PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE
Welcome back to the start of a new year. We begin with renewed enthusiasm after hopefully a great break for all staff and students.

This year we have a number of new staff: David Moeser in Science, Jessica Davis in Mathematics and Adam Cupitt in Industrial Arts. Since last year we are also very happy to let you know that Tim Poppett, who has been doing temporary work with us, has now been offered a permanent position in PE.

Students Sarah Bestwick, Sophie Clift and Lowen Pomerong, of Year 12, all attended the prestigious National Youth Science Forum during January. Maddison Dunster received the Kiama Council award for Scholastic Achievement, Jake Ashley the Youth Achievement Award and Kate Sinclair the Young Citizen of the Year Award. Fantastic achievements and congratulations to all six students.

You may have noticed in the newspapers the discussion of the cost of sending your child through school, both private and public. Kiama High offers a wide variety of courses, taught by an exciting mix of new and experienced staff. We continue to achieve outstanding results in not only the HSC examination but also the many other competitions we enter, both sporting and cultural. However, we do have costs, which are not covered by the funds we receive and whilst they are not high it is really important that parents pay all compulsory fees. Students choosing certain subjects do so knowing that they will have compulsory fees, which must be paid in those subjects. There is financial assistance available to help when parents are in such need. This is kept confidential with the Principal, Deputy and office manager the only people who need to know when help is given. If the parents so request even the student need not know. This assistance cannot be used to pay any previous years fees owed, so please contact us early if you want this help. Money is given to us for this specific use only.

Our canteen supply, not only a great and healthy supply of food, but also much needed financial assistance to our school. This money really helps us provide education activities otherwise unavailable. We NEED HELP from parents to help with the canteen. Every small bit even helps. Please contact us if you even may be able to help.

Finally, Graeme Sutherland continues working as a Relieving School Education Director (SED) at regional office for this term. I will continue as the Relieving Principal. Gerard Kelly continues as Relieving Deputy Principal (Years 7, 9 and 11) and Eleanor Donovan has stepped back into the Relieving Deputy Principal (Years 8, 10 and 12).

Darrell Shephard - Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS
TUES 5/2: Yr 12 Discovery Day, Wollongong Uni
THUR 7/2: 'Callback 2012' Seymour Sydney
SC Boys Baseball trials
FRID 8/2: Junior Drama Excursion IPAC
MON 11/2-13/2: Year 7/11 Camp - Stanwell Tops
KHS Swimming Carnival, Yr 12 Bus Serv
Work Placement
TUES 12/2: SC 15yrs Boys Tennis trials,
P&C meeting
WED 13/2: Zone Meeting, SC Volleyball trials

WEBSITE UPDATE
Kiama High School Website is now available www.kiama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au. If you do not want your child’s image, name or work included in the site please let the school know as soon as possible.

DEPUTIES NEWS
The 2013 school year has commenced very smoothly and I was delighted to see the return of our eager and enthusiastic students. Many shared with me their wonderful holiday experiences and seemed genuinely happy to be back at school catching up with their friends and looking forward to the year ahead.

Student Diaries
All students have received their Student Diary for 2013. At this time of year it is important that students record in their diary any organisational matters that concerns them, as they will be receiving a great deal of information and it is either easy to forget or confuse upcoming dates and events. The diary is needed to record any formal homework or assignments issued by
their teachers. Parents are encouraged to ask their children to show their school diary so that they can help them meet deadlines. Students need to bring their diary to school every day. Parents may also write messages in the diary if they wish to communicate with any of their children’s teachers.

School uniform
It is great to see that the majority of students are in full school uniform. I have attached to this newsletter the school’s uniform policy (the policy is also available on the school website). Please read it carefully and refer to it when you are getting uniform during the year. In particular, pay close attention to the information and diagrams of appropriate footwear. Footwear must be solid leather lace-up school shoes or joggers in black or white. Please do not let your child convince you that canvas shoes are OK. Nor are the soft type shoe which is really just a canvas with a thin vinyl coating. Students will not be permitted to participate in practical lessons without appropriate footwear due to Work Health and Safety rules.

The information also states quite clearly suitable length for shorts and skirts for girls, and the requirements for boys for shorts and long pants to cover their underwear. Unfortunately some girls are still wearing shorts and skirts that are inappropriate for the school setting.

Single day exemptions for incorrect uniform may be obtained from the Front Office on production of a note explaining the reason. Cooperation with uniform is recorded on school reports each semester.

Mobile phones and ipods
On a final note, the usage of mobile phones and ipods is not permitted in the classrooms, library, office areas and are to be kept secure and out of site. Students have been reminded of this policy and that contravening this policy will result in the confiscation of the item until the end of the school day. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen phones or ipods. Please discuss this with your children if they bring mobile phones and/or ipods to school.

Gerard Kelly - Deputy Principal

Welfare Update
Welcome back. I hope everyone had a great holiday with the opportunity to make the most of some fabulous summer weather! Congratulations to the Year 7 students who have settled in well and shown excellent behaviour in working with our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders in the first week of activities. Our Peer Support Foundation program includes regular period long activities throughout the first two terms to ensure our Year 7 students are guided and supported well for a smooth transition into high school. Year 7 and Year 11 peer support leaders will be attending a Peer support camp at Stanwell Tops from the 11th - 13th February. This is always an excellent opportunity for students to expand their friendship groups whilst developing key skills in resilience, assertiveness, decision-making, problem solving and leadership. We encourage parents to send the money and notes in by the due date and to contact Mrs Maria Chatfield with any concerns or queries regarding payment or the excursion.

All Year 7 students will be involved in a full day of activities for our Safe and Friendly Welfare Course on Thursday the 21st Feb. The day will include workshops focusing on transition to high school, bullying, awareness of behaviours and of each student’s impact on their peers. Year 7 will work with the highly successful Reach Foundation, our Local Police Liaison Officer, our Bullying Mediator - Ms McGregor and the peer support leaders throughout the day.

On Friday the 22nd Feb, our Year 12 students will be involved in a Study Skills day at the Kiama Leagues Club. The day will incorporate seminars and workshops related to studying, preparation for exams and success for the HSC examinations. In the lead up to Half Yearly Examinations, it is mandatory that all students are in attendance for this valuable activity. More information will be provided to Year 12 Students in the coming weeks and any queries can be directed to Mrs Maria Chatfield.

All Year 7 students and Year 9 male students will have their first Immunisation day on Thursday 21st March. Information and permission cards have been provided separately to Year 7 and 9 parents last week. We require full support of those taking up this free opportunity and ask that the permission cards are completed and returned ASAP to roll call teachers. This is vital to the organisation of the day. Please read the attached information from the Public Health Unit regarding the Vaccination schedule and inclusion of the
Human Papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination for Year 9 Boys.

Our Learning Support team is busy collating information to complete applications for Disability Provisions (formerly Special Examination Provisions) for the HSC Examinations. The provisions are solely determined by how the student’s exam performance may be affected. Provisions may include large-print papers, use of a reader and/or writer, Laptop, extra time or rest breaks. Any student requiring provisions for medical reasons (including mental/physical/physiological) are encouraged to contact Ms Jaeger/Ms Harkness (Learning and Support Teachers) to find out more about the application process.

A reminder that a number of our students have severe allergies to raw nuts or products containing them. We ask that students refrain from bringing these products to school.

More than ever parents are turning to schools for advice, information and direction about issues affecting their kids. Some of these issues are becoming increasingly complex, demanding specific expertise and advice. To help support parents and provide suggestions, we will be regularly including attachments to the newsletter from Michael Grose’s Parenting Ideas articles. These include useful tips and ideas on raising confident and resilient teenagers. Please see this week’s flyer from Michael Grose about “making a smooth start to secondary school”.

Ruth Power - Relieving HT Welfare

Attendance Matters: It’s not OK to be away!
As Head Teacher Administration in charge of student attendance, I would like to provide parents and carers information from the Department of Education that clearly states the importance of regular school attendance by students and the responsibilities that parents have toward ensuring that their child/children attend school with as little disruption to their education as possible.

Please, take special note of what constitutes a ‘justified’ reason for being absent from school. By parents being clear of the correct procedures surrounding attendance and absences, this will alleviate any confusion in future times, especially at report time where unjustified absences are recorded on the student’s report.

Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!

M Cooper – HT Administration

SPORT

Weekly Newsletter

SOUTH COAST SPORTING TRIALS

Term 1 is a very hectic term for sports trials and carnivals. Following is a list of South Coast trials that are occurring in the first weeks of this term. Interested students should ensure they listen to the green sheet and see Mrs McGuinness on Monday 4th Feb. Please note that unless otherwise stated, trials are for Open teams ie up to Yr 12.

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NSWCHS Triathlon

The NSWCHS Triathlon Championships are on at Penrith on 21-22 February. Any student interested in competing should see Mrs McGuinness ASAP for an entry form. There are both individual and team events.

KHS Swimming Carnival

The annual school swimming carnival is on at the Kiama Leisure Centre this coming Monday 11th February. It is a competitors only carnival due to the small size of the facility, with all interested students (and not just the swimmers who train) encouraged to attend and participate. Students will be able to nominate for the carnival during Health and PE lessons this week and will then receive an information/permission note. NB It is a normal school day for those not attending the carnival.

Year 7 students will still be able to participate in the carnival as the following arrangements have been made regarding the Year 7 camp:

- The Year 7 camp bus will call by the Leisure Centre to pick up any Year 7 competitors at 12 noon, on the way to Stanwell Tops.
- All 12years and 13years events will be held before 12 noon.
- Year 7 competitors will be able to bring their camp luggage to the Swimming Carnival, where it will be stored securely.

Students with any questions regarding the carnival should see Mrs McGuinness in the PE staffroom.
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Canteen

Mon: Bridgett, Dianne
Tue: Jane Mc, Sarah B
Wed: Reah, Help wanted
Thu: Susan M, Lisa W
Fri: Bridgett L, Kate

Student Volunteers:
Lunch: Emily Anderson, Emerson Cook, Ashah Shephard, Merize van der Merwe.
Recess: Olivia Fanke, Ciara Rogers, Makayla Toft.

Kiama High School
Uniform Shop Hours

Tuesday: 10.30am – 2.30pm
Friday: 11.00am – 3.00pm
Every week of school Terms 1 to 4

Cash and EFTPOS Accepted
NB: NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED

Community News

Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing?
Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport.
Well here is your chance.

Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX located on CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK is having a FREE Come and Try Day.

Saturday 9th February 2013 - From 10am to 1pm
We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 64yrs so anyone can come and have a go.

For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks.
Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes.

We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own.
All riders also need to bring a drink.
All participants will receive a BMX Australia showbag.
For all enquiries contact Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268

Illawarra Regional Eisteddfod

Location: Smiths Hill High School
Closure dates for entries: Friday 16th February
Sections include: Dance, Drama and Singing.

First CMRI Fundraising Event for 2013

We are excited to have a movie screening of "Anna Karenina" starring Jude Law and Keira Knightly as our first event of the year. This is an advance screening of the movie at Greater Union, Shellharbour on Friday 8th February. There will be tea, coffee, slice and sandwiches from 6.30pm and the movie will commence at 7.30pm. Tickets are $20 and available from Belinda on 42340224 or 0421349505 or belwall@bigpond.net.au. Be sure to buy your tickets early as this will be a popular movie! The timeless story, written by Leo Tolstoy, powerfully explores the capacity for love that surges through the human heart, while illuminating the lavish society that was Imperial Russia.

Enjoy a night at the movies and support the Children's Medical Research Institute, Gerringong Committee at the same time. All profits fund the ongoing research into childhood illnesses carried out at the Westmead based Institute.

There will be many fundraising events this year as well as offering our services for caterings. Don't hesitate to contact us if you are planning a special occasion at home or at a venue of your choice and you need catering. Our menu choices are many and varied. Contact Kelli on 0413054477

Gainsborough Netball Club

Registration Dates –
2nd February 10am-1pm
9th February 11am-2pm
At Kiama Golf Club (Downstairs)

Come and make new Friends, have fun and learn new skills.
Participants must be turning 7 years of age in 2013 to be eligible for this season. Our grades include: Madies, 10years, Junior, Intermediate, Cadets and Senior divisions.
For more information Call Rhonda on 42 378 246
Or visit www.facebook.com/Gainsboroughnetballclub
http://www.facebook.com/
Kiama Junior Australian Football Club
The Kiama Australian Football Club registrations will be held at Bonaira Reserve during February 2013.

- 16th February - 10 am to 12 pm.
- 23rd February - 12pm to 2pm

Games are played on Sundays and teams are open to boys and girls. Teams consist of the following age groups:

- Auskick (5-6 and 7-8 years old)
- Under 9s, U10s, U12s, U14s, U16s and Youth Girls (U15s and U18s).

Cost per family member
1 player $95
2 players $95 + $75
3 Players $95 + $75 + $65
New players to the club will receive a "Game Pack". This includes club shorts, socks, polo shirt and flat cap.

Contact details
Name: Simon Williams
Mobile: 0413 601 500
Email: kiamafl@yahoo.com.au
Website: http://www.kiamapower.aflnswact.com.au

GERRINGONG JUNIOR RUGBY LEAGUE FOOTBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION DATES 2013

Michael Cronin Oval (Clubhouse)
Tuesday 5th February 4-6pm
Wednesday 6th February 4-6pm
Tuesday 12th February 4-6pm
Wednesday 13th February 4-6pm

Early Bird Registrations $70 per player
Late Registrations $80 per player, unless the Club is informed prior to Registration Dates!
Please contact Tracey Ford Ph: 0402 026 065
Email: traceyford66@bigpond.com

ALL PLAYERS FROM UNDER 10’S - 16’S NEED TO BE PRESENT AT REGISTRATION!!!
NEW PLAYERS NEED:
Birth Certificates & Medicare Card, photo’s will be taken at Registration by the Club.

Kiama Junior Football Club

2013 REGISTRATION DAYS
Saturday’s 2nd and 9th February
10am - 2pm at the Kiama Leagues Club
or Register online at <myfootballclub.com.au>

Teams - Mixed U6 to U15 yrs, Boys U16 to U18yrs,
Girls U12 to U18 yrs
$110.00 - 1st child, $100 - 2nd child, $90 - 3rd child of same family
All NEW players can register online, but must attend registration day for photo and
to show proof of age (birth certificate, passport etc)
<www.kiamajuniorfootballclub.sportingpulse.net>

Kiama Central Netball Club

Registration dates:
Wednesday 6th Feb 4 – 5pm
Saturday 9th Feb 10 – 12pm
Where: Kiama Association Clubhouse (at the courts)
Please see details regarding process on club’s website.

Wollongong Mandarin Chinese School
Wollongong Mandarin Chinese School has been teaching Chinese in Illawarra for the last 18 years. The classes are delivered in Mandarin Chinese and simplified characters. Reading, writing and comprehension of mandarin Chinese are equally emphasized.
If anybody is interested in learning Chinese, please contact Yvonne Chen on 0416 881 620.
Class Time: Friday afternoon 3.30 to 5.30 at Smith’s High School.

Looking for fun and something slightly different?
Training Ship Albatross
Australian Navy Cadets
If your aged between 12 ½ and 19 years
Come and join us for sailing, camps. and lots of fun.
OPEN DAYS -
Sat 9/2/13 and Sat 16/2/13 from 9.30am
Any questions please call either
TS Albatross (Sat only) on 4276 2854 or
PO Sharon Frank on 0417 940 843 or
sharon.frank@cadetnet.gov.au
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BEACHETTES NETBALL CLUB

Registrations: Saturday 2nd February & Saturday 9th February 2012 (10.00am to 12.00pm). We will be in the front of the double storey red brick building at St Peter & Paul School). Also on Wednesday 6th February 2012 (2.30 to 3.30pm) at the Barney St pick up area for the convenience of the parents picking up children.

FEES: (All ages refer to the age the child is turning this year) All fees include NSW Netball fees, KNA fees, umpire and club fees. Please make cheques payable to Beachettes’ Netball Club.

Juniors (10-12 years) $120.00
Intermediates (13-15) $130.00
Cadets (16-17 years) $140.00

If your child has not played before please bring a copy of their birth certificate (signed by a JP), this must be sighted by a committee member of KNA before we can register the player. If you have ordered a uniform (body suit) for your daughter, this must also be paid for at registration.

Grading days are to be held on Tuesday 12th February and Thursday 14th February at the Kiama Netball courts (Juniors starting at 4.00pm to 6.00pm). Grading days for the Intermediates & Cadets will be on Tuesday 19th February and Thursday 21st starting at 5.00 to 7.00pm.

Kind Regards
Beachettes Secretary (Allison Lemass (0406062025)

Kiama Downs Netball Club Registration Day

Date: Saturday February 2nd
Time: 9am – 1pm
Location: Minnamurra Progress Hall, Charles Avenue, Minnamurra

For all new registrations, please bring along your birth certificate.

Uniforms orders/payment can be made on the day.

Fees to be paid on registration day - cash/cheque only.
If you are unable to attend on the day, please contact our club registrar.
Registrar: Jacqui (m) 0409 242 399

Southern Suburbs Netball Club

Anybody interested in playing netball?? Come join our friendly, fun and family orientated netball club. No experience needed!! Age from 6 years and up.

Registration Dates for 2013 are as follows:

Saturday 2nd February 9am - 12pm
Saturday 9th February 9am - 12pm

Shellharbour City Stadium - Croome Road (Albion Park)
Any enquiries please phone 0407 810 372

Disclaimer: Kiama High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news, which may be of interest. KHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.