**PRINCIPALS MESSAGE**

Last week we were extremely fortunate to host Mr Mick Gooda, the ATSI Commissioner. Mr Gooda spoke to our senior students about his role and what he saw into the future for our country. His talk was enlightening as well as captivating.

My sincere thanks to Mick for taking the time out of his very busy schedule and to Libby Eggins and Donna Duggan for organising the day.

Next week we celebrate Reconciliation Week with a variety of activities.

Monday 26 May is parent/teacher interview afternoon/evening. I really look forward to chatting with parents about their experience of Kiama High School

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

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**DEPUTIES NEWS**

**Parent/Teacher Evening**

A reminder that the parent/teacher evening for students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will be held this Monday 26 May between the hours of 2.45pm and 7.00pm. Students have received their booking sheets and have been asked to make appointment times with their teachers on behalf of their parents. Parents are urged to check their child’s booking sheet for the correct times.

**Cyberbullying**

Facebook and other social media continue to cause problems for students both in and out of school. When we see printouts of what some students are receiving it is quite disturbing to think that teenagers would use such threatening, intimidating and abusive language towards each other. If you are not listed as a friend on your child’s site, perhaps you might like to consider it. It allows you to have some insight into what is happening in your child’s world – and it is not always pleasant. Used correctly the internet can be a great facilitator for communication.

**Reconciliation Week**

A number of activities are planned for this week as part of Reconciliation Week. There will be a Sorry Day Ceremony on Monday in Kiama. This will be attended by our Indigenous students along with students from our Years 11 and 12 Aboriginal Studies classes. Further, a Reconciliation Week ceremony and walk will take place on Thursday in recognition of Reconciliation Week. The aforementioned students and SRC will be involved.

**Hands Off Policy**

Please reinforce with students the Schools “Hands Off” policy. This includes no physical contact between students, and no touching of anyone else’s property. Many of the accidents, injuries and damage to personal effects, that occur at school, result from what students consider ‘just mucking around’. This is not an acceptable excuse for inappropriate behaviour.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

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**SPORT**

**NSW REPRESENTATIVE**

Congratulations to Tyran Wishart (Yr 9) on his selection in the NSWCHS 15yrs Touch Football team. Tyran was selected after starring for South Coast at the NSWCHS Tournament at Newcastle recently. Tyran will now compete in the NSW All-Students trials and we wish him good luck.

**SOUTH COAST REPRESENTATIVE**

Congratulations to Nathan Cowgill (Yr 8) and Will Stewart(9) on their selection in the South Coast 15yrs AFL team. Nathan will travel to Wagga Wagga to compete in the NSWCHS titles. Well done and good luck, Nathan!

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**KHS Win Zone Cross Country for 12th Year in a Row!**

What a great achievement! KHS Cross Country runners have continued the proud tradition of previous teams by winning the Zone Cross Country Champion School Trophy for the 12th year in a row.

Jason Pappas led the way by winning the 14yrs Age Championship, with Callum Rogers (2nd in 15yrs); Michael Robinson (3rd in 15yrs) and Michael Blomley (3rd in 14yrs) running superbly as well.

In a real team effort, five of our age groups won their respective team events: congratulations to the Girls 15yrs team (Amy Files 4th, Daisy Files 6th, Georgia Wedd 8th, Taylor Savage 9th); the Boys 14yrs team (Jason Pappas, Michael Blomley, Dylan Pemberton 6th, Nathan Cowgill 14th); the Boys 15yrs team (Callum Rogers, Michael Robinson, Nic Wingrove 6th, Will Stewart 12th); the Boys 16yrs (Callum Lee 4th, Jordan Warren 5th, Daniel Blomley 7th, Toby Gumley-Quine 10th) and the Boys 17yrs team (Ben Jackson 7th, Phil McGecheon 8th, Ryan Alexander 17th, Brendan Pollard 18th).

The above teams will be joined by the following individual runners when they compete at the South Coast Championships on Friday 30 May at “Willandra”: Tayla Hall(4th); Ireland Harrison(6th); Elizabeth Gorman(4th); Teisha Hedges(7th); Audrey Pring(5th); Dylan Weber-Freel(7th); Haziq Cunningham(8th); Brayden Holland(7th); Cameron Pedersen(10th) and Nick Hassler(AWD). We wish these athletes good luck!

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**WEEK 5 TERM**

**MONDAY 26 MAY**

Yrs 7, 11, 12 Parent Teacher Night
National Sorry Day

**TUESDAY 27 MAY**

Reconciliation Week 27/5-3/6
Girls Hockey Knockout - Figtree

**WEDNESDAY 28 MAY**

AIME Wollongong Uni
Yr 11 PDHPE Anatomy & Fitness Lab

**THURSDAY 29 MAY**

Yr 12 Geography Sydney – 30/5
Girls Rugby 7s

**FRIDAY 30 MAY**

Regional Cross Country
Art Express - Wollongong
Congratulations also to all students who represented the school so well. The team was a pleasure to take away, with teachers from a number of the other Zone Schools commenting on how well-mannered and polite our students are, and on how well they supported and cheered for each other in such a positive, encouraging and sportsmanlike manner. Well done, team!

**Mick Gooda’s Visit To KHS**

Mr Mick Gooda visited Kiama High School on the 16 May to speak to the senior students and guests about the importance of constitutional recognition of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples. Mick Gooda is the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Social Justice Commissioner.

As Social Justice Commissioner, he advocates for the recognition of the rights of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples in Australia and seeks to promote respect and understanding of these rights among the broader Australian community. His visit was a success and KHS is honoured to be able to host him.

**Apprenticeships & Traineeships Information Sessions**

Improve your chances of getting an apprenticeship - find out: what do employers want? Where do I find the jobs? Strategies and Resources.

**When & Where:** Tuesday 17 June 2014, 6.00pm-7.30pm at The Builders Club and Wednesday 18 June 2014, 6.00pm-7.30pm at The Shellharbour Club.

**Bookings:** Workplace Learning Illawarra on 4225 2526 or email tracey@iswlp.org.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.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 26/5: Cheryl, Jackie

Tue 27/5: Janice, Linda

Wed 28/5: Help Needed

Thu 29/5: Nerida

Fri 30/5: Heidi, Help Needed

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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY OPPORTUNITY FOR BOYS**

Shearing Camp is an agricultural camp for boys in Years 7-12 at Oriel and Coradgery, two farms near Parkes in the Central West of NSW. Campers will live in the shearer’s quarters and experience the day to day activities of a commercial wool shed. You can get involved in droving, drafting, catching and penning up sheep, yabbying, wide-games or sitting around the campfire having a yarn. There will be plenty of wholesome farm cooking from our two great cooks. It is a camp where you will learn about Gob and are able to discuss and ask questions about the Bible. The camp runs from Sunday 29 June to Friday 6 July, cost is $200 for camp, $100 for transport. Mr Dixon, SRE Teacher is holding a parent information night on 26 May 5-7pm in L18 or call Mr Dixon at school on 4232 1911. Registration www.sunsw.org.au or email info@nsw.su.org.au

**CHILDREN’S MEDICAL RESEARCH INSTITUTE**

Please join us at the Greater Union, Shellharbour to see Nicole Kidman starring in “Grace of Monaco” on Thursday 5 June, 6.30pm for slice, sandwiches, tea/coffee followed by the movie at 7pm. Tickets are $20 from Belinda on 42340 224 or 0421 349 505 or belwall@bigpond.net.au. This is a fundraising event for the Children's Medical Research Institute Gerringong committee.

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