PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Last week we hosted the Yamaha Japanese visit. All students and host families had a fantastic time. We look forward to hosting them again in the future.

Year 10 will make their subject selection for Year 11 courses in Week 5. Information booklets have been distributed to Year 10 and put on the website.

An information evening for parents and students will be held on Tuesday of Week 5 starting in the Library at 7pm.

Applications for the Head Teacher English position have closed. The panel will make its decision over the next two weeks.

DEPUTIES NEWS

Years 10 to 11 Subject Selections

Years 10 to 11 subject selection process has started. Information booklets have been distributed to all students and they have been hearing talks from subject representatives. The information booklet has also been posted on both the KHS Careers Alert and KHS home pages. An information evening is being held for parents and students on Tuesday 12 August at 7.00pm in the hall. I encourage parents and students to attend this very important evening.

Year 10 will make their subject contribute to the local environment in a practical way. This is a terrific opportunity for Year 7 to get their hands dirty, and I would like to thank Mr Paul Berry for organising this event once more.

Parent/Teacher Evening

It was wonderful seeing many parents taking an active interest in their child’s education by attending the Years 8-10 parent/teacher evening last Monday. Parents that were unable to attend can still obtain feedback from their child’s teachers by calling the school during school hours on 4232 1911.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to the following Year 10 students who recently completed a Career Pathway Taster Program at Shellharbour TAFE: Ali Douglas, Abby Hall and Jed O’Sullivan. Well done!

On Wednesday 23 July a group of Year 10 students travelled to North Wollongong for the “Taste Of TAFE” information day. This event gives students a hands on glimpse of what TAFE has to offer. Staff at the TAFE were very complimentary of the KHS students and their excellent attitudes and behavior.

Congratulations to the students who attended and conducted themselves in such a respectful manner.

Students arriving late are disruptive to the learning environment of other students and to themselves. It is important that parents and the school work together to ensure that your child’s and other children's learning is not compromised in any way, including the disruption caused by students arriving late to class. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure that their child arrives at school in plenty of time for roll call. However, on the occasion where a student is arriving late, it is absolutely imperative for the parent and student to follow school procedure.

The school’s procedure for students arriving late is:

1. to report to the front office with a note of explanation, preferably using the school’s absentee form. If the late arrival is due to meeting a medical appointment, then the medical practitioner’s name should be included on the note, together with the appointment time and the medical practitioner’s contact number.

A student arriving late to school without a note of explanation, 3 times or more in a term, is given an after school detention, as per the school’s discipline policy.

Students arriving late and not presenting themselves to the front office to sign in, will not be tolerated and this behaviour will be dealt with according to the school’s discipline policy.

Parents need to be made aware that the Department of Education and Training makes it very clear what is deemed as a justified or unjustified reason for lateness. Sleeping in,
SPORT

16 Years Rugby League All Schools Finals

On Tuesday 29 July the 16 years Rugby League team travelled to St Mary’s to contest the NSW All Schools Rugby League Final series. The team was down on numbers due to several players carrying injuries and unable to play. The format for the day was 4 pools of 4 teams with the top team in each pool contesting the semi-finals. All pool games were 10 minutes each half with an immediate half time change-around.

The Kiama boys were drawn to play St Mary’s Cathedral College from the Sydney Roosters drawing area in their first match. Dylan Morris scored a try and 2 conversions and Hayden Moon scored the other try for a 12-0 win.

In round 2 Kiama played a tough game against St Joseph’s, Lochinvar. This team played in the final last year and we were expecting a tight game. Hayden Moon scored 2 tries with Dylan Morris adding a conversion, while the opposition scored 2 converted tries and a field goal to run out winners 13-10.

The final pool match was against St Dominic’s from Penrith. The opposition dominated possession in the first half and scored 2 unconverted tries for an 8-0 halftime lead. Kiama had the ball for 4 tackles in the first half and were called on to tackle their hearts out to restrict the score to 8-0 at the break.

In the second half with a better share of possession the Kiama boys scored 2 tries with Dylan Morris and Callan Thistlethwaite crossing for 4 pointers with Dylan adding a conversion to give the team a 10-8 victory. Unfortunately for Kiama, the Lochinvar team was undefeated in this pool and they progressed to the semi-finals.

Well done to the following players Kane Delavere, Ryan Cahill, Callum Cooper, Beau Doosey, Dylan Morris, Donte Drummond, Matt Davidson, Callan Thistlethwaite, Alex Weir, Alex Alchin, Hayden Moon, Nic Wingrove, Alex Boles and Jack Greenaway.

Steve Hudson

Australian Representatives

Josh Mayo and Grace Stewart have returned home after a very successful tour to South Africa with the Australian All-Schools 16yrs Hockey team. Grace captained the girls’ team to a 3-0 Test series win against the South African U18 team – winning 4-1, 3-2 and 5-1; as well as being undefeated in the 4 trial matches. Grace was also voted the “Players Player” of the tour – a tremendous acknowledgement of her skills, leadership and teamwork. Josh’s team was also successful in the Test series against the U18 South African boys’ team, winning 2 Tests to 1. The Australian team won the first game 4-1 but lost the second Test 3-2 to set up an exciting third Test decider, with the Australian’s coming through with a 3-1 win.

Josh’s team also won 3 of the trial matches, with Josh captaining the team in one of these games – a great honour.

Our congratulations go to both Grace and Josh, who are always two outstanding ambassadors for KHS.

KHS Girls Touch Team Qualifies for NSW Finals

Congratulations to the KHS Open Girls Touch Football team who have qualified for the NSW finals to be held at Gosford in August. The girls won the Shoalhaven Zone Championship, the South Coast Championship and then defeated Mackellar Girls High (Sydney) 8-0 last week to reach the final 10 play-off series. The game against Mackellar was a very fast game, with Kiama leading 4-2 at half time. However, Mackellar came out full of running in the second half to draw level at 4-4. This kicked the KHS team into action and our girls ran in four more tries to finish up 8-4 winners. Kiarra Marsh led the way with three touchdowns, whilst Riley Wishart, Lily Stewart, Keeleigh McCauley, Sharna Dobson and Grace Stewart all scored one each. These girls were well supported by Audrey Pring, Jasmin Murray, Kelsey Wishart, Claire Farquhar, Montana March and Erin Dobson in a fine all-round team effort. We wish the team good luck in the finals.

NSW All-Schools Representative

Congratulations to Tyran Wishart on his selection in the NSW All-Schools 15yrs Touch team to play in the School Sport Australia Championships in Victoria. Tyran was selected after starring for NSWCHS at the NSW All-Students Trials at Narrabeen. Well done, Tyran!

MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 8: Andrew Webb
Yr 10: Tonique Langlois, Breanna Piper
Yr 11: Kegan Cook, Chelsea Ford
Yr 12: Louise Jackson, Dante Patrick

Silver
Yr 8: Jacob Van Essen
Yr 11: Chelsea Ford, Billie McEvoy, Brendan Pollard
Yr 12: Dante Patrick, Patrick Wilcox

(The rest of the content includes a list of events and awards, which is not relevant to the question about sports and results.)
DUKE OF EDINBURGH
AWARDS AT KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL

What Is The DoE?
The Duke of Edinburgh Awards has been running internationally since 1956 and now more than 33,000 young Australians take part in the Awards every year. Anyone between the ages of 14 and 25 years of age can attempt the Duke of Edinburgh Award at the three different levels – Bronze, Silver and Gold. A student can attempt one level or complete them all.

What Does It Involve And How Long Does It Take?
Each level has three sections to achieve – physical fitness, skill, volunteering (service) and an adventurous journey. The times for each section vary and the length of time required to complete each section increases as students progress through the Award.

The length of time to achieve each Award is:
- Bronze – 6 months
- Silver – 6 to 12 months
- Gold – 12 to 18 months.

Why Do Students Undertake A DoE?
This program is designed to help students undertake voluntary activities to help broaden their interests, improve a skill they already have and to volunteer in their community to make a difference. It is a great challenge for students who are motivated to attempt the program, it teaches them self-discipline, they will learn something new and importantly, they will receive a qualification that is internationally recognised.

We currently have eight students from Years 10 and 11 who have achieved their Bronze level and seven of these students are continuing on to complete their Silver award. I would like to encourage students to sign up for the Award and participate in an exciting program that will help them in their personal development and give them the opportunity to explore new challenges and get out of their comfort zone. For more information about the Award, go to www.dukeofed.com.au or contact me directly at school.

Any interested students should come to the Home Economics staffroom (F16) to pick up an information pack.

KHS EQUESTRIAN TEAM

Congratulations to Tayhla Vuleta and Cameron Dignam.

Tayhla Vuleta (Year 11) and Cameron Dignam (Year 9) qualified to represent Kiama High School at the Equestrian NSW Interschool Championships 2014 held at Sydney International Equestrian Centre last term. They both competed in the Division 1 Class of 95cm Eventing, which is a three phase competition comprising of Dressage, X-Country and Show Jumping.

Cameron rides a 16 hand high thoroughbred named Linkin who she has been training for the past 14 months. They were placed 9th after Dressage with a very nice test. Their X-Country didn’t quite go to plan, Cameron rode beautifully and finished the day showing her sportsmanship and friendship qualities, when things didn’t go her way she was the first to support her friend in the same competition, so proud of her!

Tayhla rides a 14.2 hand high stock/quarter horse named Angus making him one of the smallest horses competing at this height. They were placed 4th by less than 2 points after Dressage. The next phase was X-Country where there is a course of fixed X-Country jumps over about 5kms of countryside, riders have an optimum time to complete the course with penalty points added for going too fast or too slow, Tayhla was so happy to complete this phase in perfect time. Tayhla was in 3rd place heading into Show Jumping, Angus jumped perfectly finishing with a clear round, moving her to 1st place! Tayhla and Angus also competed in the 1.10 metre Show Jumping, no ribbons but they jumped really well. Tayhla qualifies to ride at the National Championships to be held in Victoria in September 2014.

Tayhla and Cameron have also recently attended Pony Club NSW State Equitation Championships. Cameron and Linkin finished 3rd overall in the 13-15 years division and Tayhla is the 15-17 years NSW Pony Club State Equitation Champion.

Tayhla and Cameron are very dedicated competitors who are achieving fantastic results.

Written by: Sue Vuleta

We wish Tayhla the best of luck for the National Championships in September 2014.

Ms Van Kruyssen

YEAR 7 TREE PLANTING DAY

This Monday, 4 August, students from Year 7 are planting trees at a variety of different locations around the area. Students should bring a drink bottle, snacks and sensible clothing, including sturdy footwear and hat. Kiama Council is providing a sausage sizzle at Kendalls Beach after the planting, but this won’t be until about 1pm. We are looking forward to another fun day.

Mr Berry

ENGLISH NEWS

Very big congratulations to our Years 7 and 9 debating teams. Both teams proudly represented Kiama High School in the Premier’s Debating Challenge this term and last.

Our Year 9 team consisting of: Josh Alliston, Rhylee Bamford, Douglas Davison and Lily Nile proved victorious against Figtree High School but were defeated by Lake Illawarra in a very close debate.

Our Year 7 team consisting of: Taylor Byrne, Sam Eastment, Emma Speering and Grace Thomson defeated both of Figtree High’s teams and now move on to the next round.

Both teams behaved exceptionally well and were a credit to KHS; they should all be very proud of their amazing achievement. Well done!
Year 7

Mrs Camino, Debating Coordinator

YR 11 BIOLOGY AND EARTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL SCIENCE EXCURSION

Students travelled to Sydney Olympic Park Educational Centre on Thursday 24 August. They were educated about the regeneration of the once debilitated land surrounding the mangroves ecosystem and the interrelationships between species living there. Students tested the abiotic and biotic variables in the mangroves and learnt about the consequences of human impacts in the early years of the 20th Century. The three educators commented on the students’ excellent behaviour, enthusiasm and diligence. Well done to these fantastic Science students.

Year 9

BE PREPARED TO BELIEVE IN SOUTHERN STARS 2014

With the recent media launch of Southern Stars for 2014 we are happy to announce the theme for this year’s show is #webelieve2014.

The show’s theme is about a child’s journey through to adulthood – believing in magic and fantasy in the early years, believing in themselves, and through education, believing in a better world.

The show is divided into three segments and each investigates a different aspect of believing, starting with childhood then working through the turbulent teenage years to adulthood.

Again almost 2,800 students will take part in the show which will be full of music, dancing, colour and emotion.

Community support of Southern Stars is vital to ensure its success and future and with that in mind we encourage everyone to support Southern Stars by going to see one of the shows.

It doesn’t matter if you know anyone performing in the show or not – Southern Stars is a high energy arena style show which provides great entertainment for people of all ages.

Over 12,000 people are expected to attend the four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre on Friday August 29 and Saturday August 30 - make sure you are one of them!

Get together a group of friends, or your family, and make sure you get to the show.

Tickets are on sale through Ticketmaster priced as follows: Adult $48, Pensioner and Student over 12 $38, Student/Child (under 12) $27 and Family pass $140.

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.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

Trackpants can be worn in Terms 2 and 3 as main uniform $37. Track jackets can be worn as uniform anytime $65.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Ellie Cashman, Courtney Bofinger, Declan Greenwell, Taylor Teutd
Recess: Lauren Perry, Jess Nolan, Jack Morris, Ewen Stevens

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 4/8: Kim, Leta, Jude
Tues 5/8: Jane Mc
Wed 6/8: Kate, Brigitte
Thur 7/8: Susan, Help wanted
Fri 8/8: Heidi, Help wanted

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 chilli chicken wrap, small slushi, packet of chips $5.50

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.

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION WORKER

Kiama High School is looking to appoint a suitably qualified Aboriginal person to fill the position of Aboriginal Education Worker (AEW) on a part time basis.

The successful applicant will be responsible to the Principal or delegate for providing assistance to teachers, Aboriginal students and their families to support improved learning outcomes for Aboriginal students.
The position is child-related work. NSW Child Protection Legislation requires that new employees in child-related work apply for the new Working With Children Check and obtain their clearance for paid work with children.

Applicants should address the following in their job application:

- Be from Aboriginal background
- Willingness to assist in creating and implementing Personalised Learning Plans (PLPs) for Aboriginal students
- Be able to help maintain effective relationships between Aboriginal parents, the Aboriginal community and school staff
- Willingness to work effectively as a team member in relation to school participation, Aboriginal cultural awareness programs, and Aboriginal student engagement

For further information on how to apply and to obtain an information package, please contact Graeme Sutherland, Principal on 02 4232 1911.

Closing date: 7 August 2014

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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

**CAN YOU CLIMB SYDNEY’S TALLEST BUILDING**

Students are invited to be part of the ‘School Challenge’ at this year’s Sydney Tower Stair Challenge on 24 August. This is a great chance for teams of 4 to take on the 1504 stairs from Pitt Street Mall to the Observation Deck at the Sydney Tower Eye. Participants have to be 12 years or older.

Each stair climbed will assist Giant Steps who operate a school and intervention service for children and young people (2-20) who have been diagnosed with Autism Spectrum Disorder.

For more information and to register go to www.active8change.com.au or contact Steve Corrie at Active8Change on 0439 975 759 or Michelle Jocum at Giant Steps on (02) 9879 4971.

**SOUTHERN HIGHLANDS 7s RUGBY**

Mens and womens seniors, Colts (U20), U17, U15 and U14 competitions on Saturday 4 October 2014 at Eridge Park, Moss Vale Road, Burradoo. Registration is required, Seniors/Colts for first team; $150 per team thereafter, U17, U15 and U14 free. For more information email david.loiterton@mgtbiz.com or telephone 0488 161 658.

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