COMING EVENTS

MON 11/3: SC Golf Trials
TUE 12/3: P & C Meeting
Zone Touch Carnival
Vocal Group Practice
WED 13/3: CHS Floris Conway Cup Girls Tennis K/O
SC Boys Football Trials
SRC Year 7 Elections
THU 14/3: Yr 6 Open Night
FRI 15/3: Yr 8 Geography – Huskisson
MON 18/3: SC Netball Trials
Pay for Year 11 Snow Trip (1st Day)
WED 20/3: Zone Rugby League
SC Rugby Trials
THU 21/3: Yr 7 & 9 – Immunisation
Yr 10 Geography Excursion
SC Lawn Bowls Trials
FRI 22/3: Yr 7 & 9 – Immunisation
Yr 11 Study Skills
SC Lawn Bowls Trials

DEPUTIES NEWS

Years 5 & 6 Open Night
A final reminder that Open Night for prospective students is on Thursday evening, 14th March, commencing at 7.00 pm in the hall. Expressions of interest close on 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.

We would like to take the opportunity, early in the year, to remind students and parents about some of the issues that cause problems:-

Cyber bullying
We have had a number of incidents of cyber bullying. Some students are using social media sites as a means to bully fellow students. Students have been informed at the Year Assemblies that disciplinary action will be taken against any student found responsible for cyber bullying. I urge parents to be particularly vigilant with regards to their children using social networking sites including Facebook, Tumblr and Instagram. Please contact the school should your child be a victim of cyber bullying. The school is very proud of its record in providing very successful anti-bullying programs for our students.

Hands Off
The school has a “Hands Off” policy. This includes no physical contact between students, and no touching of anyone else’s property. Many of the accidents, injuries and damage to personal effects, that occur at school result from what students consider ‘just mucking around’. This is not an acceptable excuse for inappropriate behaviour.

Phones/ipods/skateboards/scooters
Mobile phones, iPods and MP3 players must be turned off and earphones removed and out of sight before students enter classrooms. Security of valuables is a student’s responsibility. Students who bring such equipment to school, must look after it. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen items. They are better left at home. Skateboards and scooters are not to be brought to school. They pose a safety risk to other students, and the school has no way of storing them securely.

School uniform
School uniform is compulsory for excursions (unless the permission note states otherwise). Students who are not in full school uniform will not be allowed to attend. A note from home on the day will not be acceptable. Other reminders will appear in future bulletins.

Gerard Kelly
Relieving Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY
Kiama High School acknowledges that educating students for academic success, developing life skills and ultimately, creating and shaping a student’s career path, is a partnership between the school, parents and the wider community.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time students spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success, leading to the realisation of career goals and full time employment. Conversely, students who take more time off school are at the greatest risk of not achieving their full academic potential, dropping out of school early and of experiencing long-term unemployment.
It’s clear, attendance does matter.

When it comes to attendance, Kiama High School has the highest student attendance rate than any other high school in its group in 2011. It is also clear that Kiama High School is the best performing high school in the 2012 HSC, after Smith’s Hill High, a selective high school. These two reasons alone are enough reason for parents to send their child to Kiama High.

The Education Act 1990 requires that parents and carers ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered for home schooling. The NSW DEC may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason.

Kiama High does not make apologies for its strong adherence to DEC’s Attendance Policy, the results speak for themselves.

So I would like to take the opportunity to inform or refresh some of the attendance procedures that are in place at KHS.

When a student is absent, a note of explanation must be presented at roll call within 7 days of returning to school, otherwise the absence automatically becomes unjustified. Both justified and unjustified absences are evident on the school report.

An absence is deemed as justified for reasons like sickness, an urgent family situation e.g. a funeral, or a religious or cultural event. Unjustified reasons for absence include going shopping, minding a younger sibling, having a birthday and for not attending sporting carnivals, incursions or excursions.

Requesting an early departure or late arrival, it is just that – a request. As much as some parents do not like it, it is not a matter of giving permission for their child to miss some of the school day. It is a matter of seeking approval from the school. It is also requested to schedule medical appointments outside of school hours as much as possible. When an appointment is organised within school hours, then it is in the school’s right to request the name of the professional, a contact number and the exact time of appointment.

Sport: when a student is unable to participate in sport due to illness or injury, then he/she will attend non-sport where the student can complete homework or assessment tasks. Permission will not be granted to go home.

As a school community, we need to support the school’s attendance policy and procedures and in doing so, we are acknowledging the value that education has to the lives of our children.

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

Mary Cooper
HT Administration Student Attendance

EXCURSION TO SYDNEY JEWISH MUSEUM
On Monday the 4th March, students in Year 12 Modern History and Year 12 Society and Culture attended an excursion to the Sydney Jewish Museum, where TWO survivors of the Holocaust answered their questions about Hitler’s Germany and the struggles of the Jewish people after WW2. This amazing opportunity will enable students to put a “human face” on the tragic history they are studying in class.

EVERYONE in the community who came into contact with the students, from Bus Drivers to Museum Staff to Restaurant Owners, commented that they were the most polite, well mannered and behaved kids they had EVER encountered.

We had a fantastic day, despite the traffic and inevitable delays which resulted. The boys’ “Harlem Shuffle” on the bus was particularly disturbing!

Mark Storch
Head Teacher History

OPEN BOYS CRICKET MATCH REPORT: THE GRANTS DOMINATE
Kiama High’s Open Boys Cricket side played our first round of the Davidson Shield against Figtree High at Wollongong University last Tuesday. The boys looked particularly smart in our new Kiama High School cricket shirts. It was a strong team performance, reflecting the depth of our side.

We won the toss and batted. Matt Price was the anchor of the innings compiling 45 tidy runs. Will Grant was in sparkling form, dominating the bowling, scoring 30 solid runs. This impressive opening partnership laid the foundation for the rest of the team to build upon. Useful contributions were made by Manning Berry (15) and Liam Turner (17), who both got out trying to force the scoring along. Liam cracked the only six of the match. Callum Cooper was also dismissed trying to keep the run-rate going. We then lost a number of quick wickets before Sachin Hall steadied the ship (22no). His last wicket partnership with Luke Asquith proved to be decisive. The pair added 27 runs, both batting with grit and maturity. We ended up with a total of 163 off our allocated 40 overs.
It was then our turn with the ball. Our opening bowlers, Manning Berry and Matt Panecasio bowled well without luck, until Matt finally got the breakthrough with a fine snick to Shane Grant as wicketkeeper. For the next three wickets, the scorebook read "caught S Grant, bowled W Grant", with Will bowling superbly. Meanwhile, Michael Swain was bowling really well and was unlucky not to get a bagful of wickets. Shane then continued his amazing run of dismissals, taking the first six catches of the innings. His run was brought to a halt when Manning bowled the next two batsmen. Jake Taylor then took a blinder of a catch. Michael finally got his just desserts, snaring the final wicket of the match. Figtree were dismissed for 137, resulting in a victory for Kiama High. Manning did a good job in captaining the side. Our next encounter will be against either Keira High or Wollongong High. Stay tuned!

Mr Berry

SRC SHAVE FOR A CURE
- WORLD'S GREATEST SHAVE
Today 31 Australians will be given the devastating news that they have leukaemia, lymphoma, myeloma or a related blood disorder. That's more than 11,500 people this year.

By joining the Leukaemia Foundation's World's Greatest Shave you'll help to improve the quality of life for Australians diagnosed with a blood cancer.

The money raised at schools across Australia will help the Leukaemia Foundation to look after people with blood cancers.

Two of our students, Dominic Littrich and Jared Dryburgh are participating in this very worthy cause at school on Friday 15th March 2013. You can donate on their online page - please include this link http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/TeamPage.aspx?teamID=74621 or you can donate on the day.

HAIRDRESSERS NEEDED
- WORLDS GREATEST SHAVE !!
To help out on the day with shaving the students heads at school on Friday 15th March 2013 for the World's Greatest Shave, it would be greatly appreciated if any parent hairdresser could lend a hand.

Please contact Dom on 0411 233 321 if you could help out. Thankyou.

CANTEEN
Mon 11/3: Shane & Jo North
Tue 12/3: Gai
Wed 13/3: Liz B
Thu 14/3: Traci & Sylvia
Fri 15/3: Mary & Graham

Student Volunteers:
Lunch: Jaclyn Fuda, Aurora Xuereb, Samantha Mellon, Emelyn Stuckey
Recess: Amy Prytherch, Mikaela Perry, Jacob Mierendorff

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
Year 11 & 12 Mid Year Exam Revision Lectures 2013
To assist students in their preparations for the mid-year HSC exams, The School For Excellence (TSFX) is running a series of FREE lectures in March titled “Mastering the Exams”.

Valued at over $200, this lecture is free of charge to students. We do, however, require that all students participating in this program make a minimum $10 donation to the charity representatives. 50% of the proceeds will be donated to Beyond Blue and 50% will be donated to the Fred Hollows Foundation.

For further information go to their website at www.tsfx.com.au

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