Kiama High School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
DEAR PARENTS/CARERS AND STUDENTS

As we approach the holiday period I would like to take time to applaud the work of all the teaching staff at Kiama High School and the wonderful work of the students over this term. Achieving high standards is always a collaboration in education. The relationship between teacher and student is very important in order to achieve best outcomes in an atmosphere of motivation and engagement. At Kiama High School we are continually striving for that type of culture and ethos. Our direction is to seek improvement in our profession and this is very much a significant part of our school plan.

Over the last few weeks, teachers have been trained in a new professional development and supervisory strategy called the Performance and Development Framework. This is a joint strategy between the Department of Education and Communities and the NSW Teachers’ Federation. The emphasis is on raising professional standards and ensuring teacher reflection on how they teach and how they interact with all students. Part of this strategy will be effective collegial and supervisor observation of lessons with an emphasis on professional reflection and feedback in order to make those adjustments and improvements in our classes. It is an exciting time for education and ties in well with the directions of the Strategic Plan and the School Excellence Framework. Being part of new strategies is always hard and anxious work and again, I want to thank all staff for getting involved and seeking professional improvement.

Reports are being handed out on the last day of term this week. It is very important that students and parents have a close look at the outcomes of two terms of work. Reward the positives and take note of the areas needing development. Every student should have a strong plan in conjunction with discussion at home, going forward into Term 3. Ask the questions – What do I need to improve on and what do I need to change in order to do so? In high school, study and revision are very important habits to develop and all students should be involved in home study on a nightly basis. If there are any concerns about reports or student progress please ring the school and talk to the Year Adviser, the Head Teacher, the Deputies or myself. We have a very strong wellbeing focus at Kiama High School and you need only ring to speak to the team led by Ms Ruth Power, Head Teacher Wellbeing to gain assistance.

SUBJECT FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS INCENTIVE IPAD DRAW

At the request of a number of students and parents, we are going to postpone the draw for the MINI IPAD for payment of fees and contributions until Week 1 Term 3. This will give those parents who have not paid or not entered into a payment plan to have a chance at the draw and a full two terms to have done so. GET THOSE FEES AND CONTRIBUTIONS IN NEXT WEEK TO BE PART OF THE FUN.

Further, don’t forget the NO STANDING NO PARKING ZONES in the southern bus circle and on Saddleback Mountain Road. We don’t want parents being fined by the rangers. The good news is that I have started a negotiation with Kiamia Council and Road Safety about possible changes to the signage and turning circles in Saddleback Mountain Road and the southern bus bay. I hope to have more news next term. However, it is very important that we observe the road rules as we have had near misses with our children nearly being hit by cars doing illegal U TURNS.

Return dates for Term 3 – 14 July for all students to return ready and eager.

Have a great holiday and thanks for being part of the Kiama High School community.
John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

YEAR 12 AND THE TRIALS

Year 12 should be experiencing a rigorous work load at the moment and of course, the work load is going to be unrelenting moving into this final chapter of the HSC.

HSC Trials are coming up early next term, which means that Year 12 students will be using their holidays in preparation for the exams. The HSC Trials are very important not only to the student’s school assessment, but also because these exams will reflect the format of the actual HSC exams. The Trials will be a ‘practise run through’ for students in terms of time management and exam technique.

It is understood that parents will be supporting their child during this rigorous study time. A quiet study environment, a hot milo, cooking their child’s favourite meal or just generally being there for a chat, are some things that parents can do for their child.

It is also understood that Year 12 students will be self-motivated, aspiring to do the best that they can in the Trials. Remember, Year 12, you need to be working towards setting up that ‘long term memory’ – the better you study for your Trials the more chance that the long term memory will be activated for the HSC Exams.

Keep your goals in sight Year 12; you are on the home stretch now.

School resumes on Tuesday 14 July. Have a safe, happy and productive break.
Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

WEEK 10 TERM 2
MONDAY 22 JUNE
CHS Table Tennis Championships
Kiama PS Athletics Carnival - Volunteers

TUESDAY 23 JUNE
Swans Shield
Girls Rugby League
Southern Stars Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY 24 JUNE
Taste of TAFE
Girls Touch Knockout

THURSDAY 25 JUNE

FRIDAY 26 JUNE
LAST DAY TERM 2
Semester 1 reports for Years 7-10 will be distributed last day of Term 2. If your child is unable to attend school on this day you may provide an A4 stamped ($1.40) self-addressed envelope and the report will be posted or alternatively can be picked up next term. Reports WILL NOT be available for parents to pick up on the last day. These documents can only be collected by the student or by a person with a letter of authority.

**KIAMA LEARNING COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT DAYS**

Term 3 will provide many opportunities for gifted and talented and/or interested students in stages 2, 3 and 4 to be involved in enrichment days at Kiama High School and our feeder Primary Schools. Years 7 and 8 students can nominate for the following workshops. Only 5 students from Kiama High School will have the opportunity to attend each workshop. Students can collect a nomination form from Ms Dean in J20. Cost of each workshop is $25. In the case of a student being unable to pay, the school may be able to provide support with payment. This is a wonderful opportunity to foster personal talent and interest, whilst also having a great experience.

**7 August – Kiama High School**

**Session 1 – 9.00am-11.30am Session 2 - 12.30pm-2.30pm**

1. **Creative Writing & Fun in Science**
   (Mrs Camino and Mr Moeser)
   **Session 1** - Students will engage in a variety of creative writing activities, composing their own piece of writing and learning new writing skills/techniques on the day.

2. **Creating Collage Monsters** (Art) and **Junior Stage Band** (Mrs Russell and Mr Deans)
   **Session 1** – Students will explore the basic tools of photoshop to create a collage monster.
   **Session 2** – Students with musical talent and interest will be provided feedback and have the opportunity to collaborate and perform as a group, to experience “Junior Band”.

3. **Japanese and Italian for Beginners**
   (Mr Brannan & Mrs Crocco)
   Both sessions – will enable students interested in studying language in high school, opportunities to experience the culture and the language, working with Years 8 and 9 students. The sessions will include song and dance, learning greetings, numbers and how to write their name.

Each session will last 2.5 hours and a BBQ lunch cooked by the Principal and Deputies will be provided in between.

**18 August – Gerringong Public School**

**Live to Dance** (Miss Berwick)

For students who have dance experience or are enrolled in a dance school in the Kiama Learning Community. This workshop will involve exploring some different genres of dance whilst working on dance technique individually, with partners and as a group.

**27 August – Kiama Public School**

**KLCOS Talented Athletes Day** – (Mr Corbyn)

This day will provide many opportunities for students in stages 2, 3 and 4 to be involved in various of creative writing activities, composing their own piece of writing and learning new writing skills/techniques on the day.

**9 October – Gerringong Public School**

**Architectural Drawing** (Mr Robertson)

Students will be introduced to basic drawing practices, including use of perspective and how to draw a basic floor plan.

**Ms Dean, HT Teaching and Learning**

**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

**Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm**

**Fridays 11am – 3.00pm**

**Cash and Eftpos Only**

Please be considerate with closing times.

**HIGH FLYERS ILLAWARRA POSTER COMPETITION**

The “Pietro Tedeschi Award” is a poster competition held annually for students studying Italian in the Illawarra. Each year, the Illawarra Association of Teachers of Italian choose a different theme for the competition and the winning posters are displayed in the foyer of the Wollongong City Library. It is with much pride to announce that Samantha Tiyce was the winner in the Year 8 category. Samantha’s beautiful stained glass window very much impressed the judges and on Saturday 30 May at Wollongong Mall Samantha was invited on stage to receive her prize. Samantha’s proud mother and myself were there to applaud and congratulate Samantha. Bravissima!!!

**Professoressa Crocco**

There have been a number of outstanding performances from Kiama High School staff and students over the last couple of weeks.

- Firstly, Mrs Jill McGuinness from the PDHPE Faculty was recently recognised with a Silver Life Membership by NSWCHSSA for her service to school sport in the sport of Touch Football. This is an outstanding achievement as all of her work in promoting and supporting Touch Football has been done voluntarily for over 10 years. Well done!

- The Kiama HS Dance ensemble performed extremely well last week during the South Coast Dance Festival. All girls worked tirelessly through the week with rehearsals and many performances. A big thank you also to Ms Gilbert who prepared the students and helped to coordinate and run the Dance Festival.

- Reuben Garrick represented NSW in the State of Origin opener this week. In a strong performance, the team was outclassed, however, it is an outstanding achievement and Reuben is very fortunate to have been able to play in front of a crowd of over 40,000 people at the game.

- The following KHS students made the South Coast Regional Surfing team to compete at the State Titles in Port Macquarie in July. Well done to Aron Cox, Jack Wallner (U18’s), Blake Rogers (U16’s).

Congratulations to all of the High Flyers this week!

**ITALIAN EXCHANGE STUDENTS**

Kiama High School will be welcoming our sister school exchange students on Monday 22 June. Kiama High School has had a sister school agreement with the Liceo Scientifico
Marinelli in Udine, Italy, since 2003. As part of this agreement, each year, for a period of approximately eight weeks, families of students studying Italian host students from the Liceo. In turn, in a reciprocal exchange, our students travel to Italy from November to January to attend school, staying with the host family. During their time in Italy, our students experience the cultural wonders of not just Italy, but also have the opportunity to travel to nearby countries such as Austria, Germany and France. They experience a real white Christmas and in the past many students have even had the opportunity to ski in the Swiss and Italian Alps.

Shania Cliff, Bronte Emr, Simone Pettit, Taylor Savage, Owen Sutherland and Georgina Farrar will be hosting this year. I would like to thank the families of these students for participating in this exchange and for welcoming the Italians in their homes. A special mention and thank you must also go to Anne Turner who works tirelessly behind the scenes organising amongst many things, bus passes, uniforms and subject selections for the Italians. Without her the exchange could not go ahead.

Kiama High School welcomes Lucrezia Gentile, Andrea Giarduz, Valentina Surza, Rachele Bruno, Samuele De Lorenzi and Giorgia Di Maggio.

Benvenuti e buon divertimento,
Professoressa Crocco

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 22/6: Lisa  
Tues 23/6: Help Please  
Wed 24/6: Josie  
Thurs 25/6: Trish R, Gel  
Fri 26/6: Half Day – Last Day

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 3 now; call the Canteen 4232 2007 if you would love to join our team.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**HSC HELP @ KIAMALIBRARY**

This year, the Friends of Kiama Library is sponsoring a two day program of exam tips and tutorials to support Illawarra HSC students at Kiama Library during the June/July school holidays. The two days will be Tuesday 30 June and Tuesday 7 July, 10am-3.30pm. Experienced local tutors and guest lecturers from Sydney and the Illawarra will give tips on Creative Writing, Maths, Biology, PDHPE and Modern and Ancient History, making these sessions invaluable for HSC students.

All events have limited spaces so bookings are essential. Call (02) 4233 1133 or ask at the Library for more details. Cost is $5 per student for both days. You can pay for the ticket in advance or on the day. Bring your own food and drink. All of the details can be found at http://www.library.kiama.nsw.gov.au/hsc-help-kiama-library including biographies of our tutors and timetables of the sessions. The event is primarily for Year 12 students, but Year 11 students may find the sessions beneficial.

**RMS SAFER DRIVER COURSE IN KIAMA 18 JULY 2015**

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 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 on 0424 628 703 or visit www.redcardriving.com.au to book on line.

**SHELLHARBOUR YOUTH SERVICES – SCHOOL HOLIDAY ACTIVITIES**

Shellharbour City Council are running various activities during the upcoming school holidays for young people aged 12-25 years. For more information telephone 4295 3820; mobile 0421 044 130; website www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au

**RAISING RESILIENT TEENAGERS**

Free online program empowering parents to make sense of adolescence and parent their teenager more confidently. We are seeking parents and their teenagers to take part in a trial of a new online parenting program designed to provide parents with strategies to deal with adolescence and protect their teenagers’ mental health.

For more information please go to www.parentingstrategies.net/depression.brief intervention. For further details you can contact the researchers at med-parentingstrategies@monash.edu or on (03) 9905 1250.

**BEANIES FOR BRAIN CANCER**

Fundraiser to be held at Kiama Farmers’ Market on 1 July 2pm-5pm with a baked goods stall which has been organised by James Sullivan, aged 7 years and his mum. The Kiama Farmers’ Market stallholders have generously donated goodies for raffles and prizes for the “best beanie”.

**200KM RIDE TO CONQUER CANCER FUNDRAISER – MAGIC MIKE MOVIE NIGHT**

Help support Gabby Zoratto and India Beauchamp to do the ride by grabbing your friends and family and come along for a fun night at Shellharbour Greater Union on Wednesday 15 July at 6pm. Cost is $20pp which includes the movie and a donation towards our fundraising for The Chris O’Brien Life House. All bookings will be confirmed upon payment to M Beauchamp BSB 641800 ACC 010700683 – please put your name as reference and the number of tickets you require. Thank you in advance for your support!

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**CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

**Lunch:** Liam North, Amelia Plum, Sarah Raison, Emily Prytherch  
**Recess:** Hannah Tregret, Hannah Sultana, Tiana O’Reilly-Fullerton, Amelia Moore

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