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11 August 2017Principal: Jane Dennett  
Deputy Principals: Robin Chand, Alison Gambino, Carla Marchesin

School Captains: Scarlett Cheesman and Matthew Lee

## From the Principal

This week, I was able to attend the LEAP (Leading Educators Around the Planet) Conference at Macquarie University, and was fortunate to hear from Dr Pasi Sahlberg, among others.

Dr Sahlberg finished his presentation with some recommendations, two of which I want to share.

- Don't download facts – discover them
- Celebrate failure

While we live in an era of instant news, encouraging a mode of discovery is vital. Relying too heavily on the internet can kill the investigative urge that all successful learners should cultivate. One thing I wish for all our students is that they are critical readers. Non-critical readers obtain facts; critical readers obtain perspectives and understanding. Recognising an author's purpose, understanding tone and persuasive elements and recognising bias are so important – in everything from work, to relationships, to car-buying!


Celebrating failure may seem an odd concept, but we learn just as much – if not more – from failure as from success. The idea of 'intelligent failure' is coming to be regarded as essential to innovation; Silicon Valley's motto is "fail fast" for a reason.

In **Art and Fear**, David Bayles and Ted Orland describe an experiment conducted by a ceramics teacher who divided his class in two. The first group was told that they could earn better marks by simply producing more pots, regardless of the quality. If they produced 50 pots, they would get an A, 40 would earn them a B, and so on. The second group would be graded solely on the quality of the pots they produced. Predictably, the first group got right to it, producing as many pots as possible, while the second group approached the task more carefully.

**The teacher was surprised when he discovered that the students who were graded on quantity rather than quality also made the best pots.**

The students who failed the most, succeeded the most. Never be afraid of failure; embrace it for the friend that it is.

Jane Dennett  
Principal

**Killara**  
HIGH SCHOOL

**Visual Arts Exhibition 2017**  
Opening Night  
**Friday 25th August 6pm**  
with guest artist Anne Zahalka

The Exhibition will then be open:  
**Saturday 26th August - 10am-2pm**  
  
**Monday 28th August - 9am-3pm**  
  
**Tuesday 29th August - 9am-3pm**

The Kerrabee Centre  
Koola Ave, Killara

Artist: Olivia Charles



## Term 3 key dates

### August 2017

11	Year 9 Geography Excursion
16	P&C Meeting – 7.00pm
17	Year 11 & 12 Music Night
18	Duke of Edinburgh's 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
26	Ryde Eisteddfod Dance
27	Concert Band 2 – NSW State Band Championships
28	School Open Day
	Visual Arts Exhibition (2 days)
31	PAE Year 12 Farewell Concert – 6.30pm

### Congratulations

Alexander Olivier, took part in the GKR Karate World Cup Championships on 5 August. Alexander received a Gold Medal in Kata and Silver Medal in Kumite.



### Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday  
16 August 2017  
In the  
A Block Common Room  
7.00pm**

Put this date in your diary and come along to find out what is happening behind the scenes at Killara High School – your school.

## Sydney North Athletics Carnival Success

The Sydney North Athletics Carnival was held on 24 and 25 July at Sydney Olympic Athletics Centre. This year we had 30 students from Killara High School represent Ku-ring-gai Zone. All students participated with exceptional skill and ability, and we produced some fantastic results.

Ku-ring-gai placed 1<sup>st</sup> with 4721 points. In an outstanding effort, Brianna Worsfold (12 Years Girls) and Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (16 Years Girls) were named age champions, respectively.

We also had 15 Killara students qualify for the State Athletics Carnival. The New South Wales Combined High Schools (CHS) Athletics Championships are being held on 6 – 8 September 2017.

These students include: Ethan Burgess (High Jump), Anna Chandler (High Jump), Phoebe Fitton (Hurdles), Michael Gardiner (High Jump), Thomas Jobling (High Jump), Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (Hurdles, Long Jump, Triple Jump, Javelin, Pentathlon), Martin Leerberg (1500m Walk), Ned Waddington (High Jump), Brianna Worsfold (100m, 200m, Long Jump, Shot Put, Discus), and Sunny Zhou (Long Jump).

The 12 Years Girls Relay (Alicia Buitier, Saskia Geraghty, Sophia McKean and Brianna Worsfold) and 15 Years Boys Relay (Ethan Burgess, Thomas Jobling, Luke Klusman and Tom Nuich) also qualified for the CHS Carnival.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our elite athletes.

**Tina Shapiro  
PDHPE Teacher**



12 Years Girls Relay



Anna Chandler



Tamara Kowcz Rosinke



Tom Nuich



## Under 15s Soccer Team

The Bill Turner Cup Under 15's Soccer team were victorious against Oxford Falls Grammar School on Monday 31 July in the Sydney North Area final. Not only did the heavens open in the second half, but it also rained goals for Killara High School with a final result of 9-0.

The team did a fantastic job in getting plenty of goals, in particular Bardia Nayeri, with 5 goals to his name. This result marked the performance of the season so far with the team playing extremely well. With this sixth victory in a row, this makes the team Sydney North Champions. We can now look forward to Westfield Sports High School and the final 16 in the state.

**Ben Costantini**  
PDHPE Teacher



## Year 12 PDHPE Workshop

As part of the HSC PDHPE course, the Year 12 PDHPE class had the opportunity to participate in a workshop at the Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation in Narrabeen.

Students engaged with field testing and examined the latest technology used in sport. Specifically, all students participated in testing for the efficiency of their anaerobic energy systems, which are responsible for fast, explosive movements. With the assistance of sport scientists, students used computer software to collect and interpret this data. Jayden volunteered to participate in the rigorous VO2 Max Test to measure the efficiency of his aerobic energy system. This system is responsible for endurance activities. He scored excellent results that we could compare to the NRL Sea Eagles and the Rugby 7's team who are tested and also train at the site.



In the afternoon, students received instruction on Strength Training and participated in specialised strength exercises in the Strength and Conditioning Centre. We also had access to the recovery centre, and were able to see the hot and cold baths that are used by elite athletes for recovery.

It was a fantastic opportunity for Year 12 to apply all of their theoretical knowledge and understanding on improving sports performance.

**Tina Shapiro**  
PDHPE Teacher

## Year 9 into Year 10 2018 Elective Courses

All Year 9 students must log onto the Webchoices link sent to their education email, to submit their Year 10 2018 Elective Courses choices.

Webchoices open on: Thursday 10 August  
Webchoices close on: Tuesday 15 August

The last day to submit a signed copy of the completed Webchoices page is Wednesday 16 August.

All Year 10 2018 Webchoices Online Elective Courses Review pages must be printed and returned to the Accounts Office by Wednesday 16 August.

**Susanne Geary**  
Head Teacher Secondary Studies

## What are you reading at the moment?



The English faculty want to hear what you are reading, what you like to read, and what your favourite book is. We are publishing people's suggestions on the notice board outside of A13.

If you want to contribute, write down your suggestion and pop it into the box in the English Staffroom, or let Ms Tomlinson know.

If you want to know what to read, come on up to A Block and have a look at everyone's suggestions.

# Year 9 NAPLAN results and the HSC minimum Standard

## Message from NESA

### HSC minimum standard required to receive the HSC from 2020

Literacy and numeracy skills are the foundation for success in life after school. This is why eligibility for the HSC is changing. From 2020, students will need to show they have the basic literacy and numeracy skills needed to complete everyday tasks.

### Your child will have a number of opportunities from Year 9 to Year 12, and even after the HSC to show they meet the HSC minimum standard

Some students will meet the requirement early through their Year 9 NAPLAN results in reading, writing and numeracy. However, most students will show they meet the standard by passing short, online reading, writing and numeracy tests in Years 10, 11 or 12.

### Year 9 NAPLAN reports available in mid-August

Your child's Year 9 NAPLAN report will indicate which online HSC minimum standard test/s (if any) they will need to pass to be eligible for the HSC certificate. Remember your child has three more years of learning before the HSC and can take the HSC minimum standard online tests in Years 10, 11 or 12. Year 9 NAPLAN is a good chance to check they are

on track or get support to meet the minimum standard by Year 12.

If your child has achieved a Band 8 or above in reading, writing or numeracy, the NAPLAN report will indicate that they have "Met the HSC minimum standard early" in the respective area/s.

### Your child can sit the online HSC minimum standard tests when they are ready

There are three separate 45 minute online tests: reading, writing and numeracy. Students don't have to pass all three tests at once and can attempt each test up to twice a year.

The reading and numeracy tests each contain a maximum of 45 multiple choice questions.

The writing test will require students to respond to a question about a prompt or stimulus.

You can try some sample reading and numeracy questions at:

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

### For more information visit

[www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au](http://www.educationstandards.nsw.edu.au)

## KSP Science Workshop



On Wednesday 26 July and Monday 31 July, Year 3 students from the Killara Schools Partnership primary schools: Roseville, Beaumont Road, Killara, Lindfield, Lindfield East and

Gordon East Public Schools came to Killara High School to enjoy an interactive science workshop with the help of our Year 8 students.

There were seven hands-on experiments that bubbled, exploded and evaporated that the Year 3 students enjoyed. They performed the boiled egg challenge, used everyday chemistry, binocular and

monocular microscopes. Students observed the reactivity of magnesium with Hydrochloric acid, made a wizards' brew using bi-carbonate of soda and vinegar and they also made eucalyptus oil. The students laughed as they learnt about chemical reactions and basic science knowledge. Miss Vella and Mrs Arora organised the exciting day and planned all the thrilling activities between the two science laboratories. Overall, students from the different schools made new friends, had fun and got a taste of what science offers at Killara High School.

**Ann Dixon**

**Coordinator Killara Schools Partnership**

## Student Success

Adam Cavenor recently attended the Macabiah Games in Israel. The Games had 10,000 athletes competing from 80 countries, and over 600 athletes from Australia.

Adam represented Australia in the Junior Boys Cricket (U18 competition). His team won a Silver Medal, with South Africa winning Gold.

Adam was named Player of the Cricket Tournament, scoring 162 runs and taking 7 wickets over the 5 days. He performed consistently, and although one of the youngest in the competition at 13 years old, he won the award for his overall performance, and

highest aggregate runs and wickets taken. He also won Player of the Match in the semi-finals. Congratulations Adam.



## CBCA YOUTH REVIEW FORUM with YEAR 9 students

Our school hosted this year's Children's Book Council of Australia (CBCA) Youth Review forum on Friday 4 August. Our convenor was Mr Paul McDonald from The Children's Bookshop in Beecroft.

The forum consisted of two students from each of Killara High School, Barker College, Ravenswood School, Roseville College and Shore School. Tim Fikh and Esha Sinha represented Killara High School, and during the forum they had to convince

the audience to read this year's six short listed books for older readers, which were: Waer by Meg Caddy, Words in Deep Blue by Cath Crowley, The Bone Sparrow by Zana Fraillon, Yellow by Megan Jacobson, Frankie by Shivaun Plozza and One Would Think the Deep by Claire Zorn. Thank you to Tim and Esha for representing Killara in the forum.

**Karen Jones**  
Teacher Librarian



### Year 12 Music Night



**Kerrabee Theatre**

**Thursday 17 August**  
**7.00pm**



### Annual Open Day

**Monday 28 August 2017**  
**12.00pm – 3.00pm**

Students at work

Classes to visit in all curriculum areas

Individual and group student performances

**Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome**

## 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>

## 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](mailto:careers@khs.nsw.edu.au)

**Sophie Allen and Elif Macpherson**  
Careers Adviser



## YEAR 12 EKUBA 2017 - Bookings Close Soon



September 18 seems a long way away – but you will be very sorry if you miss out on Ekuba.

It's so easy to leave things to the last minute, but we must make our final bookings very soon.

Ekuba is one of the most important traditions of Killara High School. Make sure you are able to share this experience with your friends.

**Don't forget to book your Ekuba tickets online.**

**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](http://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:** \$85.00 per person

**Bookings close on Sunday 27 August 2017.**

Please note that no tickets will be available after this date, so please book now to guarantee your tickets.

### LIMITED PLACES AVAILABLE

**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:

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[gcbarnum@bigpond.com](mailto:gcbarnum@bigpond.com) or

[brightk68@icloud.com](mailto:brightk68@icloud.com) for Chinese language assistance.

## Safe Travel to and from School



Parents and carers are responsible for a student's travel to and from school. Schools take over responsibility and duty of care for the student once they enter the school premises.

Students need to be aware of the road rules and safety advice when riding to and from school.

Killara High School teaches students about safety on wheels as part of the PDHPE 7-10 syllabuses.

Parents and carers assist to reinforce what is taught and the safe, legal use of bikes, by encouraging their child to:

- wear a helmet and protective gear
- understand and follow the road rules
- give way to pedestrians
- understand their responsibility for safe storage at school.

Killara High School wants their students and community to be safe. Unfortunately, recent reports from community members indicate some students are travelling to and from school in an unsafe manner. Parents and carers are asked to discuss travel arrangements their child will take, focussing particularly on crossing busy roads and the wearing of safety equipment. The current penalty for not wearing a helmet is \$319.00.