

Killara



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Jane Dennett

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Robin Chand, Alison Gambino, Carla Marchesin

School Captains: Indira Courtness and Daniel Leslie

From the Principal

Term 4 has started with the usual activity.

On Monday, our Year 12 students commenced the Higher School Certificate written examinations. While some nerves are inevitable, students seemed relatively relaxed and confident. For educators, there is a certain satisfaction in seeing students come out of that first paper knowing that this event that has dominated two years of education, and possibly more, has started. The whole school wishes Year 12 well, and I remind them – the HSC is not nothing, but it isn't everything either.

Our ensembles continue to build their networks, with both Concert Band 1 and Stage Band 2 visiting Gordon East and Beaumont Road Public Schools, for workshops and performances. Thank you to these students and to Jacki Berry, KHS music teacher, for her tireless enthusiasm for music education across the KSP.

Five students have been chosen to perform in the Schools Spectacular, in key areas. Leah Berry, Anna Chandler, Hannah Mackay and Lily Tindale have been selected for the Core Choir, and Noah Djordjevic for the Stage Band. Congratulations to these students on an exceptional achievement.

Teacher-Librarian Ms Francie Campbell is leading a new initiative in the school – Peer Tutoring. Students have volunteered their time two afternoons a week to assist students in various subject areas. This is a wonderful supplement for students who want a little extra help.

Term 4 brings some staff changes. I wish to congratulate Mrs Ruth Charles, LOTE teacher, who has been successful in gaining the Stage 4 Head Teacher position through merit selection. Ruth is a highly experienced and capable teacher who brings outstanding skill to this position, and who is looking forward to serving Killara students and families in this role.

Mrs Liesl Williamson, Stage 5 Head Teacher, has been seconded to the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESA) as a Senior Test Writer for 18 months. Liesl's strong curriculum background makes her an ideal appointment to this role, and we look forward to welcoming her back in 2019. The Stage 5 role is being expertly filled by Mr Adam Bruckshaw, who has hit the ground running with a great many student leadership events.

The most significant leadership development is the process to elect our new School Captains. This is a hotly-contested position, and I congratulate all who nominated for the role. While interviewing applicants for the ballot, the panel was impressed with the commitment to service both within and beyond the school.

The 2017 – 2018 School Captains are Indira Courtness and Daniel Leslie. I congratulate them, and look forward to working with them to continually improve our school.

Best wishes for a happy and productive Term 4.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Term 4 key dates

October 2017

24	Year 6 Gala Day
26	Student Leadership Conference Ryde Schools Spectacular at The Sydney Opera House
30	Year 11 Food Technology Excursion

November 2017

4	Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Urban Odyssey Test (4 days)
7	Years 9, 10,11 Vocal Workshop
9	Year 12 Sign Out 9.00am – 1.00pm Elective Music Night Series 2 7.00pm
13	PAE Showcase Concert 6.30pm
14	Year 12 Formal at Luna Park
15	Drama Performance 6.30pm Schools Spectacular Rehearsal – Vocal Extension P&C Meeting 7.00pm
16	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony

Congratulations

Cassie Palombo and Phoebe Sinclair who have qualified for the Australian National Squad in Acrobatic Gymnastics. This allows them to be able to represent Australia at international competitions as well as giving them the opportunity to be selected for the Australia Team to compete at the World Championships in Belgium in 2018.

2017 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement- Community Languages Schools

Darina Stefanova of Year 8 was selected to receive a **Highly Commended** Award as part of the 2017 Minister's Awards for Excellence in Student Achievement-Community Languages Schools.

The Presentation Ceremony was held on Monday 25 September at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium, University of NSW, Kensington. This is a remarkable achievement and reflects Darina's commitment to the study of Bulgarian. It was a colourful ceremony with many of the award recipients wearing their national costume and Darina is to be congratulated for this wonderful achievement.



Helga Lam
Head Teacher Languages



SCHOOL PLAN 2018 – 2020

COMMUNITY CONSULTATION

6.00pm on Wednesday 15 November 2017

Killara High School Common Room

As we enter a new school planning cycle, we invite all parents to a forum to help us determine our strategic directions for the next three years.

Sydney North Knockout Girls Water Polo Team

Congratulations to the U15s Girls Water Polo team who played in the Sydney North Knockout Competition on October 17. We had a fantastic day, and continued to build our skill and knowledge of the game. We played some very experienced teams, but managed to achieve 4th overall. We lost two tough games to the top two teams of the competition, and won our game against Galston 6-0. The girls worked incredibly hard in the lead up to this event, and must be congratulated on their grit and determination in the pool.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Tennis

Congratulations Tamara Kowcz Rosinke who competed in an Open Australian Money Tennis Tournament in the holidays, reaching the quarter finals in the singles and winning her doubles match.

Her Open Australia ranking also improved, placing her in the low 200s. Well done Tamara!

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher

Student Safety

Please note that Department of Education policy requires supervision of students to commence 30 minutes before the start of the school day. Consequently, the school is not open to students before 8.10am, except for those attending lessons or practices under the supervision of a teacher.

Students arriving before Home Group are expected to remain within the school grounds where they are supervised informally by the large numbers of teachers arriving or present at that time. Students may not leave the school grounds after their arrival at school without written authority of the school and knowledge of parents/carers.

At the conclusion of the day the large numbers of students leaving school by bus are supervised by rostered staff until all buses have departed. All other students must leave the school premises following the 3.05pm bell. There is no formal supervision provided in the school grounds after school.

Thank you for your assistance.

2XU All Schools Championships

Congratulations to the students who competed in the 2XU NSW All Schools Track and Field Championships on 12th-15th October at Sydney Olympic Park Athletics Centre. This event allows athletes from all sectors of the schooling system to compete against each other.

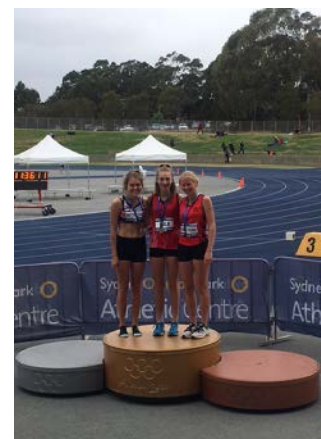
Killara not only had multiple athletes competing over the weekend, but also some fantastic results. Luke Fisher (Year 8) competed in Hurdles and came 8th, whilst Anna Chandler (Year 10) competed in High Jump and came 6th.

Brianna Worsfold (Year 7) came 1st in both the Shot Put and the Discus. Brianna also came 1st in the 400m, and her time of 59.39s was enough to set a new PB and break the 27-year old State record. Brianna also placed 4th in the Long Jump and then, competing up an age group, she managed to place 4th in the 13 years 200m. Well done Brianna!

Another one of Killara's fine multi-event athletes, Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (Year 11) also competed in

numerous events over the weekend. Tamara placed 3rd in the Triple Jump, 4th in the Long Jump, and 2nd in the Heptathlon. Congratulations Tamara, on these outstanding results.

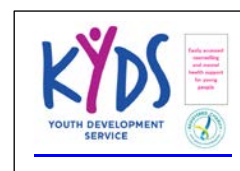
Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



KYDS Youth Development Service

'Young people and the Police' is the focus of the next Ku-ring-gai Council/KYDS Parent Information event, presented in collaboration with NSW Police Ku-ring-gai Local Area Command:

- the role of Police Officers, and how they work with families
- current risk factors for young people locally, and how parents can respond
- the role of the community in driving positive change
- Q&A panel session



This is a free event for parents, carers, and interested members of the community.

6.30 - 8.30pm, 6 November 2017. Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Year 9 Parents End of the Year Get Together

Calling all Year 9 parents

Please join us for a drink and catch up with other Year 9 parents at the Match Smokehouse at Roseville Station (89 Pacific Highway, Roseville) on:

Friday 10 November from 7.00pm.

There's a tasty menu available.
It will be great to see you there.

For more information, please contact your P&C Year 9 representatives:

Mahsa Sistani (m_sistani@yahoo.com) or
Judy McCloskey (cjmccloskeybrazil@gmail.com)

Duke of Edinburgh's Award Scheme



The Silver and Bronze students undertook their Test Hikes with Somerset Outdoor Education in August. The students carry full packs with their tents, clothes and food for the weekend.

72 intrepid Year 9 students undertook the overnight Bronze Test Hike. The students were in groups of 12 each with a Somerset outdoor education leader. Highlights included fantastic views from the ridge lines, learning to navigate on the hike and the campfire and marshmallows.

The two-day Silver Pack and Paddle Hike was attended by 37 Year 10 students. The students hiked for the first day and camped overnight. Then canoed to a remote bush campsite for the second night.



Gill McCartney
Duke of Edinburgh Award Leader



Year 12 2017 Parents Social

Come and celebrate the end of an era.

Parent coordinators Jasbir Mosquera and Yvette Vink warmly invite the Year 12 parents to join them at the Match Smokehouse for a casual gathering. Food and drinks will be available for purchase from the bar. No reservations required. Hope to see you there.

Date: Friday 3 November

Time: From 7.00pm

Where: Match Smokehouse
Pacific Highway
Next to Roseville Train Station

Urgent Call for Help

The canteen needs help in Term 4 from anyone who can offer a day of assistance 9.00am – 2.00pm) due to the withdrawal of Year 12 Parents and commitments preventing regular volunteers from attending.

Please email Dale at canteenkhs@email.com if you can help. Thank you.

Careers Corner

School Information

Visit our School Careers Facebook page for the latest information. Search Facebook for 'Killara High School's Careers Page'.

Job Jump: The school is subscribed to Job Jump, a careers website which provides a wide range of information and resources. All parents, staff and students have free access. The password is kh and you can register with your personal email address.

<https://jobjump.com.au/myCareer>

For up to date careers information, please visit the school website at:

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years/year-10/careers-information>

For further information on any of the above or for general inquiries please contact the careers faculty. Email careers@khs.nsw.edu.au

Sophie Allen and Elif Macpherson
Careers Adviser

Performing Arts

For the latest Performing Arts Calendar, please visit the school's website at:

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/performing-arts-ensembles/pae-news-events/calendar>

Library

For up to date book recommendations from the Library, please visit the school website at:

<http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library/new-books>