Dear School Community

Members

Last week was a very exciting week with elections for the Student Representative Council taking place for the second half of 2015 and into 2016. Thanks go to Ms Sarah Meppem for her role as Leader and Coordinator of the SRC this year. Congratulations go to the office holders for 2015/16:

- Captains – Eliza Skorulis and Ned Wilkinson
- Vice Captains – Emma Douglas and Tasman Fredericks
- Secretary and Treasurer – Hannah Lawrence and Tobias Allen

These are very important and high visibility positions in the school. This key leadership group will be representing the entire student body and we welcome them into this role.

Kiama High School has been very busy celebrating and recognising the meaning of Reconciliation Week and Sorry Day. Last Monday we had a wonderful Sorry Day Ceremony in the Hall with our 30 Indigenous students, family and community, Year 11 as the audience and guests from other schools. Kellie Evans and Ruth Power were in charge with Indigenous students reading excerpts from former Prime Minister Rudd’s Sorry Speech. We also had the privilege of having Uncle Gerald, a Yuin Tribe Elder as a special guest. He gave a Welcome to Country and he also conducted a special Smoking Ceremony and may be recorded and may be published in the Kiama Advocate.

On Tuesday we had the privilege of taking the Indigenous students down to the Kiama Council Sorry Day Celebration Service. Once again thanks go to Ms Ruth Power and Ms Kellie Evans for supervising and organising. As Principal, I attended and saw what a wonderful ceremony it was with great performances from many different public and private school groups.

AWARENESS OF NO PARKING AND STOPPING ZONES

Parents should be aware of the No Parking and Standing/Stopping Zones in the bus bay on the northern side of the school and the same in Saddleback Mountain Road on the south side. Kiama Council Rangers are booking people who disobey the signs and break the law. On Friday 29 May, upwards of 15 parents were photographed and may be booked by rangers on the southern side.

EXAMS, ASSESSMENTS AND REPORTS

It is the time of year when all of these things occur and it can be very stressful and busy for students and staff. Parents should be vigilant as to how their children are coping with these busy moments. In particular, Parents of Stage 6 senior students should be aware of the requirements for assessment tasks in relation to getting them in on time. The Assessment Booklets for Years 11 and 12 outlines the school policy and students and parents must be familiar with it. Note that a breakdown of technology and a loss of assessment work is not covered as an acceptable reason for not handing in a task or being late. Students must learn to back up their work in various ways. Notice should also be made as to illness and misadventure procedures and policy. Students are responsible for applying for an illness or misadventure from Ms McLaughlin, Head Teacher Secondary Studies. It is then up to the student to pick up the forms, take them home for parent signature and then on to the various teachers and Head Teachers for an outcome and a signature. Then they must go back to Ms McLaughlin. Students may miss the opportunity to apply for illness and misadventure if they cannot complete the processes in good time.

This is Week 7 and there are only a few more weeks until the end of the term but all students should fully engage with their learning over this period of time.

John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

MYeDiARY FOR YEARS 11 AND 12

All students in Years 11 and 12 have been sent an invitation to create their MyeDiary accounts. This invitation was sent last term to their DEC email via their student DEC account that students can access through their DEC portal. Please encourage your child to use MyeDiary as an important tool for being organised with their studies.

SNOW TRIPS

Students have been offered the opportunity to attend the Kiama High School snow trip. The first snow trip will take place in Term 3 Week 3, Friday 31 July to Sunday 2 August. Priority for this trip is given firstly to Year 11, then Years 10, 9, and 8. As priority is given to Year 11, they will be given the first payment date. After this date students in Years 10-8 will be permitted to pay.

The second snow trip will take place in Term 3 Week 5, Friday 14 August to Sunday 16 August. This trip is after the Trial HSC examinations. Priority for this trip is given firstly to Year 12, then Years 10, 9 and 8. As priority is given to Year 12, they will be given the first payment date. After this date students in Years 10-8 will be permitted to pay.

To secure a spot on either trip, a non-refundable deposit of $50 must be paid at the Front Office on the relevant payment date. The acceptance of the non-refundable deposit is subject to the following conditions:

- no outstanding fees
- excellent record of behaviour
- excellent uniform behaviour
- no outstanding assessment work which conflicts with the snow trips
- be prepared to abide by the Alpine Code of Conduct and the Kiama High School Snow Trip Behaviour Contract.

For further details please contact Mr Robertson.

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YEAR 11 SRC ELECTIONS AND SPEECHES

Last Wednesday a special assembly was held for Year 11 to hear the speeches from candidates detailing reasons why they will best fit the role of School Captain. I was very impressed with the quality of the speeches and I am confident that the SRC leadership will be in very good hands irrespective of the election outcome. Congratulations to all candidates.

SCHOOL UNIFORM

There have been some undesirable trends that are starting to emerge. Parents, please assist the school by ensuring that your child enters the school gates in correct school uniform.

Wearing hoodies of any nature underneath the school shirt is not in our school uniform dress code. Nor is the wearing of black tops or jeans.

Yes it is winter, but only items that make up the school uniform should be worn. If there is an instance where a non-uniform item is worn, then the parent must provide a note of explanation for their child, who then presents this note to the front office before school.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

A student arriving late to school without a note of explanation, 3 times or more in a term, is given an after school detention, as per the school's discipline policy.

Students arriving late and not presenting themselves to the front office to sign in, will not be tolerated and this behaviour will be dealt with according to the school’s discipline policy.

Parents need to be made aware that the Department of Education and Communities makes it very clear what is deemed as a justified or unjustified reasons for lateness. Sleeping in, missing the bus, getting stuck in road works, taking siblings to school, driving lessons are reasons that are deemed as unjustified. However, where an unjustified reason is provided on the note, the school records the lateness as 'unjustified with an explanation'.

The school is certain that parents value their own learning and their arrival to class, as well as reinforcing valuable life skills.

The school’s procedure for students arriving late is:

- to report to the front office with a note of explanation, preferably using the school’s absentee form. If the late arrival is due to meeting a medical appointment, then the medical practitioner’s name should be included on the note, together with the appointment time and the medical practitioner’s contact number.

A big congratulation to the following Age Champions for 2015:

12yrs: Mackenzie Ford, Adam Peterson
13yrs: Carla O’Meley, Beau Hallett
14yrs: Jemasin Joyce, Isaiah Klasson
15yrs: Ruby Chard, Michael Thistlethwaite
16yrs: Cameron Dignam, Daisy Files, Ewan Bell
17yrs: Ellenore Hills, Matthew Price

These students will be leading the charge at the Zone Athletics Carnival this Friday 5 June, as Kiama High School attempts to win the Champion School Trophy for the 13th successive year! (Please note that the Carnival is on here at the Kiama Quarry Complex this year.) By this stage all students competing should have returned their permission notes. If any students can’t compete at the carnival it is important that they let Mrs McGuinness know so a replacement competitor can be organised.

South Coast Representative

Congratulations to Jordan Warren on being part of the South Coast Open Boys Football team that competed at the NSWCHS Championships at Cromer last week. The South Coast team finished 8th, which is a commendable result for Jordan and the team in a very competitive sport! Well done, Jordan.

CAREERS NEWS

Nearly 300 Years 10 and 12 students from Kiama High School attended the Illawarra Coal Regional Careers Expo in Week 4. At the event students were able to discuss their career and study options with representatives from over 100 organisations.
including employers, universities, TAFE and private training colleges. Many thanks to the event sponsors including Illawarra Coal, the University of Wollongong, TAFE Illawarra, Bluescope Steel, Workplace Learning Illawarra and the Department of Education and Communities. Harper Martin in Year 10 was the lucky winner of an iPad in the raffle of approximately 5000 students. Congratulations Harper. In Week 6 students in Years 10, 11 and 12 attended a Rural Health School visit by medical students from the University of Western Sydney. Students learnt about life as a Health Faculty student and had the opportunity to ask questions. Remember, to keep up with events like these and all other careers news please check in regularly at kiamahighcareers.com or drop in to L3 for a visit.

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 1/6: Sue  
Tues 2/6: Vicki Cook  
Wed 3/6: Janelle, Donna  
Thurs 4/6: Penny, Michelle Y  
Fri 5/6: Chris, Mary, Bridgett

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.

New items always arriving at canteen – just a few are:  
Aqua Drink $2.50; yoghurt & berry with granola cup $2.50; watermelon tub $2; snap chip BBQ gluten free $1, Albion Park cake, pies and sausage rolls we now stock; banana bread $2; Kiama High famous slice $2.50; large cookies $1 – just to name a few.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**RMS SAFER DRIVERS COURSE IN KIAM 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.

**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.

**TAFE ILLAWARRA (AMEP)**

The Adult Migrant English Program (AMEP) provides free English language learning to eligible migrants. To see if you are eligible please ring 4229 0155.

**NSW TEACHER OF THE YEAR 2015**

We are searching for NSW’s best high school teachers to be part of an exciting new project that will change the face of teaching resources.

To nominate your teacher fill out the entry form at www.nswteacheroftheyear.com.au and answer in 100 words or less why you believe your teacher should win the title of NSW Teacher of the Year. Competition closes Friday 19 June 2015.

**HSC HELP @ KIAMA LIBRARY**

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 be giving 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.

**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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**CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Lunch: Tara Greenaway, Brooke McDonald, Beau Manley, Faolan Love-Smithson  
Recess: Robert Vaughan, Caitlyn Moore, Olivia Mitchell, Tayla Hall