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Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

Wednesday 20th August 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!

Notice to Parents

Aerosol cans are prohibited at Killara High School



From the Principal

I extend a warm "welcome back" to all students and families to Term 3. All NSW public schools are currently beginning the next planning cycle. A new system is being implemented for the 2015 – 2017 Strategic Plan. We seek the active involvement of our entire community in determining our strategic priorities for the next three years, and beyond. At a conference I attended during the vacation we were encouraged at every turn to dream for our school, and I ask you to have this in mind when completing your survey. Killara High School is a highly successful secondary school, and like all organisations, also has the potential to improve. Our plan must reflect the direction we want our school to take. Within the next week all families will be sent a survey. Please consider taking even just a few minutes to complete it. Also, bear in mind, in the words of Simon Sinek and others, when Martin Luther King addressed hundreds of thousands of Americans in Washington about his vision of equality, he did not say "I have a plan".

As always, there is news of achievement to report. We received news on the last day of Term 2 that our Athletics Team had placed equal first with Cherrybrook Technology High School at the Zone Carnival. Congratulations to all our athletes and Mr Adam Bruckshaw, our Carnivals Organiser. Culturally we have had the opportunity to see high quality music and drama performances at the MADD Evenings, the Year 12 HSC Music Evening and the Year 11 production, *Benevolent*, which was written, produced and acted by students. Additionally, our Dance Ensemble performed strongly in the Sydney North Dance Festival, and we enjoyed the Year 11 Visual Arts Archibald-style exhibition of portraits. Our Concert and Stage Bands continued to bring glory to themselves and the school in the Sydney Eisteddfod and our Stage 4 debating teams have won the first round of the Premier's Debating Challenge.

On Sunday 22 June we held a second Term 2 working bee to take advantage of the good weather. A great deal of pruning and weeding was done to tidy up existing garden beds. Thank you to Richard Frith for his leadership of these events, and to all who attended on the day. We are hoping to carry out some extensive work during late winter and spring, and we would be grateful for your assistance at our next working bee.

Geoff Taylor

Best wishes for a happy and productive Term 3.

Jane Dennett Principal

Working Bee Thanks:

Mark Wui Richard Frith Mike McLeod Caet Perterson Olivia Chan Anton Lubbers (Snr) Jane & Bruce Dennett Maria Lackerdis Michael, Angus & Nicholas Teh Shirley Zhang Tracey & Marc Stammbach Alan Gardiner Carla Marchesin

Calendar

JULY 2014

	JULY 2014					
28 -	Yr 12 HSC Trial exams (all week)					
30	NSW Schools Boccia KO					
31	Futsal State Championships					
AUGUST 2014						
4 -	Yr 12 HSC Trial Exams					
8 -	Yr 7 Gala Day					
12 -	Yr 8 Gala Day					
	Yr 12 Drama Performance					
	6pm-10pm					
13 -	Yr 9 Commerce Incursion					
15 -	Sports Council Mufti Day					
	Visual Arts Exhibition Opening Night 6pm – 8pm					
16 -	Visual Arts Exhibition 11am – 3pm					
17	P&C Grounds Working Bee 8.15am – 12pm					
18 -	HSC Drama Exam practical week					
	Visual Arts Exhibition 9am – 5pm					
	Open Day 12noon – 5pm					
19	Visual Arts Exhibition 9am – 3pm					
	Yr 12 Music Night Series 2					
20	Yr 12 Careers Expo					
	P&C Meeting - 8pm – A Block					
26	Yr 8 KYDS Program					
27	Yr 11 Biology Excursion					
28	Day 1 Robocup Robotics Competition – UNSW Robotics Club Teams					
29	Yr 10 Geography Excursion					
	School Tour: 9am - 10.30am					
	Day 2 Robocup Robotics Competition – UNSW Robotics Club Teams					
30	LEPS Trivia Night					
	SEPTEMBER 2014					
2	Yr 7 Archibald Excursion					
	Yr 11 Biology Excursion					
3	UNSW Roadshow					
4	Yr 7 Archibald Excursion					
	CHS Athletics Carnival					
5	CHS Athletics Carnival					
	Stewart House Excursion					
11	PAE Concert – 7pm					
18	Yr 12 Farewell Assembly					
	Ekuba					
	Yr 12 Picnic					

Deputy Principals' Report

Welcome back to Semester 2. Year 12 students will by now have commenced their HSC Trial Examinations. Students have been working up to this event for some time now and hopefully are fully prepared. At this time it is common for parents and carers to see their child more worried and you may be concerned for your child's wellbeing. It is an important time.

The staff at Killara High School have endeavoured to prepare all students for this event. This culminated recently in a breakfast for Year 12 on July 17th which allowed the students to come together socially and for them to see that as a school, we appreciate the enormity of the Trial HSC Examinations.

Parents and carers may like to check the HSC Trial Examination Timetable and Responsibilities and Procedures on our website at: http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-12/notifications-permission-notes

These exams are to be undertaken in full school uniform. We appreciate your support in having students meet this expectation. Students are also not permitted to bring their bags into the Exam Centre during the HSC Trials and as such, we recommend that all valuable items be left at home because bags will NOT be supervised. We wish all Year 12 well at this important time.

Alison Gambino, Carla Marchesin and Liesl Williamson Deputy Principals

A Note for Parents, Especially of Year 10 Students

We are delighted to welcome back to school one of our Year 10 students who has been absent from school since last year. Viki has had a long course of treatment which has included chemotherapy and surgery so it is no mean feat to get back to school this quickly. While getting back to normal is the most inportant thing for Viki right now there are some things that we as a community have to think about.

Of course we want this to be a healthy and safe transition back to school so we would ask the co-operation of parents to keep students who are sick or contagious at home. A weakened immune system is one of the barriers that will have to be overcome so please notify us if there is any danger of infectious diseases being spread at school.

Thank you for your co-operation.

Jane Rountree HT Student Welfare

Primary School Debating Workshops

During Term 2, a number of Killara High School students from Years 9 to 11 travelled to local primary schools in order to pass on their expertise in the highly competitive field of debating. KHS students were able to take on the role of classroom teacher for 90 minutes, guiding younger students from Gordon East, Lindfield and Lindfield East Public schools through a range of challenging activities designed to increase skill and confidence in speaking and arguing in front of an audience.





It was very pleasing to see how much the primary school students enjoyed the workshops, but even more satisfying was to see how much confidence and maturity our Killara High students displayed. I am sure that all of them will have gained a great deal from the leadership roles they took on for these workshops. I would like to thank the following students for participating in these workshops, and for their dedication to Killara High's debating competitions over the year:

<u>Year 11</u>	Year 10	Year 9
Kieran Pain April Young Emma Johnstone Jacqui Frauenfelder Kieren Young Sureesha Mosquera	Annie Li Jada Anderson Sam Bowden Chloe Thomas Kelly Choo Sophinia Lo	Matthew Lee Jack Rumbelow Aidan Whitfield Olivia Charles Elissa Zhang

Richard Williams English Teacher

ESL Oral Communication Program – Year 7

This program is devised to assist students whose first language is not English to develop communication skills for more effective participation in mainstream Australian social and educational activities. It is mainly practical, based firmly on the premise that students learn best by doing. Individual and group activities cover a range of areas, including:

ORAL AND NON-VERBAL COMMUNICATION

(conversation, informal and formal speaking, preparing and delivering an effective speech, etc.)

ANALYSIS AND ORAL INTERPRETATION OF DIFFERENT TEXT TYPES

prose, poetry, drama, and non-fictional writing e.g. news articles, speeches, reports, etc.)

INDIVIDUAL AND GROUP PRESENTATIONS

The program aims to stimulate creative learning and develop self-confidence.

Time: Thursdays 3.15pm to 4.15pm

Dates: 9 consecutive Thursdays commencing

24th July and concluding

18th September

Venue: Kerrabee Theatre, Killara High School

Cost: N

Participating students must have written consent from a parent or carer.

For further details, contact:

Raj Ramburuth ESL Department Head Rajmoon.Ramburuth@det.nsw.edu.au

Christine Cigana English Faculty christine.cigana@det.nsw.edu.au

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 It's Time

Sunday 17th August 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.

Congratulations

Congratulations to Adam Zalums who won a gold medal in the Moguls competition at the Interschools Snowsports competition held at Thredbo during the winter vacation.

Adam also competed in SkierX, where he placed fifth against a field of 60 skiers. In both events, Adam now qualifies to compete at the NSW State Competition scheduled for mid-August.



The Interschool Snowsports competitions are held in the Snowy Mountains during school vacations. Kids of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to participate.

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Garden

Often, kids who participate in the Interschool competition continue on to instructor level, with some selected to train with the Australian race teams and, who knows, possibly even compete at the Olympics.

Big things are created from humble beginnings. Killara High School only had one representative at the Interschools Snowsports competition in 2014, however it would be great to have many more participants.

The school coordinator for Killara High School is Peter Zalums, (pzalums@yahoo.com.au). Please contract Peter directly if you are interested in getting more information on this year's competition and plans for next year.

The Interschool Snowsports website is http://www.interschoolssnowsports.com.au.

Good luck Adam in the State Competition.

Canteen

WE NEED YOU – hordes of cold, hungry students approaching...It has been a busy start to the term as winter finally arrived. Students were most eager to devour as much hot food as the canteen was able to prepare.

The prices are very reasonable since the canteen relies almost entirely on volunteers. The two Canteen Supervisors, Carolyn and Pam, achieve amazing results by relying on parent volunteers and old, temperamental ovens- a **big thank you** to you all.

Despite food prices increasing from our suppliers, we have been able to hold most prices steady except for garlic bread which is now \$1.20 and hot chicken rolls now \$3.00.

We really need more volunteers to help because if there are not enough helpers, we cannot make as much food, plus the students are waiting in long lines to be served. The day you volunteer, you arrive about 9am and prepare the hot and cold rolls then wrap them in foil or plastic. There is usually time for a quick cup of tea before you serve the students at Recess A then Recess B. After Recess B, we usually make any extra rolls we need, eat a quick lunch, restock the shelves then serve again at lunch. Depending on the day, you would leave at around 2pm.

However, even if you are only able to volunteer for part of the morning, you are very welcome as we always need help serving.

Since we run on minimum staff, if you are rostered on for a certain day, and are unable to make it, please phone Carolyn or Pam so they can try to replace you.

The Canteen telephone is 9498 6740 and Carolyn's home number is 9416 2551.

Denise Gamaroff Canteen Co-Ordinator

Student Representative Council (SRC) Report

On Wednesday the 16th of July, the SRC held a successful Battle of P.R.I.D.E. event. This consisted of lunchtime activities in which teachers went up against the students in a variety of novelty events. In games such as Connect Four, Giant Jenga, Precision Throwing, Arm Wrestling and Table Tennis, the teachers unleashed a competitive persona that we have not witnessed within classroom perimeters.





Our students battled for the illustrious prize of a longer lunchtime but the teachers proved too strong. A notable mention must be made of Mr Constantini, who surprisingly dominated the table tennis arena, leading the teachers to a superior display, winning

39-11 of the table tennis battles. Arm Wrestling provided the students a foundation of everlasting boasting rights but again the teachers proved too strong, prevailing with a 14-2 victory.





The intellectual game of Giant Jenga gave our students a brief twinkling of hope as we successfully proved to be the victors winning 4-2. The amusing novelty of Connect Four delivered a close battle with the teachers edging out our students 9-8 respectively. Our last event of Precision Throwing, a popular activity of meticulousness and accuracy in which the students proved too strong for the teachers winning 15-13. The overall score of this event was 77-40 in favour of the teachers. Regardless of the result, the day was extremely successful and the SRC would like to thank all the students and teachers for participating in this event and for demonstrating Killara Pride!

Kieren Young SRC President

Performing Arts Ensemble Calendar

Term 3, 2014							
Week	Term 2						
4	9 th Aug	SB2	All Saints Church				
4	10 th Aug	KHS Chamber Wind Ensemble	Sydney Eisteddfod Glebe 11.45am				
4	10 th Aug	KHS Jazz Quartet	Sydney Eisteddfod Glebe 4pm				
6	18 th Aug	CB2	KHS Open Day				
6	19 th Aug	CB2	Primary Choral Sydney Town Hall (Rehearsal/ Performance)				
7	27 th Aug	SB1 and SB2	Stage Band Concert /Theatre				
7	28 th Aug	SB1	SB1 LEPS Concert/ workshop				
7	31 st Aug	CB2	NSW State Band Competition				
8	2 nd Sept	Dance	Korobro Concert 7pm				
8	5 th Sept	CB2	Primary School GEPS				
8	14 th Sept	Strings	Swain Gardens 11.30am				
9	11 th Sept	ALL Ensembles	PAE Concert 7pm				
10	15 th Sept	CB1	Primary Choral Sydney Town Hall (Rehearsal/ Performance)				

Congratulations to outstanding music students

Camille Penrose of Year 7 who has been selected as a **Feature Vocalist** at Schools Spectacular 2014.

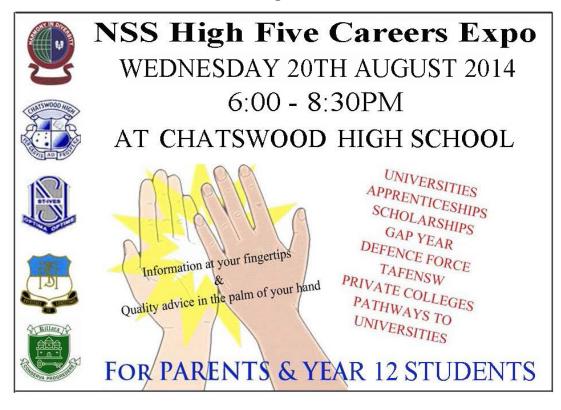
Jordan Hare of Year 11 who has been selected as a **Backing Vocalist** at Schools Spectacular 2014.

Performing Arts Ensemble

Congratulations to Stage Band 1 and Concert Band 1 for coming 3rd at Sydney Eisteddfod last term.

Date for Your Diary:

* Please note change of date and venue



From the Library

BOOK WEEK IS COMING in AUGUST!

The theme is: Connect to reading!

We are running a poster competition with lots of prizes for the best poster – either in print form or digital form, with the idea to place them on the digital screens around our school during Book Week!

Can you help! I need as many creations from as many students as possible!

Here's the details:

- Poster in print or digital form must have the words CONNECT TO READING as the theme and those words included
- Poster submitted by: Friday 15th August 2014

Prizes will be awarded for the best posters! See Ms Campbell, in the library for more details.

New fiction:

French, Jackie. I am Juliet

Everyone knows the story of Juliet Capulet and her love for Romeo. The star-crossed lovers from the warring Capulet and Montague families of Verona whose love was doomed. But who was this girl Juliet?

Gordon, Kate. Writing Clementine.

You said that we could write anything we wanted. The first thing that came into our minds. Blue fish, red fish, green fish....Clementine Darcy is floundering. She wants to be the kind of fish who

swims to the swish of her own fins – upstream, not simply carried along by the current.

Harry, Pip. Head of the river.

It's the most elite school sporting event in the country. Nine rowers, 2000 gruelling metres and once change for glory in the ultimate team sport. Sit forward....ROW.

Larbalestier, Justine. Razorhurst

Masson, Sophie. The crystal heart.

When Kasper joins the elite guard watching over a dangerous prisoner in a tower, he believes he is protecting his country from a powerful witch. Until one day he discovers the prisoners is a beautiful princess – Izolda of Night – who is condemned by a prophecy to die on her eighteenth birthday. Kasper decides to help her escape. But their hiding place won't remain secret forever. Will they find their happily ever after?

Nieman, Christie. As stars fall

Sloan, Holly Goldberg. *Counting by 7s.*Willow Chance is a twelve-year-old genius, obsessed with nature and diagnosing medical conditions, who finds it comforting to count by 7s.

Vawter, Vince. Paperboy.

Non-fiction:

The FOOD book: a journey though the great cuisines of the world

Gilbert, Martin. Israel: a history (Rev & updated)

Gorton, Lisa (ed.) The best Australian poems

Svensen, Henrik. The end is nigh: a history of natural disasters

Non-fiction in detail:

Belguin, Gilles and Morel, Dominque.

The forbidden city – centre of imperial China.

The famous Forbidden City in Beijing, founded in 1405, is one of the greatest royal palaces in the world: a magnificent complex of residences, temples and courts. Seat of the great Ming dynasty of Chinese emperors. This book takes the reader on a tour, and examines it artworks, its history and its elaborate ceremonies reveals the world of imperial China over five centuries.

Belsey, Catherine.

Romeo and Juliet: language & writing

Focuses on language – both understand and enjoying Shakespeare's complex dramatic language

and expanding your own critical vocabulary, as you respond to his plays.

Gawthorpe, Ann.

Write your life story and get it published.

Capture, write down and share your own life stories. This book will help you access forgotten memories, find your voice and tell the world your story. Includes: exercises and examples to get you writing; guidance on the practicalities of researching your story; insight from a prize-winning professional writer; learn the ins and outs of the publishing industry; discover more with online articles and links.

Sykes, Helen (ed.) A love of ideas

How can we look to the future with optimism and courage, when so many problems seem insurmountable? This book draws together the proposals of a diversity of thinkers and their solutions to the difficulties we face. Young award-winning writers are also presented in the second part of this book. Some of the issues covered are: health; nutrition; families; education; environment; and democracy.

Some of the articles that are of note are:

• Giles-Corti, Billie.

Using soft and smart power to create a healthy, liveable and sustainable city

• Schwartz, Steven.

Higher education: beyond the bottom line

Scott, Dorothy.

From children as consumers to children as contributors?

Water, Lea.

Balancing the curriculum: teaching gratitude, hope and resilience

Rickards, Lauren.

Our environment: damaged and endangered by human egoism and error

• Wiseman, John.

Imagine 2033 – how we achieved a rapid transition to a just, healthy, and sustainable post-carbon society

Jaspan, Andrew.

A brief journey in search of trusted information

Smith, Jane.

Is the future of democracy safe in the hands on the under-30s?

Francie Campbell and Christine Sugowdz
Teacher-Librarians

Tennis Programs Term 3 2014

- Students are given a structured program to assess improvement areas for their tennis
- Trophies and prizes awarded in last week



Program	Time	Size	Cost
Monday Tournament	3 - 5pm	8 max	\$264
Private Lessons*	Varies	1-4	\$70 per hour
Wednesday Development	2.30 - 3.30	1 – 4 Courts	\$187
Thursday Development	3 - 4pm	1 – 4 Courts	\$187
Thursday Intermediate	4 - 5pm	1 – 4 Courts	\$187
Friday Development	3 - 4pm	1 - 4court	\$187
Friday Intermediate	4 - 5pm	1 - 4court	\$187
Friday Performance	3 - 5pm	8 max	\$264
Saturday Competition	8am-12	3 -4 per team	\$121

- ➤ All fees now include 10% GST
- > Payment Methods: Cheque, cash, direct deposit: Direct Deposit is our preferred method
- ➤ Account Name; Match Point Tennis, BSB: 062195, ACC: 10233345 (please state your full name) Cheques to be made out to Match Point Tennis and can be posted to PO Box 370, Turramurra 2074. Please write your child's name on the back of the cheque.
- > Programs are held at the Killara High school tennis courts, bottom of the school
- ➤ Book through Scott Murray 0413451453

All Saints Air Force Memorial Church Fete 11 Moore Ave, West Lindfield

Saturday 9th August 9am to 3pm

The Annual Fete at All Saints Anglican Church is coming again and the Killara High School band is performing again. Last year the performance was fantastic. Come along this year and support the band as they perform. While there why not grab a bargain, enjoy live entertainment from local dance groups, the Beaumont Road PS and Turrumburra bands, sample great food, and even take part in the live auction. It is a great day not to be missed.



^{*}Ask Scott to arrange times



A REWARDING VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY

Do you have some time available approximately once a fortnight?

If so, you can make a big difference!

Be part of a Community
Visitors Scheme



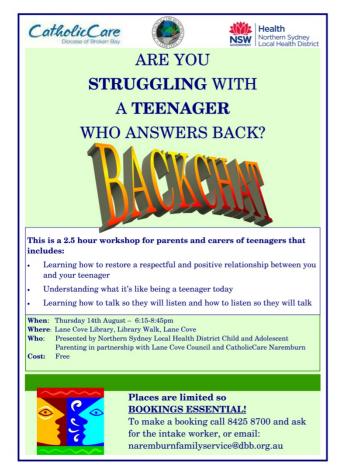
Spend a little time with an elderly person, either chatting or playing a game.

It can be a very rewarding experience.

If you would like to find out more please call

Greig or Sharon at KOPWA Ltd 9412 0284

or email communityservices@kopwa.org.au



Friendship Volunteers Wanted

Do you have an hour a week to be a mate? Compeer friendship volunteers provide social support to people in their community who are isolated because of difficulties with the mental health. Go for a walk, visit a local museum or catch up for a cuppa. Your friendship can make a big difference to your new friend's self-esteem and quality of life, and help reduce the stigma and isolation associated with mental illness. Training and ongoing support is provided. Volunteers aged 25-75 currently needed.

Contact Amy on 9413 3091 or

Compeer.NorthernSydney@vinnies.org.au

Or visit the website

www.compeer.org.au

for more information



Northern Sydney Parent Engagement Strategy **CALD** community

Chinese Parents Forum: HSC study

Forum delivered in Mandarin on,

- HSC study strategies
- Alternate pathways to university
- ATAR calculation

Keynote speaker Xue Feng Zhang is a highly experienced

Education Consultant from the University of Sydney.

Q&A session to follow.

Light refreshments will be provided.

Thursday 31st July

Thursday 7th August

Hornsby Council Chambers

Dougherty Community Centre

296 Pacific Highway Hornsby

7 Victor St Chatswood

Both forums scheduled 5:30 - 8:30 PM For Registration please contact John Woodward, Willoughby Council

97777993 0402744378 john.woodward@willoughby.nsw.gov.au













Northern Sydney Parent Engagement Strategy **CALD** community

为中国家长举办的 HSC 学习国语座谈会

讲座主题:

- * HSC 学习策略
- * 上大学的多种选择途径
- * ATAR 计算方式

主讲张学丰先生是拥有丰富经验的悉尼大学教育顾问

- Q&A 会话
- 将会提供点心

日期:7月31日星期四

Hornsby Council Chambers

Dougherty Community Centre

地址: 296 Pacific Highway Horns-

地址:7 Victor St Chatswood

日期:8月7日星期四

两个座谈会均在 晚上 5:30-8:30 举办 如欲登记,请联系 John Woodward, Willoughby Council 97777993 0402744378 john.woodward@willoughby.nsw.gov.au











