Kiama High School Newsletter
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DEPUTIES NEWS

Years 11 to 12 Information Evening and Study Program
A reminder to parents of Year 11 students that there will be a meeting in the Library on Tuesday evening, 28 October, starting at 7.00 pm.

Items to be discussed include:
- HSC and its implications
- Time management and study skills
- Contact people and their roles
- VET commitments
- KHS expectations of Year 12 students

This is an excellent opportunity for parents and Year 11 students to meet with subject teachers to discuss assessment tasks and procedures. Students should already have in place a study program that not only caters to homework and assessment tasks but also regular revision of subject content covered in class. Such a program should not be restricted to home, but also followed during their study periods at school where students are expected to go to the Library. Students that have a sound study program tend to avoid the pitfalls associated with a rigorous assessment regime.

Year 10 Yearly Exams and School Leaving Date
Year 10 will be sitting for their Yearly Exams during Week 7, Monday 17 to Friday 21 November. Students will receive their exam timetable shortly before Week 7. Under the school leaving age all Year 10 students are required to be at school until Wednesday, December 17. The only exemption to this is for those students who are taking up full time employment after the Yearly Exams. Those students must provide a letter from the employer guaranteeing a minimum of 25 hours’ work per week and a letter from the parents giving permission for the student to leave. Students who take up this option will automatically be removed from the subject choices. Should these students decide to return next year they will need to re-enrol and make new subject choices. Some subjects may no longer be available.

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 can then 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 importance of attendance in the achievement of educational outcomes.

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

Mary Cooper, HT Student Attendance and Facilities

MERIT LEVELS

Congratualtions to the following Merit Level Recipients:
Bronze
Yr 9: Wade Kingma
Yr 10: Callum Porter, Maeve Svinos, Alexander Weir
Yr 11: Sky Williams

Silver
Yr 8: Charlie Williams
Yr 9: Sophia Davis, Taylor Miller, Callum Rogers, Nathan Tiyce
Yr 10: Jade Cowgill
Yr 11: Harper Graham, Kayla McCoskery, Skye Williams
Gold
Yr 7: Poppy Bridgestock
Yr 8: Jake Lawrence
Yr 9: Sophia Davis, Nathan Tyce
Yr 10: Lachlan Gregory, Kayla Lemass
Yr 11: Harper Graham, Kayla McCoskery

Gold Card
Yr 7: Allanah Butler, Thomas Chandler, Levi Scott, Demi Stewart, Sophie Taylor, Timothy Wade
Yr 8: Ruby Chard, Heidi Ekman, Tahlia Kona, John Raison, Michael Thistlethwaite
Yr 11: Brooke Coleman-Smeekens, Kegan Cook, Claire Farquhar, Nicholas Hassler, Bram Leslie, Ricky Louie, James Poelzer, Audrey Pring, Harrison Rainnie, Kate Sullivan

YEAR 11 INTO 12 PARENT INFORMATION EVENING

As a parent of a Year 12 student, the road can be a 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

7.30PM – 8.30PM – SMALL GROUPS
Senior Executive and Head Teachers will address small groups and answer questions concerning:

- HSC major works
- HKS 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

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 27/10: Sue
Tues 28/10: Tracey, Marella
Wed 29/10: Reah, Donna, Janelle

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.

DISCOUNTED PARENT D&A WORKSHOPS

All workshops are designed to improve communication between parents and young people, especially in regards to choices around drugs, alcohol and risk taking. All workshops are free. Parents/carers are able to book directly through trybookings.com.

Women’s Driving Workshop
Shellharbour: 29 October (0417 342 606 or 4232 1175)
Wollongong: 29 October
http://www.trybooking.com/100049

Wine and Driving Workshop
Shellharbour: 29 October
http://www.trybooking.com/100045
Wollongong: 28 October
http://www.trybooking.com/100044

BOOKINGS ARE ESSENTIAL: PHONE DONNA FORKNALL

COMMUNITY NEWS

LUNCHTIME 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.

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.

STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Ellie Cashman, Courtney Bofinger, Dylan Cardwell, Blake Claude-Smith
Recess: Lauren Perry, Jess Nolan, Jack Morris, Ewan Stevens

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 7-9 November. Admission is $5 - 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, nominations close 4 December 2014.

2015 NATIONAL YOUTH AWARDS
The Awards recognize and celebrate the outstanding achievements of young people. This unique Australian Government initiative is for those aged between 12-25 years old as of 16 April 2015. Also open for applications is the Youth in Media Award, which recognises a recent news story which has positively portrayed youth in the media. For more information email nya@education.gov.au

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/familyenergysubsidy

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.

OK ORGANICS KIAMA
Do you live in Kiama Municipal Council Waste Zone 4? OK Organics Kiama – kitchen to compost revolution is coming to you in November! A community meeting will be held on 25 October, 9.30-10.30am at North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan Drive, Kiama Downs. No need to register, just turn up! Light refreshments will be provided. For more information contact Kiama Council Customer Service on 4232 0444.

INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY @ KIAMA LIBRARY
All over the globe, libraries are holding simultaneous gaming events! Come and celebrate @ Kiama Library on Saturday 15 November, 2.15-4.30pm at Kiama Library for ages 8-18 years (8-10 year olds must be accompanied by an adult).

Disclaimer: Kiama High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news, which may be of interest. KHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.