Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Congratulations to Imogen Bakewell, our School Captain, on her selection as Youth Parliamentarian for 2015. Imogen is an outstanding ambassador for Kiama High and we wish her every success working alongside Gareth Ward next year.

Last week we invited half of our incoming Year 7 for 2015 for orientation day. I hope everyone enjoyed this day and that friendships have started with students from other schools, as well as with their peer leaders.

This week the next half of Year 7 2015 will be at school for their orientation day. Wednesday night, 3 December, is the parent information night for Year 7 2015, 7pm in the Hall.

Speech night is rapidly approaching, 9 December in the “NEW GYM” at 7pm.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

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PRESENTATION NIGHT

Presentation Night will be held on Tuesday 9 December in the new Gym at 7.00pm. Invitations have been sent to parents of those students receiving awards. Any enquiries should be directed to Mrs Cooper during school hours.

YEAR 10 CLEARANCE DAY AND PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY

Year 10 students received an information letter from Mr Hudson 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.

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

Students must have completed all clearance procedures in order to collect their reports on Wednesday 17 December 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. More information about this will appear in next week’s newsletter.

A FINAL NOTE FROM ME FOR 2014

I will be on leave from Monday 1 December until the end of Term. Mrs Cooper will be relieving in my position. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you and your family a very Merry Christmas and a safe and peaceful New Year.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

WEEK 9 TERM 4
MONDAY 1 DECEMBER
TUESDAY 2 DECEMBER
KLC Leadership Day
Jamberoo Gold Card Excursion
WEDNESDAY 3 DECEMBER
Yrs 6-7 Orientation Day
Yr 6 Parent Information Night
Canteen Helpers Christmas Party
THURSDAY 4 DECEMBER
Yr 10 Marine Studies Excursion
FRIDAY 5 DECEMBER
Maths Enrichment Day – Darling Harbour

MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 7: Adam McCann, Isabella Wingrove

Silver:
Yr 7: Jordan Gaffney, Thomas Walter
Yr 9: Dylan Arnold, Erin Dobson
Gold
Yr 9: Erin Dobson

Gold Card
Yr 8: Nicol Petkovic, Izak Robinson
Yr 9: Shania Cliff, Olivia Deans, Joseph Edwards, Bronte Emm, Taylor Savage, Emelyn Stuckey, Nikkeah Wallace
Yr 10: Christian Haigh

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.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Jayden Murray, Chaice Haines-Rice, Tionne Harris, Lochlan Doswell
Recess: Abby Allen, Savannah Armstrong, Gemma Garrett, Keely Nette
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.

**DISABILITY AWARENESS DAY, 5 DECEMBER**

Kiama High will be recognising the diversity of students and people in the community that have a disability on Friday 5 December. We are encouraging support for their dignity, rights and wellbeing. The theme is: “Let’s Break Door Barriers and Open Doors”.

Schools today are integrating many students with disability and the teachers will be including lessons and activity sheets to recognise the various contributions made by people with disabilities in our world. We are asking the students to come in “multi-coloured” clothing to demonstrate their support of people with disabilities in the community that we are part of.

**UOW ‘ITS OKAY NOT TO DRINK’ POSTER COMPETITION**

Over 18 months ago, Kiama High School was chosen as the case study for the University of Wollongong research project on Underage Drinking in the community and the impact of social norms. During this time, our students have been involved in health units and formal presentations on the effects of underage drinking and the social norms that impact decision-making and behaviours of adolescents and parents in our community. This term, Years 7-9 students have been involved in designing a poster for the campaign. The guidelines for the posters were as follows:

- Needed to include a social norms message
- Include a catchy slogan
- Represent Kiama community
- Be visually appealing.

The standard of the posters submitted was extremely high, judged by Professor and lead researcher on the project, Sandra Jones, Program Manager, Centre for Health and Social Research at the Australian Catholic University, Kelly Andrews, Graphic Designer for the Centre of Health Initiatives UOW, Josh Beard and PDHPE Teacher, Hayley Dean. Thank you and congratulations on behalf of the judges to all those students who entered the competition. The winners received the following prizes: 1st Double pass for ‘Wet & Wild’, 2nd $50 Stocklands voucher, 3rd $15 JB HiFi voucher. Thank you to Jenny Morris and the Art Department for facilitating the competition. All posters will be displayed on the school website and the UOW Project Facebook page.

Results are as follows: Year 7: Winner - Carly Abbott, Runner-Up - Ellie Burley, Highly Commended - Abbey Murphy; Year 8: Winner - Julia Humphries, Runner-Up - Lara Balog, Highly Commended - Nikita McGeechan; Year 9: Winner - Trinity Zadro, Runner-Up - Leah Mercer, Highly Commended - Olivia Deans.

**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 Wednesday 7 January 2015. 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.au or www.afs.org.au/host.

**BARNARDOS AUSTRALIA**

Don’t count yourself out – Barnardos Australia urgently need more foster carers. For more information phone 1800663441 or email barnardos.org.au/wecare