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Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 21st May 2014

In the A Block Common Room

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

Welcome from the Principal

I extend a warm welcome to all members of our community as we commence Term 2, and particularly our new students and families. I hope your transition to our fine school is smooth, and that you quickly find yourself immersed in the extensive range of opportunities Killara offers to all. Of course, I am also one of the new arrivals, but with the twist that I am returning to a school where I spent a number of happy years earlier this century!



It is with enormous pleasure and pride that I take up the position of Principal at Killara High School. I have joined our school from Pennant Hills High School, where I position of Deputy held the Principal for six years. Prior to this I was Head Teacher HSIE Blue at Killara, so I know a little about our school. However, I can see the development that has occurred in our school, and it is a testament to the care, commitment and vision of the school community. I would also like to acknowledge the significant impact of past principal Dr Mark Carter, a true educational visionary, who worked with has students and families to bring

about appropriate and effective change. Additionally, I wish to thank Acting Principal Judy Paszek for her skilled leadership of the school over the past two terms. I must also thank Alison Gambino, Carla Marchesin and Liesl Williamson for their invaluable support as I learn our school.

I believe in open and transparent communication, so with that in mind I

would like to briefly share my core values. I am committed to providing all regardless of students. their academic talents, the opportunity to succeed. This is the cornerstone of comprehensive education. The opportunities to excel at Killara High School are many and diverse, and I am privileged to lead a school that has the ability to engage students in a rich and purposeful life.



The academic reputation of this school is outstanding, and it is one to be valued and preserved. It is also a reputation firmly planted in a caring and supportive teaching and learning environment.

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Calendar

MAY 2014

- 9 Yr 7 Blue Mountains Excursion (Group 2)
 - Yr 11 Biology Excursion to Gibberagong (Group 2)
- 12 Yr 11 Visual Arts Life Drawing Incursion
 - Stage 6 Rivalry Sports Council initiative
- 13 Yrs 7 & 9 NAPLAN tests (3 days)
- 14 Mishima High School visit to KHS
- 16 Yr 7 & 9 NAPLAN tests makeup day
 - Prefect Mufti Day
- 19 Zone Cross Country Carnival
 - Yrs 9 & 12 Student Progress Review Meetings – 3.30pm
- 20 ICAS Computer Studies Competition
 - Yrs 9 & 10 Drama Excursion to "The Stones"
 - Yr 12 Biology and Senior Science Excursion to UNSW Museum of Human Disease
- 21 Yr 7 & Yr 11 Leaders Peer Support training
 - Yr 12 Biology and Senior Science Excursion to UNSW Museum of Human Disease
 - P&C Meeting 8 pm in A block Staff Common Room
- 26 Yrs 8 & 10 Course Selection Information for students
 - Killara Gift Sports Council Initiative – Boys Heats
- 27 Yrs 8 & 10 Course Selection Information for students
 - All Yr 7 + Yr 9 boys HPV2 and all Yr 7 dTpa Vaccinations
 - Yrs 8 & 10 Course Selection Information Evening for Parents – Theatre
- 28 Killara Gift Sports Council Initiative – Girls Heats
 - Yr 9 PASS to Lindfield PS Athletics Carnival
- 29 NAIDOC Assembly and Incursion

JUNE 2014

- 1 P&C Grounds Working Bee –8.15 am
- 2 Yr 9 Geography Excursion to Central Coast
 - Yr 12 Physics to Sydney University (44 students)
- 3 Killara Gift Finals

The physical and emotional safety and security of all is my highest priority. An atmosphere of mutual trust and respect supports students to take managed risks with their learning, which in turn helps foster key 21st century skills of creativity, critical thinking, and collaboration. Our job is to create a culture that systematically cultivates habits and attitudes that enable young people to face difficulty calmly, confidently and creatively. Confident students learn faster and better. They concentrate more, think harder and find learning more enjoyable. They do better in tests and external examinations, and are easier and more satisfying to teach. The challenge before us is the real demands, risks and opportunities of the 21st century, and making education appealing and accessible to all.

My main task at present is to get to know the school and its community. During my first days I have had the pleasure of meeting many members of our community, and there is a common thread. There is an enormous sense of belonging to this school. Overwhelmingly, students tell me they enjoy being here. What I want most for this school is that it remains one where students and staff want to be, and families feel welcome. I want this school to go forward, developing and implementing together effective change at appropriate times, always for the purpose of strengthening teaching, learning and relationships.

I look forward to getting to know you, and working side by side with all members of this community to ensure that Killara High School continues to develop resilient, happy, lifelong learners.

Jane Dennett Principal

Academic Excellence Award



On the 2nd April 2014, **Sarah Chen (Year 11)** was invited to the University of Sydney Year 10 Academic Excellence Awards for her outstanding all-around achievement at Killara High School in 2013.

Congratulations Sarah for your continued efforts in areas of academic achievement and sustained effort across all subject areas!

Duncan Smith & Fionna Hrcka Year 11 Advisers

Stewart House Donation Drive

Killara High School is currently attempting to support the current donation drive being undertaken by Stewart House. The school is asking each student for a donation of \$2.00 or more. Home group teachers will issue each student with a donation envelope with details of the charity and its aims stated on the envelope. Please consider your support of this organisation and encourage the return of donation envelopes to Home group teachers.

Stewart House is a charity whose aim is to care for children from all parts of NSW who are in need. They are typically children who have difficult home lives. Stewart House offers these students a short-term program away from their home. Each year 1,800 public school children in need come to Stewart House from many parts of NSW. During their stay, children are provided with optometric, dental and medical treatment as well as emotional support. This is balanced with health and educational programs and out of school activities to boost their self-esteem and to promote a healthier lifestyle.

Your generosity is appreciated.

PAE Success in Brisbane



During the Easter holidays, Killara High School's Concert Bands 1 and 2 competed in Brisbane for the Australian National Band Championships. 88 students across Years 7 to 12 participated in the 5 day camp. Concert Band 2 competed in the Junior C and Open D section, placing 3rd for both competitions, a huge achievement for many who had never before performed on stage in such a large competition. Concert Band 1 achieved remarkable success too, winning the Junior B grade section and

came a close 2nd (a separation of 3 points) to the Korean Sydney Orchestra in the Open C section.

These impressive results are the reflection of hardwork, talent and commitment that both Concert Bands demonstrated leading up to the championships, seen through band camps, extra rehearsals and dedication to practice. Although the trip was primarily about the music, we did get to enjoy some activities within Brisbane too, such as shopping in Queen Street Mall, enjoying the views on Brisbane's ferris wheel and taking a day trip to Movie World.

I think many band members can agree that although the camp was really successful at highlighting the musical talent of Killara High School, it was also a great opportunity for students across all years and social groups to connect and feel a sense of camaraderie within the band.

I would also like to say a huge thank you to our conductors and teachers who bravely embarked on this wonderful trip - Ms Berry, Mrs Bromley, Ms Phelan, Darren Jones and Cheryl McNamara, thank you!

Jacki Berry PAE Coordinator

Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 Course Information Meetings for Parents of Years 8 and 10 Students

The time for Year 8 and Year 10 course selections for 2015 is upon us.

Information sessions for parents of students in Years 8 and 10 will be held on:

Tuesday 27th May 2014 in the Kerrabee Theatre Year 8 at 6pm and Year 10 at 6.45pm

In order to provide students and parents with comprehensive information to assist in making decisions about programs of study for Year 9 and Year 11 2015, special booklets are being prepared and will be distributed to students prior to the information evening.

These booklets contain a wealth of general information about Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 course requirements as well as a range of programs of study and details about all subjects on offer to students. Killara High School is able to offer students a very broad range of courses for both the Higher School Certificate and Stage 5.

The meetings on Tuesday 27th May will provide parents and students with further details about NSW Board of Studies requirements for the awards of the Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate. All faculties will have representatives

available at the evening meeting to provide additional information about courses and answers to questions you might have.

Students are asked to choose their courses carefully in consultation with parents and teachers. Year 8 students choose three electives to study in Year 9, while Year 10 students choose 10 units (most subjects are equal to 2 units) in addition to the compulsory 2 units of English. Students are always advised to make their choices based on their interests and talents.

For Year 10, all students will be interviewed by their Year Advisers and the Careers Adviser prior to finalising their course selections for their senior program of study on 2nd or 3rd June 2014. Killara High School provides a rigorous consultation process to ensure all students make choices that will best suit their individual needs.

Both Year 8 and Year 10 students will be required to return their selection forms before the end of Term 2.

Alison Gambino, Carla Marchesin, Liesl Williamson (Rel) Deputy Principals

Student Progress Review Meetings 2014

Each year Killara High School schedules three student progress review meetings when parents can speak with teachers about their child's learning progress before too much of the year has passed.

The Student Progress Review Meetings scheduled for Term 2 are:

Years 9 and 12 - Monday 19th May (Week 4) Years 8 and 10 - Tuesday 17th June (Week 8).

We hope parents can take advantage of this opportunity to discuss with teachers their children's progress to date.

Interview Bookings

On 6th May, parents of students in Years 9 and 12 received an email invitation allowing them access to the computerised booking system. This enabled parents to indicate their availability for a meeting and to indicate which of their child's teachers they would like to see. This access will close on Sunday 11th May.

Interviews between parents and the nominated teachers are being scheduled between the hours of 3.30pm and 8.00pm taking into account parent and teacher availability.

The schedule of interviews will be open for parent access on 14th May so that parents may print out their schedule. Some limited adjustments of appointments may be possible depending on the availability of teachers. This access will close again on 18th May at 3.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE -

- The system does not notify you of your appointment schedule. You must log on between 14th 18th May to download your interview appointments.
- The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will indicate course/faculty locations and signs on tables will indicate locations of individual teachers.
- Interviews are of five minutes duration. Parents and teachers are asked to restrict their discussion to that time in fairness to all families seeking interviews. If teachers and/or parents feel the need to discuss matters further, another mutually convenient time should be arranged.
- Interviews must be prearranged. To drop in on the off chance of speaking to a teacher can prove very frustrating to those with appointments and such requests may not be able to be accommodated. Please give consideration to the needs of other parents and the staff during these evenings.

Please take advantage of these opportunities to meet with the school staff to discuss your child's progress. Year Advisers, a School Counsellor, Careers Adviser and the Learning and Support Teacher will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school. Please notify the office by email (Killarah.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if you require this service. You will need to indicate language required and approximate times of interviews.

Carla Marchesin, Alison Gambino, Liesl Williamson (Rel) Deputy Principals

Macquarie School Partners Scholarships



Last week I was privileged to accompany **Andrew Birks (Year 12 2013)** and his family to the Macquarie University School Partners Scholarships award ceremony. Andrew was a most deserving recipient of a Macquarie University School Partners Leadership Award, which he earned through diligent participation in a wide range of leadership and service programs during his Stage 6 studies.

Andrew is pictured with Associate Professor Sherman Young, Associate Dean of Learning and Teaching in the Faculty of Arts at Macquarie University. Congratulations, Andrew.

Jane Dennett Principal

Killara High School Athletics Carnival – A Great Day



Amid the rainy days of late Term 1, Mother Nature smiled on Killara High School's Athletics Carnival which took place at The NSW Academy of Sport, Narrabeen in week 10. The students delivered strong participation rates, with many students putting their hands up as helpers, not to mention their numerous outstanding performances.

In all, 16 school records were broken on the day, ranging from **Thomas Jobling** in the Boys 12 Years High Jump, through to **Samantha Bowden** in the 16 Years Girls 100m Hurdles.



It was amazingly close this year but Kimba was the winning house on the day, winning by only 6 points over Doongara. Congratulations to all students who belong to that house.

Age Champions are listed below:

Year Group	Female	Male	
12	Hannah Krust	Thomas Jobling	
13	Tamara Kowcz Rosinke	wcz Rosinke Harry Gleeson	
14	Coco Chua	Luke Reimer	
15	Hannah Swinton	Jayden Burgess Nick O'Donohue	
16	Samantha Bowden	Ben Mackay	
17-19	Ella Gibson	Nicholas Druce	

The Killara High School Athletics Team of 2014 will once again be well equipped to deliver outstanding results when the Zone Athletics Carnival takes place in mid Term 2.



Special thanks go out to parents who assisted in the running of the carnival on the day, in particular Richard Nott who took on the role of Field Marshall.

Adam Bruckshaw Carnivals Organiser

Killara Kids perform at the top level



Killara High sent a number of students to the CHS State Swimming Carnival in week 11 of Term 2 and needless to say, they performed extremely well.

Alicia Walker (Year 10) competed in three events in the 16 Years division. Her results were as follows:

10th in the final for 200m freestyle

6th in the final for 50m freestyle

3rd in the final for 100m backstroke

Daniel Sims (Year 7) competed in the 13 Years 50m where he finished 11th and the boys 16 Years relay team in the 4 x 50m finishing 5th.

Well done to all students involved.

Adam Bruckshaw Carnivals Organiser and Team Manager

Drama Update

We have had quite a few of our Drama students involved in extending their skills outside of the classroom. Last term, seven of our Stage 5 students were successful in applying for the Northern Sydney Drama Camp, held in Chatswood. Congratulations to Rachel Lowenstein and Alexander MacGregor (Year 9), Piper Ashburn, James Collison, Nicole Fenton, Tess Hanrahan-Shirley, Josie Mura and Jessica Ramsey (Year 10) for proudly representing the school and developing their skills in performance.

We have two major performance events coming up in Term 2. In Week 7, the MADD Festival will be presented, promising two entertaining nights of drama, music and dance. Tickets will go on sale shortly for this event. In Week 9, the annual Year 11 Drama production will be presented, and this year the students are devising the piece themselves – stay tuned for more information.

We also have two very exciting excursions planned this term. In Week 2, Year 12 Drama will be seeing Alana Valentine's *Parramatta Girls* at the Riverside Theatre, an emotion-charged piece of Verbatim Theatre, to complement their study of the play. Years 9 and 10 Drama will be participating in a physical theatre workshop and seeing *The Stones* by Zeal Theatre at the Monkey Baa Theatre at Darling Harbour, a dynamic company who engage their audience through physical theatre and amazing characterisation.

On a final note, Ms McKinnon has started her maternity leave and Ms Georgina Andrews will be replacing her whilst on leave.

Renee Lane Drama Teacher

World's Greatest Shave



Last Term on the 28th March, the Social Justice Committee (SJC) held an incredibly successful event for the World's Greatest Shave. The World's Greatest Shave is a campaign that Killara High School participates in nearly every year, an important campaign which raises funds for the Leukaemia Foundation.



Fortunately, Killara High School had numerous students and teachers who were willing to shave their heads this year for charity, an act of bravery

which should be acknowledged. Not only were all the students able to get their hair shaved but they also had the opportunity to get their hair sprayed and to buy a Spider too.



With the combined effort of some extra enthusiastic teachers and prefects, we received a broad range of donations from many student participants and eager observers. In total, combined with the donations made by the individual shavers, Killara High raised over \$4000 for the Leukaemia Foundation.

The SJC would like to thank the following students and teachers for participating in the World's Greatest Shave for 2014: **Dominic Hoey**, **Taj Bennett**, **Leonard Levien**, **Henry Bolt**, **Koh Saito**, **Rohan Patel**, **Mr Browne and Mr Le Rougetel**.

The SJC are very proud of this wonderful result and the success of the event and look forward to getting the opportunity to assist charitable individuals such as those listed above.

Josie Tomlinson SJC Coordinator

Knockout Open Girls Basketball

Congratulations to the Girls Open Basketball team for reaching the final 4 in the Sydney North Knockout Basketball competition.

The top eight teams competed at Scholastic Stadium in Terrigal for Rounds 3 and 4. Round 3 saw Killara matched up against a competitive Asquith Girls High School team. In an absolute nail-biter the lead changed hands until the final two minutes when Killara broke away for a 35-29 win.

In Round 4 our opponents were a mechanically-drilled Terrigal side. Terrigal broke away to an early lead which they maintained for the duration, winning 56-42. With some inspiring individual performances from Hannah Dawson (Year 11), Bethany Rodgers (Year 10) and Nicole Braun (Year 12) our girls displayed resilience under constant pressure from an aggressive Terrigal defence.

Thanks go to Mr Goran Petkovski for providing transport and performing bench duties.

Matt Mulready Coach



The Killara Gift



The Killara Gift is a Sports Council initiative which is in its second Year at Killara High School. The 2013 winners were **Ellie Krust (Year 8) and Jacky Pan.**



The Killara Gift is a sprint event based on the Stawell Gift, the famous sprint race which takes place each year at Easter at the Stawell Athletics Club.



Each runner will be given a 'handicap' based on their performance in the 2014 Killara High School Athletics Carnival which will enable runners of all abilities to compete against each other.

The event will take place on Koola Park during Weeks 5 and 6 of Term 2 with runners competing in heats in an effort to make the final. The final is to take place on Monday of Week 6 and will be held in conjunction with other novelty events including a teachers' race and tug of war.

Adam Bruckshaw PDHPE Faculty



Killara Boys Tennis - Runners Up in the Sydney North Region

An amazing run of outstanding performances saw the Killara High School Boys Tennis Team hailed as the second best team in the Sydney North Region.

The team of James Murrie, Stefan Shi (Year 12), Jo Marriage and Kanishk Arunraj (Year 9) went to Gosford in Week 10 to contest the top 8 section of the State wide knockout competition. This followed resounding victories over The Forest High Normanhurst Boys High in the earlier rounds of the competition.

First up was our old nemesis, Epping Boys, who we brushed aside in a convincing manner, 4-2. Next on the chopping block were Pittwater High who we defeated 6-0, which meant before we knew it, we were into the final two.

Unfortunately Wadalba had an amazing team and they were too strong for us so we had to walk away content with second.

Well done to the boys. It was an amazing result considering Kanishk and Jo are both in Year 9. They



were really helped by the maturity and leadership of our captain, James Murrie, and the relaxed nature and power play of Stefan Shi. It was really great to be a part of this achievement.

Adam Bruckshaw PDHPE Faculty

What is the Correct Winter Uniform for Term 2?

Term 2 marks the beginning of the part of the school year when students are required to wear "WINTER" Uniform.

Year 12 Jersey: The wearing of a Year 12 Jersey is a privilege extended to Year 12. It is not part of the designated uniform and may only be worn in conjunction with correct uniform, which includes a white shirt and tie for boys and the senior shirt for girls.

Note: The sloppy joe is being phased out and is no longer available through the Uniform Shop.

Girls' Uniform – Winter

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Skirt:	'Gordon' tartan
Trousers:	Long mid grey
Junior Shirt:	White, long sleeve with collar, worn with tie (unisex) or white long sleeve shirt with tartan trimmed collar
Senior Shirt:	Years 11 and 12 only. White blouse long sleeve with tartan trim or white, long sleeve with collar, worn with tie (unisex)
Jumpers:	V-necked wool or cotton jumper, green with crest.
Jacket:	Soft shell zip front jacket, green with crest.
Shoes:	Black lace-up leather school shoes.
Tights:	Black - microfibre (opaque) or cotton or
Socks:	White short anklet (above ankle).
Scarf:	Plain navy or plain forest green or plain cream

Boys' Uniform

Trousers:	Long trousers, zippered mid-grey (summer or winter weight), polyester/viscose.		
Shirt:	Plain white, long sleeved with collar, worn with school tie (unisex) or (for Year 7-10 only) white long sleeve shirt with tartan trimmed collar (worn untucked with no tie).		
Tie:	Junior – 'Gordon' tartan. Senior – Green with crest.		
Socks:	Mid-grey socks.		
Shoes:	Black lace-up leather school shoes.		
Jumpers:	V-necked wool or cotton jumper, bottle green with crest, or		
Jacket:	Soft shell zip front jacket, green with crest		
Belt:	Black leather		
Scarf:	Plain navy or plain forest green or plain cream		

Appropriate footwear at Killara HS

When purchasing school shoes please be mindful of the school's uniform code. Casual shoes such as *Vans*, canvas shoes and ballet type 'flats' favoured by some students, are <u>not</u> consistent with the school's uniform code.

The Killara HS uniform code requires fully enclosed leather shoes as depicted in the following four images.









Ballet style 'flats', Vans and canvas shoes with and without laces (see images below) do not meet basic safety standards for the playground and practical classes.

These shoes are <u>NOT</u> appropriate footwear for school:





Australian Youth "Political" Conference - Student Leadership

What a tumultuous weekend it was! The Australian Young Labor Party National conference was an interesting mix of the good, bad and interesting, and ultimately conveyed messages relating to leadership (in our context student leadership) hidden behind fierce policy debates.

The 11th to 13th April marked the Young Labor party's annual conference in Canberra. Party members from all across Australia ventured far and wide, to debate policy and elect the new President.

Admittedly, anxiety about attending my first conference, with people whom I had never met before, was what I felt before the whole experience started.

After a four hour drive with some great guys whom I got to know as the weekend progressed, we finally reached Canberra and then Parliament House, a place that was both daunting and inspiring. It was a place where history had been made, our leaders have been elected and policies that changed the course of our nation were formulated.



From left: Jessica Malnersic, NSW President, Young Labor; Kieran Pain; Ed McDougall, National President, Young Labor

After some time going around, starting conversations and getting to know people, one of the speakers gave us some inspiring things and lessons to take away. In particular, something that really struck a chord with me. He said: "In this day and age, there is too much importance placed on reaching a compromise immediately, that everyone is happy with." "This weekend, take up a fight: battle out your policy on the conference floor because that's the only way you can test your beliefs and produce the best possible ideas". That concept set the tone for the rest of the weekend.

The Australian National University played host to the discussions and disputes over the party's policy. Ironically before the discussions even took place, the left faction of the party boycotted the conference as a public display of their opposition to the right

faction's power within the party. This was the first and certainly not the last taste of the combative and vitriolic nature of Australian politics I was to experience.

Likewise, on the second day Queensland carefully orchestrated a coup to remove the outgoing President from her chair position. They did so by baiting her with a spiteful and somewhat distasteful speech to draw an emotional response, so they could move a motion of dissent. This illustrated to me the tough-guts and iron chin you need to have as a person who is very loud about their opinions, because naturally you will take flak.

All in all it became quite evident, amidst the cries of "SHAME" and "HERE-HERE" whilst people were speaking, why there was so much tribulation and argument in caucus (caucus in Australian political terms refers collectively to everyone in the party). The passion and deep conviction of the beliefs people held were so powerful, that the squabbling was inherently inevitable. Therefore it is interesting to see that most people are disengaged with politics; largely due to the loss of faith in the institution and just plain disinterest.

This fact displays an overarching paradigm of politics that draws strong similarities with the fundamental purpose of politicians, leadership and even student leaders within our schools.

As one speaker said, "the truly great leaders are the people who do it because they believe they can have a significant, positive impact on those around them". What that said to me was, that that the great leaders take on these positions and responsibilities not with the interest of personal gain, but because of the abiding faith that they can leave something better from which they inherited.

However there is a common fallacy that not everyone can be a leader; that leadership is "born" not "taught" and requires a great deal of confidence. What I saw through the nervous tone of the "first time speakers" in the conference was that leadership comes from practice. It is developed through pushing yourself out of your comfort zone and testing your beliefs, rather than immediately searching for compromise. Yes, as I saw, it is a tough business being a leader. But if you have the passion for something, or to do something, the fact is that anyone can be a leader.

Something I also observed was that as passionately as you may feel about doing something, you still will be missing certain things that you need if you are to satisfy your goals. Certainly trying to converse and relate to 25-year-olds away from the scene of the conference floor, was something new to me. However you should not give up purely because of that.

Presenting a speech in front of a hostile crowd was something I was ready to do but unfortunately couldn't, due to a shortage of time. It is the willingness to 'throw yourself in the deep-end', that is truly the only way you can "grow".

Though most importantly, again — no matter how passionately we debated our policies in hope of doing something good for the people we represent. 99% of people didn't know and frankly didn't care about what we did that weekend. This is even to a much lesser degree the case with our Parliament. It is the fundamental fact about leadership; you will face harsh criticism and most people will not notice or care about what you talk about (although there will be some). But as a leader/politician you do it because you feel strongly about something and you believe in the benefits of what your action will bring.

As we creep closer towards Term 3 and our own student leadership elections, I encourage two things. Firstly, that we recognise and respect the efforts, aspirations and views of all people attempting to go for a role. And lastly, that everyone who has an idea worth fighting for and a passion to do better for those around them and not for themselves — go for it! Because, no matter how big or small your contribution is, or whether your efforts go unnoticed or not; at the end of the day regardless of whether you have a badge or not, you are no less of a leader then those we elect.

Kieran Pain (Year 11) Student Representative Council

It's Time

for the

Grounds Working Bee

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

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

Sunday 1st June 2014 commencing at 8.15am

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

Four times a year, once each term, the Grounds Working Bee is held to keep Killara High's gardens looking good. So put the date in your diary NOW and come along and meet Richard; don't feel shy and we're sure that you

will leave with a smile on your face ⊚!

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

Performing Arts Ensemble Calendar

Term 2, 2014						
Week	Term 2					
2	10 th May	CB1, SB1	North Shore Schools Spectacular/Chatswood HS			
5	1 st June	Vocal Extension	Sydney Eisteddfod 6.30pm "Ent 6"			
5	2 nd June	Vocal Ensemble	Sydney Eisteddfod 7.15pm "Ent 1"			
7	11 th June	CB1	Primary School LEPS			
7	11 th & 12 th June	Strings / Vocal Ensemble and Extension	MADD Festival			
8	16 th June	CB2	Sydney Eisteddfod 2.00 "Ent 1"			
8	17 th June	CB1	Sydney Eisteddfod 5.45pm "Ent 7"			
8	18 th June	SB1	Sydney Eisteddfod 1.00pm "Ent 3"			
8	18 th June	SB2	Sydney Eisteddfod 5.00pm "Ent 8"			
8	19 th June	Strings	Sydney Eisteddfod 11.45 am Ent 16"			
8	17 th & 20 th June	Dance	Sydney North Dance Festival			
9	TBA	SB1	Festival of Instrumental Music at Sydney Opera House			

From the Principal's Mailbag

My sister Rebecca and I are alumni of KHS, from 1985-90 and 1983-88 respectively.

Our elderly father is currently at Killara Gardens nursing home for respite care.

Last week he received a visit from KHS girls doing their Duke of Edinburgh's Award. They spent time playing backgammon with him, one of his favourite activities, and were very kind. He said they picked up the game very quickly! It made a real difference to him to have some company, especially interaction with bright young people. I wonder if they know how valuable their contribution was.

We would be grateful if you would express our gratitude to the girls. They are a credit to you and the KHS community.

Kypros Kypri, Professor School of Medicine & Public Health University of Newcastle

From the Library

New fiction in detail

Appelt, Kathi. *The True Blue Scouts of Sugar Man Swamp.*

Raccoon brothers Bingo and J'miah are the newest recruits of the Official Sugar Man Swamp Scouts - a big responsibility but they are indeed ready to shoulder this duty. The opportunity to serve the Sugar Man - the massive creature who delights in delicious sugarcane and magnanimously rules over the swamp - is an honour. And the rest of the critters in the swamp rely heavily on the intel of these hardworking Scouts. Twelve-year-old Chap Brayburn, on the other hand, is not a member. But he does know the canebrake lullaby and how to fry a sugar pie. Plus he loves the swamp. He'll do anything to protect it. Well, good for that, because there's a gang of wicked feral hogs on the march, headed straight toward Sugar Man Swamp. And there's a group of developers headed toward the swamp from another direction. Slowly at first, but picking up speed as they go! (This is a terrific read from the Newbery honour-winning author of 'The Underneath').

Earl, Esther with Lori and Wayne Earl. This Star Won't Go Out: The Life & Words of Esther Grace Earl

Diagnosed with thyroid cancer at the age of twelve, Esther (Persian for 'Star') Earl was an exceptionally bright and talented – but very normal - teenager. She lived a hope-filled and generous, outwardly focused life as she navigated her physical decline with grace. A cheerful, positive and encouraging daughter, sister and friend, Esther died in 2010, shortly after turning sixteen, but not before inspiring thousands through her growing online presence.

This unique memoir collects Esther's journals, fiction, letters and sketches. Photographs and essays by family and friends help to tell Esther's story, along with an introduction by award-winning author John Green, who dedicated his international bestseller *The Fault in Our Stars*.

Gaiman, Neil. (compiler) Unnatural Creatures.

A selection of stories featuring beasts from myth, fable and imagination. Creatures extraordinary, exotic, extinct, living, dead and undead prowl the pages of this book.

Hennessy, Rachel. The Heaven I Swallowed.

In post war Sydney, Grace Smith takes Mary, a young Aboriginal girl, into her home. She believes she will be able to save the child by giving her all the benefits of white society. But Mary's arrival has unexpected consequences as Grace's past comes back to haunt, and condemn, her. A compelling and confronting tale of the stolen generations. Runner-up in the Australian Vogel Award.

Kernot, Sharon. Underground Road.

Damien, Edith, Kenneth and Mary are residents of a single street whose lives are ordinary to the last degree and as such encompass addiction and domestic violence, quiet achievements and small acts of kindness and treachery.

Jack and Mary locked at uncomfortably close quarters on Jack's retirement, chafe and sulk and fret. Edith finds solace in her lonely life playing the pokies. Young Damien, terrified of his stepfather Marcus and the school bully, broods on revenge, and Kenneth, unhinged, wanders the streets. Lives intertwine and decisions are made. And the tension grows to its shattering climax.

Larson, Hope. (Adaptor and illustrator). *Madeleine L'Engle's A Wrinkle in Time: The Graphic Novel.*

Know somebody who hasn't met Mrs Whatsit, Mrs Who, of Mrs Which? Larson's colourful panels brings Madeleine L'Engle's time-travel favourite to life in an exciting new way. (James Patterson).

Marr, Melissa & Pratt, Tim (editors). *Rags & bones: New Twists on Timeless Tales*

Award-winning and bestselling authors retell classic fairy tales and twisted tales in the way that only they can. With magic and passion, they bring these stories, whether much loved or forgotten, back to life.

Morgan, Kass. The 100

No one has set foot on earth in centuries – until now. Ever since a devastating nuclear war, humanity has lived on spaceships far above Earth's radioactive surface. Now, one hundred juvenile delinquents – considered expendable by society – are being sent on a dangerous mission: to re-colonise the planet. It could be their second chance at life...or it could be a suicide mission. Confronted with a savage land and haunted by secrets from their pasts, the hundred must fight to survive. They were never meant to be heroes, but they may be mankind's last hope.

Muchamore, Robert. Rock War.

Meet Jay. Summer. And Dylan. They're about to enter the biggest battle of their lives. And there's everything to play for.

Yeldham, Peter. Against the Tide

They came from the ruins of the war in Europe: Sarah Wiseman, the survivor of a German concentration camp, Michael and Helen Francis, a brother and sister fleeing from the Russians in Budapest, and Neil Latham, the young English soldier who broke the rules to help them all survive.

The four arrive in Australia seeking a new start in the lucky country. But life in post-war Sydney, amid the gangs and corruption, and in the high country of Australia's Snowy Mountain Scheme, is hardly an idyllic existence. And the past, left so far behind, threatens to jeopardise all their futures in unexpected and terrifying ways. It seems only a matter of time before buried secrets will be revealed...

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

UNSW Law Parent & Student Information Evening 2014

Year 11 and 12 students and their parents are invited to explore the Law Building, talk to current students and staff and join us for presentations on the dual degree programs and student life. The main law lecture will commence at 6pm. Due to the popularity of this event, on registering it is requested that you list the total amount of people in your party attending. For example, if you are attending with both your parents, you would register for 3 guests.

Institute of Chartered Accountants Cadetship Evening

Over 20 companies and universities will be represented at this signature event which will be held from 5pm – 8pm on Thursday 22nd May at the Crystal Palace, Luna Park. Opportunities for gaining cadetships which combine valuable paid work experience with part-time tertiary study will be outlined. Students interested in attending should register at charteredaccountants.com.au/cadetships NSW

Macquarie University Upcoming Events

• Business and Economics Information Evening

This will be held on Wednesday 14th May from 6.00pm – 8.00pm at the Campus Hub (C10A), Level 3 function rooms, Macquarie University. Hear directly from academics, current students, graduates and industry experts on what business, economics and Macquarie University can offer. For further information and to register, log on to:

http://www.mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events/business_and_economics_information_evening/

• Law School Information Evening

The date for this event is Wednesday 21st May from 6.00pm – 8.00pm at the Campus Hub (C10A), Level 3 function rooms, Macquarie University. This is an ideal opportunity to find out more about the range of alternate pathways to Law offered by Macquarie University. For further information log on to

http://mq.edu.au/future_students/undergraduate/coming_events/macquarie_law_school_information_evening

• Facebook Online Chat Session with Current Students

This is a handy, informal way of gathering useful information on the Macquarie University student experience. The forum has been organised for Thursday 22nd May from 6.00pm – 8.30pm and will give future students a chance to engage with current students about their tertiary experiences, overseas exchanges, how to get into university as well as pathways to your ideal course. Visit https://www.facebook.com/macquariefuturestudents/events

University of Sydney Upcoming Events

Your Path to Sydney University

This is an ideal forum for finding out about alternate pathways into the University of Sydney, its scholarship program, university life and available student support. It will be held on Wednesday 21st May.

Year 10 Student and Parent Information Evening

Because of the popularity of these events, two are on offer and will be held on Wednesday 4 June and Thursday 12th June. These information evenings are designed to help Year 10 students

choose subjects for the HSC and navigate their way through the university application process.

Register for these events through The University of Sydney Event Registration page.

Careers at Taronga Zoo

This one-day program for students 14 years and older, will showcase careers in Horticulture, Vet Studies and Tourism. Topics for discussion include:

- qualifications required
- career opportunities
- core responsibilities
- career structures

Students interested in attending should contact the careers office.

Creative Careers Expo

This expo will feature over 20 industry professionals, as well as a host of hands-on workshops, expert panels and seminars. Guest speakers will include staff from Star Wars and the Matrix movies. It will be hosted by AIT at Level 2, 7 Kelly Street, Ultimo, on Monday 19th May from either 8.30am – 12pm or 12pm to 3.30pm.

Defence Force Information Sessions

The following information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting, Level 4, 9 George Street, Parramatta:

- Army Reserves 13th May
- Royal Military College 20th May
- Australian Defence Force Academy 26th May
- Trades 27th May
- Defence University Sponsorship 20th May

To register, email CPTNSW@dfr.com.au

Sydney Morning Herald HSC and Careers Expo

This comprehensive expo will showcase the offerings of over 150 exhibitors and will be held in the Royal Hall of Industries at Moore Park from Thursday 29th May to Sunday 1st June.

Westpac's Year 12 Engineering and Technology Cadetship Program

Applications for the Engineering & Technology Cadetships (ETCAD) Program are now open, offering Year 12 students an opportunity to launch their careers in ICT and business through a combination of paid work and part-time study. For further information on the ETCAD program visit www.etcad.com.au

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Information Evening

Students and parents are welcome to attend this information evening which will be held on Tuesday 20th May from 6.30pm – 7.30pm at the UTS City campus in Broadway in CB02 Building 2, Room

CB02.04.29. Further information on this prestigious and lucrative scholarship can be accessed at http://www.uts.edu.au/future-students/business/business-study-areas/accounting/bachelor-accounting

New Five-Year Medical Degree at the University of Newcastle in 2015

Beginning in 2015, the University of Newcastle will offer a combined Bachelor of Medical Science (BMedSc) and Doctor of Medicine (MD), a unique five year qualifying medical program. Students interested in this program can access more details at http://www.newcastle.edu.au/newsroom/future-students/new-five-year-medical-degree

Special Tertiary Admission Test

This test is ideal for university applicants without a recent Year 12 certificate or for students whose ATARs do not get them into their desired course. Check on the UAC website for institutions which accept the STAT. Further details can be obtained at http://www.acer.edu.au/tests/stat/overview34

New Hairdressing Practice Aptitude Quiz

Australian Apprenticeships and Traineeships Information Service have developed a new Hairdressing Practice Aptitude Quiz which can be found under Career Resources on their website. Visit:

http://www.aatinfo.com.au/Career-Resources/Industry-Career-Information---Quizzes

AFTRS Pixar Animation Course and Open July School Holiday Courses

Australia's premier film school is offering the following short courses for students interested in film and media:

- Finding Animation Jr with Pixar: Sun 25th May, 11.30am 1.30pm
- AFTRS Trop Jr Filmmaking Week: Mon 30th June – Fri 4th July
- Teens Radio: Get Started Here: Mon 30th June Tue 1st July
- TV Presenting, The Secret of Success: Wed 2nd July – Fri 4th July
- Writing a Short Film: Wed 9th July Fri 11th July More information on how to apply can be accessed from: http://www.aftrs.edu.au/short-courses/school-holidays

Gap Year Information Sessions

- Lattitude Global Volunteering Online Webinar on 13th May at http://ypwb.org.au/startyear
- Projects Abroad on 14th May. For further details consult http://www.projects-abroad.com.au/about-us/meet-us/information-evenings/

Participate Film Academy: Certificate III in Media School Holiday Course

This Board of Studies Endorsed Course which can be accredited towards the HSC, will run during school holidays for high school students who want to learn about the film industry. For further details consult:

http://participate.com.au/film-courses/certificate-iii-media

Young People Without Borders "Start Year" Scholarships

Applications are now open for departure in 2015 for \$2,500 "Start Year" scholarships which provide

young Australians aged 18 to 20, with an opportunity to join a development program in the Asia Pacific on a 3 to 9 month stay. To be eligible applicants must be aged 18 – 20 at the time of departure, committed to sharing their experience and interested in being part of Young People Without Borders. Further information can be found at:

http://ypwb.org.au/startyear/

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

Colleen Clarke and Rosemary Brown Careers Advisers

Community Events

Forum: Sydney's Water Under Threat

While the effects of coal and gas mining can sometimes seem far away from Sydney's North Shore, one of the ways it impacts us directly is through reducing the quality and quantity of the water that we drink.

Come to this forum to hear about and see the impacts mining is having on our water supplies and find out how we can work together to make sure the NSW Government keeps its promise to the people of Sydney.

With special guest Julie Sheppard of Rivers SOS.

Date: Saturday 10th May

Time: 2 to 4pm

Place: Turramurra Uniting Church Hall, 10 Turramurra Avenue, Turramurra

RSVP: here

Entry by donation, refreshments provided

Hosted by Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment, STEP Inc., National Parks Association of NSW and the Nature Conservation Council of NSW.

Friends of Ku-ring-gai Environment (FOKE) Public Meeting

Date: Wednesday 28th May

Time: 8pm

Place: Killara Uniting Church Hall, Five Ways, corner of Arnold Street and Karranga Avenue, Killara

FOKE is hosting a public meeting following their AGM, featuring two guest speakers:

- Dr Marco Amati (School of Global, Urban and Social Studies, RMIT University VIC) Marco's study on urban trees in Ku-ring-gai will highlight the importance of valuing and monitoring the urban forest a crucial resource as cities adapt to climate change. Marco's study for the nursery industry *Valuing the Urban Forest in Sydney* compared the ecological value of the urban forest in two areas of Sydney Parramatta and Ku-ring-gai.
- Corinne Fisher (Project Manager, Australian Research Institute for Environment and Sustainability, Macquarie University) Corinne will describe the Habitat Stepping Stones project, a joint initiative between Macquarie University and Ku-ring-gai Council. The aim of the Habitat Stepping Stones project is to inform and engage local residents on how they can add wildlife habitat features to their gardens and create effective 'habitat stepping stones' between existing wildlife corridors.





Mosman Youth Awards in Literature 2014

Cash Prizes for young writers!

The 22nd Mosman Youth Awards in Literature, annual prose and poetry competition is now open. Primary and secondary students are invited to compete for the \$2,000 prize pool.

The competition has cash prizes ranging from \$50 to \$350 and the prizes are sponsored by the Lions Club of Mosman, Mosman Community College, Rotary Club of Mosman, Ferry to Mosman Fund and Peter Burke of Liley & Liley, Willoughby.

Entries close on Saturday 31st May and winners will be announced at a special presentation ceremony at Mosman Library on Wednesday 27th August.

Entry Forms are available at Mosman Library and can be downloaded here:

http://www.mosman.nsw.gov.au/library/teens



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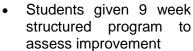
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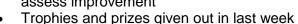
Students are aged 15 to 17-years-old and arrive in mid-July. Volunteer host families can choose a student according to age, gender and program duration (3, 5, or 10 months).

Southern Cross Cultural Exchange makes all the school, insurance and travel arrangements. Free call S.C.C.E. on 1800 500 501 today to request a selection of student profiles or head to www.scce.com.au to find out more!

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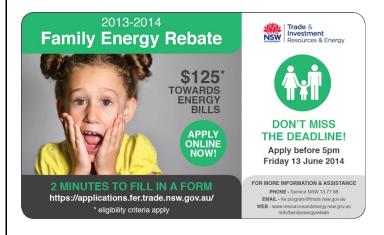


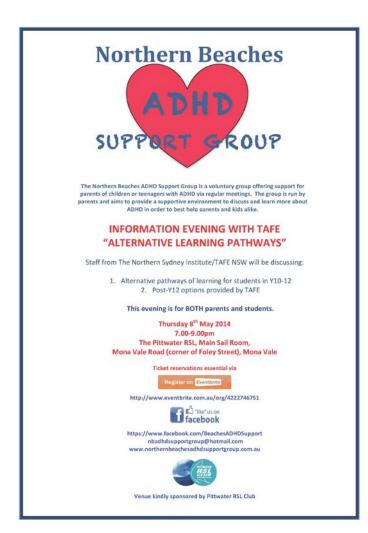


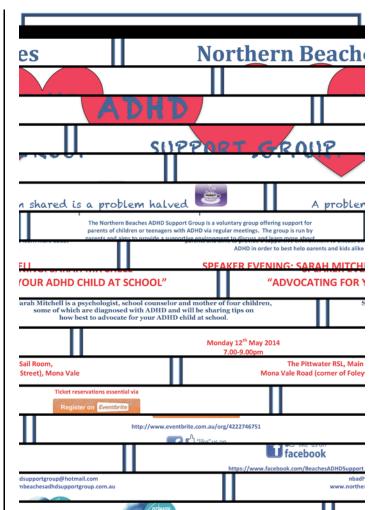


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Thursday Development	3pm - 4pm	\$187
Thursday Intermediate	4pm - 5pm	\$187
Friday Development	3pm - 4pm	\$187
Friday Intermediate	4pm - 5pm	\$187
Friday Performance	3pm - 5pm	\$264
Saturday Competition	8am -12noon	\$121

- All fees now include 10% GST
- Payment Methods: Cheque, cash, direct deposit: - Direct Deposit is our preferred method
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