Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
This week we are mailing home information about how the school is funded and how attendance is legislated and recorded.

The funding information requires you to update your family details so that we can ensure that our level of funding is accurate. One of the key areas is the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). Would you please ensure that the information that we have is accurate? I can assure you that all information is treated with the highest confidentiality. Would you please edit the form as required and return it to us ASAP.

My congratulations to our newly elected Year 7 SRC representatives: Laura Burling, Taylor-Lee Byrne, Ethan Corkin and Byron Moulang. These four young people have been elected by their peers onto the school’s student voice, a very important position. I look forward to working with them in the future.

We also held the Kiama Learning Community “Leaving a Legacy” Leadership Day with student reps from Gerringong, Jamberoo, Kiama and Minnamurra Public Schools working with some of our student leaders to develop a ‘project’ for their individual schools as well ideas and strategies for fund raising and working to a deadline. We look forward to seeing the journey and the end results as the KLC Leadership Program is in its third year. My thanks to our partner Primary Schools and to our Year 11 Leaders, Ms Meppem (SRC Coordinator) and Ms Dean Head Teacher Secondary Studies.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

Student resumption
This is the last week of Term 1. School resumes for students on Tuesday 29th April. This will be Week B. There will be some changes to timetables for Term 2. Students will have new timetables distributed at the end of this week.

Medication
In my column for Week 9, I erroneously informed you that all over the counter medication such as cold and flu tablets, Panadol etc. must have a letter from a carer with the student’s name and dosage labelled on the medication. The information should have read, ‘…all over the counter medication such as cold and flu tablets, Panadol etc. must have a letter from a pharmacist or doctor (NOT carer) with the student’s name and dosage labelled on the medication. I apologise for any inconvenience that this may have caused.

Meet the Year 7 Teachers’ BBQ
We had a good turn-out of parents at the Meet the Year 7 Teachers’ BBQ last Tuesday evening. It was gratifying meeting our parents in person and discussing their child’s educational progress and aspirations.

Student absences
Students absent from school must provide a note to their roll call teacher, preferably on the first day back, but at the latest within 7 days of returning.

Banned items
The following are banned from school: chewing gum, permanent markers, liquid paper, aerosol sprays, scooters and skateboards.

Sick Bay
Students who are unwell are to report to sick bay. The clinic supervisor will then contact a parent or carer, or if these are not available then the emergency contact person. Our clinic facilities are limited for the number of students in the school, so parents will be asked to collect students as soon as possible. Students should not phone parents directly to get picked up.

Leaving school grounds
Students are not to leave the school grounds during the day unless they have a pass to do so. Seniors who have a regular pass must still sign out at the front office. In an emergency situation we need to be able to account for all students, and know exactly who is at school.

Bus travellers are expected to remain at school once their bus arrives in the morning, and are to wait for the bus in the school grounds in the afternoons. Students are not to leave the school to go to the shops.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of our students and staff a safe and pleasant holiday.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

WEEK 11 TERM 1 2014
MONDAY 7 APRIL
Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams continue
NSW CHS Swimming Championships
TUESDAY 8 APRIL
ANZAC Day Ceremony
WEDNESDAY 9 APRIL
Zone Basketball
Yrs 8 – 10 Cross Country for Sport
THURSDAY 10 APRIL
Sydney Royal Easter Show Excursion
FRIDAY 11 APRIL
End of Term 1

WEEK 1 TERM 2 2014
MONDAY 28 APRIL
Staff Development Day
TUESDAY 29 APRIL
Students Return for Term 2

CAN A COMMUNITY STOP UNDERAGE DRINKING?

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HIGH FLYERS
Mr Berry's 'Students of the Month' are:
Kevin Louie, 12 Legal Studies; Rebecca Weir, 11 Legal Studies; Claire Farquar, 11 Geography; Darcy Bond, 10 Geography; Liam Douglas and Jennie Smith, 8 Geography.

The PBS (Positive Behaviour for Success) winners for last week were: Tim Wade, Drew Quirk, Courtney Bofinger, Brooke McDonald and Jack Bucknell who all won AMF Bowling Vouchers. Isabella Wingrove, Katie Vicary, and Jack Bucknell who all won AMF Bowling Quirk, Courtney Bofinger, Brooke McDonald winners for last week were: Tim Wade, Drew Quirk, Courtney Bofinger, Brooke McDonald.

SPORT
South Coast Representatives
Congratulations to the following students on their selection in the South Coast Hockey teams to compete in the NSWCHS Championships next term: Kelsey Wishart, Grace Stewart, Riley Wishart, Montana Marsh, Keeleigh McCauley and Joshua Mayo. We wish them good luck as they take on the best Hockey teams in the state.

Cross Country – Yrs 8, 9 & 10
There will be no school sport this Wednesday, including morning surfing, due to the Cross Country taking place during Periods 5 and 6. It is compulsory for all students at school to walk or run in their respective age groups (age he/she turns this year). Yrs 7 – 10 have been preparing for the Cross Country in PE lessons for the past 5 weeks, running various courses and terrains and being tested over 12 minutes. Yrs 11 and 12 students are also cordially invited to participate on Wednesday.

The course remains the same as in previous years ie starting and finishing at Kendall’s Beach, running via the lighthouse. There is a map of the course in the science quad.

If a student is injured or sick on Wednesday, they must bring a note to Mrs McGuinness in M4 at the start of lunch. These students may be asked to help with setting up or recording results.

Mrs McGuinness

KIAMA BUSINESSES SEEK STUDENT HELP IMPLEMENTING DIGITAL STRATEGY.
Kiamia businesses and local high school students will both stand to gain as an innovative pilot program is launched in Kiamia this coming month called NextGen Digital Business Program.

The concept for the pilot program, which will be facilitated by Kiama Community College, was developed by a number of regional representations including Kiama Municipal Council’s Economic Development Manager.

The NextGen Digital Business Program will see at least 15 tech-savvy Kiama High School students delivering digital services such as social media and website updates as well as other digital tasks including data entry, database creation, YouTube clip development and app development to local businesses on a paid basis.

Early response from businesses is very enthusiastic. The opportunity for local businesses to “crank up” online presence whilst also supporting local youth at a cost of as little as $35 per week for 9 weeks has been warmly received.

The program commences in early April. Businesses wishing to be involved in the program should contact Leanne Spence at Kiama Community College on 4232 1050 or leanne.spence@kcc.nsw.edu.au.
COMMUNITY NEWS

Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment (RYPEN)

RYPEN (Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment) is a 3 day camp and program for 14 to 17 year old boys and girls. The aim is to communicate to these young people a series of ideas, problems and social experiences which will assist them in forming their own values and moral standards, and also to broaden their horizons culturally, socially and academically.

The next camp is from Friday 16-18 May at Old Mogo Town near Batemans Bay. The Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise is looking for suitable young people from the local area to sponsor to attend. If you are interested check out the info on Facebook RYPEN 9710.

Applications are found online www.rotary9710.org.au. Please contact Dave Broadley on 42343167 for further information. Applications can be handed in at the school office.

Support Group for Parents and Carers of Children with ADD/ADHD

North Kiama Neighbourhood Centre, Meehan Drive Kiama Downs, Mondays starting 5 May 10am to 11.30am

Contact Sharon 42378422, Come along and join us

CALLING ALL PLAYERS BORN IN 1997 AND 1998…KIAMA JUNIOR RUGBY NEEDS YOU!!

We’re fielding an U17’s team this year and we need you to play! The Illawarra competition won’t be fielding an U16’s this year so U16 and U17 players will be playing in a combined U17’s competition. We’ve secured sponsorship for the team, so if you decide to be involved, you’ll receive your jersey at the end of the season, training t-shirt during the season, and also a drink and a steak sandwich each time you play. So if you’re interested or even just want to have a look, training is on Tuesday and Thursday nights at the rugby club at 6pm, once Stewart kicks off the team. The season is due to commence on 27 April with 14 rounds of games until the finals series. If you’ve already registered that’s great – bring your mates to play also.

Contact the Coach: STEWART PARMENTER ph; 0474188990 or Manager: ANDREW DAVIDSON ph; 0400365666.

Jim Butcher at Kiama Library

Jim Butcher, author of the New York Times best-selling paranormal fantasy series The Dresden Files and the fantasy series Codex Alera is making his first ever overseas tour, attending the Supanova Pop Culture Expo’s at the Gold Coast, Melbourne and Perth.

As part of his tour, Jim is only visiting one location in New South Wales. That location is Kiama Library. If you’re a fan of paranormal & fantasy fiction, this is an opportunity not to be missed.

From 6 – 7.30pm Tuesday 8th April at Kiama Library, Jim will be conducting a Q & A session followed by a book signing (3 item limit per person). Bookings are essential as places are limited. Tickets can be purchased for $10 in person at Kiama Library or by phone on (02) 4233 1133. Email library@kiama.nsw.gov.au for enquiries.

Parenting for Success

In this realistic and practical presentation about parenting younger children, Carol Boland will talk about how children learn to cope in times of stress and how parents can use this knowledge to help kids grow into resourceful, confident adults.

Development of effective strategies that build children’s self-esteem, confidence, effective problem-solving skills and positive communication between a parent and their child are key protective factors that reduce the likelihood of young people becoming involved in risk taking behaviours, such as substance abuse. These early years lay important foundations for building blocks for later life.

Monday 7 April 2014

Nowra 12:30pm-2:30pm: Shoalhaven Entertainment Centre, Bridge Road, Nowra
Tuesday 8 April 2014

Albion Park 9:00am-11:00am: Centenary Hall, Tongarra Rd, Albion Park and Dapto 12:30pm-2:30pm: Dapto Ribbonwood Centre Kurrajong Hall www.trybooking.com/Booking/BookingEventSummary

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