Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Year Assemblies were held this week in Years 7 to 10. These meetings often focus on the nuts and bolts of running the school in order to raise standards and achieve consistency across the school. We also celebrate our successes and give praise to those who deserve it in the areas of academia, sport, culture and extra-curricular.

Ad Altiora – Strive for Higher Things - is our Latin school motto found under our school emblem. This week we are focused on uniform, behaviour, no bullying and striving for higher things. I spoke to all Junior Year groups and emphasised that Kiama High School has a great reputation but if we want to keep that reputation and maintain that high standard we all have to work together as a team – students and staff.

There are very few students who exhibit poor or negative behaviour at Kiama High School – on a comparative basis with other schools. However, it does not take many to destroy a lesson or bring down the tone. Students should not tolerate poor behaviour in the class and should talk to parents, teachers and Executive to bring it to a halt.

I advised students to apply some low-level peer pressure if their friends continue to behave inappropriately by having a quiet word asking them to stop. It is amazing what the word of a good friend can achieve.

We all work as a team to ensure a positive experience and for all students to reach their potential. I ask parents to have a discussion about this topic, please. The team starts at home with the coaches giving good advice.

Kiama High School is a Uniform School supported by the P&C and the parent body. Please be aware that we are focused on uniform this term and into the future and ask that you review the uniform policy and guidelines that we have included in this newsletter. Footwear is becoming a problem. School shoes are needed – these are the unfashionable solid leather shoes that prevent injury from heavy objects falling on them or spills of chemicals or hot water in practical subjects. Can you check to see what shoes your child wears and get them into the correct footwear please?

Your child will come home and tell you that we are carrying out uniform blitzes at assembly and in roll call. Your child may be asked to come for a meeting to discuss uniform and letters sent home in the first instance. The uniform shop at school stocks warm clothing that is part of the school uniform. The uniform shop is open on Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm and Fridays 11.00am – 3.00pm. Students need to bring a note from home to obtain an out of uniform pass from the Front Office before roll call if they are unable to wear their uniform on any particular day.

Parent Teacher Night for Years 7-10 occurs on Monday 27 July. Please come along and see teachers.

The IPAD DRAW – this has been carried out in the first instance via a random computer program, which narrowed the field down to five contestants and then a random class of junior students was picked to do the draw. The winner of the Kiama High School Semester 1 Ipad draw is Kate Sullivan of Year 12.

Congratulations! Well done! Remember this Ipad draw was put in place to encourage the payment of fees and contributions.

Have a good week

John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

HSC TRIAL EXAMINATION

Last Thursday Year 12 students started their Trial HSC exams. Students have their timetables and should have established a solid study program leading into this important time. Not only will these exams give students an indication of how well they are prepared for the HSC but in most subjects the results also contribute a significant mark towards their internal assessment.

Please note that if a student is unable to attend an exam, the parent/carer must notify the school immediately; that is prior to the commencement of the exam. The student must collect an Examination Illness/Misadventure form from Mr Smith. A medical certificate must be attached if the absence is due to illness. The student must then return the Examination Illness/Misadventure form to Mr Smith for the examination to be rescheduled.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Years 10 to 11 subject selection process has started. Information booklets are being distributed to students who have been receiving information in their careers lessons. An information afternoon and evening is being held for parents and students on Monday 10 August. More information will follow as the time gets closer. The subject selection booklet is available on the school’s website in the Year 10 page in School Years.

MOBILE PHONES/IPODS

On a final note, the usage of mobile phones and Ipods is not permitted in the classrooms, library, office areas and are to be kept secure and out of sight. Students have been reminded of this policy and that contravening this policy will result in the confiscation of the item until the end of the school day.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

WEEK 3A TERM 3

MONDAY 27 JULY
Education Week
Parent/Teacher Night Years 8, 9, 10

TUESDAY 28 JULY
Year 10 Old Fire Station Gallery Art Exhibition – 4/8

WEDNESDAY 29 JULY
Southern Stars Drama

THURSDAY 30 JULY
Maths Competition
Education Week – Performance in the Park

FRIDAY 31 JULY
SCSSA Secondary Athletics
Snow Trip 1

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HIGH FLYERS
Congratulations to Bailey Robbins who participated in an art workshop during the recent school holidays. His production was selected for display at the Gerringong Bowling Club and there are plans for the artworks to go on display in Kiama in the near future.

Further to last week’s High Flyers Reuben Garrick will now travel to New Zealand later in the year with the Australian Schoolboys Rugby League team to take on the New Zealand Schoolboys.

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 place them in the Kiama High box at Woolworths Kiama 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.

NATIONALLY 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. Please see attached information regarding this survey.

SHINE PROGRAM
Around 50 Year 8 girls are involved in the Shine mentoring program that runs at Kiama High School for one period a week for 10 weeks. There are six very dedicated ladies that volunteer their time and have done so for three years now. The Rotary Club of Kiama has donated $500; the Rotary Club of Gerringong Sunrise $1,000 and Kiama Council $500 to the program this year. This enables the ladies to purchase small gifts, specialised books, stickers etc. for the girls. In the last week we go out for lunch to the Dragon Inn as well, with the students treated to a delicious meal (and a homemade cake!) and Kiama Coaches supplies a bus and driver.

All the students value their time with Shine and the School would like to thank sincerely everyone involved.

Ms Jaeger and the Welfare Team

UNIFORM SHOP OPENING HOURS
Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm
Fridays 11am – 3.00pm
Cash and Eftpos Only
Please be considerate with closing times.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Lunch: Lucy Steel, Tara Brady, Kalani Atkins-Maguire, Noah Bruning
Recess: Eliza Corkin, Byron Moulang, Reuben Thomas, Jye Mitchell

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 27/7: Help Needed
Tues 28/7: Tracey, Maretta
Wed 29/7: Carlise
Thurs 30/7: Kellie, Allison
Fri 31/7: Heidi, Gel

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.

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 contact Lorraine Peade 0417 342 606.

HEADSPACE WOLLONGONG
Is running free yoga and meditation workshops for ages 12-25 on Wednesdays, 4pm-5pm. For more information or bookings, phone 4220 7660 or email headspace@gph.org.au

SAFER DRIVER COURSES
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. Places available on 15 August, for more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or www.redcardriving.com.au to book on line.