Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

NAPLAN TESTS went very well with the great organisation and hard work of Ms Ros Jaeger and Mr Dave Smith. Thanks also go to both students and parents who sent their children to take part. The outcome of the tests will assist our programs and our directions over the next year. Students were very well behaved as they focused for quite a few hours over several days.

NATIONAL RECONCILIATION WEEK AND NATIONAL SORRY DAY are being celebrated this week at Kiama High School. Both events are very important to us as Australians and to our children. Staff and students are recognising and celebrating our wonderful Indigenous culture and the issues concerning reconciliation. This school has an Indigenous population of about 29 students – a small group in a school of over 1100 students. However, as a community and school within the local, state, national and global community, we promote reconciliation to all our students and community. At Kiama High School our Strategic Plan directs us towards leading our students towards being a global citizen – a person that understands the complexity of the world and having an empathy for this complexity.

This week I want to thank Ms Ruth Power and Ms Kellie Evans and their team for organising our celebration ceremonies on Monday and into the rest of the week.

Year 12 and Year 11 received their half yearly reports in week 4 and in week 5. Parents should have seen them and have made appointments for Parent Teacher Night on Monday 25 May. Please come along and talk to the teachers. It is also a night for Year 7 parents.

STUDENTS SEEKING EXTENDED LEAVE

There are many parents seeking leave for mid-year holidays and other reasons. Be aware that the rules for Attendance and seeking Extended Leave have changed. I will be requesting interviews in many cases for parents seeking leave. As Principal I have been given the responsibility of approving or not approving leave. It is very important that you come and talk about leave and that students take responsibility for ensuring they keep up to date and take work with them on leave.

The next PARENTS AND CITIZEN MEETING is next week on the Monday - week 7. Please come along and voice your thoughts. Part of the meeting will be devoted to thinking of other ways to hold these meetings and we are looking for novel and innovative ideas.

Have a great week.
John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

A reminder that the parent/teacher evening for students in Years 7, 11 and 12 will be held Monday 25 May between the hours of 2.45pm and 7.00pm. Students have received their booking sheets and have been asked to make appointment times with their teachers on behalf of their parents. Parents are urged to check their child’s booking sheet for the correct times.

CYBERBULLYING

Facebook and other social media continue to cause problems for students both in and out of school. When we see printouts of what some students are receiving it is quite disturbing to think that teenagers would use such threatening, intimidating and abusive language towards each other. If you are not listed as a friend on your child’s site, perhaps you might like to consider it. It allows you to have some insight into what is happening in your child’s world – and it is not always pleasant. Used correctly the internet can be a great facilitator for communication.

RECONCILIATION WEEK

A number of activities are planned for this week as part of Reconciliation Week starting with an assembly on Monday followed by a smoking ceremony and morning tea. There will also be a Sorry Day Ceremony on Tuesday in Kiama. This will be attended by our Indigenous students.

HANDS OFF POLICY

Please reinforce with students the School’s “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.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

WEEK 6 TERM 2
MONDAY 25 MAY
Year 8 Test Week
Parent/Teacher Night Yrs 7, 11, 12
Yr 11 Special Assembly
SRC Elections (Yrs 7-10)

TUESDAY 26 MAY
Yr 11 Aboriginal Studies Booderee Exc
National Sorry Day

WEDNESDAY 27 MAY
Reconciliation Week 27/5-3/6

THURSDAY 28 MAY
Yr 12 Geography Sydney Exc 28-29/5

FRIDAY 29 MAY
SCSSA Cross Country Nowra
Fearless: HSC Seminar
SRC NEWS
Mufti Day Friday 29 May – The school will be supporting the Salvation Army Red Shield Appeal. Students are to dress in red and bring a gold coin donation to school.

Any students or parents that would like to help with the Red Shield Appeal collection on Sunday 31 May are to meet at Shoalhaven Street Ambulance Station (rear entrance) at 8.30am. The collection will finish at 11am. This is a great opportunity for students to receive volunteering participation on their school reports. Support this great cause!!

Miss Meppem, SRC Co-Ordinator

KHS ROCK WIZ NIGHT
Kiama High School Instrumental Program presents Rock Wiz on Friday 29 May 7pm at Kiama Bowling Club. Tickets are $20 each and tables of 10 are available. Ticket includes nibbles on the tables. A great night of fun, prizes and auction items etc. All proceeds go to the Kiama High School Instrumental Program. For more details call Louise on 0425 805 262.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Lunch: Abel Heagney, Anakin Araya, Ashleigh Johnson, Jessica Steel

Recess: Jade Sullivan, Lauren Humphries, Sam Scobie, Cameron Mitchell

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 25/5: Sandra
Tues 26/5: Tracey, Marella
Wed 27/5: Fran
 Thurs 28/5: Gil, Help Wanted
 Fri 29/5: Kristen, 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.

COMMUNITY NEWS
RMS SAFER DRIVERS COURSE IN KIAMA 13 JUNE 2015
This 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 situations 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 log 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 cost of the course is $140 including GST.
For more information contact Julie Dryer 0424 628 703 or visit www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au to book online.

CALLING YOUNG ARTISTS – BEACH ART WORKSHOP
High school students are invited to join this artistic exploration of our local coastline. Over this 5 day ‘art camp’ we will: explore making non-permanent artworks on and around Werri Beach, Gerringong; learn about the history of the land art movement and local Indigenous culture of place; explore working on own work and collaboratively on pieces; document all work in film and photography; put together a public exhibition at the end of the week.

Where: Werri Beach and Gerringong Bowling Club (for inside work).
Cost: $100 for 5 days tuition with local professional artists.
Who: Workshops will suit High School aged students Yrs 7-12.
Priority will be given to Kiama district residents.
When: 10am-3pm 29 June-3 July (1st week winter school holidays).
For more information and to book: Penny Sadubin 0490 373 879 or psadubin@gmail.com.

FUN RUN/WALK
Minnamurra to Surf Beach or Bombo to Surf Beach on 7 June. Dogs on leashes may also participate (special prize for a dog). $20 adult; $10 child; $50 family. Great prizes for placegetters and spot prizes as well. Proceeds to Red Cross – for more information www.kiama.com.au.

MIND BODY FUSION CLASSES AT KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL
Feeling like you need a bit of time out to chill, de-stress or just relax? There will be a relaxation class running at lunch times on Fridays for all students interested. Come along. It will be up in the main office across from the School Counsellor’s room. If you’re keen please arrive as quickly as you can as the doors will close 5 minutes into lunch and the door will reopen at the end of lunch. If you have any questions about it, please see Julie or Nathan (Kiama High School Counsellors).

KIAMA COMMUNITY COLLEGE – FUNDED CERTIFICATE III IN ACCOUNTS ADMINISTRATION (FNS30315)
Starting Monday 15 June, one day per week 9am-3pm for 20 weeks (excluding school holidays). This course will prepare you for a career in accounts administration or help you to provide accounts support for your family business. Cost is $80* for eligible participants. Contact Kiama Community College on 4232 1050 for more information. *Course is subsidised by NSW Government.

FOOTBALL SOUTH COAST
Have you got what it takes to be a referee? If you are 13 years or over you can join this specialised and important part of the game. New Level 4 course starting Wednesday 1 June 2015. For more information contact Football South Coast phone 42 856969 or email referees@footballsouthcoast.com

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