Kiama High School Newsletter
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
Dear Parents/ Carers and Students,

Welcome back to Term 3 Semester 2 at Kiama High School. I hope you have had a great holiday and a well-deserved rest. You need to be ready for the fun and excitement and hard work in Term 3.

Year 12 students have about 40 days left before they leave us and go into study week at the end of this term. If you have a child in Year 12 at present please urge them to put a strong study program in place – every night at least 2-3 hours. The finishing line can be seen down the road right now and we need to be able to find the resilience and energy for that last sprint to it. If your child is having any issues – not coping, depression, lethargy, not working etc. please let us know so that we can understand and take this into consideration. Communication at this stage is very important.

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UNIFORM BLITZ - please be aware that we are targeting excellent uniform this term with identification at roll call, at assemblies and in class in order to get the uniform to a high standard. We are responding to parent concern that the uniform code and standard is slipping. Parents/Carers are asked to ensure that their children leave home in their school uniform. Students unable to wear the full uniform on any particular day are to bring a signed note from the parent/carer to the Front Office before roll call to receive an out of uniform pass. Parents/carers can check what the school uniform is by looking in the Student Diary on pages 20 and 21, or by checking the school website: http://www.kiama-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/parent-information/uniform

The uniform shop is open during the week and students can purchase uniforms from there – E Block.

PARENT TEACHER NIGHT YEARS 8-10 - takes place in Week 3 Monday 27 July 2015. Booking sheets have been issued and we do want to see you if your child is in Years 8-10. Bring the report and plan your questions. We have listened to your evaluation comments from early in the year and have condensed the venues down so that you are not travelling around too much. We will also put in place some sort of reminder to staff and parents about timing of interviews so that conversations don’t take too long and impact on your interview booking.

NAIDOC WEEK CELEBRATIONS – runs from the 2-12 July. It is an opportunity for all Australians to join together to recognise the outstanding achievements of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and the valuable contributions they continue to make to this country. This year the theme is STANDING ON SACRED GROUND - Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people’s unique and timeless connection to the land is the special focus and theme this year.

At Kiama High School we have been recognising and celebrating these connections in all our classes – Indigenous Games, Understanding Acknowledgement and Welcome to Country, Dreaming Stories, Art and Song. On Friday this week Kellie Evans our Aboriginal Education Worker worked tirelessly to organise a special day of activities and ceremony as a finale for our NAIDOC Week. We had the great pleasure of being entertained and taught by the Indigenous Dance Group – the Flame Trees – led by Jodie Edwards. This group of young proud Meegais (Indigenous women) took us through a range of dances and explanations.

Year 7 was our prime audience and they sat rapt throughout the whole ceremony. They listened intently to Dale Wright, our guest speaker – a proud Gamilaroi/Waylon man who has overcome great adversity in his life to be involved in leading and mentoring the youth of his community. He is well known for his involvement in the cycling sport for his Da Country trips to highlight indigenous achievement.

When you come to our school be sure to visit our new rainbow serpent traditional garden established by Kellie Evans and her father Terry. We thank them very much for their time and devotion.

I would also like to thank all the Indigenous students at Kiama High School who have been involved in this week’s celebration – they have spoken at ceremonies, assisted in organisation, taken photos, been ambassadors for our school and have taken up challenging tasks.

Our forward plans are to equalise the flagpole heights so that both flags fly equally. We are trying to establish a Koori space for our Indigenous students and community and shortly, due to the fund raising activities of Year 12 2015 you will see our new Acknowledgement of Country acid etched plaque being made by Troy Lenihan.

COMMUNICATION – you can contact the school at any time via telephone, emails (when up and running again), interviews etc. We welcome your input at all levels, particularly through the P & C and we want to know what you think and how we can improve.

Please take part in any surveys that are sent out to you so that we can get the needed feedback to ensure ongoing growth and development of Kiama High School.

John Salmon, Relieving Principal
DEPUTIES NEWS
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HSC TRIAL EXAMINATION
The HSC Trial Examinations commence on Thursday 23 July and will continue until Friday 7 August. Year 12 students only need to be at school when sitting for an exam. We wish them every success during this stressful period.

YEAR 7 ANNUAL TREE DAY
Year 7 will be offered a marvellous opportunity to contribute to our local environment by participating in Kiama High School’s Annual Tree Day. This event is organised by Mr Berry and will take place on Monday 3 August. Students participating do not need to wear school uniform but do need to wear suitable clothing including proper enclosed footwear and a hat.

P & C MEETING
Finally, our next P & C meeting will be held on this Monday 20 July, in the Library commencing at 7.00pm. All welcome. Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

ATTENDANCE MATTERS – IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!
Letters regarding attendance will be received in the next week or so by various parents. A Letter of Concern of Attendance will be issued for those students who have < 85% attendance for Term 2 AND show at least three unjustified absences, in other words, absences where a note has not been presented within 7 days of returning back to school. This data also includes students who arrive late to school without a note of explanation.

It is Department of Education’s Policy that parents are responsible to write a note for every whole or partial absence and this note must be given to the roll call teacher by the student within 7 days of returning back to school. However, verbal reasons of absence from parents, including over the phone, are accepted as formal absence notices.

These attendance concern letters only come into play as part of KHS’s Attendance Policy and Procedures when absence explanations are not received by the school, therefore, this procedure need not to be implemented if absence notes are presented as required.

...But when it comes to celebrating 100% attendance for those students who are obviously showing excellence in this area, sending letters of recognition and congratulations will not stop and in fact it is a pleasure.

Communication is the key and Kiama High School wants to encourage an open and positive relationship with students, parents and the wider school community - all for wanting to meet the welfare and educational needs of our students.

Remember: Be on time: Be at school – that's the rule!
Mary Cooper, HT Attendance

HIGH FLYERS
There have been a number of outstanding performances from Kiama High School students over the holidays

- Reuben Garrick has been selected to play for the Australian School Boys Rugby League Team. This is following outstanding performances for the NSWCHSSA team over the school holidays.
- Cameron Dignam has recently placed 5th in the State Interschools Eventing Championships and has also been nominated for Nationals.
- A one-day WHS Construction Workshop was held at KHS during Term 2, providing students with basic WHS knowledge required to undertake work within the construction industry. Congratulations to the following students who successfully completed the course and achieved their Work Cover NSW Whitecard: Callum Barker, Kyle Bennett, Joshua Bowmer, Casey Bradbury, Ryan Cahill, Tenae Carroll, Kye Doosey, Thomas Gardner, Jesse Hahn, Hamish Holland, Jayden Roots, Aidan Smith, Jake Taber, Callan Thistlethwaite, Nathan Tyice, Charlie Williams, Callum Young and Ethan Zadro.
- Finally, Daisy Pring of Year 7 has just completed a series of performances in the Musical Production of Mary Poppins held at WIN Entertainment Centre over the holidays. From all accounts, Daisy performed extremely well in her role.

Congratulations and well done to all of the High Flyers this week!

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL YEAR 10 ART EXHIBITION
Is at the Old Fire Station Gallery on

Wednesday 29 July 8.45am-3.00pm
Thursday 30 July 8.45am-3.00pm
Friday 31 July 8.45am-3.00pm
Saturday 1 August 10.30am-3.30pm
Sunday 2 August 10.30am-3.00pm

Year 10 are exhibiting works we have created over the past 18 months. This includes drawing, painting, mixed media, clay and sculpture. There is lots of variety that we hope will appeal to you. Please come along during school hours or on the weekend.

A big thank you to Kiama Council for supporting our Exhibition.
**EARN AND LEARN**

Year 10 Visual Arts students have decorated the box for Woolworths Earn and Learn Promotion. Please collect your coupons on a sticker sheet and please them in the Kiama High box so we can benefit and purchase equipment for our students.

Thanks to Claudia St John, Laura Bernich, Sharnie Heffernan, Aurora Xuereb, Trinity Zadro and Olivia Deans.

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**KHS BAND IMPRESSIVE ON GOLD COAST TOUR 2015**

On Sunday 14 June, 27 Kiama High School band students from Years 7-12, headed off on a 6 day tour of northern NSW and the Gold Coast. The week was jam packed; with six concerts at both Primary and Secondary Schools including: Farrer College Tamworth, Centaur Primary School, Banora Point Primary School, Kingscliff Primary School, Bilambil Primary School and Mt Tambourine State High School.

The hard work of the concert schedule was balanced with sightseeing and activities including; Golden Guitar Tamworth, Skypoint Tower Gold Coast, bowling, laser skirmish and a day at Dreamworld before heading home tired but well satisfied with our achievements.

I cannot praise our students enough for their efforts on tour. All the audiences were very impressed not only by the musical standard, but also by how well our students represented themselves, Kiama High and our local Kiama community.

I would like to thank all those who supported this venture in any way. To the adult chaperones: Louise Luke, Cameron Rossiter, Mrs Lea Borserio and Mrs Lisa Burke; a mighty effort. To the front office staff and staff who covered lessons during the week, I say thanks.

The Rockquiz Fundraiser held on Friday 29 May was a great success thanks to Mrs Louise Luke and her fundraising team. To the many local businesses, Kiama High School teachers, parents and friends that supported the event, I say a big thank you. It is a testament to the generosity and goodwill of this community. (See list of sponsors following).

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**UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS**

Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm
Fridays 11am – 3.00pm

Cash and Eftpos Only
Please be considerate with closing times.

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**NATIONAL CONSISTENT COLLECTION OF DATA**

Kiama High School is currently completing the National Consistent Collection of Data on students with disabilities (NCCD). This is a mandatory requirement of all schools to provide vital information on the number of students who have adjustments to assist their learning. This survey identifies all students with a disability under the disability standards for education. The broad categories include physical, cognitive, sensory and social/emotional. All students who have been identified with one or more of these disabilities have been profiled. If you have any questions about the process, please contact the school.

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**CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Lunch: Chloe Love-Harding, Gemma Garrett, Nina Willingham, Wil Baxter
Recess: Zach O‘Reilly-Fullerton, Olivia Mitchell, Anneka Vaughan, Kelsey Brown

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**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 20/7: Lisa
Tues 21/7: Vick C
Wed 22/7: Help Needed
Thurs 23/7: Penny, Help Needed
Fri 24/7: Kristen, Help Needed

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

YOUTH SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2016
The scholarship program aims to assist eligible young people living in social housing to complete the HSC or TAFE equivalent by providing a one-off payment of $1,500 to be spent on education related items. Applications close at 5pm on 31 July 2015. For more information contact the Housing Contact Centre on 1300 468 746 or email youthscholarships@facs.nsw.gov.au.

THEATRE SCHOOL
Term 3 enrolments now open. Musical theatre – introduction to acting – performance skills – performing for camera – improvisation theatre skills. Classes run: Monday-Thursday and Saturday all ages and skill levels. All sessions conducted by industry professionals. Limited numbers in each class to ensure personalised attention. For more information call 4283 3000 or visit the website www.egtc.com.au.

BASKETBALL SHELLHARBOUR CITY STADIUM
Shellharbour City Stadium is taking registration for our Cadets Basketball competition on a Thursday afternoon for high school age child 13-16 years. For more information contact Sharon Greathead on 4257 3468.

JEANS FOR GENES TRIVIA NIGHT
Join us for a great night out on Friday 7 August, 6.30pm for 7pm start at the Gerroa Boat Fisherman’s Club. The annual trivia night is a huge part of the Jeans for Genes fundraising event. Tickets are $20 each for tables of up to 10 and are available from Cronin’s Liquor Gerringong.Nibbles provided, drinks at bar prices, courtesy bus, raffle and lots of prizes. A fast and fun game is guaranteed! Get your table organised and help us to support ground breaking research into childhood illness. For all enquiries Lorraine Peade 0417 342 606.

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.