Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Last week we started the strategic planning process that will guide what we do for the next three years. The next part of the process involves surveying parents, staff and students. The parental survey is attached. On Friday 28 November we will survey all the students present on the day as well as staff. The third phase will be to use the survey results to establish just what we want to achieve by the end of 2017.

Our School Vision Is:

Kiama High School aims to cater for the needs and aspirations of students through a broad and rich curriculum. We strive to foster caring, involved and responsible citizens while celebrating individual success. Our school aspires to equip its students with the knowledge, understanding, skills, attitudes and opportunities to prepare them for a dynamic future.

At present our strategic directions look like this –

Strategic Direction 1
Students will be aspirational and empowered to make choices that build their personal best

Strategic Direction 2
Teachers will be passionate, high-performing world-class educators.

Strategic Direction 3
A dynamic future-focused, high-performing school community that is: inclusive, informed and engaged.

I would encourage all parents to take the survey and return it to: kiama.h-school@det.nsw.edu.au, please TYPE “SCHOOL SURVEY” into the subject field.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

ESSA

Last week Year 8 students sat for their Essential Secondary Science Assessment – ESSA Test. ESSA is a state-wide Science assessment program based on the NSW Science Years 7-10 Syllabus. Students are asked to demonstrate their:

- knowledge and understanding in science
- skills in planning and conducting investigations, including a simulated experiment
- skills in understanding and responding to a range of scientific information in a variety of media (including video, audio, animation graphics and text)
- skills in critical thinking and problem solving.

Students will receive their results next year.

Peer Support

Last week a number of Year 10 students participated in an exhausting and fun-filled three days Peer Support training program. This program trains students to be effective Peer Support leaders by preparing them with the skills to help our incoming Year 7 students make a smooth transition to high school. This program has been running successfully for many years at Kiama High and we look forward to our Year 10 students carrying on with the tradition.

Monday 17/11 - English (morning session)
Geography (afternoon session)

Tuesday 18/11 - Science (morning session)
History (middle session)

Wednesday 19/11 – Mathematics (morning session)
- Food Technology* (middle session)

Friday 21/11 – All My Own Work (morning and middle sessions)

* Only for students studying this subject as an elective. Other students will attend normal lessons.

Students need to be in full school uniform, and ensure that they bring the correct equipment to their exams including calculator, geometry set, pens and pencils.

Year 10 Yearly Exams

This week, Year 10 students will sit for their yearly exams. Students have already received their exam timetable. The exam days are as follows:

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MyeDiary

As I stated in the last School Newsletter, 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 log in to check your child’s homework status.

Invitation to create eDiary accounts have been sent to all staff and Year 11 students. Staff and senior students have started making full use of the eDiary.

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.

Year 10 Clearance Day and Presentation Day Assembly

Year 10 students have received an information letter to be taken home to their parents. This letter contains important dates and requirements relating to their Clearance Day and Presentation Day. Students have been informed that their Clearance Day will be on Friday 12 December 14.

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All books and equipment must be returned on this day and all fees paid by this day to ensure student placement in subjects next year.

Students must have completed all clearance procedures in order to collect their reports on Wednesday 17 December 14 at their Presentation Day Assembly. At this Assembly, reports and awards will be distributed. Students will only be permitted to go home after this Assembly if they bring a signed permission note from home. Students not leaving will attend their normal timetabled lessons. All students, including those who have already left, will need to be in full uniform to participate in the Assembly.

Reports and documents will not be available before this Assembly. These documents can only be collected by the student or by a person with a letter of authority from the student.

Final Assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be held on Wednesday 17 December 14. More information about this will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS
ITALIAN LEGENDS
The two Year 8 Italian classes at Kiama High School were given a major assignment to complete this term. The quality of the work was outstanding and many students deserve a special mention. Full marks were awarded to Lara Balog, Sarah Café, Ruby Chard, Skye Daniels, Abbey Doyle, Heidi Ekman, Emily Hoole, Josie Mansell, Chelsea Moseley, Lauren Perry, John Raison, Joelle Robson, Luke Taylor, Julia Humphries, Lani Allen, Cassie Angeloska, Bridgette Davis, Olivia Maroney, Kiara McEvoy, Lara McGee, Kara Mitchell and Lily Peterson. The models and sketches of these students, of iconic Italian monuments such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Trevi Fountain, the Bridge of Sighs, Giotto’s Bell Tower and the Pantheon were amazing and are currently being displayed in the school library.

YEAR 10 – ‘HSC: ALL MY OWN WORK’
On Friday 21st November, Year 10 students will complete the ‘HSC: All My Own Work’ Program.

It is a BOSTES-endorsed program for all students entering into senior study. The program consists of 5 modules including:
1. Scholarship principles & practices
2. Acknowledging sources
3. Plagiarism
4. Copyright; and
5. Working with others.

The ‘HSC: All My Own Work’ Program is designed to help Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

Higher School Certificate assessment tasks such as independent research projects and major works are likely to be the most challenging learning students will undertake during their time at school. HSC - All My Own Work is a short guide to help students to complete their assessment tasks honestly and with confidence.

Every student wishing to progress to Year 11 must complete AMOW this year and have it signed off on the clearance form to be enrolled in Preliminary study. The program will take place over 2 periods on Friday as follows:

YEAR 12
Year 12 2015 embarked on their HSC journey at the beginning of Term 4. At times this will be a stressful 12 months in balancing their commitments. Students are encouraged to take every opportunity that staff provides to help them achieve their personal best, whilst maintaining their health holistically. These opportunities include:

- Staff Mentor – Year 12 students can approach a staff member whom they feel comfortable to meet with regularly and talk about tasks that are due and how to break these into manageable steps; how they are going in class; strategies to manage their workload; setting goals and managing stress. Mentoring is an important relationship that will help with HSC personal success, whilst helping students to manage their emotional health.

- Study Organiser – A booklet was handed out at the Year 12 Parent Information Evening. This booklet includes templates for students to organise their commitments and internal assessment term by term; set goals on a weekly basis and breakdown tasks into manageable steps. Students can collect one of these booklets from outside J20 or access it from the school website.

- Study Centre – The library is open every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon from 3.30-4.30pm for students to study and work with staff by appointment. This is a great opportunity for students to study in groups or seek one on one tutoring.

Ms H Dean, HT Secondary Studies

SPORT
Under 15s Boys Cricket (Hassett Cup)
Last Thursday the Kiama High School under 15s boys cricket side travelled to Figtree Oval to play Figtree High School in the 4th round of the South Coast Competition.

Kiama High School batted first and were soon in trouble, slumping to 3 for 10, before Owen Sutherland(23) and Flynn Parker(21) steadied the ship.

During the middle to latter stages of the innings Duncan Weir(47) and Matt Hockey(22) combined really well to give Kiama High a competitive total of 148. Duncan hit one towering six and four boundaries.

After the lunch break Kiama High came out on the attack, taking three early wickets. Unfortunately a couple of chances were missed, allowing Figtree High to build a couple of late innings wickets, but unfortunately it was too late, with Figtree High passing our total with 11 balls to spare. Best bowlers for Kiama High were Dylan Norris, Nathan Tiyce and Blake Harrison. Man of the match for Kiama High was Duncan Weir.
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MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 7: Joshua Contarin, Jack Daly, Breanna Delfino, Olivia Falconer
Yr 8: Kiara McEvoy, Golden Soth
Yr 9: Tamara Watkins
Yr 10: Christian Haigh, Emma Watkins

Silver
Yr 7: Joshua Adams, Saxon Anderson, Jenna Bentley, Jack Bucknell, Laura Burling, Blake Claude-Smith, Kaleb Clenton, Chloe Conner, Jack Daly, Markos Drakos, Charlie Fulton
Yr 8: Hamish Holland, Olivia Maroney, Lily Peterson, Kirsten Smith
Yr 9: Benjamin Falconer, Eli Wilson
Yr 10: Christian Haigh, Jesse Willingham

Gold
Yr 7: Anakin Araya, Savannah Armstrong, Tasman Berry, Jacob Brennan, Hannah Brockman, Annabel Bunyard, Elizabeth Clements, Haizq Cunningham, Taija-Rae Dal Busco, Travis Gelfius, Jacob Laughton, Caitlyn Moore, Samantha Tyice
Yr 8: Hamson Herft, Olivia Joshi, Joelle Robson, Christian Spong
Yr 9: Callum Rogers, Hannah Walter
Yr 10: Brooke Bugden, Christian Haigh

Gold Card
Yr 7: Carly Abbott, Dylan Cardwell, Ruby Crane, Jiare Crowley, Daniel Fleming, Megan Hunt, Jacob Laughton, Victoria Luke, Byron Moulang, Abbey Murphy, Abbey Philptt, Amelia Plum, Emma Speering, Ewan Stevens, Jade Sullivan, Mackenzie Warfield, Emily Watts
Yr 8: Bailey Boniface, Jake Lawrance, Chelsea-Leigh Moseley, Alexander Wunsch
Yr 9: Olivia Fanke, Chelsea Johnson, Chloe Johnson, Darcy Lawton, Bianca Robertson, Ciara Rogers, Joshua Spain
Yr 10: Ewan Bell, Adelaide Galovic, Kirstyn Luke, Benjamin McAlister, Jordan Warren, Isabel West
Yr 11: Georgina Farrar

Company in the opening segment and Kiama High School dancers will be performing in the last segment before the finale.

Students also have the opportunity to attend an excursion to view the Friday matinee performance with the school. Students should see Ms Power if they are interested. The general public may purchase directly through Ticketek.

Information about the show, as well as information regarding purchasing tickets can be found on the Schools Spectacular website, www.schoolsspectacular.com.au.

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.

CANTERBURY
VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Laura Burling, Jacob Farquhar, Ethan Corkin, Carly Abbott
Recess: Heidi Ekman, Zoe Cook, Keeley Doherty, Hannah Sultana

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 17/11: Michelle
Tues 18/11: Leanne, Julie
Wed 19/11:
Thur 20/11: Help
Fri 21/11: Help
Meal Deals

HEAD LICE

There have been reported cases of head lice in the community. Head lice are a very common problem that most parents and teachers are more than familiar with. If your child has head lice here are some treatment tips:

- Do not treat your child if their scalp is irritated or inflamed
- Always read the head lice product label and directions before you apply it to your child's head. Products can be found in local chemists
- Apply the head lice product to every strand of your child's hair and work through, leave for 20 minutes, and comb out with a good quality lice comb
- Check your child's head and if dead lice are found, the product has worked. However make sure you re-treat your child's head in seven days to catch nymphs that have emerged from unhatched eggs

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Reduce the risk of your child catching head lice by tying their hair back or braiding it.

**UDINE EXCHANGE**

Kiama High School has had a sister school agreement with the Liceo Scientifico G Marinelli of Udine, Italy, since 2003. As part of this agreement each year, for a period of approximately eight weeks, families of students studying Italian at Kiama High host students from the Liceo. In turn, in a reciprocal exchange, our students travel in November-January to attend school, staying with the host family. Michaelie Greenwell, Georgina Farrar, Cassidy Richardson and Ewan Bell will be travelling to Udine in a few weeks to stay with their families and become fully immersed in the language and culture of Italy. Kiama High School wishes these students a safe and wonderful stay. Buon Viaggio

Professressa Crocco

**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

**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.au or www.afs.org.au/host.

**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 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

**ESSENTIAL EMPLOYMENT & TRAINING**

Essential Employment and Training (EET) offer the following services for people with disability, illness and injury:

- Disability Employment Services (DES)
- Youth Employment Program (YEP)
- Transition to Work (TTW)
- Community Participation (CP)
- Individual Funding Packages (IF)

For more information phone 1800 243 513, info@eetgroup.com.au or www.eetgroup.com.au

**AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS 2015**

Last year Kiama celebrated a veteran’s volunteer, a surfing champion, an arts advocate and an SES leader. Who should we celebrate next?

Nominate your hero. Australia Day Award categories are: Citizen of the Year; Young Citizen of the Year; Sports; Community Arts. Kiama Council Achievement Awards categories are: Service to the Environment; Community Achievement – includes service to the aged; Youth Achievement – includes scholastic achievement.

To nominate someone you know, complete the online form available at www.kiama.nsw.gov.au or collect a form from Kiama Council. Nominations close 4pm Friday 28 November. For more information contact the Special Events Co-ordinator, Melissa Colless on 0466 308 994 or melissac@kiama.nsw.gov.au

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