Kiama High School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Last week saw the appointment of Mrs Maria Chatfield to the position of Head Teacher, English following a Merit Selection Process.

My congratulations to Mrs Chatfield who has been Acting Head Teacher since Mr Bryce left us. I am looking forward to working with her to continue the growth and development of the English Faculty.

Congratulations to all those HSC students who have had their performances or practical works nominated for the various prestigious specific exhibitions or concerts. A fabulous effort by all.

This is the last week of school for our 2014 Year 12 cohort. The HSC begins Monday 13 October. I wish each and every student success in their endeavour into the future. My very best wishes for the exams. I hope your hard work and diligence rewards you with access to whatever course or job you seek. It is always a great pleasure for me to see what are often a group of somewhat tense and apprehensive Year 7s grow into a group of confident, mature young adults. Thursday is your last day of 13 years of school; make it one to remember for all the right reasons. Be considerate of others, stay safe, have fun.

Graeme Sutherland, Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

Year 12 Graduation Ceremony

All parents of Year 12 are invited to attend the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony being held on Thursday 18 September at 7.00pm at the Shellharbour Club Auditorium. Space is limited, so each student may purchase up to 3 guest passes at a cost of $5 each from the front office by Monday 15 September.

Year 12 Send Off

The Year 12 Activities Day will take place on Thursday 18 September, beginning with a BBQ breakfast for Year 12 students and their teachers at school commencing 8.00am. Cost is $10 per person. Students are requested to pay at the Front Office by Monday 15 September.

The school will send our wonderful Year 12 students out into the world with a celebration and party. After the BBQ, all of Year 12 will assemble in front of M Block to have a photo taken of their whole year group; then, it is off to the oval to have some fun. We start off with tug-o-war and three legged races to break the ice, after which the students will be free to use the equipment hired from Bubbling with Energy. This year the activities will be: the dunk tank (where students can dunk teachers and each other into a tank of freezing water); a giant water slide, the gladiator duel (for the more competitive types) and a large obstacle course involving climbing, crawling and more slides. To finish the morning, we have a water bomb fight involving volunteer staff and Year 12, where everyone is given a pair of strong goggles to protect the eyes – safety first. The Year Adviser then gathers all Year 12 students into The Circle of Love, and they give themselves three big cheers and run to the centre of the circle for a group hug. Year 7 then form a Guard of Honour for the seniors to walk through, leading out of the school gate. We hope they have a great morning and a fabulous life.

I would like to thank Ms McGregor once again for her tireless efforts in organising the send-off.

Year 11 Exams

Year 11 are completing their Preliminary exams this week. They should then be giving serious thought to their future plans and goals. Term 4 sees the start of the HSC course.

This is the last newsletter for the term. Term 4 starts on Tuesday 7 October. I would like to wish all of our students a safe and pleasant holiday.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

HIGH FLYERS

Congratulations to the Open Girls Hockey team, who are State Champions for the third year in a row winning 7-2. Well done!

Professor David Hunter, who attended Kiama Public School and Kiama High School, is a rheumatology clinician researcher who has just been named the world number one Doctor for his expertise and research into osteoarthritis. Having returned from Boston Hospital, he now leads his research team based in Australia, USA and England from the Sydney University and the North Shore Hospital.

During the July school holidays the University of Wollongong held the Learning Labs program, which is a gifted and talented program for students in Years 7-10. Students who attend the program must be academically performing within the top 10% of their area of interest. The workshops are innovative and challenging with curriculum pitched at a flexible Year 11/12 level and in some cases, entry University level.

During this cycle of Learning Labs, five of our students attended the program – Bryce Humphries – The AIIM Experience; Zander Newcombe – Ocean Engineering; Byron Moulang – Mental Skills for Winners; John Raison – Creative Writing for Beginners and Beyond and Ewan Stevens – Radical Graphics.

Attendance Matters - It’s not OK to be away

Reading the article from the Sun Herald (3.08.2014), ‘One day’s Absence Puts Students Behind’, only confirmed the negative impact that absenteeism has on the student’s learning environment and certainly re-affirmed the need for the strong implementation of attendance policy and procedures. The article began with, ‘missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student’s academic
achievement, ‘linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results’, and that ‘Australia is alarmingly slack when it comes to school attendance, with high school students skipping more days of school than almost any other developed country’. The Western Australian study dispels the belief that there is a safe level of absence students can get away with, before their grades will suffer. The article goes on to say, ‘While poor attendance is a problem across the socio-economic spectrum, families in affluent areas often interrupt schooling for overseas holidays.’ Principals did make the point although going overseas can be a valuable learning experience; the student is still not learning everything that they’d be learning at school.

The Principal from St Catherine’s School in Waverley commented that family holidays should be planned for the actual school holidays. The Principal of SCEGGS, Darlinghurst made an interesting comment in, ‘school isn’t something you normally do or mostly do. It’s something you always do’.

**SPORT**

**CHS Athletics**

CHS Athletics was held during Week 8 at Homebush Sports Centre. A large contingent of KHS students represented South Coast in fairly cold and wet conditions. Congratulations to the team who were successful in gaining two medals and some outstanding results in the State wide competition: 10th in 12 Years Girls Relay – Ellie Cashman, Ireland Harrison, Lauren Humphries and Demi Stewart; 4th in 13 Years Girls 100m Final and Bronze Medal in 200m – Jenna Bentley; 7th in 15 Years Boys 100m Hurdles Final and 12th in Triple Jump – Ewan Bell; 10th in 15 Years Girls Relay – Kate Lewis, Tessa Gordon, Hannah Walters and Daisy Files; 5th in 17 Years Girls High Jump – Lani Cowgill; 4th in 17 Years Girls 100m Hurdles – Keeleigh McCauley; Gold Medal in 17 Years Girls Relay – Grace Stewart, Keeleigh McCauley, Audrey Pring and Abby McParland. Silver Medal to Mr Poppett who represented South Coast in the 100m Manager’s race!!!! Well done on a fantastic effort.

*Mrs Wallace*

**SRC- MND RESEARCH DAY**

On Monday 1 September four of the SRC Senior Executive made the journey to Macquarie University to view the excellent ongoing research of Motor Neurone Disease (MND). MND affects the nerves that provide the stimulus to the muscles through which we move, breathe, eat and drink. The students viewed the extensive equipment required to undertake this breakthrough research and the innovative implementation of the science. A particular lab room housed thousands of fish which after being injected with MND are studied in depth with their behaviour and body’s response being the focus of the study. The students were then able to listen to and ask Dr Dominic Rowe, a leading scientist in neurology and chairman of MND Australia, questions. Dr Rowe was a charismatic man who is full of enthusiasm to his work, whilst being highly dedicated to his patients (and bow ties).

The Kiama High SRC is planning to work very closely with MND Australia and Macquarie University to help raise funds to fight MND and to raise awareness of MND among students and the local community. The SRC has an ‘Ice Bucket Challenge’ day planned for the near future with other events soon to follow.

*Keelan Robinson, SRC Senior Executive School Secretary*
MERIT LEVELS

Congratulations to the following Merit Level Recipients:

Bronze
Yr 7: Kyah Buchert, Oliver Lamb, Kaleb Clenton
Yr 8: Jaylen Berman-Thorton, Lachlan Di Bartolo, Jack Flint, Samson Herft, Rubee Hindmarsh, Zahil Howard, Hine Ote Awa
Johnson-Karipa, Sian Kelly, Benjamin Martino, Sophie Morris, Maddison Murphy, David Pearce, Rhys Williams, Noah Barlow, Evie Chapman, Bridgette Davis, Kye Doosey, Bailey Douglas, Drew Gehrmann, Tyler Hoerdinle, Olivia Maroney, Chloe Marsh, Lily Peterson, Ashleigh Russell
Yr 9: Thomas Lawler, Indiana Wilson, Mitchell Ayres, Anna Dougall, Kirt Fenske, Clayton Gelfius, Joshua Gomes, Jack Gordon, William Harris, Sebastian Izzard, Taj Ladkin, Matthew Luke, Max Poole, Owen Sutherland, Jack Wallner
Yr 10: Tayla Barker, Ally Brown, Riley Buddle, Georgina De Las Heras, Matilda Garrett, Marley Hewett, Brianna Rogers, Jesse Willingham, Tyanan Berman-Thorton, Joel Esteban, Joe Hall, Rhys Mathews, Lucette Mouland, Alyssie Simgton
Yr 11: Georgie Burke, Jordan Coles, Emily Flinn, Benjamin Jackson, Harrison Jones, Matthew Lewis, Alex Markoja, Mark Nichols, Victoria Relf, Matthew Stewardson, Timothy Stewardson, Harrison Stewart, Samuel Hornsey, Madeline Taylor
Yr 12: Tyra Bray, Thomas Gehrmann, Talitha Lay, Liam Ragen, Dulcie Crane

Silver
Yr 7: Isaac Baker, Jacob Laughton, Kira Loiterton, Tom Poll, Libby Ruge, Taija-Rae Dal Busco, Travis Gelfius, Stephanie Hodgkinson, Dean Lancaster, Kendall Stegga, Jeffry Su, Sanami Tiyce
Yr 8: Thomas Bell, Lleyton Chaplin, Abbey Doyle, Lily Fryer, Aidan Galovic, Kyle Grant, Sophie Grant, Cassie Hawes, Zahil Howard, Caitlin Jones, Olivia Joshi, Jake Lawrence, Jasmine Mills, Kieren Pollard, Logan Porter, Jemma Robertson, Tom Sporne, Leah Thompson, Viviana Vespa, Katherine Vicary, Andrew Webb, Liam Williams, Sophia Borserio, Cassandra George, Chaise Haines-Rice, Riley Hartley, Sian Kelly, Sophie Morris, Jason Pappas, Amy Raison, Christian Spong, Robert Vaughan, Mia Wilding
Yr 9: Annie Hawes, Georgia Sainsbury, Joshua Bowmer, Kate Lewis, Montana Marsh-Walker, Oliver Parkin, Hannah Walter
Yr 11: Sarah Blair, Jordan Coles, Kegan Cook, Victoria Drummond, Jesse Duncun, Harrison Jones, Ryder Ladkin, Matthew Lewis, Claire McCombe, Jhy McFarlane, Jared McNamara, Bjorn Myers, Mark Nichols, Zoe Porratt, Timothy Stewardson, Harrison Steward, Charlie Wood
Yr 12: Tyra Bray, Megan Glaister

Gold
Yr 7: Eva Harrison, Abbey Philpott, Amelia Plum, Arian Rasekhi, Jordyn Bond, Allanah Butler, Aimee Deen, Harrison Doyle, Ireland Harrison, Grace McGlinchey, Hunter Nicholls, Keely Regan, Patrick Rosa, Jade Sullivan, Erin Weir, Katelin Wye, Cummich Young
Yr 9: Madison Allerby, Isha Keys, Amy Munro, Aurora Xuereb, Taylor Brookes, Bronte Emr, Sharnie Heffernan, Lily Nile, Aidan Stevens, Samuel Thomson, Anthony Tuohy
Yr 10: Kate Bezzina, Jessica Fleming, Adelaide Galovic, Benjamin McAllister, Dana Munro, Ryan North, Breanna Piper, Lily Thomson, Emily Wall, Lee Warren, Ned Wilkinson, Ellinore Hills, Leah Manuel, Max Michell
Yr 11: Tomas Dean, Sharna Dobson, Nicholas Hassler, Nicholas Keatley, Brayden Lamb, Drew Mathiesen, Jhy McFarlane, Cameron Smith, Rachael Thiering, Kannika Nanthawisit, Keelan Robinson, Madeline Taylor, Elizabeth Bell, Madeline Taylor, Thea Wilson, Zac Wood
Yr 12: Balusca De Morgann, Kieran Hazell, Amber Marsay, Jesse Allen, Jack Patterson

Gold Card
Yr 7: Tayla Hall, Arabella Hely, Madison Loiterton, Jade Miller, Elisabeth Parkinson
Yr 11: Jessica Davis, Imogen Del Solar, Sarah Young

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.
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

PARENT &A WORKSHOPS
Illawarra Shoalhaven Local Health in partnership with local councils and a range of partner organisations have arranged for Celia Lashlie, international guest speaker, to present “Growing Gorgeous Boys into Good Men” in your area. These sessions have been designed to improve communication between parents and young people, especially in regards to choices around drugs, alcohol and risk taking.


Bookings are essential; phone Donna Forknall 4254 2700 or Donna.forknall@sesiachs.health.nsw.gov.au

CARESOUTH FOSTER CARE
Foster care can be a rewarding journey for individuals, couples or families. By providing a stable, caring home environment you can make a positive difference in a child’s life. CareSouth provides exceptional support. To find out more visit www.everydaycaresouth.org.au

KIAMA CLASSIC FAMILY FUN BIKE RIDE
When: Saturday 20 September 2014.
Where: Black Beach Kiama Harbour.
Enjoy a great family day out at the 1st Annual Kiama Classic Family Fun Bike Ride. The 5km return course skirts Kiama Harbour across multiple beaches on family friendly off road paths.

Registration: 9-10.30am, Saturday 20 September 2104.
Entry: $2 per person or $5 family with proceeds to the Heart Foundation.

More information and registration forms: Road Safety Officer, Kiama Municipal Council 4232 0444, email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au or visit www.kiama.nsw.gov.au

FREE LOG BOOK RUN FOR LEARNERS AND THEIR SUPERVISORS
An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions including Police RBT, Police speed check and Driver Reviver. All learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours. Next log book run is on Sunday 28 September 2014 10am-12.30pm. For bookings and more information; Road Safety Officer, Kiama Municipal Council 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

SOUTHERN CROSS CULTURAL EXCHANGE
Live and study overseas. Information sessions are on in Sydney at Lane Cove Library, Library Place, Lane Cove on Tuesday 14 October 2014 7pm-9pm and Tuesday 11 November 2014 7pm-9pm.

HSC LOCK IN
The doors will be locked. Mobile phones will be silenced. Kiama Library is hosting a lock in for school students! The library doors will close as normal at 5.30pm and only students will be allowed to remain inside. Bookings are essential; first in, least stressed! Use our WiFi, personal or group study; what you do is up to you as long as you do it quietly!

When: Wednesday 8 October 5.30-8.00pm
Who: Year 12 and other High School Students
Where: Kiama Library RSVP (02) 4233 1133

CARESOUTH FOSTER CARE
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Free drinks and snacks.

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