DEPUTIES NEWS

Years 5 and 6 Open Night

Open Night for Years 5 and 6 parents and students will be held on Tuesday 1 March. This is an opportunity for prospective students and parents to have a look at what Kiama High School does. Following on from this, the closing date for applications for Year 6 students to enrol at Kiama High School for 2017 is Friday 18 March. If you know of anyone in the drawing area who is not in a government school, but is considering enrolling here, could you please pass these dates on to them.

School Photographs

Students have been issued with their individual school photograph envelope. This envelope contains all the details for securing a wonderful photographic memory of your child. School photographs will be taken on Thursday 25 February. A catch-up day has been organised for Thursday 3 March. Payment must be made on the day using the appropriate envelope. Correct money must be enclosed as no change will be given and the School Office will not give change. If you require a sibling photo taken or need a second envelope, please collect a form at the Front Office.

Year 12 Trial HSC Examinations

The Year 12 half yearly exams will commence on Wednesday 23 March and continue until Friday 8 April. The examination period will be punctuated by the Easter long weekend.

Peer Support

Year 7 had a marvelous time on the Peer Support Camp. This camp provides an excellent opportunity for Year 7 to make new friends and strengthen old ties. We would like to thank the Year 11 Peer Support leaders for their participation. This is a valuable experience for these students to demonstrate their leadership skills. We would also like to thank the staff for their organisation and supervision.

Bus Passes

Bus passes have been issued to students. Students must use the numbered bus that corresponds to the number on their pass. This is done to balance the numbers and prevent overcrowding on the buses. Any student who did not collect a pass needs to come to the Front Office as soon as possible to do so.

School Uniform

As stated in the last Newsletter, parents are reminded to check the length of their child’s skirt and shorts. Girl’s skirts and shorts should not be more than 10cms above the knee; and boy’s pants must be worn at hip level and fully covering underwear. Parents can refer to the uniform policy on pages 20 and 21 of the 2015 student diary, or visit our website:


Students that are unable to wear their uniform on any particular school day need to bring a note from home explaining why they are out of uniform. This note needs to be taken to the Front Office before roll call to receive an ‘Out of Uniform’ pass for the day.

Gerard Kelly and Paul Roger, Deputy Principals

HIGH FLYERS

This week, I have had staff commenting on the great work that a number of students are completing in class. It is fantastic to see students focused and committed to their work, as this sets an excellent foundation for the year ahead.

The following Year 12 students have been recognised for making an excellent beginning to their Core Compositions in Dance: Eliza Berry, Laiken Gladwell, Astrid Nicholls, Brooke Bugden, Elenore Hills.

There have also been a couple of students who have been selected to perform in the Regional Performance Company (ISER Touring Ensemble 2016). These students are: Georgie Lee(Yr 10) – Dance and Samantha Luke(Yr 9) – Tenor Sax.

These students have all demonstrated Commitment, Dedication and Excellence in their chosen field and are to be congratulated for their efforts. Well done!

KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL

YEARS 5/6 OPEN NIGHT

Kiama High School staff and students wish to extend an invitation to Years 5 and 6 students and their parents/caregivers to the Kiama High School showcase for 2016. Be entertained by drama students, clap your hands with the dance and music students, mesmerised with a science experiment, observe some cooking and be amazed at the quality of work that faculties have on display. It’s a great opportunity to wander the school grounds, experience the facilities and meet staff and students.

WHEN: Tuesday 1 March, 6.15pm-8pm

WHERE: KHS Hall, followed by displays around the school

PARKING: Saddleback Mountain Road, staff car parks at Shoalhaven Street entry to school

Expressions of Interest (EOI) close on Friday 18 March 2016.

KOORI KORNER

This term we are jam packed with events and campaigns around the school for our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students, parents and community.

The 13 February 2008, marked the Anniversary for the National Apology to
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**WELFARE UPDATE**

All Year 7 students will have their first immunisation day on Friday 18 March. We require full support of those taking up this free opportunity and ask that the permission cards are completed in blue or black pen, with a signature placed in the box for the vaccines they want their child to receive and returned ASAP to roll call teachers. This is vital to the organisation of the day.

Our Learning Support team is busy collating information to complete applications for Disability Provisions (formerly Special Examination Provisions) for the HSC Examinations. The provisions are solely determined by how the student’s exam performance may be affected. Provisions may include large-print papers, use of a reader and/or writer, laptop, extra time or rest breaks. Any student requiring provisions for medical reasons (including mental/physical/physiological) are encouraged to contact Ms Jaeger/Ms Macpherson (Learning and Support Teachers) to find out more about the application process.

A reminder that a number of our students have severe allergies to raw nuts or products containing them. We ask that students refrain from bringing these products to school.

Ms R Power (HT Student Wellbeing)

**SPORT**

**KHS Swimming Carnival**

Congratulations to all students who competed at the annual KHS Swimming Carnival held at the Quarry Leisure Centre recently. All races were swum in good spirits, including GST. Places are available on Saturday 27 February and Saturday 9 April.

For more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or visit www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au.

**NSWCHS Rugby Trials/Discovery Day**

NSW Combined High Schools Sports Association (NSWCHSSA), in conjunction with the Australian Rugby Union (ARU) High Performance and NSW Rugby are conducting a series of Discovery Days and NSWCHSSA U16 Rugby Union Trials to select the 2016 NSWCHSSA U16 Years Rugby Union Team to contest the NSW Schools U16 Years Championships.

All players at Government High Schools aged U15 and U16 in 2016 (ie born 2000 and 2001) interested in being considered for selection in the NSWCHSSA U16 Rugby Union Team are encouraged to attend one of the Discovery Days as the first step in the trial process to gain selection. Each Discovery Day will include coaching from ARU and NSWCHSSA coaches. The nearest Discovery Day to Kiama is at Caringbah on 4 April. Interested boys should see Mrs McGuinness for details.

**Zone Swim Carnival**

The Shoalhaven Zone Swimming Carnival is on at Bomaderry Pool this Wednesday 24 February. By this stage all students should have returned their permission notes. If any student cannot go it is VERY important to let Mrs McGuinness know so we can attempt to organise a replacement swimmer.

**Sporting Representatives**

Congratulations to our first sporting representatives of 2016:

* Emma Speering is representing South Coast at the NSWCHS Girls Cricket Championships in Bathurst.
* Daniel Fleming, Bailey Morphett and Ben Raison will be representing South Coast at the NSWCHS 15yrs Boys Tennis Championships at Parramatta later this term. Hamish Tanner was very unlucky not to be selected, missing out by only 2 games in a countdown.

Well done!

**UNIFORM SHOP**

Opening Hours:

- Tuesdays 10.30am – 2.30pm
- Fridays 11am – 3.00pm

Cash and Eftpos Only

Between the Hall and L Block

Please be considerate with closing times.

**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 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 are available on Saturday 27 February and Saturday 9 April.

For more information contact Julie Dryer on 0424 628 703 or visit www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au.

**COMMUNITY NEWS**

**PARENT VOLUNTEER ROSTER**

Mon 22/2: Jacinta
Tues 23/2: Linda & Janine
Wed 24/2: Help please
Thurs 25/2: Vanessa
Fri 26/2: Help please

**WELCOME**

RESPECT · COMMITMENT TO PERSONAL EXCELLENCE · RESPONSIBILITY
FREE WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND SUPERVISORS OF LEARNER DRIVERS
To help you with practical advice about:

- supervising learner drivers
- completing the learner driver log book
- providing on-road driving practice and
- L and P plate licence laws

Workshops are held from 6pm-8pm on 20 April. For more information contact Kiama Municipal Council on 4232 0444 or email council@kiama.nsw.gov.au.

KIAMA JUNIOR RUGBY UNION REGISTRATION DATES
Where: Kiama Rugby Club House, Bong Bong Street, Kiama.
When: 24 February 4.30pm-6pm and 2 March 4.30pm-6pm

All enquiries Lucy Blackmore lblackmore5@bigpond.com or 0409161687.

KIAMA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB
The Club is seeking under 17 boys to play in the Under 17 League this coming season starting 3 April 16. Please contact Club Registrar Donna Jeffrey on 0412 116 172.

We currently have 7 boys from the High School signed and ready to play. We need at least another 5 to continue at this age level.

ROYAL LIFE SAVING
The NSW Aquatic and Recreation Industry is seeking to employ pool lifeguards and swim teachers (AUSTSWIM) to meet community demand. For more information email nicolajamieson@royalnsw.com.au.

BREAKING THE ICE IN OUR COMMUNITY
The Australian Drug Foundation in partnership with NSW Health and local agencies is hosting a series of forums across NSW to help you and your community get the facts about crystalline methamphetamine or ‘ice’ use. For more information please visit adf.org.au/breakingtheice.

CANNABIS WORKSHOPS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE, PARENTS, CARERS AND SERVICE PROVIDERS
Cannabis: Myths & Facts – a workshop for young people, Monday 7 March 3.30pm-5.30pm. Are you aged 25 or under? Get the answers to your questions in this free workshop with the experts from Illawarra Drug and Alcohol Service. Topics covered will include synthetic cannabis, tips on harm minimisation (reducing risk if you choose to use), and what the research tells us about cannabis use.

Where: headspace Wollongong (level 1, 85 Smith Street, Wollongong).
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/KHUJ or contact Donna on 4254 2700. Bookings are essential.

Cannabis and Young People – a workshop for parents, carers and service providers. Thursday 7 April 5.30pm-8.30pm. This workshop will provide up to date information on cannabis including:
- Effects of cannabis use
- Current trends and
- Cannabis and mental health.

It will also explore ways to raise the conversation and discuss cannabis use with young people. Facilitated by David St Quintin from Illawarra Drug and Alcohol Service.

Where: headspace Wollongong (Level 1, 85 Smith Street, Wollongong).
Bookings: www.trybooking.com/KHUL or contact Donna on 4254 2700. Bookings are essential as spaces limited.

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.