Kiama High School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Kiama High School hosts our Open Night in Week 7 on Tuesday 10 March. This is a night where we showcase the excellence of our school for the up and coming Years 5 and 6 students and parents. I want to thank Hayley Dean and her team for their organisation and to the many staff who attend these nights and put on great activities and displays. We are lucky to have wonderful students who come along and help run the night from the SRC and seniors who lead groups around the school to students who help run the events and activities. Our message is loud and clear – KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL IS A GREAT SCHOOL THAT PROVIDES OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AND IS AN EXCITING EDUCATIONAL PLACE TO BE. I welcome all the students and parents who come along. There will be opportunity for parents and students to give us feedback on the night and we also want ideas on what you want later in the year for orientation nights. We will be preparing a FAQ booklet for new parents and students coming in 2016 from the information collected.

Year 7 were again involved in some excellent work on Thursday in the Year 7 Safe and Friendly Day, another Welfare initiative run by Ms Power, Head Teacher Support and her team. Thanks to all of you and I trust Year 7 are now better equipped to deal with issues in their lives.

Don’t forget about the P&C AGM that has been changed to 16 March starting at 6pm. We welcome all new parents to take part in a meeting run in Weeks 2 and 7 each term. It is vital to have parent input – your ideas and suggestions are very important to us. I will be bringing some draft Strategic Plan material to this meeting for parent consultation and review.

School Finances and Making Ends Meet
Part of my job as Principal at this school is to make the community aware of issues and to educate you about the management and finance structures of the school. I will bring to you information about how we finance projects at the school because we value community input and understanding. One area I want to talk to you about is the changing nature of how public schools are financed and how we use this money for your children. Recently, the school received its 2015 finance allocation under new guidelines called the Resource Allocation Model – RAM (see attached facts sheets). This model attempts to resource schools equitably across the state. A large component of it is based on the Socio Economic dynamic of our community - Kiama. We are funded on the overall reported education and background of parents. It is vital for our funding to have correct and updated information about parents occupation, education and languages spoken. We have attached a form for you to send in with updated information in this newsletter – called Kiama High School Student and Parent Details Update. Please print, complete and bring in to the Front Office. Soon we will be able to send out electronic documents that you can return via email to the school. This update will help with the amount of money that the school receives for programs and resources for your children. As an example look at the following table that compares our school funding with a few other local and nearby high schools who have a lower socio-economic index.

School Comparison of EQUITY and LOCATION Loadings

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Kiama High School has less funding than high schools around our area.

What does this mean for our school and for the opportunities for our children? How can we address these issues of funding? Any further funding must come from internal arrangements. One such area is school subject fees and voluntary contributions. The history for obtaining these funds is not good at Kiama High School. The following table shows how many approximate dollars we obtain each year and for this year up to the present time and how much we could obtain if all families paid voluntary contributions.

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As you know we have an incentive raffle for a mini Ipad for Semester 1 to encourage payment of both subject fees and voluntary contributions. We have payment plans as well.

We will be publishing some information on students taking leave and how to apply for that leave now that the Exemption Policy from the DET has been reviewed.

Finally, as I write this report, I would like to wish Year 12 all the best as they take part in our Striving for Excellence Day organised by Ms McLaughlin, Head Teacher Secondary Studies and her team of presenters. I hope that Year 12 get a great deal from the day that will support their studies and goals over the next few months.

Have a great week and stick to our values of RESPECT, COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL EXCELLENCE AND RESPONSIBILITY.

Mr Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS
Years 5 and 6 Open Night
A final reminder that Open Night for prospective students is on this coming Tuesday evening, 10 March, commencing at 7.00 pm in the hall. Expressions of interest close on Friday 21 March. If you know of anyone in the drawing area who is not in a government school, but is considering enrolling here, could you please pass these dates on to them.

Meet The Year 7 Teachers’ BBQ Date Change
The Year 7 ‘Meet the Year 7 Teachers’ BBQ’ will be held on Monday, 16 March, NOT the previously advertised date, 9 March. This event, starting at 6.00pm, is an excellent opportunity for you to discuss with Year 7 teachers how your child is settling into high
school and learn about some of the wonderful things they are doing in their subjects. I would like to emphasise that this is not a parent/teacher evening where teachers would have assessment results to indicate your child’s academic progress. Students have received an information note to take home to their parents.

Cyber Bullying

Despite the wonderful efforts of Ms McGregor (our anti-bullying co-ordinator) and our Year Advisers, isolated incidents of cyber bullying occur from time to time. Students will be informed at the Year Assemblies that disciplinary action will be taken against any student found responsible for cyber bullying. Further, such matters may also be passed on to the police. I urge parents to be particularly vigilant with regards to their children using social networking sites including Facebook, Tumblr and Instagram. Please contact the school should your child be a victim of cyber bullying. The school is very proud of its record in providing very successful anti-bullying programs for our students.

Hands Off

The school has a “Hands Off” policy. This includes no physical contact between students, and no touching of anyone else’s property. Many of the accidents, injuries and damage to personal effects, that occur at school result from what students consider ‘just mucking around’. This is not an acceptable excuse for inappropriate behaviour.

Phones/Ipods/Skateboards/
Scooters

Mobile phones, iPods and MP3 players must be turned off and earphones removed and out of sight before students enter classrooms. Security of valuables is a student’s responsibility. Students who bring such equipment to school, must look after it.

The school will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen items. They are better left at home. Skateboards and scooters are not to be brought to school. They pose a safety risk to other students, and the school has no way of storing them securely.

School Uniform

School uniform is compulsory for excursions (unless the permission note states otherwise). Students who are not in full school uniform will not be allowed to attend. A note from home on the day will not be acceptable.

Five Secrets To Improving WORK-
LIFE Balance

We’re all busy! We all have lots of things that we must do, should do and could do with every second of every day. Despite the amazing technology that is available to us, almost all of us are busier than ever before.

Steve Francis is an expert in work-life satisfaction and an author. He offers 5 secrets to improving our work-life balance.

Secret # 5 Avoid Deferred Happiness Syndrome (DHS)

Many people suffer from DHS. “I’ll be happy when the kids leave home...the mortgage is paid off...I’m on leave...when the holidays are here!” Instead of putting off your happiness, plan a list of things that you want to do in your life-time. Don’t wait for a life-crisis before writing your “bucket list”.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

SPORT

End Of An Epic Journey For Open Boys Cricketers

Kiama High School’s unbeaten run came to an end in the 2014-15 State Knockout last Wednesday, but not without an almighty fight in a very tense affair. Our lads were sent in to bat by Picnic Point High. Their bowlers were extremely accurate, not bowling one wide or no ball in their whole 40 overs. Runs were hard earnt but our openers Matt Price (10) and Will Grant (20) got the team off to a solid start. Manning Berry batted brilliantly to compile 47 runs including two big sixes. He was ably supported by other batsmen, notably Zac Parker (16). Sachin Hall, Flynn Parker, Ben Grant and Josh Spain all helped the score along to a modest total of 8/128.

Picnic Point began slowly as our opening bowlers bowled tremendously. Flynn Parker bowled with pace taking 2/8 in his 6 over spell. Josh Spain continued to trouble the batsmen before Manning and Will again squeezed the opposition with their tight deliveries. Matt Price chimed in with a wicket and Sachin and Zac made useful contributions with the ball. Kane Presland was patrolling in the field like a mountain lion; Ben Grant resembled a Jack Russell, chasing everything with gusto; whilst wicket-keeper, Jordan Warren was bouncing around like a springbok, snaring an important catch. Meanwhile, the tension was building. Callum Cooper remained cool under pressure as he was handed the ball in the dying stages of the match. A skied ball saw Captain Will hold a catch that still gave us a glimmer of hope. Alas, in the 38th over, a snick over slips brought the opposition to within one run and 2 balls later they passed our score.

So ended Kiama High’s campaign to become State Champions, after already becoming South Coast Champions. The boys represented the school with pride and brought credit to Kiama High. Not once, in any match, was their on-field behaviour called into question. I would also like to thank the parents who have supported the boys throughout the competition. We say goodbye to the Year 12 boys - Manning, Will and Matt as we prepare for the 2015-16 competition which starts this Tuesday against Ulladulla.

Mr Berry

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VACCINATION PROGRAM
The following dates are the vaccination clinic dates for Year 7 students (boys and girls) and Years 11 and 12 (MMR ‘catch-up’ only) Students will be receiving the following schedule throughout 2015.

Visit 1: 20 March 2015
Year 7 students (boys and girls)
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) dose 1 (3 dose course)
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine (single dose)

Visit 2: 19 June 2015
Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) dose 2
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine (single dose) catch-up only. Not required if student has had the disease or have received 1 dose as a child.

Years 11 and 12 only
- Measles/Mumps/Rubella vaccine (MMR) (This is a ‘catch-up’ for students in Years 11 and 12 that missed their doses usually given at ages 1 and 4 years. This is not a ‘booster’ dose).

Visit 3: 23 October 2015
Year 7 students
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV) dose 3
- Catch-up for HPV, dTpa and varicella will be provided to students in Year 7 if vaccines missed at previous visits.

All participants will receive a rod and reel. FREE of cost. Ages 10-15yrs. For expressions of interest please contact Michael Lett on 0439 600 332, there are only 25 spots available so get in quick.

THE WORLD’S GREATEST SHAVE
It is that time of the year again to support The World’s Greatest Shave! Kiama High School will be having its annual event to support this worthy cause. It would like to participate speak to your SRC member! You can shave your head at school and join the team online!* Coloured hair spray will be available on the day (for a gold coin donation) Please support this cause by sponsoring Kiama High School at http://worldsgreatestshave.com/; go to sponsor whole team; search Kiama High School; donate whatever you are able to afford (a little goes a long way!).

*Students that are shaving their hair at school will need signed permission from parents. Thanks in advance for your support. Sarah Meppem, SRC Coordinator

KOORI KIDS & COPS FISHING PROGRAM
The Aboriginal Community Liaison Officer with NSW Police-Lake Illawarra, Michael Lett is running a program during the school holidays on 10 April from 10am-2pm at Reddall Parade, Lake Illawarra. A BBQ lunch will be provided and also includes:
- Educational workshops
- Rules and regulations
- Casting techniques
- Fishing safety
- Knot tying
- Line rigging and baiting
- Retrieval of fish and fish handling

tempts that will help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs.

It takes just two minutes to apply online https://applications.fer.trade.nsw.gov.au/ and once submitted the rebate application begins processing. Applications close Midnight 16 June 2015.

CanTEEn student volunteer roster
Lunch: Lucy Steel, Tara Greenaway, Brooke McDonald, Ashleigh Johnson
Recess: Olivia Mitchell, Tayla Hall, Hannah Tregret, Robert Vaughan

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 9/3: Brigitte, Dianne
Tue 10/3: Julie, Leanne
Wed 11/3: Vicki C
Thurs 12/3: Michelle Y, Help Wanted
Fri 13/3: Jo N, Elizabeth

Food Deals
Tuesday – sushi and a small slushi $4
Wednesday – Order a fresh made wrap and buy a popper for $1

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
FAMILY ENERGY REBATE
The Family Energy Rebate is one of a number of NSW Government energy assistance programs to help eligible households reduce the impact of electricity costs.

For more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703.

FREE WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS
To help you with practical advice about
- Supervising learner drivers
- Completing the learner driver log book
- Providing on-road driving practice
- L and P Plate licence laws

Bookings are essential – workshops are held from 6pm-8pm on 22 April. Contact Kiama Municipal Council on 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au
LEARNER LOGBOOK RUN
Do you have your L’s? Want to get more hours for your log book? An opportunity for you and your supervisor to experience a variety of driving conditions including Police RBT, Speed Check and Driver Reviver.

Daylight – Sunday runs are held at Shellharbour and Kiama 10am-12.30pm.
Night – Tuesday runs are held at 6pm-8.30pm in Shellharbour and Kiama only.

All learner drivers must have 40 or more log book hours.
Bookings are essential. Contact Shellharbour City Council or Kiama Municipal Council on 4221 6124 or email jenny.davies@shellhabour.nsw.gov.au

GERRINGON PUBLIC SCHOOL
FETE 14 MARCH 2015 10am-3pm

CAMP OUT INFO DAY
A pre-camp meet up for interested campers, their parents and guardians.
When: 2-4pm Sunday 15 March 2015.
Where: Twenty 10, Level 1, 45 Chippen Street, Chippendale, 5 minute walk from Central Station.
RSVP: info@campout.org.au or check out www.campout.org.au for more information.

YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP
Headspace Wollongong is currently seeking applications from enthusiastic young people aged 16-25 years, to join our Youth Reference Group.

For more information www.headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/headspace-wollongong/youth-reference-group or see your School Councillors, Julie or Nathan. Applications close 15 March.

KIAMA WELL BEING COMMITTEE
Have you ever wanted to develop your leadership skills, have a leadership role in a team and have an interest in the well being of our school community? The School Councillors are looking for students from all year groups who have an interest in organising, coordinating and participating in decision making and events that bring about a positive impact on our school community. A meeting will be held in the School Councillors room at lunch next Monday. Please bring your lunch and your ideas.

SURF’S UP FOR DISABLED SURFERS AT GERROA
The South Coast Branch of the Disabled Surfers Association is running its 14th annual ‘Hands on Day’ at Gerroa beach on 29 March with everyone checking in between 9-9.30am. Cost is free to everyone helping: carers, volunteer helpers and members with the cost being $10 only for non member participants. The day includes a fully supervised surf experience followed by a BBQ lunch and prizes for great deeds.

For more information contact Jim 0458759999 or Ian 42844539 or just turn up.

GERRINGON BREAKERS
Be a Breaker in 2015. Registration for the 2015 season is underway. For more information visit gerringongbreakers@hotmail.com/Rego.

A Grassroots Coaching Course will be held at Gerry Emery Oval at 4pm Friday 13 March. We encourage all parents, players and coaches to attend.
Contact Sara Ross on 0411 338 177 or email gerringongbreakers@hotmail.com

KIAMA JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Registration is now open for the 2015 winter season, which starts at the Kiama Leisure Centre in the first week of Term 2.
Mixed comps on Monday (Yrs 4-6), Tuesday (Yrs 7-11) and Wednesday (Yrs 2-3).
Download the registration package at www.kiamabasketball.com.au or come to our registration days at Kiama Leisure Centre on 12 March and 19 March 4-6pm.

KIAMA HOCKEY CLUB
Registration is available on line or by contacting Andrew McGeechan 0400 354 482, ajm095@hotmail.com or juniors@kiamahockey.org.au. Training is held on Thursday from 5pm-6pm at the Mary Marley Hockey Centre, Croome Road, Albion Park.

KIAMA DOWNS SURF CLUB
NIPPERS CAR WASH AND SAUSAGE SIZZLE 22 MARCH
Sunday 22 March $10 from 12pm-2pm at Kiama Downs SLC. All proceeds to the Surf Club for the Nipers to purchase new equipment.

AFS WOLLONGONG STUDENT EXCHANGE
AFS will be running a free information session on Tuesday 10 March at 6pm at Wollongong Public Library, 41 Burelli Street, Wollongong. For more information and to register your attendance go to www.afs.org.au/opendays or call 1300 131 736 or email ausafs@afs.org

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.