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Congratulations to:

Natalie Haddad has been selected by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange to participate in their student exchange program to Germany, from September to January 2016.

James Davis has been selected by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange to participate in their student exchange program to France, from November to January 2016.

Student Principal for a Day

Imagine being in a position of influence where you can help make changes for the benefit of your school. Imagine being able to be involved in discussions with other school leaders on ways to improve our community. Imagine what you could do in the seat of power that is the Principal's chair even for just one day. The 'Student Principal for a Day' program (SP4D) is a national initiative that gives



selected students the chance to experience this and more in the short span of one day. The aim is to "focus the nation's attention on the value and importance of quality school leadership in this country." I was lucky enough to be chosen this year, after a thorough selection process, to experience this unique program as the student principal for a day. I took away a number of learnings from the day. The main three that are of great value to me are: appreciating the role a principal plays in a school; getting a new perspective on the needs of our school and having a chance to develop my leadership skills. I was able to get a taste of the responsibilities held by our school principal, Mrs Dennett, and open my eyes to the potential for change in my school community based on peer/teacher input and put my leadership skills to the test.



The day was much busier than I expected it to be but I was so excited to be a part of everything that our Principal had on her schedule. If I were to sum the day up in one word, it would be: meetings. The day began at 8.00am with a NS5 meeting with the Principals from four other

schools in the area. There was then a morning tea to address the teachers and acknowledge a select few for their particular efforts in the past week. Immediately after I took part in a Senior Executive Meeting to discuss the 2015-2017 school plan, and I then visited Mrs. Buxton's Year 11 Food Tech class. A photographer from the North Shore Times was present to record my interaction with the class, as well as my tour of the ongoing art installation. Later, it was back to the office where a few teachers came in to discuss matters of importance regarding the school. The day ended with replies to emails and drafting a letter.

On the whole, being the principal of Killara High School is a busy and vital role with many responsibilities and, honestly, I'm looking forward to going back to school next week as a student. Thank you to the people who assisted me on the day and in the process leading up to my selection as Principal. From Mrs Dennett and the office staff to my peers who visited to support me in the office at various times - it is people such as these that truly make Killara a great school. The SP4D program is one that I encourage all students to put their hands up for. I have learnt that it's an opportunity to experience the intangible aspect of leadership that goes far beyond the bounds of a school or the principal's seat of authority.

Calendar

JUNE 2015

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11	Sydney North Cross Country Carnival 8.30am – 3.00pm
	Year 8 NAIDOC Day Incursion
	Year 12 Geography Excursion
	High School Musical Performance 7.00pm – 10.30pm
12	Year 12 English Excursion
	Year 9 Commerce Market Day
	Year 8 Medieval Day Incursion
	High School Musical Performance 7.00pm – 10.30pm
13	Year 12 French Speaking Practice
15	Killara Gift – Girls
16	Killara Gift – Boys
	Year 11 Physics Excursion
17	Killara Gift – Finals & Teachers
	Year 12 Geography Overnight Excursion
	Year 11 & 12 Premier's Debating Challenge
	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
18	HSC Drama Showcase
	Year 8 Japanese Incursion
19	German Study Tour (8 days)
	Prefect Afternoon Tea 3.30pm – 6.00pm
23	SJC Mufti Day
24	Zone Athletics Carnival
	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
25	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
	HSC Showcase 6.30pm – 9.30pm
26	Last Day of Term 2
	JULY 2015
13	School Development Day
14	Students return for first day of Term 3
15	P&C Meeting
17	CHS Cross Country Carnival
	Year 11 Study Skills
	Year 9 Events Excursion War Memorial
20	Sydney North Athletics Carnival (2 days)
	AUGUST 2015
4	Year 7 Orchestra/Strings Incursion

5 Year 7 Gala Day

Last Post Ceremony

On Sunday 31 May, as part of Ku-ring-gai Council's 2015 series of Commemoration Ceremonies, a Last Post Ceremony was conducted at 4.00pm at St John's Anglican Church at Gordon. The concept of the Commemorative series is to provide the opportunity for young people to make a personal connection with the life story of one or more local servicemen or women from the Ku-ring-gai local government area who gave their lives for our country and help to make our local history 'come to life'.



One of our Year 9 students, Ellie Krust, was invited to present at the inaugural service, two soldier profiles of servicemen who lived in the district and served in World War I. The research Ellie conducted was part of the Kuring-Gai Historical Society's multiple-volumed work that will be published in 3 separate volumes, called <u>Rallying the troops: a</u> <u>World War I commemoration</u>. The first volume, Volume 1 - A-F, has already been published, and the two further volumes will be published in 2015 and 2016 respectively.

Ellie began the research in 2014, when she was in Year 8 and has continued in Year 9. The two soldiers she focused on were Frank Bemarr Hutchison and Raamah Hutchinson. Ellie presented her research at the service along with a *PowerPoint* of related images.

There are three artifacts - a wooden cross, a knitted wreath of poppies and a knitted mural of poppies - that were a dominant feature of this service and permanently reside at St. John's. The wooden cross and the knitted wreath of poppies featured in the ceremony, with the wreath being laid at the cross. Below is some information on the artefacts:

The Pozieres Cross:

St John's has an original carved wooden cross from the battlefield from France. It is called the Pozieres Cross. It was erected on the battlefield in memory of the fallen of the 18th Battalion. It is believed to be made out of an old wooden cart, or something similar, as this was the only type of material there at the time. After the official war cemeteries were created, the cross was returned to Australia and placed in the Warrior's Chapel of the Garrison Church at St John's Gordon.



The Ku-ring-gai knitted poppy wreath and mural:

The mural on the wall consists of 1,600 knitted poppies, using Australian wool, to represent the 1600 volunteers from Ku-ring-gai who served in WWI. The twelve white poppies in the form of the cross represent the twelve soldiers commemorated in St John's cemetery. The wreath was given to St John's by St Swithun's, Pymble, and consists of 52 poppies representing the 52 soldiers from Ku-ringgai killed at Gallipoli.





Killara High School should be very proud of Ellie Krust, who has worked hard on this research and the presentation to the Ku-ringgai community. Her profiles will also be uploaded to a new digital memorial boards that Killara High will be able to purchase as part of the Commemoration Grant given to our school.

> Francie Campbell Teacher-Librarian

Ku-ring-gai Youth Forum

The Ku-ring-gai Youth Forum saw 10 prefects collaborate with leaders from other schools to tackle the way we view mental health. Comprising of group work, listening to the experiences of individuals and an insightful Q&A, the information and perspectives presented during the forum were used as inspiration for the upcoming health week.

Kieran Pain School Captain



Performing Arts Calendar

Term 2, 2015									
Week	Term 2								
	Thurs 11 June								
8	Fri 12 June	Cast	Musical						
Term 3, 2015									
Week	Term 3								
4	Tues 4 Aug	Orchestra/Strings	Year 7 incursion Period 4 in the Theatre						
4	Fri 7 Aug	Year 12 Music	Year 12 Music Night/Art Show						
5	Mon 10 Aug	CB2	KHS Open Day						
5	Mon 10 Aug	Year 12 Music	Year 12 Music Night 7.00pm						
6	Tues 18 Aug	CB1	LEPS Workshop and Performance 12.30pm						
7	Wed 26 Aug	All Ensembles	PAE Farewell to Year 12 Concert 7.00pm						
Term 4, 2015									
Week	Term 4								
2	Wed 14 Oct	CB2	GEPS Performance 10.30am – 12.30pm						
4	Tues 27 Oct	Strings/Orchestra	LEPS Workshop and Performance 12.30pm						
6	Thurs 12 Nov	All Ensembles	Annual Performing Arts Showcase Concert 7.00pm and BBQ 5.00pm						
8	Wed 25 – Sat 28 Nov	SS Choir	Schools Spectacular						

Strings at Sydney Eisteddfod Chatswood Concourse



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2015 KILLARA GIFT



After School Tennis Programs

Killara High School has just recently completed the refurbishment of the multipurpose courts located inside the school. This is excellent news for all students, as it now provides a much better surface to play sport on.

Matchpoint Tennis operates after school tennis programs and weekend competitions for all levels of tennis players.

- Wednesday Development 2.30pm 3.30pm
- Thursday Development and Intermediate 3.00pm -400pm
- Friday Development 3.00pm 4.00pm
- Friday Tournament Squad 3.00pm 5.00pm
- NSTA Saturday morning Junior interclub competition

Please call Stuart on 0402 929919 or email <u>stuart@matchpointtennis.net.au</u> for more information.



ROSEVILLE CHASE ROTARY FUN RUN Sunday 26th July 2015

Register & Info @ www.rosevillechaserotaryfunrun.org.au Info @ www.



Killara District Christian Education Association

KDCEA, the providers of Protestant SRE at Killara High School, are looking to fill the position of secretary. Committee meetings are held monthly, with representatives from a range of local Protestant churches. Interested parents and supporters are invited to make contact via the contact page on www.kdcea.org.au.







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