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**Congratulations to  
Year 12 2014 on  
their outstanding  
results in the Higher  
School Certificate**

**Year 7 Parent  
Information Evening  
Tuesday 24 February  
6.30pm**

**Kerrabee Theatre**

- Meet key Year 7 staff members
- Gain information about Year 7 matters and school routines
- Socialise and meet other Year 7 parents and members of the KHS P&C

## Outstanding HSC Results Again in 2014

The 2014 Higher School Certificate again saw Killara High School students achieving excellent results overall, and many outstanding individual performances.

From a cohort of 272 Year 12 students, seven students were among the state's highest All Round Achievers with band six (the highest band) or equivalent in ten or more units of study. These students were Claudia Harper, Carol Kong, Deborah Lowenstein, Samantha Mackenzie, Lucy Parker, Eric Son and Shanda Su.

Seunggyu Lee placed fourth in NSW in Chinese Beginners.

Overall 283 band six results were awarded to Killara High School students.

Of the 47 HSC courses studied at Killara High School 24 had a course mean of more than 5% above the state mean. Six of these courses had a mean of more than 10% above the state mean.

Six students achieved an ATAR above 99, to the best of our knowledge, as ATAR information is not provided to schools.

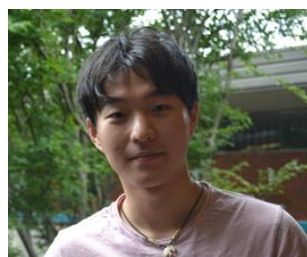
Eric Son gained an ATAR of 99.95, the maximum possible. Eric was awarded a University of Sydney scholarship valued at \$10 000 for each year of study and a guaranteed place in Medical Science/Medicine.

Claudia Harper has won a University of Sydney scholarship to study Combined Law & Science and Harrison Devenish has received an elite athletes' scholarship.

Unfortunately university places offered are no longer published; the information will be made available to schools in March. We will provide a full report of our students' post-school destinations then.

Killara High School was again the highest ranked comprehensive coeducational public school in NSW. This is a testament to the commitment and talent of our Year 12 students, and their expert teachers.

**Jane Dennett  
Principal**



Congratulations Eric Son, ATAR 99.95 HSC 2014

# Calendar

## FEBRUARY 2015

6	School Photos – Day 1
9	School Photos – Day 2
10	DEAS Gold Award Information Night 6.00pm - 7.00pm
11	Onstage Excursion – Year 12 Drama
16	Yr 7 Orientation Camp (2 days)
18	P&C AGM
20	SJC Mufti Day
23	Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnivals
24	Year 7 Parent Information Evening
26	Year 7 Vaccinations
27	SRC Year 7 Fun Afternoon
28	DEAS Gold Practice Expedition (4 days)

## MARCH 2015

3	Yr 9 Aboriginal Studies Excursion
6	Stewart House Leadership Day
8	Year 11 Jindabyne Camp (6 days)
10	DEAS Silver Award Information Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm
17	Sydney North Swimming Carnival
18	KHS Cross Country Carnival
21	PAE Music Camp 9.00am (2 days)
23	Year 12 Construction & Hospitality Work Placement (5 days)
24	DEAS Bronze Award Information Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm
25	Year 7 & Year 11 SPRM
26	CHS State Swimming Carnival (3 days)
27	DEAS Silver Practice Expedition (3 days)
30	KHS Athletics Carnival

## APRIL 2015

1	SRC Mufti Day
2	ANZAC Day Assembly Last Day of Term 1
20	School Development Day
21	Students return to school

**Please note that the KHS Newsletter is no longer issued in hard copy. If you wish to receive a printed copy, please advise the school.**

# Welcome to New Staff

We extend a warm welcome to the following staff:

Mr Kieran Babich, TAS  
 Ms Esther Bouchier, English/ESL  
 Ms Danielle Costa, HSIE Green  
 Ms Catherine Latham, HSIE Blue  
 Ms Alicia O'Donnell, Drama/English  
 Mr Koby Tsang, Mathematics  
 Mr Marc Vella, TAS  
 Mr Darren Jones, Music  
 Ms Taryn Wynne, SASS  
 Ms Mateja Ksela and Ms Catie Sully, Canteen Managers

## Uniform at Killara High School



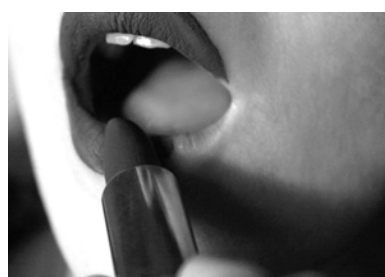
Please ensure that you start the new school year correctly attired. All new students have been provided with a postcard illustrating correct uniform, and we reproduce it here also.



**Remember that the “old” sloppy joe is no longer part of the Killara High School uniform.** Please ensure that you purchase a green KHS woollen jumper, or the zipped microfibre jacket. Of course both can be worn in cooler weather.

## Success in ArtExpress

Congratulations to Kate Zovaro and Elena Gillespie. They both successfully had their works displayed in ArtExpress, as shown below:



Kate Zovaro



Elena Gillespie

## ALERT – NO Computers Week 4 (16-20 February 2015)



This is an early warning notice of a big change that is coming soon to our technology systems at KHS. After considering alternatives Week 4 Term 1 (starting Monday 16 February) has been scheduled for the change. We are working in cooperation with the DEC's eT4L team. They have undertaken LAN remediation work to ensure our network is up to scratch to handle the new technology infrastructure. We have purchased and installed appropriate server hardware to facilitate the migration.

The new system will bring the current separated wireless and LAN domains together into the one network and allow greater access for students and staff to their files. Students will now also receive 5GB of storage space. Additionally, our old server will be upgraded.

Unfortunately, during the period of change, **we will have no access to ANY computers for at least a week.** This is because all servers and

computers need to be re-imaged (rebuilt with software). All print connections need to be re-configured and all data of staff and students needs to be migrated to the new server. So to imagine the impact, just consider what our students do on the computer currently for learning - now take away all the computers.

Students will need to prepare themselves for this week by bringing appropriate materials for learning to school as required. Students should check with their teachers about this matter. Be prepared!

**Undoubtedly, teething problems and lingering issues will continue into the second week.** While the initial base image loads the OS and MS Office the rest of the software will need to be distributed over the course of the second week to LAN machines.

This migration program does NOT require the DER laptops or person BYOD devices to be reconfigured in any way.

We thank you, in anticipation, for your support and apologise for any inconvenience this change creates for school community communications.

**Ross Kirbyshire**  
Head Teacher, Computer Studies

### Train Safety

#### A message from NSW Police:

There has been an increase of young people on Tangara trains damaging the train door panels. These actions result in students risking and

hurting themselves, but also debris from the door panels falling onto the tracks below.

**Senior Constable Lynda Hart**  
School Liaison Police – Ku-ring-gai/Ryde

### Performing Arts Ensemble Calendar

Term 1, 2015			
Week	Term 1		
2	Mon 2 Feb	Vocal Ensemble	Rehearsals start 3.15pm - 4.15pm
2	Wed 4 Feb	CB2	Rehearsals start 7.30am - 8.30am
2	Wed 4 Feb	CB1	Rehearsals start 2.30pm - 4.30pm
2	Thurs 5 Feb	SB1	Rehearsals start 7.30am - 8.30am
2	Thurs 5 Feb	SB2	Rehearsals start 3.15pm - 4.15pm
3	Tues 10 Feb	Vocal Extension	Rehearsals start 7.40am - 8.40am
3	Tues 10 Feb	Strings	Rehearsals start 3.15pm - 5.15pm
6	Wed 4 March	Vocal Ensemble	In Concert rehearsal ALL day
9	Sat 21 - Sun 22 March	All Ensembles	PAE Camp 2014
Holidays	Sat 4 April	CB1 & CB2	National Band Championships - Sydney

# NSW School Vaccinations Program 2015

Each year NSW Health works in partnership with schools to offer the vaccines recommended by the National Health and Medical Research Council (NHMRC) for adolescents as part of the school vaccination program.

In 2015 the following vaccines will be offered:

## Year 7 students\*

- dTpa vaccine (Diphtheria, Tetanus & Pertussis (whooping cough) as a single dose
- Varicella vaccine (chickenpox) as a single dose; and
- Human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccine in a 3-dose schedule at 0, 2 and 6 months (**students who commence HPV vaccination in Year 7 but do not complete the course may be offered catch-up doses at school in Year 8**)

## Year 11-12 students\*

- Measles-Mumps-Rubella (MMR) vaccine as a single dose as part of a catch-up vaccination program for students who are not fully protected.
- *The Parent Information Kits contain a consent form, information sheet and privacy statement that details how personal information will be collected, stored and utilised.*

*Parent Information Kits* will be sent home to parents/guardians. To consent to the vaccination of their child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing their name next to the vaccine/s they would like their child to receive
- return the completed consent form to their child's school
- ensure that their child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

Parents/guardians who wish to withdraw their consent for any reason may do so by writing to the school Principal or phoning the school. The Procedure for Withdrawal of Consent is

## Congratulations

A big congratulations to Brandon Marsh who studied Construction at Killara High School in 2014. Brandon has been accepted to study

available on the NSW Health website at [www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation](http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/immunisation).

**To improve vaccination completion, students will be opportunistically offered any missed doses throughout the year where possible.**

Please note that for HPV vaccine only, parents/guardians must record their Medicare Number (all 10 digits and the 11th number beside the child's name) on the consent form, as this is required to record the student's information on the National HPV Vaccination Register and (for female students only) link to the National or State Cervical Screening Program.

**A Record of Vaccination will be provided to each student vaccinated at each clinic. Parents/guardians should ensure that this record is kept for future reference and should not assume that their child has been vaccinated if they do not receive this Record of Vaccination.**

## Vaccination Clinic Visits Schedule

**Visit 1: Thursday 26 February 2015**

**HPV Dose 1** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8

**Visit 2: Thursday 30 April 2015**

**HPV Dose 2:** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8

**dTpa:** Year 7

**MMR catch up:** Year 12

**Visit 3: Thursday 27 August 2015**

**HPV Dose 3:** Year 7 and catch-up Year 8

**VZV (Chicken Pox):** Year 7

**MMR catch up:** Year 11

**NB: Students in Year 8 cannot commence the HPV vaccination**

**No Year 9 HPV Vaccinations for 2015.**

**Jane Rountree  
Head Teacher Welfare**

Construction Management at University.

**Melinda Buxton  
Year 11 Student Adviser**

## Killara vs Asquith T20 Northern Districts Cup

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Under cloudy skies at a picturesque Mt Ku-ring-gai Oval Killara High School kept the dream alive by defeating Asquith Boys in the Northern Districts Cup T20 cricket competition. The boys of yellow and green kept the mountain lads to 9/109 and proceeded to chase down the total in 17 overs.

The opening pair from Asquith got off to a flyer, scoring 24 runs from the first two overs. It looked like it was going to be a dark day indeed. However, a clever bowling change from Captain Jono Bank to introduce the spin of Sam Odgers (0/21) and Nathan Davis (3/16), slowed the run rate, and led to frustration, with both batsmen getting out to rash shots. Nathan tossed the ball up and late inclusion Alastair Reade took a fabulous catch 10 metres in from the long on boundary and followed up with one that deceived the batsman with Matt Lee completing a tidy stumping. With the openers gone Killara took control taking 4/13 in overs 10-14. The main destroyers were Sean Bhomer (1/20) and Tom Wilks (3/10) with Thongprata Thongyai (1/5) picking up the ninth wicket at the end of the innings. The fielding effort was superb. Every catch was taken. Alastair took two catches, Luke Hansen took a catch and a run out, Matt took a great diving catch and the stumping of Ben Xie, James Timeo-Louie and Ehsen Shiek all contributed in the field.

With a moderate total Jono (21) and Sam (12) got the visitors off to a run a ball start before Sam thought it would be a good idea to reverse sweep a ball on middle stump. Alastair was run

out without scoring and Asquith were talking themselves up at 2/35 in the seventh. However, Matt had other ideas, smashing his first ball for 6. Matt and Jono lifted the run rate with some powerful hitting and well-judged singles. Jono took off for a single but could not get back and was run out with a direct hit with the score 3/70 after 10 overs. Nathan (7) offered excellent support to Matt before going for a big shot with the score on 104. Matt followed shortly after but not before he brought up his fifty. He scored 54 runs in very quick time. Tom (4 not out) and Luke (3 not out) finished the job with 20 balls to spare.

It was a tremendous team effort, but special congratulations must go to new recruits Alastair Reade and Luke Hansen, and two returning players in Tom Wilks and Nathan Davis as well as regulars Jono Bank and Matt Lee. The younger boys once again stood up but with a few Year 10 and Year 11 boys missing for various reasons, this team is shaping up as a real title contender when we face either Barker or St Leo's in the Semi-Finals later this term.

I would also like to extend a special thank you to the five parent volunteers who assisted in getting the players to and from the ground safely.

**David James**  
**T20 Cricket Coach**

## Chess over the summer break

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The NSW Junior Chess League runs tournaments for under 18s during the school holidays throughout the year and usually some Killara High students participate, often with good results; and this summer was no exception.

- Summer Three-Day: Joe Chua and Johnny Lim (both Year 11 2015) came equal first (with one other) in a field of 57
- Summer One-Day: Joe placed equal first (with two others) and Johnny placed equal fourth in a field of 127
- Summer Two-Day: Johnny placed second and Joe placed equal fifth in a field of 95.



This picture shows Johnny and Joe playing in a school match last year.

**Kym Haines**  
**Chess Coordinator**

## From the Library

Welcome to Killara High School Lion Library for 2015!

We have many resources here for you in the library to borrow!

Come and have a look!

"A book is a gift you can open again and again." — Garrison Keillor

### Student orientation:

Years 7 and 11 will be having an information skills orientation session in the library to familiarise and update each group on what services and resources are available. This will take place during various class sessions over Term 1. Mrs Jones and Mrs Campbell will be conducting these sessions.

### New non-fiction:

Fearnley, Kurt with Warwick Green.

#### Kurt Fearnley: pushing the limits – life, marathons & Kokoda

When Kurt Fearnley was a kid, he would leave his wheelchair at the front gate and go exploring with his brothers and sisters. 'You're going to have to be stronger than we are,' they told him, 'and we know you will be.'

The boy from Carcoar was raised to believe he could do anything. At fifteen, he won his first medal. Then he conquered the world, winning three Paralympic gold medals, seven world championships and more than 35 marathons. This autobiography takes us inside the mind of a kid with a disability growing up in a country town, a teenage finding his place in the world, and an elite sportsman who refuses to give up, no matter how extreme the challenge.

Isaacson, Rupert. The horse boy

Rupert and Kristin Isaacson, were heartbroken when they learned that their three-year-old son Rowan was autistic. And with each passing day Rowan's growing isolation, his uncontrollable fits and each failed treatment filled them with despair. Then one day Rowan escaped and ran into a field of horses. Rupert watched in horror – but saw a miracle occur. The horses responded lovingly to Rowan – and he to them. Could his affinity with these animals save Rowan from his condition?

Taillard, Michael. 101 things everyone needs to know about the global economy

The guide to understanding international finance, world markets and how they can affect your financial future.

Yousafzai, Malala with McCormack, Patricia. Malala: the girl who stood up for education and changed the world

Malala Yousafzai was on ten years old when the Taliban took control of her region. They said music was a crime. They said women weren't allowed to go to the market. They said girls couldn't go to school. Raised in a once-peaceful area of Pakistan transformed by terrorism, Malala was taught to stand up for what she believes. So she fought for her right to be educated. And on October 9, 2012 she nearly lost her life for the cause. She was shot point-blank on her way home from school. No one expected her to survive. Now she is an international symbol of peaceful protest and the youngest ever Nobel Peace Prize nominee.

### New fiction:

Piccolt, Jody. The pact

For eighteen years the Hartes and the Golds have lived next door to each other. Parents and children alike have been best friends, so it's no surprise that in high school Chris and Emily's friendship blossoms into something more. They've been soul mates since they were born. So when midnight calls from the hospital come in, no one is ready for the appalling truth: Emily is dead at seventeen from a gunshot wound to the head. Alternating between an idyllic past and an unthinkable present, this novel paints an indelible portrait of families in anguish, culminating in an astonishingly suspenseful courtroom drama as Chris finds himself on trial for murder.

Piper, Christine. After darkness

It is early 1942 and Australia is in the midst of war. While working at a Japanese hospital in the pearling port of Broome, Dr Ibaraki is arrested as an enemy alien and sent to Loveday internment camp in a remote corner of South Australia. There, he learns to live among a group of men who are divided by culture and allegiance. As tensions at the isolated camp escalate, the doctor's long held beliefs are thrown into question and he is forced to confront his dark past: the promise he made in Japan and its devastating consequences.

Tait, A.L. Race to the end of the world (The mapmaker chronicles book 1)

Map of the world? Why did the King want that? Everyone knew if you went too far in either direction you'd fall off the edge, into the jaws of Genesi, the fire-breathing dragon. A reluctant adventurer. A ship captained by a slave. A mysterious sea monster. And a race to the end of the world.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell  
Teacher-Librarian

## Northern Beaches ADHD SUPPORT GROUP

**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: DR MARK ROBERTSON  
"THE BIOMEDICAL TREATMENT OF ADHD & AUTISM"**

- What is the biomedical treatment of ADHD & Autism?
- What are the main biomedical imbalances of autism & ADHD?
  - What is Pfeiffer testing?
  - What tests will a Biomed doctor order & why?
- Why you may need to consider a dairy free & gluten free diet
  - What advanced testing entails
  - What are the usual treatment protocols?

Dr Mark Robertson is a member of the Australasian College of Nutritional & Environmental Medicine and has completed their primary course and various specialised training programs. He has attended Pfeiffer Walsh training for autism & mental health problems as well as MINDD training (autism treatments). In 2013, he passed his Part 1 Specialty Fellowship exams for both ACNEM & AAM/ASM (American Academy) colleges. In 2014 he attained full Fellowship (Specialist) in both colleges. Being a specialist in both colleges truly integrates the best of nutritional medicine from the USA & Australia helping him treat his patients thoroughly.

**Monday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2015 @ 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>

Register on  Eventbrite

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[www.northernbeachesadhdsupportgroup.com.au](http://www.northernbeachesadhdsupportgroup.com.au)

Venue kindly sponsored by Pittwater RSL Club



## Youth Mentor Training

Raise Foundation, in conjunction with the Northern Sydney Institute of TAFE, secondary schools and community organisations, is conducting a training course on mentoring young people in the community. Raise improves the lives of young people facing profound challenges through our ismo program in high schools, and our Bump program for young mums.

This mentor training course will be conducted at various TAFE Colleges and community venues, one day per week for three weeks, as per the list below. Practical sessions linking mentors to young people follow on various days at high schools and community locations for the remainder of the 2014 school year, across the Sydney, Melbourne and Brisbane metropolitan areas.

You might be retired, retrenched, parenting at home, studying, working part-time, or an interested community volunteer of any age – other mentors are between 25 and 82! You don't have to be a teacher or an expert to be a mentor. You need to be a good listener and able to act as a sounding board for ideas and aspirations. Your skills and life experiences can make a real difference to a young person in your local community. You need a few hours a week, a positive outlook and a genuinely compassionate interest in young people.

### Interested?

**Training Session Times Include:**

Location	Day	Date	Time	Recurrence
Brookvale	Monday	16 Feb	9.30am – 2.30pm	3 consecutive Mondays
Crows Nest	Tuesday	17 Feb	5.30pm – 8.30pm	4 consecutive Tuesdays
Ryde	Wednesday	18 Feb	9.30am – 2.30pm	3 consecutive Wednesdays
Parramatta	Thursday	19 Feb	9.30am – 2.30pm	3 consecutive Thursdays
Randwick	Friday	20 Feb	9.30am – 2.30pm	3 consecutive Fridays
Brisbane	Friday	27/2, 6/3	9am – 4pm	2 consecutive Fridays
Port Melbourne	Mon + Tue	23/2, 24/2, 2/3	10am – 3pm	3 separate days

email [info@raise.org.au](mailto:info@raise.org.au) phone 0426-9-RAISE visit [www.raise.org.au](http://www.raise.org.au)

 Northern Sydney Institute Part of TAFE

# GORDON SOCCER CLUB

## REGISTER NOW TO PLAY SOCCER in 2015



Register online at:  
[www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au](http://www.gordonsoccerclub.com.au)

or

Come along to Registration Day:  
Saturday, Feb 7, 9am-1pm  
at Gordon Centre Shops

Boys \* Girls \* Under 6s to Under 18s  
Mens All Age (17-90) \* Mens Over 45  
Womens All Age (17-90)  
Match times for Under 6 to Under 12 are  
Saturday mornings from April to August



# Parenting Programs

## Child & Adolescent Parenting

### WHAT'S ON IN TERM 1 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

#### **Tuning in to Teens Course**

Skills to communicate with your teenagers so that you understand each other better and are able to build positive relationships.

- ★ Understanding teenagers today & communication skills
- ★ Emotional intelligence skills
- ★ How to prevent behaviour problems & conflict resolution

**Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (2/3 - 30/3, 7.00-9.30pm)**

#### **Dealing with Teen's Backchat Workshop**

- ★ Learn how to restore a respectful & positive relationship with your teenager
- ★ Understand what it is like being a teenager today
- ★ Learn how to talk so that they listen and how to listen so that they talk to you

**Chatswood (23/2, 7.00-9.30pm)**

**Tuning in to Kids Course - Chatswood (24/2 - 24/3)**

**NEW Triple P Seminars** – Chatswood (11/3, 18/3 & 25/3)

**Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PET) – Chatswood (31/3) (18/6)(18/6)

### WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST FOR PARENTS/CARERS OF TEENS - 9887 5830

- ★ Dealing with Teen's Back Chat
- ★ Transition to High School
- ★ Triple P Seminar Series (Teens)
- ★ Resilient Kids
- ★ Bully Busting Workshop

#### OTHER WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST (2-2.5 hours)

- ★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- ★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- ★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- ★ Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series (1-12 years)
- ★ Older Sibling - New Baby
- ★ Transition to School
- ★ Grand Parenting
- ★ Communicating with Kids

**Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830**  
**[www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP](http://www.nslhd.health.nsw.gov.au/services/CAP)**



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