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2015 Mosman Youth Art Prize

Congratulations to
Aleksander Tohver for being
selected to receive an award in the
2015 Mosman Youth Art Prize
for Common Land and
Common Land 2.



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.

From the Principal

It has been a very different week just past at Killara, with one-third of the school not with us. Year 11 enjoyed a very successful Jindabyne camp, and Year 12 has been working through their mid-course assessment block. I wish all Year 12 success in these assessments, and encourage them to use the feedback they receive thoughtfully.

I want to acknowledge the staff members who generously give their time so that students can participate in events such as Jindabyne. Thank you to Ms Buxton, Mr Le Rougetel, Ms Gambino, Ms Berghofer, Ms C Berry, Ms Black, Mr Borgert, Mr Browne, Mrs Charles, Ms Geary, Mr Henzler, Mr Honeysett, Ms Mackenzie, Mrs Meaney and Mrs Phelan for your commitment.

I would also like to welcome our newest member of staff, Ms Christina Shapiro, who joins the PDHPE faculty in a permanent capacity, replacing Ms Natalie Gartner.

Next week our first Student Progress Review Meetings will be held on Wednesday, for Year 7 and Year 11. I look forward to welcoming all families to this event. One of the reasons for Killara High School's academic success is the strong interest and involvement of families in their children's education. I would like to encourage parents, students and teachers to see these evenings as the beginning of the communication process. Like most schools, these evenings run on the basis of five minute appointments. However, please follow up this initial meeting with a call or an email as required.

You may have read in the media that the rules regarding Exemption from School Attendance have changed. Exemptions are no longer granted by the Department of Education and Communities for travel during school terms. Any travel leave that has been approved by KHS will be recorded as "Leave" rather than "Exempt". Travel leave that has not been approved will be recorded as "Unjustified Leave". I support the DEC's policy in this regard. Unsurprisingly, students who are in school consistently experience greater academic success. Parents considering taking students out of school to travel must consider the disadvantages of missing a period of school and weigh it against any benefits. Please note that travel leave which coincides with assessment tasks may result in zero being awarded for the task. Families wishing to travel during school terms for a period longer than five school days must apply to the school, using the application form supplied by the DEC, within the Student Attendance in Government Schools: Procedures document:

https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/implementation 1 PD20050259.shtml

This form can also be accessed on the KHS website, and replaces the school's "Long Term Leave" application form.

Congratulations to Wilson Zhao, Year 11, who has progressed to the selection stage in the Australian Mathematical Olympiad. Wilson is one of 25 students across Australia who will participate in the AMOC Selection School in April. From this group six students will be chosen to compete internationally in July. Wilson's Mathematics teacher, Ms Madden, is not surprised at his success, and will be following his progress keenly.

Jane Dennett Principal

Calendar

	MARCH 2015				
19	Sydney North Junior Touch				
21	PAE Music Camp 9.00am – 4.00pm (2 days)				
23	Year 12 Construction & Hospitality Work Placement (5 days)				
	Sydney North AFL				
24	Sydney North Boys Soccer				
	KHS Athletics Carnival				
	DEAS Bronze Award Information Night 6.00pm – 7.30pm				
25	Year 7 & Year 11 Student Progress Review Meetings (SPRM)				
26	CHS State Swimming Carnival (3 days)				
27	DEAS Silver Practice Expedition (3 days)				
30	Sydney North TT				
	Year 11 Ancient History Excursion				
31	Sydney North Boys Hockey & Rugby League				
APRIL 2015					
1	SRC Mufti Day				
	Sydney North Netball				
2	Last Day of Term 1				
	ANZAC Day Assembly				
4	CB1 and CB2 National Band Championships - Sydney				
20	School Development Day				
21	Students return to School				
22	Year 11 Drama Production (2 Days)				
24	Prefect Mufti Day				
27	Year 8 Art Excursion				
29	Year 9 Camp (3 days)				
30	Vaccinations - Year 7 and Year 8 & Year 11 catch up				
	Year 8 Art Excursion				
	MAY 2015				
5	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal				
9	DEAS Bronze Practice Expedition (3 days)				
11	Zone Cross Country				
	School Tour 9.00am - 10.30am				
12	NAPLAN (2 days)				
13	P&C Meeting				
18	Vocal Ensemble Rehearsal and Performance 9.00am – 9.30pm				

Killara Schools Partnership Strings Ensemble

On Monday 8 March sixty student musicians from Gordon East, Killara, Lindfield Public, Lindfield East and Roseville Public Schools and Killara High came together to learn three new pieces. Some of our young students were a little apprehensive about what might be in store, as our youngest performers were only seven years old. All students were a credit to their school and family. The Killara High School students were excellent role models and assisted our young visitors throughout the morning.

After two hours of rehearsals, this group of young performers produced a superb half-hour concert to the delight of the forty parents, grandparents and teachers. In the audience were Year 2 students from Gordon East Public School, who were undoubtedly inspired by the musicians.

This is the second time Killara High School has hosted this Killara Schools Partnership Strings Ensemble.

We know that it can be difficult to attend concerts during the day. On Wednesday 20 May these groups will return to Killara High School in the late afternoon for a String Ensemble Showcase. Each school's string players will perform a piece of their own choosing. This may be a duet if there are only two players. The finale will be the whole KSP Strings Ensemble playing together, which will be a wonderful musical experience.

This KSP Strings Ensemble is the brainchild of Jacki Berry in our CAPA Faculty, and we thank her for her hard work.

Ann Dixon KSP Coordinator



Student Progress Review Meetings 2015

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.

We have scheduled the first Student Progress Review meeting session for Years 7 and 11 at the end of Term 1 on **Wednesday 25 March – Term 1 Week 9.**

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

Interview Bookings

On 17 March, parents of students in Years 7 and 11 will be receiving an email invitation allowing them access to the computerized booking system. This enables parents to indicate their availability for a meeting and to indicate which of their child's teachers they would like to see. It is important that parents complete this process before 3.00pm Thursday 19 March.

Interviews between parents and the nominated teachers will then be 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 20 March 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 24 March at 3.00pm.

PLEASE NOTE -

• The system does not notify you of your appointment schedule. You must log on between

- 20 24 March 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 and a School Counsellor will also be present. A translation service can also made available through the notify Please the office bν email (Killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) if you require this service. You will need to indicate language required and approximate times of interviews.

The Student Progress Review Meetings scheduled for Term 2 are:

Years 9 and 12 - Monday 11 May (Week 4) Years 8 and 10 - Tuesday 9 June (Week 8)

Carla Marchesin, Alison Gambino, Megan Clarke (Relieving), Deputy Principals

Lions Club - Youth of the Year Award

On Wednesday 11 March, School Captain Kieran Pain competed in the second stage of the Lions Club Youth of the Year Award. Youth of the Year is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. Α high level of academic. leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement is sought in its potential winners. By emphasising these qualities it hopes to provide outstanding role models for the Youth of Australia and an overall increase in the confidence of young men and women.

Previously, Kieran and four other finalists from Northern Sydney area high schools had endured an intensive interview process, then on the night students were given two impromptu questions to respond to within a strict twominute time frame, followed by a five minute prepared speech on a topic of their choice.

Kieran delivered an excellent speech on the reasons why Australia should become a Republic. Despite his efforts, Kieran was did not progress to the next round.

Congratulations to Kieran for his dedication, exceptional effort and proud representation of Killara High School in this competition.

Duncan Smith and Fionna Hrcka Year 12 Advisers

Suitcases Wanted

If you have any unwanted suitcases, donations are welcome. Please bring these to Jacki Berry in the Music Studio, C Block.

Performing Arts Calendar

Term 1, 2015				
Week	Term 1			
	Sat 21 - Sun 22			
9	March	All Ensembles	PAE Camp 2014 – 9.00am – 4.00pm	
Holidays	Sat 4 April	CB1 & CB2	National Band Championships – Sydney	
Term 2, 2015				
Week	Term 2			
			North Shore Schools Spectacular/Chatswood RSL	
2	Sun 3 May	Mixed ensembles TBA	2.00pm	
3	Tues 5 May	Vocal Ensemble	In Concert rehearsal	
			FINALS North Shore Schools	
4	Sat 16 May	TBA	Spectacular/Chatswood HS 4.00pm-8.00pm	
5	Mon 18 May	Vocal Ensemble	In Concert rehearsal and performance	
7	Tues 2 June	Stage band	LEPS workshop and performance	
7	TBA	Instrumental Ensembles	Sydney Eisteddfod	
8	TBA	Choirs	Sydney Eisteddfod	
8	Tue 9 June	SB1 TBC	SPC Conference	



Keep our children safe

Please take care when dropping off or picking up students.

Remember also that U turns in front of the school are not just illegal – they are dangerous.

I ask all parents and students to ensure that these turns are not made.

2015 NSW Public Schools Boys Urban Dance Workshops

Are you a boy in Years 7-12 at a public school? Interested in dance and hip hop? Then this experience is for you!!!

The Arts Initiatives Urban Dance Workshop is a dance project specifically designed to push boys to new physical limits and engage in the exciting dance style of Hip Hop. All boys of any ability level are welcome to participate.

During the workshop students will have the opportunity to work with industry professionals. Students will look at new forms of physical expression, getting in tune with their musicality and perfecting those Bboy moves.

The workshop is open to individual students as well as student groups from schools, accompanied by teachers.

Urban Dance Crew:

From these workshops, a number of students will be identified to form the 2015 NSW Public Schools Urban Dance Crew.

Any student who is unable to attend the workshops and would like to audition for the Urban Dance Crew can do so via YouTube link.

You must contact Sue Dawson at susan.i.dawson@det.nsw.edu.au to seek approval for this option.

Workshop dates and venue: Choose which date suits you!

Tuesday 5 May 2015

Sydney Dance Company Studios - Pier 4/5 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

OR

Wednesday 6 May 2015

Sydney Dance Company Studios - Pier 4/5 Hickson Road, Walsh Bay Time: 9:30am - 3:00pm

Use the link below to register your application:

https://www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au/events-initiatives/dance-initiatives/boys-hip-hop-workshops/2015-boys-hip-hop-workshops-and-urban-dance-crew

Applications close Thursday 2 April 2015 Don't miss out!

For further information please visit our website at www.artsunit.nsw.edu.au

or contact:

Sue Dawson - Arts Initiatives & Events Officer

Phone: 8512 1174

Email: susan.i.dawson@det.nsw.edu.au

2015 Killara High School Athletics Carnival

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When: Tuesday 24 March 2015 (Term 1, Week 9)

Where: Sydney Academy of Sports, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen

Who: All students and teachers of Killara High School. Parents are also more than

welcome to attend.

Why: To get involved in the spirit of competition OR to make the Zone athletics team

OR to earn points for your house... the list goes on!

How: Students travel to and from the venue by bus. Buses will leave school at 9.00am

and return in time for the normal school bus departures.

Extra information:

• Students wishing to enter the Javelin and the 1500m run need to make their own way to the venue. The Javelin will begin at 8.15am and the 1500m at 9.00am.

- Students wishing to enter the 12, 13 and 14 Years Hurdles need to be on the first buses.
- Students are to dress in PE uniform or their house colours. Doongara Blue, Mundara Green, Caringa Yellow, Kimba– Red.
- Students are required to bring a hat and apply sunscreen prior to and during the event.



From the Library

The Premier's Reading Challenge for 2015 is now on!

The NSW Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is an initiative of the NSW State government. It aims to encourage in students a love of reading for leisure and pleasure and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student - to read, to read more and to read more widely.

The Premier's Reading Challenge (PRC) is available for all NSW students in **Kindergarten to Year 9**, in government, independent, Catholic and home schools. Participation by schools and students is voluntary. Schools are registered once a student adds a book to her/his online Student Reading Record. Killara High School is registered to the PRC, and students now can start entering books they have read on their individual student reading record.

The **PRC website** is the main way to communicate with schools, parents and students. It is important to check the website regularly for new information and updates. The PRC website is best viewed in Internet Explorer.

- The 2015 Challenge opens on 2 March and closes for students on 21 August (11:59 pm).
- Students must complete their online Student Reading Records by 21 August.
- Number of books you must read if you are in Years 7 - 9 = 20 books
- Minimum number of books on the PRC list you must read = 15 books
- Maximum number of personal choice books you may read = 5 books

There is a list of books on the PRC website for Years 7 - 9. Students select from the booklist at or above their Challenge level. The book lists are made up of fiction, non-fiction, picture books, poetry, and drama. The list includes a wide variety of Australian authors. New books for the next year's Challenge are added each November.

Many book series, trilogies and quartets have been included on the PRC booklists. You can find a full list of approved series on the PRC website. Students are limited in the number of books they can read from each series to encourage them to experience a wide range of books and authors. In a series on the PRC booklist, any two books from the series can be read as PRC books. Up to five other books from the same series can be read as Personal Choice books. Students should be encouraged to read more titles from any series they enjoyed reading for PRC, when reading beyond the Challenge.

Have a look at the PRC website: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home.html

New fiction in detail:

Alexander, Goldie. *Hanna: my holocaust story*Hanna Kaminsky loves gymnastics, her best friend Eva, Eliza's chicken soup with dumplings and reading. But in September 1939 the happy life that Hanna has always known disappears. The Nazis have invaded Poland and are herding all Jews into ghettoes in the cities. Hanna's family are forced into hiding in the countryside. For a while it seems they are safe. But hiding from the Germans mean trusting others. Rounded up by the SS, Hanna and her family are sent to the Warsaw Ghetto where they must use whatever skills they have to survive.

Bancks, Tristan. *My life & other massive mistakes*Have you ever helped your pop escape from a nursing home? Does your teacher have a problem with his bowels? Is your sister an evil genius and criminal mastermind? Have you ever mined your teeth for cash? Is there a girl or boy at school who's desperate to kiss you? And do you know someone with the worst case of nits in world history? I'm Tom Weekly and this is the third book in my weird, funny, sometimes gross life story.

De La Cruz, Melissa and Johnston, Michael. *Frozen: heart of dread*

Welcome to the new Vegas. A city once covered in bling, now blanketed in ice. At the heart of it, Natasha Kestal is looking for a way out. Like many she's heard of a mythical land where the sun still shines and the waters flow. A place where she won't be hunted by those who know her darkest secret. Until Nat gets to the Blue, she will never be safe. No even from the boy entrusted with her life – and her heart.

Hocking, Amanda. Frostfire

Bryn Aven is determined to gain status a mongst the Kanin, the most powerful of the hidden tribes. But as a half-blood, winning respect is a huge challenge. Bryn's almost-human community distrusts people, and those from other tribes are almost as suspect. She has just one goal to get ahead: to join the elite guard protecting the Kanin royal family.

Let it snow: three holiday romances

It's Christmas Eve and Gracetown has been buried by snow. But the weather is more than just an inconvenience. When one girl unexpectedly steps off a stranded train, she sets off a series of lifechanging events......As three stories collide, strangers cross paths and romance blossoms with heart-warming consequences.

Marvey, Ellie. *Every move*

Rachel Watts is having a hard time forgetting about her near-death experience in London. The nightmares don't help. Nor does her boyfriend, James Mycroft, who's obsessed with piecing the puzzle together and discovering the true identity of the mysterious Mr Wild. As Rachel works to overcome her fears, a series of murders suggests that Mr Wild might still be on their tails and that Mycroft has something Wild wants. Can Watts and Mycroft stay one step ahead of the smartest of all criminal masterminds? The stage is set for a showdown of legendary proportions.

Moloney, J. Bridget: An Irish girl's journey to Moreton Bat in 1848

Bridget isn't afraid of where's she's going to, she isn't afraid for herself. She cries for what she's leaving behind. But when famine takes hold of her beloved Ireland she must set sail for Australia or slowly starve in the workhouse. Crossing the seas,

she finds the new world can be as cruel as the old. People keep telling her she'd better rein in her wild spirit – or maybe, just maybe, she can find a way to put it to good use...

Morpurgo, Michael. Listen to the moon

May 1915. On an uninhabited island in the Scillies, Alfie and his father find an injured girl – thirsty, hungry and with no memory of who she is or how she came to be. Is she a mermaid, a ghost? Or could she even be, as some islanders suggest, a German spy?

A story about family, forgiveness and memory...about the past coming full circle...and about islands in the sea, where what was lost may still wash up, once again, on the shore.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarians

Careers Corner

EXCHANGE and VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS

CULTURAL AU PAIR

Au PAIR in the USA. For all details, please visit website www.culturalcare.com.au

PROJECTS ABROAD

Summer holiday volunteer programmes are available as short stays for younger students. They run over two weeks for small groups of 10 -15 students. In all they are constructive and educational programmes for students looking to doing something worthwhile and different over the summer break.

www.projects-abroad.com.au

CAREERS EXPOS

The biggest careers and education event in New South Wales.

The HSC and CAREERS EXPO 2015 will run from Thursday 28 May to Sunday 31 May. There are a few free tickets in the Careers Room. For more information please visit: www.hscandcareers.com.au

The Western Sydney Careers Expo 2015 will run from Thursday 18 June – Sunday 21 June. There are free tickets in the Careers Room.

You can book online:

westernsydneycareerexpo.com.au

<u>UNIVERSITY</u>

ACU Australian Catholic University has an EARLY ACHIEVERS' Program. The students are eligible if they are academically sound and can show commitment to their school and community (may

include volunteering). Please visit www.acu.edu.au/early-achievers to find out more.

Macquarie University CONNECT MAGAZINE Careers with a Future, From University course to successful career, Course Profile: Psychology. Engineering comes FIRST at Macquarie.

The NATIONAL ART SCHOOL

Degree Courses in Bachelor of Fine Art and Educational Outreach Program. www.nas.edu.au

Macquarie in a Day

Thursday 16 April, Central Courtyard, Macquarie University.

Students in Year 11 and 12 are invited to Macquarie University to see what a day as a student is really like. Contact: 02 9850 1881 or events@mq.edu.au/about/events/view/macquarie-in-a-day/

UTS: International Students' Info Day

Thursday 21 May, 10.00am - 1.00pm, UTS Tower Building, Front Entrance, 15 Broadway, Ultimo

UTS's International Students' Info Day is an opportunity to ask questions about courses, visas, fees, support services and student life at UTS.

http://www.uts.edu.au/future-

students/international/international-

events/australia/international-students-info-day

UNSW 2016 Guaranteed Entry

UNSW has published a booklet detailing the selection rank which will allow for guaranteed entry

into specific UNSW courses in 2016. The selection rank is made up of both the raw ATAR and any bonus points for which students may be eligible. https://gallery.mailchimp.com/a8f413ea842f87cb70f1566f9/files/UNSW_221848_Guaranteed_Entry_web.pdf

CAREERS

SURVEYING A Life Without Limits. For more information go to www.alifewithoutlimits.com.au ENGINEERING

UNSW Engineering Link Project 2015

Wednesday 15 April – Thursday 16 April, 8.30am – 4.00pm, ANZAC Parade Sydney.

Students will participate in a different engineering module each day, facilitated by engineers from UNSW and the local community. Each module is designed to showcase an example of engineering in that discipline.

http://www.eventzilla.net/web/event?eventid=213907 2624&dateid=2138872224

DEFENCE FORCES

Defence Force Australia Information Sessions

Sydney – Royal Military College: Thursday 19 March at 6.30pm

Sydney – ADF Fitness Information Session: Monday 23 March at 6.30pm

Parramatta – Pilot Careers: Wednesday 25 March at 6.30pm

https://www.facebook.com/DefenceJobsAustralia/events

SCHOLARSHIPS

ANU TUCKWELL SCHOLARSHIP

This Scholarship is not just about your intellect. It is about your desire and determination to use your natural abilities, if given the opportunity, to realise your full potential so that you can make a difference in the world. The Tuckwell Scholarship program has a focus on giving back to Australia. Worth \$21,700



over the course of your degree. Your UAC application must have ANU as your university of choice. Applications are open now, close 20 March. For more information: tuckwell@anu.edu.au

SCHOOL HOLIDAY TRIAL A TRADE: WILLIAM ANGLISS INSTITUTE

School holiday trial-a-trade and information session in Surry Hills. These sessions are short, two-hour glimpses into the exciting careers available within Cookery, Patisserie, Coffee and Hospitality/Events/Travel. Please register on www.angliss.edu.au/register-for-trial-a-trade

WORK EXPERIENCE PROGRAM

AIE Work Experience Program (games, animation and visual effects). The Academy of Interactive Entertainment's Work Experience Program returns for 2015. The program is designed for students in Year 10, 11 and 12 who are considering a career in animation, games or visual effects. Students spend the week in a mini studio where they create a small game or film while learning some core skills along the way. To register, head to www.aie.edu.au/workexperience

PROJECT ABLE

Are you in Year 10, 11 and 12 and would like to work in the disability and community care sector? Through interactive workshops and hands-on experience, Project Able encourages students to consider a career in this sector. Come to the Careers Room for more information.

FREE RESOURCES

How much do you know about the health industry? Hot off the press at My Health Career are 10 infographics about the medical training pathway for areas of specialisation such as anaesthetics, surgery, dermatology and radiology: http://bit.ly/1z3VwGx

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

Elissa Kesby and Catherine Farland Careers Advisers (Relieving)









