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Congratulations

Katya Buryak, Year 12 and the Senior Le Ray Rhythmic Gymnastics group, who won first place at the State Trials 2.

They qualified to represent NSW at the Australian Gymnastics Championships in Melbourne during May 2017.

Katya will next compete at the Victorian State Championships on 29 - 30 April.



From the Principal

Mock Interviews

On Wednesday 275 Year 11 students were each interviewed by one of 80 professionals who gave their time to provide an authentic interview experience to our students for a position in a career of their choice. In the lead up to this event, students were all provided with guidance on how to put together an application and resume, guidelines for appropriate presentation for the interview and feedback afterwards for areas for improvement. Many thanks to Ms Sophie Allen and Ms Elif Macpherson for all the hard work they put in to make the day so successful and rewarding for the students.

Mungo Youth Project

In Week 9, six Year 8 students, accompanied by Ms Karen Meaney and Mr Marc Vella, travelled to far south western NSW for the Mungo Youth Project. Students from across Australia were hosted by the Traditional Elder communities (the Barkindji/Paakantji, Ngyiampaa and Mutthi Mutthi) within the Willandra Lakes Region World Heritage Area. The students learned from each other and took part in exploration and cultural tours. Further information can be found at the ABC Open Mungo Youth Project 2017 story <https://open.abc.net.au/explore/188503>. We would particularly like to acknowledge Ms Meaney for her efforts in organising this very worthwhile event.

Student Symposium 2017

On Wednesday afternoon, twenty one students from schools in the Killara Schools Partnership and North Shore 5 shared their innovative and inspiring ideas with our educational community. Each student delivered a three minute presentation on the theme *My Education, My Future*. Congratulations to Mellina Smirani who represented Killara High School in her address *Striving for a Great Future* and Esha Sinha who presented her address on *Building Blocks*. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Robin Chand, Ms Ann Dixon and Ms Daniella Costa for their work on this event.

Athletics Carnival and Sydney North Regional Knockout Championships

The Athletics Carnival took place on Tuesday 28 March. Congratulations to Briana Worsfold (Year 7) who broke seven records and Tamara Kowcz-Rosinke (Year 11) who broke three records. Thank you to Mr Adam Bruckshaw and Ms Tina Shapiro who did an amazing job of organising yet another successful carnival.

Congratulations to Terry Hung, Tommy Hung, Anthony Fikh, Hansen Huang who make up the Boys Knockout Table Tennis team. The team successfully won the Sydney North Regional competition and have advanced to the Combined High Schools competition. Congratulations also to their coach, Ms Regine Berghofer.

IIATE Conference

On the weekend of 1-2 April, Killara High School hosted **Hands on Technology** for the NSW Institute of Industrial Arts Technology Education (IIATE). This event saw 160 course participants and 14 presenters from across NSW engaging in hands on professional learning workshops. We would like to acknowledge and thank Mr Owen Telfer for his organisation of the event, and the TAS faculty for their contributions during the weekend.

Staff Changes in Term 2

Ms Julie Phelan, will be taking leave for Term 2. Mrs Ruth Charles will be relieving Head Teacher Stage 4. Ms Jane Rountree will continue to be on leave until the beginning of Term 3. Ms Clair-Louise Schofield (Tuesday – Friday) and Ms Daniella Costa (Monday) will continue to relieve in the position of Head Teacher Wellbeing.

I would like to wish all students and their families and staff a safe and relaxing vacation.

Alison Gambino
Principal (Relieving)

Calendar

April 2017

7	Last day of Term 1
24	School Development Day
25	ANZAC Day – Public Holiday
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	Years 7, 8 and 11 Vaccinations
3	Addams Family Musical Primary Performance
4	Addams Family Musical - Opening Night
5	Addams Family Musical
6	Addams Family Musical
7	Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Practice Expedition (3 days)
9	NAPLAN (9 – 11 May)
	Year 12 Vaccinations
12	Duke of Edinburgh's Bronze Training/Practice Expedition (3 days)
15	School Tour – 9.00am
	Year 11 Biology and Earth & Environmental Science – Excursion
	Year 9 and Year 12 Student Progress Review Meetings (SPRM)
17	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
19	Year 11 Biology and Earth & Environmental Science – Excursion
20	Years 9-12 North Shore Schools Spectacular
22	Killara Gift – Lunchtime (all week)
24	Ku-ring-gai Zone Cross Country
	Years 11 & 12 Music Night – 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Theatre
25	Years 11 & 12 Music Night – 7.00pm to 9.00pm in the Theatre
30	Subject Selection Parent Information Evening (Year 8 and 10) – 7.30pm

June 2017

2	Years 10, 11 & 12 – PAE Big Band Blast (3 days)
5	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (5 days)
	Year 12 Physics Excursion to Sydney University

Mungo Youth Project 2017

In week 9, six Year 8 students (Caitlin Blandford, Ella Drury, Phoebe Fitton, Will Durand, Mikko Zander and Shay Hirani) attended the 2017 Mungo Youth Project with Ms Karen Meaney and Mr Marc Vella. This was the first year Killara High School had participated in the Youth Conference and it was a great success. During the three day conference our students presented both exciting and educational information on the Mega Fauna of Mungo that inhabited the area 45,000 years ago, and also on climate change. They presented their information in interactive games such as *Mega Fauna Twister*, *Two Truths and a Lie* and concluded with a game of *Family Feud*. The feedback received from other teachers, principals and students from other schools was very positive. The students did our school proud with their mature responses and informative presentations.

The weather was extremely hot and very dry. The students had not experienced anything like the landscape we camped in. A major highlight for the students was the amazing evenings when everyone walked to the top of the sand dunes, waited for all of the lights to be switched off and watched the explosion of stars. The spellbinding experience was breathtaking and captivating. Neither words, nor any textbook, could capture the true cultural experience we all shared and I am sure the students will remember this week for many years to come.

Karen Meaney
Science Teacher



Mungo Dreaming by Caitlin Blandford

A lazy breeze whispers through
undisturbed sand dunes,
blowing dusty air as it passes.
Its' cool fingers brush my skin,
giving me goosebumps,
carrying away the heat of the day.

Soothing cold sand
cradles my tired body.
I sift it through my dry fingers,
allowing the calmness to fill me
and as I lay in silence my eyes
wander to the campsite in the sky.

A billion bright lights
puncture the blackness above,
reflecting dreamtime camp fires,
bringing to life the legends and stories
of the first owners of this sacred land.
The tales still fresh in my mind.

The camp fires arc across the sky,
beckoning the sun to rise,
flaring, gleaming and crackling,
sending sparks across the inky night.
The hot embers glowing bright
and the moon sinking before my eyes.

As light arrives the fires die
and in their place, a burning sun
shines until darkness returns
and the dreamtime stories
are whispered through campsites,
carried by the cooling breeze.

Winter School Uniform

All students are in the process of being reminded of the correct winter uniform. Requirements for the uniform can be found on the school's website: <http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/uniform>

Cooperation at this time is especially sought in avoiding any jumper or top that is not school uniform. This includes hoodies worn under the uniform. Should students need to purchase the school green V-necked wool jumper, cotton jumper or the zipped jacket with crest, the uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Friday from 8.00am until 10.30am.

The Year 12 Jersey is a privilege extended to Year 12. It is not part of the designated uniform and **may**

only be worn in conjunction with the correct uniform, which includes a white shirt and tie.

We are continually addressing the issue of uniform. We wish to remind all students and parents that random uniform inspections occur at the gates before school and students found wearing incorrect or incomplete uniform are placed on a lunch time detention on that day. Uniform is, and will continue to be, monitored during the school day.

Thank you in anticipation of your cooperation.

Robin Chand, Deputy Principal Years 8 and 9
Alison Gambino, Deputy Principal Years 10 and 11
Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal Years 7 and 12

Student Leaders Video Conference on 'How Do I Learn Best'

On Monday 3 April, six students from the Student Representative Council collaborated with students from five primary schools (Beaumont Road, Gordon East, Lindfield East, Lindfield Public, and Roseville Public) to discuss the topic, "How do I learn best?" The forum explored the numerous varying conditions that are each uniquely conducive to the learning of a specific student; individually, in small groups or as an entire class; in books, through technology, with games, or hands-on, practical activities; in complete silence or with the ability to talk and collaborate. The students also considered the physical atmosphere, such as weather, outdoor classrooms and innovations in contemporary seating for students.

A common trend between the learning styles of students, however, lay with effective teachers who gave feedback and could work individually with students to make sure the concepts were thoroughly explained and understood, with opportunity for further questions. A special emphasis on music and the effect of different genres on learning were explored during the discussion, finding large variations between schools and students. One student raised a particularly exceptional point that our principally democratic education system caters for the

learning style of a majority of students but, in doing so, tends to neglect the needs of more specialised or unique approaches to learning effective for others. Overall, it was an insightful and illuminating experience for every student involved, each taking something of their own away.

Our thanks to Mr Calloway for the technical assistance he provided which made this possible.

Xian Ho
SRC – Year 12



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>

Student Achievements

Mosman Youth Art Prize 2017

Congratulations to Harrison Kent, Year 9, who has won third place in the Mosman Youth Art Prize 2017. This is an annual competition organised by Mosman Council aimed at encouraging the creative talents of young, aspiring and emerging artists and providing a showcase for their works along with over \$8,000.00 in cash prizes and \$6,000.00 in art scholarships, materials and prizes.

For further information on the Art Show, please visit:

<http://mosmanartgallery.org.au/mosman-youth-art-prize-2017>



2017 Australian Athletics Championships

Luke Fisher (Year 8) and Martin Leerburg (Year 9) both competed at the 2017 Australian Athletics Championships held on 26 March - 2 April. More than 3500 track and field athletes of all ages compete in this competition, and it is the largest annual athletics event in Australia.

Congratulations to Luke who finished 5th overall in the 90m Hurdles, and Martin who placed 4th in the 3000m racewalk.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Gymnastics NSW Levels 6-10 and International State Championships results

Congratulations to Phoebe Sinclair, who recently qualified for the Australian National Championships coming up in June, as part of the 11-16 Women's Trio. The group achieved 1st in Balance, 3rd in Dynamic and 2nd overall.

Gymnastics Las Vegas Acro Cup, 28 March – 2 April, Las Vegas, Nevada

Congratulations to Cassie Palombo, who competed at the Las Vegas Acro Cup, as part of the 11-16 Women's Trio. The group achieved 13th place overall in the competition.

Nicole Ilhan
Competition Coordinator
SXL Gymnastics

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>
select Year 10, 11 or 12 and careers news

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

Table Tennis Central Coast Competition

On Monday 27 March, four students went to the Niagara Park Stadium in the Central Coast, representing Killara High School in the Knockout Table Tennis, Butterfly Shield 2017. The day was beautiful, exciting and all the matches were amazing to watch. At last, with no loss and

defeating Normanhurst Boys High School in the final, we were able to win the tournament and get through to the State Tournament.

Tommy Hung
Year 10



Year 11 and 12 Vaccinations NSW Health 2017 Meningococcal W Response Program

NSW Health is offering vaccinations against four types of meningococcal disease (given as one injection) to Year 11 and 12 students through the School Vaccination Program in Term 2.

Parent Information Kits for parents/guardians which include an information sheet, consent form and privacy statement will be distributed to Year 11 and Year 12 students on Thursday 6 April. Parents must sign, regardless of the age of the student. Consent forms must be returned to school by Thursday 28 April.

To consent to the vaccination of your child, parents/guardians are advised to:

- read all the information provided
- complete the consent form, including signing the form
- return the completed consent form to the school
- ensure that your child eats breakfast on the day of the school vaccination clinic.

• Vaccination dates:

- Year 11 Tuesday 2 May 2017
- Year 12 Tuesday 9 May 2017

Please note that students who are absent on the day of the Vaccination Clinic will be advised to have the vaccine at their GP later in the year (referral letter will be provided).

For further information, please visit:

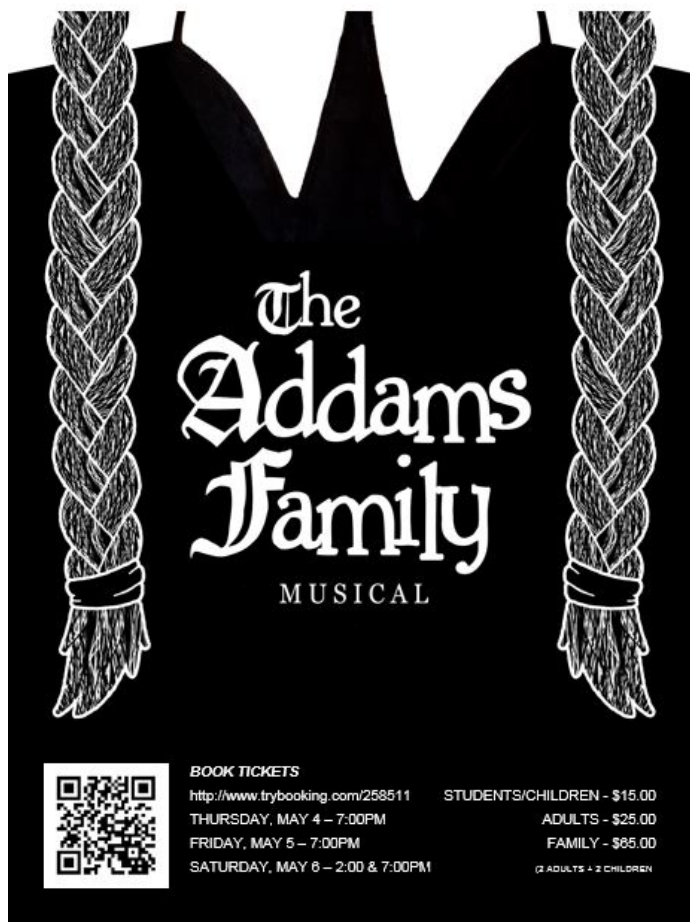
<http://www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/diseases/Pages/meningococcal-w.aspx>

The information is available in 26 languages, visit:

www.health.nsw.gov.au/schooltranslations


Clair-Louise Schofield
Head Teacher Wellbeing (Relieving)

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Thursday 25 May - 7:00pm to 9:00pm

www.trybooking.com/274187

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TIME: 11pm - 6pm

COST: FREE

LOCATION: THE CONCOURSE, Pavilion Room - 409 Victoria Ave Chatswood

WHO SHOULD ATTEND: Students, Parents, Guardians, Advocates, Teachers and Support Staff. We encourage all students and families to attend even if the young person will not be leaving school for several years as the information distributed at this event will enable you to make informed choices for the future.

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