Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

A reminder that this week, Monday 21 July, ELEVATE Education will be presenting a parent’s seminar in the Library at 7pm. This will be followed by the P & C Meeting.

ELEVATE concentrate on improving the study skills of students and have presented several sessions at school for students. They will be presenting to staff on Monday afternoon prior to the parent’s session.

I believe that this will be a very worthwhile session. ELEVATE’s web address is www.elevateeducation.com.

I will be away 21 July until 25 July, Gerard Kelly will be Relieving Principal, Andrew Page Relieving Deputy Principal and David Moeser Relieving Head Teacher Science.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

HSC Trial Examination
The HSC Trial Examinations commence on Thursday 24 July and will continue until Friday 8 August. Year 12 students only need to be at school when sitting for an exam. We wish them every success during this stressful period.

Parent/Teacher Evening – Years 8-10
Parent/Teacher evening will take place on Monday 28 July, commencing at 2.45pm, for students in Years 8, 9 & 10. Your child should have brought home a booking sheet for you to organise a time to meet with each subject teacher. This is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss your child’s progress with each subject teacher. Any enquiries should be directed to Mr Smith.

Year 7 Annual Tree Day
Year 7 will be offered a marvellous opportunity to contribute to our local environment by participating in Kiama High School’s Annual Tree Day. This event is organised by Mr Berry and will take place on Monday 4 August. Students participating do not need to wear school uniform but do need to wear suitable clothing including proper enclosed footwear and a hat.

P&C
Finally, our next P&C meeting will be held on this Monday 21 July, in the Library commencing at 7.00pm. All welcome.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS

NSW CHAMPION!
Congratulations to Tayhla Vuleta of Year 11, who recently won the NSW Inter-School Championship in Dressage/Equestrian. Tayhla is now eligible for the National School Titles to be held in Victoria.

Cameron Dignam of Year 9 also represented Kiama High School at the event and did very well too. Well done, girls!

Mr Shephard would also like to thank all SASS staff for the wonderful work they do.

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 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.

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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

2014
Year 10 Annual Visual Art Exhibition at the Old Fire Station Gallery

For over the last 10 years our Year 10 Visual Arts students have held an exhibition at the Old Fire Station Gallery, in Kiama. The purpose of this is to allow students to display their artwork for friends, family and the local community. The experience also extends our students to be responsible and manage the gallery. Supervising the gallery enables the students to interact with visitors, improving their confidence as artists and gaining valuable feedback about their artworks.

The exhibition would not be possible without the financial support from Kiama Council, which we really appreciate.

The exhibition will be opened to the public from Wednesday 30th July to Sunday 3rd August.

WEEK 2 TERM 3
MONDAY 21 JULY
P & C Meeting

TUESDAY 22 JULY
14yrs Boys Rugby Union Legacy Junior Public Speaking Southern Stars Rehearsals - Berkeley

WEDNESDAY 23 JULY
Taste of TAFE

THURSDAY 24 JULY
HSC Trials Commence
Yr 11 Mandatory Prac Work Science – Sydney Olympic Park Homebush

FRIDAY 25 JULY
Snow Trip 1

SPORT

16 Years Rugby League Report

The 16 years rugby league team have continued on with their success over the last four years with another title to add to their already impressive tally. The team travelled to Nowra last Thursday to compete in the Shoalhaven All Schools Rugby League Carnival. Despite a number of their regular team members absent on either representative duty with other sports or unavailable, the team was light on numbers and had to recruit Nic Wingrove from the 15 years team to make up a team of 13. The team played with only 13 players during their 3 games.

In their first match they played Nowra High and came away with a 10-0 victory. Jayden Roots scored 2 tries with Jack Greenaway adding a conversion.

In game 2 they played the usually competitive Bomaderry High team and again defended their try line to run out winners 16-0. Tries were scored by Nic Wingrove, Paddy Sinclair and Beau Doosey with Jack Greenaway adding 2 conversions.

Their third game was against St Johns from Nowra and the team had another comfortable win 22-0. Hayden Moon scored a double with other points coming from Paddy Sinclair 1 try, Jack Greenaway a try and 2 conversions with Beau Doosey slotting the other 2 pointer.

Congratulations to the following players who will now represent the South Coast at the State All Schools Carnival held at Nowra on 19 June.

Outstanding players of the day – Tom Chandler, Baxter Kaine, Sam Eastment, Denver Ford, Oliver Wilbraham, Jacob Farquhar, Tim Wade, Levi Scott, Tasman Berry, Brayden Holland, Lachlan Rogers, Hugo Moore, Mitchell Deans, Josh Contarin, Henry Cox, Dean Lancaster and Jordan Gaffney.

Steve Hudson

Under 13s Rugby League

Congratulations to the U13s team for a fantastic effort at the Shoalhaven Secondary All Schools Carnival held at Nowra on 19 June.

The team successfully defeated Nowra High School 16-0 and St Johns Evangelist 20-0 before being defeated by a very strong Bomaderry High School 16-4.

GIRLS FOOTBALL

Any girls interested in trialling for the Country Southern Football (soccer) teams for the upcoming State Titles should attend the trials at South Nowra on Friday 25 July and Friday 1 August 6pm-8pm. Age groups are 12s, 14s, 16s. For more information phone Mark Johnston (0488 034 500) or Phil McColl (0418 255 209).

MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 8: Cassie Angeloska, Daisy Body, Zoe Dignam, Chaise Haines-Rice, Riley Hartley, Jason Pappas, Byron Peck, Jemma Robertson, Izak Robinson, Mia Wilding, Liam Williams
Yr 9: Charlotte Auzins, Joshua Bowmer, Shania Cliff, Erin Dobson, Angus Farrell, Hannah Harding, Leah Mercer, Flynn Parker, Matthew Presland, Byron Stocker-Cox
Yr 10: Jarrod Barnes, Tenae Carroll, Callum Edwards, Tasman Fredericks, Samuel Glazier, Kirstyn Luke, Benjamin McAlistor, Jake Reay, Eliza Skorulis
Yr 11: Samuel Bowmer, Zara Davies, Tomas Dean, Victoria Drummond, Nicholas Keatley, Bram Leslie, Tasmyn Martin, Dylan McGilliivray, Zac McHugh, Tara Miller, Lloyd Ryder, Thea Wilson

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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

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 1300 884 733 or email info@wep.org.au. For a free information pack visit www.wep.org.au

FOSTER KIDS NEED MORE PEOPLE LIKE YOU
Short term and long term carers needed. Come along to our free foster care information session on Thursday 31 July 5pm at Dapto Ribbonwood Centre, 93-109 Princes Highway, Dapto. To reserve a place call 1300 130 585.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
Trackpants can be worn in Terms 2 and 3 as main uniform anytime $65.

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.

STUDENT CANCELLATION
HELP WANTED

Yr 12: Kieran Hazell, Mikaela Hogarth, Luka Kouzan, Aaron Matis, Mikaela Patterson, Liam Poole

Silver
Yr 7: Courtney Bofinger, Jordyn Bond, Taylor-Lee Byrne, Mitchell Deans, Aimee Deen, Lili Ford, Brooke Macdonald, Eliza Metcalf, Lian North, Amelia Plum, Grace Thomson
Yr 8: Caitlin Lancuba, Caterina Loss, Chloe Love-Harding, Ivy Moroz, Alyssa Oxley, Lucinda Turner, Zoe Walker, Rowey Worner-Butcher
Yr 9: Joseph Edwards, Chloe Kitchener, Olivia Prestedge, Aidan Stevens, Samuel Thomson
Yr 10: Amy Café, LaiKen Gladwell, Dana Munro, Isabel West
Yr 11: Nicholas Keatley, Jennifer McCormack, Madison Michell, Keelan Robinson, Lloyd Ryder, Vanessa Sponse, Rachael Thiering
Yr 12: Bright Lee, Brendan Morton, Alyssa O’Leary, Joseph Timbs

Gold
Yr 7: Ellie Cashman, Ethan Corkin, Brayden Holland, Jessica Steel, Lucy Steel, Mackenzie Warfield
Yr 8: Ruby Chard, Nikita McGeegan, Jessica Nolan
Yr 9: Tessa Gordon
Yr 10: Astrid Nicholls
Yr 11: Jessica Davis, Imogen Del Solar, Harrison Rainnie

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 21/7: Michelle Y
Tues 22/7: Linda, Janci
Wed 23/7: Michelle B
Thur 24/7: Nerida, help please
Fri 25/7: Jo N, Jackie R

Meal Deals — Chicken stick, packet of chips, Harvey fresh juice $4
KHS Special — 1 Chicken burger, small slushi, packet of chips $5
Mighty Meal — Sweet chili chicken wrap, small slushi, packet of chips $5.50

SOUTHHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Students from Years 9-12 and their parents are invited to an information session on Tuesday 29 July at 7pm. Details can be found on their website at www.scce.com.au/programs/information-sessions.

BOOK SCULPTURE COMPETITION
For Book Week this year, Kiama Library is challenging residents to get creative. Slice, dice, fold and morph an old book into a sculpture for our first every Book Sculpture Competition.

With the theme “Connect to reading – Reading To Connect”, Book Week (16-22 August) is an opportunity to reconnect with literature. Residents of all ages are welcome to get involved, with three age categories:

Under 12, 12-18 and 18 and over. If you don’t know what a book sculpture is, do some internet searching for “paper sculpture” and “book sculpture”. Pick up an entry form at the front desk and start sculpting! Entries must be in by 5.30pm Monday 11 August. Enquiries 4233 1133, email library@kiama.nsw.gov.au