PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

Last Friday, Year 12 had their Study Skills day. This is a very important day where students get help on how to approach their studies for this demanding year.

Also last Friday, Year 11 attended a Mind Blank Performance. Students learn skills to help them cope with the mental demands of senior studies. I thank the teachers for their efforts on these two days and the students for their enthusiasm.

I heard last week of 2007 Year 12 graduate from Kiama High, Scott McInness, (who is persuing fame and fortune in Toronto Canada) having produced a video of his first year over there. This resulted in a front page story about his video in British Columbia’s Huffington Post, and Scott being interviewed on Canadian National TV. It’s great to hear of the amazing experiences of our ex students.

By now students have hopefully settled into the new year and are getting used to what is expected of them in each subject. There will be some changes to timetables as things settle down and our numbers are finalized, but this will be minimal.

It is very encouraging to see many parents are going on to our school website. The numbers each week are very impressive and continue to grow. We only just completely revised our site last year and the faculties are looking forward to adding to the information and putting on the achievements of our students.

Darrell Shephard
Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

Extra-curricular activities
It has been a very busy week with students involved in a number of extra-curricular activities including Basketball trials, Year 12 Hospitality and Metals work placement, Tennis and Touch trials, along with Year 12 participating in a Study Skills day. Students are to be commended on their behaviour and participation in these worthwhile programs. They bring credit to themselves, their families and their school. Well done.

Bus passes
Bus passes have been issued to students. Students must use the numbered bus that corresponds to the number on their pass. This is done to balance the numbers and prevent overcrowding on the buses. Any student who did not collect a pass needs to come to the front office as soon as possible to do so.

Year 5 and 6 Open Night
Open Night for Year 5 and 6 parents and students will be held on Thursday 14th March. This is an opportunity for prospective students and parents to have a look at what Kiama High School does. Following on from this, the closing date for applications for Year 6 students to enrol at Kiama High School for 2013 is Friday 22nd March. If you know of anyone in the drawing area who is not in a government school, but is considering enrolling here, could you please pass these dates on to them.

School uniform
As I stated in the last Newsletter, parents are reminded to check the length of their child’s skirt and
shorts. Girl’s skirts and shorts should not be more than 10cm above the knee; and boy’s pants must be worn at hip level and fully covering their underwear. Parents can refer to the uniform policy on page 20 of the student diary. Students have been informed that their parents will be contacted if the lengths of their skirt or shorts are inappropriate or being worn inappropriately.

Gerard Kelly  
Relieving Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations go to Alex Brown who was a member of the South Coast team that won the NSW championships.

Mr Berry would like to congratulate his Year 12 Geography class. He says that the whole class is ‘purring along’, and well done to Lanae Robinson, Bella Worner Butcher, Hayden Cahill and Sophie Clift each of whom have made a conscientious start to the academic year.

Ms Donovan  
Relieving Deputy Principal

SWIMMING AGE CHAMPIONS and ZONE REPORT

Congratulations to the following KHS 2013 Swimming Age champions:
12yrs: Josie Mansell  
13yrs: Jasmine Selby, Liam Williams  
14yrs: Rhylee Bamford, Campbell McDonald  
15yrs: Jade Cowgill, Madeline Taylor, Bradley Dawson  
16yrs: Imogen Bakewell, Grace Stewart, Eamon Cupitt  
17+ yrs: Brigitte Fenske, Cameron Havasi

Congratulations also to the students who represented KHS at the Zone Swimming Carnival last Wednesday. Although it was disappointing to be down on numbers, the swimmers who competed were absolutely fantastic. Some swimmers surprised themselves with their times and results, and it was terrific to see team members step up to the challenge and enter in some of the less favoured events. Way to go! A special mention must go to the thrown together 16yrs boys relay team who won their event - great swimming Eamon, Manning, Tasman and Ewan! Overall, KHS finished 3rd in the school pointscore - a creditable result for a gutsy team. The South Coast Swimming Championships are on Wed 6th March at Dapto. The Zone team should be finalised early this week, with permission notes issued by Wednesday.

SOUTH COAST TRIALS

Any students wishing to trial for South Coast teams in the following sports should see Mrs McGuinness ASAP: Open Boys Rugby Union, Open Girls Netball; Open Boys Football, Lawn Bowls.

KIAMA PERFORMING ARTS STUDENTS SUCCESSFUL IN ISER AUDITIONS FOR 2013.

Kiama High will be very well represented again in the ISER Performing Ensembles and Companies for this year. Six of our talented students have been successful in gaining selection to perform in the various groups for 2013. This is a wonderful achievement, well done.

Saxophone player Meghan Hines Yr8 has been selected to play in the ISER Touring Ensemble and guitarist Lachlin Hines has been successful in gaining a place in the ISER Orchestra.

Talented dancer Eryn Button Yr8 has been successful in gaining a place in the ISER Ensemble as well as the ISER Company.

Vocalists Megan Emmett Yr12, Jessica Taylor Yr12 and Georgia Ward Y9 have been selected for the Featured Choir.

Congratulations to all of these talented students. We wish you every success in these exciting performance opportunities and we look forward to seeing you onstage later this year.

L-R: Georgia Ward, Megan Emmett, Eryn Button, Meghan Hines.

Absent: Jessica Taylor and Lachlin Hines.
**Canteen**

Mon 25/2:  Gai & Cheryl  
Tue: 26/2:  Judy Harper  
Wed: 27/2:  Nerida  
Thu: 28/2:  Traci  
Fri: 1/3:  Graham

**Student Volunteers:**  
Lunch: Dana Munro, Tyler Cookson-Davies, Matilda Garrett, Tara Miller  
Recess: Hannah Lawrance, Kiara Spence, Astrid Nicholls

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**Kiama High School**  
**Uniform Shop Hours**

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Cash and EFTPOS Accepted  
NB: NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED

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**Community News**

William Campbell Foundation

Foster kids need more people like you. Free info session in Dapto, 6pm, Thursday 28th February at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre. To reserve your place call 1300 130 585.

Kiama Junior Basketball

Registration is now open for the 2013 season, which starts at the Kiama Leisure Centre in the week commencing March 18.

Mixed comps on Monday (yrs 4-6), Tuesday (Yrs 7-11) and Wednesday (Yrs 2-3).


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