Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

An exciting project is taking off at Kiama High School involving an interested group of local artists and culture aficionados – Penny Sadubin, Andrea Hope and Bobbie Miller. The object of their interest can be found hidden in a dark corner of the Administration Block – the lost paintings of a group of Lloyd Rees’ Architecture Students. These paintings capture the essence of Kiama before and during the 1960’s. They have adorned the walls of the Hall in the past but now have been located tucked away with their backs to the world waiting to be re-discovered. These paintings – about 1.2 metres by 1 metre in size will begin a journey of restoration and rescue. We want our students to be part of the restoration, the framing, the display and the writing of the history behind the art. The story will unfold over the coming weeks. If you know of the history of these works of art please contact the Principal or Jenny Morris, Head Teacher CAPA and talk to us.

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, which can be found on our school website under Parent Information. 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.

Subject Selection Fair is on Monday 10 August. This afternoon and night furthers the school’s efforts to bring the best information to Year 10 students so that they can make wise decisions about their future by choosing the subjects that will be best for them. An information evening for parents and students will take place on Monday 10 August, commencing at 7.00pm in the Hall. You can wander amongst the subject stalls and listen to staff and current students. There will also be talks on the BOSTES requirements and starting Stage 6 – the final years of high school. Ms Judith McLaughlin our HT Secondary Studies is in charge and you can direct any enquiries to her.

The IPAD Draw – Congratulations again to Kate Sullivan of Year 12 who won the Ipad for having her fees and contributions paid. We really need these monies so that we can provide the programs and resources for your children above and beyond the global budgets that the Government and Department of Education gives to Kiama High School.

Finally, congratulations to all of the schools of Kiama Community of Schools on their great Education Week Concert in Hindmarsh Park on Friday. Such a spectacular day with so many students involved. I want to thank the staff, Principals and students who worked so hard to make this a great event.

Have a good week!

John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

YEARS 10 TO 11 SUBJECT SELECTIONS

Years 10 to 11 subject selection process has started. Information booklets have been distributed to all students and they have been hearing talks from subject representatives.

TREE DAY

Today, Monday 3 August, Year 7 will be involved in the annual Tree Planting Day as part of their study in the Social Sciences of Civics and Citizenship. Year 7 will be interacting with local community groups with the aim for students to contribute to the local environment in a practical way. This is a terrific opportunity for Year 7 to get their hands dirty and I would like to thank Mr Paul Berry for organising this event once more.

PARENT/TEACHER EVENING

It was wonderful seeing many parents taking an active interest in their child’s education by attending the Years 8-10 parent/teacher evening. Parents that were unable to attend can still obtain feedback from their child’s teachers by calling the school during school hours on 4232 1911.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

Attendance Matters: It’s not OK to be away!

From the beginning of 2015, family holidays and travel are no longer considered exempt, but are counted as an absence when travel is taken outside of a vacation period as indicated in the current Department of Education, (DoE), Attendance Policy and Procedures 2015.

At Kiama High, the following procedures for parents requesting extended leave due to travel during the school term are operational in accordance of the DoE Attendance Policy and Procedures 2015:

a. Parents applying for extended leave for holidays less than 6 days, prior to the commencement of leave:
   i. No interview or formal application form needs to be completed.
   ii. An absence note needs to be presented at least 2 weeks prior of leave.
   iii. Holidays will be recorded as ‘Leave’.

b. Parents notifying the school of extended leave for holidays less than 6 days after the fact:
   i. Principal is notified.
   ii. Parent is interviewed by Principal.
   iii. Absence is recorded as ‘explained unjustified’.

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c. Parents applying for extended leave for holidays greater than 6 days.
   i. For extended leave for holidays greater than 6 days, the parent/carer must contact the school for an interview with the Principal at least 2 weeks prior to proposed date of leave.
   ii. Leave application for progression – application form is issued to parent to be completed and returned. Travel documentation, such as travel itinerary or e-ticket, needs to be attached to the application.
   iii. Principal’s letter is issued to student, who will see all teachers for school work that will be completed while on leave.
   iv. Student returns completed Principal’s letter to front office for verification.
   v. ‘Certificate of Leave’ is issued and student’s absence is recorded as ‘Leave’.
   vi. Teachers inform Principal of concerns about incompletion of work on the return of the student.

d. The Principal can deny extended leave for holidays during the school term if it is not in the best interest of the student in terms of educational and/or well-being reasons. In such circumstances, the student attends school as normal.

If a student attends unauthorised extended leave for travel without Principal approval, the absence will be recorded as unjustified and the Principal can:

i. Report the incident to the Well-Being Unit and/or

ii. Report the incident to the School Education Director and/or

iii. Deem the student’s place at Kiama High School as vacant.

Parents are encouraged to travel with their child during school vacation periods.

Remember: Be on time: Be at school – that’s the rule!

Mary Cooper, HT Attendance

SHINE PROGRAM

The school would also like to acknowledge the generous donation of $500 from Minnamurra Lions Club. Last week we mentioned the wrong bus company: it is Kiama Scenic Tours that provide the bus and driver for the trip to the luncheon. Thank You.

Ms Jaeger

COMMUNITY NEWS

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 groundbreaking research into childhood illness. For all enquiries contact Lorraine Peade 0417 342 606.

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 or bring to the Front Office so we can benefit and purchase equipment for our students. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for arts and crafts, sport and for our Library.

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

When: This Wednesday 5 August, lunch and recess

Where: Near the new Gym

How Much: $2, $2.50 or $3

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Emilio Goytizolo, Jack Flint, Jai Rooney, Jessica Steel
Recess: Courtney Bofinger, Emily Kerr, Sam Scobie, Mitchell Tucker

UNIFORM SHOP

OPENING HOURS

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

Cash and Eftpos Only

Please be considerate with closing times.

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 3/8: Sue
Tues 4/8: Linda, Janice
Wed 5/8: Fran
Thurs 6/8: Lisa, help required
Fri 7/8: Chris, Bridgette, Mary

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.

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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 online.

**TAI CHI BALL CLASSES**

Learn Tai Chi ball foundations exercises Level 1, a rare and previously secret set of Tai Chi exercises, at Kiama Community College for 6 weeks each Thursday night from 13 August 6pm-7pm with Brian Corless. Contact the College to register on 42 341 050.

**GERRINGONG CRICKET CLUB REGISTRATION 2015/16 SEASON**

Gerringong Cricket Club Registration Days
When: Wednesday 26 August (4pm – 6pm) and Wednesday 2 September (4pm – 6pm)
Where: Gerry Emery Oval, above canteen
Existing players can register online at www.gerringongcricket.com you will however require your child’s ID number which can be located through the MyCricket Tab.

Gerringong Cricket Club will be taking registrations for the U10/11, 12, 14 and 16’s. South Coast Registration fees are $99 per player for the season. $10 discount for each additional sibling. Further details contact www.gerringongcricket.com or Peter Quine 0478254820.

There is a new concept coming to South Coast Cricket this season, called T20 Blast.

This form of the game will be played mid-week.

So what is MILO T20 Blast? MILO T20 Blast is a super fun, social, safe, cricket program for boys and girls. The program is much shorter than traditional cricket, with a maximum of 90 minutes playing time. All the equipment is supplied and the games take place at the same venue each week, at a local cricket club or community centre. Cost $99 and is aimed at 8-11 year olds. More information to follow as we receive it.

**MILO in2CRICKET at GERRINGONG**

MILO in2CRICKET introduces girls and boys (5 – 8 year olds) to the game of cricket, one of Australia’s favourite sports. Once participants register they will take part in a fun, inclusive, action-packed 10 week program. Each participant will also get a MILO in2CRICKET backpack with a bat, t-shirt, ball, hat, drink bottle and sachet of MILO.

**MILO in2CRICKET**

When does it take place? Friday afternoons in Term 4 from 4pm – 5pm
Where: Gerry Emery Oval
Cost: $70
Registration: Wednesday 26 August (4pm – 6pm) and Wednesday 2 September (4pm – 6pm) at Gerry Emery Oval.

For more information visit www.in2cricket.com.au or www.gerringongcricket.com
Peter Quine 0478254820

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