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Friday,
23 March 2018

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

School Captains: Indira Courtness and Daniel Leslie

From the Principal

Jindabyne

The school is about to be back to “full strength”, with the return of Year 11 from Jindabyne and Year 12 from the mid-course examinations.

In an era when camps are not as common as they were, it is wonderful that Killara can maintain the tradition of Year 11 spending a week in Jindabyne as a cohort. They acquitted themselves well, with staff indicating that it was a pleasure to work with them. Nevertheless, it is a long time to be away from family, and I would like to acknowledge all staff who accompanied them:

Kerrie Bayne
Christine Black
Libby Broughton
David Browne
Danni Costa
Brendon Francis

Alison Gambino
Ayesha Ghazzawy
Kerrie Hanich
James Harte
Caitlin Illek
David James

Alexander Kammer
Jonathon Manley
Jenny Newell
Tina Shapiro
Owen Telfer
Chloe Williams

Congratulations Dr Mulholland

Our Learning and Support Teacher, Sarah Mulholland, has recently earned a PhD through the School of Education, University of NSW. Sarah’s thesis examined ADHD-specific knowledge and attitudes of NSW government school teachers. Her research found that teachers are well-placed to identify the symptoms of ADHD. Sarah subsequently wrote a book entitled *ADHD: a teacher’s pocket guide*.

We count ourselves very fortunate to have someone with Dr Mulholland’s expertise supporting our students.

Staff news

This term has seen some significant changes to staffing at Killara. Our long-standing Head Teacher Science, Mrs Jenny Leslie, is on leave prior to her retirement from the Department of Education. Jenny has brought enormous expertise and commitment to our school over many years. Prior to her appointment on merit selection to the Head Teacher position in 2002, Jenny served as a Science teacher and Year Adviser. Under her leadership Science became one of the school’s largest faculties, and one where outstanding results are consistently achieved. We wish Jenny a long, happy and healthy retirement, and I thank her for her dedication to our students.

Mr Goran Petkovski, PDHPE teacher and currently relieving Stage 4 Head Teacher, will leave us at the end of term to take up the position of Head Teacher PDHPE at Blakehurst High School. Goran has had an enormous impact on Killara High School. As well as his expert and passionate teaching of PDHPE, Goran has served as sports organiser, knockout coach, relieving Head Teacher in Administration, Wellbeing, and Stage, and as a mentor to countless students. Personally, I will miss Goran’s support and wise counsel enormously, but we are all delighted that this move brings him much closer to home.

I will be taking some leave to travel to the chilly northern hemisphere from Monday 26 March until Thursday 10 May. During this time Ms Alison Gambino will serve as relieving Principal, and Mr David Browne as relieving Deputy Principal.

In advance, I would like to wish everyone a safe and happy Easter weekend and autumn vacation.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Term 1 key dates

March 2018

23	Year 11 Geography Excursion
24	Music Camp (2 days) Years 7-12
26	KSP Public Speaking
27	Year 10 Morrisby Careers Test
28	National Band Championships, Melbourne Tour (5 days) - Return on Sunday 1 April
	Sydney North Swimming Carnival

April 2018

3	Athletics Carnival – All day event for the whole school at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation in Narrabeen
4	Year 10 Drama Excursion – Sydney Theatre Company
5	Gold Duke of Edinburgh's Award Information Session – 6.00pm
8	CHS Swimming Carnival (3 days)
9	Years 7 and 12 Student Progress Report Meetings (SPRM)
	CHS Diving (2 days)
10	Cross Country Carnival
11	Year 11 Mock Interviews
12	MADD Festival
13	Last day of Term 1
30	School Development Day

May 2018

1	Students return to school for Term 2
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CONGRATULATIONS

Aaryan Shah (Year 11), who has just won the NSW Senior State Boccia Titles in a Gold Medal match

BUSES

Please ensure that you tap on and off when travelling on school buses.

We want the company to have an accurate picture of the number of students who travel by bus.

Student Progress Review Meetings – Years 7 and 12

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 12 at the end of Term 1 on **Monday 9 April – Term 1 Week 11**.

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 19 March, when parents will receive log on codes and your preferences can be entered. The website will close at 8.00am on Thursday 29 March to generate schedules. The site will reopen on Tuesday 3 April for parents to make some limited adjustments, depending on the availability of teachers and download the schedule. This access will close again on 6 April at 3.00pm, and no changes will be possible after this time.

PLEASE NOTE –

- The system does not notify you of your appointment schedule. You must log on between 3 - 6 April to download your interview appointments.
- The venue for all interviews will be the Kerrabee Centre hall. Signs around the walls of the hall will 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.

• School Stream and Compass reminders will be sent for this event. Please ensure that your login details are up to date for these apps.

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 Killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au 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 8 and 9 - Wednesday 23 May (Week 4)
Years 10 and 11 - Wednesday 13 June (Week 7)

**Robin Chand, Alison Gambino and
Carla Marchesin
Deputy Principals**

Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 Course Information Meeting For Parents of Years 8 and 10 Students

Information sessions for parents of students in Year 8 and 10 will be held on:

**Tuesday 12 June 2018 in the Kerrabee Theatre
Year 8 at 6.00pm and Year 10 at 6.45pm**

In order to provide students and parents with comprehensive information to assist in decision making about programs of study for Year 9 and Year 11 2019, course information booklets will be distributed to students prior to the information evening.

These booklets contain general information about Higher School Certificate and Stage 5 course requirements as well as details about all subjects on offer to students. Killara High School is able to offer students a very broad range of courses for both the Higher School Certificate and Stage 5.

The meetings on Tuesday 12 June will provide parents and students with further details about the NSW Education Standards Authority (NESAs) requirement for the awards of the Record of School Achievement and Higher School Certificate.

All faculties will have representatives available at the evening information sessions to provide additional information about courses.

Students are asked to choose their courses carefully in consultation with parents and teachers. **Year 8 students choose two electives to study in Year 9. Year 10 students choose 10 units (most subjects are equal to 2 units) in addition to the compulsory 2 units of English.** Students are always advised to make their choices based on their interests and talents.

Killara High School provides a supportive consultation process to ensure all students make choices that will best suit their individual needs. For Year 10, all students will be interviewed in June by either a Stage Head Teacher or Careers Adviser prior to finalising their course selections for their senior program of study.

Both Year 8 and Year 10 students will be required to return their selection forms before the end of Term 2.

**Robin Chand (Year 10 and 11 2019)
Carla Marchesin (Year 9 2019)
Deputy Principals**

Year 9 Respect, Understanding and Acceptance Conference

Nine Year 9 students represented KHS at the 'Respect, Understanding and Acceptance' Conference, hosted by the Sydney Jewish Museum in Darlinghurst. They presented about our school's cultural, linguistic, and religious make-up to students from Al Faisal College, St Spyridon College, St Paul's College, Pymble Ladies College, and Moriah College. They then spent the afternoon working collaboratively with their peers to consider the ways in which young people can counter racism in Sydney.

**Esther Bouchier
English Teacher**



Student Success

Congratulations to Martin Leerberg (Year 10) who came 4th in the 3000m Racewalk at the 2018 Australian Junior Athletics Championship on Friday 16 March. Well done on this outstanding achievement.

**Christina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher**



The 2018 Killara High School Athletics Carnival... Get involved

When: Tuesday 3 April 2018 (Term 1, Week 10)

Where: Sydney Academy of Sports, Wakehurst Parkway, Narrabeen

Who: All students and teachers of Killara High School. Parents are also more than welcome to attend

Why: To get involved in the spirit of competition OR to make the Zone athletics team OR to earn points for your house... the list goes on

How: Students travel to and from the venue by bus. Buses will leave school at 9.00am and return in time for the normal school bus departures



Extra information:

- Students wishing to enter the Javelin, the 800m run and the 1500m run need to make their **own way** to the venue. The Javelin will begin at 8:00am, the 1500m at 8:15am and the 800m at 8:45am
- **Students are to dress in** PE uniform or their house colours. Doongara – Blue, Mundara – Green, Caringa – Yellow, Kimba – Red. Be sure to dress appropriately for sports participation and sun safety
- Students are required to bring a hat and plenty of water as well as apply sunscreen throughout the day



Killara  **HIGH SCHOOL**

New Building

Blue Visions, the project managers for our new building, is operating an information booth on

Monday 9 April from 4.00pm – 6.00pm

This is the same night as the Years 7 and 12 Student Progress Report Meetings (SPRM)

Come along and give your feedback, and ask any questions.

Girls in Science

Girls from our 5 KSP primary schools came to Killara High School where Year 8 girls from Killara High School mentored the girls through two different science experiments.

In one laboratory, the students worked with Ms Arora and the Year 8 helpers to create an experiment using water beads and other materials, including bicarbonate soda, sucrose and white vinegar. The girls chose which of these materials they would test. Some groups tested if the water beads absorbed colour from food dye and some other groups tested how the white vinegar affected the texture of the water beads. There were countless amounts of amazing experiments going on and it was a very good learning experience as well as being a lot of fun.

In the other laboratory, students worked with Dr Tran and the Year 8 helpers to conduct an experiment on what affects the swing rate of pendulum. They were able to change the length of the string, change the angle of the pendulum and increase the weight of the pendulum. They were

able to fill in result tables and make scientific observations about the experiment just as you do in high school. They learnt the value of repeating experiments, working in groups, introduced to the scientific method and the concept of a fair test.

Mia Mayhew, Fran Gunn and Brianna Worsfold
Year 8



Library

It has been a very busy time in the library these last few weeks. Many students have had their devices commissioned. Students continue to use the library to research, study or just enjoy some quiet time relaxing and reading. Just a reminder that interested students can register for The Premier's Reading Challenge and enter all the books as they read them. Come in and join one of our fun lunchtime activities such as chess, knitting and book club or simply check out our wonderful collection of books.



Library Leaders Council

The first meeting for library leaders was held on Monday and we are super excited about all the events taking place in the library this year. Stay tuned for exciting lunch time activities and events. We are keen to hear your suggestions and ideas. Feel free to drop in and have a chat with any of the library leaders or Mrs Chami.

Sophie and Leanne
Student Representatives

Book Club

The book club is a forum for young readers to relax, read and have fun. It is led by Mrs Chami, who is a very keen reader herself. We, the members of the book club, have had lots of merriment in our sessions together. Our current book is *Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone*. I am sure that most of you have already read the Harry Potter series and are complete Potter-heads!

The book club will give us many opportunities such as meeting the extremely famous author Morris Gleitzman later this year and getting signed copies of his books.

Joining the book club has many advantages too. It stimulates your minds and opens doors to other opportunities in other fields such as public speaking, writing, poetry, etc.

In this club we read books, and meet on a regular basis to discuss them. We aim to finish a book in about a month and suggestions about which book we read next are open to all members.

The book club takes place at lunchtime in the library. New members are always welcome.

Diya
Student Representative

World's Biggest Beep Test 2018: Results

The 2018 annual World's Biggest Beep test was held on 5 March. This event was organised by the Sports Council in an attempt to beat the world record for the most participants in the beep test. Unfortunately, the record wasn't broken but Killara achieved 334 runners, with Matin Abroon (Year 10) reaching 16.0 and Alice Moyes (Year 8) reaching 11.1 making them the female and male champions. Although the record wasn't beaten, the day was enjoyable and brought 334 people together to run.

Top Results				
Year	Boys	Score	Girls	Score
7	James McAulay	11.3	Zoe Elliot	9.10
8	James Plumley	14.2	Alice Moyes	11.1
9	Matthew Taubman	14.5	Lily Bogeff and Jasmine Fattah	8.5
10	Luke Klusman	14.10	Avril Alam and Caitlin Nijzink	10.1
11	Matin Abroon Harry Gleeson	16.0 15.5	Anika Visvalingam	7.0
12	Daniel Leslie	13.12	Sierra Kim	10.0
Teacher	Mr Barnes	12.1	N/A	

Champion Male = Matin Abroon (16.0)
Champion Female = Alice Moyes (11.1)

House Participation	
Kimba	97
Caringa	75
Mundara	62
Doongara	59

Well done to everyone who got involved.

Duncan Smith
Head Teacher PDHPE



Year 11 – Jindabyne 2018

Year 11 recently spent an amazing week on camp at the Jindabyne Sport and Recreation Centre. From the get go, the group was told that the purpose of this camp was to strengthen friendships, interact with new people, and team build, so that we could embark on the next two years of senior studies as a close-knit group of peers.

Despite the fact that we spent the week surrounded by considerably persistent wasps, and suffered some losses to their stings, our year group faced every activity with determination and positivity.

Some of the things we had the opportunity to get involved in were 'Cook Out,' the Kosciuszko climb, high ropes, canoeing, mountain biking, initiatives, rock climbing, Jindy Markets, games night, trivia, movie night and the penultimate disco. The disco took its time to get into full swing, but ended with some great dancing from both teachers and students (special mention to Miss Shapiro, who tore up the floor).

Through a general consensus, standout activities were Mt Kosciuszko, cook out, and the Jindy Markets. We made it to the highest point in Australia, having many memorable conversations on the way up. Standing up there with our friends and peers was an exhilarating achievement which we will all cherish.

Camp fires, damper, steak and snags brought everyone together at cook out, showcasing some

true Aussie cooking talent (not without some disasters). Jindy Markets brought out fiery competition in some, with all of us pushing to make the most money (or bottle caps) and then spend it. Many of us are very grateful for (and can still show) the nail polish artistry demonstrated by Lachlan Frost and Matin Abroon. At the markets, everyone showcased their inner and outer beauty with some face paint, and tapped into their competitive streaks in some aggressive games of snap.

We wound down from the week with a showing of Pitch Perfect, which highlighted some beautiful singing voices in our year group, and then finished the following night with the disco.

Spending a jam-packed week together truly strengthened the connections among Year 11. We spent our free time playing sport (and getting multiple balls stuck in trees) or just relaxing with new and old friends and making quality memories.

The Year 11 Jindabyne Camp 2018 will be one to remember, and we are so incredibly thankful for the wonderful instructors at Jindabyne Sport and Recreation, and especially for all of our amazing teachers that organised the camp and spent the week with us (and put up with us).

Kate Aston and Daisy Cheesman
Year 11



Creative Writing

On Tuesday 13 March, Year 3 students from the Beaumont Road, Killara and Lindfield East Public Schools undertook an extension workshop on creative writing at Killara High School with Mr Beach. The focus of the workshop was to build an enjoyment of creative writing and learn some more advanced skills they can expect to need for success. The students were very engaged from the beginning and they all showed a great deal of creativity in their ideas. We moved on to thinking outside the box and expanding their understanding by seeing that everyone has their own unique ways of writing and imagining.

After these exercises they were able to explore the full capacity of their brains and come up with some incredibly unique ideas. The students really began to enjoy their writing now, being able to see their own personalities reflected on the page and learning to love the emotional process of writing.

Finally, they were able to go back to their original piece of writing and improve on it with the morning's lessons in mind. There was eagerness to share their stories with friends and with students from other schools – keen to laugh and be amazed by how their work was now able to create vivid images, ideas and emotions.

It was so impressive to see the creative skills these young minds already have and their eagerness to learn with both friends and strangers created an enjoyable morning.

Mr Beach was impressed with the capacity and keenness of the Year 3 students.

Ann Dixon
KSP Coordinator



Open Girls Knockout Water Polo

Congratulations to the Girls Water Polo team for an outstanding day out at the Opens Girls Knockout competition last Thursday. The team had two losses against the strongest teams in the competition - Mackellar and Freshwater. The team won against Galston and drew against Pittwater. Thank you to Ms Muller who stepped in as team coach for the day.

Christina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Student Success

Brianna Worsfold (Year 8) competed in the 2018 Australian Junior Championships at Sydney Olympic Stadium from 14 - 18 March 2018. She competed in the U14 Girls 200m sprint, 400m sprint and Shot Put. She won a Gold Medal in the Shot Put with a throw of 12.55m (3kg shot) and is now the best 13 Year female Shot Putter in Australia. She qualified for the 400m final and ran well but was unable to make the 200m final due to a knee injury.

On 3 and 4 March, Brianna competed in the NSW Little Athletics State Multi Annual event in Wagga Wagga. This event involves competing in the 100m, 800m, Long Jump, Hurdles, Shot Put and Discus for a total points score. Brianna has competed in this State Event for the past 5 years and has now won her third Gold medal.

It was also just announced that Brianna broke the Ku-ring-gai Little Athletics Septathlon record that was held for 23 years. This event includes the events of: 100m, 800m, Long Jump, High Jump, Hurdles, Shot Put and Discus. She also broke the Discus record during the meet throwing 41.88m. Well done, Brianna.



In-school Mentoring Opportunity for Years 8 & 9

We are very excited to be offering an evidence-based, best practice mentoring program called Youth Frontiers within our school community. Some of you may have known it as the RAISE program, previously. This program has been running for the last 3 years at Killara High and has been well received by the students who have participated. We would like to extend the opportunity for Year 8 and 9 students to be involved.

The benefits of mentoring are many, with the primary one being that students often greatly benefit from having a neutral positive role model to talk to who is an adult, but who is not connected to the school or family. Graduates of the Youth Frontiers program have appreciated and flourished under individualised support from RAISE mentors who are trained to assist with identifying and achieving goals that are meaningful for each student. RAISE mentors are volunteers from the

community and corporate partners who have been formally trained in mentoring through a TAFE accredited training course. They visit our school as a group once a week during Term 2 and Term 3 for one hour of mentoring. Please note that all mentors have been screened through appropriate Working with Children Security Clearances.

There will be an interest meeting on Wednesday, 28 March during school time for those students who would like to or will be invited to participate. Usually, there are many more interested students than there are trained mentors and parent permission will be required so that students can participate. Please discuss this opportunity with your child and look out for further information in the KHS daily notices.

Emmy Druce
School Counsellor

Uniform Shop

This is a reminder that we will be holding a second hand uniform sale on Saturday 24 March from 9.00am to 10.30am. Entry to the sale will be through Gate 5 on Koola Avenue. This will be a cash only sale: no refunds or exchanges can be made. Please bring smaller denominations of cash along.

Donations of uniform items in good condition that you no longer require would be most appreciated. Please wash and drop these off at the Uniform Shop during normal opening hours (Tuesday and Friday 8.00am to 10.30am). Money raised from the sale goes back to the school via the P&C.

Prices will be:

\$20.00 each

Dresses, Trousers, Jackets and Jumpers

\$10.00 each

Track Pants, Grey Shorts, Shirts, Blouses, Skirts, Sports Shirts and Sports Shorts

\$5.00 each

Belts, Ties and Sports Caps

We will also be opening on two weekends, and during the school holidays to assist with purchasing winter uniforms. The days and times are:

Saturday 14 and Saturday 28 April from 8.00am to 10.30am

Sunday 29 April from 8.30 to 10.30am

Monday 30 April from 8.30 to 10.30am

Don't forget that we now have online ordering available. You can order through an application available on your iPhone or android called Qkr! by MasterCard. Download this free application and follow the instructions. Once you have placed your order, your child can come into the shop during opening hours and try for size before taking home.

Contact details are: 9498 3722 ext 128 or email khscp@yahoo.com.au

Barbara Liebenberg
Uniform Shop Manager

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/our-school/careers>

Alternatively please visit the new Careers website at: <http://www.killarahighcareers.com/>

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

Sophie Allen and Elif Macpherson
Careers Advisers

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:

<https://killara-h.nsw.compass.education/Services/FileAssets.svc/DownloadFile?sessionstate=readonly&id=1287e19c-1681-441f-ab5d-ced1fd15e228&originalFileName=New%20Library%20Books.pdf&nodeId=3210>