Kiama High School Newsletter
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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS
The term is once again flying by with Year 12 students finished their Trial Exams and now seeing the end of the tunnel – school is nearly over for them. Parents should be coaching and cajoling their children into this last section of hard committed work. It really can make a big difference.

A big area of concern at present is the danger of Saddleback Mountain Road in mornings and afternoons. We have had too many near misses with students almost run over or hit by cars due to erratic driving. The issues are that parents continue to do U-turns and drop off children in the wrong locations in this dangerous section of the road right outside the school where our children are trying to disembark and cross the road. I believe it is only a matter of time until we have a very unfortunate accident. Please be aware of the road rules and the need to drive sedately and carefully in this area. I have been meeting with the P&C, concerned parents and officers of the Council and RMS to try to resolve the issues. We are raising it again at the Executive P&C on Monday 24 August.

We will give you more information following that meeting to foster parent support for a solution soon from both Council and the RMS. In the meantime can you be very careful around these times in Saddleback Mountain Road.

Year 10 Subject Selection process is continuing and we will be able to give more feedback shortly as to what courses will run in Year 11 next year and what courses we can offer students. Don’t forget that we would love to have your feedback if you attended the evening session. You can do so via computer by inserting the following web address for our Survey Monkey survey...

https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/9Z7G322

I am offering a number of interested students an opportunity to become involved with two student driven teams at KHS – the Public Relations Team and the Website Team. We are looking for students who will cover the stories, take the shots, talk up the action with the press, the local papers and in the Newsletter to sell our school and tell the world about the great things we do at this school and in public education. I am holding a meeting at lunchtime next week on Thursday 27 August in the Hall for any students to register their interest in either team.

Have a great Week 7.
John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS
P&C
The P&C will be holding the Executive meeting on Monday 24 August. The P&C extends a welcome to all parents and interested persons. The P&C plays an important role by providing a voice in what happens in our school and is concerned throughout the year with fundraising, purchase of special equipment and working bees about the school on special projects. I encourage all parents to attend these meetings and take an active role in its activities.

VET WORK PLACEMENT
Recently our Year 11 Business Services and Hospitality students participated in the mandatory Vocational Education and Training (VET) work placement. These students actively participated in the work environment of their choice enabling them to gain an insight into the world of work and also develop valuable employability skills that will enhance their future job prospects.

UNCLAIMED UNIFORM CLOTHING
During the term a large number of uniform items end up in lost property. If the items are labelled we make every effort to return them to their owners, but unfortunately this is not often the case. Please write your child’s name inside clothing items, particularly jumpers, hoodies and jackets and check and renew this when it fades with washing. Also encourage your child to come to the office and look for their clothing in lost property. After a few weeks, unclaimed items are placed in the clothing pool, for sale or loan.

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.
HIGH FLYERS

* Well done to the Girls Rugby League team who recently won the Sam Hammond Shield. This team has now progressed onto the NSW Legends Shield State Finals. All of the girls who played were a credit to the school and should be very proud of their achievements. Well done also to Mrs Russell who is their coach. An outstanding effort.

* Well done to the KHS Boys and Girls Touch Football teams for their efforts at the State Finals last week in Bateau Bay. Both teams finished 6th in the State.

* Well done to Rebecca Weir, Kate Sullivan, Ebony Gibb, Abby Boyce and Chloe Café for completing outstanding major works. A fantastic effort and great dedication shown by all of you.

* Mr John Drury the GA who always goes out of his way to ensure that his work is completed to a high standard. This was especially evident earlier this week when there was a broken pipe which led to a significant issue in the school car park. Mr Drury was extremely proactive in his response to this situation and this helped to prevent the issue becoming any worse.

Well done to all of the High Flyers for this week.

THE PARTNERS IN LEARNING PARENT FEEDBACK SURVEY

Our school will also be participating in the Partners in Learning parent survey, another part of the Tell Them From Me suite of surveys (student, teacher and parent surveys) on student engagement. The survey asks parents and carers questions about different factors that are known to impact on student wellbeing and engagement.

Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. These include: communication between parents/carers and staff, activities and practices at home and parent/carer views on the school’s support of learning and behaviour. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically take 15 minutes or less to complete and is completely confidential. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated.

The link to access the survey (it is not necessary to enter a password) is https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j acegi security check? j username=parent17082& password=Kia8171.


Thank you for your participation in this survey. If you have any queries or would like to talk about the survey, please contact Ms Judith McLaughlin, Head Teacher – Secondary, at the school.
against Muswellbrook High who played very good touch to inflict our biggest loss 6–3. In our final pool match we played Parkes High and in another very even game that could have gone either way, Parkes ran out narrow winners 5–4.

At the end of day 1 we were ranked 3rd in our pool of 5 teams and were drawn to play Francis Greenway from the Hunter region for 5th or 6th position overall the following day. Unfortunately, despite playing good touch we again suffered another one touchdown loss to go down 5–4. This meant that the boys finished in 6th position in the State.

I would like to congratulate all boys for their efforts throughout the entire competition. At all times they displayed great team-work and sportsmanship. They were a pleasure to be associated with and were a credit to their school and family.

As all the players are in Years 10 and 11 things look promising for next year’s touch KO. Well done boys and congratulations on a great touch season.

Steve Hudson

BEYOND THE FRAME
SOUTHERN STARS 2015

Rehearsals for Southern Stars 2015 Beyond The Frame are in full swing with students taking part in a wide range of dance and vocal rehearsals around the State.

The buzz around the show is growing daily and tickets are selling more quickly this year than ever before so we encourage you to buy your tickets through Ticketmaster (Adult $48, Pensioner and students over 12 $38, Student/Child under 12 $27 and Family pass $140) as soon as possible to make sure you don’t miss out.

Beyond The Frame, featuring 3000 public school children, will take place over four performances at the WIN Entertainment Centre in Wollongong on Friday 28 August (10am and 7pm) and Saturday 29 August (2pm and 7pm).

To keep up with all the news about Beyond The Frame including recent media stories and picture galleries, as well as profiles of performers and teachers involved in the show, visit the Southern Stars – The Arena Spectacular Facebook site. Like us and share with your friends and family!

Term 3 is half way over and we are now on the home run. To all the parents that have been in to help us over the year thank you, we cannot live without you.

The canteen is staffed by two paid workers that are employed by the P&C to manage the canteen day to day.

The girls cannot do it all on their own, they always need help in preparing the lovely food that is provided to your children.

If your name has not been on the roster for some unknown reason, feel free to let us know because we are missing a few faces and if you want to join us that is wonderful. Our High School canteen is nothing like primary school. You will not need to handle money (if that is a concern). The hours to volunteer are from 9am and you are usually gone by 12 noon.

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
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.redcardrivertraining.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 0478254820.

There is a new concept coming to South Coast Cricket this season, called T20 Blast. This form of the game will be played midweek.

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 0478 254 820

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

KIAMA JUNIOR CRICKET
Registration dates for the Kiama Cricket Club, to be held at Bonaira Oval, are on:
Saturday 22/8/15 – 9.00am - 11.00am
Friday 28/8/15 – 16.00pm-18.00pm
Saturday 29/8/15 – 9.00am – 11.00am

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

INTERESTED IN BECOMING A VOLUNTEER ENGLISH LANGUAGE TUTOR TO ADULT MIGRANTS
Volunteers are urgently needed to tutor 1-2 hours per week. All training is provided. Learn new skills and make a difference in your community. For more information please contact: email hts@thesmithfamily.com.au; phone 9085 7264; or thesmithfamily.com.au/home-tutor-scheme.

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.