PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE
With the term coming to a close I want to wish all students a very safe and enjoyable holiday. We have seen many outstanding efforts and achievements from our students once again this term and they deserve a good break. Year 12 students however should be using this time to do further HSC preparation, along with some recreation activities.

During the holidays we will be losing three demountables, A17 (Science laboratory), H2 (Dance room) and P2 (portable common classroom). Our Dance room is being moved to the M Block into M6 and I believe once set up this will make an even better area for our dances than our present situation.

There will be an ANZAC Day Ceremony on Tuesday. Community members and parents are invited and can lay a wreath should they like. It starts at 10am in the new gym and morning tea will follow.

This week is our school cross-country and I encourage all parents to enthuse their child to have a go. That’s what we are about at Kiama High School, encouraging students to do their best in whatever they do, but especially participating.

Next term Mrs Donovan (Years 8, 10 and 12) and Mr Kelly (Years 7, 9 and 11) will continue in the Relieving Principal positions for the whole term and I will continue as Relieving Principal for the first 4 weeks.

Our school attendance last year showed a 1.1% increase. We have a 3.3% better attendance rate than the region and a 2.2% better attendance rate than the state. Whilst the attendance rates of the state and region have decreased over the last 3 years, Kiama High School has seen a good increase. I thank parents for ensuring their child attends whenever possible because we know a high attendance rate goes hand in hand with better achievement.
Darrell Shephard
Relieving Principal

COMING EVENTS
MON 8/4: Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
TUE 9/4: Anzac Day Ceremony 10am at New Gym
Open Boys Cricket
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
WED 10/4: SC 15yrs & Open Rugby League Trials
Yr 8-12 Cross Country
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
THU 11/4: Yr 7 Cross Country
Yr 11 TTW Excursion - Family History Centre
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
FRI 12/4: SC Basketball Final Open Girls
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

MON 29/4: Staff Development Day
Yrs 11&12 Geography to Cairns 26/4-30/4
TUE 30/4: Staff Development Day
WED 1/5: STUDENTS RESUME TERM 2
THU 2/5: SC AFL Trials
Yrs 8&10 Dance Appreciation Excursion
SC Basketball Final Open Boys
SC Touch Trials
Yr 8 Science Excursion

DEPUTIES NEWS
This is the last week of Term 1. School resumes for students on Wednesday 1st May. This will be Week B. There will be some changes to timetables for Term 2. Students will have new timetables distributed at the end of this week.

Have a safe and happy holiday.

Student absences
Students absent from school must provide a note to their roll call teacher, preferably on the first day back, but at the latest within 7 days of returning, NOT 3 days as I stated in the last Newsletter edition.

Banned items
The following are banned from school: chewing gum, permanent markers, liquid paper, aerosol sprays, scooters and skateboards.

Sick Bay
Students who are unwell are to report to sick bay. The
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clinic supervisor will then contact a parent or carer, or if these are not available then the emergency contact person. Our clinic facilities are limited for the number of students in the school, so parents will be asked to collect students as soon as possible. Students should not phone parents directly to get picked up.

Leaving school grounds
Students are not to leave the school grounds during the day unless they have a pass to do so. Seniors who have a regular pass must still sign out at the front office. In an emergency situation we need to be able to account for all students, and know exactly who is at school.

Bus travelers are expected to remain at school once their bus arrives in the morning, and are to wait for the bus in the school grounds in the afternoons. Students are not to leave the school to go to the shops.

Gerard Kelly
Relieving Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS
Attendance Matters: It’s not OK to be away on Cross Country day!

School Cross Country Carnivals and indeed any sports carnival are a normal school day and students are expected to attend. In today’s climate where childhood obesity is a huge concern, both parents and the school must work together to provide every opportunity for students to participate in physical activity and hopefully develop healthy life long practices.

The school’s Cross Country Carnival is on Wednesday, 10th April for Years 8 – 12 and Thursday, 11th April for Year 7. The carnival will be held during sport time. All students from Years 7 – 10 have been preparing for the carnival in PE lessons. Students have been exposed to different courses or activities of varying degrees of difficulty. Student participation in PE has been high, with students working towards improving their time and ultimately their fitness levels.

Attending school sport carnivals encourages school pride, upholds school tradition and provides a sense of connectedness within the school community. It is not only about winning!

...So come next week when the Cross Country is scheduled. Parents should be encouraging their child to attend school and to participate to the best of their ability. Students unable to participate due to illness or a medical condition will need to bring a note from their parents and may assist in the running of the carnival.

The school and parents have worked hard together in terms of student attendance and this cohesive approach has resulted in a decrease in the number of students applying for an early leaver’s pass, including during sport time. It is expected that medical appointments and other professional appointments are scheduled outside of school hours, where possible.

Apart from student participation, all that is needed is for the weather to be suitable!

Be on time: Be at school: It’s the rule.

Mary Cooper
HT Administration Student Attendance

WELFARE UPDATE
All parents and guardians of Year 12 should note that if a student is unable to make it to school on the day for a Half Yearly Examination, they require a misadventure form to be completed. A medical certificate should be attached and the student or parent should contact Ms Chapman to reschedule their exam.

Congratulations to the twelve Year 9 & 10 students who volunteered at the Minnamurra Public School Cross Country on Wednesday 3rd April. Parents commented on the positive attitude and respectful approach that students displayed. They were certainly very good role models for the younger students.

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 called “How much should parents push their kids”.

Ruth Power
Relieving HT Welfare

NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy tests will take place on Tuesday 14th, Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th May 2013. All students will have received a letter to parents about the tests. If your child in Year 7 or Year 9 has not brought home a letter, spare copies are available at the front office.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions about the NAPLAN process.

Sherree Harkness
Learning & Support Teacher
**SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY**

**Years 8, 9 & 10 - Wednesday 10th April 2013**

There will be no school sport this Wednesday or Thursday including morning surfing, due to the Cross Country taking place during the normal sport periods.

It is compulsory for all students at school to walk or run in their respective age groups (ie; age they turn this year). Years 11 & 12 are also cordially invited to participate on Wednesday.

On Wednesday, all Year 8, 9 & 10 students are to leave school at the start of recess. All girls are to walk directly down Bonaira Street to meet at Kendall’s Beach, whilst the boys will assemble at Bonaira Street AFL field. Students will need to be at their venue by 1.40pm, as the 1st event is due to start at 1.45pm.

The course remains the same as for previous years ie; from Kendall’s Beach up across Chapman Field, across the back of Surf Beach, following the path up to the Lighthouse, then returning via the same route to Kendall’s Beach. A map has been placed in the Science quad windows for students to check the course.

If a student is injured or sick next Wednesday, they are to bring their note to Mrs McGuiness in M4 at the start of lunch. These students may be asked to help with setting up or recording.

The Zone Cross Country is on in Week 3 next term. The top 10 placegetters in each age group will compete in an attempt to win the Zone Championship for the 11th consecutive year!

Jill McGuinness
PE Department

**APOLOGIES:**

To Jessica Davis, her name was accidently left out of the team list for the Girls Touch Football Team last week. The success of all of the girls should be credited once again.

Sarah Meppem
PE Department

**BOYS TENNIS REPORT**

The Open Boys Tennis Championships were held last Wednesday. The inclement weather could not dampen the spirits of all the players. The singles saw some great tussles. Aaron Matis and Cameron Dark played a tight first round match, whilst Denis Haubruck narrowly edged out Geordie Wallace in a gripping quarterfinal. Edward Agar disposed of Matt Price, who in his inimitable style, continued his keen approach all day.

Nick Keatley and Jack Kay were first round losers but performed strongly in the repercharge. Dane Edwards emerged victorious over Keelan Robinson, but he could not conquer Lucas Traynor, who was at the top of his game. Lucas made it through to the semifinals, before being ousted by a polished performance from Zac Parker. Zac then took on top seed, Bjorn Myers, in the final. Bjorn proved to be too good and thoroughly deserves to be Kiama High School’s Open Boys Singles Tennis Champion for the third year in a row.

Meanwhile, the doubles saw some upsets and outstanding play. Jared McNamara and Edward Agar played wonderfully to dispose of Jack Kay and Dane Edwards, before running into a brick wall in the form of Lucas Traynor and Cameron Dark. Meanwhile Geordie and Zac defeated Aaron and Denis, before being beaten by Keelan and Bjorn. The final was fought out between Keelan/Bjorn and Cameron/Lucas. In a dramatic match, Lucas (Reebok) and Cameron (Niggs) were victorious, being crowned school doubles champions. This was an amazing effort! I wonder whether it was the sausage rolls and chicken nuggets that Mr Berry provided for lunch.

All in all, the boys had a great day. Their behaviour was excellent, attracting positive comments from members of the public. Well done boys and good luck to the team that will be selected from this tournament, which will represent us in the zone championships.

Mr Berry

**PAYMENTS**

All payments made to the office, must be made before 1.30pm every day to ensure the banking can be done. Students may pay before Roll Call, at Lunch and at Recess. Parents and carers are welcome to pay any time before 1.30pm.

**USB PURCHASES**

USB’s are now available again. They can be purchased at the office @ $7.00 each.

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN 2013**

From Monday 8th April to Sunday 9th June, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Points. Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Points onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Points Sheet and when it’s complete, the Points Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box decorated by Kiama High School students at Centro Kiama or here at the school.

At the end of the promotion, we’ll be able to get some
great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students - including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you’d like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn

CANTEEN
Mon 8/4: Shane
Tue: 9/4: Judy H & Sandra
Wed: 10/4: Liz B & Johnny
Thu: 11/4: Traci & Sylvia
Fri: 12/4: Trish R - LAST DAY OF TERM

Student Volunteers:
Lunch: Corey Smith, Josh Anderson, Jake Simington, Joe Edwards
Recess: Sun Karunalai, Bronte Emr

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Cash and EFTPOS Accepted
NB: NO CHEQUES ACCEPTED

COMMUNITY NEWS

STS STUDENT EXCHANGE
STS Student Exchange are seeking Aussie families who are busy, friendly, interested in other cultures and willing to welcome an STS exchange student into their family. Exchange students have their own spending money and medical Insurance. While your exchange student is learning about Australian culture, your family members will learn about theirs. For further information call 1800 263 964 or email stsf@people.net.au. Website: www.sts-education.com.au

CHILDREN'S MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE
HIGH TEA SATURDAY 11TH MAY 2013
You are invited to join us for delicious home cooked delicacies provided by our members, endless cups of tea and coffee and beautiful views from the gardens, verandahs and pool area of “Sunnymede”, 48 Campbell St Gerringong. It is Mother's Day weekend so treat yourself and your mum! Saturday 11th May, 2pm to 4pm, 48 Campbell St Gerringong. $20 bookings with Carole Ph: 4232 1683 or 0412 616 852. BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS for 2014
Parents of gifted and talented children currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an Information Evening - 6.00pm Tuesday 9 April 2013 at Illaroo Road Public School.
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014 for gifted and talented students who are Year 4 in 2013.
Phone Bob Lowe, Deputy Principal on 4421 0422 for more information.

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