Kiama High School Newsletter

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE
The term is very rapidly coming to an end. Reports will be given out on FRIDAY 27 JUNE.

Next term starts for students on TUESDAY 15 JULY.

I have had some complaints about parking in and near the school. I have asked students to ensure that they park legally and considerately at all times.

I would ask parents to not use the staff car parks or the bus bay to drop their children off. Doing so creates unnecessary congestion and is illegal in the bus bay.

Just a gentle reminder that Council Rangers and Police are enforcing parking regulation in the area.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

Year 12 and the Trials
Year 12 should be experiencing a rigorous work load at the moment and of course, the work load is going to be unrelenting moving into this final chapter of the HSC.

HSC Trials are coming up early next term, which means that Year 12 students will be using their holidays in preparation for the exams. The HSC Trials are very important not only to the student’s school assessment, but also because these exams will reflect the format of the actual HSC exams. The Trials will be a ‘practise run through’ for students in terms of time management and exam technique.

It is understood that parents will be supporting their child during this rigorous study time. A quiet study environment, a hot milo, cooking their child’s favourite meal or just generally being there for a chat, are some things that parents can do for their child.

It is also understood that Year 12 students will be self-motivated, aspiring to do the best that they can in the Trials. Remember, Year 12, that you need to be working towards setting up that ‘long term memory’ – the better you study for your Trials the more chance that the long term memory will be activated for the HSC exams.

Keep your goals in sight Year 12, you are on the home stretch now.

School resumes on Tuesday 15 July. Have a safe, happy and productive break.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

HIGH FLYERS

Australian Representatives
Grace Stewart and Josh Mayo will be touring South Africa with the Australian All Schools 16yrs Hockey team during this coming holidays. Kiama High School wishes Josh and Grace all the best and good luck!

Ms Chapman would like to congratulate the following students in her classes:

Year 8 Technology – Emily Mathein, Evie Chapman, Bailey Harrison, Rogan Collis, Zoe Cook, Hannah Tregret, Lani Allen and Cassandra George for continued hard work and perseverance in Textiles Technology.

Year 11 Hospitality Class – I would like to congratulate the whole class for their exemplary attendance record so far this term and for their continued hard work and dedication to their class work.

Year 9 Food Technology – Taylor Brookes, Bianca Robertson, Emelyn Stuckey, Lisa Hunt, Madison Allerby and Jaclyn Fuda for outstanding marks in their nutrition assignment.

Attendance Matters: It’s Not OK To Be Away
Kiama High School acknowledges that educating students for academic success, developing life skills and ultimately, creating and shaping a student’s career path, is a partnership between the school, parents and the wider community.

The correlation between school attendance and children’s achievement levels is well-established. The more time students spend at school, the more likely they are to experience school success, leading to the realisation of career goals and full time employment.

Conversely, students who take more time off school are at the greatest risk of not achieving their full academic potential, dropping out of school early and of experiencing long-term unemployment.

It’s clear, attendance does matter.

When it comes to attendance, Kiama High School has the highest student attendance rate than any other high school in its group in 2011, 2012 and 2013. It is also clear that Kiama High School is one of the best performing high schools in the HSC, with students of 2013 achieving 67 Band 6 in a variety of courses. These two reasons alone are enough reason for parents to send their child to Kiama High.

The Education Act 1990 requires that parents and carers ensure that children of compulsory school age are enrolled at and regularly attend school or are registered for home schooling. The NSW DET may take legal action against parents and carers who do not send their children to school without a valid reason. Kiama High does not make apologies for its strong adherence to DET’s Attendance Policy, the results speak for themselves.

…..So I would like to the opportunity to inform or refresh some of the attendance procedures that are in place at KHS.

When a student is absent, a note of explanation must be presented at roll call within 7 days of returning to school, otherwise the absence automatically becomes unjustified. Both justified and unjustified absences are evident on the school report.

An absence is deemed as justified for reasons like sickness, an urgent family situation e.g. a funeral, or a religious or cultural event. Unjustified reasons for absence include going shopping, minding a younger sibling, having a birthday and not attending sporting carnivals, incursions or excursions.

Requesting an early departure or late arrival, it is just that – a request. As much as some parents do not like it, it is not a matter of them giving permission for their child to

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miss some of the school day. it is a matter of seeking approval from the school. it is also requested to schedule medical appointments outside of school hours as much as possible. when an appointment is organised within school hours, then it is in the school's right to request the name of the professional, a contact number and the exact time of appointment.

**sport:** when a student is unable to participate in sport due to illness or injury, then he/she will attend non-sport where the student can complete homework or assessment tasks. permission will not be granted to go home, as per dec attendance policy.

as a school community, we need to support the school’s attendance policy and procedures and in doing so, we are acknowledging the value that education has to the lives of our children. be on time: be at school: that’s the rule!

**m cooper, ht administration student attendance**

**dancers’ spectacular success**

congratulations to 7 members of the kiama high school junior dance ensemble who have been successful in securing a place in the combined dance for this year’s schools spectacular.

they are astrid nicholls and laiken gladwell yr 10, olivia prestedge and ciara rogers yr 9, josie mansell yr 8 and brooke macdonald and lily guthrie yr 7.

this is a high achievement as these positions are much sort after from schools across the state.

the schools spectacular will be held in sydney at the sydney entertainment centre from friday 28 november – saturday 29 november 2014.

**dancers shine at south coast dance festival 2014**

last week the kiama hs junior dance ensemble took part in the south coast dance festival which is held annually in wollongong at the ipac.

this week is an exciting week of performances for students from all over the region to showcase the work from their schools. this year the khs ensemble comprised of 18 talented dancers from yrs 7 - 10.

the dancers are: astrid nicholls, laiken gladwell, from yr10; olivia prestedge and ciara rogers from yr8; ruby chard, heidi ekman, caitlin lancuba, josie mansell, ivy moroz, nikita mcgeechan from yr8; and ellie cashman, aimee deen, lily guthrie, chelsea koks, eliza metcalfe, brooke macdonald, abbey murphy, lucy steel from yr7.

their dance, ‘variations on a theme in blue’ was a beautiful contemporary piece exploring the different meanings associated with the colour blue. our students performed their dance 4 times during the festival and had an opportunity to watch the performances from other schools during the closed performance on saturday morning.

these dancers have been rehearsing and working together since the beginning of the year, and i have been very impressed with their commitment and mature approach. the results were evident in their confident and expressive performances as well as their responsible behaviour backstage.

congratulations, dancers, well done. also thanks to ms jaeger, ms mitchell and ms cashman for assistance in accompanying the group during the performance week.

**ms gilbert, dance teacher**

**sport**

**years 9 & 10 boys touch report**

on friday 13 june the 2014 wollongong 9 & 10 all-schools touch championships were held at dalton park in fairy meadow. kiama had two teams entered in the boy’s division and both performed very well on the day.

**team 1** members were callan thistlethwaite, ryan cahill, dylan morris, alex boles, hayden moon, callum cooper, tyran wishart, jayden roots, beau doosey and kain doryah.

**team 2** ryan micallef, nic wingrove, tom murray, mitchell weston, callum lee, nathan tyice, kieran cupitt, lachlan budd, angus farrell and jamie reay.

results for both teams are as follows:-

**team 1** defeated oak flats high 9 – 1, defeated tiggs 4 – 0, defeated illawarra sports 3 – 2 in the round games and in the quarter final defeated keira 6 – 0, semi-final defeated illawarra sports 6 – 3 and unfortunately had a disappointing loss to warilla high 7 – 3 in the final.

**team 2** defeated keira high 4 - 1, defeated holy spirit 2 - 1 and lost to warilla high 5 - 1 in the pool games. they defeated holy spirit 4 - 0 in the quarter-final and then lost to warilla 4 - 3 in a drop off in the semi-final.

congratulations to both teams on your performances both on and off the field and also, a big thankyou to jack armstrong-wright for refereeing during the day.

**steve hudson**

**u18s representative basketball**

the u18s kiama representative basketball team played in the country tournament in maitland over the june long weekend. the team included 7 kiama high school students – tim stewartson, june poelzer, matt stewartson and edward agar (yr 11), tasman...
Sizzling Southgate Sows Seeds to Success: Open Boys Tennis Report

The Open Boys Tennis side continued their success by winning the regional tennis playoffs held at Bomaderry last Monday. The team consisted of Bjorn “Mighty” Myers, Geordie “Wily” Wallace, “Rocking” Reid Formosa and Lochlan “Sizzling” Southgate. The team came up against the highly fancied Figtree High School in the semi-finals of the South Coast. Southgate demolished the opposition 6/0 in his singles and teamed up with Reid in the doubles with another 6/0 drubbing. Mighty Myers and Wily Wallace went down in a cliff-hanging tie-breaker, whilst Reid won his singles 6/2. We ended up winning the match 5 sets to 3.

Our lads were primed in the final against Mulwaree High. Southgate and Formosa once again disposed of their opposition whilst Myers and Wallace made no mistake in dealing with their opposition. Bjorn then showed his experience winning 6/2 in his singles. Geordie battled it out against a strong opposition and went down narrowly in a great match 7/5. Reid emerged victorious whilst Lochlan proved unstoppable, winning 6/0 in his encounter. This gave us an unbeatable lead and we did not have to play the reverse doubles.

Once again, the boys are to be congratulated on their behaviour and the tremendous way in which they interacted with the opposition. The team now progresses to the State Finals Carnival to be held in Richmond on September 2 and 3. We wish them every success in their endeavours.

Mr Berry

MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 7: Tionne Harris, Reuben West
Yr 8: Michael Blomley, Lyleton Chaplin, Azsa Delios, Liam Douglas, Hayley Humphries, Olivia Joshi, Abbie Price, Zachary Walsh
Yr 10: Eliza Berry
Yr 11: Brooke Coleman-Smeekens, Raquel Fanke, Michalie Greenwell, Ricky Louie, Matthew Price

Silver
Yr 8: Tuscany Connor, Izabella Elphick, Matilda Hammad, Jennie Smith
Yr 11: Imogen Del Solar, Matthew Price

Gold
Yr 8: Keeley Doherty, Tara Rogers

NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA

Kiama High is at present completing the National Consistent Collection of Data for students with a “disability”. This is a generic term and covers diabetes, learning difficulties, anxiety and medical problems such as anaphylaxis etc. It is for future funding for the students and is completely confidential. Names will not be disclosed to any other parties outside the school. You only need to contact the school if you do not want your child to be included.

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: Abby Allen, Savannah Armstrong, Gemma Garrett, Jayden Murray

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 23/6: Heather, Lisa
Tues 24/6: Julie, Leanne
Wed 25/6: Reah, Alison
Thur 26/6: Graeme
Fri 27/6: ½ day close at recess

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. More help is required for Term 3.

COMUNITY NEWS

UNSW SCHOLARSHIPS INFO EVENING

When: 6.30pm-8.30pm Tuesday 24 June, at the Sir John Clancy Auditorium (C24), UNSW Kensington Campus. The evening is aimed at Year 11 and 12 students and their parents. The evening will consist of: general introduction to UNSW scholarships and application process; Co-op Program opportunities and how to apply; an opportunity for one-on-one discussions about specific scholarships. Students interested in studying Business: Actuarial, Finance & Banking, Information Systems & Technology, Marketing or Engineering can also register to attend the Co-op Spotlight on Careers which will be held on the same night, 5pm-6.30pm in the Central Lecture Block, UNSW Kensington. Registration required www.whatson.unsw.edu.au. Contact 9385
1078 or scholarships@unsw.edu.au for more information.

HSC TUTORING DAY @ KIAMA LIBRARY
Kiama Library is holding a full day of lectures and tutorials for students on English, Advanced English, Advanced Maths, Biology, Modern and Ancient History on Tuesday 8 July. Cost is $5 per student for the entire day. Bookings are essential, go to www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au or phone on 4233 1133.

SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMPS IN THE SHOALHAVEN
Struggle to get the kids off the couch during the school holidays? Wondering what you will do on rainy days? Why not explore a one day school holiday camp run by NSW Sport and Recreation in the Shoalhaven held at the Berry Sport and Recreation Centre on 1 July for children between 7 & 9 years, 2 July (7-12 years) and 3 July for children and young people aged 10-12. For more information and to book visit the website at www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/kidscamps or phone 4464 2258.

OUTREACH UNIT AT TAFE WOLLONGONG
TAFE Wollongong will be conducting courses for people who want to develop skills for employment or further study. Courses include Certificate II Skills for Work and Training (Introduction to Retail); Certificate I in Access to Work and Training Introduction to Café and Hospitality Skills; Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training (Office and Customer Service). These courses have no TAFE administration fee. Courses commence the week starting 21 July 2014. Information session will be held at 10am in L.G.19 (Building L, Ground Floor, Room 19)

CANNABIS & TODAY’S YOUNG PERSON - FREE PARENT WORKSHOP
This parent workshop will enable you to address issues concerning cannabis relating to your son/daughter. Venue: Wollongong Central Library Theatrette, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong on Wednesday 25 June at 6.30pm-8.30pm. Bookings are essential, RSVP 23 June telephone 0401 718 469.

WHY NOT HOST AN OVERSEAS STUDENT?
We have again been invited to host a group of co-ed Japanese high school students from 26 to 30 July. These students are learning English in their home country and will be coming to Australia for only 5 days with their English teacher, to improve their conversational English and to experience our Australian culture and our beautiful natural environment.

We are seeking expressions of interest from school families who might be interested in hosting a student during their time in Kiama.

During their stay, the group will integrate with Kiama High School students during the day. Each Japanese student will have as a ‘buddy’, a student from our school. Home stay hosts will be paid a tax free allowance for each student which will more than defray the costs of hosting. All that is required is to provide a clean and tidy bedroom, with bed and wardrobe, and to provide all meals, (packed lunch on school days), and to provide transport to and from school each day. This can include travelling with your child to and from school, by school bus.

As well as the stimulation of having a foreign student share your home for a few days, this will be a rewarding and memorable experience for hosts and students alike.

Why not consider hosting a student in your home for just 4 nights, and enjoy this positive and rewarding experience? Please contact Ms H Dean if you are interested. Hayley.dean1@det.nsw.edu.au or 4232 1911.

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 God 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. Registration www.sunsw.org.au or email info@nsw.su.org.au

CMRI JEANS FOR GENES TRIVIA NIGHT
Come and join the fun at our next CMRI Gerringong fundraiser, to be held on Saturday 26 July at 6.30pm for a 7pm start at Gerroa Boat Fishermans Club. $20 per person, tables of up to 10 people, tickets from Cronins Liquor, for more information please ring on 4234 1360.

Disclaimer: Kiama High School will, as a service to parents, advertise community news, which may be of interest. KHS does not necessarily endorse or sponsor the events and accepts no responsibility to the management or organisation.