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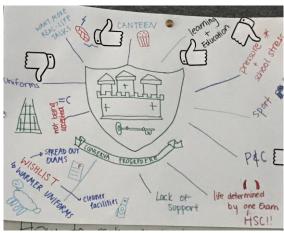
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From the Principal





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What does end-of-term look like at Killara? Busy. Since the last newsletter our students have: held three concerts: 100% hOPE, raising \$10 000 to educate children in Uganda, KSP Strings Ensemble and the Year 12 Music Showcase; completed four rounds in the Premier's Debating Challenge, celebrated NAIDOC Day with our friends from Menindee Central School, completed a round of NS5 HSC lectures in the Kerrabee Theatre, held workshops and video conferences with our KSP student leaders, participated in the three-day Young Change Agents program, officiated at our KSP athletic carnivals, attended numerous incursions and excursions, organised a very successful SJC Mufti Day ... and I'm out of space.

I wish everyone a relaxing, safe and happy break. See you on July 18.

Jane Dennett **Principal** 

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## Term 3 key dates

June 2017		
	July 2017	
17	School Development Day	
18	Whole School Returns for Term 3	
	Year 12 HSC Trial Exams (3 Weeks)	
19	Year 9 & 10 PASS Ski Trip (3 days)	
21	CHSSA Cross Country Carnival	
24	Year 9 Camp (3 days)	
	Sydney North Athletics Carnival (2 days)	
August 2017		
1	Year 7 Vaccinations	
2	Parents Seminar – Claire Madden talks about Millennials 7.00pm in the Theatre	
	Year 11 Exams 3 weeks	
5	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Bronze Test Hike (2 days)	
9	Year 7 Gala Day	
11	Year 9 Geography Excursion	
16	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm	
17	Year 11 & 12 Music Night	
18	Duke of Edinburgh's Award Silver Pack and Paddle Test (3 days)	
23	NS5 Careers Expo at Ku-ring-gai High School 5.30pm – 8.00pm	
25	Visual Arts Exhibition – Opening Evening	
28	School Open Day	
	Visual Arts Exhibition (2 days)	

## **Congratulations**

6.30pm

PAE Year 12 Farewell Concert -

Gemma Zantiotis, Year 10, whom has been accepted to participate on a student exchange program to Canada for 3 months starting from November 2017

## **Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)**

Model United Nations Assembly - the collective gathering of idealistic, determined high school students prepared to debate and resolve the world's issues- took place on 20 and 21 May this term. To say that the experience was worth waking up at 7.00am for would be an understatement. Two nations were represented by Killara High School at the assembly - the United States of America and Irag.



There were six debates to be held over the weekend regarding refugees, terrorism, trade routes, anthropogenic climate change, space explorationand the most highly anticipated of all; the Twitter debacle. The atmosphere was tense, with every delegation armed with notes, speeches and statistics to defeat their opponents and ensure their nation was the beneficiary of all debates.

The weekend commenced with a bloc meeting; a chance for all nations in a similar global location to form alliances and determine enemies. Both Killara delegations formed several precarious friendships in these early stages of the proceedings, only to be destroyed when the debates commenced. Not every delegation received the option to speak on each debate, so often rebutting other countries' arguments was the only way to emphasise our presence in the tension filled political arena.

Alliances were shredded when Iraq took the defensive, rebutting other delegation's highly unsuitable suggestions in debates over refugees and terrorism. Similarly, the United States featured significantly in the speeches of other delegations as the Twitter debate commenced- President Trump's controversial political messages communicated via the social media platform at the centre of the drama, were difficult to justify.

At the conclusion of the weekend, each Killara delegation had spoken at least four times in the debates, and had truly exhausted their general knowledge and capacity for argument. The winner was announced- China (represented by North Sydney Girls High) - a crushing blow. Overall, the weekend widened the perspectives of every student participant concerning international relations and how the United Nations conducts debates.

We assumed costumes to emphasise our character, and this engendered a sense of national pride in our delegation. The experience also allowed an opportunity to hone public speaking and presentation skills, useful assets for future endeavours. The weekend was a unique learning experience, and left each participant feeling proud, successful and excited for future opportunities. MUNA was the perfect culmination of research, teamwork and debating, and was an important component of our overall high school experience.



Elizabeth Parsons Year 11

## **Zone Athletics**

On 14 June, 125 students attended the Zone Athletics Carnival at the Homebush Sydney Athletic Centre. Killara performed exceptionally well in both track and field events. We particularly excelled in the 4x100m relay, with 5 teams (out of 12) either coming 1<sup>st</sup> or 2<sup>nd</sup> in their event.

Well done to Luke Klusman (15 years) who came second in his age group. Jesse Chan (12 years), Ethan Burgess (15 years), and Jayden Burgess (17+ years) all came 3<sup>rd</sup> in their respective age groups. Phoebe Fitton (13 years), Charli Bird (14 years) and Taro likura (14 years) were also successful, coming 4<sup>th</sup> in their age group. Special congratulations must go to Brianna Worsfold (12 years) and Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (16 years) who were age champions.

Killara finished 2<sup>nd</sup> overall, a fantastic result! The individual school point scores are below:

Cherrybrook High School	1182
Killara High School	1003
Pennant Hills High School	931
Turramurra High School	864
Carlingford High School	806
St Ives High School	618
Galston High School	615
Chatswood High School	360
Kuring gai High School	178



All students who participated in the carnival must be congratulated on their skill and ability, as well as their positive behaviour throughout the day. Thank you to each student who covered events due to injured or sick competitors.

A special mention must go to Brianna Worsfold (12 years) who broke 3 Zone records. Brianna broke the record in the 100m (13.47 sec), 200m (27.69 sec) and the Discus (37.20 m). This is an outstanding achievement.

The Sydney North Area Carnival will be held on 24 and 25 July. Congratulations to all students who have qualified for this event, and good luck.

Tina Shapiro PDHPE Teacher













## Make a Difference Day

Edward Giles and I were privileged enough to be selected to attend the *Make a Difference Day*, held at the New South Wales Parliament House on Friday, 16 June. This event marked the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the 1967 referendum, allowing Year 10 students from all over Sydney to come and discuss how to make a difference towards issues that they feel passionate about.

The morning started with guest speakers Dr Lilon Bandler and David Harris (Central Coast MP and Shadow Minister for Aboriginal Affairs) discussing how they have made a difference throughout their lifetimes. The speakers also discussed how making a difference is not something that just takes one day, but is something that can take as many as 20 years to complete. At the conclusion of these inspiring speeches, the Year 10 students split off into smaller groups to further discuss how to make a difference and how the 1967 referendum was advocated and campaigned at the time.

I would like to thank Mrs Bayne for giving up her time in order to take Eddie and I to this extremely interesting day and for organising everything that allowed us to attend.

> Milly Raffle Year 10



## **Debating Workshops**

During weeks 5 and 7 of Term 2, Jasmine Meyabodi and Tim Fikh, both from Year 9 and members of the Stage 5 Debating Team assisted me with conducting debating workshops for two local schools: East Lindfield Public School and Killara Public School

Both occasions were valuable experiences in exploring aspects of debating such as: formulating and organising arguments and oral performance skills, amongst others. There were also some fun activities with lots of laughter as students attempted tongue twisters (for example, I can think of six thin things and of six thick things too), a balloon reasoning activity that might just save their lives one day (should they need to talk a crowd into letting them stay on board a balloon basket), spot talks and even speed writing.

Jasmine and Tim revealed their inner teacher selves in their masterful control of eager Year 4, 5 and 6 students in the workshops. Using their debating skill, Killara Public School went on to win

a Premier's debate that they had discussed with Jasmine and Tim that very afternoon.





I would like to thank Jasmine and Tim for their participation in the workshops. A great time and great learning was achieved by all concerned.

Elizabeth Simons Debating Coordinator

# **KSP and SJC Students Attend Leadership Conference and Stewart House Excursion**

Students within the SJC and SRC at Killara High School ran a leadership workshop for KSP students along with an excursion to Stewart House on Friday 16 June.

The Killara High School students worked with the younger students to explore the importance of successful leadership by facilitating activities designed to build leadership skills. The Killara students ran exercises in small groups with a focus on teamwork, communication and mediation.

After the workshop, all students from both high and primary schools took a bus trip to Curl Curl beach where Stewart House is located and were guided on a tour of the grounds. Stewart House is a safe haven next to the beach where public school children can attend to be provided with dental, optical, hearing, medical screening and treatment as well as participate in educational programs and excursions designed to help foster their social and emotional skills, build self-esteem and improve overall wellbeing.

Students from the Killara Schools Partnership learned about the different ways that the experiences provided at Stewart House allow children to gain a much needed break from their current circumstance. The KSP group learned

about the different activities provided, that inspire children to see beyond the present and to have real and positive aspirations for their future.

The excursion was an eye opening experience for both the high school and primary school students, as everyone was able to see some of their efforts from fundraisers and awareness campaigns being utilised for such a great cause.

Astrid Balle Year 9 SJC Student



## Millennials Defined Seminar

How do the millennials differ from previous generations? How do they see the world? How can they learn best? How can you, as parents, help them?

#### **CLAIRE MADDEN**

Social researcher and demographer will be speaking at Killara High School to answer these questions and more.

WHEN: Wednesday 2 August from 7.00pm

WHERE: Kerrabee Centre

Killara High School, Koola Avenue, Killara

COST: Free

RSVP: ann.dixon@det.nsw.edu.au





### **EKUBA 2017**



Don't forget to book your Ekuba tickets online. Bookings opened on Monday 12 June.

The Year 12 Farewell Ekuba dinner invitations have been sent out in the mail and we strongly encourage you to book your tickets early due to the limited places available:-

Date: Monday 18 September 2017
Time: 6:30pm for 7:00pm start
Venue: Kerrabee Hall, Killara High School

## Online Bookings Only: www.trybooking.com/282990

The ticket booking limit is a maximum of 3 tickets per student and are available to order online in the following combinations:

- · Student only, or
- Student with 1 guest, or
- Student with 2 guests.

**Ticket Prices are:** \$80.00 per ticket if you book before 23 July (Early Bird Special).

Or \$85.00 per person until bookings close on Sunday 27 August 2017.

## Other important information required when making the online booking:

Please enter the FULL name of three (3) other Year 12 students/friends and their families with whom you would like to be seated. This information will assist us to do our very best with the seating plan to make your night more memorable.

Dietary Requirements: Please note that the dinner menu does not include any seafood, pork or nuts as a baseline but please enter any other dietary requirements in your booking so we can accommodate these.

For any further queries please email the Ekuba committee members:

mony.sahota@gmail.com send2marg@optusnet.com.au ameetsian@hotmail.com gcbarnum@bigpond.com or brightk68@icloud.com for Chinese language assistance.

Please note: We apologise in advance for any inconvenience but we will be unable to provide refunds.

## **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: <a href="http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library/new-books">http://www.killara-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/curriculum-activities/library/new-books</a>

### **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 inquires please contact the careers faculty. Email <a href="mailto:careers@khs.nsw.edu.au">careers@khs.nsw.edu.au</a>

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