Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Next Monday 17 November the staff will be given a fabulous opportunity to hear about and discuss the Disability Discrimination Act with Sydney Barrister, Ben Fogarty, from Denman Chambers. I am certainly looking forward to hearing Ben.

Our school numbers look extremely good for 2015, with approximately 747 students in Years 7 to 10 and approximately 367 in Years 11 and 12 giving a total of 1114. If you know of any families who are considering enrolling their children please ask them to contact the school as soon as possible to avoid the last minute rush when school resumes in 2015.

The next P & C meeting is Executive only. Please contact the Secretary if there are issues that need to be discussed.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

MyeDiary

Our school is trialing a new electronic student eDiary which features:

- The ability for all teachers to insert non-deletable homework to their classes of students
- The ability for our school to communicate live announcements and update school events
- Communicate school policies and showcase galleries of student works
- Allow you as parents to login to check your child’s homework status

Invitation to create eDiary accounts have been sent to all staff and Year 11 students. I anticipate that staff and senior students will be making full use of the eDiary by the end of Week 6 this term.

I will let parents know in the near future when they will be sent invitations to create an eDiary account.

Finally, eDiary invitations will only be sent to senior students in 2015. Students in Years 7-10 will receive a printed diary at the beginning of 2015.

Gold Card and Gold Medal

Over the last couple of weeks Mr Shephard and I have been signing a large number of Gold Card and Gold Medal applications. It is terrific to see that so many students have progressed to these stages in our Merit System. Congratulations to everyone on your successes.

School Uniform

With the warmer weather upon us, students are being reminded to be in full school uniform. If a student is unable to wear the full uniform or part of it on a particular day, then a note from home needs to be brought to the front office before roll call. Students will then be issued with an out of uniform pass. School uniform DOES NOT include leggings, jeans, denim shorts, or track pants other than sport uniform track pants. Students are now permitted to wear either short black or white socks.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

CAREERS NEWS

Kiama High Careers has a new website – kiamahighcareers.com. Our current careers alert system will be closed down at the end of 2014. In order to receive the latest careers news, please visit kiamahighcareers.com and sign up for an account. Both students and parents can do this by selecting For Students – Student Secure Area and then selecting Registration. While it is called ‘New Student Registration’ you will see that this is also the spot for parents to register as you just need to select Parents under the Year/Group tab. When you register make sure that you write down the automatically generated password as you will need it for your first login. Your username is your email address. Please change your password when you first login. If you are having difficulties with the registration process please watch the help videos on the site (found under For Students – Help Videos) or send me an email on mitch.grove2@det.nsw.edu.au and I will get back to you ASAP.

Once you have successfully registered, you should receive an email with links to new careers newsletters as they are created (every few weeks) and the occasional email if there is an urgent message. You can unsubscribe from the old Careers Alert system as soon as you know you are receiving the emails from your new registration. Take some time to explore the new site. Features include:

- Under Important Information – Calendar of Events you will be able to view all careers events and closing dates. Click on an event to see details. You can also sign up to receive email reminders for events, although this is a potential inbox clogger. Please note that events will only be listed in the newsletter once and then will be transferred to the calendar so you need to check it regularly.
- Under For Students, there are sections where details will be uploaded of Job Vacancies and Scholarships so check in with this regularly.
- The message board on the homepage will contain a few key careers messages at any point in time.

Mitch Grove, Careers Adviser

WEEK 6 TERM 4

MONDAY 10 NOVEMBER
Regional Performing Ensemble Visit

TUESDAY 11 NOVEMBER
Remembrance Day
Yrs 9/10/11 Girls Oz Tag Finals – Nowra

WEDNESDAY 12 NOVEMBER
Yr 11 Peer Leaders Camp

THURSDAY 13 NOVEMBER
KLC Enrichment Program – Leadership Camp – Killalea

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
School Spec Rehearsal
Yrs 7/8 AIME – Wollongong Uni
CANDIDATE STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Kendall Stegga, Anakin Araya, Megan Hunt, Emily Watts
Ress: Ned Wilkinson, Jess Fleming, John Raison, Kira Loiterton

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 10/11: Kath
Tues 11/11: Linda, Janice
Wed 12/11: Vicki C
Thur 13/11: Help
Fri 14/11: 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
Seniors only may also buy coffee and hot
chocolate from the vending machine in the
canteen, any time of day.

Canteen Draft Code of Conduct

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
will go back to the P & C and school via funded
support.

COMMUNITY NEWS

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.
The course also aims to help learners identify
situations that will put them at greater risk of
a crash and consider strategies that will help
avoid them. 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 Saturday 6 December
and Wednesday 7 January 2015. For more
information contact: Julie Dryer on 0424 628
703 or visit
http://www.redcarddrivingschool.com.au

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 endeavour 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 recognise 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

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