PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
It is now Week 5 of Term 3 with the Trial HSC for Year 12 already completed and being marked and handed back as we speak. Year 12 students coped quite well. It is important for students to get results and feedback and then concentrate on a good plan in order to make the improvements necessary.

The number of weeks for the cohort of 2015 draws down now with limited time to study and complete work. The practical subjects like Visual Art, Industrial Arts, Society and Culture, Textiles and Design, Drama, Dance and Music are all coming to a conclusion with major projects being handed in and examiners coming to the school to do assessments for the HSC.

Liz Gilbert and her Dance Class have been completely absorbed in getting ready for the Examiners who came on Monday. You could hear a collective sigh of relief from all the students.

I want to thank Ms Cutting and Mr Quine for all their hard work with Year 12 and for the organisation and fundraising for the Activities Day on the last day of this term.

Year 12 are reminded that they need to finalise payments of subject fees and contributions as soon as possible and prior to the end of the term.

Subject Selection Fair went very well with the great organisation from Judith McLaughlin HT Secondary Studies. There were lots of parents and students filling the Hall and walking around the subject stalls. I want to give a great thank you to all staff that stayed back to talk about their subjects and expertise. Mitch Grove and Dave Smith talked well about the process and the structure of Stage 6 and the HSC. If you would like to view the PDF supplied by the BOSTES please go to the following web address https://bosho.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au/Download/Docs/2015_subject_selection.pdf

Good Behaviour is always what we expect and need at Kiama High School. Most times we get cooperation from students. Rarely but too often of late we have been having a few issues with some Year 10 students. These students are being disrespectful to staff and causing concern. We have been interviewing a number of key students and involving their parents in order to achieve cooperation. Students know now that further poor behaviour will lead to suspensions and possibly expulsions.

Tackle football is banned in the school. However, we had a near miss with a student landing badly during a banned episode of tackle on the oval at lunchtime this week. The student was taken to hospital but is not seriously injured. This could have ended very badly for that student due to poor behaviour and unwise decisions by a group of students. We have interviewed all the students and they are taking letters home seeking parent support and letting parents know that further behaviour like this will lead to serious consequences.

John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS
STUDENT PHYSICAL CONTACT
Students have been reminded that physical contact games of any sort are NOT allowed, especially on the ovals, such as tackle football. Such activity can lead to students being seriously hurt. I urge parents/carers to discuss this matter with their children and highlight the dangers that such activities can cause.

YEAR 12 EXAMINATION RESULTS
Year 12 students will now be receiving back the results of their performances in the recently held Trial HSC Examination. This is an excellent opportunity for students to gain valuable feedback from their teachers and to focus on those areas of weakness that need closer attention. This can also be a time when some Year 12 students begin to relax and lose sight of their goal. Students need to maintain their self-discipline and adhere to their study timetable. I encourage parents to discuss the recent examination performances and study needs with their children in order to maintain their efforts and realise their full potential.

YEAR 10 INTO YEAR 11
The Year 10 into Year 11 information meeting held last Monday evening for parents and students was a wonderful success. Students and parents were given important information regarding HSC subject selections and the opportunity to discuss their options with individual subject teachers. Year 10 students are encouraged to discuss their subject selections with their parents and seek out, if required, further assistance from our Careers Adviser, Mr Grove and subject teachers.

YEAR 11 VET WORK PLACEMENT
Our Year 11 Business Services and Hospitality students are currently undertaking 35 hours mandatory work placement with volunteer employers throughout the Illawarra and Sydney. I have received fantastic feedback from the employers complimenting these students about their personal presentation, manners and willingness to make a positive contribution to their organisations. The experience and skills gained by our students will be invaluable to them.

PHONE AND IPOD USAGE
I will be continuing the phone/ipod classroom checks. Students have been reminded many times that phones and ipods are to be turned off and out of sight when in lesson time. Using these devices (this includes earphones) in lesson time will result in confiscation until the end of the school day. On the third confiscation a parent will be required to contact the school to collect the device. Wherever possible it is best to leave these at home.

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’.

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 Principal at least 2 weeks prior to proposed date of leave.
   ii. Leave application to progress – 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

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SPORT

MONTANA MAKES AUSTRALIAN TEAM!

Congratulations to Montana Marsh-Walker (Yr 10) on her selection in the Australian All-Schools 16yrs Hockey team! Montana was selected after starring for the NSW team at the School Sport Australia Championships in Perth last week. Montana will tour South Africa in mid-2016. What a great achievement, well done, Montana!

GIRLS TOUCH TEAM 6TH IN NSW!

The KHS Open Girls Touch team once again proved themselves to be amongst the best in NSW when they finished 6th at the NSWCCHS Knockout finals at Bateau Bay last week. The girls were a bit rusty in their 1st pool game against Castle Hill, losing 8-3, however, they then hit their straps to defeat Wauchope 4-1, and Inverell 2-1, before being narrowly defeated 5-3 in the final pool game by the eventual State Champions Narrabeen Sports High.

This put the team into the play-off for 5th/6th positions against Tomaree High. Unfortunately we couldn’t get our “go-forward” going in this game and Tomaree ran out winners 5-1. Nevertheless, to finish in 6th place in a competition that starts with over 200 teams is still an outstanding achievement and our congratulations go to Grace Stewart, Kelsey Wishart, Claire Farquhar, Sharna Dobson, Jasmin Murray, Riley Wishart, Carly Abbott, Erin Dobson, Montana Marsh-Walker, Lily Stewart, Demi Stewart, Jessica Davis and Audrey Pring.

I would like to make special mention of Grace, Kelsey, Riley, Sharna, Claire and Jasmin. These 6 girls have represented Kiama High School in the Open Girls Touch team for the past 6 years: they have been the Zone and South Coast Champions for the past 5 years and have reached the NSWCCHS finals for the past 4 years. They are not only talented sportswomen, but are also wonderful young ladies who have been an absolute delight to be associated with. Thank you for your contribution to Kiama High and for being such positive role models.

A big thank you also to Mr Bob Corfield for driving the mini-bus, to Mrs Sharon Abbott for her support and to the Kiama High P&C for their financial assistance for the trip.
COMMUNITY NEWS

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 26 September, for more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au to book on line.

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 16s. 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 0478 254 820.

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 $59 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 partake 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

Where does it take place? Friday afternoons in Term 4 from 4pm – 5pm

When: Friday 21 August

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 0478 254 820

GERRINGONG JUNIOR TOUCH 2015 REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Register online at: www.gerringong.sportingpulse.net

Where: Gerry Emery Oval, Bridges Road, Gerringong.


Cost: $30 per player including a shirt and association and insurance fees.

Time: Kinders to Yr 1 4.00pm-4.30pm

Yr 2 to Yr 3 4.00pm-4.30pm

Yr 4 to Yr 6 4.35pm-5.10pm

Yr 7 to Yr 10 5.15pm-6.00pm

Enquiries: Danielle Ford 0412 300 857

Simone Miller 0428 343 084

Email: gerringongjunior Touch@hotmail.com

Registrations close Tuesday 18 August 2015. When registering online please select ‘I’m registering for the first time’ even if you have registered last year.

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 42 321 050 (please note change of contact number to register).

WEP EXCHANGE STUDENT

WEP student exchange is the opportunity for students to exchange their school, culture, family and possibly language for a selected time period in another country. It is far more rewarding than simply being a tourist, as students live like locals and acquire

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knowledge not available to the general traveller. It is a once in a lifetime opportunity
 to travel and study at an overseas school with the support of a volunteer host family.

For more information and to request a free information pack go to www.wep.org.au;
email info@wep.org.au or call 1300 884 733

**WOLLONGONG JUNIOR CHESS CLUB**

Winter Junior Chess Tournament 2015
(Under 18 year olds) – 7 Round Swiss.

**When:** Sunday 30 August 2015 (10am-4pm)

**Where:** Fairy Meadow Community Centre – Keira Room, Guest Park – Cnr Cambridge Avenue and Princess Highway, Fairy Meadow(opposite Woolworths).

Games will be rated by NSWJCL; results will influence qualification to NSWJCL Country Championship.

Entry fee $10. Players should bring their own lunch and refreshments.

Arbiter and Information: John Mazzieri,
telephone 4283 3080 or email mazzieri@exemail.com.au

**TEEN’S YOGA @ BOUTIQUE YOGA**

Introducing a special introductory Yoga and Life Skills course designed for teenagers aged
12-16 years at Boutique Yoga Studio, Gerringong. The introductory course will be organised into a 4 week block in school term 3. Spaces are strictly limited to 10.

**When:** Wednesday 26 August to Wednesday 16 September.

**Where:** Boutique Yoga Studio, 27 Cambewarra Place, Gerringong

**What to Wear:** Comfortable active wear

**What to Bring:** Water bottle, hand towel, a personal journal or notebook.

Enquiries and bookings to Boutique Yoga:
Merryn 0412 571 772 or boutiqueyoga@netspeed.com.au

**SUMMER FOOTBALL**

U6-U7 – 4 a side - $80pp
U8-U18 – 7 a side - $100pp

Two venues to choose from: Lakelands Oval,
Dapto and Memorial Park, Corrimal.
Nominations now open go to
www.footballsouthcoast.com or telephone
Debbie 4285 6929.

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.