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P&C Meeting

Wednesday
15th August 2012
8pm

A Block Common Room
All Welcome

Growing Connections

A flourishing, organic veggie garden near the basketball courts is testament to the benefits of team work. The vegetable beds, constructed by Alex Platt and his Year 12 Construction students, are now home to a bumper crop of vegetables and herbs that have been planted and nurtured by two hard working students, **James Gonzales** and **Jia Xing Huang**, as part of their Year 11 Work Studies course. Supervising the project have been our wonderful General Assistants Akira Kamada and Andrew Sutcliffe who, aided and abetted by the green fingers, expertise and generosity of Lindfield Rotary volunteer Lynne Bean, have managed to stave off plundering possums and cockatoos.



Lynne Bean and Akira Kamada work collaboratively to protect the veggie garden from cockatoo raids.

The first fruits of everyone's labours have been harvested and handed to the Hospitality staff for use in their practical classes. Plans are afoot to use some of the produce from the veggie garden in sandwiches and salads that will be sold by Year 11 and 12 Hospitality students to staff through The Blend Coffee Shop.

James Gonzales, Jia-Xing Huang,



A newly erected water tank and compost bin for use by Hospitality students have helped to make the project sustainable and converted the site into a productive space where links between different facets of the school and the community are fostered.

Jia-Xing Huang and James Gonzales planting seeds.

Colleen Clarke

Come and see our Band playing at Lindfield

All Saints Air Force Memorial Church Fete

11 Moore Ave, West Lindfield
Saturday 11th August, 9am to 3pm

The Annual fete at All Saints Anglican church is on Saturday 11 August, between 9am and 3pm. The **Killara High School Band** will be performing again.

Last year's performance was fantastic. Come along this year and support the students as they perform again. While there why not grab a bargain, enjoy live entertainment and great food, and even take part in the live auction. It is a great day, not to be missed.

Ph 9887 5830 for more details

Calendar

July 2012

27	Yr 10 – Canberra Excursion
31	6pm - Learning with Technology Presentation
	Yr 11 Exam Block Commences

August 2012

2	Yr 7 – 12 Australian Mathematics Competition
3	Yr 9 Visual Arts Excursion to Australian Museum
8	Yr 12 Drama Night 6 – 10pm
10	Stage Band Concert 7 – 9pm
13	Yr 11 Visual Arts Excursion
14	Yr 10 Commerce Excursion
15	P & C Meeting 8 – 9.30pm
17	Visual Arts Exhibition Opening
19	Grounds Working Bee
20	Open Day
22	Yr 8 Gala Day
	Yr 12 EES Excursion
27	Yr 11 Biology Excursion
28	PAE Music Night
29	Tertiary Information Evening 6.30 – 8.30pm
31	Yr 7/8 Netball Gala Day

September 2012

4	Yr 12 Modern History Excursion
5	Korobo Annual Dance Concert 7 – 9pm
7	DEAS Silver Qualifying Expedition
12	Yr 7 Gala Day
14	Yr 10 Geography Excursion
19	Yr 11 Vietnam Cambodia Excursion
	P&C Meeting 8 – 9.30pm
20	EKUBA

DoE Congratulations!

The Duke of Edinburgh's Award (NSW Division) congratulate you on the success of your participant(s) completing the Gold Award.

Claire Birks, Nicholas Duce, Caitlin Pon

Award recipients will be invited to a ceremony at Government House Sydney to receive their Gold Award certificate from the Governor of New South Wales.

The Senior Officers and Coordinators are also invited to witness the presentation of these Gold award certificates.

I would like to thank you, and those assisting, for the continued support given to the Award program.

Yours sincerely,

Bob Cresswell, Senior Project Officer,
Duke of Edinburgh's Award (NSW Division),
Sport and Recreation, Office of Communities

PAE News and Calendar

Congratulations to those students selected to attend State band camp this year.

In the senior camp **Abbey McNamara, Morgan Baynash, Lily Giles, Kristen Bergersen**, and **Ben Koder** and in the junior camp; **Sarah Parker, Tegan Berry, Lilly Innes, Anders Bergersen** and **Louis Wright**. It was a fantastic experience for all who attended.

MANLY FISHO'S

Come and watch Stage band 1 perform with Jazz legend Judy Bailey and her jazz connection this Sunday 29th July, 2pm - Manly Fisho's - 50 Raglan St Manly, cover charge applies.

Term 3 PAE Calendar

All rehearsals are as normal starting Week 2. Please make sure you all turn up with your instrument.

29-Jul	SB1	Manly Fisho's
1-Aug	Vocal Ensemble	Arts North Secondary Music Festival
10-Aug	SB1, SB2	Stage band Concert Theatre 7pm
11-Aug	SB1	All Saints church fete 1pm
28-Aug	All ensembles	KHS Concert 7pm
8-Sep	SB1	NSSWE Spring Festival Chatswood Concourse 4-6.30pm
8-Sep	CB1	NSSWE Spring Festival Chatswood Concourse 7-9 pm
9-Sep	Strings	Sunday concert in Swain Gardens
	CB1, CB2	Primary School Tour - Band to be advised
	Strings and Orchestra	Primary School Tour - Band to be advised
	Vocal Ensemble	Primary School Tour - Band to be advised
	SB1, SB2	Primary School Tour - Band to be advised

Regular School Attendance and Requests for Long Term Leave

Regular school attendance is critical to the development and education of children. There is a significant impact on the student, the school and the community when a student does not attend school regularly. In addition attendance at school is compulsory for all students between the ages of 6 and 17 years.

All students who are enrolled at school, regardless of their age, are expected to attend at all times when instruction is provided. The greatest educational opportunities are maximised through regular student attendance.

Students with regular attendance:

1. Obtain the **continuity in their education** that is desirable and necessary for them to succeed and achieve.
2. Develop **vital concepts** and form **building blocks** in their education for future learning and are more confident and have the ability to achieve in their school work.
3. Acquire **more skills** and have **greater quality of choice** for educational/vocational options and to make decisions in later life situations.
4. Develop **social networks** and are more likely to interact appropriately with their peers.
5. Learn in a **safe, healthy and protective** environment that provides a positive school experience.

The school has recently received requests for information regarding when year 10 students will be finished their examinations so that families may make travel arrangements. It is important to note that the final day of attendance for **all** students in years 7 to 11 is Wednesday 19 December 2012.

Year 10 students will be undertaking a compulsory program of study during term 4 which includes:

- The Year 10 **Assessment block** in Weeks 4 and 5 of term 4, commencing on Monday, 29 October and concluding on Friday, 9 November, 2012. During this period, all year 10 students will need to attend all classes and complete the scheduled classroom activities however some examinations will occur in lesson times that do not appear on timetables. A schedule of examinations will be issued closer to this period of time.
- **Service Learning** and **Work Experience** activities will take place in Weeks 7 and 8 of term 4, commencing on Monday, 19 November and concluding on Friday, November 30. Students are required to complete reports about these programs in Week 9 of term 4. More information regarding these activities will be issued in term 4.

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

From the Principal's Mailbag

On a recent cruise on Ha Long Bay, Vietnam, my wife Marilyn and I visited Vung Vieng fishing village. The village is built on the water. Once there we were proud to visit the local school which, because of the generosity of the Killara High School Sydney, the village had a wonderful school, where all of the children enjoy going and gaining an education.

It made us proud to be Australians.

Peter Eldon *Photo of plaque at Vung Vieng village*



P&C Uniform Shop

Hi, my name is Kim McPartlin and I am the new Uniform Shop Manager at Killara High School. I would like to thank all of you who have welcomed me into the Killara High School community already and I am looking forward to meeting many more of you as time passes.

A Change in Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will open every **Tuesday**, 8am to 12pm, **starting Tuesday 28th August 2012 instead of Fridays.**

If you find it difficult to get to the Uniform Shop during opening times, our price list and order form can be downloaded from the school website,

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform-shop>

You can then email me your order and it will be available for pick up the next time the clothing pool is open with payment. Available payment methods are cheque (payable to KHSCP), cash, credit card or EFTPos (Surcharges: 1.45% for credit card, \$1 flat fee for EFTPos).

Volunteers

I am assisted in the Uniform Shop by volunteers. The volunteers are rostered for one morning per term, from 8.00 to 12.00pm. Your tasks may include assisting customers with sizing and answering queries regarding uniform items, writing receipts and collecting payment for purchases, filling orders or stacking shelves. If you are not currently on our roster but would like to volunteer please contact Blandine Robb, our volunteer coordinator, with your details on 9498 3722 ext 128 or email blandine_robb@yahoo.com.au. Being a volunteer at the school is a great way to meet other parents and contribute to the school community.

Ideas and Suggestions

Your comments and suggestions are welcome! For any queries regarding school uniform please contact me on 94983722 ext 128 or email khscp@yahoo.com.au.

Kim McPartlin – Uniform Shop Manager

Phone: 0417 929083

Email: khscp@yahoo.com.au

Law Society of NSW Mock Trial 2012

On the 12th June Killara High School students hosted the fourth round of the Mock Trial competition for 2012, against Pymble Ladies' College. The case for the plaintiff was opened by 1st barrister Marlene Gobler, instructed by solicitor Simon Hutchinson, and closed by 2nd barrister Alana Jacobs.

The plaintiff's case rested on the strength of its star witness David Nouri and testimony of its second witness Albert Lee, both of which performed their roles convincingly. The team was also ably served by Adelyn Seit, as magistrate's clerk.

Once again a big thank you to the tireless efforts of the school's coach, semi-retired district court judge David Patten.

While PLC was very strong and made many contentious objections, the Killara team prevailed. Killara won the trial by 3 points and won the case.

Special mention also goes to reserve team members Bec Krieger and Ashlee Jaensc.

Duncan Coutts

Tennis At Killara High School

After school training squads: Training squads are offered from Monday to Friday and suit all standards of tennis players.

Competitions: A Saturday morning junior competition is offered each term. The comp ranges from Division 16 (beginner) to Division 1 (advanced). It starts at 8am each Saturday and finishes at 12pm.

Camps: Holiday camps are offered each term. Children are split into two groups (beginner/advanced). The camp runs from 9am – 3pm each day.

Coaches: There are four coaches operating the school tennis program, but please contact:

Head Coach Stuart Carruthers on 0402 929 919.



PISA is coming to our school!

Our school has been chosen to represent Australia for the OECD Programme for International Student Assessment (PISA) which is taking place between 30th July and 7th September 2012. A random sample of 15-year-old students will be part of a once in a lifetime opportunity to represent Australia in education!

PISA is an international assessment, occurring every three years, which measures skills in mathematics, science, reading, problem solving and financial literacy at a point when students have almost finished their compulsory schooling. PISA helps to inform policy makers involved with education on how well schools are succeeding in helping students to acquire the skills and knowledge they will need to meet challenges beyond school.

Since the first PISA assessment in 2000, the survey has continued to raise interest amongst educators and policy-makers world-wide. In 2012, Australia will be one of almost 70 countries participating in PISA. More than 800 schools and over 15 000 students will represent our country in this important project.

PISA is part of the National Assessment Program in Australia. Participation in these sample assessments is an obligation for government schools under the National Education Agreement between the Commonwealth and the States and Territories, and an obligation for non-government schools under Commonwealth schools funding legislation and funding agreements for 2009-2012.

What will PISA mean for our school?

Twenty-five students who are randomly selected from our school will be sampled to complete a two-hour paper-based assessment consisting of mathematics, science, financial literacy and reading questions. These students will also be asked to complete a questionnaire.

After the paper-based assessment and questionnaire, a sub-sample of 20 students who participated in the paper-based assessment will also participate in a computer-based assessment of problem solving, mathematical literacy and reading literacy.

Date of Assessment: 10 August, 2012

PISA School Coordinator: Mrs Williamson

PISA IT Coordinator: Mr Kirbyshire

ACER- PISA Project Information Line: 1800 280 625

Every participating school and student has an important role in showing the rest of the world what Australia can do.

ACER will provide your school and participating students with a certificate, recognising their contribution, and students will receive results from PISA. Each student will also receive a small gift in appreciation of their participation.



"Take a Walk Down Memory Lane"

Killara High School
Year 12 Parents 2012
Final-Get-Together

18 August, 7:00 pm

Pymble Hotel Bistro

<http://www.pymblehotel.com.au/>

1134 Pacific Highway, Pymble

(Parking available in carpark on right, also on Pacific Highway)

We have one, last, lucky Door Prize to give away!

Buy your own food & drinks and enjoy mingling with 'old friends' in the special 'Sunken Lounge Area' booked for our momentous occasion

Bring along your favorite Year Get-Together photos!

Please feel free to invite other Year 12 parents

RSVP by 11 August: Nalini (0402 059 359)



Congratulations to the winners of the 2012 UNSW Law Essay Competition

Congratulations to **Daniel Lopez** who has won the 2012 UNSW Law essay competition. Daniel's essay was selected from entries submitted by Year 11 and 12 students from schools across Australia who wrote on the Mabo decision.

In 1992, Prime Minister Paul Keating said that the High Court decision in Mabo 'establishes a fundamental truth and lays the basis for justice'. What did he mean by this statement?

This year's essay topic marked the 20th anniversary of the Mabo decision. Judges included academics from UNSW Law's Indigenous Law Centre who were impressed with the very high standard of entries and the students' understanding of the issues surrounding the Mabo decision.

UNSW Law and the Indigenous Law Centre congratulate the following students:

Winner: Daniel Lopez, Year 12, Emmanuel School, Victoria

Runner Up: Brigitte Rheinberger, Year 12, Abbotsleigh, NSW

Third Place: Nicholas Yeun, Year 12, Killara High School, NSW

We also thank all students who submitted an essay. Your time and effort in preparing your essay will be acknowledged in a participation certificate which will be posted to all entrants.

An Invitation to a 'Learning with Technology' Evening at Killara High School

The technology committee of the school invites parents and carers to an evening of presentations that explore our use of technology with learning. This evening was initiated by Tim Hand, a parent and Technology Committee member. The aim is to bring teachers and parents together in their understanding of how different technologies can support student learning in a variety of curriculum areas.

When: Tuesday 31st July 2012; Week 3 Term 3; 6 pm to 8pm

Where: Killara High School Common Room for a welcome and to introduce the schedule. Parents will then move between classrooms in 'A' block for presentation sessions.

The Program: Parents will see presentations by teachers in the following areas of technology use in the classroom:

- VC – Video Conferencing
- Interactive White Boards
- OneNote
- Blogs
- Moodle

Presenters will include Tim Hand and Robin Chand, Jenny Newell, Natalie Gartner, Duncan Smith, Steven Gibb, Steve Brinkley and Ross Kirbyshire.

Please Note: The maximum number of parents we can accommodate on this evening totals 100 people. We are targeting parents of stage 4 and stage 5 students who have not previously come to a Learning with Technology evening. Please ask your son/ daughter to return the slip below in order to RSVP to this invitation or email your acceptance to the address below.

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RSVP: Expression of Interest to attend the Learning with Technology Information Evening by Friday 27th July.

Name

Contact Phone Number

Email address

Number of people in your party attending

OR Email the above details to: ross.kirbyshire@det.nsw.edu.au by Friday, 27 July

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KILLARA HIGH VISION GENERATION GROUP

During the holidays, on July 4th, Claire Birks (Year 12) and I met with our local Member of Parliament Paul Fletcher as the members of the Killara High Vision Generation Group. Vision Generation is World Vision's youth movement, aimed at young people who want to get involved in global issues such as poverty and modern day slavery. We met with Mr Fletcher to discuss our concerns about how much the government gives in international aid and outlined important statistics to back up our message.

Some of these statistics include:

- **8.1 million children** died in the last year due to preventable diseases
 - That is, 1 child dies every 4 seconds
- **350,000 women** die annually due to child birth complications, **99%** of whom were in the developing world.
- It is estimated that **27 million people are living in slavery** right now.
 - Roughly 50% of this is in the Asian Pacific Region and slavery does exist in Australia
- Despite all of these statistics, Australia plans to give less than **0.35% of our total GNI** in the 2012-2013 budget.



We discussed what we as the Killara High Vision Generation Group had already done and what Vision groups around Australia have done in relation to two major campaigns, "Child Health Now" which is about improving child and maternal health around the world and "Don't Trade Live" which is about human trafficking and slavery. We also talked about what the Australia government could do, what everyday Australians could do and specifically what he could do around his office.

Here are some things everyone could do:

- **Buy "fairtrade" products.** These are products that are certified to have been made from workers who were paid fairly and not exploited. Look for the symbol
 - This could include chocolate, tea, coffee, clothes and even sports equipment.
- Show your support by participating in events and campaigns with the SJC and the Vision Generation group at Killara High. (For instance, 40 Hour Famine)
 - Take it a step further and join one of these groups. SJC requires to be elected in, but the Vision Generation Group is open to anyone without obligations.
- Tell your respective local Member of Parliament that you care about this issue so they can hopefully pass it on to the rest of parliament. They are obligated to talk to you if you arrange a meeting (which is what we did). This can be done in person or writing a letter
- Donate to an organisation that helps fight these issues. Research before you donate though so you can make sure your money is really making a difference
- **Be aware of these issues!!!** The first step to solving the problem is to understand the problem. Good things to search up include "Child Health Now resources", "Don't Trade Lives resources" and there are informative videos on youtube.



FAIRTRADE

The experience talking to our MP Mr Fletcher for the first time was very rewarding. We had planned the meeting a lot in advance and it everything went better than expected. We hope to have more meetings in the future to voice our opinion on these issues and urge everyone to do the same.

Curtis Chan Yr 11, Social Justice Committee

Careers Corner

University of Sydney New Entry Pathway

Year 12 students who have experienced financial hardship may be nominated by the school for the University of Sydney's new early entry scheme known as E12. In addition to gaining entry to courses at ATARs lower than the published cut-offs, students will receive a range of benefits including financial support. Students who believe they are eligible for this program should contact the careers office. For further information, including eligibility criteria and how to apply, visit: sydney.edu.au/e12. Applications are online.

University of Sydney's "Talk to our students website"

Have all your questions about studying at the University of Sydney answered by logging on to sydney.edu.au/ug-talk

UNSW's "Plan the Future: Urban and Town Planning" Day

This hands-on expo, to be held on Thursday 16 August from 9am – 1pm at the Kensington Campus, will enable participants to develop an understanding of key urban and town planning issues including questions around how our cities develop and grow. Students from Years 10 to 12 who are interested in urban and town planning as a career are invited to attend. Registration is essential at www.network.unsw.edu.au Keyword is Urban.

ICMS High Achievement Places

As a new initiative, this private provider of a range of business courses in events, hospitality, tourism, retail, property and sports management, is now offering tuition fees similar to university Commonwealth Supported Places to high achievers. For further information visit the college's website or attend its Open Day on Sunday 19 August from 10am.

Bentley's Accounting Cadetship program

Applications are now open for this program. Students interested in applying should phone 9220 0700 or visit www.careers.bentleys.com.au

University of Wollongong "Women in Engineering" Summit

This summit, which will be held in January 2013 is ideally suited to current Year 10 students who are strong in Maths and Science. It aims to showcase the field of engineering, a career area where females

are significantly under-represented. Students will stay on-campus at a cost of \$165. Apply online at www.uow.edu.au/future/wiesummit

University of Canberra's Principal's Recommendation Scheme

This enables principals to support the university application of selected students who show an aptitude for tertiary study but might not gain the ATAR required for entry to a course. Deadline for submission is

28 September. Students who believe they may be eligible for the scheme should contact the careers office.

Casual Jobs

Chatswood Chase Coles is seeking expressions of interest for casual and part time team members. Apply online at www.colescareers.com.au and search under job number 407813. Online applications should be handed in with a resume to the customer service desk.

University of Adelaide Open Day

This will be held on Sunday 19 August from 9am at the North Terrace Campus.

Scholarships

- Karl von Busse Institute of Design is offering scholarships valued at \$40,000 for 2-year diplomas in Graphic, Fashion and Interior Design. For further information phone 9261 1191.
- Bond University Scholarships close on 31 July. They should be lodged electronically through <https://apply.bond.edu.au>

GAP Medics

A British organisation which can be researched at <http://www.gapmedics.co.uk> has a range of tutored, medical work experience placements in Tanzania, India and Thailand for pre-medical students who intend studying for a professional qualification in a medical field. For further information visit the website or email nathan@gapmedics.com

Practice SAT Test

This will be held at St Vincents's College, Potts Point on 20 October at 8am and is ideal for students wishing to get a taste of what the SAT test is like. To register, log on to www.trybooking.com/BQFI

University of Notre Dame Parent Information Evening

This information session will be hosted by the Broadway campus from 6pm -8pm. All are welcome.

UNE Early Entry Scheme

This program gives current Year 12 students the opportunity to receive an offer of a place at UNE based on a school's recommendation of their potential to succeed at university rather than final ATARs. Information booklets are available from the careers office. Submission deadline is 28 September.

University of Tasmania's Fast!Track Nursing and Paramedic Course Open Day

Presentations explaining how these degrees can be completed in two years will be held at the Old Rozelle Hospital site on Sunday 5 August at 10am,

12.30pm and 2.30pm. For additional information phone

1300 33 88 16.

Undergraduate 2013 App

This unique iPad and iPhone App, the first of its kind to be electronically available in Australia, lists undergraduate degrees and 2012 entry scores by 110 subject areas. To access the app, download it from your app store.

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

Colleen Clarke and Andrew Chisholm, Careers Advisers

From the Library

Did you know.....

BOOK WEEK is coming up !

The date for Book Week 2012 will be Saturday 18 – Friday 24 August

*The theme for the week is **Champions Read!***

Help the Lion Library promote Book Week during the National Year of Reading by presenting a PowerPoint Poster encompassing the theme!

Prizes shall be awarded!

See Ms Campbell, the Teacher-Librarian for more information.

Here is the shortlist for the 2012 Book of the Year for Older Readers. The Lion Library has these in our collection, so come and borrow them if you wish:

Bauer, Gerard Michael. *Ishmael and the hoops of steel*

Condon, Bill. *A straight line to my heart*

Dubosarsky, Ursula. *The golden day*

Gardner, Scot. *The dead I know*

McGahan, Andrew. *Ship kings: the coming of the whirlpool*

Newton, Robert. *When we were two.*

[These books are for mature readers]

New Non Fiction

Lawrence, David. *The Great Barrier Reef* 333.9164 LAW

Van Allsburg, Chris. *Queen of the Falls* 371.339 TAY

Lawton, Clive, A. *Hiroshima the Story of the First Atom Bomb* 940.5425 LAW

Hartman, Eve. *Do Scientists Care About Animal Welfare* 179.3 HAR

Hunter, Steve. *Steve Jobs* 338.76100416 JOB

Mossman, Susan. *Fantastic Plastic. Product Design and Consumer Culture* 668.4 MOS

Roland, Paul. *The Nuremberg Trials* 341.6 ROL

Fox, Cynthia. *Cell of Cells* 616.02774 FOX

Bahn, Paul. *Exploring the Ancient World* 930 BAH

Some New Fiction in Detail

Chan, Kylie. *Earth to hell*

Kylie Chan is the best-selling author of the **Dark Heavens** and **Journey to Wudang** trilogies, which tell the story of Emma, an ordinary Australian woman thrown into the world of Chinese Gods, martial arts, and magic. Emma must deal with a bewildering variety of Chinese mythological creatures from dragons to the Monkey King as she learns martial arts from her employer John Chen, who is really the God of Martial Arts, Xuan Wu.

Hosseini, Khalid. *The Kite Runner graphic novel*
 This is a beautifully illustrated, four-colour graphic adaptation of the novel *The Kite Runner*. It is an epic tale of fathers and sons, of friendship and betrayal, that takes us from Afghanistan in the final days of the monarchy to the atrocities of the present. The unforgettable, heartbreaking story of the unlikely friendship between a wealthy boy and the son of his father's servant, *The Kite Runner* is a beautifully crafted novel set in a country that is in the process of being destroyed. It is about the power of reading, the price of betrayal, and the possibility of redemption, and it is also about the power of fathers over sons-their love, their sacrifices, their lies.

Harris, Jane. *Gillespie and I*

As she sits in her Bloomsbury home, with her two birds for company, elderly Harriet Baxter sets out to relate the story of her acquaintance, over four decades previously, with Ned Gillespie, a talented artist who never achieved the fame that she maintains he deserved. This novel features a memorable cast of characters and is infused with atmosphere, period detail and wicked humour.

Patterson, James. *The Fire*

This is the third instalment of the epic *Witch and Wizard* series. The stakes have never been higher for Whit and Wisty Algood who have sacrificed everything to lead the Resistance against the merciless totalitarian regime that governs their world.

**Christine Sugowdz and Francie Campbell,
 Teacher-Librarians**

“Communicating with Teens” Course

Child & Adolescent Parenting

**Presented by Northern Sydney Local Health
 Network**

A 5 week course commencing Monday 20th August 2012 from 7.00-9.30pm.

Venue: Chatswood

Cost: \$150 per person (concession \$125)

Workshop: “Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat”

Venue: Chatswood

Date: Monday, 13th August 2012

Time: 7.00-9.30pm.

Cost: \$40 per person

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting

Ku-ring-gai Youth Development Service (KYDS) and the Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services Team

present a parent forum on

“Sexualisation of Youth”

Monday 6th August 2012

6.30 pm to 8.30 pm (registration from 6.15pm)

**Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers,
 Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.**

Bookings are essential - contact Ku-ring-gai Youth Services on 9424 0837 or email

youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au (entry fee is via a \$5.00 donation to KYDS) For more information on the forum contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit

www.kyds.org.au

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- Visit www.wep.org.au and request a free information pack
- Attend one of WEP's information evenings
- Call 1300 884 733 (for the cost of a local call)

Upcoming Information Evenings

Sydney: 8 August, 25 October
 Level 2 / 95-99 York Street / Sydney CBD

Sydney Professional Development Days

Presentations and Workshops for

Parents, Teachers, Teacher Aides and other Professionals
to better support children with learning difficulties in

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31 August & 1 September, 2012

Plus **Parents Forum** on 31 August, 2012

At Liverpool Catholic Club

Friday – Saturday from 9.00 am – 4.00pm

Parent Forum from 5.30pm – 7.30pm

Early Bird Special - cut off date 29 June, 2012



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