Kiama High School Newsletter
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DEPUTIES NEWS

YEAR 6 ORIENTATION VISITS
Year 6 students have started their orientation visits. These orientation visits give students a brief look at high school life and an opportunity to mix with students from other schools. This is a very exciting time with students participating in a variety of subject areas on the day.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 ORIENTATION DAYS
The Year 6 to Year 7 orientation days will be held on Wednesday 25 November and Wednesday 2 December from 10.00am to 2.30pm. Our peer support leaders will be assisting in the running of the day. We look forward to meeting our prospective students.

YEAR 10 YEARLY EXAMS
Congratulations to Year 10 students who sat for their final exams last week. Students were well behaved and participated well. Mr Smith is to be congratulated once again for his organisation over the three days.

YEAR 10 CLEARANCE DAY AND PRESENTATION DAY ASSEMBLY
Year 10 students received an information letter to be taken home to their parents. This letter contains important dates and requirements relating to their Clearance Day and Presentation Day. Students have been informed that their Clearance Day will be on Friday 11 December 2015.

All books and equipment must be returned on this day and all fees paid by this day to ensure student placement in subjects next year.

Students must have completed all clearance procedures in order to collect their reports on Wednesday 16 December at their Presentation Day Assembly. At this Assembly, reports and awards will be distributed. Students will only be permitted to go home after this Assembly if they bring a signed permission note from home. Students not leaving will attend their normal timetabled lessons. All students, including those who have already left, will need to be in full uniform to participate in the Assembly.

Reports and documents will not be available before this Assembly. These documents can only be collected by the student or by a person with a letter of authority from the student.

Final Assemblies for Years 7, 8 and 9 will be held on Wednesday 16 December. More information about this will appear in next week’s newsletter.

Gerard Kelly and Paul Roger - Deputy Principals

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!
Kiama High School works very hard in promoting regular attendance of its students. The school also recognises the importance of working in partnership with parents in attendance matters.

...So again we are calling parents for their support and assistance in:

- firstly, for ensuring that students are attending school right up to the last day of the term
- secondly, to continue supplying absence notes within 7 days of an absence
- and thirdly, to provide enough details on the absence notice when a student is applying for a Late Arrival or Early leavers i.e. Doctor’s name, the actual time of appointment and the contact number. If a note is presented that does not supply enough detail and the parent cannot be contacted for clarification, then the request for a leave pass may not be granted or the reason will be identified as unjustified. As all parents would know, unjustified absences are recorded on reports and such information is easily seen by prospective employers or other educational institutions, like universities, when senior students are applying for early entry.

...and thanks again for your support in attendance matters.

Be on time; Be at school: that’s the rule
M Cooper, HT Administration Student Attendance

INFORMATION EVENING FOR INCOMING YEAR 7 2016
An invitation is extended to all parents and guardians of Year 6 students coming to Kiama High School in 2016, to attend an information evening on Wednesday 2 December, starting at 7.00pm in the school gymnasium. Parents and students will have the opportunity to see the Year 7 teachers, meet the Year Advisers, Sports Organiser, Head Teacher Student Wellbeing, view the uniform and hear from the current Year 7 students. The uniform shop will also be open from 5.00pm until 7.00pm, located in E-Block. If you are unable to attend on the night, but would like further information, please call on 4232 1911.

Information Evening for Incoming Year 7, 2016
Hayley Dean, Acting Head Teacher, Teacher and Learning

NEW SCHOOL APP FOR 2016
We are excited to announce that we will have a new platform to communicate with students, staff and parents from 2016. The School Stream application is a free download from the app store (iphone/ipad) or google play (Android). Instructions can be found in this week’s newsletter. We are currently uploading the weekly newsletter to the app, and this will be the preferred method, along with the website for the outgoing newsletter from next year. Printed newsletters will still
be available for parents who prefer this method.

The app will also be used to communicate with you school events and alerts, especially updates regarding excursions, school buses, changes due to weather conditions etc. The app will also afford us with the capacity to send permission notes and receive absentee notes into the near future. Use of the app will be clearly communicated with students and the school community and alternate communication methods will be available for students and parents who are unable to access the app.

The staff at Kiama High School are strongly committed to providing parents with excellent communication regarding their child’s education and we hope that you will take advantage of receiving this information in real time, by downloading the app and providing us with feedback about how we can better communicate with you.

Hayley Dean, Acting Head Teacher Teaching and Learning

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SPORT

GIRLS ONLY CRICKET LEAGUE
Interested in playing in a girls only cricket league on Sunday mornings! Visit the following website www.silacostsgd.nsw.cricket.com.au or see Mrs McGuinness for details. It’s a T20 format – 8 a side games.

ITALIAN STUDENTS OFF TO ITALY
On Tuesday 24 November Shania Cliff, Bronte Emr, Simone Pettit, Taylor Savage and Owen Sutherland will be flying to Italy as part of our exchange program with our sister school in Udine. The students are eagerly awaiting the departure and are looking forward to meeting up again with their host brother/sister and their families. A special thank you must go to Annette McHugh (Zac McHugh’s mother) for all the travel arrangements and to the parents of these students for allowing their children to partake in this wonderful exchange. Kiama High School wishes our students a safe and enjoyable trip.

Buon Viaggio, Prof Crocco

ITALIAN LEGENDS
The 3 Year 8 Italian classes were given a major assignment to complete this term. The quality of the works was outstanding and the following students deserve a special mention. Full marks were awarded to Poppy Bridgestock, Chloe Burg, Anne Alards, Tara Brady, Shea Cupitt, Arabella Hely, Chelsea Koks, Katelyn Liu, Seonaid Lothian, Eliza Metcalfe and Abbey Philpott. The models and sketches of these students, of iconic monuments were as the Pantheon, the Uffizi Gallery, Venice, St Peter’s Cathedral and Juliet’s balcony in Verona were amazing and some are currently being displayed in the school library.

The 2 Year 9 Italian classes were given a major assignment to complete this term. The quality of the work was outstanding and many students deserve a special mention. Full marks were awarded to Lara Balog, Sara Café, Ruby Chard, Skye Daniels, Abbey Doyle, Heidi Ekman, Emily Hoole, Josie Mansell, Chelsea Moseley, Lauren Perry, John Raison, Joelle Robson, Luke Taylor, Julia Humphries, Lani Allen, Cassie Angeloska, Bridgette Davis, Olivia Maroney, Kiara McEvoy, Lara McGee, Kara Mitchell and Lily Peterson. The models and sketches of these students, of iconic Italian monuments such as the Leaning Tower of Pisa, the Trevi Fountain, the Bridge of Sighs, Giotto’s Bell Tower and the Pantheon were amazing and are currently being displayed in the school library.

Buon Lavoro, Prof Crocco

LIONS CLUB YOUTH OF THE YEAR COMPETITION
Each year, Lions Clubs across Australia run the Youth of the Year competition that promotes leadership and citizenship for young people between the ages of 15 and 19. Past winners include former Prime Minister Kevin Rudd, former Queensland Premier Peter Beattie and the ABC’s Sabra Lane. On the evening of Tuesday 10th November, Tasman Fredericks from Year 12 competed in this prestigious competition through the Minnamurra chapter of the Lions Club at the Kiama Golf Club. In a program that would be daunting for most adults, Tasman was required to be interviewed by a panel of three judges, as well as present two impromptu speeches and a five minute prepared speech to a room of over fifty people. Tasman was awarded runner up on the evening and was highly commended for his prepared speech on gun control. Congratulations to Tasman for a tremendous effort.

Kate O’Connor, Co-ordinating Teacher

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.

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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.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**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 course is being held on 5 December, 15 and 23 January 2016. For more information visit [www.redcardrivertraining.com.au](http://www.redcardrivertraining.com.au).

**THE SPIRIT OF ANZAC CEREMONY**

The Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is a free, travelling exhibition that tells the story of Australia’s involvement in World War One and our subsequent century of service.

This once-in-a-lifetime event will be staged at the University of Wollongong Sports Hub from 11–20 January 2016. It’s an ideal summer holiday activity for families in the Illawarra region.

Over 40,000 Australians have already been through the Experience in Albury-Wodonga, Tasmania and Ballarat and the response has been overwhelmingly positive with locals saying it is “brilliant”, “amazing”, “a must see” and a “mammoth task executed perfectly”.

Visitors can walk through recreated First World War environments, featuring innovative displays and interactive elements which showcase over 200 artefacts from the Australian War Memorial, the majority never before seen by the public.

Entry to the Spirit of Anzac Centenary Experience is free, but booking is essential as places are limited. Find out dates, locations and booking details at [www.spiritofanzac.gov.au](http://www.spiritofanzac.gov.au). Follow us on social media using the hashtag #spiritofanzac.

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.

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**CANTENE STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Lunch: Hayden Lightfoot, Lucy Munro, Caycee Stratten, Tiffancy Springett
Recess: Tiana O'Reilly Fullerton, Reuben West, Erin Tabley, Chelsea Nicolas

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 23/11: Sue
Tues 24/11: Tracey, Mariella
Wed 25/11: Kath T
Thurs 26/11: Cheryl
Fri 27/11: Jo N

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.