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From the Principal

As we come to the end of another busy, productive and enjoyable year at Killara High School, I am particularly grateful for our community.

In 2017, students, staff and families have contributed to the life of the school in many ways. It was a pleasure to see so many students receive awards at our annual ceremony on Wednesday. These prize-winners are to be congratulated; it is no small feat to achieve first in course awards, for example, in a school as large as ours. I have been proud to see so much money contributed to charities, both in Australia and internationally. Students' efforts to actively influence society are admirable: the commitment to fairness, equality, care and compassion through focus days that support wellbeing, equality, safety and security for all. Global connections continue to grow with our relationships with schools and charities in Europe and Asia. The less public examples are also worth noting: the students who support their peers through difficult times, and celebrate the achievements of others.

On Wednesday I quoted Barack Obama on feeling hopeful. *The best way to not feel hopeless is to get up and do something. Don't wait for good things to happen to you. If you go out and make some good things happen, you will fill the world with hope, you will fill yourself with hope.*

Thank you, students of Killara, for filling the world with hope.

We have some staff leaving us next week, and I wish to acknowledge their fine work and wish them well. Ms Jane Rountree retires after a long and valuable career in public education. Jane has supported students at Killara since 1980, with only a short break, as a teacher of History and English and, since 2003, as Head Teacher Student Wellbeing. Thousands of students and families have benefitted from her care.

Ms Janet Shelvey, English teacher, retires this term. Janet has served the Killara community with dedication and expertise as an English teacher. Her calm approach and utter diligence will be much missed by her students and colleagues, and we wish her the very best.

Ms Judy Williams, Science teacher, is retiring following a period of leave. Judy has served the Science faculty for many years, and has also supported students as a Year Adviser. We wish her a long and happy retirement.

Mr Simon Borgert, Head Teacher Mathematics, has decided to return to his home on the mid-north coast. Simon has made a significant contribution as a passionate teacher and leader, and we wish him well as he takes up an appointment at Bellingen High School.

Ms Melinda Buxton, TAS teacher, is also drawn to the coast, taking up a position at Central Coast Grammar School. Melinda has involved herself in the life of the school deeply, serving as a Year Adviser and relieving Head Teacher on occasion. None of us will forget her appearance with her newborn daughter at the Year 12 Formal last year, and her commitment to 'her' group of students.

Ms Josie Tomlinson has been appointed through merit selection to the position of Head Teacher English and History at Temora High School. Josie's work as teacher, Year Adviser and relieving Head Teacher has enriched the education and experience of school for many students.

Ms Emmy Druce, one of our school counsellors, is moving to Sir Eric Woodward School, where she will work with distance education. Emmy's wealth of experience and ability to connect with students and families will be much missed by the Killara community. I thank her particularly for bringing the Raise Foundation's mentoring program to our school, and for the difference it, and she, have made in students' lives.

I wish all students and families a safe, happy and relaxing vacation. It has been a wonderful 2017 – let's have an ever better 2018.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Term 4 key dates

December 2017

15	Year 12 Morning Tea 10.00am to 11.00am
	Arts Council Talent Quest
	Students last day of Term 4
18	School Development Day
19	School Development Day

January 2018

29	Staff Development Day
30	Years 7, 11 and 12 Return to school
31	Whole School returns

February 2018

5	Swimming Carnival
13	Year 7 Vaccinations Years 10, 11 & 12 – Visual Art Gallery Excursion
19	Year 7 Camp (2 days)
21	School Photos
26	Zone Swimming Carnival

Term 1 2018 Commences

Tuesday 30 January
Years 7, 11 and 12

Wednesday 31 January
Whole school returns

**Summer Uniform is to be
worn**

Year 7 Swim and Survive Program

On 28 November - 1 December, during Week 8, Year 7 students participated in the annual Swim and Survive Program at Lane Cove Aquatic Leisure Centre. The weather was perfect all week, and students participated exceptionally well within their assigned Level groups. Swim and Survive is part of the Stage 4 PDHPE course, and similarly to the Year 9 program, it provides students with the opportunity to develop confidence in a water environment, and refine their skills in aquatics, rescue techniques, resuscitation and first aid.

We had 32 students obtain a Bronze Star Award, 21 students achieve a Level 7 Award, 43 get a Level 6 Award, 70 students achieve a Level 5 Award, 63 students were awarded a Level 4, 23 students got a Level 3 Award, and 7 students obtained either a Level 1 or 2 Award. Thank you to the 39 teachers and SLSO staff members who assisted with the program, and congratulations to all students who obtained an award.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Stage 5 – NS5 Debating Gala Day

On Wednesday 29 November, the Year 9 Debating Team, Timothy Fikh, Jasmine Meyabadi, Esha Sinha, Saarthak Sinha and Fin Geraghty, were accompanied by English teacher Ms Anne Carroll to Chatswood High School to compete in the NS5 Debating Gala Day Competition.

Schools involved included Chatswood, St Ives, Ku-Ring-Gai and Turramurra High Schools. The Killara High School team competed in two debates, winning both and taking home the trophy. The team worked superbly together, debating to a high standard under pressure and formulating insightful and professional arguments.

The trophy has been described by our Principal, Ms Dennett as “the biggest trophy EVER,” and rightfully so.

The Killara team extend their thanks to Chatswood High School for hosting the event and allowing us access to their facilities, and also to the excellent adjudicators and coaches assisting with the smooth running of the event. Special thanks also goes out to Ms Carroll for accompanying and supporting the team throughout the day and to Ms Bouchier, Ms Carroll and Ms Simons who are the lovely teachers who diligently volunteer their time to run and coach debating at Killara High School.



Fin Geraghty
Year 9

Sports Council Sports Appreciation Day

To recognise student participation across all areas of sport, the sports council successfully organised the annual sports appreciation day. This year it took place at Gosford's Aqua Splash, a giant inflatable water park. It was a blast! The students had loads of fun and gave plenty of positive feedback. Looking forward to next year!

Sports Council Captains
Anna Gonzalez and Joe Blackburn



Girls' Under 15s Netball

Congratulations to the Girls' Under 15s netball team who defeated Henry Kendall High School (27 - 24) in a very close game during Week 8. The girls will be progressing to round 5 during Term 1 2018. Well done girls, and a big thank you to our umpires who came along for the ride.

Lauren Muller
PDHPE Teacher



NS5 Cricket Gala Day 2017

It's official! The 2017 cricket Gala Day was a raging success. In previous years it has just been St Ives, but this year, St Ives, Chatswood and Turramurra all turned up to play against the two Killara teams. The competition involved three time slots, with Killara Green taking on St Ives at Koola Oval and Killara Gold playing Chatswood at Saiala Oval at 8:30am.

Killara Gold v Chatswood

Noah Conyer captained Killara Gold to a strong victory in their first game. The boys put on 2/176 in the allocated 20 overs. After losing an early wicket, Bailey Robertson (32 ret not out) and Jim Tulip (37 ret not out) dominated the Chatswood attack. However, the highlight of the innings was the 53 not out by Daniel Cornofsky. Daniel cleared the fence six times, several well into the Saiala bush. Will Gerstl, Noah Conyer and Blair Watson then put on another 20 runs at the end to complete an imposing total. In response Chatswood struggled to 9/46 from their 20 overs. Noah (2-6), Blair (2-2) and Eran Liyanage (2-4) claimed two wicket each, with Eran gaining two further wickets on a free hit. Ned Tulip (1-6), Bailey and Ewan Davies also got wickets. The fielding effort was outstanding. Brilliant catches to James Akayan, Blair and Josh Pacque.

Killara Green v St Ives

Killara Green had a good win against St Ives. St Ives batted first reaching 7/95 from 20 overs. The wickets were shared around with Ajani Carre leading the way with 2 and Ayaan Ashar, Adit Kaushik, Mark Castrisos, Asher Klass and Ishaan Marathe all claiming wickets. Rana Alva was responsible for 3 brilliant catches, including two sharp catches at slip, with Ayaan taking the other. In the batting innings there were good contributions from all batsman but none better than Adam Cavenor who was retired on 42. Adam opened the batting with Rana (14 ret not out), the pair putting on 63 runs from the first 8 overs. Nathan Cavenor (11) and Toby Laybutt (10 not out) saw the team across the line in the 18th over.



Killara Gold v St Ives

In game 2 Killara Gold also played St Ives. St Ives batted first. Jim Tulip and Josh Pacque opened the bowling and after 4 overs St Ives were 2-8 thanks to a direct hit run-out to Josh and a wicket to Jim caught by Bailey behind the stumps. There was a steady flow of wickets with a number of catches taken, 4 by Bailey, 2 by Daniel and 1 from Noah. Harry Woog bagged 3/5 and was the leading bowler closely followed by James Akayan with 2/13. Alex Bhomer and Angus Ferguson also got wickets. Ned took the final wicket. St Ives 11/91 of 18.2 overs.

In the batting innings Noah and Ned got the team off to a solid start with a 20 run partnership. Ned (33 retired) and Josh (27) then set about destroying the St Ives attack to have the team 2-69 off 10 overs. A mini collapse saw Killara slump to 4/74 in the 12th over, but strong contributions from Eran (10) and Alex (13) seeing us pass the St Ives score in the 16th over.

Killara Green v Turramurra

Unfortunately, this game was abandoned after heavy rain and hail descended on Saiala Oval.

I would also like to congratulate all other players including Luke Klusman, Henry Bear, Samuel Sangha, Saarthak Sinha, and Kanta Okada who played with enthusiasm making a strong contribution to their team.

Finally, a huge thank you to Mr Marc Vella who works with me on Thursday mornings offering cricket training to all Killara students. This event would not have been such a success without his assistance. I would also like to thank Marcus Kelly (Year 12) who umpired two games and Mr Simon Borgert who volunteered his time to assist with supervision in the morning games at Koola. Thank you Mr Duncan Smith and Mr Goran Petkovski for your support and encouragement. To the teachers and students at St Ives, Chatswood and Turramurra, I am grateful for your support.

At Killara we don't like cricket, WE LOVE IT!

David James
Cricket Coordinator

Duke of Edinburgh's Award

Congratulations to those students that have completed their Awards this year. Please note the following important notice about the Online Record Book:

ONLINE RECORD BOOK ACTION REQUIRED

The Online Record is going offline on 11 December 2017 and is being upgraded. While it is offline, data will be transferred from the current system to the new system. Participants will not be able to log into the system while it is offline and should log their hours on paper. NextGen is going live: 4 January 2018.

Once the transition is complete, ORB Next Gen will send out emails to all users requesting

them to update their passwords (they won't have access to the system until they do this). Current ORB passwords will not transfer.

What you need to do:

Log on before the 11 December and make a note of your progress for each section so you can check everything has been transferred.

Record your hours on paper during the transition period

Check your emails after 4 January 2018 to update your password

Gill McCartney
Duke of Edinburgh Coordinator

SJC Initiatives Highlight KHS Community Spirit

The Social Justice Committee's annual Salvation Army Holiday Hampers initiative involves all students working together in home groups to create hampers for families who are battling to keep food on the table. Each member of each home group volunteers to donate food, toiletry items, gifts and home wares. The SJC would like to extend a huge thanks to all home groups and their families for their dedicated collection of goods for the hampers.

The hampers were collected by the Salvation Army and will be distributed to those in need in the coming days. The 'Salvos' are an Australian NGO that have been around for



over 130 years. They view the family as a cornerstone of community life, and they seek constantly to provide for these families in need. They are actively involved in helping over 30,000 families by supporting and strengthening families both economically and socially. In past years we have been incredibly successful with this event. This year was no exception as we managed to put together over fifty hampers, an effort that could mean a brighter holiday period for fifty extra struggling families.

Thank you for your generosity and support of this worthy cause.

Social Justice Committee



Vietnam and Cambodia 2017

In the September holidays 2017, 30 Year 11 students and four teachers embarked on an overseas trip to Vietnam and Cambodia. This was an immersive opportunity to reflect not only on ourselves as people, but on the experiences of others, by learning and gaining an understanding about the different cultures and societies within Vietnam and Cambodia. It provided a unique opportunity for learning, despite being a 10 hour flight away from any classroom we knew.

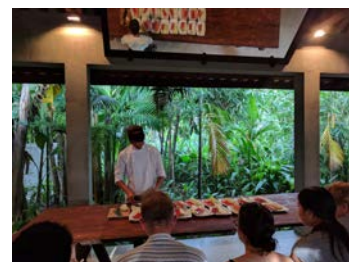
Despite our relatively short time in Vietnam, we left with not only incredible experiences and memories, but also a new understanding of the parallels and divergence between Vietnamese and



Australian culture. Arriving in Vietnam was a culture shock to most of the people on the trip; nothing looked or sounded familiar, but as we explored the city and met people from the country, all the divisions began to melt away. Our wonderful guide Thoi, spent the trip teaching us about the culture and language of the Vietnamese people, through anecdotes and recounts of history, both modern and ancient.

We spent two days on the stunning Ha Long Bay, cruising around and appreciating the sights of nature, as we were all without phone signal and outside communication. The majority of our time in Vietnam was spent in the sweet little city of Hoi An, which had beautiful night markets, and plenty of great food! We travelled through temples and museums, gaining masses of knowledge, both as students but also as people who were doing their first international trip away without their family. The whole trip encompassed masses of fascinating history and culture of Vietnam, and we as students were allowed the chance to learn continuously throughout the trip.

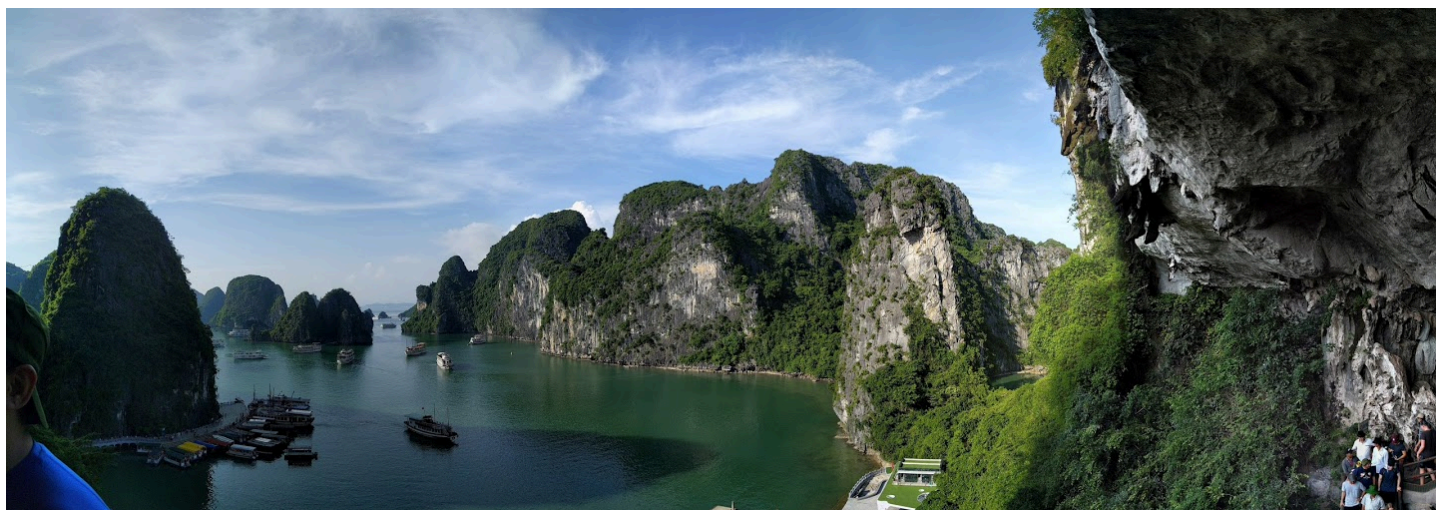
Next, we moved onto Cambodia. For each and every one of us, visiting was inspiring and insightful to say the least. We visited various historical sites and temples from the Khmer Empire, with the largest being the famous Angkor Wat, dating back 900 years and still remaining the largest religious site in the world. We were also given the opportunity to help less fortunate children living in the rural areas of Cambodia by building them proper schooling facilities such as a kitchen and solar panels, providing electricity to which they previously did not have access.



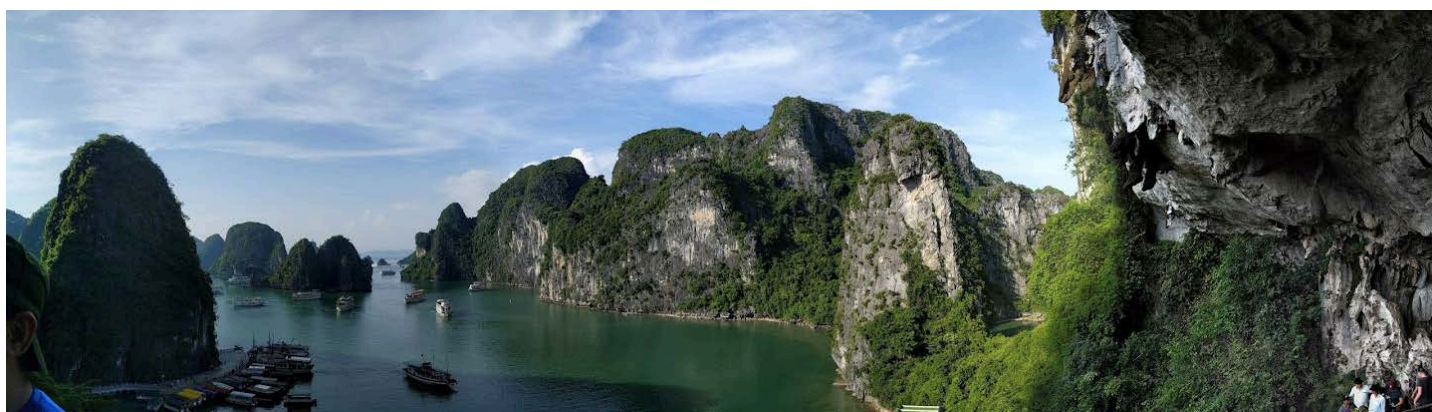
However, the more recent confronting and painful past of Cambodia must not be forgotten. On our visit it was evident the country was still healing from the atrocities of Pol Pot and the Khmer Rouge. Our tour guide nicknamed 'Mister T' was a victim as a 13 year old child to the Khmer Rouge, as are most Cambodians alive today over the age of 40. Escaping the labour camp to visit his family, he was captured and almost killed by the camp leader. However, Mister T was lucky, he was given a second chance to live, something 3 million Cambodians during the genocide never had. A visit to a high school transformed into the notorious torture facility named S-21 by the Khmer Rouge and the Cheung Ek killing fields was eerie and extremely confronting.

As confronting as Cambodia's recent past may be, the Cambodian people as a nation are extremely resilient and brave; fighting for a fairer and more just future through education for their future generations.

James Fantham and Lily Tindale
Photos by Nicholas Collocott



Vietnam and Cambodia 2017



Successful Seniors- Year 10 2017

For four days stretching over Weeks 9 and 10 of Term 4, Year 10 students were involved in the Successful Seniors Program which involved a trip to HART at St Ives for some road safety education, a number of seminars in regards to study skills and career preparation and guest speakers Brent Saunders and Graham Hyman, who discussed with students life skills and their personal experiences. It all wrapped up with a barbecue lunch in G Block cooked by a number of our very own students.

The week was a big success. Students embraced the opportunity to gather information and get

involved in their own learning through a high level of participation.

Special thanks go out to the Year 10 Welfare Team including Jane Rountree, Kerrie Bayne, Tina Shapiro and Sophie Bromley who worked tirelessly to organise and maintain the high quality of the program.

Adam Bruckshaw
Relieving Head Teacher Stage 5



KHS Touch Competition

On Tuesday of Week 10, 78 Killara High School students went to Allan Small Oval to participate in the first Killara High School Touch Competition.

It is an internal competition where students who had represented Killara High School in touch were invited, whether it was at Grade, Knockout or Gala Day level. It was great to see that all year groups were represented with at least one team.

Due to the varying age groups, teams received a 'handicap' when participating against other year groups to even the ledger.

It was awesome to see the Year 7 Girls facing off against the Year 11 Boys and not taking a backward step. "Those girls can really play" was a comment from one of the Year 11 Boys.

The Year 10 Boys claimed the winners ice blocks via a victory over the Year 11 Boys in the final.

Well done to all students who made the effort to get involved, and thank you to Ms Muller who helped organise the day. We have initiated a great concept which will no doubt continue into the future.

Adam Bruckshaw
PDHPE Teacher



Year 3 History Workshop

Year 3 students recently took part in a History Workshop at Killara High School. This was a fun experience that encouraged younger students to think outside the box and consider many options and perspectives on a range of key issues. The students began with brainstorming ideas about what the discipline of history is and they had discussions on abstract concepts such as; how a historian is like a detective, and how history is like a puzzle. They also learnt about historical mysteries before undertaking their own.

The students broke up into two groups and solved a Breakout box about a history mystery. This required them to effectively work as a team and find clues all around the classroom to unlock 6 different locks. As a concluding activity they discussed the idea of ownership and if anyone really 'owns' history.

Ann Dixon

Killara Schools Partnership Coordinator



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>

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 Advisers

Library

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