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8 June 2018

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School Captains: Indira Courtness and Daniel Leslie

From the Principal

At this time of year many of us are thinking about curriculum. Year 8 and Year 10 are about to select subjects for their next stage of study, and I remind their families that the Subject Selection Evening is next Tuesday, June 12. This evening offers the opportunity to speak to staff across all key learning areas about courses, so please make a note of it.

The key piece of advice I'd like to emphasise to all students is this: choose courses in which you have an interest. Two years is a long time to pursue the study of something that you do not enjoy. Subject decisions made on the basis of friends' choices simply don't make sense. Likewise, be honest in evaluating your skills. Stage 6 courses involve a new level of complexity, and require a solid foundation of knowledge in order to see success.

Teachers are focused also on the cross-curricular, inquiry-based course that will be introduced to the Year 10 curriculum from 2019. This course will focus on developing skills and knowledge in problem solving, team work and project management, specifically to help students thrive in Stage 6 and beyond. New HSC syllabuses focus strongly on the application of critical and creative thinking, design, and obtaining and analysing information. It is important to establish these skills, but also to help the dispositions that today's workplaces value: flexibility, collaboration, communication and initiative. Watch this space for updates on course development.

Today's R U OK? Day, organised by our prefects, not only raised a significant sum of money for the R U OK? Organisation and the Humpty Dumpty Foundation, but also served as a reminder that we are a strong community, soundly based in a culture of care for each other. I am so proud of the work that our students do to nurture the wellbeing of everyone. The key message of R U OK? is to remind us to look out for each other, and to start a conversation if we think that things are not going well with them. The simple steps: ask, listen, encourage action and check in – are steps that could change a life. Read more at <https://www.ruok.org.au/how-to-ask>

I am compelled to ask all parents and carers, in the strongest possible terms, to observe the road rules outside the school. I have been frankly horrified at the number of cars making illegal U turns in the area between Churchill Ave and the pedestrian crossing. This is extremely unsafe, and I ask all drivers to observe the law, and refrain from U turns outside the school. Additionally, I have witnessed a number of students being collected by cars that stop in the bus zones. Again, this is not safe, and impedes the efficient operation of the many buses that transport our students. Please arrange to collect students in a side street, or in the drop off zone near "Scout Park". I beg you to put safety before convenience in the interests of keeping everyone safe.

Jane Dennett
Principal

Term 2 key dates

June 2018

11	Public Holiday – Queen's Birthday
12	Year 8 Course Selection Parent Meeting – 6.00pm Year 10 Course Selection Parent Meeting – 6.40pm
13	Zone Athletics Carnival – Sydney Olympic Park Year 9 Food Technology Excursion Year 9 Aboriginal Studies Excursion
16	Chatswood RSL North Shore Schools Spectacular Finals – Kerrabee Hall
18	Year 10 Food Technology Excursion Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
19	Years 10 & 11 Student Progress Review Meetings (SPRM) 3.30pm – 8.00pm Year 10 Geography Excursion Year 12 Chemistry Excursion
21	Year 12 Music Night Series 1 – Kerrabee Hall 4.00pm – 9.00pm
22	Sydney North Cross Country Year 10 Geography Excursion
25	Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement (All week) Sydney North Dance Rehearsal and Performance – Glen Street Theatre (25, 27 & 28 June)
27	Year 12 Chemistry Excursion

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.

Next P&C Meeting

The next P&C meeting will be held on:

**Wednesday
20 June 2018
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.

Student Progress Review Meetings – Years 10 and 11

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 third Student Progress Review meeting session for Years 10 and 11 during Term 2 on **Tuesday 19 June – Term 2 Week 8**.

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 opened for parent access on 29 May, when parents received log on codes and your preferences can be entered. The website closed at 8.00am on Thursday 7 June to generate schedules. The site will reopen on Tuesday 12 June for parents to make some limited adjustments, depending on the availability of teachers and download the schedule. This access will close again on Monday 18 June 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 12 - 18 June 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.

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

Killara Schools Partnership Debating Workshop

On Wednesday 30 May, Daisy Cheesman (Year 11), Miles Jennings (Year 10), Patrick Comeskey (Year 10) and Fin Geraghty (Year 10) facilitated a debating workshop at Lindfield Public School as part of the Killara Schools Partnership program. They devised and team-taught a 60 minute lesson, working to develop the primary students' public speaking and rhetorical capabilities. Their lesson

concluded with a Q&A that saw the Lindfield debating team consolidate their understanding of their roles in the team. Thank you to Lindfield Public School for welcoming us for this worthwhile learning experience.

Esther Bouchier
English Teacher



NSW All Schools Secondary Swimming Championships

On Friday 11 May, five Killara High School students competed in the NSW All Schools - Secondary Swimming Championships. Congratulations to Dennis Hui (Year 10, 15B) who came 4th in 100m Breaststroke and 5th in 50m Breaststroke. Well done to Charlotte Lambourne (Year 9, 14G) who placed 7th in 200m Backstroke, Yu Kai Huang (Year 7, 12B) who placed 6th in 50m Backstroke, and Chloe Kwan (Year 7, 13G) who came 7th in 50m Breaststroke. Ned Waddington (Year 9, 15B) produced some outstanding results, coming 1st in the 50m Backstroke and 4th in the 100m Backstroke.

Christina Shapiro
PDHPE Teacher



Roseville Rotary Club – ANZAC Dawn Service

On 25 April, some of the Prefects attended an ANZAC Dawn Service at the Roseville Rotary Club to commemorate, remember and pay respect to the bravery of the Australians in the First World War. The service consisted of a number of poignant speeches which were intensely and uniquely meaningful to every attendee.

Killara High School had the honour of presenting the Rotary Club with a tribute towards the ANZAC Service and our very own Will Hay played The Last Post. The Prefects thank Roseville Rotary Club for their efforts in such a beautiful service and were honoured to be able to participate in the commemoration of the ANZAC tradition.

Xian Ho
Year 12 Prefect



Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA)



On 19 and 20 this month, six students (Daisy Cheesman, Kate Aston, Callum Ward and Katia Fenton of Year 11, and Esha Sinha and Timothy Fikh of Year 10) represented Killara High School at the Rotary Model United Nations Assembly (MUNA). The two-day debating competition consisted of forty-two teams from numerous schools who had been assigned countries, or 'delegations' that they were to represent. Our school entered two teams of three students, of which the delegations of India and the Solomon Islands were represented.

The mock General Assembly is run by a Secretary General, and the weekend is spent engaging in argumentative discussion about six pre-determined resolutions. This year the resolutions covered issues of deep-space exploration, extra-terrestrial visitation, genetically-modified crops, euthanasia, the Israel-Palestine conflict, and the veto-power of some UN Security Council members. All of the delegations must argue in alignment with the policies, beliefs and interests of the country they are representing, regardless of their own views, which made for some fruitful and controversial debate.

The six students spent many mornings before school researching and preparing for the weekend. We are also especially grateful for

the Lindfield and Ku-ring-gai Rotary Clubs for sponsoring our teams to attend the event, and would like to thank Mr and Mrs Sinha for providing beautiful traditional Indian dress for us to wear at the competition.

Overall, MUNA was a very valuable experience, encouraging critical thinking and understanding through the lens of world politics, and strengthening impromptu and compelling debating skills. The Killara High School students came away with many stories to tell and many friends made.

Kate Aston
Year 11



Big Band Blast

Last weekend, Stage Band 1 went to Port Macquarie to attend the Big Band Blast with teachers Ms Bromley, Mrs Berry and their conductor Bob Coassin.

Big Band Blast is a Jazz festival where many schools and community bands attended and performed for each other. Guest lecturers mentored our students who gained an enormous music education. The event also included an amazing

concert that featured Ross Irwin from The Cat Empire, Jacki Cooper and John Morrison, the organisers of the BBB and Jazz legend Judy Bailey.

It was an inspiring weekend away for both students and teachers.

Jacki Berry
PAE Coordinator



3D Printing in TAS

This year Miss Tonia Bell and Mr Owen Telfer introduced Year 8 Technology Mandatory students to the use of 3D Printers. The assignment was to create a unique cover for a USB circuit. Students were introduced to an online CAD package TinkerCAD, and began modelling their ideas. After going through the design process, students 3D printed their final chosen design.



3D printing technology benefits education as it positions students as creators. Instead of buying or consuming the creations of someone else, they become the inventors and enhance their critical thinking abilities through problem solving. 3D printing has had an amazing impact on how we teach Technology Mandatory (Stage 4), Industrial Technology Multimedia and Design and Technology. It gives you a tiny manufacturing plant and prototyping tool right inside your classroom, which Killara High students can use to bring their imaginations to life.

Owen Telfer
TAS Teacher

Outstanding results at the Gymnastics National Championships

SXL Gymnastics is both pleased and proud to advise the following results from the Australian National Gymnastics Championships (acrobatic gymnastics division) at the Hisense Arena in Melbourne, 31 May – 3 June:

Phoebe Sinclair (Year 8), Overall Gold medalist in International Level 11-16 Women's Trio

Cassie Palombo (Year 11), Overall Silver medalist in International Level 11-16 Women's Trio

Teisha Jang (Year 7), Overall Silver medalist in International Level 11-16 Women's Trio

To view further details of the results, please log on to the link below or go to Gymnastics Australia and look at the detailed event results.

<http://sxl.net.au/sxl-shines-at-nationals-2018/>

Stephanie Murphy
Program Manager
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/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>