Kiama High School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Dear Parents, Carers and Students,

Another week passes drawing us closer and closer to the end of the Term. However, students and teachers are very involved in assessments, examinations and report writing. Students should not let their guard down at this time as we all want a good report to come home for Christmas. Keep up the revisions and study at home and follow the guidelines as set out in my report last week.

Our Senior Year 11 into Year 12 HSC Information Night went well on Tuesday with about 100 parents and students attending. The evening was organised and hosted by Ms J McLaughlin HT Secondary Studies and Mrs C Eleven – Teacher Librarian. There was a lot of information discussed and presented and I thank parents and students for being so attentive and keen to learn. I want to thank the staff who attended for giving up their time and seeing the value of being available for parents and students. This is a prime time for the school to showcase what we do for their children. Some parents commented that the discussions on Attendance and Assessments were perhaps a bit top down or tough. These two areas are important to get right so that students do not disadvantage themselves if they are not here or do not hand up tasks. KHS has one of the best reputations on the South Coast for Attendance and Mrs Cooper prides herself on ensuring that students are here and supported to be here. The Assessment Booklet was handled out to students on the following Thursday and we are ensuring that all students get a copy and that both parents and students sign off on receiving it.

Many cheery faces of Year 12 are coming in to school and signing out as the HSC examinations draw to a close. The exams have been attended well and we have had a small number of illness and misadventures from students. I want to thank John Dawson – Presiding Officer and his team for managing a seamless supportive time for Year 12 over the last couple of weeks. I look forward to seeing Year 12 completely finished and signed out at the Formal coming up soon.

Finally, there is a link to a survey for Year 7 students to complete telling us their opinions on how they found High School and our teaching and learning this year. Could you please ensure that this is done online as we value your opinions. https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TFVDLK3

A few weeks to go team. Let’s all get in and get the job done well!
John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

ALL MY OWN WORK
Year 10 students will be completing the mandatory program, All My Own Work, on Friday 20 November. All My Own Work is designed to help prospective Higher School Certificate students to follow the principles and practices of good scholarship. This includes understanding and valuing ethical practices when locating and using information as part of their HSC studies.

The program is designed to be delivered flexibly as self-paced learning modules. The program’s content is divided into five modules:

- Scholarship Principles and Practices
- Acknowledging Sources
- Plagiarism
- Copyright
- Working with Others

Each module contains:

- Information and advice on the module focus questions
- Quiz questions
- Summary
- Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)
- Link to a glossary
- Links to relevant websites.

Students will complete this two hour (approximate) program online. Students will not be permitted to start the Preliminary Course in Year 11 unless they have satisfactorily completed this program.

JUNIOR ASSESSMENT TASKS
Students in Years 7-10 will soon be, if not already, undertaking assessment tasks including tests for each of their subjects. Students need to attend all classes to ensure that they give themselves the best opportunity to perform to their full potential. Parents are urged to discuss with their child, upcoming assessment tasks to help support them with their assessment preparation.

YEAR 11 MATTERS
a. Late Arrival/Early Leave Pass
Year 11 students will soon be issued with a ‘Late Arrival/Early Leave Pass. Students who do not have a class period 1 or period 5 and/or period 6 may arrive at school late or leave early respectively on these days. Students need to carry this pass with them when it is ‘activated’ and students must sign in or out through the Front Office. Students that misuse the pass will have their pass suspended.

b. Uniform
Students are reminded that they must comply with the school uniform policy. Parents are requested to discuss this matter with their children should they see them coming to school not adhering to the school uniform policy.

c. Years 11 to 12 Information Evening
The Years 11 to 12 Information Evening that was held last Tuesday was well supported by both students and parents. This night was a great success and I believe that both parents and students benefitted from the information they received. I would like to particularly thank Ms McLaughlin for organising this event.

Gerard Kelly and Paul Roger - Deputy Principals

ATTENDANCE MATTERS: IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!
Kiama High School strives to work with parents to improve the attendance of students. Term 4 is always a good time to reinforce the policy and procedures for attendance.

- Students arriving late to school must have a note of explanation when signing in at the office,
indicating the reason for lateness. Students arriving late without a note of explanation for three occasions in a term, will be given an after school detention.

- **Early leaver’s pass** must only be used for exceptional circumstances. Students must present at the office, before school, with a note of explanation for the early release and if attending a medical appointment then the medical practitioner’s name, contact details and time of appointment must be included in the note.

- **Students absent from school due to sickness**: if students are too sick to be at school, then they are too sick to be outside of their home environment unsupervised.

- Due to the introduction of the Record of School Achievement (RoSA), Year 10 now finishes school at the same time as the rest of the school, Wednesday 16 December.

Remember, when a student applies for an early leavers or a late arrival pass, it is just that, an application. Therefore, a student may be denied leave or deemed as unjustified. Another point to remember is that if a parent condones absences that are deemed as unjustified by DoE, they are breaking the law and can be fined up to $1,000/day.

Most parents support the school’s attendance policy, as they recognise the value of education and the importance that education has on their child’s future.

Be on time, be at school, that’s the rule! 

**M Cooper, HT Administration Student Attendance**

| WEEK 5A TERM 4 | 
| MONDAY 2 NOVEMBER | Year 9 Test Week |
| TUESDAY 3 NOVEMBER | Year 11 RYDA |
| WEDNESDAY 4 NOVEMBER | Year 11 RYDA |
| THURSDAY 5 NOVEMBER | 
| FRIDAY 6 NOVEMBER | HSC Concludes |

**SPORT**

**TOUCH FOOTBALL REFEREEING COURSE**
Are you interested in getting your Touch Football Referees Certificate? Or being paid to referee touch footy?

Mrs McGuinness has organised a Touch Football Referees Course to be held here at school in the last week (Tuesday 15 December) of this term. It is a 1 day course and will cost $20 - it usually costs $50, so this is a good deal. It is open to all students, Years 7 to 12, here at Kiama High.

Any interested students need to see Mrs McGuinness ASAP.

**KEINTA CRUMBLIES IN THE FACE OF BOWLING ONSLAUGHT**
In the latest adventures of the Open Boys Cricket side, we were successful in defeating Keira High School. Ryan Micallef top-scored with 48 in his innings, which was a combination of solid defence and swashbuckling shots. His opening partner, Brendan Piggott, was a solid support and helped lay the foundation for the free hitting of Sachin Hall (35) and Ryan Timbs (24). Zac Parker carved out a neat 22, whilst his brother Flynn, chipped in with a couple of big hits at the end of the innings. Not to be outdone, Ben Grant cracked the last delivery for six in his quick-fire 21 not out.

It was Keira’s turn to bat and they were complaining they couldn’t see the ball because Flynn was bowling too fast. He softened them up, whilst Josh Spaid did the damage, taking 3/5 off 4 overs. Owen Sutherland got in on the act, taking 3/12 off 4 overs. Zac Parker took 2/12 and Sachin and Ben took a wicket each.

The fielding was good, with Jordan Warren doing a tidy job behind the stumps. Catches were taken by Ryan, Sachin and Callum Cooper. Blake Harrison came off the bench to add some sparkle to the occasion. Keira was dismissed for 74, before Kane Presland could weave his magic with the ball.

It was a convincing victory. Kiama now progresses to the fourth round of this State knockout. Stay tuned ....  

**Mr Berry**

**“DANCE MOVES”**
Congratulations to Eluned Price, Year 12, whose Dance Composition has been selected for CallBack 2015, the showcase of HSC dance works of excellence across NSW. This is a high achievement. Well done!

Last week was a big week for other Kiama High School dance students. 30 elective dance students from Years 7-11 took part in a dance workshop led by two dancers from the Sydney Dance Company. Students were taught and performed a small part of the choreography from the Company’s current work ‘Triptych’. They were then led in creative exploration to create their own sequences. All students were fully engaged and enjoyed and appreciated this amazing experience to learn from dancers in the professional world.

On the Thursday, a smaller group of 10 selected dancers from Kiama High School began rehearsals for their part in the Schools Spectacular 2015 ‘This is Our World’. This year our students are part of a large high school dance segment comprising of approximately 200 students from across NSW, but as part of this segment they will be featured in a smaller group of 80 dancers from the Illawarra. Our segment, a Michael Jackson medley, opens Act 2 of the show. Our dancers: Cassidy Richardson Year 12, Laiken Gladwell Year 11, Astrid Nichols Year 11, Olivia Prestedge Year 10, Ciara Rogers Year 10, Georgia Lee Year 9, Josie Mansell Year 9, Aimee Deen Year 8, Brooke Macdonald Year 8 and Lucy Steel Year 8 are to be congratulated on their commitment, energy in performance and their hospitality towards the visiting schools.

Kiama High School hosted both these recent events in the new gym. We are very grateful to Steve Hudson and the PE staff for the use of this fabulous venue.

The Schools Spectacular 2015 will be held at the Qantas Credit Union Arena, Sydney on Friday 27 November and Saturday 28 November 2015.

Tickets for Schools Spectacular 2015 are available through TICKETEK.
UNIFORM SHOP

Thank you to all the students, parents and carers who purchased their new uniforms during the 20% off sale at the end of last term. Now is the time to top up students uniform requirements for the 2016 school year. The uniform shop will be open for Year 7 2016 students to be fitted and purchase their uniforms on Wednesday 2 December 2015 from 5pm-7pm. This orientation night is only for Year 7 students starting in 2016. Kiama High School uniform shop is the only authorised shop to purchase your uniform from, 20% of all sales are given back to the school to purchase resources for the students each year and your child will have the correct uniform. The uniform shop will be open limited hours in January and these days are extremely busy and wait times can be long so please organise your uniform needs before the end of this year. Uniform shop’s last day is Tuesday 15 December 2015 10.30am-2.30pm. Uniform shop is now situated at the northern end of E Block, parking is available behind the canteen in the car park.

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

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.

UNIFORM SHOP
OPENING HOURS

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

PARENT
VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 2/11: Di, Bridgette
Tues 3/11: Help Needed
Wed 4/11: Kate, Bridgette
Thurs 5/11: Lisa, Penny
Fri 6/11: Mary, Bridgette

RMS SAFE DRIVER COURSE
KIAMA

The Safer Driver Course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so students are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help learners identify situation that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them. Participants must have 50 actual hours logged in their books to be eligible for the course. On completion of both modules of the course a learner driver will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book.

The next courses are being held on 14 November, 15 November and 5 December. For more information visit www.redcardrivertraining.com.au.

25TH ANNUAL CMRI QUILT AND CRAFT SHOW

Don’t miss this year’s Quilt & Craft Show at Gerringong Town Hall on Friday 13 and Saturday 14 November from 9am-5pm and Sunday 15 November from 9am-3pm. Entry is $5 and there will be a wide range of quilts on display. A special feature to mark the 25th Show is a retrospective of works by award winning quilter Merelyn Pearce. There will be a variety of stalls including quilting supplies, the CMRI craft stall and cake stall, clothing and jewellery – lots of ideas for Christmas presents! Come along and support this event and help raise funds for Children’s Medical Research. It is not too late to enter a quilt. Contact rbailey1@outlook.com.

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