NEWSLETTER

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Congratulations to

Rachel Lowenstein and Elissa Zhang both of Year 9 who represented our school brilliantly at the Book Week Youth Forum

Myles Elston compere at the Primary Schools Proms

Notice to Parents and Students

Aerosol cans are prohibited at Killara High School



From the Principal

Today we come together as a school at the annual Leadership Ceremony. This is a highlight of the year, as we induct our student leaders to office, and celebrate the achievements of the outgoing cohort. In my very short time at Killara, it has become clear to me that the student leadership structure empowers students to work for what matters. Leadership at Killara focuses on service: to the school, and to the local and global community. I congratulate our new leaders in the SRC, Arts Council, Sports Council, Social Justice Committee and the Prefects, and I look forward to working with them to maintain and grow our tradition of personal best.

This week is SASS Recognition Week, where we acknowledge the contribution made by our School Administrative and Support staff. Our SASS staff at Killara High School, do outstanding work to ensure that our school can meet student needs effectively. They face an additional challenge as we implement a new financial system that has had some teething problems, but they go about their work with good cheer and resourcefulness. You will find them serving our school in dozens of ways: providing first aid, preparing resources for lessons, managing the enormous clerical issues in a school this size, purchasing goods and paying the bills, answering phones, fixing computers, obtaining tradespeople, preparing, printing and distributing all manner of documents from newsletters to excursion notes to examination papers, providing learning support for students in class, lending library books, maintaining our grounds and buildings ... the list is very long, but their work can be summed up very simply. They tirelessly support students and teachers to do their very best work.

We thank you for all you do for us.

School Administrative Manager: Ms Julie Hughes

Mrs Lara Boase, Mrs Nina Brown, Mr Nicholas Calloway, Mrs Monica Chan, Mr Phil Cohen, Mrs Jackie Connors, Ms Louise Deans, Dr Boyd Dent, Mrs Katherine Emmerson, Mr Itzick Fisher, Mrs Kate Mrs Kathy Grahame, Ms Barbara Hillsdon, Ms Sally Jones, Mrs Sue Kenda, Mrs Eugenia Khoo, Mr Chris Knowles, Mr Lionel Krautz, Ms Mira Lumban, Mrs Karenza Morison. Mrs Cathy Emma Maley, Mrs Christine Nott, Mr Mike O'Hanlon, Ms Genevieve Poulson, Mrs Louise Smit, Mrs Caroline Stevenson, Ms Amanda Werner.



I was honoured to attend a reception at Parliament House last weekend, where Ms Sue Powell, HSIE Green teacher, received a Premier's Teacher Scholarship. Ms Powell is a highly capable and committed teacher of Economics, and her application to study Financial Literacy in the US and Canada was successful in gaining her one of these coveted scholarships. Congratulations, Ms Powell. Your students look forward to reaping the benefits of your work.

All parents will be emailed a link to a survey this week. Please look out for it. Your views about the direction your child's school should take as we move into the next school planning cycle are very important. We appreciate any feedback you can give us.

Jane Dennett Principal

Calendar

| | SEPTEMBER 2014 | | | |
|---------------|---|--|--|--|
| 4 | Yr 7 Archibald Excursion | | | |
| | Leadership Induction Ceremony 8.40am | | | |
| | CHS Athletics Carnival | | | |
| 5 | CHS Athletics Carnival | | | |
| | Stewart House Excursion | | | |
| | Concert Band 2 at GEPS | | | |
| | Silver DOE Qualifying Expedition | | | |
| 11 | PAE Concert – 7pm | | | |
| | Yr 11 Reports Issued | | | |
| 12 | Yr 8 Gala Day | | | |
| 14 | Stage Band – NSSWE – 2-6pm | | | |
| | Strings at Swain Gardens – 11.30am | | | |
| 15 | Concert Band 1 – Primary Choral Sydney Town Hall – 6.30pm (Rehearsal/Performance) | | | |
| | Yr 7/8 Touch Gala Day | | | |
| 18 | Yr 12 Farewell Assembly | | | |
| | Yr 12 Picnic | | | |
| | Yr 12 Reports Issued | | | |
| | Ekuba | | | |
| 19 | Last Day of Term 3 | | | |
| | OCTOBER 2014 | | | |
| 7 | Students return to school | | | |
| 13 | HSC Exams Commence | | | |
| 15 | P&C Meeting – 7pm | | | |
| | Peer Support Training Day | | | |
| 28 | Yr 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion | | | |
| NOVEMBER 2014 | | | | |
| 3 | Yr 11 Food Technology Excursion | | | |
| 4 | All Yr 7 & Yr 9 Boys Vaccinations | | | |
| 8 | Gold DOE Qualifying Expedition (4 Days) | | | |
| 9 | P&C Grounds Working Bee | | | |
| 11 | Yr 10 Food Technology Excursion | | | |
| 12 | Yr 12 Formal - 6.30pm | | | |
| 13 | Senior Leaders Induction Assembly | | | |
| | PAE EOY Concert – 7pm | | | |
| 17 | Yr 7 Lifesaving Program 9am (4 days) | | | |
| | Yr 10 Work Experience Week | | | |
| 24 | Yr 12 Sign Out Day | | | |
| | Yr 10 Work Experience Week | | | |
| 25 | Yr 9 Lifesaving Program 9am (4 days) | | | |
| 27 | Yr 12 Sign Out Day | | | |

Sports Council Mufti Day – Pink Stumps Day

The Sports Council Mufti Day took place on the 15th August. The theme for this year was PINK STUMPS DAY which is an initiative of the McGrath Foundation in support of the fight against breast cancer, and support of those who have Breast Cancer. Events on the day included:

- Students who wore pink received a raffle ticket to win a prize including pink wrist bands, pinks shoe laces and pink hats
- A teacher v student cricket match
- A pink food stall selling pink cupcakes and creaming soda spiders
- A pink face paint and hair spray stall

It was another highly successful event with the Sports Council raising over \$1500 for the McGrath Foundation.

Well done to all students who participated and got involved.



Nick O'Donohue Sports Council Captain

Year 8 - Champions Again!

Congratulations to the Lindfield U14A team who won the 2014 Division 1 Grand Final against Northbridge U14A for the second year running!

Atsuto Hirosawa, Daniel Rigby, Sean Bhomer, Emmanuel Rosas, Jack McAvoy, Tom Rezvani and Yugo Suetsugu were part of the Lindfield team who went in as firm favourites. For a good part of the match the scores were locked at 1:1. However, the boys dug deep and the hard work and dedication to training across the season meant that Lindfield outplayed their arch rivals to win convincingly 3:1.

We wish them luck in the Treasurer's Shield Grand Final in September which they have just qualified for, after beating Wahroonga in a very nerve-wracking but exciting penalty shootout! Congratulations and Good Luck!



Deidre Bhomer Lindfield Soccer Club

YEAR 11 PARENTS - WE NEED YOUR HELP!

EKUBA 2014 YEAR 12 FAREWELL DINNER: Thursday 18th September

Traditionally at Killara High School, a committee of Year 11 parents organises the Year 12 Farewell Dinner, known as EKUBA, in the Kerrabee Centre. There will be over 500 students, parents and teachers attending the function which is always a very happy occasion – and it will be your turn to enjoy the event with your Year 12 next year! Planning for this year's dinner is well underway and the Committee now needs the help of the Year 11 parents.

We are looking for as many parent volunteers as possible, firstly in two shifts from 11.00am till approximately 3.30pm. Jobs in the first 2 shifts will include setting up, laying the tables and decorating the hall. We will also need many hands later in the evening for the clean-up (approximately 10pm-11pm). In previous years

with lots of willing helpers the clean-up has been done in about half an hour!

You are welcome to volunteer for more than one shift! Please note that it would be great to have some men helping in Shift 1 and Shift 3 as we have lots of heavy lifting of chairs and tables.

- Shift 1: set up (11.00am 1.00pm)
- Shift 2: set up (1.00pm-3.30pm approx)
- Shift 3: clearing up at end (10.00pm onwards)

Please email DEB MORRISON (debramor@iinet.net.au) to specify how you can help.

For more information, call a member of the Ekuba Committee:

Deb Morrison 0401 445 716
Catie Sully 0410 548 498
Kate Fergusson 0423 118 726
Heidi Spicer 0466 403 224

THANKS!

Year 12 Ekuba Dinner

What to expect at the Ekuba Graduation Dinner?

If you haven't already made your booking for the night, please do so as soon as possible.

Go to **www.trybooking.com/46881** to make your reservation before the **8th of September**.

Please remember you also need to include and pay for your child in the booking. (Due to catering restrictions, no bookings will be taken after this date).

When you make your booking on the **trybooking** website you are asked to nominate 3 students that your child would like to sit with. These names are compiled and a seating plan is organised by the teachers. While not being able to guarantee your child will be seated with

all three friends, staff will do their very best to accommodate everyone's requests.

The Kerrabee Centre is set up with 10 long tables where students sit with their parents/guests and their friends. A beautiful, fully catered sit-down meal is served and entertainment and presentations are made. (The Kerrabee Centre has had a power upgrade to accommodate the catering equipment and, last years' dinner was a huge success)

Ekuba is a very special and memorable evening where you celebrate your child's success and hard work in completing Year 12.

It is a night not to be missed!

Ekuba Committee

Congratulations

Congratulations to Concert Band 2 who came third in the NSW State Band Championships on Sunday 31st August. 60 students travelled to the Joan Sutherland Performing Arts Centre in Penrith and performed a 15 minute program to a packed hall. The competition requirements provided the students with the opportunity to perform a test piece (performed by everyone in the section), a hymn and own choice. Concert Band 2, one of the younger bands in the

section, gave an outstanding performance. This ensemble recently performed as a featured item in the Arts North Music Festival opening the second half of the concert. They are a focused and talented group of students who are now looking forward to presenting part of their program from the State Band Championships on the 11th September at the Performing Arts Ensemble Concert

Sophia Bromley

Anti-Smoking Policy

Recently with the availability of e-cigarettes, they have become an attractive option for some members of our community. The use of e-cigarettes is prohibited at Killara High School within the Anti-Smoking Policy and with the DEC Drugs in Schools Policy. Research into the effects of these products is very minimal, but what is available places doubt that they are a harmless product. A report from the World Health Organisation released last week states: "existing evidence shows that e-cigarette aerosol is not merely "water vapour" as is often claimed in the marketing of these products. While they are likely to be less toxic than conventional cigarettes, e-cigarette use poses adolescents...[and]...there threats to

currently insufficient evidence to conclude that e-cigarettes help users quit smoking or not. Therefore, WHO currently recommends that smokers should first be encouraged to quit smoking and nicotine addiction by using a combination of already-approved treatments".

We ask that you take the time to discuss the use of these products with your child in the hope of helping them make an informed choice.

> Alison Gambino Carla Marchesin Liesl Williamson

Deputy Principals

Annual Youth Forum at Killara High!

On Thursday 28th August, Killara High School's Lion Library hosted the annual Youth Forum. This is where three schools, along with Killara, come together to form a panel of eight Year 9 students. The aim is to discuss the annual Children's Book Council of Australia's Shortlist for Older Readers.

The three other schools that were in attendance were Roseville College, Ravenswood and Shore. Each school also had students come to be the audience as the students discussed the titles. The audience also were active participants.

Paul MacDonald, from the Children's Bookshop in Beecroft was the adjudicator, and an excellent one he was!

Our two panellists, Rachel Lowenstein and Elissa Zhang from Year 9 were excellent panel participants. Our school community should be very proud of the students in the way they expressed themselves and were able to discuss their views in front of a large audience of about 60 other students. I would also like to thank the other Year 9 students who read the six short-listed novels over a two month period, and were also participants in the forum. Killara High can be very proud of these students!

This year's forum was special for Killara because it was the first time we were the hosts. There were lots of lively discussions, debates and opinions during the 90 minute forum! It is always great to see students articulate their

views in a forum like this, and show their love and appreciation for all things bookish!

The comments from some of our visiting guest teacher-librarians and from our adjudicator, said it was the best forum yet! Some students expressed their own further decisions to read those books they heard about in the forum, while other students have decided that a book club or internal forum within Killara to express opinions about what they are reading is what we should do next!

As a Teacher-Librarian this is music to my ears! I would sincerely like to thank all the students, schools and our school community who participated in this wonderful forum, and also for allowing us to host this time. Perhaps we will be able to be the hosts again in 2015!



Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarian

Excursions Policy

Killara High School offers a range of excursions in a number of Learning Areas and for the purposes of curriculum enrichment each year. School Excursions are structured learning experiences provided by, or under the auspices of, the school which are conducted external to the school site and are consistent with the DEC Excursions Policy.

All excursions operate at the discretion and under the supervision of the Principal. Each excursion is prepared via the construction of a **risk assessment**, **consent form** and **budget**. The main purpose of a consent form is to give enough detail to parents and caregivers to allow them to make an informed decision about whether their child should attend the excursion. It is also to assist the parent or caregiver to provide relevant information to the school about the child's care needs. Excursion dates and information will be available to parents and carers via the school website:

Killara High School is cognisant of the costs of schooling and as such, endeavours to minimise the costs of excursions and attempts to give parents and carers as much notice about excursions as possible. The school also

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provides the option of payment via instalments and if financial difficulties are currently being experienced by families, the Head Teacher Student Services, Ms Jane Rountree is available to discuss options for financial assistance. To ensure that excursions are able to operate payment deadlines as stated clearly on the consent form. The payment date must be adhered to in order to ensure payments to suppliers and vendors can be facilitated. There may be occasions where there are insufficient numbers of students who have paid causing the cancellation of an excursion. In this instance. and where there is sufficient notice, parents and carers will be refunded payments they have made. In situations where a payment has been made for attendance at an excursion and the student is unable to attend the excursion, it may not always be possible to process a refund of their payment due to commitments made with vendors and suppliers.

Ultimately, the timely payment for excursions improves the likelihood of each excursion opportunity proceeding. The cooperation of parents and carers is vital in this respect.

Liesl Williamson Deputy Principal (Relieving)

Performing Arts Ensemble Calendar

| Term 3, 2014 | | | | |
|--------------|-----------------------|---------------|---------------------------------|--|
| Week | Term 2 | | | |
| 8 | 5 th Sept | CB2 | Primary School GEPS | |
| 8 | 11 th Sept | ALL Ensembles | PAE Concert 7pm | |
| 8 | 14 th Sept | SB1 | NSSWE 2pm-6pm | |
| 8 | 14 th Sept | Strings | Swain Gardens 11.30am | |
| | | | Primary Choral Sydney Town Hall | |
| 10 | 15 th Sept | CB1 | (Rehearsal/Performance) | |

Careers Corner

The University of Sydney: Sydney Scholars Scholarship Program

Offering more than just financial support, this new scholarship is designed to provide high achieving, undergraduate students with access to leadership programs, mentoring, internships, priority accommodation, alumni and employer engagement. Applications close on Friday 3 October. For further information visit:

http://sydney.edu.au/scholarships/prospective/sydney_scholars_program.shtml

Open University

Open University offers students an opportunity to study a range of tertiary courses online. These are offered by leading universities throughout Australia. Check out what is on offer at http://www.open.edu.au/careers

UNSW Elite Athletes and Performers Program

Successful applicants will be awarded bonus points which could improve their tertiary selection rank for UNSW courses. Flexible study arrangements and support for elite athletes and performers who wish to continue their elite commitments, are part of UNSW's package. Visit

http://www.unsw.edu.au/domesticundergraduate/elite-athletes-and-performersprogram

UTAS Pharmacy Relocation Funds for Interstate Students

Interstate students who enrol in the Bachelor of Pharmacy in 2015 are eligible for a \$2000 relocation bursary to assist with costs of moving to Tasmania. Details are available at http://www.utas.edu.au/pharmacy/scholarships-offers

HSC Revision Courses

- HSC Exam Blaster Workshops which will be held from 21 September to 1 October have been designed to help students complete their exam preparations in an effective, time-efficient manner. Details are available from
 - http://www.tsfx.com.au/?hsc-program=end-of-year-revision-lectures
- "HSC in the Holidays" is a program of revision endorsed by UTS, Macquarie University and the University of Wollongong. For further details visit www.hscintheholidays.com.au
- "HSC Stay and Study in the July Holidays" is hosted by Macquarie University and offers Year 12 students the opportunity to stay on campus at Macquarie University in the forthcoming September holidays to attend HSC Revision Workshops. Accommodation and meals cost \$50/night.

For further details visit:

http://hscintheholidays.com.au/stay_and_study/

Speech Pathology Australia

This website provides information about speech pathology as a career as well as a list of university courses that will get you into the field. To access this resource, log on to:

http://www.speechpathologyaustralia.org.au/education-and-careers/career-opportunities

Occupational Therapy Australia

This website offers a list of universities around Australia that offer entry level courses into occupational therapy. For detailed information visit http://www.otaus.com.au/work-orstudy/university-programs

Careers in the Resource Sector

"People for the Future" website offers examples of careers in the resource sector. Entry operator-type roles, trades as well as professional opportunities are discussed in detail. You can access this resource at http://peopleforthefuture.com.au/

"Help Exchange" Gap Year Information

If you're interested in taking a gap year, check out "Help Exchange", an online listing of host organic farms, non-organic farms, farm stays, home stays, ranches, lodges, B&Bs, inns, backpacker hostels and even sailing boats that invite short-term, volunteer helpers to work for them in exchange for food and accommodation. More details can be obtained from http://helpexchange.net/

Australian College of Applied Psychology Information Evening

This private provider of psychology courses will open its doors to prospective students on Tuesday 16 September, at 6:00pm at Level 5, 11 York St, Sydney. Information on the college's Bachelor, Honours, Graduate Diploma and Masters programs will be available. RSVP at http://www.acap.edu.au/future-students/info-sessions/.

TAFEnow's Online Courses

A Certificate II in Community Pharmacy and Certificate II in Animal Studies are great career starters that can be done online in combination with a day a week of work experience. Full details on the pharmacy course can be obtained at http://tafenow.com.au/sir20112#units. Animal care course information can be accessed at http://tafenow.com.au/acm20110#units. Fees are currently \$267 a semester. Talk to TAFE now staff on 1300 823 669 for more information.

AFTRS Courses

The following new courses are now available through this prestigious film, radio and television school: Intro to Film, which is 100% online; Core Radio Skills, also 100% online; Diploma on Digital Content (Radio); Diploma in Design for the Screen; Diploma in Factual Television Fundamentals; Diploma in Editing Fundamentals; Diploma in Camera

Fundamentals; Advanced Diploma in Screenwriting: Feature Film; Advanced Diploma in Producing: Story, Audience, Finance; Advanced Diploma in Radio; Advanced Diploma in Music Scoring for the Screen; Advanced Diploma in Screenwriting: Series TV. For more information phone 9805-6622 or email marketing@aftrs.edu.au with queries.

Whitehouse Institute of Design Applications for 2015 courses.

Online application information for the Bachelor of Design – Fashion Design / Interior Design / Creative Direction & Styling is now available at this provider's website. Applicant interviews will commence from Monday 22 September 2014. Contact Whitehouse on 1300 551 433 if you would like further information on how to enrol.

UNSW new degrees

Nine new degrees have been added to UNSW's suite of offerings for 2015, including two new Law combinations and a new Life Sciences degree in which you can major in psychology. Check them out at

http://www.unsw.edu.au/futurestudents/domestic-undergraduate/getting-youinto-unsw/new-2015

NIDA 2015 Applications

These are now open for a range of study options including their undergraduate Bachelor of Fine Arts degrees in Acting, Costume, Design for Performance, Properties and Objects, Staging, Technical Theatre and Stage Management and a Diploma of Musical Theatre. Applications close on Tuesday 30 September. For more information and to apply visit www.nida.edu.au

MEGT Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Traineeship or Apprenticeship opportunities give students the opportunity to gain valuable on the job experience, a nationally recognised qualification and the ability to earn a regular, weekly wage. All MEGT apprentices and trainees are supported by a mentor and work only with approved host employers. To request more information or to find out about specific job vacancies, phone Amy Foltran on 8078 3392 or email her at amy.foltran@megt.com.au

Health Career Resources

My Health Career is a useful website that has links to hundreds of university scholarships for health courses as well as information about accredited courses. Further information on both these areas can be obtained at

https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/careeruniversity/accredited-courses.and https://www.myhealthcareer.com.au/scholarships

UTS Bachelor of Accounting Scholarship

Deadline for round two of this prestigious scholarship is 24 October. Applications can be accessed online at:

<u>www.bachelorofaccounting.com</u>. This program is ideal for all-round achievers who can demonstrate interpersonal skills, dedication and leadership. A high ATAR is not essential.

Carpentry Apprenticeship Opportunity

A North Shore builder is seeking a first year carpentry apprentice. To find out more about this position, contact Toby on 0423164005. You can visit the company's website at www.newgrain.com.au

Bedford College Open Day

At this event, which will take place at the Glebe campus on 6 September and Norwest campus on 13 September, students interested in enrolling will be given an opportunity to apply and be assessed for a scholarship. For more details email georgia@bedford.edu.au

UNSW Alternate Admissions Pathways

Students applying for courses at COFA and UNSW's Built Environment faculty are able to upload portfolios, essays, personal statements and/or contact details of referees which can be considered, along with academic results. For further details visit the faculties' websites.

Tocal College Open days

These will be held on 26 September and 3 October and will provide students interested in agriculture and horse husbandry with information on the practical courses offered by this provider. To register, email info@tocal.com

"A Taste of Life at Sydney University" Program

Participants will take part in hands-on tutorials, learn about sports clubs and societies, speak to current students and explore the campus for a day. If you are interested in participating in this program you can register at sydney.edu.au/life-at-sydney and choose between two days: 30 September or 1 October.

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

Colleen Clarke and Rosemary Brown Careers Advisers



A great school close to home

Performing Arts Ensemble



Concert

Kerrabee Hall Thursday 11th September 7.00 pm

Stage Bands
Concert Bands
Vocal Ensembles
Strings
Orchestra

Children and families from our local primary school especially welcome





A problem shared is a problem halved



The Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group is a voluntary group offering support for parents of children or teenagers with ADHD via regular meetings. The group is run by parents and aims to provide a supportive environment to discuss and learn more about ADHD in order to best help parents and kids alike.

SPEAKER EVENING: BRENDA INGLIS-POWELL "RAISING DIFFICULT CHILDREN"

Brenda Inglis-Powell is the Group Program Coordinator for the Pastoral Counselling Institute and co-author with her husband, Dr Peter Powell, of "Raising Difficult Children – Realistic Behaviour Management to Help Children Lead Creative Lives".

Having raised two sons has added to her skills in developing effective and workable strategies for living with learning and social difficulties. Brenda and her husband, Dr Peter Powell, are commited to helping parents become confident in their parenting, so that as many children as possible reach their full potential. They conduct lectures, seminars and workshops throughout Australia, often sharing their own struggles and experiences.

Monday 8th September 2014 @ 7.00-9.00pm The Pittwater RSL, Main Sail Room, 82 Mona Vale Road, Mona Vale

> Ticket reservations essential via http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751

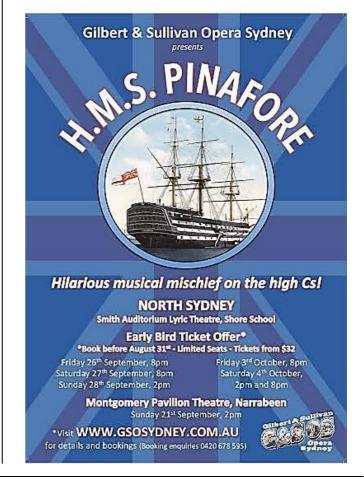


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