PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
This Tuesday, 12th February, all parents are invited to the first P&C Meeting of the year, in the school library at 7pm. Our P&C is a vital part of our school, helping us with much needed funds, helping with selection panels for teachers and most importantly providing feedback to the school on our many programs. We look forward to meeting you all.

Our expected numbers returning have increased in most years, but are slightly down in Year 12 and lower than expected in Year 7. Year 7 classes remain quite small with an average class size of 24 (the maximum is 30) in the core subjects, an average of 17 in Art (max 20) and 17 in Technology (max 22). We had many new enrolments in the first week.

As I mentioned last week, the school is given funding to help parents who may be experiencing financial difficulties in paying for such things as uniforms and school fees. We can only use this money for this purpose. If you wish to ask for assistance please contact the school and speak with Eva Booth, Head Teacher SASS, one of the Deputy Principals or myself. This process is kept confidential with only a small number of staff involved.

Our Year 11 Peer Support leaders and Year 7 are at camp for the first three days this week and I thank Maria Chatfield, History teacher, for taking on this initiative and organising what promises to be a very enjoyable and worthwhile time for all involved.

Darrell Shephard - Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS
MON 11/2: KHS Swimming Carnival, Year 12 Bus Serv Work Placement, Year 7&11 Peer Support Camp.
TUES 12/2: SC 15yrs Tennis Trials, P&C Meeting, Year 7&11 Peer Support Camp.
WED 13/2: Zone Meeting, SC Volleyball Trials, Year 7&11 Peer support camp.
MON 18/2: SC Boys Basketball trials, Year 12 Hosp/Metal work placement
TUES 19/2: SC Open Boys Tennis trials, Zone Open Basketball boys & girls
WED 20/2: Zone Swimming Carnival
THURS 21/2:
FRID 22/2: SC 15yrs Touch trials, Year 12 Study Skills

Students will be offered the opportunity to attend the KHS Snow Trip. The first Snow Trip will take place in Term 2, Week 2, Friday 26/7 to Sunday 28/7. Priority for this trip is given firstly to Year 11, then 10, 9, and 8. As priority is given to Year 12, they will be given the first payment date. After this date students in Years 10-8 will be permitted to pay.

To secure a spot on either trip, a non-refundable deposit of $50 must be paid at the Front Office on the relevant payment date. The acceptance of the non-refundable deposit is subject to the following conditions:
- no outstanding fees
- excellent record of behaviour
- excellent uniform behaviour
- no outstanding assessment work which conflicts with the snow trips
- be prepared to abide by the Alpine Code of Conduct and the KHS Snow Trip Behaviour Contract.

Gerard Kelly - Relieving Deputy Principal
All Year 7 and Year 11 peer support leaders are excited about their camp to Stanwell Tops from Monday to Wednesday this week. 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. There are a variety of exciting activities planned and we are looking forward to getting to know the Year 7 students in this setting.

Each Year 7 class will be having one health class per fortnight dedicated to cyberbullying/cybersafety awareness and digital citizenship. These lessons are being taught by Ms Ornelas (our teacher/librarian) and include some important content relevant to ensure students use digital media and devices appropriately.

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. Information is included on the website regarding other dates and vaccination order.

On Friday 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.

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 Harkiness (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.

Please see this weeks flyer from Michael Grose about “10 ways to promote good mental health and wellbeing in Kids”.

ALSO the 2013 NSW School-Based Vaccination Program alert.

Ruth Power - Relieving HT Welfare

“OUR” MASTERCHEF

If you have been watching Masterchef Professionals on TV recently, you have been watching one of ex-students in action. Cassie Delves, the youngest chef in the competition, has been pushed to extremes in team events and individually with great success. The judges have often commented on her natural talent, presentation skills and dedication for one so young.

When Cassie started in Year 7 she was determined to become a chef. She was a very committed student right from the start, studied Hospitality as a subject at school and completed a School-based Traineeship at Kiama Golf Club throughout Year 11 and 12. Her Hospitality teacher, Kylie Chapman, was constantly astounded by Cassie’s attention to detail, her desire to succeed and learn and her ability to manage a number of tasks successfully.

In her final year, 2010, she was awarded the Regional VET Hospitality Student of the Year and placed 3rd in Regional Worldskills Competition. On leaving school she gained an apprenticeship with Bilson’s Restaurant in Sydney, where she quickly proved her worth and gained the respect of Tony Bilson.

The TV program has obviously run its course and one chef deemed the Professional Masterchef, it will be great to see the remaining episodes and follow this inspirational student through the competition.

Georgina Buttel
Head Teacher Home Economics
This exciting new initiative was launched on Saturday, 2 February at Shoalhaven City Arts Centre, 12 Berry Street, Nowra and runs until 27 February. Bodies of Work were selected from local 2012 HSC Artworks. This is the first exhibition project by Australian Decorative and Fine Arts (ADFA) Shoalhaven and Shoalhaven City Arts Centre.

Tayhla Ryder's fine paintings titled "Muse" hung proudly amongst works with students from Shoalhaven, Bomaderry, Nowra Anglican College, Nowra, St John The Evangelist and Vincentia High Schools. Tayhla's work looked spectacular and was selected to represent the exhibition in both the flyer and in their 6 month publicity brochure. It provided a wonderful backdrop for the opening launch by Jim Birkett. Jim represented ADFAS and is well known in the Visual Arts world as an outstanding teacher and HSC Marker and is now contributing in the Illawarra and Shoalhaven. Unfortunately Tayhla is overseas and was unable to attend, however, her parents Jenny and Rob were able to enjoy the uplifting experience and pass on the wonderful words of praise to Tayhla.

Thanks to ADFAS and Shoalhaven City Arts Centre for initiating and coordinating this event celebrating our successful Visual Arts Students.

**Excellent Results for HSC Subjects in Industrial Arts**

In 2012 students again excelled in the HSC. Wade Carroll came third in the state in Industrial Technology. He also achieved the AAA Staining Award for Excellence. Overall six band 6 results were achieved from a class of 18 students, the whole class being close to 10% above state average. Photographs of ALL students' work are included and the quality is outstanding. Thankyou to Mr D. Earls for taking the class, supported by Mr M. Robertson and Mr J. Hanna.

In the subject Metal and Engineering, Ryan McParland came fifth in the State. Ryan is a very capable student and achieved a State Training Award as well as a VET Student of the Year Award. Wade Carroll was only one mark behind Ryan in the HSC exam. Overall the whole class achieved over 13% above state average in the HSC. Unfortunately for the first time in many years there was no Engineering Studies class. One student did the subject by distance education, supported by Mr B. Ferguson, and it is pleasing to report that Ryan McParland achieved band 6.

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**Kiama High School Newsletter**

**BOW WOW - ART**

**Gerringong Lions Youth of The Year**

Kiama High school students, Jake Ashley, Sophie Clift, Dom Littrich, Patricia McGee and Gareth Ward at last week's Lion's Youth of the Year held at Gerringong Bowling Club. Sophie was awarded first place and Jake received the Public Speaking Award. Sophie will go on to compete in the next round to be held at Huskisson. Each student participated in a formal interview and presented two impromptu speeches and a prepared speech to an audience of over 50 people. They each did an outstanding job. Congratulations to you all.
LEARN ABOUT YOURSELF!
As Marcel Proust, a late 19th century novelist wrote: "the real voyage of discovery consists not in seeking new landscapes but in having new eyes". Volunteer to host an international high school student in July 2013 through Southern Cross Cultural Exchange and prepare to be amazed at the way this unique and rewarding opportunity helps your family to become closer, to understand themselves better and to see the world in a new light.

Carefully selected students will arrive in July for one or two semesters from France, Italy, Germany, Sweden, Norway, Denmark, Finland, Japan, and Spain. They will attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange. Visit us at www.scce.com.au, email scceaust@scce.com.au or call us toll free on 1800 500 501, request our international student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship.

Thanks and kind regards,

Robert Lindsay

Wollongong Bodyboarders Club Inc

DUE DATE FOR FIRST COMP SATURDAY 9TH FEB.
Forms and money taken after this date will qualify to start in March 2013.

AGE: open to ALL ages must be surf competent and able to easily swim 200m

PAYMENT:
Money and completed membership forms must be taken to SWS (Requires parent/guardian signature if under 18yrs age)
144 Lake Entrance Road, Oak Flats, 2529
$90 yearly membership Covers:
- Club t-shirt (most years we have fundraised enough to have a second free gift e.g. hoodie, singlet or extra shirt)
- Club Incorporation
- Public Liability Insurance
- NSW Bodyboarding & Surfing NSW Affiliation
- PERSONAL ACCIDENT INSURANCE (covers YOU injure yourself surfing anywhere, anytime within Australia.)
+$5 per comp (covers Council fees & Equipment)

SKILL LEVEL: INTERMEDIATE TO ADVANCED. Club level bodyboarding is focused on riders who will know basic moves and be interested in socialising with others of similar skill level however it is a competition and coaching will be available from the older members.

Wollongong bodyboarders will be our grass roots level for people who want to test their skills in a competition environment. Members will have ranged skill level from intermediate to professional. Wollongong Bodyboarders will assist with learning essential skills in surfing and tactics. This is the future of our rapidly growing sport and will be the "first taste" of competition, a place to meet friends have fun, learn important social & life skills under the umbrella of a safe, well managed caring committee. It is also an environment where families can still be involved with their kids before "growing up" out of the family unit. Volunteer positions will be made to families who want to be involved.

Please contact

Jason McCarthy
0403 908 658
(02) 4256 4656 SWSbodyboarding
www.wollongongbodyboarders.com (http://www.wollongongbodyboarders.com/)

Kiama Downs Netball Club Registration Day
2nd Registration Day
Date: Wednesday 6 February
Time: 4-6pm
Location: 15 Meehan Drive, Kiama Downs
For all new registrations, please bring along your birth certificate and a JP certified copy.
If you are unable to attend on either day, please contact our club registrar.
Registrar: Jacqui (m) 0409 242 399

Thanks

Jodi Keast
Secretary Kiama Downs Netball Club
m: 0407664401

RETURN TO WORK - FREE COURSE
Thinking of returning to work or study but not sure where to start?
This course will help you find your direction and path forward as well as giving you confidence in the skills and strengths you already have. Starts 20 February 10am-12pm [8 sessions]. Call Kiama Community College 4232 1050.
Interested in playing netball in 2013? Never played but keen to learn? Want your children to meet new friends, stay active and healthy?
Join Werri Beach Netball Club. Teams for ages 7 - seniors. Registration days for the 2013 netball season will be held:

Wednesday, 6th February - 3pm at Gerringong Public School
Saturday, 9th February - 10am - 12pm, Gerringong Bowling Club
Tuesday, 12th February - 3:30pm at Gerringong Public School
Wednesday 13th February - 3pm Gerringong Public School

Don’t miss out! Register now!!

Club sponsors: Gerringong Bowling Club, Gerringong Fruit Barn

Werri Beach Netball Fees 2013 (uniform additional)
Senior $140
Cadet (16-17) $130
Intermediate(13-15) $120
Junior(10-12) $110
Moddies (7-9) $90
Fun net (5 by 31/7) $55
Non player/member $34

Note: New players need to bring birth certificate upon registration

Need more information contact
Club Registrar: Kerrie O’Leary 4234 4846 or 0416 280 830
Treasurer: Judy Hunt 4234 0258 or 0412 049 287

GERRINGONG JUNIOUR LEAGUE
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

PRESENT AT REGISTRATION!!
NEW PLAYERS NEED:

Birth Certificates & Medicare Card, photo's will be taken at Registration by the Club.

KIAMA JUNIOR RUGBY
REGISTRATION DATES 2013

The Kiama Rugby Club House, Bong Bong Street, Kiama

WED 20th FEBRUARY 4:30pm – 6:00pm
WED 27th FEBRUARY 4:30pm – 6:00pm

NEW PLAYER Or didn’t play in 2012, please bring your original birth certificate and a photocopy for proof of age.

ALL OTHER PLAYERS still need to attend to update forms.

ENQUIRIES Lucy Blackmore
lblackmore5@bigpond.com or 0409161687

All New Players Are Welcome
www.kiamajuniors.rugbynet.com.au

Gerringong Breakers Football Club Registration

Don’t miss your calling to play football (soccer) this year for the Breakers! Rego will take place at the DBreakers clubhouse at Bridges Rd, Gerringong on:
Saturday 23 February 10am – 12pm
Tuesday 26 February 6pm – 7pm
On-line registration will also be available from Saturday 16 February at:
www.myfootballclub.au
For more information check our website at www.gerringongbreakers.com
New players need proof of age.

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.