Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

I hope everyone enjoyed the spring vacation. Term 4 is traditionally very busy.

This week the HSC written exams begin and I take this opportunity to again offer my very best wishes to our students in their endeavours in these tests.

The results of their efforts will be published in a little over two months from now.

As one Year 12 cohort finishes another begins as this week sees the start of the HSC program for our current Year 11 students who are, as of this week, Year 12.

The next twelve months will be busy and at times stressful for both student and family. I urge everyone to take advantage of what we have to offer and to converse with us if there are any issues that might make the HSC year more difficult than it should be.

I strongly recommend that families set aside this year to help their child through to the end of the tests in October 2015. We will be holding our annual Year 11 into Year 12 night in Week 4 (28 October). More details to follow.

As a result of Ms Buttel’s retirement and that of Mr Ferguson (Head Teacher Industrial Arts) earlier in the year I am proposing that a TAS (Technological and Applied Studies) Faculty be formed under the leadership of one Head Teacher. This Faculty would also have the Computing Studies teachers in it. If the People and Careers Directorate within DEC agree this will take place at the beginning of next year.

At the end of this week Mr David Rozadilla leaves us to take up a position with Wingecarribee Shire Council. David has been one of our Technical Support Officers throughout the implementation of the Digital Education Revolution. David has become a key member of our Technology team and will be missed. We wish him every success for the future.

P&C is Monday night 7pm in the Library. Mr Mitch Grove, Careers Adviser, will be speaking at the meeting. Everyone is welcome.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

 Literacy and Numeracy Tests

Students intending to leave school can take optional online literacy and numeracy tests. The tests are for students who intend to leave school before completing their HSC. They are designed to show an overview of a student’s level of achievement in these areas.

The next dates for the tests are 23-29 October 2014.

The tests focus on literacy and numeracy skills required by school leavers for employment and further education. There will be one test for literacy and one test for numeracy. The tests will be 60 minutes long and the two tests will be completed in one sitting. However, students can determine which test they do first and may choose to do only one of the tests. Some students may change their mind and choose to remain at school after completing the literacy and numeracy tests. They can take the tests again at a later stage if they choose to do so.

Student achievements on each of the tests will be reported as a mark at an Australian Core Skills Framework level. Students will receive separate reports that will detail their results in the literacy and numeracy tests. Test results will NOT appear on the ROSA credential. Students can access an eRecord of their results via their Students Online account.

Students wishing to undertake these tests are to see Ms Jaeger by Friday 17 October.

Year 12

At the end of last term we held the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. This is a wonderful occasion where we celebrate the terrific achievements of our Year 12 students. As always the talents of our students in the academic, cultural and sporting fields are amazing and it’s not until we put it all together at such a function that we see just how great they are.

Year 12 will start their HSC exams on Monday 13 October and we wish them well over the next month, as they finalise two years of hard work. We look forward to hearing great results.

A Uniform Reminder

Footwear must be solid leather lace-up school shoes or joggers in black or white. This has not changed however it is one area that always causes problems. Please do not let your child convince you that canvas shoes are okay. The uniform policy states quite clearly suitable length for shorts and skirts for girls and requirements for the boys shorts and long pants to cover their underwear.

The uniform policy can be found on our website at: http://www.kiama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information/uniform

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS

Kiama High School and the Shine Committee would like to acknowledge and thank Kiama Scenic Tours for providing a bus to take the Year 8 Shine girls from the school to a local restaurant for their graduation lunch. We are grateful to the company for their generosity. Also thanks to Dragon Garden Restaurant, Terralong Street, Kiama for their kind support and hospitality.

HSC DANCES WITH SUCCESS

Two of our HSC Dance candidates this year, Romy Bradmore and Kate Lawler have had their Major Works nominated for CallBack 2014.

CallBack provides a showcase of the very best dance students from the NSW Higher School Certificate. It features exemplary performances and compositions by HSC students of dance.
Both Romy and Kate majored in Composition. This involved creating a dance work to communicate an idea or intent, teaching it to two other students to perform, writing a 300 word rationale, and preparing a 9 minute discussion of their work with the examiners.

Romy’s Work, performed by Laiken Gladwell Year 10 and Astrid Nicholls Year 10, made clever use of four drama boxes set up to create a barrier down the centre of the performance space. Her intent was to portray the sacrifice and loss felt by a mother helping her daughter escape persecution, and the uncertainty and loss experienced by the daughter in her search for a better life in an unknown land.

Kate’s Major Work was performed by Eluned Price Year 11 and Jessica Lamphee Year 10. The intent of her dance work was to portray the unique bond shared by twins as they explore their connectedness and individuality, with one twin discovering she is more comfortable being apart than the other. Kate’s dance began with her dancers creatively moving within a piece of pink muslin representing a connection within the womb. The dancers shed the muslin and move away from it in the later stages of the performance.

Congratulations to both students, this is an outstanding achievement. As well as completing their other HSC written examinations, these students will now find time to practice and video their performances for inclusion in the HSC Showcase which is held at the Seymour Centre in Sydney in early February next year.

Information regarding dates and times of the 2014 HSC CallBack will be posted on the Arts Unit website soon.

CASSIDY – ‘the essence of a creative life’.

This year has been an exhilaration whirl of performances for our talented dancer Cassidy Richardson, Year 11 who has represented our school at Local, Regional and State levels. Earlier this year, Cassidy was successful in auditioning to perform in the NSW Public Schools State Dance Ensemble. This is an outstanding achievement at the highest level. Last term was a particularly busy time. Cassidy was involved in touring commitments with the Regional Performance Ensemble, performing in Southern Stars not only with Kiama HS Company, but also as a member of the Southern Stars Performance Company, and she attended a three-day workshop in Sydney culminating in performances at the Seymour Centre during the NSW Public Schools State Dance Festival - “Essence”.

The theme of the Festival this year is derived from a quote by Twyla Tharp “Without passion, all the skill in the world won’t lift you above the craft. Without the skill, all the passion in the world will leave you eager but floundering. Combining the two is the essence of the creative life.”

Cassidy had a featured role in her dance ‘Run On’ choreographed by Teneill Wilson. On stage, Cassidy truly shone in her performance demonstrating both passion and skill.

Cassidy has really enjoyed the experience and gained a lot by working with professionals in the Arts Industry, being exposed to new opportunities and making new friends.

Congratulations, Cassidy, on your achievements.

Attendance Matters: It’s Not OK To Be Away

When is a student is absent from school, it is expected that it is for a justified reason as stated in the DEC Policy. Allowing students to stay at home on the last day of the school term is not a justified reason and in fact is breaking the Education Act.

As it is explained to students, not attending school without a justified reason is like when one gets caught for speeding and a fine is issued by the Police because the law has been broken. Well, it is the same when a student does not come to school and the absence is unjustified. The law is broken and then a fine of up to $1,000/day can be applied.

The Home School Liaison Officer, together with the Police regularly scouts the community for school age students who are out and about. When a school age student is discovered in the community, they are scrutinised regarding the reason why they are not at school. A report is completed of which a copy is sent to the school to be further investigated.

It is expected that when a student is sick, they should be at home convalescing. It is expected that parents and students treat every school day as important as the next and it is therefore, expected that students attend the last day of school in each term. What are we teaching our children by allowing them to take a day off school, just because they want to? That sort of belief would not be tolerated by an employer and in fact could cost someone their job. So remember:

Be on time: be at school: that’s the rule.

Mary Cooper, HT Student Attendance & Facilities

SPORT

PARKER AND SPAIN WREAK HAVOC IN OPEN BOYS CRICKET SUCCESS

Kiama High had a successful outing when we tackled Smiths Hill in the second round of the Davidson Shield State Knockout. We batted first and scored 147 off 30 overs. Still jet-lagged, Calum Cooper batted magnificently, top scoring with 39. Matt Price compiled a tidy 36 and Sachin Hall contributed 22 valuable runs. Our opening bowling duo of...
Flynn Parker and Josh Spain then set about destroying the opposition with lively seam bowling. They both snared 3 wickets, leaving Smiths Hill in tatters at 6/31. Not to be outdone in the dinner table bragging rights, Flynn’s elder brother Zac also chimed in with 3 wickets, bowling his off-tweakers. Kane Presland also bowled well in his 4 over spell. The team fielded magnificently and Jordan Warren did a stellar job behind the stumps.

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Mr Berry

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE FOLLOWING MERIT LEVEL RECIPIENTS:

**BRONZE**
Yr 10: Missy Armstrong, Troy Bartrim, Bailey Chaplin, Giorgia Eastment, Reid Formosa, Millicent Mansfield, Dylan Morris, Ebony Rogers, Jonathan Smith, Reece Vaux, Lachlan Walters
Yr 11: Jacob Finch, Brody McNamara, Abby McParland

**SILVER**
Yr 7: Savannah Armstrong, Chloe Burg, Dylan Cardwell, Elizabeth Clements, Henry Cox, Zachary Fanke, Abel Heagney
Yr 9: Amy McCarthy, Kearha O’Sullivan
Yr 10: Smson Herft, Chloe Hudson, Jake Kershaw
Yr 11: Alisha Copley, Danyon Farrell, Yelena Felsch, Eljah Nife, Lily Stewart, Chloe Viney

**GOLD**
Yr 7: Lili Ford, Lily Guthrie, Tionne Harris, Chelsea Koks, Beau Manley, Abbey Murphy
Yr 8: Robbie Blair, Sophia Borserio, Wade Hazell, Jasmine Mills, Raina Olivera, Isabella Peterson, Jennie Smith, Katherine Vicary
Yr 9: Sienna Arcus, Rhylee Bamford, Laura Bernich, Emily Clements, Clayton Condon, Dominic Cooper, Matthew Hockey, Bryce Humphries, Chelsea Johnson, Chloe Johnson, Chloe Kitchener, Darcy Lawton, Kate Lewis, Harper Martin, Samantha Mellon, Flynn Parker, Oliver Parkin, Olivia Prestedge, Bianca Robertson, Ciara Rogers, Georgia Sainsbury, Joshua Spain, Claudia St John, Emelyn Stuckey, Sophia Wallace, Georgia Wedd
Yr 10: Jade Adams, Nicholas Araya, Matthew Davidson, Meghan Hines, Olive Ivanoff, Jack Philpott, Jordan Warren, Joel Wheatley, Max Willard
Yr 11: Elizabeth Bell, Jarad Boniface, Madison Boulton, Yuttachai Bun-Arpha, Jamee Burazin, Chloe Cafe, Judd Collyer, Kegan Cook, Zara Davies, Victoria Drummond, Jesse Duncan, Luis Esteban, Emily Flinn, Reuben Garrick, Michael Gazibarich, William Grant, Harrison Jones, Jack Kay, Matthew Lewis, Jade Loiterton, Isabel Lovasz, Holly Marks, Tasmyn Martin, Joshua Mayo, Claire McCombe, Dylan McGillivray, Zac McHugh, Jared McNamara, Abby McParland, Tara Miller, Shi-Anne Mortimer, Bjorn Myers, Samantha Najdovski, Brendan Pollard, Zoe Porritt, Matthew Stewardson, Timothy Stewardson, Harrison Stewart, Rebecca Stothard, Courtney Uren, Joshua Vazzoler, Thea Wilson, Charlie Wood, Zac Wood

**CANTERBURY STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**
Lunch: Chloe Burg, Jessica Steel, Brooke Macdonald, Ashleigh Johnson
Recess: Zander Newcombe, Zachary O’Reilly-Fullerton, Aimee Deen, Tara Greenway

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**
Mon 13/10: Sandra
Tues 14/10: Help
Wed 15/10: Help
Thur 16/10: Help
Fri 17/10: Jane, Julie
Meal Deals
(1) Flavoured Pump Water, Sandwich $5 save $1
(2) Sandwich, small slushi $5.50 save $1.50, chocolate slice
(3) Fresh wrap, bottle of plain water $6.50 save $1, chocolate slice

Seniors only may also buy coffee and hot chocolate from the vending machine in the canteen, any time of day.

Help is always needed if you can spare an hour we would love to see you. Our school canteen is P & C operated and all funds raised go back to the P & C and school via funded support.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Live and study overseas. Information sessions are on in Sydney at Lane Cove Library, Library Place, Lane Cove on Tuesday 14 October 2014 7pm-9pm and Tuesday 11 November 2014 7pm-9pm.

SAFER DRIVER COURSE – KIAMA
The Safer Driver Course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so students are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. On completion of both modules of the course a learner driver will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book. The cost of the course is $140 including GST. Places are available on 22 November. For more information contact: Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703.

HOST AN AFS EXCHANGE STUDENT
AFS is on the lookout for volunteer host families to welcome a group of exchange students arriving on 6 February 2015. For more information contact phone 1800 023 982, email aus.hosting@afs.org or www.afs.org.au/host.

CMRI MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON
Join us at the Gerroa Boat Fisherman’s Club in the function room from 11.30am on Tuesday 4 November. Enjoy a complimentary glass of champagne on arrival and canapés. A buffet lunch will follow including tea/coffee and slice. Tickets are $45 from Cronin’s Liquor, Blackwood Street, Gerringong.

CMRI QUILT SHOW
The 24th Annual Quilt Show will be held in the Gerringong Town Hall on 7 November–9 November. Admission is $5 and morning/afternoon tea and lunch is available. Entry forms are available (0417 342 606 or 4232 1175).

YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS
If you know someone between the ages of 12-28 years that is providing an invaluable service in your community or excelling in their field of endeavor why not nominate them for an award. For more information phone 9643 1677, email info@awardsaustralia.com or www.awardsaustralia.com

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