PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Last week I had the opportunity to attend a workshop day on the new planning process for schools. From next year we, as a school, will be able to determine our strategic directions based on our own data driven needs and vision. To meet that we will be seeking input from students, parents, staff and community. This, to me, is an exciting prospect.

My thanks to Maria Chatfield, Mary Cooper, Eleanor Donovan and Gerard Kelly for their interest and participation in the workshop.

This group will be expanded to form the School Planning Team. We will meet in the next few weeks and the first of the data gathering activity will follow quickly.

Year 10 parents and their children are invited to our Year 11 2015 course selection night on Tuesday 12 August starting in the hall at 7pm. Community members with children at other schools are most welcome to join us on the evening to see just what KHS has to offer.

P & C meeting is Monday 18 August 7pm in the Library.

DEPUTIES NEWS

Year 7 Tree Day

Congratulations to Year 7 students who participated in the tree planting day last Monday. The community volunteers who worked with the groups all commented on the excellent behaviour and participation of the students. A very special thank you to Mr Berry for organising this wonderful event once more. Well done!

Year 10 Art Exhibition

The Year 10 Art Exhibition, which ran from 30 July to 3 August at the Old Fire Station Gallery, was once again a great success with a terrific display of items from our talented students. We were really fortunate to have sunny conditions which contributed to the success of the event. Approximately 800 people visited the show with a range of friends, family members of the local community as well as tourists. There was overwhelming support for the students and praise for their art work.

We really appreciate Kiama Council’s funding the Gallery which allows us to take our students work into the community. Special thanks also to our students who volunteered their time on the weekend to look after the Exhibition. Well done Year 10 art students!

Years 10 to 11 Subject Selections

Years 10 to 11 subject selection process has started. Information booklets have been issued to students and they have been hearing talks from subject representatives. 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.

Uniform

Uniform checks happen during roll call and at random times during the day. Uniform infringements are recorded and appear on school reports. Consequences apply for students who are frequently out of uniform. If you are experiencing difficulty purchasing uniforms, please contact the Principal to organise financial assistance.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY OR LATE!

Arriving late to school on a regular basis is not a good start to the school day for students. Students arriving late are disrupting their own learning and their arrival to class can be disrupting for others.

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:

- 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, missing the bus, getting stuck in road works, taking siblings to school, driving lessons are reasons that are deemed as unjustified. However, where an unjustified reason is provided on the note, the school records the lateness as ‘unjustified with a note’.

The school is certain that parents value education and would agree that regular attendance and arriving on time have a positive influence on learning, as well as reinforcing valuable life skills.

……so thanks again for your support with attendance matters.

Be on time; Be at school; That’s the rule!

M Cooper, HT Student Attendance & Facilities
SPORT

South Coast Athletics
A big congratulations and thank you to all the athletes, parents and Mr Delaney for their commitment and dedication at the South Coast Athletics Carnival held in Canberra last week.

The extreme weather conditions of rain, hail, sleet and then snow made it a challenging day for everyone, with the wind chill factor dropping the temperature below freezing during the day.

The official results are not in yet, but all those competitors and parents who travelled to Canberra deserve a big “well done!” and “thank you!”

Sporting Recognition Awards
Any student who has represented KHS in 3 sports or more in 2014 is eligible for a “Sporting Recognition Award”, which is presented at the end of year formal assemblies. Students need to collect an application form from the PE staffroom, fill in the details and then return the form to Mrs McGuinness. This Award is open to all years from Year 7 through to Year 12.

Mr Icee
The Kiama High Open Girls Touch Team finished 2nd in the statewide NSWCCHS Touch Knockout last year, and is keen to go one better this year. A Mr Icee day is being held on Tuesday 12 August during recess and lunch to help reduce the costs for the two day State Finals to be held in Gosford next week. Icee’s will be available for $2, $2.50 or $3. All support will be greatly appreciated.

NSWCCHS Gymnastics Medallist!
Kristy Hay (Yr 7) has returned home with three medals from the NSWCCHS Gymnastics Championships held at Newcastle last week – a great achievement!

Kristy competed in the Level 3 competition and claimed the Silver medal overall, as well as a Silver medal in the beam and a Bronze medal on the floor. Kristy also came 5th on the bars and in the vault to finish off a very successful competition. Well done, Kristy!

South Coast Athletics
Could all students who borrowed a KHS sport singlet for Canberra please return them to the PE staffroom ASAP. Thanks!

SOUTHERN STARS
#webelieve2014
Southern Stars brings together more than 2,500 students from across NSW open to all schools from the Department of Education, in an arena styled performance event.

The performance, an inspiring and energetic mix of dancers, vocalists, orchestras, bands, choirs and other outstanding young performers from across the region, is held annually at the WIN Entertainment Centre, Wollongong.

This year the show looks at the things we believe in... Our symbol throughout the show is one of light – the light/lantern represents our belief in the future and all it holds – that if we work together as one our hopes – our dreams – will surely come true!

Again this year Kiama High is well represented with many talented students busy at rehearsals in preparation for the show. Three of our talented dancers: Cassidy Richardson Yr 11, Laiken Gladwell Yr 10 and Lily Guthrie Yr 7 are dancing in the Stars Company this year, Jayden Murray Yr 7 is performing in the Core Choir and Meghan Hines Yr 10 in the Stars Orchestra. As well as these talented performers we also have 25 dancers from Yrs 7 -10 who will perform on the arena.

Congratulations to all these hard working performers.

This show is a wonderful showcase of talent in our schools. It is a performance not to be missed. If you haven’t already got tickets, do so now and support our students.

Southern Stars #webelieve 2014 tickets are now on sale!

Tickets are available through TICKETMASTER www.ticketmaster.com 02 4220 2828
Performance Dates are School Matinee - 10 am Friday 29 August 2014.
Gold
Yr 7: Taylor-Lee Byrne, Ruby Crane, Olivia Mitchell, Ewan Stevens, Grace Thomson
Yr 8: Chelsea-Leigh Moseley
Yr 12: Erin Chard, Larni Cowgill, Lily Gore, Caitlin Hall, Rachael Malin

SCHOOL BAND IMPRESSES ON TASSIE TOUR!

On Sunday 15 June, 33 KHS Band students flew out on a 6 day tour of Tasmania. The week was jam-packed; with six concerts and 3 workshops at both Primary and Secondary schools in Launceston, Scottsdale, Hobart, Tasman District and Burnie.

The concerts included performances from the Senior Concert Band, Stage Band and Rock Band (featuring some of our Years 8 and 9 band members). The hard work of the concert schedule was balanced with sightseeing including; Beaconsfield Mine, Cataract Gorge, Port Arthur, Huon Jet Boat, Tahune Airwalk, the Cadbury Factory, Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary and Cradle Mountain. The Spirit of Tasmania brought us back to Melbourne before flying home tired but well satisfied with our achievements.

I cannot praise our students enough for their efforts on tour. All the audiences were very impressed not only by the musical standard, but also by how well our students represented themselves, Kiama High and our local Kiama community.

I would like to thank all those who supported this venture in any way. To the adult chaperones: Louise Luke, Brody Toombs, Hannah Ford, Renee Mitchell and Lisa Burke – a mighty effort.

To Mrs Louise Luke and her fundraising team, the front office staff and staff who covered lessons during the week, I say thanks. To Kiama Council, our local Lions and Rotary

Community Donations for Band Tour 2014
Gerringong Sunrise, Gerringong Music Club, Kiama Golf Club, Kiama Lions Club, Minnamurra Rotary Club.

Other Helpers
Daylight Sportswear, Kiama Bowling Club, Bunnings Shellharbour, Fulton Hogan

Sponsorship Lotto Ticket Holders
Winner: Kiama Cove Boutique Motel


General Store, Mezzadella, Willow Gift Shop, Rosebank Meats, Sebel Kiama.

Graham Deans

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.
Kiama Youth Belonging – Youth Forum

The Kiama Youth Belonging project has reached some major milestones recently, most notably with the successful delivery of the Kiama Youth Forum which was held at the Kiama Pavilion on Wednesday 30 July. The forum was a key event coordinated by the Kiama Youth Belonging students and provided a unique opportunity for local young people to have a say on a range of matters that are important to them in terms of their wellbeing and sense of belonging in Kiama. Twenty young people from Kiama High School attended the event and provided some wonderful insight and ideas into what young people love about Kiama, as well as what changes can be made to make it even better in the future – so thank you to all who attended.

The Kiama Youth Belonging students did a great job in coordinating the event, from selecting the venue, developing issues to be discussed, making sure it was safe and inclusive, and ensuring the day went off without a hitch - so a big congratulations to all of the coordinating team – they really have proven themselves to be an impressive group of young leaders.

The forum also received support from a range of other people, organisations and initiatives:

- Mr Steven Russell, a local Aboriginal elder who provided a very warm and friendly Welcome to Country
- The Mayor and General Manager of Kiama Council, Mr Brian Petchler and Michael Forsyth, have shown their continued support for this event and the overall Kiama Youth Belonging project
- Local State MP, Mr Gareth Ward, who supported the project from its inception and helped to secure the $100,000 NSW Youth Opportunities grant that has made the vision a reality
- The FRANK Team, who helped to design and coordinate the forum, ensuring it was both fun and effective
- Kiama High School, who have worked as a critical partner to help bring this project to life, in particular, Ms Ruth Power, the Head of Welfare, who has helped to promote this program to students and encourage participation, and the support staff who attended on the day
- The Home Economics teacher from Kiama High, Ms Kylie Chapman, and her wonderful students who provided the catering for the forum – there were certainly no complaints from the attendees and their level of professionalism was outstanding
- Kiama Community College, who are a key partner in the Kiama Youth Belonging project, who have continued to provide valuable education and training activities to participants
- The staff from Kiama Council’s Youth Services Team and their Manager, Nick Guggisberg – the success of events like this can never be achieved without the support of a good team.

The ideas and insights provided at the forum will be collated into a report that will be launched later in the term and will help to inform and direct the future planning and service delivery of not only Kiama Council, but a whole range of stakeholders in the Kiama community who can play a role in making this amazing town an even more amazing town in the future.

ENGLISH NEWS

Due to several discipline issues in the English classrooms a new mobile policy has been introduced this term across all English classrooms. The policy is as follows:

Mobile Phone Policy

- On entering the classroom all students are to hand their mobile phones over to their classroom teacher. Teachers will either ask students to place their phones on a desk at the front of the room or place them in a box on the teacher’s desk.
- All mobile phones should be turned off.
- Should teachers need students to use their mobile phones for access to ‘Apps’ or the internet, students will be told explicitly at the beginning of the lesson.
- Any student who does not comply with the English Faculty Mobile Phone Policy will be sent immediately to the English Head Teacher.

Please discuss this with your children and should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to contact me.

Mrs Maria Chatfield, (Relieving Head English Teacher)
PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 11/8: Kath, Cheryl, Jacki
Tues 12/8: Janele, Donna
Wed 13/8: Vicki C
 Thur 14/8: Nerida, help needed
Fri 15/8: Jane, Julie

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.

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.

RYPEN

This is a Rotary Club sponsored camp for students 14-17yrs. It aims to develop personal qualities, problem solving, courage and values development. A recent KHS student who attended the camp in May wrote in her evaluation that ‘the camp has been one of the best in my life, as I was enlightened and educated on many topics of discussion, while making amazing new friends and developing my teamwork and leadership skills.’ The next camp is being held from 12-14 September at Mogo. Applications close 24 August. For more information and application forms see: http://www.rotaryd9710.org.au/home/resou rces/downloads.html?relPath=RYPEN or contact Dave Broadley on 42 343 167.

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, Burrawoo. 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.