DEPUTIES NEWS

YEAR 11 PRELIMINARY EXAMINATIONS
Year 11 Preliminary Course Examinations will commence next Friday, 4 September. Students should be well into a revision program now and be practicing answering exam questions. These exams should give students an insight into their future success with the HSC. Any student unable to attend any test must notify the school and complete an Examination Illness/Misadventure form. Examination Illness/Misadventure forms can be obtained from Mr Smith. Students who are ill on the day must have a medical certificate. Absences known beforehand e.g. representing the school, must be organised before the event.

BUS TRAVEL
I would like to remind parents that students travelling to and from school by bus must present their bus pass to the driver when boarding. Students without their bus pass may be asked by the driver to pay a $1 fare. Students’ behaviour on the bus is covered by the School Code of Conduct. The number on the bus pass indicates the bus that the student is expected to travel on. The bus number must be organised before the event.

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 with 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.

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 Wellbeing 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

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/i.accept security check? j username=parent17082&j 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 Studies, at the school.

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL ART EXHIBITION 2015

The annual Kiama High School Years 7-11 Art Exhibition will be held at the high school in M Block art rooms on Friday 4 September from 5.30pm-7.00pm. Awards will be presented at approximately 6.15pm. The exhibition will also be open on Saturday 5 September from 10.30am-12.30pm. Please use the Saddleback Mountain Road gate near M Block.

We really appreciate the generosity of the Kiama Art Society who donates the prizes and Kerry Suttonberg and her band of judges, who have the very difficult task of deciding the awards.

We hope you will come along and support our talented young artists.

Thanks the Visual Arts Faculty

PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Mon 31/8: Bridgett, Di
Tues 1/9: Linda, Janice
Wed 2/9: Carlie
Thurs 3/9: Lisa, Help Needed
Fri 4/9: Bridgett, Mary, Chris

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 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.

RESPECT · COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL EXCELLENCE · RESPONSIBILITY
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 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

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.

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