready for a meal.

A good feed later we were back on the ferry taking us back to Cockatoo Island. Earlier that day Benedict our webmaster had printed off the next set of instructions, which was a set of riddles outlining where we needed to go the next day. After figuring them out we all clambered off to bed and collapsed straight away.

Sunday morning saw all three groups waking up at the same time to all catch the first ferry out. Upon arriving at Circular Quay we began our hunt around the city, looking for historical monuments and their inscriptions.

At the end of the hunt we reached the final destination of Watsons Bay where we spent every last cent of our budget on the famous Doyle's fish and chips. After sharing our final goodbyes with our group leaders, we went home for a refreshing shower and good night's sleep.

All in all, it was an excellent experience as well as a fun four days away with friends.

Special thanks to Mr Brinkley and Mr Mitchell for giving up their weekends to walk and camp with the students.

**Sabina Bertuzzi, Anja Sauer and Thea Margali, Year 11**

## Grounds Working Bee – Thank You

Our sincere thanks go to the parents and students who generously gave their time on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> February. It is greatly appreciated.

Mulching of gardens and tidying up around the grounds and in particular adjacent to high traffic areas of the school has lifted the quality of the amenity.

Gardens planted nearly ten years ago, because of ongoing maintenance such as that provided last Sunday, are now well established. A comparison with the grounds as they appear in photos from 2001 and earlier, reveals a transformation.

A large contingent of students, as young as Year 7 but particularly from Years 11 and 12 was full of vigour in very warm and humid conditions. The mums and dads were very glad of their youthful energy. Thanks go to Richard Frith, coordinator,

along with his team of volunteers; Staff: Liesl Williamson; parents: Neil Macintyre, KwonHee Han, Rick Stern, Mike McLeod, Le-Anne Pon, Michael Teh, Julia Churcher, Chao-Hsiang Wang, Paul Fien, David Jordan, Anton Lubbers (Snr), Akiko and Julian Ledger, Liz Holden, Kym Scollay, Nick Macoun, Nick Logothetis and Caet Peterson. It was particularly pleasing to see the following students, Fraser Macintyre (Year 7), Q-Ho Han, Stephen Scollay (Year 8), Q-One Han (Year 9), Anja Sauer, Estella Holden, Tim Scollay (Year 11), Caro Derkenne, James Powell, Brian Lee, Esteban Mora, Mitch Hansen, Katharine Tame, Skye Jamieson, Niki Hornsby, Tim Hand, Nick Peterson (Year 12) and Mia Peterson (future Year 7) helping out on Sunday. Thank you to all.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## KHS Knitting Club

We have now completed our second rug for the ABC's 'Wrapped with Love' program for homeless and disadvantaged people. We already have almost enough squares for a third one!

**Who? When?** All students are welcome to join us at lunchtime on Tuesdays in the Library. We are making 25cm x 25cm squares (cast on 50 stitches) and donations of squares made at home 8 ply wool, size 8 needles are greatly appreciated.

We plan to present our rugs to the ABC in August at their annual 'Knit-In'. (If you can't knit we can teach you!)

**Julie Phelan (Head Teacher Stage 4) and the Knitters**



## Getting to and from Killara High School by Bus

Getting to and from school can be a concern for many parents and carers, particularly those with children in Year 7 and others new to the school. Many of the children eligible for a free Travel Pass have already received their passes, however some students are still waiting for their passes and these will be issued promptly upon receipt from the relevant bus company. Students who have applied for a term Travel Pass should receive their passes by mail at their home addresses. A condition of travel on Shorelink Buses is that students comply with the Code of Conduct (see pages 13 and 14).

Unfortunately some bus services are crowded. Students need to catch the correct bus rather than an alternate bus service. Students should be ready to board buses with their passes visible. Year 7 passengers are to board the bus first. Students wishing to pay for bus travel will need to wait until all students with passes board the bus. It may be the

case that there is insufficient room on the bus for paying students. For this reason students should consider using the regular 556 bus service between East Killara and Lindfield Station (please see next pages for bus services).

### Year 12 Students

Students with classes scheduled to start at 7:30am are advised to catch the 556 Shorelink bus from Lindfield Station which leaves at 6:48am.

There are teachers on duty to assist students leaving school in the afternoon. Student should seek assistance from these teachers if they are unable to board a bus or miss a bus. If for any reason a student cannot board a bus or has missed a bus, he or she should report to Reception where other arrangements will be made for their safe travel home. The safety and wellbeing of our students is a priority.

## Code of Conduct on Shorelink Buses

- **Behave safely at all times.**
- **Respect the needs and comfort of other passengers.**
- **Behave appropriately at all times**
- **Protect bus property and report any vandalism.**
- **Follow the driver's instructions regarding safety on the bus**
- **No smoking on the bus at ANY time.**
- **No eating or drinking on the bus (except with permission from the driver).**
- **Keep arms, legs and other body parts inside the bus.**
- **Only attract the driver's attention in the case of an emergency.**

If you have questions about bus travel, please contact the school or Transdev Shorelink Buses in one of the following ways:

- **By telephone:** 9457 8888 between 8am and 5pm
- **By facsimile:** 9457 9086
- **By post:** PO Box 138, Mt Kuring-gai NSW 2080
- **By e-mail:** [info@shorelink.com.au](mailto:info@shorelink.com.au)
- **By visiting:** 33 Beaumont Road, Mt Kuring-gai NSW 2080
- **For timetable information:** 131 500

## The Vaccination Schedule for 2012

Vaccinations will be conducted for Years 7 and 10 in 2012. Students will be issued with permission forms one week prior to vaccination and will be asked to return them prior to the date for administration and organisation. No vaccination is permitted without a permission form signed by parents/carers.

A card will be returned to students to be kept with personal records. The school does not maintain a register of student vaccinations.

The dates for vaccination are determined by Northern Region Area Health and the school does not have any flexibility in the delivery of vaccinations.

Some vaccinations have multiple doses, and must be timed appropriately so if the sequence is not maintained then it may be necessary to go to a GP for the course to be concluded.

### Dates for Vaccination

- 30<sup>th</sup> April - Year 7 - HPV and DTPA
- 7<sup>th</sup> May - Year 7 - Hep B and DTPA (continued)
- 23<sup>rd</sup> July - Year 7 - Dose 2 HPV, Chicken Pox
- 24<sup>th</sup> July - Year 10
- 13<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 7 - Dose 3 HPV
- 16<sup>th</sup> Nov - Year 7 - Dose 2 Hep B

**Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare**



Year 12 student, **Amy Bird**, discussing the nuances of her English Extension Major Work with English teacher Mr Saurabh Bhattacharya.

Amy is one of a number of talented Year 12 students who are working towards crafting a comprehensive literary work as part of their English Extension 2 HSC unit.

## Next P&C Meeting

The KHS P&C will meet on  
**Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2012 at 8pm**  
 in the A Block Common room.

The agenda will include the opportunity to hear from Liz Diprose, Deputy Principal, on the progress of the Literacy Program, and from local NSW MP Jonathan O'Dea, who is aware of some community concern about Education Infrastructure.

All welcome.

## Performing Arts Ensembles News

Well done to all performers at the Chatswood RSL Concert. Congratulations Jin Son, Concert Band 1 and Stage Band 1 in getting into the finals of the North Shore Schools Spectacular on 12<sup>th</sup> May at Chatswood High School from 4pm.

Next Friday Stage Band 2 will perform for the opening of Seniors Week at Turrumurra Uniting Church. All welcome. Please RSVP to Mrs Jacki Berry if you are coming.

Year 7 students should all be attending Concert Band, Strings and Vocal Ensembles. Any Brass or

Percussion students in these ensembles, who are interested in joining Stage Band 2, please email Mrs Jacki Berry or come to the CAPA staff room. Rehearsals are on Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm.

WANTED: Bassoon, Clarinet, Percussionists for the Orchestra. Rehearsals are on Tuesdays 3.15pm-4.15pm. Please see Mrs Jacki Berry in the CAPA Staff room.

**Jacki Berry, PAE Coordinator**

## Stage 4 Report

The year is getting busier with lots of activities happening but now assessment tasks and projects are beginning. Students need to use their diaries and record all tasks especially when they are due, and planning as soon as the task is issued.

A summary of assessment tasks for Stage 4 for Term 1 will be issued shortly, but students need to be taking responsibility for managing their time and allowing sufficient time so that they can do their best. Students should ask their class teachers or homegroup teachers for help and guidance if necessary.

A reminder that Stage 4 students should be spending 1-1½ hours each week day after school doing school work at home, including homework set by teachers and also self-initiated work (studying, reviewing, reading etc).

A very pleasant and informative evening was had at the **Year 7 Parent Information Evening** on 20<sup>th</sup> February. Thank you to all the parents who came, reflecting their concern and support for their Year 7 student and also their appreciation of the opportunity to connect and communicate with Homegroup teachers.

A thank you also to the P&C, who added to the "pleasantness" of the evening with their refreshments and finger food.

Thank you too, to the Homegroup teachers and executives who recognised the importance and value of this evening in supporting the transition of our Year 7 Students from primary school to high school.

Remember the 3 R's – Respect, Responsibility and Ready to Learn! Keep aiming to be your best.

**Julie Phelan, Head Teacher Stage 4**

## Josie Tomlinson, Classroom Teacher English – Who Am I?

My name is Josie Tomlinson and I am from the lovely coastal town of Kiama. After completing my HSC at the local high school I moved to the big smoke for university. I completed my Bachelor of Arts/ Bachelor of Education, majoring in English and History, at UNSW and then I was appointed to the very small, rural school of Yanco Agricultural High School.

I spent four years out there, learning the many rituals and ways of life that were so different to what I knew. Working and living at a full time boarding school, that was also a farm, was indeed a unique experience and one I thoroughly enjoyed. However after four years I decided I wanted to be closer to my

family and friends (and the beach!) and started looking for a job.

Halfway through term four last year I found out that I was appointed at Killara. I was very excited because I had heard the rumours that Killara was a wonderful school. Everyone that I talked to had heard that Killara was very academic and very large.

After 6 weeks of working at Killara I am very much enjoying myself. I have lovely students in my classes and have received a lot of support from my staffroom and the executive. I am looking forward to many more enjoyable, positive experiences.

时间：2012年3月20日星期二

晚间：6.30 - 8.00pm

地点：教师公用厅 (Staff Common Room)

Killara High School

Koola Ave, Killara

咨询内容：新州高中与高考制度简介

Killara 中学对学生以及学生家长的期望

高中阶段的课目选择

咨询会将提供饮料点心。

请您于3月16日星期五之前回复是否能来参加座谈会。

Killara 中学电话：9498 3722

或：新州教育社区部：9987 3935

或：请您填写好以下回执条，交给学校办公室

### 晚间家长咨询会

我将参加 will come/ 不参加 will not come 3月20日星期五 晚间 举行的咨询座谈会。

家长姓名：\_\_\_\_\_

子女姓名：\_\_\_\_\_

年级：\_\_\_\_\_

参加者人数：\_\_\_\_\_

## Parent Information Night Invitation for Chinese Parents

NSW Department of Education and Communities,  
Northern Region

Please join us for this useful information night.

**Interpreters** will be present on the night.

**6.30pm – 8pm on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012**

Staff Common Room

**Killara High School, Koola Ave, Killara**

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 High School) or  
9987 3935 (NSW Department of Education and Communities), or please send the slip below to the school by Friday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

## Chinese Parents Information Night

I will be attending the Information Night on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2012.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Child's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Academic year: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of people attending: \_\_\_\_\_



Register Online [www.lfc.asn.au](http://www.lfc.asn.au). Super skills are also filling up. Book online from the calendar

Any queries email [info@lfc.asn.au](mailto:info@lfc.asn.au) or mobile 0425 286 020

## 2012 DER-NSW Parent Survey

We seek your views on the NSW one-to-one laptop program.

A formal evaluation of the program is being undertaken by the New South Wales Department of Education and Training in collaboration with the University of Wollongong. It is an effort to determine how the DER-NSW program may impact on learning and teaching education across the state. The evaluation has taken place over 3 years.

Please go to the link below and complete the 2012 survey. It won't take you too long.

<http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/DER-NSWPr2012?c=8457>

## From the Library

### National Year of Reading 2012!

The Lion Library wants to open up to our students a new competition!

**Prizes** will be awarded for the best *PowerPoint* Presentation (only 2 slides!) promoting a particular book you enjoyed reading! These presentations will be displayed on the screens around the school. Speak to Mrs Jones or Ms Campbell, the Teacher-Librarians, about this new project!

### **NSW Premier's Reading Challenge 2012**

Registration for students wishing to participate in the 2012 Challenge will open on 5<sup>th</sup> March via the Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) website [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au).

- **Students** log on using their DEC username and password. On their first logon for 2012, students record their previous school, if applicable.
- **A school** is automatically registered when a student starts an online reading record.

The 2012 Challenge will see the addition of an online fundraising program to be known as Book Bonus. Book Bonus will provide an opportunity for students to raise sponsorship funds based on the number of books they read as part of the Challenge. Following the removal of set costs incurred by Dymocks Children's Charities, fifty per cent of funds raised will be returned to the student's school in the form of Dymocks' vouchers. The remaining funds will be used to support initiatives such as Book Bank, a program established by Dymocks Children's Charities to provide books to schools in disadvantaged communities

### New fiction:

Cameron, Emma. *Cinnamon Rain*.

Green, D.C. *Erasmus James and the Galactic Zapp Machine*

Meyer, Stephanie. *Twilight: The Graphic Novel - Volume 2*

Murdock, Catherine Gilbert. *Wisdom's Kiss*

To access the link please enter it into the long address bar at the *top* of the page of your internet browser (not into a search engine such as Google) and press enter or go – this will take you to the survey.

Individuals cannot be identified in the data.

Evaluation reports to date can be viewed online: <https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/about-us/how-we-operate/national-partnerships/digital-education-revolution/rrql/research>.

Thank you for assisting us.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

Weiserger, Lauren. *Last Night at Chateau Marmont*

### New fiction in detail:

Ellis, Deborah. *The Best Day of My Life*.

Valli is sick of spending her days picking up coal. But coal is the only thing there is in Jharia. Valli's family won't let her go to school and there's never enough food. So when Valli discovers her 'aunt' is actually a stranger who was paid money to look after her, she stows away in a coal truck and sets out for a new life. Valli is brave and resourceful enough to survive on the streets of Kolkata. But why does she have 'magic feet' that feel no pain? A chance encounter with a doctor gives her some answers, but Valli must decide if she trusts the doctor enough to accept help.

Lanagan, Margo. *Sea Hearts*

On remote Rollrock Island, the sea-witch Misskaella discovers she can draw a girl from the heart of a seal. So, for a price, any man might buy himself a bride; an irresistibly enchanting sea-wife. But what cost will be borne by the people of Rollrock – the men, the women, the children – once Misskaella sets her heart on doing such a thing? Tales of desire and revenge, of loyalty, heartache and human weakness, and of the unforeseen consequence of all-consuming love.

Priestley, Chris. *Mister Creecher*.

1818. London. Can a monster and a boy ever really be friends? Billy is a street urchin, pickpocket and petty thief. Mr Creecher is a monstrous giant of a man who terrifies all he meets. Their relationship begins as pure convenience. But a bond swiftly develops between these two misfits as their journey takes them ever northwards on the trail of their target...Victor Frankenstein.

### Non-Fiction:

Bergen, Doris. *The Holocaust: A New History*.

*Crazy for Chocolate: Cakes, Biscuits, Desserts, Petits Fours*.

Graham, Tim. *Diana: Princess of Wales: A Tribute*.

Masoff, Joy. *Oh, Yuck!: The Encyclopedia of Everything Nasty*.

Shadrake, Susanna. *The World of the Gladiator*.

Stevenson, N.J. *The Chronology of Fashion: From Empire Dress to Ethical Design*.

### **Non-Fiction in detail:**

Mackay, Hugh. *Generations: Baby Boomers, Their Parents & Their Children*.

Explores the attitudes, values and outlook of three generations of contemporary Australians. In the process, he examines how all of us are shaped by the social, cultural and economic influences on our childhood and adolescence, and he explains why these three generations are, in effect, the product of three different Australias. His analysis will change the way you think about inter-generational differences and conflicts.

Sanders, Erin Ladd. *In The Name of Peace: How History's Great Pacifists Changed the World*.

Discusses the pacifist leaders, famous and less well-known, whose adherence to non-violence, even in the face of brutal opposition, has changed the course of history. Pacifist leaders and their philosophies have affected societies, shaped the outcomes of conflict and enriched civilisation. At the same time, pacifist action has brought about cultural ruin and prolonged conflict, and has left societies vulnerable and stagnating due to passive leadership. This book offers the compelling and dramatic stories of seventeen of these pacifists, and shows how those opposed to violence have affected world culture. Pacifists include: Mohandas K. Gandhi; Dr Martin Luther King Jr; the Dalai Lama; Aung San Suu Kyi; and Leo Tolstoy.

**Karen Jones and Francie Campbell**  
**Teacher-Librarians**

## **Careers Corner**

### **• US College Night**

Organised for Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> March at 7pm at the Department of State and Regional Development, Level 47, MLC Centre, this event aims at highlighting the US College admission process.

Email RSVPs to

[collegeconsultinginternational@gmail.com](mailto:collegeconsultinginternational@gmail.com)

### **• Interesting Website**

"What Degree? Which University?" is an informative website designed by university students to provide articles for Year 11 and 12 students on topics like "Surviving the HSC" and "Which university and what degree are best suited to you?". The website can be viewed at [www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com](http://www.whatdegreewhichuniversity.com)

### **• Abigroup Autumn School of Engineering**

This program, which brings together 50 Year 11 and 12 students, will be held from Monday 16<sup>th</sup> April to Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April. Students will attend a series of Faculty of Engineering lectures at major Sydney universities as well as undertake a visit to ANU. The cost is \$270. Rotary scholarships may be available to cover fees. Students interested in applying should email [sydschool@engineersaustralia.org.au](mailto:sydschool@engineersaustralia.org.au)

### **• Gap Program Information**

Students interested in taking a gap year in 2013 might like to access the following information in the careers office:

- Projects Abroad which organises a range of volunteering experiences in teaching, care, conservation, health care and sports in developing countries.
- Tutors Worldwide which provides opportunities for gap tutors in a range of schools in the UK.
- Cultural Care Au Pair where students are placed with a host family in the USA receiving free board and lodging as well as a stipend of \$195.75 per week in exchange for au pair work.

- EF High School Year Overseas, an exchange program for students aged 14 to 18 that offers a chance to spend a year in a school in another country.

### **• HSC Revision Lectures**

These will be run by The School for Excellence in March. Included is a free, generic lecture entitled "Mastering the Exams". A donation of at least \$10 is required for charities supported by The School of Excellence. Other subject-specific revision lectures are also available. For more information visit [www.tsfx.com.au](http://www.tsfx.com.au)

### **• Professional Cadetships Australia**

This organisation offers cadetships in finance and operations in the financial services industry in organisations like UBS. Finance cadets need to enrol in an Accounting major within a business, commerce or economics degree. Operations cadets can also be enrolled in a humanities program. For further information visit [www.businesscadetships.com.au](http://www.businesscadetships.com.au)

### **• Skiing Instructor Internship Opportunities**

These are available from Educating Adventures in a range of countries including Canada, Japan and the USA. Interested students should email [sstraiing@educatingadventures.com](mailto:sstraiing@educatingadventures.com)

- A "Medical Ethics" Workshop will be held on 16<sup>th</sup> March between 9am and 12am at UNSW for interested Year 10, 11 or 12 students. Registration is required at [www.network.unsw.edu.au](http://www.network.unsw.edu.au)

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

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

# TRANSDEV (SHORELINK)

## MORNING SCHOOL SERVICES

**TIMES ARE INDICATIVE AND MAY VARY DUE TO ROAD & WEATHER CONDITIONS**

BUS	TIME	MORNING BUS ROUTE (Effective 1 <sup>st</sup> February 2012)
8045	7.45	<b><u>From C.S.I.R.O</u></b> via Bradfield (R) Carramar (R) Edmund (L) Knox (R) Johnson (L) Charles (R) Terrace (R) Manning, Beaumont (L) Fiddens Wharf to opposite Cook Rd (7.55), then <b><u>EXPRESS</u></b> to School (arr 8.08).
8061	7.50	<b><u>From West Killara (Primula &amp; Polding)</u></b> via Primula (R) Provincial to corner Cook Rd, then <b><u>EXPRESS</u></b> to corner Fiddens Wharf & Golf Links (8.00), then via Golf Links (R) Mildura (L) Norfolk (R) Cecil (R) Highway (L) Stanhope (L) Werona (Killara Stn 8.16), then to School (arr. 8.23).
556	6.48	<b><u>From Lindfield Stn (Lindfield Ave)</u></b> then via Normal Route 556 to school (arr 7.05).
8051	8.08	<b><u>From U.T.S.</u></b> via Eton (R) Abingdon, Westbourne (L) Ortona (L) Grosvenor (R) Bent (L) Polding (R) Primular (R) Provincial **Last pick up Cnr Cook & Provincial** then <b><u>EXPRESS</u></b> to School (arr 8.30).
8073	7.58	<b><u>From Roseville (Duntroon &amp; Babbage)</u></b> (L) Babbage (L) Addison (Addison & Moore 8.00) (R) Archbold (R) Carnarvon (8.15) (L) Sydney (R) Woodlands (L) Melbourne (L) Adelaide (R) Sydney (L) Tryon (R) Arterial (L) Springdale (R) Roseberry (R) Koola to School (arr 8.29).
8001	8.05	<b><u>From Roseville (Clanville &amp; Archbold)</u></b> via Clanville (L) Gregory (R) Dudley (L) Gerald (R) Roseville (L) Martin Lane (R) Lord (R) Hill (Roseville Station 8.10) (R) Clanville (L) Trafalgar (L) Russell (R) Lindfield (Lindfield Station 8.15) (R) Woodside (L) Nelson (R) Stanhope (L) Rosebery (R) Koola to School (arr 8.25).
8046	8.14	<b><u>From Lindfield East (Archbold &amp; Woodlands)</u></b> via Archbold, (R) Owen (L) Sydney (R) Tryon (R) Coopernook (L) Pleasant (R) Carlyle, Crana (L) Allambie (8.20), Adelaide (R) Sydney (L) Tryon (R) Arterial (R) Koola to School (arr 8.33).
556	7.43	<b><u>From Lindfield Stn (Lindfield Ave)</u></b> then via Normal Route 556 to school (arr 8.02).
8058	7.44	<b><u>From Darnley Loop</u></b> via (L) Rosedale to Gordon Station (Werona Avenue), (R) Khartoum (R) Rosedale (R) Robert (L) Werona then Direct to Killara High school (arr 8.04).
8059	8.25	<b><u>From Killara Stn (Werona Ave)</u></b> via Werona (R) Powell, Wattle, Koola to School (arr 8.35).
8042	8.20	<b><u>From Killara Stn (Werona Ave)</u></b> via Werona (R) Powell, Wattle, Koola to School (arr 8.27).
8082	8:20	<b><u>Travel from Gordon Station is restricted to students with "G" Passes</u></b> then via (L) Henry (L) Subway (R) Werona (L) Powell, Wattle, Koola to school (arr 8.35)
8072	8.25	<b><u>From West Pymble and Gordon Bus Interchange - Students from West Pymble travel via normal Route 560 to Gordon Bus Interchange.</u></b> <b><u>Travel from Gordon Station is restricted to students with "G" Passes</u></b> then via (L) Henry (L) Subway (R) Werona (L) Powell, Wattle, Koola to school (arr 8.35).
8017	8.21	<b><u>From Masada College (Link Road)</u></b> via Link, Horace, (St Ives H.S. 8.23) Eastern Arterial (L) Koola (L) Reading (L) Warrington (R) Koola to School (arr 8.30).

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# **TRANSDEV (SHORELINK)**

## **AFTERNOON SCHOOL SERVICES**

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<b>BUS</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>RANK</b>	<b>AFTERNOON BUS ROUTE (Effective 1<sup>th</sup> February 2012)</b>
<b>9097</b>	<b>3.10</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>1</b>	<b><u>To CSIRO – EXPRESS to cnr Fiddens Wharf Rd &amp; Coronga Cr</u></b> then via Fiddens Wharf (R) Beaumont (L) Manning (L) Terrace (L) Charles (R) Johnson (L) Knox (L) Carramar (L) Bradfield (CSIRO 3.25) to Lady Game Dr
<b>9064</b>	<b>3.10</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>2</b>	<b><u>To West Lindfield – EXPRESS to cnr Polding Rd &amp; Coccupara Ave</u></b> then via Polding (R) Primula (R) Provincial (L) Cook (L) Fiddens Wharf (R) Golf Links (R) Mildura (L) Calvert (Killara PS 3.33) (R) Fitzroy (R) Norfolk (L) Spencer to Hwy (arr. 3.35).
<b>9006</b>	<b>3.10</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>3</b>	<b><u>To UTS – First stop Highway &amp; Stanhope</u></b> then <b><u>EXPRESS to cnr Balfour &amp; Bent Sts</u></b> then via Bent (L) Grosvenor (R) Ortona (R) Westbourne, Abingdon (L) Eton to UTS (arr. 3.25).
<b>9048</b>	<b>3.08</b> <i>Wed1445</i>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>To Roseville Public School – EXPRESS to Woodlands Road</u></b> , then via Arterial, Archibold (L) Earle (R) Moore (R) Addison to Roseville PS (arr. 3.19).
<b>9062</b>	<b>3.15</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>4</b>	<b><u>To Lindfield, Roseville &amp; East Lindfield</u></b> via Koola (L) Rosebery (R) Stanhope (L) Nelson (R) Tryon (L) Lindfield Avenue (Lindfield Station) (L) Russell (R) Trafalgar (R) Clanville (L) Hill (Roseville Stn 3.20) (L) Roseville (L) Gerald (R) Dudley (L) Gregory (R) Clanville (L) Archbold (R) Owen (L) Sydney (R) Tryon to Lindfield East PS (arr 3.31) then via route 558 through East Lindfield.
<b>9059</b>	<b>3.10</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>5</b>	<b><u>To East Lindfield</u></b> via Koola (L) Arterial (L) Tryon (R) Coopernook (L) Pleasant (R) Carlyle, Crana (L) Allambie (L) Melbourne (R) Woodlands (R) Sydney (R) Tryon to Lindfield East PS (arr 3.30).
<b>556</b>	<b>15.21</b> <i>Wed1422</i>	<b>10</b>	<b><u>To Lindfield Station</u></b> via 556 route (arr 3.30)
<b>9077</b>	<b>3.09</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>6</b>	<b><u>To Killara Station</u></b> via Koola, Wattle (L) Rosebery (R) Arnold (R) Locksley to Killara Stn (arr 3.14).
<b>9073</b>	<b>3.09</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>7</b>	<b><u>To Killara Station</u></b> via Koola, Wattle (L) Rosebery (R) Arnold (R) Locksley to Killara Stn (arr 3.14).
<b>9083</b>	<b>3.09</b> <i>Wed1450</i>	<b>10</b>	<b><u>To Gordon Station (Students with “G” passes ONLY)</u></b> via Koola, Wattle (R) Werona to Gordon Station (Werona Ave) (arr 3.17). <b><i>(Change at Gordon to Route 9094 at 3.17 for Darnley Loop)</i></b>
<b>9082</b>	<b>3.09</b> <i>Wed1500</i>	<b>9</b>	<b><u>To Gordon Station (Students with “G” passes ONLY)</u></b> via Koola, Wattle (R) Werona to Gordon Station (Werona Ave) (arr 3.17).
<b>9004</b>	<b>3.10</b> <i>Wed1445</i>	<b>9</b>	<b><u>To Gordon Station (Students with “G” passes ONLY)</u></b> via Koola, Wattle (R) Werona (L) Subway to Gordon Station (Interchange) (arr 3.17). <b><i>(Change at Gordon for route 560 to West Pymble at 3.33)</i></b>
<b>9066</b>	<b>3.18</b> <i>Wed1430</i>	<b>10</b>	<b><u>To St Ives</u></b> via Koola (R) Eastern Arterial (R) Hunter (L) Yarrabung (St Ives High School 3.28) then via (L) Torokina (R) Horace, Link to Mona Vale Rd (arr 3.33) <b><i>(DOES NOT SET DOWN ALONG MONA VALE RD)</i></b> then (R) Woodbury (R) Hume (R) Douglas to Mona Vale Rd (arr. 3.38)

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