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World's Greatest Shave event saw 21 students with a new bald look

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From the Principal

The SJC sets the standard

On Monday, a record number of students, and teacher Mr Rees, shaved their heads to support the Leukaemia Foundation. Ms Esther Bouchier, SJC Adviser, writes about the day on page 3.

I would like to acknowledge these students, and thank them for the wonderful example they set, and the practical support their actions have provided for cancer research and patient support. Thank you to:

Will Savage (Year 9) Miles Jennings (Year 9) Justin Yeo (Year 9) Annah Runge (Year 9) Tobey Heke (Year 8) Matthew Taubman (Year 8) Fin Geraghty (Year 9) Archie Ryan (Year 7) Oliver Harrison (Year 7) Jamie Lamberth (Year 7) Cody Baltussen (Year 7)

Flynn Morris (Year 7) Owen Jenkins (Year 7) Jonah Rottanburg (Year 7) Jonathon Speldewinde (Year 7) Louis Foucaud (Year 9) Yasha Boele (Year 9) Harry Woog (Year 8) Jack Kaplan (Year 8) Jeremy Segal (Year 10) Mikko Zanker (Year 8)

From my mail

I must highlight an exceptional act of generosity from Will Gerstl, Year 8. I received a letter from the Children's Hospital recently, advising me that Will had donated \$1500, money received as bar mitzvah gifts, to the hospital. What a special gift Will has given, and what a wonderful example he has set. Thank you, Will. We are so very proud of you.

The end of an era

At the P&C Annual General Meeting last month we regretfully farewelled David Jordan, President of the KHS P&C from 2006 – 2016, and Heather Jordan, canteen accountant, volunteer, and P&C representative on staffing panels. David and Heather have been vital in making Killara the place it is today. They have both served the school tirelessly, in many ways.



David Jordan middle

In his role as President, David has been a strong and ethical advocate for our school and its needs in community forums and with the Department of Education. In the words of Dr Mark Carter, Principal KHS 2002-2013: *selflessness and generosity of spirit have characterised his work and efforts*. Dr Carter also recalled that David's donation of a much-loved vintage car was of great value to the school's Automotive Technology class.

The good news is that both David and Heather were accorded Life Member status in the P&C, so it isn't a final goodbye.

This is my final newsletter piece for Term 1. I will be on long service leave in Weeks 10 and 11, visiting the US. Deputy Principal Alison Gambino will serve as relieving Principal, and David Browne (Head Teacher HSIE Green) will replace Alison as Deputy Principal for Years 10 and 11.

I wish everyone a productive end of term, and a peaceful vacation.

Jane Dennett Principal

Calendar

- **MARCH 2017** 28 Athletics Carnival – Sydney Academy of Sport in Narrabeen 29 Year 7 and 11 SPRM Year 11 Big Day in UTS 31 **Engineering Roadshow** April 2017 1 Duke of Edinburgh's Silver Practice Expedition (3 days) Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Practice Expedition (3 days) 2 CHSSA Swimming Carnival (3 days) 3 CHSSA Diving Carnival (2 days) 4 **Cross Country Carnival** Duke of Edinburgh's Award International - Bronze Information Evening 6.00pm in the Theatre 5 Year 11 Mock Interviews 7 Last day of Term 1 24 Staff Development Day 25 ANZAC Day 26 Whole school returns Term 2 Duke of Edinburgh's Award International - Gold Information Evening 6.00pm in the Theatre 27 Year 10 Morrisby Careers Test Student and Parent Evening 6.00pm to 7.00pm May 2017 2 Year 7 and 8 Vaccinations 3 Addams Family Musical Primary Performance 4 Addams Family Musical -**Opening Night** 5 Addams Family Musical 6 Addams Family Musical 9 NAPLAN (9-11 May) Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze 12 Training/Practice Expedition
- (3 days) 15 School Tour – 9.00am

KSP Girls in Science Workshop

On Tuesday 7 March, Killara High School's HSIE Green Faculty had the pleasure of hosting 40 enthusiastic and inquisitive Year 4 students from the Killara Schools Partnership of Lindfield East, Lindfield, Gordon East, Roseville, Beaumont Road and Killara Public Schools. They came for a special <u>Climate Summit</u>, aiming to tackle the big question:

'What does it mean be green?"

Big Question: What does it

High enthusiasm and energy filled the room during the first activity – a quiz in which students could demonstrate their knowledge of this area. There were many areas of misconceptions. In a variety of activities students determined how their daily activities contributed to the greenhouse gases and what they could do to 'be green'. In a particularly exciting task students made an online comic strip responding to the overarching question. These were printed and taken home.

Special thanks to our Year 9 mentors: Jasmine Kim, Claire Croucher, Noah Stevenson and Sophie Halliday. The day was developed and led by Heather Byrne and Warren Esdaile of HSIE Green.

It was a great day, and thank you to all the staff and students involved.

Ann Dixon KSP Coordinator









Student Progress Review Meetings – Year 7 and 11

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 29 March – Term 1 Week 10.

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

Interview Bookings

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 24 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 28 March at noon.

PLEASE NOTE -

• The system does not notify you of your appointment schedule. You must log on between 24 - 28 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

Compass Parent Portal Access

On Monday all parents/carers will have received an email with their your unique Username and Password for Killara High School's Compass Parent Portal.

This username and password will give you access to your child/ren's information in our new Compass system.

Website: https://killara-h-nsw.compass.education

You can now view your child's attendance and provide reasons for absences. If the absence does not relate to medical, illness or medical, or an 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, Career Adviser and a School Counsellor will also be present. A translation service can also be made available through the school. Please notify the office by email at <u>Killarah.school@det.nsw.edu.au</u> if you require this service. You will need to indicate your child's language required and approximate times of interviews.

The Student Progress Review Meetings scheduled for Term 2 are:

Years 9 and 12 - Monday 15 May (Week 4) Years 8 and 10 - Tuesday 13 June (Week 8)

> Robin Chand, Alison Gambino and Carla Marchesin Deputy Principals

appointment, then please email attendance@khs.nsw.edu.au with your child's name, the date of absence and a one sentence explanation, which we can append to their record. A separate email has been sent to your family email address with The Guide to Compass for Parents attached.

If you have any questions either contact the school on: 9498 3722.

Julie Hughes School Administrative Manager

World's Greatest Shave event sees 21 students with a bald new look!

The Leukaemia Foundation focuses on funding research and providing free services to support those affected by leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma and related blood disorders. The Social Justice Committee is passionate about contributing to worthwhile causes that resonate within both the local and international community. This week the SJC hosted the World's Greatest Shave, BBQ and hair spraying bonanza to fundraise for the Leukemia Foundation. Twenty one brave and socially conscious students shaved their heads alongside Mr Rees from the Mathematics Faculty! Students and teachers from all corners of the school gathered to watch the head-shaving, to



enjoy the BBQ or show their solidarity through crazy coloured hairspray, giving a gold coin donation to the worthy cause. The combined efforts of the SJC's BBQ and hairspray activities, alongside the amazing donations from our wider school community, raised just under \$6000. Thank you to everyone who contributed to this worthwhile event! The World's Greatest Shave has been a long standing tradition at Killara High and the SJC hope to continue to support and raise awareness about blood disorders.

Year 12 SJC Leaders



Killara High School

Open Girls' Water Polo Competition

On March 13, Killara competed in the Open Girls Water Polo competition. We won two matches against St Ives and Galston, but were 'knocked out' by Riverside Girls. The girls had a great time refining their skills and developing their knowledge of the game. We are now looking forward to the Under 15's Girls competition in October and hope to further build the profile of Water Polo at Killara High School.

Tina Shapiro PDHPE Teacher



Boys' Knock-Out Tennis

The boys knock out tennis team played against St Ives High School in the first round of the NSW CHS competition. The team consisted of: Matthew Gunawarman (Year 12), Reuben Tunks (Year 12), Michael Zhang (Year 9) and Ryan Marsh (Year 9).



St lves got the win but our boys had fun and played some excellent tennis. Well done to the team.

Duncan Smith Tennis Coach and Head Teacher PDHPE





Open Boys Knock-Out Basketball

The Open Boys Knock-Out Basketball team entered and recently played in the NSW CHS knockout competition. The team's first round game was against Wyong High School. In front of a large home crowd the boys played with skill and determination and had a big win. Advancing to the second round Killara played against Mosman High School. This was a very tight and exciting game with the lead changing throughout the game, but sadly we lost by 5 points in the end.

Congratulations to the team who played with good sportsmanship and a special acknowledgment

Year 12 Sports Medicine Workshop

As part of the HSC PDHPE course, Year 12 PDHPE students participated in a sports medicine workshop run by Sports Medicine Australia. This excursion corresponded with the HSC PDHPE Option 3: Sports Medicine.

The workshop was run in two sessions. The first session was a 'Sports Medicine Awareness Course' (SMAC) where students revised content on the classification of injuries, on-field assessment, injury prevention methods, warm up and cool down, needs to go to our Year 12 players for their service to Basketball at Killara High School.

The team consisted of: Chris Wang, Joshua Rasmussen, Joshua Chan, Jeremy Chan, Armin Kasler, Miguel Estrada, Anson Cheung (Year 12), Riley Thompson, Matthew Fien, Harry Barnum (Year 11).

Duncan Smith Basketball Coach and Head Teacher PDHPE

hydration, and rehabilitation. The second session was an 'Introduction to Sports Taping Course', where students practiced taping techniques for the Ankle, Thumb and Wrist. It was a great opportunity for students to apply their theoretical knowledge in a practical format. Students were also able to develop industry skills for future employment opportunities in injury management and prevention.

Tina Shapiro Teacher PDHPE



Acrobatic Gymnastics Competition

Congratulations to Cassie Palombo and Phoebe Sinclair, who competed at the Gymnastics NSW Levels 6-10 and International State Trial 2 results on 11-12 March, 2017)

Cassie Palombo 11-16 trio: 1st Balance, 3rd Dynamic, 2nd Overall Phoebe Sinclair 11-16 trio: 2nd Balance, 4th Dynamic, 3rd Overall

Cassie and Phoebe successfully qualified for both the NSW State and Australian National Championships coming up later in the year.

> Nicole Ilhan Competition 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

KSP String Ensemble

The third annual Killara Schools Partnership program was held at Killara High School with 67 students from Gordon East, Killara, Lindfield East, Lindfield, and Roseville Public Schools. Students were mentored by Killara High School students and tutored by visiting violin and cello teachers. The pieces they played were Gargoyles, Snap, Crackle and Pop and Danse Rusticana.



Neil Thompson rehearsed them for the morning and then they performed superbly to parents and Gordon East Public School Year 2 students.

The students gained valuable experience by performing in a larger ensemble. These young musicians were great ambassadors for their schools.

They will meet up again in Term 2 to rehearse and perform to parents and teachers in an evening event.

We are very grateful to Ms Jacki Berry, Music Teacher at Killara High School for organising this so successfully.

Ann Dixon Killara Schools Partnership Coordinator

Special Religious Education

SRE (Special Religious Education) is a program at Killara High School. Students must attend SRE, unless parents or carers consent to their nonparticipation. If you wish your child to opt out, please advise me in writing. If your child wishes to change SRE group, written parental consent must be sent to the school. Students changing groups will only occur in the first week of each term.

Kelly Johnson SRE Coordinator

Year 9 Social Justice Committee Leaders attend Conference at the Sydney Jewish Museum

Respect, Understanding and Acceptance Day (RUA) is an annual event run by the Jewish Board of Deputies. The RUA initiative seeks to challenge racial stereotypes by allowing students to present to peers their culture and faith backgrounds from Catholic, Islamic, Jewish, Christian, Agnostic and Orthodox perspectives. On 7th of March Killara students Miles Jennings, Fin Geraghty and Will Savage represented our school by presenting a talk about the way in which we integrate multiple cultures and faiths in our day-to-day operations. Students from Brigidine College, Masada College, AI-Faisal College and Strathfield South High School also shared about the cultural and religious makeup of their schools.

RUA was a very eye opening experience for the students. They expressed that the day provided them with the opportunity to engage in conversations with people their own age, in Sydney about the cultural and religious makeup and the implementation of their faith-based activities in their schools and their lives. The students were fascinated to learn about the way that students at Al Faisal College incorporate prayer five times a day and celebrate Eid al-Fitr. Likewise, Brigidine College's Catholic traditions and Masada College's Jewish practices were also fascinating to learn about. The students stated that they "got to engage with and understand people from different religious backgrounds on a more personal scale, getting real stories from them. It was amazing to learn about their everyday lives, without the stigma or



social barriers. Coming from a multicultural, multi-religious school, learning about people within our society living very different lives was invaluable".

Year 9 SJC Leaders



A great school close to home

Year 9 Global Studies

On Tuesday 7th March, our Year 9 Global Studies students set off to investigate sea urchins abundance and species diversity at Chowder Bay. After being briefed by an excellent team of marine biologists they were able to snorkel and investigate the marine biodiversity at Chowder Bay. They discovered puffer fish, octopus, leather jacket fish, crabs and most importantly sea urchins. Overall, it was a very productive and exciting day. The



students gained a great experience and were able to produce excellent marine reports. Well done to the students, they were excellent advocates of Killara High School on the day.

> Daniella Costa HSIE Teacher









Uniform Shop

Just a reminder that the Uniform Shop will be open this Saturday 25 March, 8 April and 22 April from 9.00am to 12.00pm.

We will also be open on Wednesday 26 April from 8.00 to 10.30am.

All winter stock is now available, so come along on one of the above days, or a Tuesday or Friday morning during term between 8.00 and 10.30am, or send your child along. We will be happy to assist with your purchases.

Senior Students

We now have long-sleeved senior girls' blouses in stock. These are the same as the short-sleeved version but having the longer sleeve will provide extra warmth on those cold days. We also have received our supply of blazers, which are now available in all sizes. These are for when your son or daughter likes to look particularly smart, or they would like to purchase a blazer because they regularly represent the school. Prices vary according to the size and lapel/nonlapel but prices start from \$120.00 and go up to \$170.00.

The second hand uniform sale last Saturday went well despite the rain. Thank you to everyone that could make it. We are hoping to make this a twice yearly event, so please send through any used and unwanted uniform items. Profits from the sale will go to assist the school through the P&C.

Barbara Liebenberg Uniform Shop Manager

Year 7 Parents Get Together

Come and meet fellow Year 7 parents, put names to faces and swap your experiences as high school parents so far.

When:

Wednesday 29 March from 7.00pm (after SPRM) The Greengate Hotel, room TBA

** The Greengate will give us a room based on the expected numbers coming so <u>PLEASE RSVP</u> to Samantha at <u>srgunn@gmail.com</u> <u>OR</u> to the post on our Facebook Group.

Note: If you haven't yet joined our Facebook Group, KHS 2022 Parents can be found at the following link:

https://www.facebook.com/groups/1726624377647 793/

Please keep an eye on your Facebook messages, as you may be asked to confirm that you're a parent/carer at the school.

Year 7 Parent Coordinators

Sydney North Swimming Carnival

The Sydney North Swimming Carnival was held at the Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre on Friday March 17. We had 40 Killara High students attend and compete in multiple individual and team events for Kuring-gai Zone: Asher Klass, Blair Watson, Carrie Paulsen, Charli Bird, Charlotte Lambourne, Daniel Pacheco, David Zhang, Dennis Hui, Eiliya Nasseri, Elizabeth Parsons, Finn Trekofski, Georgina Laybutt, Hannah Dobson, Hannah Mackay, Bryony Hobson, Imogen Aikin, Inge Vermeulen, Jeremy Marchant, Jono Shaw, Justin Beyers, Karen Tsang, Kyle Ahn, Leo Zheng, Lewis Dobson, Mark Markov, Kevin Niknafs, Matthew Thorne, Mavis Lee, Maya Murphy, Mia Clark, Ned Waddington, Nicholas Thompson, Noah Djordjevic, Peter Wu, Daisy Cheesman, Sophie Halliday, Toby Laybutt, William Lambourne, Zenan Chen, and David Hwang.

Killara High School students performed exceptionally well, and several students have qualified for the CHS carnival.

Lewis Dobson Boys 17+	400m Freestyle	
Jono Shaw Boys 16	400m IM	
Maya Murphy Girls 16	50m Freestyle, 100m Freestyle, 100m Backstroke and 100m Butterfly	
Matthew Thorne Boys 15	100m Breaststroke, 400m IM	
Ned Waddington Boys 14	100m Backstroke, 4 x 50m Freestyle	
Dennis Hui Boys 14	200m Freestyle, 400m Freestyle, 100m Breaststroke, 100m Butterfly, 200m IM, 400m IM, 4 x 50m Freestyle	
Asher Klass Boys 14	4 x 50m Freestyle	
David Zhang Boys 14	4 x 50m Freestyle	

The CHS Carnival will be held on Sunday 2 April -Tuesday 4 April. Best of luck to all students.



Karen Tsang, Maya Murphy, Sophie Halliday and Charlotte Lambourne



Jono Shaw, Zenan Cheng, Justin Beyers, and Mark Markov.



Hannah Dobson, Georigina Laybutt, Imogen Aikin, and Mia Clark.



Leo Zheng, William Lambourne, Matthew Thorne and Jeremy Marchant.

Tina Shapiro PDHPE Teacher



Date: Tuesday 4 April (Term 1, Week 11) Venue: Koola Park, Koola Ave

PERIOD 1 & 2 – ALL YEAR 7 & 8 (COMPULSORY) PERIOD 3 + LUNCH – YEAR 9 – 12 (COMPETITORS ONLY)*** *** Students need to have a discussion with a PDHPE teacher to get their name on the competitors list. A permission note will be emailed home and will need to be returned online.

The course distance is determined by the age you turn in 2017.



HSC MINIMUM STANDARD

ADVICE FOR PARENTS OF YEAR 9 STUDENTS 2017

March 2017

In 2020, your child will need to meet a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to qualify for a Higher School Certificate (HSC).

PRACTICAL LITERACY AND NUMERACY SKILLS



The minimum standard will ensure that your child is ready for further education and training, employment and life after school.

The standard is set at Level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF), a nationally agreed standard of functional literacy and numeracy.

It means students can do things like:

Find the time and date of a music concert on an online ticket website	Calculate the quantity of paint required to paint a room	Estimate distance, travel time and costs for a transport route
Take notes from a lecture or training session	Create a personal weekly budget in a spreadsheet	Write a job application letter
Measure quantities to follow a recipe	Follow safety instructions in an equipment manual	Enter data in a computer-based management system

MULTIPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO MEET THE STANDARD



Your child will show that they have met the standard by passing new online reading, writing and numeracy tests.

They will take the online tests at school. Your child can take the tests up to twice a year in:

Year 10

Year 11

Year 12

for up to five years after they start their first HSC course.

Students can take the tests from next year when they are in Year 10.

Visit the demonstration site to see sample test questions:

https://hscliteracynumeracy.nesa.nsw.edu.au

YEAR 9 NAPLAN: A CHANCE TO PREQUALIFY FOR THE STANDARD

Your child can prequalify for the standard by achieving Band 8 or above in their Year 9 NAPLAN reading, writing and numeracy tests this year. This means that they won't have to take the online tests.

It is important for you to know that not all students are expected to achieve Band 8 in their Year 9 NAPLA'N tests this year.



Your child will not be stopped from getting the HSC on the basis of their Year 9 NAPLAN results.

Your child's literacy and numeracy skills will continue to develop and it is expected that they will meet the standard either by the end of Year 10, Year 11 or Year 12.

Your child's school will provide support for them to meet the standard to get the HSC.

MORE INFORMATION

Contact your school principal for more detailed information about the minimum standard, or visit the NESA website:

http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au

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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-<u>h.schools.nsw.edu.au/years</u>

select Year 10, 11 or 12 and careers news

For further information on any of the above or for general inquires please contact the careers faculty. Email <u>careers@khs.nsw.edu.au</u>

> Sophie Allen and Elif Macpherson Careers Advisers

Local Website Links

Mother's Day Classic Sunday 14 May Register now at: http://www.mothersdayclassic.com.au/register/

Northern Beaches ADHD Support Group ADHD & Avoidance at Pittwater RSL, Mona Vale Tuesday 4 April at 6.45pm Bookings essential: http://www.eventbrite.com.au/org/4222746751

> HSC Stress: Parents Workshop Lane Cove Community Hub Wednesday 22 March at 6.00pm Register at: <u>https://goo.gl/sMjSGw</u>



Ku-ring-gai Council and the RMS (formerly RTA) are running a FREE practical workshop specifically for the **parents and supervisors of learner drivers only** (not appropriate for the learner) on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

Thursday 25 May 2017 6:30pm – 8.30pm at the Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon

Early bookings are essential

Book online today: <u>www.kmc.nsw.gov.au/learnerdriver</u> (search under Roads and Traffic events) or call on **9424 0798** now to reserve your place



The workshop will provide information about:

- Completing the Learner Driver log book.
- Recent changes to the GLS.
- The new RMS SAFER DRIVERS COURSE.
- The current laws and restriction for L and P licence holders.
- Supervising learner drivers and young driver road safety issues.
- The benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.