PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Last week we said goodbye to Mr David Rozadilla, who has been our Technical Support Officer for the past six years.

David was appointed to the School when the Digital Education Revolution (DER) was initiated. In July this year the program came to an end. As such, I want to remind everybody with a DER laptop that the servicing of these devices has also ceased. Please make sure that you “back-up” or “copy” all of the files that are on the devices just in case it fails and the data cannot be retrieved. In coming weeks I will re-publish the specifications of devices that will connect to our networks for parents who may be considering purchasing a device for their child.

Another reminder that the Year 11 into Year 12 Information Night is Tuesday 28 October, Week 4.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

HSC Exams

The HSC exams commenced last Monday with students sitting first up for the English exam. Students have worked long and hard for this final chapter in their school life. Most students I saw and spoke to before their first exam appeared relaxed and confident and we wish them every success.

Crossroads

Congratulations to our new Year 12 students who participated in the Crossroads Program in the first week of term. All presenters commented on their excellent behaviour and participation of the students. Well done.

Assessments for Years 7-10

Students in Years 7-10 will soon be sitting for their end of year exams in many of their subjects. Students need to start revising their course work to ensure that they produce their personal best. Parents are encouraged to remind their children of their study commitments. Yearly reports will be issued to students in the last week of this term.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: IT’S NOT OK TO STAY AWAY

Attendance letters of concern have been sent out to those students who showed <85% attendance with at least three unjustified absences for Term 3. This reporting to parents is part of the School’s Attendance Procedures and largely is a communication exercise between the School and parents for the following reasons. The letter:

- Informs a parent whether absence notes explaining non-attendance, have indeed been presented by their child to their roll call teacher.
- Reminds parents the importance of sending in a completed absence note within 7 days of returning to school.
- Allows potential discrepancies/errors to be noticed which then can be corrected by the school.
- Allows student welfare issues to be identified.

Parents receiving such a letter are encouraged to contact the school for discussion about their child’s attendance record.

Other parents will be receiving a letter informing that their child’s attendance record indicated 100% for Term 3. The student will be receiving an Attendance Merit Certificate, which will work towards the achievement of their Gold Card. It goes without saying the importance of attendance in the achievement of the educational outcomes.

I am buoyed by the support of the School’s Attendance Policy and Procedures by parents. It is obvious that parents see the correlation of attendance and achieving educational outcomes.

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

Mary Cooper, HT Student Attendance and Facilities.

SPORT

U15s Cricket Into Round 3 After Nailbiting Finish!

The U15s Boys Hassett Cup cricket side is through to round 3 after narrowly defeating Smiths Hill in an exciting match last Friday. Captain courageous Ben Grant lost the toss and was sent in, the Smiths Hill captain wary of a fresh Flynn Parker who can send down some rockets! Blake Harrison started really well with the bat, steadying the innings before frustration took its toll and he was bowled having a swing. Not too much positivity to speak of for the rest of the Kiama innings except a wonderful last wicket partnership between Matt Hockey with a slashing 24 and an amazing 18 not out from the wonderfully patient Cameron Miller. Special mention to the sundries for top scoring with 27! Mr Omrod demanded a tight fielding performance to defend a meagre 117 and the boys fired up behind a feisty Zac Parker who delivered a great spell of opening bowling. The Smiths Hill openers wished they stayed in bed once Zac sent down some rockets, many batsmen not seeing the ball until their stump had been taken out of the ground. Zac bowled well for 4/32 off his 10 overs and was well supported by Owen Sutherland, Ryan Micallef and captain Ben Grant. Ryan was very unlucky to not get more wickets as a few catches were dropped off his bowling. At drinks we had Smiths Hill 6/65 but we knew we had to get early wickets as their tail could wag. Sure enough, Flynn delivered again and Ben, Nathan and Ryan also kept things tight. Unfortunately Smiths Hill rallied and were now 8/107 needing only 11 runs to win. We gave the ball to Nathan and Ryan who worked really well to finish off the Smiths Hill innings and send Kiama to the third round. Congratulations boys, you were a credit to the school and I would happily take you away again any time. Good luck to the boys and Mr Quine who will be taking them from here on.

Mr Omrod
**YEAR 11 INTO 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

As a parent of a Year 12 student, the road can be stressful one at times. The best way to support your son or daughter through his/her HSC year is to be informed. I wish to cordially invite all parents/caregivers of our Year 12 students 2014/2015, to an information evening on the requirements of the HSC year.

Students began HSC coursework this term and received the Assessment Policy booklet in Week 2.

**When:** Tuesday 28 October at 7pm

**Where:** KHS School Library

The format of the evening is as follows:

- **7.00PM - 7.30PM – LARGE GROUP**
  - HSC and its implications
  - Time management & study skills
  - Welfare program at KHS
  - VET commitments
  - KHS expectations of Year 12 students

- **7.30PM – 8.30PM – SMALL GROUPS**
  - Senior Executive and Head Teachers will address small groups and answer questions concerning:
    - HSC major works
    - KHS assessment booklet
    - Student’s assessment schedule
    - How much homework & study is necessary per week
    - Welfare issues
    - Any other questions you may have

Hayley Dean, *Head Teacher Secondary Studies*

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**SRC NEWS**

The SRC has been back at work planning for the upcoming term. Milkshake Monday has been brought back and started last Monday. Milkshake Monday will be happening every Monday this term and will be selling from a mere $3. Be sure to grab yourself a milkshake.

On Wednesday the SRC met with members of Kiama Council. The SRC will be discussing relevant and important issues to the youth in our community, so if students have any suggestions that will better our community, the SRC can bring them forward to Council so be sure to let your SRC year representative know.

On Saturday 19 October the SRC will take part in Run Wollongong. Participants are able to walk, run or roll a course of varying lengths and difficulties. Run Wollongong donates 100% of money raised to renovating Wollongong Hospital’s Children’s Ward and the Shoalhaven Children’s Assessment Unit, with so far just under $80,000 being raised. Make sure to get involved by either donating online or registering into the run online. Mrs Chatfield (Head Teacher English) and her family are the proud ambassadors for this year’s event. Please get behind them to support this excellent local cause.

Lastly, on Friday Week 4 SRC has organised to host a MND Ice Bucket Challenge day, during which our teachers will have water dumped on them in order to raise money and awareness to fight this awful disease. To add to the excitement Gareth Ward has also chosen to focus much of its efforts towards the fight to cure Motor Neurone Disease. MND attacks the nerves that produce movement around our body robbing the diagnosed person of any movement. People diagnosed with MND are given a life expectancy of little over 2 years.
For all on 7 November

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.

SALE
Save $1, chocolate slice (3)
Save $1, chocolate slice (2)
Save $1, chocolate slice (1)

Fri 24
Thu 23
Tue 21
Mon 20

Recess:
Reuben West, Emilio Goytizolo

Lunch:
Lucy Steel, Madison Loiterton, Kye Epps, Toby Jones, Byron Moulang, Beau Manley

help SRC raise much needed awareness and funds to fight this disease when the MND Ice Bucket Challenge comes to Kiama High.

Keelan Robinson, SRC Secretary

Make sure you help SRC raise much needed awareness and funds to fight this disease when the MND Ice Bucket Challenge comes to Kiama High.

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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
PARENT &A WORKSHOPS
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health in partnership with local councils and a range of partner organisations have arranged for Celia Lashlie, international guest speaker, to present “Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men” in your area. These sessions have been designed to improve communication between parents and young people, especially in regards to choices around drugs, alcohol and risk taking.


Bookings are essential: phone Donna Forknall 4254 2700 or Donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au

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.

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

2014-2015 FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
The Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs. It takes just two minutes to apply online and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applying online can also be done from mobile, internet-enabled devices including smartphones and tablets – https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au. For more information email: fer.program@trade.nsw.gov.au or www.resourcesandenergy.nsw.gov.au/info/familyenergyrebate

JERVIS BAY SCHOOL IS CELEBRATING 100 YEARS
Come along and help Jervis Bay School celebrate 100 years on 1 November 9am-2pm at Booderee National Park, Village Road, Jervis Bay (near Creswell). Official welcome and opening of time capsule 10am, reunion dinner Saturday night – Club Jervis Bay $20. Please contact Jervis Bay School for details on 44421002. If only coming to the celebrations no park fee applies.

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PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 20/10: Cheryl, Jackie
Tues 21/10: Help
Wed 22/10: Help
Thur 23/10: Michelle B
Fri 24/10: Heidi

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

For more information email: donna.forknall@sesiahs.health.nsw.gov.au or phone 4254 2700, enter efunds, health.nsw.gov.au/canteen, any time of day.

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm
Fridays 11am – 3.00pm
Cash and Eftpos Only
Between the Hall and L Block
Please be considerate with closing times.

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