Kiama High School Newsletter

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PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Week 8 is now over and we have had so many positive experiences and activities of late. I want to thank all of the staff for their enormous efforts this term – in particular the teachers of Year 12 who are at present working very hard to give last minute instructions and improvement for the HSC. Year 12 students are at the end of a long journey but one which is not over yet. They should not think celebration yet. It is a great achievement to complete the courses and get to the end of school but we want them to focus and continue to work hard up until that last exam. That is the time for the real celebration and that rite of passage to begin.

Mr Quine and Ms Cutting have been working very hard to prepare for the last day and week of Year 12. The Graduation is shaping up very well with organisation, speakers and awards all coming together. The Activities Day is also coming along very well and Year 12 has a number of great activities and experiences on that last day.

All Year 12 students must be very aware that this day is organised specifically to end the year on a positive note without any negative actions being taken by students. Students and parents should be fully aware that if any Year 12 students take part in any negative, damaging, educationally timewasting activities in or on the last days, that there are significant consequences that will be dealt out. The worst consequence is that a student may lose their HSC.

Take part in the positive fun and do not get involved in anything that will cause trouble for the school, other students or themselves.

Congratulations to the students and staff who took part in Southern Stars! A magnificent performance for our groups and for the whole show. Great thanks go to Ms Liz Gilbert and Ms Simone Allchin for all their hard work.

Last week was SASS Recognition Week – the week where we show our thanks for the hard work of the non-teaching staff in the school. This job is very important and one that the school cannot do without. I want to thank Eva Booth, our School Administrative Manager, and her great team for all their hard work. To celebrate, the teaching staff volunteered to take the Front Office for a few hours on the Friday while the SASS had a nice lunch downtown.

Keep up the hard work for the rest of the term – the holidays are not far away but we need to keep our focus.

John Salmon, Relieving Principal

DEPUTIES NEWS

YEAR 12

Year 12 students have been given a letter inviting parents to attend the Year 12 Presentation Night on Thursday 17 September. This is an opportunity to see all the outstanding achievements of our Year 12 students. The Presentation Night will be held in the school’s new gym. We hope you are able to attend and help celebrate on the night.

Year 12 are reminded that they need to attend all lessons until Thursday 17 September. It is during these lessons teachers can greatly assist students to finely tune their study techniques in preparation for the HSC. The HSC written exams start on Monday 12 October. Students are encouraged to see their Year Adviser, Mr Quine, should they find the pressures of exam preparation becoming too much.

YEAR 11

I would like to wish Year 11 all the best in their yearly examinations. The exams started on Friday 4 September and will continue until Friday 18 September. Students are to be in full school uniform but only need to be at school if they have an exam. Parents are asked to check their child’s exam timetable to ensure that they turn up on time to each of their exams.

Gerard Kelly, Deputy Principal

ENGLISH NEWS

On Friday 14 August, English Extension 2 Major Works were due to be submitted to BOSTES. Congratulations to Michalie Greenwell, Bram Leslie and Vanessa Sporne who have completed this academically rigorous course. Between them the students wrote close to 20,000 words! Michalie wrote a feature article, Bram wrote a short story and Vanessa produced a speech. A big thank you to Rachael Malin, Conor McCammon and Mara Willingham who completed the course last year and who acted as mentors to this year’s students. They provided a great deal of invaluable feedback and advice. Special thanks must also go to Sam Hornsey in Year 12 for helping Vanessa record her speech.

Kate O’Connor, Extension 2 English teacher

SOUTHERN STARS 2015

Last weekend students from Kiama High delighted audiences with their fantastic performances in Southern Stars 2015 Beyond the Frame.

Southern Stars showcases the talent of public school students from across the State. This year 36 students from Kiama High performed in Combined Dance, Combined Drama, Vocal, Dance and Drama Companies as well as the orchestra.

Jayden Murray Year 8 and Zoey O’Loughlin Year 7 as Featured Vocalists, and Jessica Steel in the Core Choir, gave outstanding performances.

The Orchestra holds the whole show together and the sound was amazing. Helping

WEEK 9A TERM 3

MONDAY 7 SEPTEMBER
Yr 11 Preliminary Exams Continue
Yr 11 Work Ready – Work Placement

TUESDAY 8 SEPTEMBER

WEDNESDAY 9 SEPTEMBER

THURSDAY 10 SEPTEMBER
Yr 12 Art Exhibition

FRIDAY 11 SEPTEMBER

SUNSTEEN STARS 2015

Featured Vocalists

Drama, Vocal, Dance and Drama Companies

Orchestra

7 SEPTEMBER 2015
Four of our dancers did an amazing job performing in a variety of items with the Dance Company: Cassidy Richardson Year 12, Olivia Prestedge Year 10 and Brooke Macdonald Year 8 and Aimee Deen Year 8. Well done, dancers. This was Cassidy’s last performance in Southern Stars. She has performed for the last 5 years and her strong, graceful presence will be missed. Our 24 other dancers from Kiama performed in the fun and entertaining 2nd Segment – ‘Capturing Moments’.

One of the highlights of the show was the first half finale - ‘We Will Remember Them’. This was a Massed Drama Item. Olivia Fanke and Darcy Lawton (Year 10), Hannah Sultana, Viviana Vespa and Alex Wunsch (Year 9) were part of this powerful and moving tribute to the ANZAC soldiers.

All students not only shone in their performances on stage but also in their commitment and overall behaviour. This group of KHS performers were extremely well organised, responsible, respectful and polite.

Well done, a fantastic achievement for all our performers after many long hours and weekends of rehearsals.

Thanks must also go to families, parents and teachers that helped make it possible.  
Ms Gilbert and Ms Allchin

PISA
Thank you to all the students who participated in the Program for International Student Assessment. It was a computer based assessment of how prepared students are for adult life. It also looked at young people’s ability to apply their knowledge and skills to real life problems and situations. The PISA is run in around 70 countries. So our students have represented Australia and will receive a certificate of participation. The results are used by governments, education systems and schools to improve equity in education for all Australian students. The assessor that ran the tests said that Kiama High students’ behaviour was exemplary.

Ms Jaeger (Learning and Support Teacher)

LIBRARY NEWS
We are excited to announce we have completed our first community jigsaw project in the library. Students have been working on the 1000 piece jigsaw before school, during lunch and recess. The completed jigsaw will be on display until the end of term. Mr Brannan has requested a special jigsaw project for next term. The jigsaw is open to everyone - come in and join the fun for that special buzz when all the pieces fit just right.

Ms Elleven

UNIFORM SHOP

YEAR 8 WELFARE DAY EXCURSION TO LUNA PARK
Parents please be aware that any student not attending this excursion is expected to be at school for the day on Friday 11 September. Any students who do not wish to attend the excursion should be attending school and engaged in normal lessons on that day. The excursion is my way of trying to be proactive in getting the year group to be a cohesive, supportive group and to share some different experiences together as they progress through high school. Every student deserves to enjoy their time at high school, and to ensure this, they need to be comfortable with me as their Year Adviser. This excursion takes a lot of preparation and organisation and I would appreciate your support in my attempt to build a rapport with your children, as I am their first point of contact if they should have any issues or require help throughout their time at Kiama High School. 
Ms Storch, Year 8 Year Adviser

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

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL UNIFORM SHOP
20% OFF ALL STOCK
2 WEEKS ONLY
Tuesday 8 September 10.30am-2.30pm
Friday 11 September 11.00am-3.00pm
Tuesday 15 September 10.30am-2.30pm
Friday 18 September 11.00am-3.00pm

NO REFUNDS OR EXCHANGES ON SALE ITEMS

SALE LIMITED TO CURRENT KIAMA HIGH STUDENTS.

CANTEEN STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Lunch: Sarah Raison, Emily Prytherch, Callia North, Liam North
PARENT
VOLUNTEER ROSTER
Mon 7/9: Sue
Tues 8/9: Help Needed
Wed 9/9: Help Needed
Thurs 10/9: Cheryl, Help Needed
Fri 11/9: Heidi, Jo

Term 3 is more than 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

HSC LOCK IN – KIAMA LIBRARY
The doors will be locked, mobile phones will be silenced. Kiama Library is hosting a Lock In for HSC students! The library doors will close as normal at 5.30pm and only students will be allowed to remain inside. Bookings are essential – first in, least stressed. Use our WiFi, personal or group study; what you do is up to you as long as you do it quietly.

When: Wednesday 7 October 5.30pm-8.00pm
Who: HSC students
Where: Kiama Library

For more information and bookings phone 4233 1133. There will be free snacks and drinks.

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.

ILLAWARRA DRAGON BOAT CLUB – JUNIORS 12-18 YEARS
Dragon boating is a fun and accessible sport for all ages and fitness levels. If you are a team player and enjoy being on the water this could be just what you are looking for!

When: Saturday 10 October 2015
Where: Illawarra Rowing Centre, Northcliffe Drive, Warrawong (adjacent to Illawarra Yacht Club)
Time: 10am-11.30am (BBQ after paddling)
RSVP: Helen on 0403 844 880 or illawarradragonboaters@y7mail.com

FUED WORKSHOPS
Designed and delivered by Reach crew, Fused is a chance for young people to get real about what’s going on in their lives and for them to learn more about themselves in the process.

Fused workshops are safe and supportive spaces where young people can share stories and experiences honestly, improve their self-awareness and build deeper more meaningful connections. Fused is not your typical ‘youth’ workshop – it’s all about young people pushing their comfort zones and choosing the life they want to lead.

For more information contact workshopsnsw@reach.org.au; phone Peta on (02) 8218 9200

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.