PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

The first meeting of the Kiama High P&C occurred last week and a number of issues were discussed. Whilst I have noticed a small increase in numbers attending, we would love to see new faces, the more the merrier. One of the issues discussed was the opening of a bottle shop at the shops near Kiama High. If you have any concerns you should contact the President of the P&C Donna Flanagan on 0414378464 today, as there is a meeting at Council tonight Monday. You can also contact Kiama’s elected Councillors.

Students in Years 8 to 12 are receiving their list of fees this week. Just a reminder some fees are compulsory (e.g. elective classes in Food Technology, Industrial Technology Wood and Metals), students choose these subjects knowing they will have to pay these fees to cover our costs. Year 7 will be issued an invoice of their fees.

Student numbers have dropped from 1211 in 2012 to 1151 this year. This was expected as the number of students in the local primary schools has decreased. There were increases in Years 8, 10 and 11 from what was expected. We will see a slight drop in teaching staff and this will involve some reorganising of classes for the permanent timetable.

We will also be losing some of our demountable classrooms. At this stage it appears three will be going, the Science lab which takes up a car park and two other classrooms.

We are looking at introducing a Meet the Teacher Day for Kiama High Year 7 parents. Mr Gerard Kelly is finalising the organisation for this event. We expect to get our school calendar out this week and this is a good time to look up such things as Parent-Teacher evenings, Sports Carnivals and major examination weeks to add to your own personal calendar.

Last week, we finalised the appointment of a new English teacher to Kiama High. This position went to open advertisement, referees and then interview. I am really pleased to let you know that our new teacher is Brooke Ashton, who is currently a permanent teacher at Randwick Girls High. I am sure she will be an excellent addition to our English staff and I thank Richard Bryce, Head Teacher English, and Donna Flanagan, our parent representative, for their hard work on the panel to select Brooke.

Darrell Shephard
Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

Peer Support
Year 7 had a marvelous time on the Peer Support Camp. This Camp provides an excellent opportunity for Year 7 to make new friends and strengthen old ties. I would like to thank the Year 11 Peer Support leaders for their participation. This is a valuable experience for these students to demonstrate their leadership skills.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to those students who attended the Swimming Carnival last Monday. Students and staff had a great time, behavior was exemplary and some outstanding results were recorded. Well done.

Year 12 Study Skills
Year 12 students will be attending a study day on Friday 22.02.13. This is a compulsory day for all Year 12 students and a great opportunity to improve skills which can only help with exam and HSC preparation. The Year 12 Half Yearly exams will commence on Wednesday 27th March and continue until Friday 12th April.

Work Placement
A number of Year 12 students studying Vocational Education and Training (VET) courses have been attending work placement. Work placement is a mandatory requirement for students to gain Certificate II accreditation in their particular course. More Year 12 students will be participating in work placement over the next two weeks. This is a terrific opportunity to build on their skills and get an insight into the world of work. It is also a great networking opportunity and often leads to job offers for those who demonstrate their work readiness.
School Photographs
Last week students were issued with their individual school photograph envelope. This envelope contains all the details for securing a wonderful photographic memory of your child. School photographs will be taken on Thursday 28th February. A catch-up day has been organised for Thursday 7th March.

School Uniform
Parents are reminded to check the length of their child’s skirt and shorts. Students have been informed that their parents will be contacted if the lengths of their skirt or shorts are inappropriate.

Gerard Kelly
Relieving Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS
History department wished to congratulate these Year 12’s for a great start to their assessments.

Ancient History
Caitlin del Solar, Jarnae Leslie and Jade Marsay for great first assessment task results.

Society and Culture
Chantelle Mayo, Ashleigh McNamara, Isobella Svinos, & Bella Worner-Butcher for excellent first assessment tasks.

Modern History
Liam Crook, Cameron Havasi, Sally Carney, Dominic Littrich and Liam Perritt for great first assessment tasks.

PDHPE
The following have made a great start to the year in Recreational Studies. They are coming prepared with their uniforms and equipment and are dominating in all class challenges.
Great work Skye Williams, Rachel Thiering and Ricky Louie.

The Front Office ladies were particularly impressed with these girls on how they approached their recent School Community Service. Emily Anderson, Brianna Douglas and Ali Douglas, you should be proud of yourselves.

The Year 10 Dance class is off to a flying start this year with ALL students in appropriate dance gear with their hair tied back. They have cooperative attitudes and all are working hard. Ms Gilbert is most impressed. The class is Emma Bartolotta, Harper Graham, Brittany Grigg, Laura Hughes, Jayde Jelliffe, Kayla Norris, Rhani Payne, Teigan Piggott, Eluned Price, Cassidy Richardson and Sarah Young.

Ms Donovan would like to congratulate all Year 8 on their fantastic behaviour during the recent assembly. They came to order without fuss and gave their full attention to all the items presented. Well done and keep it up.

Ms Donovan
Relieving Deputy Principal

COMING EVENTS

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: Yr 7 Safe & Friendly day
FRID 22/2: SC 15yrs Touch trials, Year 12 Study Skills
MON 25/2: SC Girls Basketball trials
TUE 26/2: SC Girls Tennis trials
THU 28/2: School Photo Day

PBS STARS OF THE FORTNIGHT
Students who demonstrate the school’s core values receive a STAR. The student then places the STAR in the appropriate box (kept in the library) and prizes are drawn at the next assembly. Obviously, the more entries a student has, the more chances they have of receiving a prize.

These students went into the draw for showing behaviour that reflects our core values at school

Year 8
1st Prize $25 Apple Store Gift Card - Josh Alliston
2nd Prize $10 Perfect Break Voucher - Kaylem Parramore
Treat Prizes
Vaughn Weber-Freel X2, Ryan Micallef, Corey Smith, Hamish Alexander-Dawson X2, Sharnie Heffernan, Zac O’Reilly-Fullerton

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1st Prize $25 Apple Store Gift Card - Nick Poelczer
2nd Prize $10 Perfect Break Voucher - Ewan Bell

Treat Prizes
Kiara Spence X2, Bailey Chaplin, Taylor Barker, Christian Haigh, Caitlin McCammon

Year 10

1st Prize $25 Apple Store Gift Card - Shannon Clancy
2nd Prize $10 Perfect Break Voucher - Mitchell Scott

Treat Prizes

Well done to these students and thanks to all who managed to participate in the draw.

CALLBACK 2012 EXCURSION

Callback is a showcase that features exemplary performances and compositions by HSC students of dance.

Last year, 6 of our 11 HSC Dance candidates had 14 of their practical performances nominated for Callback 2012. Lauren Gartside and Katelyn Lamphee had all 3 of their practical performances nominated, and Lauren Lofberg, Laura Jullien, Jesi Hinds and Brooklyn Hutchinson all had 2 of their performances nominated.

On Thursday, Yr11 and Yr10 Dance students travelled to the Seymour Centre in Sydney to attend a performance of this HSC Showcase. Our current senior students gained valuable knowledge and an insight into what is expected of them and inspiration to work hard and aim high in their practical examinations this coming year.

STAR STUDENTS OF THE YEAR

Nominations are now open for Star Student of the Year. Students, staff, parents and members of the community can nominate students who exemplify our core values of Respect, Responsibility and Commitment to Excellence for the award. Listed below are the Star Students for 2012:

Year 7 - Amy Munro
Year 8 - Nicolas Araya
Year 9 - Mitchell Scott
Year 10 - Lily Gore
Year 11 - David Sawers

The recipients received either a mobile phone or gift voucher for JB HI FI and an Itunes voucher and certificate. If you recognise a student who continues to exemplify the school values, please nominate. Nomination forms can be collected from one of the Year Advisers or from the front office.

PBS Team

NOTES FROM ENGLISH FACULTY

It’s hard to believe that Week 3 is already over. Welcome back to all students of English for 2013. This is a year of change for the English faculty, and the school. We are in the process of recruiting new permanent staff for the faculty, and together with the Principal and the President of the P&C, I will be welcoming a new permanent teacher of English in the not too distant future. We had an amazing number of applications for the position, and I would like to acknowledge the effort and quality of all applicants.

We have had some parent concerns expressed over the formation of the Year 8 and Year 10 classes. In Year 10 English the cohort of 223 students is divided into an equal A Stream and B Stream based on common assessment tasks across a range of skills, which are objectively marked throughout Year 9. Connecting these two equal ability streams is 10EN.D. This class is a mixed A and B class that sits between the A and B stream. All student allocations to the class structure are based on two criteria: academic ability and student welfare. Class moves will occur throughout the academic year, and typically be based on those criteria.
In Year 8, a small number of English students have been affected by the class allocation model used to construct the Year 8 lines. I am currently in discussion with the Principal to resolve those concerns as soon as possible with the least disruption to existing class networks.

Finally, the English faculty has registered for the following competitions in 2013, and students can nominate for inclusion with their English teacher. We have entered one team in each of:

- Year 7 & 8 debating
- Year 9 & 10 debating
- Year 11 & 12 debating

We have also entered:
- Two candidates for the Junior Legacy Public Speaking competition (Years 7 & 8)
- Two candidates in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain Speaking competition (Years 10-12)

I look forward to supporting our involvement in each of the competitions.

**CANTEEN**

Mon 11/2: Heather, Lisa
Tue: 12/2: Tracey, Mariella
Wed: 13/2: Leah, Help wanted
Thu: 14/2: Help wanted
Fri: 15/2: Julie, Jane

**Student Volunteers:**

Lunch: Jacob Mierendorff, Nathan Jenkins, Nathan Brownlow & Mitchel Grant
Recess: Max Michell, Leah Manuel & Alex Weir

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**Kiama Hockey Club**
Men/Women/Juniors
From Under 7s to Seniors
Rego 16th Feb 10am Kiama Leagues Club or see online for further details
www.kiamahockey.org.au

**Lighten the Load for Lauren**
Fundraising event for Lauren Donnellan, Gerringong resident & Ss Peter & Paul’s student, aged 8, diagnosed with Leukaemia in July 2012.
Where: Blue Diamond, The Sebel, Kiama
When: Friday 22nd February, 2013 at 7.00pm
Cost: Pre-purchased tickets $20 – includes raffle entry
Tickets at the door $25
All ticket sales go directly to the Donnellan Family
Enquiries: Contact Natalie on 0413 183 888 or via email at natalieoz@bigpond.com
Ticket sales: Greg Norris & Associates Kiama & Gerringong Newsagency

All Welcome - Please Help us to Lighten the Loan for Lauren

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