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## Wonderful Achievement by 2012 Student

We would like to congratulate **Kenneth Lai** of the 2012 Year 12 cohort who was placed equal second in the HSC Accounting course which he completed at Hornsby TAFE with a near perfect score of 98 per cent.

Kenneth has enrolled in the exciting new Bachelor of Actuarial Studies at the University of New South Wales. Good luck in your future studies, Kenneth.

**Next P&C Meeting**  
**Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**March 2013 at 8pm**  
**in the A Block Staff**  
**Common Room**  
**All Welcome!**

## UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy

Congratulations to **Jackie Bryant (Year 11)** who has been invited to attend the UBS Young Women's Leadership Academy which will be held at Sydney University this year from Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April until Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April.

Places in this program are limited and it is a great opportunity for Jackie to develop her leadership skills with the full support of the students and staff of Killara High School.

The objective of the Academy is to:

- introduce Year 11 students to a diverse group of women who are leaders in their field
- explore the possibilities of a career in business and the satisfaction that comes with a successful career
- encourage leadership aspirations in young women
- provide opportunities for the development of leadership skills in young women



Best wishes go to Jackie for this wonderful opportunity.

**Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher Stage 5**

## Grounds Working Bee - Thank You

Many thanks to the wonderful parents and staff who came out on 3<sup>rd</sup> March, a damp and drizzling Sunday morning, to spend several hours working in our school grounds. Much work was done clearing garden beds around the basketball courts and the COLAs, collecting sticks, transplanting several plants away from the Block G site, picking up rubbish, oiling the outdoor furniture in the Quad and in other areas where the timber was dried out, and clearing the grass and weeds from around the bus bay areas and the road side gutters.

Despite the weather, this was all done with much good humour and enthusiasm. The sense of pride in our school, was palpable and clearly demonstrated by the efforts of more than 30 energetic volunteers. We appreciate your commitment to ensuring that KHS looks its best for all students and staff.

Our thanks go to the following parents: Richard Frith, Janet Benstead, Rick Stern, Regina Estrada, Stuart Chandler, Chao-Hsiang Wang, Morelle Reeves, Qiang Chen, David and Selena Courtness, Mike McLeod, Paul Fien, Nadine Walker, Julian Holden, Michael Teh, Danny Tang, Peter Kell, Anton Lubbers, Tim Hand, Stephanie and Gaston Armand, Gabriella and Alba Turner; staff: Ruth Charles; students: Indira, Oliver, Odette and Archie Courtness, Estella Holden, Angus and Nicholas Teh.

**Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal**

## Calendar

### March 2013

8	- Gifted and talented program testing P2 and P3
9	- North Shore School Spectacular Concert – 7.30pm-10pm
10	- Yr 11 Jindabyne Camp (6 days)
11	- Yr 12 Assessment Block commences
12	- Sydney North Swimming Carnival (2 days)
14	- Middle Years Presentation for parents – Dr Michael Nagel – 7-8pm – Kerrabee Theatre
15	- DEAS Silver Practice Expedition (3 days)
18	- Yr 12 Assessment Block continues
	- Yr 10 International Studies Excursion to Lakemba Mosque
	- Yr 11 Geography Excursion
19	- STEPS study
	- Creative Writing Workshops for Yr 5 students from local primary schools
20	- P&C Meeting – 8pm – A Block Common Room
	- Yr 7 Peer Support with Yr 11 Peer Support Leaders
23	- MUNA (2 days)
27	- KHS Cross Country Carnival
29	- Good Friday

### April 2013

1	- Easter Monday
2	- School Development Day – students do not attend
3	- Mufti Day – Prefects – Humpty Dumpty Foundation
	- Yr 11 Mock Interviews
	- Vaccinations – Yr 7 and boys from Yr 9
4	- Yr 7 Interim Reports issued to students
	- CHS Swimming carnival (3 days)
8	- Half Yr 11 to Honda Advanced Roadcraft Training Centre
	- Half Yr 11 Elevate Study Skills
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	- Half Yr 11 Elevate Study Skills
	- Creative Writing Workshops for Yr 5 students from local primary schools
	- DEAS Bronze Award Information Night – C Block Conference Room – 6pm – 8pm
10	- Yrs 7 & 11 (P1) and Yr 10 (P3) – Motivational Media presentation

## Year 8 Parents Social – Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013



Parent Co-ordinators (Year 8) 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 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2013**

Time: **From 7pm**

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

## Mufti Day

The Prefects are holding a Mufti Day on Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> April (week 10) as part of its commitment to the Humpty Dumpty Foundation which has been providing support for children's services since 1996. Humpty buys essential and often life-saving medical equipment for Neonatal Units (newborn care) and Paediatric Wards (toddlers and children to 16 years) in hospitals and health service centres across Australia.

Humpty also provides funding for special projects including the Magical Fairy Gardens (which encourage healing), paediatric fellowships (for graduate doctor training), weekly visits by the 'Clown Doctors' and the establishment of The Humpty Dumpty Paediatric Gait Analysis Laboratory at The Children's Hospital at Westmead.

Many of the Prefects are also training for the Humpty Dumpty Foundation's Balmoral Burn Race Day, which will be held on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> June to raise much needed funds.

Please give your support to this worthy cause. Your \$2.00 payment in exchange for wearing mufti could help improve health care for many. Remember that on 3<sup>rd</sup> April thongs, ugg boots and singlet tops are not permitted.

**Liesl Williamson, Head Teacher Stage 5**

## Did You Know?

- **Daniel Brini (Year 11)** has been selected as a member of the NSW Public Schools Stage Band
- **Nina Stambach (Year 9)** has been selected as a member of the NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Orchestra.

## Performing Arts Ensembles – Important Dates

Concert Bands, Stage Bands, Strings, Orchestra	Chatswood RSL	6pm-8.30pm	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March 2013
Finals	Chatswood High School	4pm-7pm	Saturday 11 <sup>th</sup> May 2013
Vocal Ensemble	Sydney Town Hall		Tuesdays 7 <sup>th</sup> & 13 <sup>th</sup> May 2013



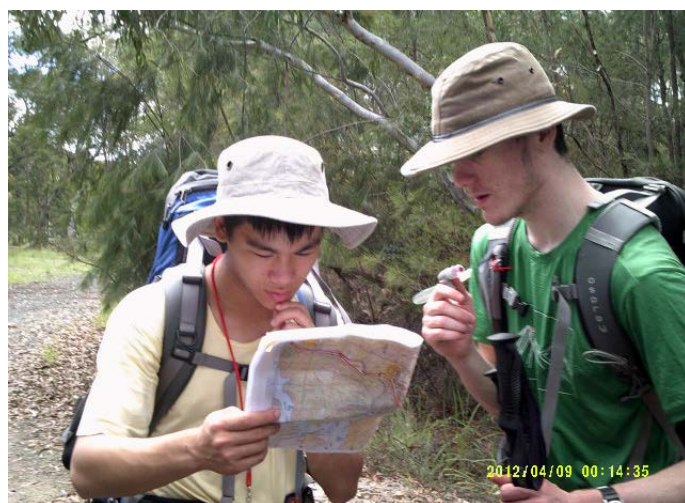
## DEAS Gold Practice Expedition – Urban Challenge

On Saturday 16<sup>th</sup> February 48 year 11 students and one year 12 student met at the Hawkesbury River Train Station.

We split into three teams of 12 and one team of 13, each of us with our different jobs such as leader, navigator and treasurer. After dividing the group equipment we set off. Once we completed our bush phase, which included what seemed like an endless hill climb, we weren't sure what was still to come. Eventually we made it to Cowan Railway Station but not before conquering a few more hills and coping with a downpour of rain. Next we caught the train to Berowra. We then walked to our camp for the first night.

In the morning our group decided to wake up at 5am in order to beat the heat and get to our destination in good time, although the other groups weren't so happy with this decision because we made so much noise that we woke them up! We finished the bush phase with yet another hill climb that seemed to keep on going forever.

We were then given our next set of instructions and we were now in the beach phase. We made our way to the location of our next challenge and then to our campsite (which had showers), where a few of us then left to go and get supplies for dinner.





The next morning we caught the bus to the start of our walk which would take us from the beach phase to the bustle phase. We had a scavenger hunt to complete that day so once we got to the end of the walk we searched around for the items we needed to collect. We then caught the ferry to our campsite for the night to set up our tents and drop off our bags. Next, we caught the ferry back to the city and completed our final challenge for the day which provided us with a delicious meal. We headed back to our campsite and went to bed. In the morning we got up a bit later and headed into the city to look for historical sites and other places around the city (the

location of which we had to decipher through a series of riddles).

Once we had solved the riddles we travelled to Watsons Bay, enjoyed fish and chips at Doyles, had a debriefing and went home to have a long shower and some much needed sleep in our comfy beds.

Thank you to Mr Mitchell for giving up his time to come on this hike with us. Also a big thank you to Dr Carter and Ms Johnson for organising everything, we are looking forward to the qualifying journey.

**Freya Stromsvag (Year 11)**

## Extending Lion Library Study Centre Services

Killara High School has implemented a Study Centre for our senior students, which involves volunteer university students tutoring our students across a range of their HSC subjects. This program operates during the private study sessions of our students and after school on Tuesdays and Fridays for one hour in the Lion Library.



This year, we would like to extend our program to include other students across years 7-11. It would mean they also could have access to the Lion Library after school on these same days for their educational needs.

Before such a service is developed and established the school would like to determine the likely demand and then determine whether voluntary support from university students is available. To this end, Ms Campbell, Teacher-Librarian, would welcome your feedback and response to the following questions:

- Would you like your child/children to have access to assistance with work after school for an hour in the Lion Library?
- What areas of assistance could be provided for your child?
- Would you like your child/children to be able to access the Lion library's resources at this time for:
  - a) research or
  - b) recreational reading?
- What other suggestions do you have regarding your child's information needs?

To access this survey, please click on the following link: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/286ZRM6>. Closing date for completion of survey is Friday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2013.

Please feel free to contact Ms Campbell, one of the Teacher-Librarians, on Tuesdays or Fridays. Alternatively you can email her at: [francie.campbell1@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:francie.campbell1@det.nsw.edu.au)



### Wanted!

- \* Violinist to join our String Ensemble
- \* Guitarist for Stage Band
- \* Bass Guitarist for Stage Band
- \* Trombonist for Stage Band



Please contact Jacki Berry for further information: [Jacqueline.berry@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Jacqueline.berry@det.nsw.edu.au)

### PAE News

- Thank you to the Laughlin family for their kind donation of a keyboard to the music department.
- Music Camp postponed until Term 3. More details to follow.

## School Development Days for 2013

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Parents and students are very familiar with the scheduling of school development days into the school year. The first day of each of Terms one, two and three are pupil free days which have long been devoted to professional learning usually incorporating presentations by experts in their fields. Many members of the school community have shared in these professional presentations where they are relevant and appropriate. More recently, the last two days of Term four have been added to this calendar of pupil free days devoted to professional learning for teachers.

Many parents would be aware of the implementation of the Australian Curriculum. This national curriculum is being phased into schools commencing in 2014 with Years 7 to 10 English, Mathematics, Science and History and to provide teachers with the time required to commence work on programs, an

additional school development day has been allowed in 2013.

In many schools, this additional day will be what would have been the first day of Term two for students but because our athletics carnival is booked for that day, the arrangements are different for Killara High School.

Our additional school development day for 2013 will be on the Tuesday following the Easter break. **Killara High School students are not to attend school on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April, 2013. However, all students are expected to attend the school's athletics carnival on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April, 2013** which will be the first day for students in Term two.

Should you have any queries regarding these arrangements, please contact the school on 9498 3722.

**Judith Paszek, Deputy Principal**

## Bus Transport Issues

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Unfortunately there appear to be ongoing problems with some of the buses both in the mornings and afternoons. We are aware that the East Lindfield and Gordon buses are at times late and overfull. We understand your concern and the distress this creates for your child.

We have been in constant communication with the Viola Transdev bus company to express our dissatisfaction with the service, and have urged that additional buses be provided. The company has stated that bus numbers are based on the number of students who qualify for a pass, rather than those students who do not qualify for a pass, but buy a ticket, and also board the same buses. The numbers of students who have a pass, and those buying a ticket have increased significantly and the result is the situation we are facing.

In the afternoons staff on duty ensure that those students who have a pass, or are waiting for a pass,

board first of all. They are then followed by fare paying students.

We are also aware that not all students have received their passes yet as there has been a delay in the company's processing of these. Viola Transdev have advised that in this case, students are to tell the driver politely that they have not received their pass yet and request an interim pass from the driver. This will be issued on the spot. This pass will last for 10 school days.

We have requested that Viola Transdev address these deficiencies urgently. Currently the situation is under review.

You may wish to contact Viola Transdev directly with respect to any bus transportation issues or problems impacting on your family. The phone number is 9457 8888.

**Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal**

## Advice to students and parents regarding Formals (Year 10) and Socials (Year 11)

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A letter distributed by email in February to Years 10 and 11 families is reproduced below.

This letter is to advise parents and students that functions commonly referred to as a Year 10 Formal and Year 11 Social are **not** school endorsed, supported or managed functions.

The Year 12 Formal at the conclusion of the Higher School Certificate, together with Ekuba held immediately prior to the HSC study vacation, are the social functions marking the conclusion of students' education at this school. No alcohol is served at these school functions.

The school focuses on Year 12 functions because this is the point of transition to post school life for nearly all students. The conclusion of four years of secondary schooling at the end of Year 10 has significantly less significance that it once held.

While 'Year 10 Formals' have been conducted and managed without incident by parents in recent years, unfortunately alcohol has been served at some pre and post Formal functions each year. This has also been the situation for Year 11 Socials.

In 2012 an expensive Year 11 Social was cancelled very early in the evening because of the behaviour of some young guests who were affected by alcohol. The termination of the event was a great disappointment to others who had paid large sums of money to prepare for and attend the function.

The consumption of alcohol by school age students is dangerous. It is irresponsible for adults to supply alcohol or condone its consumption by students under the age of 18. I acknowledge that the large majority of parents understand this and are vigilant in their supervision of pre and post Formal/ Social events. Yet, each year I receive reports of alcohol consumption by Year 10 and Year 11 students in the presence of parents/ adults at functions prior to or following the Formals and Socials. I cannot stress sufficiently that the safety and well-being of many

young people can be put at risk when alcohol is consumed.

No school staff member will be involved in the organization or supervision of Formals or Socials for students in Years 10 and 11. The name 'Killara High School' may not be used in association with any event that students or parents seek to organize for students in Years 10 and 11.

While I appreciate that Year 10 Formals and Year 11 Socials are much anticipated by some students, I ask that parents and students give consideration to matters of safety, supervision and cost when considering whether to organize, support or make non-refundable financial commitments to Formals or Socials for students in Years 10 and 11. The safety and well-being of young people must be paramount in our considerations.

**Mark Carter, Principal**

## Presentation for Parents

**At 7pm on 14th March 2013**, Dr Michael Nagel, Associate Professor in the School of Science and Education, will be presenting an extremely interesting and informative one hour session on:

### **Blame Their Brain: Why Our Children Do What They Do!**

Have you ever wondered why your children act and behave the way they do? Have you marvelled at the stages of development you have witnessed and simultaneously felt bewildered by that very journey of growth and maturation? This presentation unlocks some of the mysteries of the development of the mind from birth through adolescence by examining the developing brain and shedding light on why children and teenagers may act the way they do. A look at neurological development also gives parents an avenue for understanding a range of

developmental inevitabilities including the importance of just saying 'no' to a toddler and the understanding of why adolescents seem to have difficulty explaining their actions when doing the 'wrong' thing or indeed why they are, at times, seemingly incapable of responsible decision making. The evening's presentation will look at those ideas with a focus on contemporary research into how your child's brain develops, how boys' and girls' brains may differ and what this might mean for parenting in the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

The session will be held in the Kerrabee Theatre. We have flown down Dr Nagel from Queensland to work with our teachers in the afternoon and our parents in the evening.

We look forward to seeing you there.

## Disability Provisions for HSC 2013 students

The Board of Studies assesses applications from students with disabilities in order to provide eligible students with practical support in Board of Studies assessments and examinations. Applications may be made by students for the Higher School Certificate according to procedures determined by the Board of Studies.

The coordinators of these applications are Mrs Kim Collins, Learning and Support Teacher and Mrs Clair-Louise Schofield, Head Teacher Welfare and Student Services (relieving). Students who wish to apply for disability provisions should see Mrs Collins and Mrs Schofield who together with the School Counsellor will complete the application form with the student.

Parents are encouraged to contact Mrs Collins or Mrs Schofield with any questions regarding the process. Parents will also be provided with the part

of the form to be completed by any relevant specialists. It is most important that parents carry out this request in order to support the application with statements from medical professionals.

The due date is the last day of Term 1 for pre-existing conditions, except for applications based on chronic fatigue syndrome, post-viral syndrome, Ross River fever or glandular fever, which should be submitted in July of the examination year, with teacher comments and medical documentation also dated July.

For more details, refer to the Board of Studies website provided here or contact the school.

<http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/disability-provisions/>

**Clair-Louise Schofield, Head Teacher Welfare and Student Services (relieving)**

## No Nuts at Killara High School

A number of students at Killara High School have very high levels of sensitivity to nuts which can cause severe allergic reactions. Sometimes these reactions can be life threatening. In the interests of students' safety, the school has implemented a policy of banning all nuts on the school premises and at school events.

There are several students who are extremely allergic to any trace of nuts on people's hands, on paper, on plates and so on. While these students manage their allergies well, the risks are severe and the danger disproportionate to the convenience of having nuts at the school. The school therefore asks that **all nut products** be removed from students' lunch and recess snacks. In addition, please be

vigilant when baking cakes and cookies for class parties or for fundraising events. Such things as energy or health bars should be checked for nut components and left at home if they contain nuts or nut traces. This ban applies to all staff, students and volunteer workers at the school. The school canteen and classes involving food preparation currently apply this ban on nuts and nut products.

We thank the Killara community for its co-operation in this matter. While there is a degree of inconvenience it is a small price to pay for guaranteeing the health and safety of all of our students.

**Clair-Louise Schofield, Head Teacher Welfare and Student Services (relieving)**

## Morning Tea after drop off for ALL Chinese speaking parents

Welcome to Killara High School to all of our Chinese speaking families.

You are cordially invited to join us once a term for a social morning tea.

### **Venue details:**

**Place:** The Deli at Wellington Rd, East Lindfield, opposite the East Lindfield Public School.

**Date:** Friday 22nd March 2013.

**Time:** 9:30 am till late.

We speak in Mandarin and Cantonese. You are very welcome to bring friends along. We look forward to meeting up with you once a term in our KHS Chinese parents' conversational hour.

Please reply via email to [lyharnimail@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lyharnimail@yahoo.com.au)  
Please note that we welcome your reply/email in either Chinese or English.

We would like to thank Alice Leung for her help with translating/writing the above invitation in Chinese.

**Ms Ly Harn and Mrs Alice Leung**  
**Chinese Speaking Parents Social Coordinators**

祝願所有說中文（普通話或廣東話）而有子女在 KHS 就讀的家庭新年快樂。

誠意邀請你們參加我們的聚會。  
聚會會以每學期一次的形式舉行，聚會以早茶（morning tea）或飲茶(yum cha)方式進行，期望藉此連繫各華語家長，彼此交流。  
2013 年第一學期聚會詳情如下：

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地點： The Deli at Wellington Rd, East Lindfield.  
Opposite the East Lindfield public school

日期： Friday 22nd March 2013

時間： 9 : 30am till late

歡迎所有說普通話或廣東話家長出席，更歡迎出席者帶同朋友赴會。期待你能參加本年度的第一次 KHS Chinese Parents' Conversational hour.請以下列電郵回覆：（可以中文或英文回覆或查詢）

[lyharnimail@yahoo.com.au](mailto:lyharnimail@yahoo.com.au)

## Have You Received The Schoolkids Bonus?

Do you know about the Schoolkids Bonus? It is a new cash payment to help eligible families and students with the costs of primary and secondary school studies. Around 1.2 million families have already benefitted from the first wave of payments in January 2013 – *have you?*

If you receive a family or income support payment, including Family Tax Benefit Part A, you could be eligible to receive \$410 a year for each primary student and \$820 a year for each secondary student, with half paid in January and half paid in July.

The Schoolkids Bonus replaces the Education Tax Refund (ETR) and is a much simpler system. You no

longer need to collect receipts and payments are made automatically so you don't have to wait months to make a claim via your tax return. Unlike the ETR you can choose how you use the payment to best support your children's education – whether it be school books, stationery, uniforms, school fees, or excursions.

Check your eligibility by visiting [www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus](http://www.australia.gov.au/schoolkidsbonus) and if you think you might have missed out on the January payment, contact Centrelink – either in person at a Centrelink-Medicare Office or by calling 132 468.



# Uniform Shop News

## Extra Opening Times

The Uniform Shop will be open on the following days as well as the normal opening hours to help alleviate the long queues as people purchase their winter uniforms.

Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> March	8am -12pm
Tuesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> April	UNIFORM SHOP CLOSED – (School Development Day)
Thursday 4 <sup>th</sup> April	8am - 12pm
Monday 8 <sup>th</sup> April	8am - 12pm
Tuesday 9 <sup>th</sup> April	8am - 12pm (normal hours)
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup> April	8am - 12pm
Saturday 13 <sup>th</sup> April	9am - 1pm
Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April	8am - 12pm (first day Term 2)

## New Soft Shell Jackets

The new style KHS soft shell jacket is now available for pre orders. We have all the sizes for trying on in both female and male styles. So if you want to pre order your jacket and beat the rush, come in and try them on for size. They cost \$70 and will be available for pick up from mid-March.

The new KHS Tartan collared white shirt which is worn without a tie, will be available mid-March and will cost \$34. These can also be pre ordered.

## Cotton Jumpers Now in Stock

Cotton Jumpers in sizes 18, 20, 22 are now in stock.

**Kim McPartlin, Uniform Shop Manager**

Email: [khscp@yahoo.com.au](mailto:khscp@yahoo.com.au)



## Northern Sydney Region Student Services

### Parent Forum

An invitation is extended to all parents of students accessing Northern Sydney Region Student Services Programs to attend an information sharing meeting with other parents and regional representatives.

At this forum we welcome Liz McDonald, District Guidance Officer, Department of Education and Communities. Liz will be speaking about “**Cyber Safety**” and will provide us with strategies to support our children when they are accessing the internet at home.

**Date:** April 5, 2013

**Time:** 10.00am to 12.00 noon

**Venue:** Lindfield East Public School Hall, 90 Tryon Road, East Lindfield

It would be appreciated if you would reply by **2nd April 2013** to assist us with catering. If there are any specific questions you would like addressed please include them at your time of reply.

Please reply to **Leanne Mulligan on 99873900** or [Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:Leanne.mulligan@det.nsw.edu.au) or for further information, please contact Kate McCosker - Student Welfare Consultant, 9987 3919 or [kate.mccosker@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kate.mccosker@det.nsw.edu.au)

## From the Library

### An article that may interest you:

Kerr, Jordi. ‘*What teenagers Want*’. *Junior Bookseller and publisher*, Issue 3, 2012.

In this article, Jordi Kerr, learning program officer for the Centre of Youth Literature, takes us behind the scenes during 2013's Centre of Youth Literature's Inky Awards, to look at the shortlisting process. Readers aged between 12 and 20 can vote for their favourite titles until 14<sup>th</sup> October. Teenagers vote on what they *want* to read, rather than what adults *think* teenagers want to read, or should read.

What do teenagers want? ... “*We want books that challenge us. That make us think, and feel, and explore....We don't want things 'dumbed down'...*”...says 14-year-old Elizabeth, one of the judges from 2012. This and other interesting points are made in this article about teenagers and their reading choices.

### Two databases that can assist you:

For Years 7-10, there is **Skwirk**. This is a database that has support material for all your subjects.

You can log on using the following user name for your year:

Year 7: killara7.1    Year 8: killer 8.1    year 9: Killara 9.1

The password is: **apples**

For Years 11-12, there is **EbscoHost** – an excellent database of online newspapers, journals, articles, images etc. for research across all your subjects.

To login in: click on **EbscoHost** on your Homepage, or alternatively Google **EbscoHost**.

USER NAME: s 9208108    Password: password  
Click on **Select**, then **Continue**.



- The Lion library now has an [eBook Subscription Collection](#) available via EBSCOhost! Students and staff can now access eBooks on the same platform as our EBSCOhost database!
- **Use the eBook Subscription Collection for the following curriculum areas:**  
Classic fiction titles; English; Science (biology, chemistry, physics, health); Art and performing arts; Business and economics; Religious studies; Politics; Social Sciences; Education; Industrial Technology; History; Plus many, many more!

### **The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2013:**

Online access for coordinators has opened from the beginning of March via the PRC website on: [www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au).

Schools are automatically included in the Challenge when an online student reading record is started. Students can log on from **4th March** using their DET username and password. On the first logon for 2013, students record their previous school, if applicable. Student can complete their own online records at school, at home or at the local library. (The easiest and most reliable way to enter PRC books is by their ISBN number).

### **New non-fiction:**

Australian Government. Dept of Veteran Affairs. *Bomber Command: Australians in World War II*  
Burgan, Michael. *The Attack on Pearl Harbor: The US Entry into World War II*  
Caes, Charles J. *Discovering the Speed of Light* (The scientists' guide to Physics series)

Farndon, John. *What Do We Know About Stars and Galaxies?* (Earth, space and beyond series)  
Green, Jen. *Conservation* (The impact of environmentalism series)  
Green, Jen. *Food and Farming* (The impact of environmentalism series)  
Halbertsam, Gaby. *Boudica: The Story of the Fearless Iceni Queen*. (Real lives series)  
Healey, Justin. (editor) *Asylum Seekers and Immigration Detention* (Issues in society series)  
Hopp, Glenn. *W. Allen* (Movie icons series)  
Johnstone, Glenda [and others]. *Information Processes and Technology* (Excel HSC series)  
Katrowitz, Joseph and Moran, Jeffrey B. *Discovering Thermodynamics*. (The scientists' guide to Physics series)  
Morris, Neil. *What Does Space Exploration Do For Us?* (Earth, space and beyond series)  
Solway, Andrew. *Transport* (The impact of environmentalism series)  
Spilsbury, Richard. *Towns and Cities* (The impact of environmentalism series)

### **New fiction:**

Keil, Melissa. *Life in Outer Space*.  
Masson, Richard. *Boonie*.  
Murray Neil. *Black Fella White Fella: An Inspirational Australian story*.  
Whaley, John Corey. *Where Things Come Back*.  
**Karen Jones and Francie Campbell**  
**Teacher-Librarians.**

### **Wesley Vision Valley holiday camps are on these holidays!**

- adventure day camps
- horse riding camps
- overnight camp out
- 3-5 day holiday camps

Climb a rock face, fly through the valley, ride a horse along a rugged trail or try to stay dry in a canoe.

Our camps are packed full of fun and adventure and are designed to promote confidence and give every individual the chance to grow.

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Book your place now by calling 1800 043 344 or visit our website [www.wesleyvisionvalley.org.au](http://www.wesleyvisionvalley.org.au)

### **Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Ku-ring-gai Council area**

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That's why the RMS has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the RMS has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE RTA parents' workshop will be held on **Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March** at the Ku-ring-gai Council Offices from 6.30pm – 8.30pm.

Early bookings are essential, so phone Council on 9424 0798 now to reserve your place, or email [kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:kmc@kmc.nsw.gov.au)

### **FAMILY LAW NETWORK AUSTRALIA**

Family Law Network Australia has recently launched a website. The website is a free information resource and referral service for family law matters. To find out more information about this free service, visit Family Law Network Australia at [www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au](http://www.familylawmattersaustralia.com.au) where you can find information on separation and divorce, parenting arrangements, property settlement and child support.



**Seniors Security Expo**

**FEEL SAFE, BE SAFE!**

Find the 14 dangerous things in this poster and you could **WIN!**

**9:30am - 12:30pm**  
**Tuesday, March 19th**  
**Turramurra Uniting Church**  
**ALL WELCOME! FREE!!**

Learn to keep yourself safe and secure!  
See a kitchen fire demo by NSW Fire and Rescue!  
Try out a mobility scooter!

**EXHIBITS PRESENTATIONS RAFFLES PRIZES REFRESHMENTS**

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**THE KURING GAI POLICE AND COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMITTEE**  
**IN PARTNERSHIP WITH**  
**KU-RING-GAI COUNCIL**  
present

**“PARENT SURVIVAL STRATEGIES FOR TEACHING YOUNG DRIVERS”**

A FREE In-Depth Seminar for parents/supervising drivers together with young drivers

**MONDAY – 18<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2012**  
**6.00 PM for 6.30 PM – 8.30 PM**

At Ku-Ring-Gai Council Chambers, Level 3,  
818 Pacific Highway, Gordon - Access via Rear Entrance

Light Refreshments

**STAY ALERT - HAVE AN ESCAPE!!!!**

**Presenter: Jeff McDougall** - Trent Driving School President, Australian Driver Trainers Assoc NSW Ltd Member National Executive Committee of the Australasian College of Road Safety Member of K'gai Police & Community Safety Committee, Former MD Trent Driving School

will discuss the vital aspects of what you need to know when teaching a young driver:

- A Comprehensive and Organised Approach to the Driving Task
- The Five Crash Risks for Young Drivers : Preparation for the Driving Test
- Keeping the Log Book Honest : Teaching Practical Skills Safely
- The Components of Driving : Strategies for Safe Driving
- Effective Partnerships : Making it a Positive Experience

**Presenter: Snr Cons Lynda Hart – Hornsby K'gai PCYC**

Will Share her “Passion for Keeping People Safe”

**BOOK EARLY – SEATS LIMITED: Phone Carroll on mobile 0405 558 660 or email [carroll.howe@gmail.com](mailto:carroll.howe@gmail.com)**

**AUTUMN HOLIDAY CAMPS 4 KIDS**

Crusaders is running 3 awesome Christian camps for kids in school Years 4 - 12 in the autumn holidays. Activities include: sailing, laser zone, Gold Coast theme parks, ice skating, rock climbing, messy games, making new friends and much, much more!

For a free brochure or to register for camp visit [www.crucamps.com.au](http://www.crucamps.com.au) or call (02) 9874 8933 (opt 1).

‘CRU Camps’ is a division of the Crusader Union of Australia which has over 80 years’ experience running safe, Christian camps for kids.