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Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 20th November

Put this date in your diary and come along to the Common Room in Block A at 8pm to find out what is happening behind the scenes at Killara High School – your school!!

Did You Know?

Hannah Burnett (Year 10) and Kayo Okubo (Year 9) are members of the NSW Public Schools State Choir which performed at the Sydney Opera House last Monday and Tuesday.

Senior Leadership Council

On Thursday 14th November, the office bearers from each of the five leadership groups will be inducted into the Senior Leadership Council (SLC). The Senior Leadership Council oversees the activities undertaken by each of the leadership groups and assists with communication and co-operation between the groups. The SLC promotes the interests of Killara students and their school and forms the communication channel between the school, parent body (P&C) and students.

We congratulate our outstanding student leaders on their achievement.

The members of the SLC for 2013-2014 are:

School Captains:

Dylan Dunkley and Zoe Sitas

Arts Council:

Benji Katzeff	Captain
Noa Sasson	Captain

Prefects:

Evangeline Leslie	Senior Prefect
Kshitij Prasad	Senior Prefect

Social Justice Committee:

Michael Reidy	President
Romy Silver	Vice President

Sports Council:

Jackie Bryant	Captain
Nicholas O'Donohue	Captain

Student Representative Council:

Kieren Young	President
Hannah Allum	Vice President

On Wednesday 16th October, all student leaders attended the Student Leadership Conference held at St John's Anglican Church, Gordon. This event was an NS5 initiative and a wonderful opportunity for Killara High leaders to meet leaders from surrounding high schools. They spent time concentrating on planning and goal setting for the year ahead.

Liesl Williamson
Student Leadership Coordinator

Accounts – End of Financial Year

This year, there is a transaction free period from 6th to 15th November inclusive in the lead up to rollover and the introduction of a new accounting system. During this period, we will not be receipting any payments. Therefore, prompt payment of any outstanding school or course contributions, excursions or activities attended or to be attended by your child are essential to support this process.

Calendar

NOVEMBER 2013

- 5 - Yr 11 Geography Fieldwork - Pymont
 - 7 - Grade Sport Semi-Finals
 - Yr 11 Food Technology Excursion
 - 10 - Grounds Working Bee – 8.30am
 - 11 - Remembrance Day
 - 12 - ESSA Tests
 - String Ensemble to Lindfield East PS - Workshop & Concert
 - 14 - Senior Leaders Council Induction Ceremony
 - Grade Sport Finals
 - PAE Concert & BBQ
 - 18 - Yr 10 Service Learning and Work Experience (2 weeks)
 - Yr 7 Swim and Survival Program (4 days)
 - Yr 10 - Menindee Service Learning and Aboriginal Studies (all week)
 - Stage Band 1 and Senior Dance – Ryde Schools Spectacular
 - 20 - P&C Meeting – A Block Common Room – 8pm
 - 21 - Yr 9 "Events that Changed the World" excursion – Maritime Museum
 - 25 - Yr 11 Assessment block commences
 - Vaccinations - Yr 7 boys and girls - HPV3 & HepB2; Yr 9 boys - HPV 3
 - Yr 9 Elevate Challenge Presentations – lunchtime (all week)
 - 26 - Yr 9 Swim and Survival Program (4 days)
 - Small Candidature School morning for Yr 7 2014
 - 27 - Choir - Schools Spectacular Rehearsal, Entertainment Centre (2 days)
 - 29 - Choir & Stage Band 1 – Schools Spectacular Performance, Entertainment Centre (2 days)
- ### DECEMBER 2013
- 4 - Enrolment Day for 2014 Yr 7
 - P&C Christmas Meeting, Common Room, A Block 8pm
 - 12 - World's Biggest Beep Test
 - 18 - Annual Awards Ceremony

Performing Arts Ensembles

END OF YEAR CONCERT

Kerrabee Hall

Thursday 14th November
2013

7.00pm - 8.30pm

❖ Stage Bands ❖ Concert Bands

❖ Vocal Ensembles ❖ Strings

❖ Orchestra

Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome

Performing Arts Ensemble Term 4 2013

Week	Date	Ensemble	Event
6	12-Nov	String	LEPS workshop and concert 12.30pm - 2.30pm
6	14-Nov	All Ensembles	PAE Concert/BBQ
7	18-Nov	SB1 , SNR Dance	Ryde School Spectacular Performance
7	20-Nov	SS Choir	SS rehearsal All day
8	27-Nov	SS Choir	SS rehearsal All day
8	28-Nov	SS Choir	SS rehearsal All day
8	29-Nov	SS Choir & SB1	Schools Spectacular Performance & Foyer Entertainment
8	30-Nov	SS Choir	Schools Spectacular
11	16-Dec	CB2	Stage 4 Ceremony
11	17-Dec	CB1	Stage 5 Ceremony
11	18-Dec	SB1 & Vocal Ensemble	Annual Awards Ceremony



JOIN US TO CELEBRATE DR. MARK CARTER'S TENURE AS PRINCIPAL OF KILLARA HIGH SCHOOL 2002 - 2013

The P&C invite all parents, teachers and staff of Killara High School to join us to thank Dr Carter for his outstanding stewardship of our school over the last 12 years.

Venue: The Atrium, Greengate Hotel, Killara

Date: Thursday, 5th December, 2013

Time: 6.30 – 8.30pm

Some light food will be provided with a \$10.00 cover charge payable at the door. Drinks may be purchased at the Bar.

If you are able to join us, and to assist with guidance as to numbers, please email your acceptance to Neil Singleton, singo3112@gmail.com



Learning with Technology Evening

The fifth annual Learning with Technology night was held again in third term, attracting over thirty parents and carers. The night is intended as a showcase of not only the learning technologies used at Killara High, but more importantly demonstrating how these technologies are used in the classroom.



The event is organised around four sessions which this year included cyber safety and video conferencing, technology in Mathematics, Flash & Scratch and library online resources.

It's always a good opportunity to experience some of the innovative teaching practices which are emerging with learning technologies.

Many thanks to Ross Kirbyshire for helping organise, Robin Chand, Tracey Mackenzie, Amanda Walsh, Brendon Francis, Simon Borgert and Jenny Newell for putting their talents on display.



Year 8 Parents Social

Parent Coordinators, Jasbir, Heidi and Yvette warmly invite the Year 8 parents to join them at the Greengate Hotel's Alcove for a casual gathering. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Bar. No reservations required. Hope to see you there!

Date: **Friday 1st November**

Time: **From 7pm**

Where: **Greengate Hotel** (reserved Alcove),
Pacific Highway, Killara



Year 9 Parents Get-Together

It's time for the Year 9 parents to get together and we've booked The Alcove at the Greengate Hotel. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the Bar.

Look forward to seeing you all there!

RSVP: **blandine_robb@yahoo.com**

Date: **Thursday 7th November**

Time: **From 7pm**

Where: **Greengate Hotel** (reserved Alcove),
Pacific Highway, Killara

Blandine and Rossanna, Year 9 Parent Coordinators



ATAR Morning Tea for Year 12 Students

On **Friday 20th December 2013**, our HSC students will be able to obtain their Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR). On that morning we would like to invite our Year 12 students to come into school to share with us their good news and good fortune or to commiserate and help plan if they are not happy.

We will provide morning tea in the staff common room in A Block and would love to see as many of our students as possible. This is also helpful for our records as the school does not receive this information.

So, Year 12, it's a date - on **Friday 20th December** at 10.30am in the staff common room upstairs in A Block. Come and celebrate with your friends and teachers.

Jane Rountree, Head Teacher Welfare

Goran Petkovski, Rel. Head Teacher Stage 6



Working together to improve the School grounds

Grounds Working Bee

Sunday 10th November 2013 - 8.15am



Our previous efforts have led to great improvements in the quality of the grounds and landscaping at Killara High School. The results of our labour are literally growing before our eyes.

It is a great occasion to assist KHS and to meet other parents, form and extend friendships and keep fit. We enjoy morning tea refreshments and for those able to stay we finish around midday with a BBQ.

All parents (and families too) are most welcome. If you can only spare an hour or so we would appreciate your help too. Please come along.

Medal and Certificate Winners in Olympiad Exams

Students from Year 11 have been awarded medals and certificates based on their performance in the 2013 Australian Science Olympiad Exams. Designed to challenge top performers, over 3000 students from schools across Australia sat the two hour exam in August.

These challenging exams in Biology, Chemistry and Physics are the first stage of the selection process for the Australian team competing at the International Science Olympiads.

The competition is coordinated by Australian Science Innovations, a not-for-profit organisation that runs the Big Science Competition and the Australian Science Olympiad Competition to encourage students to study science and consider science as a career.

Congratulations to the following medal and certificate winners:

Kevin Yilun He

- Gold Medal for Physics
- Gold Medal for Chemistry
- High Distinction Certificate for Physics
- High Distinction Certificate for Chemistry

Srivaths Ramkumar

- Distinction Certificate for Physics
- Distinction Certificate for Chemistry

Well done, boys.



Jenny Leslie
Head Teacher Science

NS5 Science Head Teachers Visit the Australian Science and Mathematics School (ASMS)

Last week the NS5 Science Head Teachers from Chatswood, Killara, Ku-ring-gai, St Ives and Turrumurra, High Schools travelled to one of Australia's premier institutions for the teaching of mathematics and science at Flinders University in Adelaide. The ASMS is a government funded public school that is leading the way in collaborative learning and the linking of the traditional fields of mathematics, physics, chemistry, biology and geology to the new and emerging areas of science such as nanotechnology, aquaculture, biotechnology, laser science and communication technologies.

The group was privileged to observe this school in operation, witnessing their innovative practice and talking to teachers and students. Underpinning the learning culture of the ASMS was a structured

teacher professional learning model which involves project based learning for all staff.

All schools are continually looking for ways to improve their curriculum delivery. This experience gave the NS5 head teachers the opportunity to network, share and analyse their current practice and has provided a wealth of new ideas to draw upon for the benefit of not just our students but all NS5 students.

The trip was the initiative of Justin Hong, Deputy Principal at Chatswood High School who organised the visit and led the group.

Jenny Leslie
Head Teacher Science

From the Library

Fiction

Somper, Justin. *Vampirates Tide of Terror*

Join the Tempest twins in this second incredible adventure as a new tide of terror is spread by the Vampirates.

Somper, Justin. *Vampirates Blood Captain*

The third spectacular voyage. These are testing time aboard notorious pirate ship – The Diablo – not least when Captain Wrath's obnoxious Nephew joins the crew.

Marzi, Christoph. **Memory**

This is a book about a ghost called Story. She's lost in the city – alone, afraid and without her memory. Then she meets Jude, a boy who sees the dead. He is the only one who can help her remember...

Shirvington, Jessica. **Between the Lives**

Sabine isn't like anyone else. For as long as she can remember, she's had two lives. Every twenty-four hours she 'Shifts', living each day twice. She has one life in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and another, completely different life in Roxbury, Boston.

Spooner, Meagan. **Skylark**

Lark Ainsley has never seen the sky. She's never been beyond the Wall that protects her city. She knows that teenagers' magic is needed to sustain the power of the Wall. But she doesn't want to become the city's power supply. Her only choice is to escape; follow the birds into the wilderness beyond.

Wilcock, Lizzie. **Extinction 2**

Eight of us are marked with the infinity symbol. We are the chosen ones. We have to stop human extinction. The conclusion to the thrilling Extinction series.

Castles, Belinda. **Hannah & Emil**

A moving love story of courage and conviction that is driven by the powerful currents of history.

Malley, Gemma. **The Disappearances**

It's been a year since Evie and Raffy escaped the controlling regime of the City, leaving Lucas behind to rebuild the ruins of the place they once called home. But the City soon finds itself plagued by another terrifying threat: the Disappearances – teenagers who have gone missing from within the city walls, apparently vanishing into thin air.

Marriott, Zoe. **The Night Itself: The Name of the Blade Book 1**

When Mio steals her grandfather's priceless sword her actions unleash an ancient evil onto the streets of modern day London...

Gwynne, Phillip. **The Debt: Yamashita's Gold**

Lesson five: All that glitters isn't gold.

D'Ath, Justin. **Hunters and Warriors**

Inspired by a true story, a bold, absorbing, all-too-believable novel about friendship, belonging and decent people's capacity for violence.

Lott, Tim. **How to be Invisible**

It was the 13th of September, 13 days after my 13th birthday, when I first learned how to be invisible.

Shearer, Alex. **The Speed of the Dark**

Chris Mallon is an obsessive scientist with a mysterious past. His driving mission in life is to invent the impossible – a 'decelerator' that can slow the speed of light to a point where it turns to darkness. To a point where matter becomes miniature...

Howson, Imogen. **Linked**

Two lives, one deadly secret. A compelling thriller that will take you beyond our world and leave you breathless...

Stevenson, Robert Louis. **Kidnapped**

With the death of his father, David Balfour is left orphaned and impoverished. He receives a strange inheritance: a sealed letter to be delivered to one Ebenezer Balfour – an uncle he never knew he had.

Non-Fiction

The Federation Press. **Climate Change & Australia, warming to the global challenge**

Drawing on expertise from science, economics, geography and international law, the authors demystify the confusion surrounding climate change which comes from inconsistent media reports, complex scientific data and terminology. The book examines the science of global warming and the responses required.

Weir, Alison. **The Life of Elizabeth I**

An account of the greatest of England's remarkably great queens.

Lonely Planet. **Cantonese**

A phrasebook that gives you a comprehensive mix of practical and social words and phrases.

Glynne-Jones. **The Book of Words**

An entertaining look at words and how we have come to use them.

Australian Securities exchange. **Starting Out in Shares: The ASX Way 2nd Edition**

For the beginner investors who wants objective information on how to begin buying and selling shares on the Australian sharemarket.

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

Careers Corner

Are you in Year 11 and interested in architecture?

The School of Architecture at the University of Technology, Sydney, will host a summer school for those thinking about a career in architecture. The summer school will take place Monday 13th January - Thursday 23rd January 2014 from 10:00am - 4:00pm daily at the UTS School of Architecture. For

more information contact Jo Kinniburgh at the School of Architecture on 9514 8978.

America: Prophecy, Power, Politics: Are you in Year 11 or Year 12 in 2014? Are you interested in Politics in general and United States politics in particular? If so, the United States Studies Centre at the University of Sydney is offering a course that

may interest you. *America: Prophecy, Power, Politics* will complement a range of other HSC subjects and counts as a Year 11 Preliminary unit. For more information contact Dr Rodney Taveira at rodney.taveira@sydney.edu.au or go to www.ussc.edu.au/highschool Information brochures are also available from the Careers Office.

Australian Defence Force Parramatta Information Sessions: The ADF has notified the following sessions for November:

- Fitter Armament Trade Information Session, Wednesday, 6th November, 6.30pm
- One Year IMPS (Initial Minimum Period of Service) Information Session, Tuesday, 12th November, 4.30pm
- Army Reserve Information Session, Tuesday, 12th November, 6.30pm
- Women in the Army Information Session, Wednesday, 13th November, 6.30pm

All information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting Parramatta, Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta.

Are you interested in studying Medicine? If so, there are many things you need to consider. All applicants for medicine must register for and sit the UMAT (Undergraduate Medicine & Health Sciences Admissions Test). In 2014, this will be held on Wednesday 30th July. Registrations will open in early December 2013. There are a number of organisations that offer UMAT preparation courses. One amongst them is MedEntry. To learn more about what MedEntry offers and associated charges, go to www.MedEntry.edu.au.



More on Medicine - Gapmedics: If you are interested in pre-study work experience and then a career in Medicine, Nursing, Dentistry, Midwifery, or in Community

Volunteering, **GapMedics** may have a program that is interesting for you. GapMedics programs combine

healthcare experience with a once in a lifetime travel experience to work alongside professionals in Thailand or Tanzania. Aspiring medics between the ages of 16 - 25 can also join a special summer program in Thailand or Tanzania from 5th January 2014. This special program will enable participants to shadow healthcare professionals in a variety of departments, getting a real-life insight into the work of medical professionals in a new and exciting country. Alongside gaining beneficial work experience, students will be able to get together with fellow Australians and experience everything the amazing destination has to offer. The cost of a two-week placement is \$US2,190 but students can choose to stay longer if they wish. For more information on GapMedics programs, go to www.gapmedics.com.au

NIDA'S Summer Residencies: NIDA, the National Institute of Dramatic Art is offering those with interests in acting, music theatre and television presenting, the chance to develop their skills through an intensive NIDA Summer Residency. Working with industry experts and NIDA tutors, you will develop and expand your skills within a highly motivated and committed group. The Summer Residencies will run from 6th – 31st January 2014:

For those 15-18 years:

- Young Actors Residency
- Young Musical Theatre Residency

Entry is by selection. Group sizes will be restricted to ensure individual attention. **Click here** for more information.

National Art School, Sydney – 2014 Summer School, Semester One and Weekend Workshops:

NAS has provided a list of these course offerings and advised that enrolments are now being accepted. There are courses for all levels, ages and abilities and special courses for secondary school students. For more information, go to the website www.nas.edu.au.

**Colleen Clarke and Gordon Doyle
Careers Advisers**

Year 12 Textile and Design Major Project Designs



Designer –
Emma Norrington



Designer –
Stephanie Tieu

Learn About Yourself !

As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in February 2014 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one term, one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover – all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Visit us at our website www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Managing HSC Stress Program

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running **Managing HSC Stress** programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer this program again in **Term 1 2014**.

The **Managing HSC Stress** program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

When: Wednesday afternoon, 19th February, 26th February, 5th March, 12th March

Time: 4.00 – 5.30pm. Afternoon tea provided.

Where: Health Psychology Unit, Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway, Greenwich.

Cost: \$90.00 (\$22.50 per session)
Private Health Insurance may apply.

Register: Registration is essential as numbers are limited. To register call 9514 4077 or email Health.Psychology@uts.edu.au

Droppin' 2013 Hammers
skate & scooter comp
Saturday 23 November. 10am - 4pm
ST IVES SKATE PARK, THE VILLAGE GREEN
ST IVES (OFF MEMORIAL AVE)
\$8 ENTRY TO COMP MC'D AND JUDGED BY SKATER HQ
SIGN UP ON THE DAY FREE BBQ AND TUNES
CATEGORIES: under 13s, under 16s and open
PRIZES awarded for 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each category
Riders under 18 need guardian's signature
Download form from www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth
For more info or wet weather queries call 9424 0994
SkaterHQ 9424 0994
www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/youth

Jewish Care's
Mental Health team presents
WHAT CHICKEN SOUP CAN'T CURE
community EXPO
Presentations and information provided by over 30 mental health organisations and leading practitioners including talks by
Black Dog Institute
East Sydney Medicare Local
Art exhibition curated by Caroline Sherman
DATE Sunday 10 November
VENUE Emanuel School
Stanley Street Randwick
TIME 11am- 2pm
For information call Jewish Care's Mental Health program
FirstCall 1300 133 660
firstcall@jewishcare.com.au
www.jewishcare.com.au
FREE ENTRY
Entertainment
Rob Edwards - The Voice
Nick Kingswell - The Voice
Kayne Trenills from Bushwacked
Kids activities
Food available
Partners
Maccabi
Wolper Jewish
Hospital