

From the Principal

While we are all looking forward to a break, the end of Term Three is bittersweet, as we farewell our Year 12 students.

We held two wonderful events this week: *Ekuba*, the traditional dinner for Year 12 and their families, and a special assembly, to give the whole school the opportunity to wish Year 12 well. I wish to thank the staff who work very hard to support these events and our students, and in particular: Carla Marchesin, Christine Black, Loveday Sharpington-Recny, James Wray and Sophie Allen. I also wish to thank the Year 11 parents and students who created a pop-up restaurant for 600 in the hall on Monday. *Ekuba* is always a terrific evening, and this year was no exception.

I would like to share some words I shared with Year 12. The sentiment applies to all our students.

Year 12, don't give your life away to things that don't matter much. Fear is going to be a factor in your life, but you get to decide how much. You can spend your whole life imagining ghosts, worrying about your pathway to the future, but all there will ever be is what's happening here, and the decisions we make in this moment, which are based in either hope or fear. Always choose hope.

Don't choose your path out of fear disguised as practicality. It's human nature to think that what we really want seems unrealistic – how could I possibly be so lucky? It's amazing: open-minded people who work hard are often just that lucky. Don't waste a precious minute worrying about things you can't control. Spend your energy focusing on the solutions. It's so easy to say that, I know, but if you give it a try you might surprise yourself.

Don't waste your life with negative people. There are a few people who will change your life forever. Find them! You become the company you keep, so spend your life with those you love and admire, be they mentors, helpful critics, friends, family, partner, whoever. Don't forget to thank your parents, too: they got you here in more ways than one.

So, have a wonderful break, and use to time to recharge and come back ready to give your life to the things that do matter – fairness, hard work, friends and family and society.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Coding at Killara High School

Killara High School will continue its extra-curricular coding program in Term 4, 2017. Students will learn the foundations underlying some of today's most exciting areas of technology. Students will have the option of learning about game coding, website development, 3D printing, robotics or app design. Coders will follow their interests and embark on a journey which will see them learn, train and master skills for the future.

Please use this link to register for Term 4
<https://ciy.club/venue/nsw-killara-killara-high-school/>.

The coding program will start in Week 1 and it will run for 9 weeks at Killara High School during a one hour after school session in G block.

Robin Chand
Deputy Principal

Term 4 key dates

September 2017	
22	Last day of Term 3
October 2017	
9	Students return First day of Term 4
10	Year 7 Geography Excursion
11	Student Leadership Induction Conference
13	Year 7 Geography Excursion
16	HSC until 7 November
	Concert Band 2 Workshop at Gordon East Public
18	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
19	Schools Spectacular Rehearsal – Vocal Extension - All Day
24	Year 6 Gala Day
26	Student Leadership Conference
	Ryde Schools Spectacular at The Sydney Opera House
30	Year 11 Food Technology Excursion
November 2017	
4	Duke of Edinburgh's Gold Urban Odyssey Test (4 days)
7	Years 9, 10, 11 Vocal Workshop
9	Year 12 Sign Out 9.00am – 1.00pm
	Elective Music Night Series 2 7.00pm
13	PAE Showcase Concert 6.30pm
14	Year 12 Formal at Luna Park
15	Drama Performance 6.30pm
	Schools Spectacular Rehearsal – Vocal Extension
	P&C Meeting 7.00pm
16	Student Leadership Induction Ceremony

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday
18 October 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.

Killara Schools Partnership Video Conference - A discussion about our favourite school activities

The Social Justice Committee (SJC) at Killara High School collaborates to make an impact within our school community and the world around us. As a passionate body of students we strive to make a difference in the lives of those less fortunate than us through raising awareness and fundraising events. Alongside raising awareness, one of our key aims is to show those around us that a little can go a long way and to inspire people to help make change too.

Recently, a few newly elected members of the Social Justice Committee; Astrid Balle (Year 9), Kate Aston (Year 10), Daisy Cheesman (Year 10) and Indira Courtness (Year 11) participated in a video conference call with the Killara Schools Partnership (KSP). The KSP aims to provide enrichment experiences, professional learning for teachers and a smooth transition to secondary education for primary students.

Students from Roseville, Gordon East, Killara, Lindfield East, Lindfield and Beaumont Road Public Schools gathered to discuss and share activities their school holds. Each school shared their favourite school activities and had the opportunity to ask questions in relation to the topic. A range of favourite activities were shared by the primary schools. Some common examples were Year 6 fairs, school camps, Year 6 dinner dances, discos, school carnivals and musicals. The Social Justice Committee members present shared and answered questions on our favourite school events which included the music nights, school camps for Years 7, 9 and 11, sports carnivals, the Swim and Survive program and the World's Greatest Shave.

An outcome of the recent Killara Schools Partnership meeting included giving the primary school students involved an insight into life at Killara High School. Another key outcome included raising awareness in the school community that it is possible to plan and execute enjoyable and engaging fundraisers, like the World's Greatest Shave, as a team of students committed to seeking justice and serving the community in a constructive and productive way. The Killara High School SJC endeavours to inspire other student groups to make a positive change in the lives of others and raise awareness of the plight of those less fortunate.

**Indira Courtness
Year 11**



Table Tennis Secondary School Boys Shield

Killara High School entered two teams into the NSW Table Tennis Secondary School Boys Shield, which took place on Monday 28 August 2017. The team consisted of Hansen Huang (Year 10), Anthony Fikh (Year 9), Charlie Huang (Year 9) and Johnason Wang (Year 10). It was a very exciting and meaningful trip for our Killara High School family. We gathered early in the morning and started the fifty nine minute long journey towards Hurstville, NSW.

During our joyful ride driven by Mr Smith, we shared interesting stories and similar thoughts on what we should do to make our table tennis team better.



After we arrived, the intense and exciting matches began. However, the benefits of the game were that we made a lot of new friends with students from the other school, we all played our best and at the end our results were fantastic. Out of 60 teams from 15 different NSW schools, Johnason and Charlie's team made the top 16 and Hansen and Anthony's team WON the whole competition. We are champions!

Johnason Wang
Year 10



Congratulations

CHS Athletics Carnival

Well done to Brianna Worsfold, Year 7, who achieved Age Champion (12 Years) at the CHS Athletics Carnival. Brianna also achieved the highest individual female point score at the Carnival. This is an outstanding achievement. We wish Brianna all the best as she competes at the NSW All School State Competition on 12-15 October.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher

Gymnastics National Squad

Congratulations Cassie Palombo, Year 10 who has achieved the qualification score into the National Squad at a recent Acrobatic Gymnastics Competition. This allows Cassie to represent Australia in international competitions during 2017-18.

2017 NSW State Championships Results (9 and 10 September)

Well done to Jessica Lee, Year 7 and Calla Bowes, Year 10, who both competed at the NSW State Championships for Acrobatic Gymnastics. Both girls achieved fantastic results:

Jessica Lee - Level 4 Women's Trio
Balance – 2nd Place
Dynamic – 4th Place
Overall – 2nd Place

Calla Bowes – Level 3A Women's Trio
Balance – 1st Place
Dynamic – 3rd Place
Overall – NSW State Champion

Nicole Ilhan
Competition Coordinator - SXL Gymnastics

Table Tennis and Tennis Success

Table Tennis

Congratulations to the Killara High School Table Tennis team who were ranked second in the State, following a tough CHS competition. This is an outstanding achievement.



Well done to Hansen Huang (Year 10), Johnason Wang (Year 10), Anthony Fikh (Year 9) and Charlie Huang (Year 9), and thank you to Ms Berghofer (LOTE Faculty) for supporting the team in their various competitions this year.

Tennis

Congratulations to Tamara Kowcz Rosinke (Year 11) on her outstanding results at CHS Tennis. This competition was held in Wagga Wagga from 12 – 14 September. After three days



of strong competition, the Sydney North team finished second to North Coast in the Finals. In an amazing effort, Tamara only dropped one set in the whole competition. Tamara also captained the Sydney North team, and was awarded a Gold Award for five years of service to CHS tennis. Well done Tamara.

Tina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher

Year 7 Archibald Prize Excursion – something to write home about

During weeks 8 and 9 Year 7 Visual Arts classes visited the Art Gallery of NSW over three inspiring days.

Studying the unit *Portraiture: Difference and Diversity*, the students viewed the Archibald Prize to see first-hand the range of approaches happening in contemporary portrait painting in Australia. Some lucky students happened to be in the right place at the right time and were fortunate enough to see this year's winner Mitch Cairns stand in front of his work *Agatha Gothe-Snape* and speak about his art making practice.

Students discussed artworks they loved and artworks they did not, as well as portraits that challenged their

own ideas of what a traditional portrait painting might look like.

Students also visited the gallery's contemporary exhibition 'A shape of thought' featuring the work of artist Mikala Dwyer as well as the current Asian Art exhibition "Glorious" in addition to the permanent Australian and European collections.

Students will now write a letter in class discussing their favourite Archibald finalist as part of an assessment task for critical and historical studies in Visual Arts.

Catherine Berry and Fionna Hrcka
Visual Arts Teachers



Message from Roads and Maritime Services: Road work during the HSC examinations period

Roads and Maritime Services is delivering improvements to the intersection of the Pacific Highway with Mona Vale Road and Ryde Road, Pymble. We are planning our construction schedule for this project and would like to know if there are any students living in or near the work area who are sitting the Higher School Certificate (HSC) examinations from Monday 16 October to Tuesday 7 November 2017.

If a member of your household is studying for the Higher School Certificate, please contact our delivery partner DM Roads on:

1800 332 660 or email:
nsw_projects@dmroads.com.au

by **Friday 29 September**.

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 Adviser

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-book>