PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Dear Parents/Carers,

The main issue that I would like to relate in this newsletter is about mobile phones, electronic devices and social media. Schools around NSW, Australia and the world are engaged in managing and using 21st Century technology in teaching and learning. The overall philosophy is to foster responsible use of technology in the classroom. Our strategic plan directions over the next two years will be developing a policy called BYOD - Bring Your Own Device. This is a Departmental policy to be implemented by each school to facilitate the use of technology in the classroom.

However, it has come to my attention that a number of students in the school have been using their mobile phones inappropriately and may be in jeopardy of breaching the Communications Act.

Reports have indicated that some students may be recording lessons and uploading this content to social media sites.

In response to these reports we have interviewed a number of students and have been checking their devices to see if this has occurred. From our investigations it is clear that this has been happening and may still be occurring. Unfortunately, there have been cases where parents have suggested that their children record the lesson so that they can see what is going on. This puts the student in a very difficult and dangerous position and I ask that this cease. If any parent has an issue with a class, a teacher or any matter I ask that they approach the school to discuss it and together we will attempt to address it.

Students engaged in such activities – recording lessons or teachers or other students and uploading to the Internet in order to embarrass or bully someone else break the Communications Act. This is a criminal Offence and the school will have to report such matters to the police.

1. In order to ensure that this does not occur, students and parents are being asked to ensure that they know and understand our policies on the use of Mobile Phones, Electronic Devices and Social Media.
2. Students will be asked to deposit their phones, with a label on it, in a box or receptacle at the start of the lesson without debate or argument – this will be given back at the end of the lesson.

If a student is found with a device on them in the lesson they may be suspended for continued disobedience.

In the interests of both teachers and the overall safety of your child and their privacy, I ask for your assistance in this matter and that you have a conversation with your child about these matters in order to circumvent future issues that may cause serious consequences.

If you would like to discuss any of these issues, please ring me at school.
John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS
HSC EXAMS
The HSC exams commenced last Monday with students sitting first up for the English exam. Students have worked long and hard for this final chapter in their school life. Most students I saw and spoke to before their first exam appeared relaxed and confident, and we wish them every success. Our new BOSTES HSC Presiding Officer is John Dawson. If your child experiences either Illness or hardship whilst undertaking the exams then your child should contact either John Dawson or Laurel O’Sullivan in the Front Office.

CROSSROADS
Congratulations to our new Year 12 students who participated in the Crossroads Program in the first week of term. All presenters commented on the excellent behaviour and participation of the students. Well done!

ASSESSMENTS FOR YEARS 7-10
Students in Years 7-10 will soon be sitting for their end of year exams in many of their subjects. Students need to start revising their course work to ensure that they produce their personal best. Parents are encouraged to remind their children of their study commitments. Yearly reports will be issued to students in the last week of this term.
Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS:
IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!
Kiama High takes student attendance very seriously. Teachers and office staff work tirelessly in monitoring student attendance and the school is so very relieved that its parent body largely supports the school’s attendance policy and procedures.

It is obvious that both the school and parents know the value of regular attendance in students achieving educational outcomes and pursuing long term career goals. It’s a ‘no brainer’.

HOW IS YOUR CHILD’S ATTENDANCE MONITORED?
One procedure that is used is the compilation of an attendance report, which identifies students with an attendance rate below 85%. This report is conducted at the mid-term mark and then again at the end of the term. Students with an attendance rate below 85% AND a high number of ‘unjustified’ absences are especially targeted from the end of term.

Students with an attendance rate below 85% are required to fill in an Attendance Report, which is then generated and sent out to the parents. A Letter of Attendance Concern is then given the opportunity to discuss their concerns with students achieving educational outcomes and pursuing long term career goals. It’s a ‘no brainer’. Students with an attendance rate below 85% AND a high number of ‘unjustified’ absences are especially targeted from the end of term.

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NSW ALL- SCHOOLS ATHLETICS RESULTS

Two of our elite athletes competed at the NSW All-Schools Athletics Championships last weekend.

Nathan Cowgill (Year 9) came a very creditable 5th in the 15yrs Boys Javelin event, despite injuring his arm in one of his early throws. Nathan's warm-up throw of 50m+ would have actually won him a medal!

Jenna Bentley (Year 8) won a gold medal in the 200m Hurdles, an event she has only run twice before! This means Jenna will fly to Melbourne in December with the NSW Team to compete at the Australian All-Schools Championships. Her time of 30.30 is also a National qualifying time for the Australian Junior Championships in Perth. Jenna also made the final of the 200m (7th) and ran a season PB in the 400m. Well done Nathan and Jenna!

LIBRARY NEWS

Did you know Kiama High School has a digital video library available to all students? ClickView has thousands of educational and general interest videos available to access from school or home. If you prefer visual information for your assignments and study, want to get tips for preparing that English speech, or just for general interest, go to intranet.ad.kiamahigh.nsw.edu.au and log in using your KHS login (initial surname) eg jsmith username and password.

Library is closed at lunch and recess for HSC exams most days this week and next week – but we are open at lunch on Fridays. Chess Club will resume in Week 6.

Ms Ellevesen

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS

Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm
Fridays 11am – 3.00pm
Cash and Eftpos Only
Please be considerate with closing times.

UNIFORM SHOP – SENIOR JERSEYS

Kiama High School senior jerseys are now in stock at the Uniform Shop - cost $65.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Lucy Steel, Tara Brady, Hugo Ikeda, Noah Bruning
Recess: Eliza Corkin, Josiah Tuaoi, Reuben Thomas, Bailey Cousins

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 19/10: Lisa
Tues 20/10: Help Needed
Wed 21/10: Help Needed
Thurs 22/10: Michelle, Young
Fri 23/10: Heidi

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. We are taking names for Term 4 now; call the Canteen 4232 2007 if you would love to join our team.

COMMUNITY NEWS

KIAMA SWIMMING CLUB

Our Summer Season 2015 commenced on Friday 9 October and we run throughout the school Term 4 2015 and Term 1 2016. Racing starts at 7pm each week. Kiama Swim Club offers a fun and friendly environment for swimmers for all ages and abilities ranging from 25m through to 400m. Come along and try your first 2 nights for free.

For details on registering your children for the 2 free trial nights and our full summer program, please email Corinna on kiamaracesecretary@gmail.com or Lisa on sales@fairyfrocks.com.au.

CMRI MELBOURNE CUP LUNCHEON

You are invited to join us at the Gerroa Boat Fisherman’s Club on Tuesday 3 November from 11.30am. Enjoy canapes as well as champagne on arrival. This will be followed by a buffet lunch, tea/coffee and slice along with live coverage of the Cup, sweeps and raffles and a TAB run. Drinks at bar prices and the courtesy bus can be booked through the Club.

Tickets: $50 per person from Cronin’s Liquor. Enquires Lorraine on 0417 342 606.
NSW/ACT YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS
These awards aim to recognise, encourage and reward the positive achievements of young people across the State. Nominations close 9 December – for enquiries email nswyaa@awardsaustralia.com or telephone 1300 735 445.

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS
Learn Safe Workshops help you with advice and practical tips about supervising learner drivers; current laws for L & P licence holders; completing the Learner Driver Log Book; benefits of supervised on-road driving experience.

Next workshops are on 21 October 2015 from 6pm-8.30pm. For more information and bookings contact Road Safety Officer, Kiama Municipal Council on 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

HAVE AN INQUIRING MIND? LEARNING LABS WILL CHALLENGE YOU
Learning Labs is an academic enrichment program for high achieving students in Years 7-10. Workshops are held in the January school holidays. All workshops are held over two days and cover a range of disciplines, presented by university academics and specialists who are experts in their field.

To apply visit: www.uow.edu.au/in2uni-myway/llapplicationform closing 3 November 2015 or contact Sarah Smith at sarsmith@uow.edu.au.

BECOME A FOSTER CARER
To find out how to become a foster care attend an information session at Corrimal Community Centre on Wednesday 28 October at 6.30pm-8pm. For more information contact Savita on 9281 8822 or savita@acwa.asn.au.

WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB
Junior chess tournament for under 18 year olds, 7 round swiss to be held on Sunday 1 November 2015 10am-4pm at Fairy Meadow Community Centre – Keira Room, Guest Park, Cnr Cambridge Avenue and Princess Highway, Fairy Meadow (opposite Woolworths). For more information contact John Mazzieri 4283 3080, email mazzieri@exemail.com.au.

KIAMA COUNCIL 2016 AUSTRALIA DAY AWARDS
Know anyone in our community whose contribution deserves recognition? Kiama Council is currently seeking local heroes for their 2016 Australia Day Awards.

Nominations may be for volunteer work, an outstanding sporting achievement, special accomplishment in the field of arts, efforts to improve our local environment or academic success of a young person.


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.