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Term 1 · Week 2B
1 February 2016

UPDATE ON THE SAFETY ISSUES ON SADDLEBACK MOUNTAIN ROAD

As you will be aware, we are most concerned with the traffic issues on Saddleback Mountain Road in the morning and afternoons. There are significant dangerous safety concerns in terms of your child’s safety due to parents and drivers doing three point turns, going too fast etc. Students have been nearly knocked down and we do not want a fatality or injury.

We have been negotiating with Gareth Ward as the Local Member and Kiama Council about constructing a turning bay with an onsite lane near the roundabout on Saddleback Mountain Road.

I attach a letter from Gareth Ward outlining his involvement and his attempts to find funding and cooperation from the State Government and the Education Department.

Please have a read of his letter. We publicly thank the Honourable Gareth Ward for his support of the school in this instance.

I will keep you informed as to progress over the coming weeks.

Mr Salmon, Principal
DEPUTIES NEWS
The 2016 school year has commenced very smoothly and I was delighted to see the return of our eager and enthusiastic students. Many shared with me their wonderful holiday experiences and seemed genuinely happy to be back at school catching up with their friends and looking forward to the year ahead.

STUDENT DIARIES FOR YEARS 7-12
All students in Years 7-12 have received their Student Diary for 2016. At this time of year it is important that students record in their diary any organisational matters that concern them, as they will be receiving a great deal of information and it is either easy to forget or confuse upcoming dates and events. The diary is needed to record any formal homework or assignments issued by their teachers. Parents are encouraged to ask their children to show their school diary so that they can help them meet deadlines. Students need to bring their diary to school every day. Parents may also write messages in the diary if they wish to communicate with any of their children’s teachers.

SCHOOL UNIFORM
It is great to see that the majority of students are in full school uniform. The school uniform policy can be found on the school’s website and in the student diary. Please read it carefully and refer to it when you are getting uniform during the year. In particular, pay close attention to the information and diagrams of appropriate footwear. Footwear must be solid leather lace-up school shoes or joggers in black or white. Please do not let your child convince you that canvas shoes are OK. Nor are the soft type shoe which is really just a canvas with a thin vinyl coating. Students will not be permitted to participate in practical classes without appropriate footwear due to Work Health and Safety rules.

The information also states quite clearly suitable length for shorts and skirts for girls, and the requirements for boys for shorts and long pants to cover their underwear.

Single day exemptions for incorrect uniform may be obtained from the Front Office on production of a note explaining the reason. Cooperation with uniform is recorded on school reports each semester.

MOBILE PHONES AND IPODS
On a final note, the usage of mobile phones and ipods is not permitted in the classrooms, library, office areas and are to be kept secure and out of sight. The exception is unless it is part of the lesson and sanctioned by the teacher. Students have been reminded of this policy and that contravening this policy will result in the confiscation of the item until the end of the school day. The school will not accept responsibility for lost or stolen phones or ipods. Please discuss this with your children if they bring mobile phones and/or ipods to school.

Gerard Kelly and Paul Roger, Deputy Principals

KOORI KORNER
Great News – Kellie Evans, our Aboriginal Education Worker, is now available on Monday, Wednesday and Friday and if you would like to make an appointment with her to discuss your child/ren’s progress or generally want to have a yarn please call her on 0428 667 852 or simply telephone the school.

ABSTUDY Allowances – To be eligible, a student must be enrolled, attend school for at least 85% of each term and: *have a parent/guardian who qualifies for certain Centrelink payments or holds a current Health Care Card, or *be under the minimum school leaving age, and – qualify for independent status as a homeless student, or – qualify for independent status as an orphan or whose parent(s)/guardian(s) cannot exercise their responsibilities, or – in State care.

School Fees Allowance and School Term Allowance are payable as part of ABSTUDY Schooling A. A School Fee Allowance is normally paid at the start of the year to the school to help pay for school fees. School Term Allowance is to help pay for books, uniforms and other school costs. The first instalment of each calendar year will be an automatic payment, however further instalments will depend on satisfactory school attendance.

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EXCITING HSC ACHIEVEMENTS
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Drew’s work titled “Crossroads of the World” will be at Wollongong Art Gallery.

Harrison’s work titled “Don’t Look Down” will be at the Art Gallery of NSW, then at Wagga Wagga Art Gallery.

Rachael’s work titled “Who Are You” will be at Wollongong Art Gallery, then at McGlade Gallery, Australian Catholic University.

Congratulations to Georgina Farrar whose work “Will We Ever Learn” was nominated for ARTEXPRESS and selected for BOW. WOW. This exhibition highlights outstanding HSC Bodies of Work selected form the Shoalhaven Region, and is held at Shoalhaven City Arts Centre in 2016. The Gallery will also feature a wall panel highlighting our 3 successful ARTEXPRESS students.

Congratulations to Harrison Rainnie whose set design project from his HSC Drama has been selected for the ONSTAGE exhibition. Exemplary individual projects are displayed in the upstairs foyer of the Seymour Centre where the ONSTAGE performances are held. This is an enormous credit to Harry having both his Visual Arts and Drama works selected for exhibitions in 2016.

BOW WOW
Bow Wow is an annual exhibition of selected artworks created by HSC Visual Arts students across the Shoalhaven as part of their HSC examination. Incorporating a broad range of approaches and techniques, the exhibition highlights the outstanding abilities of local students. Come and discover tomorrow’s talent. Official opening 12pm-2pm Saturday 6 February – Exhibition date 6 February-5 March.
ATTENDANCE MATTERS:
IT’S NOT OK TO BE AWAY!

As Head Teacher Administration in charge of student attendance, I would like to provide parents and carers information from the Department of Education that clearly states the importance of regular school attendance by students and the responsibilities that parents have toward ensuring that their child/children attend school with as little disruption to their education as possible. (See attachment to this Newsletter).

Kiam High School boasts a high student attendance rate, clearly indicating the value Kiam High parents and students have for education and the positive partnership that the school has with its community. It is important, however, that our roles, responsibilities and accountabilities continue to be upheld and that the partnership between the school, parents and students remain strong.

Be on time, Be at school, that’s the rule!
M Cooper, Head Teacher Administration, Attendance and Facilities

SPORT
KHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2016

The annual school swimming carnival is on at the Kiama Leisure Centre this coming Monday 8 February. All Year 7 will be attending the carnival and competitors only in Years 8-12 due to the restricted space at the pool. All interested students (and not just the swimmers who train) are encouraged to attend and participate.

Year 7 students were given an information/permission note at their assembly last week and should already have returned their signed permission note. Any Year 7 student who has not returned their note should take it to the PE staffroom at the top of M Block ASAP.

Students in Years 8-12 will be able to nominate for the carnival during Health and PE lessons this week and will then receive an information/permission note. Students with any questions regarding the carnival should see Mrs McGuinness in the PE staffroom.

Parents please note the arrangements regarding buses to and from the Leisure Centre are on the permission note. Basically, students who catch buses from the northern areas of Kiama should ask their bus driver to drop them off at the pool on the way to school; whilst students who catch buses from the south of Kiama will catch their normal bus to school and then catch a shuttle bus from the school to the Leisure Centre. The shuttle bus will leave the school bus bay at 8.45am. At the conclusion of the carnival all students who catch north or south buses can be shuttled back to school if required. (North buses will not be picking students up from the Leisure Centre).

NB IT IS A NORMAL SCHOOL DAY FOR THOSE NOT ATTENDING THE CARNIVAL.

SOUTH COAST SPORTING TRIALS

Term 1 is a very hectic term for sports trials and carnivals. Following is a list of South Coast trials that are occurring in the first weeks of this term. Interested students should ensure they listen to the greensheet and see Mrs McGuinness ASAP. Please note that unless otherwise stated, trials are for Open teams i.e up to Year 12.

SPORT AND TRIAL DATES

15yrs & Open Girls Tennis – 5 February
15yrs Boys Tennis – 8 February
Open Boys Tennis – 9 February
Boys & Girls Volleyball – 11 February
Open Boys Baseball – 12 February
Golf Matchplay Entries Close – 12 February
Open Girls Basketball – 26 February
Open Boys Basketball – 26 February
Boys & Girls Hockey – Early March
15yrs Girls & Boys Touch – 4 March
Golf – 14 March
Rugby Union – 15 March
Boys & Girls Football – 16 March
Netball – 23 March

NSWCHS TRIATHLON

The NSWCHS Triathlon Championships are on at Penrith on 2 March (individual events) and 3 March (team relay events). Any students interested in competing should see Mrs McGuinness ASAP for information.

SCHOOL STREAM APP

Kiama High School now has a free app – receive school information, instantly and directly to your smartphone.

How to download your free app –
*From your mobile device go to the App Store (iPhone/iPad) or Google Play (Android) search for School Stream and download the app to your phone.

*Make sure you agree to push notifications.
*Once School Stream has finished installing, open the app, type your school name into the search THEN select your school.

For more detailed instructions go to schoolstream.com.au/download.

ENGLISH FACULTY

Welcome back to all our returning students and a very warm welcome to all our new students particularly those in Year 7.
We welcome a new member of staff to the English Faculty, Miss Leonie Fowler. Miss Fowler has come from a very small central school in the Riverina so not only is it a sea change but a very big change in coming to a large comprehensive high school.

This year all junior students will undertake the Australian Curriculum in English and our senior students will be working with the new HSC prescriptions. All students will be issued with a synopsis of their program of study and an outline of all Assessment Tasks. Again this year, all students in English will complete common class tasks and be expected to complete all class tasks as part of their coursework.

Class Structure
Year 7 Class Structure

All Year 7 classes are structured into 3 streams using information from the Primary feeder schools and in collaboration with the Head Teacher Wellbeing, Year 7 Advisers and support staff.
7ENA, 7ENC and 7ENN – Middle to top range students
7ENT – Middle range students
7ENE, 7ENH and 7EUN – Middle to bottom range students

Years 8, 9 and 10 Class Structure

Junior classes in English are structured into 2 distinct streams, Advanced and Standard. Classes are determined by student results from the previous year. These results include class work, assessment tasks, common class tasks and the Literacy exam at the end of the year.

Advanced

Students in this stream placed in the top 90 students overall. These 3 Advanced classes are mixed and any class in this stream could have the 1st placed student and the 90th placed student.
Yr. 8 – 8ENA1, 8ENB1, 8ENA2
Yr. 9 – 9ENA, 9ENB, 9ENC
Yr. 10 – 10ENA, 10ENB, 10ENC
Standard
Students in this stream placed in the remaining 120 students overall. Three of these classes are mixed equally, therefore a student who placed 91st and a student who placed 180th could be in the same class. Within the Standard stream a Literacy class is formed identifying those students who need further help in developing their skills in English. This class is not the bottom class as students in this class more often than not did not place in the bottom of the group. This class is also a small class usually made up of no more than 15 students.

Yr.8 – 8ENC1, 8ENB2, 8ENC2
  Literacy Class – 8END1
Yr. 9 - 9END, 9ENE, 9ENF
  Literacy Class – 9ENG
Yr.10 - 10END, 10ENE, 10ENF
  Literacy Class – 10ENG

Assessment Portfolio
An important part of student learning is the ability to reflect on past work and learn from detailed feedback. In keeping with this, it is expected that all students collect samples of their work in English in a portfolio. This should be an A4 display folder and be labeled clearly. (Year 7 receive this in the book pack) This portfolio will remain in the classroom or with their teacher but will be available periodically before examination periods. Students will have the opportunity to take the portfolio home over the Christmas break, however, it must return for the next year. It is hoped that by the end of junior school (Year 10) students will have gathered a selection of work from all their English classes. Students should purchase a new A4 Display Folder for senior school.

The Assessment Portfolio should contain the following:

- all Assessment Tasks and Marking Criteria
- all Common Class Tasks
- a selection of class tasks as indicated by the class room teacher

It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that all tasks are collected in their portfolio and that it is appropriately maintained.

Mobile Phone Policy
Below is an outline of the English Faculty Mobile Phone Policy. It is important that all students adhere to this policy in English.

- On entering the classroom all students are to hand their mobile phones over to their classroom teacher. Teachers will either ask students to place their phones on a desk at the front of the room or place them in a box on the teacher’s desk.
- All mobile phones should be turned off.
- Should teachers need students to use their mobile phones for access to ‘Apps’ or the Internet; students will be told explicitly at the beginning of the lesson.
- Any student who does not comply with English Faculty Mobile Phone Policy will be sent immediately to the English Head Teacher.

I am thoroughly looking forward to working with all our students and on behalf of the English Faculty I’d like to wish all our students the very best in their studies this year. Please feel free to contact me or your child’s classroom teacher regarding any issues or concerns in English.

Mrs Maria Chatfield English Head Teacher
maria.chatfield@det.nsw.edu.au

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Cash and Eftpos Only Between the Hall and L Block
Please be considerate with closing times.

CANTENE STUDENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER

Lunch: Tim Wade, Brad Falkner, Harry Sloan, Cohen Allen
Recess: Noah Bruning, Shaun McParland, Dylan Clinch

COMMUNITY NEWS

CHILDREN’S MEDICAL RESEARCH FUNDRAISER
A night at the movies to see ‘Brooklyn’ – Greater Union Shellharbour, Friday 12 February 2016. 6.30pm: tea, coffee, slice, sandwiches – 7pm movie screening. Tickets are $20 for more information contact Belinda on 42340224/0421349505 or belwall@bigpond.net.au.

YOUTH REFERENCE GROUP

Headspace Wollongong is currently seeking applications from enthusiastic young people aged 16-25 years to join our Youth Reference Group.

Being part of Headspace Wollongong’s Reference Group involves regular meetings and online Facebook contact, where you can have your say on what we do and how we do it!

Use your initiative to plan projects, events and activities raising awareness of mental health issues amongst young people in our local area.

Apply online now: http://headspace.org.au/headspace-centres/wollongong/youth-reference-group-seeking-new-volunteers-apply-now. You can also download a print version of the application form from the website, or pick one up at our centre. Applications close 7 February 2016. For more information contact Clem on 4220 7660.

RMS SAFER DRIVERS COURSE

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 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 are available on
Saturday 27 February and Saturday 9 April 16.
For more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or visit www.redcardrivertraining.com.au.

KIAMA CENTRAL NETBALL CLUB
REGISTRATION 2016
Saturday 6 February 9am-12pm, Wednesday
10 February 4pm-6pm and Club grading 20
February Junior 12.30pm-1.30pm;
Intermediate 1.30pm-2.30pm. See Club
website for 2016 fee information.

YOUTH DRUG & ALCOHOL
WORKSHOPS
Young People & Drug Use — this
workshop is about making sense of young
people’s action, and why they do what they
do, more importantly it’s about what parents
can do to help their children be safe and how
to help them grow healthily and happily in a
world where drugs legal and illegal, whether
we like it or not, do exist and show no signs
of going away. To be held at Centenary Hall,
Tongarra Road, Albion Park 12.30pm-2.30pm.

Drug Use –Choice & Change — this
workshop is for people who work with young
people where substance use is a concern.
This workshop is not about drugs — it’s about
understanding both a young person’s inner
and outer worlds, and what drives drug use in
terms of who a person is and the world they
personally live in. To be held at Innovation
Campus UOW, Building 233 (ITAMS) Squires
Way, North Wollongong.

Bookings are essential — contact 4254 2794
or email Donna.forknall@sesiahs.

SUMMER OUTDOOR MOVIES
CONTINUE

Kiama Municipal Council’s popular free
summer outdoor movie series continues this
month with three great family-friendly
movies on offer.

Red Dog will be screened on Friday 12
February in Hindmarsh Park from 8.30pm.
Minions will be shown at Jamberoo’s Kevin
Walsh Oval on Saturday 20 February and
Pitch Perfect 2 in on at Gerry Oval on
Saturday 27 February.

Gold coin donations will be collected for the
Red Cross. Please ensure that seats are
limited to low beach chairs and picnic rugs to
allow everyone to enjoy the experience.

FSC WIN NETWORK — SENIOR
BOYS ACADEMY
For boys aged 13-16 years, Monday nights
5pm-6.30pm, Ian McLennan Park, Kembla
Grange. Summer term starts Monday 15
February – Monday 11 April, cost $160. For
more information

Disclaimer: Kiama High School will, as a service to parents,
advertise community news, which may be of interest. KHS
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