New Facilities for Killara High School

As a community, we have all watched our new building take shape. The work has progressed rapidly and we are all really excited at the beautiful building which has so enhanced the learning facilities of our school as well as its appearance.

We have now moved into our new “G Block”. Completion of this building has been far quicker than anticipated allowing us to take early occupation at the start of the term. Whilst there have been some small details that have required ongoing attention, we have largely been able to run classes in the new facilities since the start of the year. The landscaping has recently been completed and will shortly be open for student use.

The new facilities include a wood technology room, a metal technology room, an automotive workshop, two art workshops, two computer laboratories, a dark room, a welding area, a kiln room, six general learning spaces and a CAPA staffroom. There is also the provision of store areas more in keeping with modern technology classes as well as a studio space and several large covered areas allowing for small group and even large group meetings as well as protected recreation areas. An elevator provides disabled access to all three levels of the building.

The many pieces of equipment provided in the workshops are all new and “high tech” and staff and students have been excited to be able to test their skills.

At the rear of G Block, facing down towards Jubilee Oval, we have a tiered landscaped area.

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Calendar

MARCH 2014

7 - Yr 12 Monash University STEPS Study
9 - Yr 11 Jindabyne Camp (6 days)
10 - Yr 12 Assessment Block commences
11 - DEAS Silver Information Evening – 6 pm – C Block Conference Room
18 - Sydney North Swimming Carnival
   - Yr 11 Geography Excursion to Narrabeen lagoon
19 - Yr 7 and Yr 11 Peer Support Training
   - P&C Meeting – 8pm – A Block
21 - Yr 8 plus Leadership Groups – Incursion – Guest Speaker from Beyond Water
22 - Performing Arts Ensembles Residential Music Camp (2 days)
26 - Yr 11 Mock Interviews
28 - DEAS Silver Practice Expedition (3 days)
31 - KHS Athletics Carnival

APRIL 2014

1 - DEAS Bronze Information Evening – 6pm – C Block Conference Room
   - Yr 11 Studies of Religion excursion – Great Synagogue, St Mary’s and St Andrew’s Cathedrals
2 - Yr 7 and 11 Peer Support Training
4 - SRC Mufti Day
5 - Model United Nations (2 days)
   - PAE North Shore Schools Spectacular – 7pm Chatswood RSL
6 - CHS Swimming Carnival (3 days)
7 - Yr 11 Study Skills (over 2 days)
   - Yr 12 Construction Work Placement (all week)
   - Yr 12 Hospitality Work Placement (all week)
9 - Student Progress Review Meeting – Yr 7 and 11
   - KHS Cross Country Carnival
10 - ANZAC Assembly
11 - Last day of Term 1
28 - School Development Day
29 - Term 2 commences for students

which will provide not only additional learning areas (I have visions of A Midsummer Night’s Dream being performed there) but also additional recreation areas for students.

Over the holidays, the majority of B Block where the original workshops were housed was “gutted” to allow for its refurbishment. This too is ahead of schedule. A new commercial kitchen is being installed to replace the workshop on the ground level and there will be nine general learning spaces on the first floor in addition to the new staffroom for the TAS faculty.

One of the outcomes is that we will lose some, although not all, of the demountable classrooms freeing up valuable playground area. This area will need refurbishing once the buildings are removed but we look forward to the time when we have access to our oval returned.

There will be an official opening of the new facilities but this will not take place until after the work on B Block is completed. It will be an exciting time for us all.

We are greatly indebted to our P&C and community without whose support in gaining approval for the building of these new facilities, we would never have realised this dream for Killara High School students.

Judith Paszek, Acting Principal

Drama News

It is great to be back at Killara after spending a year on maternity leave. I’d like to thank Mr Williams for his hard work last year in keeping Drama up and running and I’d like to also welcome Ms McKinnon who has been appointed as another of our Drama teachers, replacing Ms White.

Our Junior Drama ensemble kicked off last week, and it was fabulous to see 28 eager Year 7 and 8 students having fun and learning some of the skills of performance in the theatre.

I would also like to congratulate Jordan Hare (Year 11), who auditioned successfully in late 2013 for the State Senior Drama Ensemble, a very prestigious ensemble run by the DEC Arts Unit. Ashleigh Ho (Year 12) has been selected as a Griffin Theatre Ambassador for 2014. Ashleigh will get to go behind the scenes and observe rehearsals as well as see for free the whole season at The Stables.

This promises to be another busy year - our next event will be MAD Festival in Term 2, followed by the Year 11 production.

Stay tuned for details!

Renee Lane, English Faculty

Open Girls Knockout Basketball

Congratulations to our Open Girls Knockout Basketball team who were victorious in the Round 1 clash against Kincumber High School last week.

Our girls shared the ball around with all players contributing points. Nicole Braun top scored with 12 points, while Sureesha Mosquera, Hannah Dawson and Neda Sabeti each scored 8 points. Rookie sensation Coco Chua added much intensity to our pressure defence stealing the ball a number of times and adding 6 points. Strong rebounding and hustling defence was provided by Georgia Swinton, Aishani Mosquera and Na Young Song.

Killara’s shot selection and harrowing team defence ensured the 48 – 20 score line. Round 2 will be against the winner of Gosford and Hunters Hill.

Matthew Mulready, Coach
CAPA Faculty
Oh so close for Killara High Swim Team 2014

The Killara High Swim Team of 2014 went extremely close to breaking the dominance of Cherrybrook Technology High School when they attended the Ku-ring-gai Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 24th February.

Killara led by 13 points going into the relays, thanks to the tireless efforts of our students who were willing to put their hands up time and time again in the pursuit of glory for their school. Alas however, a fast finishing Cherrybrook team put the cleaners through the relays and eventually prevailed by a very small margin of 15 points.

It was great to see everyone doing their bit on the day:

- We had our elite swimmers who swam almost a full program including Jesse Klass, Michaela Zipkis, Alicia Walker, Daniel Sims, Daisy Cheesman, Pika Ksela and William Lambourne.

- On top of that there were those who had just the one event, but were willing to give up a day of school to chip in. They included Emily Pont, David Hwang, Niklas Biermann, Harry Gleeson, Hannah Krust, Camille Penrose and Koh Saito.

- And then we had the ‘Mr and Ms Fix its’. It was great to see students such as Jada Andersen, Hewett Brown, Ella Gibson, Julie Hinge and Sam Odgers willingly put their hands up to plug the gaps left by a couple of sick students who could not attend.

Some of the age champion results included:

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Special mention goes out to our band of parent supporters who came along on the day. Whether it was helping with timing, taking photos, offering food to the team manager or simply cheering their loudest, the role they played was greatly appreciated by both students and teachers.

A 25 strong team will now represent both Killara and the Ku-ring-gai Zone when they head back to Homebush on Tuesday 18th March for the Sydney North Carnival. We wish them all the best.

Adam Bruckshaw
2014 KHS Swim Team Manager

Volunteer in the School Canteen: Informative, worthy and fun!

The KHS School Canteen provides a great service to over 1500 children and 100 staff at the school. And profits support the school via the Parents and Citizens Association.

Successful operation is partly achieved through the cheerful army of volunteers who work on a roster with our Canteen Managers, Pam and Carolyn.

Canteen volunteers can catch up on what’s happening in the school, meet a lot of hungry kids, support a worthy service that helps fund extra school facilities for our children, and have fun with other volunteers on the team.

The Canteen is looking for volunteers, particularly for Mondays.

Even if you can only spare a few hours once in a while, call Carolyn on 9498 6740 to talk about how to join the canteen volunteers group.
Students for Climate Action

As a passionate believer in climate change and environmental awareness, I have started a student environmental activism movement within Killara High. Our movement/group refers to ourselves as STUDENTS FOR CLIMATE ACTION. This movement has gained far more momentum than I could have anticipated in these earlier stages, getting the involvement of some teachers, the two school captains and senior prefects, a large part of the school’s student leadership groups and of course passionate students.

Our group is gaining momentum quickly and has already planned its advertisement strategy to the rest of the school to get more students involved (especially younger ones) and kickstart this movement.

Now this is the IMPORTANT PART; our first initiative will be a Climate Audit. This involves us, as a group, calculating Killara High’s total carbon/environmental footprint.

We are also planning an excursion to clean up a local area day as a self-advertisement strategy whilst also promoting a Clean-Up Australia day within the school, where the whole school will participate in cleaning up our school environment to take a stand against the epidemic of littering that is occurring. This movement is sure to inspire a change in attitudes within our school. We have large plans for our school in the next few years and this will undoubtedly be a movement that encourages a new culture within our school.

The end goal is long term (6 years plus) to achieve carbon neutrality within Killara High. However, ultimately the emphasis is on promoting environmentally responsible and aware behaviour within all our schools in the community to ultimately inspire change and action within the next generation of our nation’s leaders.

Kieran Pain
Student Representative Council

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR CHINESE PARENTS

Please join us for this useful information night. An interpreter will be present on the night to assist as required.

Tuesday 18th March 2014
6pm-8pm
Staff Common Room in A Block
Killara High School, Koola Avenue, Killara

Topics covered include how the education system and Australian schools operate, school expectations, support available to new students and subject choice.

Refreshments will be provided.
RSVP: 9498 3722 (Killara HS) OR send the slip below to the school by Friday 14th March

I will be attending the Chinese Parents Information Night on Tuesday 18th March 2014.

Family Name: _____________________________
Child’s name: __________________________________
Academic year: ______________________
Number of people attending: ___________

PARENT INFORMATION NIGHT FOR KOREAN PARENTS

Please join us for this useful information night. An interpreter will be present on the night to assist as required.

Tuesday 25th March 2014
6pm-8pm
Staff Common Room in A Block
Killara High School, Koola Avenue, Killara

Topics covered include how the education system and Australian schools operate, school expectations, support available to new students and subject choice.

Refreshments will be provided.
RSVP: 9498 3722 (Killara HS) OR send the slip below to the school by Friday 21st March

I will be attending the Korean Parents Information Night on Tuesday 25th March 2014.

Family Name: _____________________________
Child’s name: __________________________________
Academic year: ______________________
Number of people attending: ___________

Killara High School
PDHPE Program

As part of the Year 7 – 10 Personal Development, Heath and Physical Education curriculum, the PDHPE staff aim to enable your child to develop positive attitudes which will allow them to lead a healthy lifestyle. As they mature your children will be required to make decisions about the lifestyle they wish to adopt. We believe they should make these decisions based on sound knowledge. PDHPE staff will address some sensitive issues in lessons during the year. The depth of content and the amount and type of information given will be appropriate to each particular year group. These issues will include:

- Sexuality, puberty and menstruation
- Sexual health, contraception and sexually transmitted infections
- Relationships and the uses of power in a relationship
- Diversity, discrimination, harassment and vilification
- Child protection and protective strategies
- Decision making and communication
- Drug use
- Challenges and opportunities
- Accessing and assessing health information, products and services.

All programmed units are based on the mandatory Year 7–10 Personal Development, Health and Physical Education Syllabus, developed by the NSW Board of Studies. This newsletter notice is to advise parents that these issues will be discussed in classes. Parents may wish to prepare for questions that may result from these lessons. Parents may ask that their children be withdrawn from classes involving such discussions.

Parents with questions or concerns in regard to the content of the program or the information presented should contact Ms Clarke, Head Teacher PDHPE on 9498-3722, email megan.clarke@det.nsw.edu.au.

Megan Clarke, Head Teacher PDHPE


Climb for a Cause

Two Killara High families will shortly embark on an adventure to Nepal to raise money for the Pallister-Killian Syndrome (PKS) Foundation of Australia. Nazreen Hameed with her sons Adnan Hameed (Year 10) and Zidane Hameed (Year 8), and Rosemary Marchant with her husband and sons Hugo Marchant (Year 10) and Jeremy Marchant (Year 6 at Beaumont Road Public School) will climb Mt Everest in Nepal for a very good cause – to raise awareness of and funding for PKS sufferers.

PKS is a rare chromosomal disorder that affects around 300 cases worldwide, of which only 10 have been diagnosed in Australia. Being so rare the condition is often undiagnosed during pregnancy and, until now, there has been very little information and support available to families of those affected. Individuals and their families affected by rare disease often feel isolated and lack guidance as to how to best treat or manage the condition.

They are hoping to support a local boy Yash Biswal from Killara, who attends Sir Eric Woodward School for special needs in St Ives, and happens to be one of those 10 people. Yash is non-verbal, visually impaired, with severe sensory processing disorder and very low cognitive ability. He is solely dependent on his carers for all his basic needs and that is not expected to change over time. Ongoing treatment costs such as speech therapy, physiotherapy, occupational therapy and cost of equipment and services such as walkers, wheelchairs, car and home modifications etc. are quite significant and have to be met by PKS families.

We wish Adnan, Zidane, Hugo and Jeremy all the very best as they cover hundreds of kilometres of rugged terrain and harsh weather over 18 days to raise much needed funds for Yash and others diagnosed with PKS. Starting at 2300 metres, these intrepid adventurers will climb up to 5360 metres. Food, clean water and air will be in very limited supply and there will be no Internet or technology to use. The families are hoping to raise $1500 for PKS Foundation of Australia. Monies raised will go towards PKS Foundation of Australia.

You can help the boys achieve this goal by donating directly through the PKS website, www.pks.org.au or liking their Facebook Page “Climb for a Cause”. All donations are tax-deductible.
World's Greatest Shave

Dominic Hoey, Leonard Levine and I (Taj Bennett) are shaving our hair this March for World's Greatest Shave in support of the Leukaemia Foundation and their vital work. Every 46 minutes, someone in Australia gets the news they have blood cancer. Blood cancer is Australia’s second biggest cause of cancer death.

Most of you have seen our crazy hair over the last few months, so when the big day arrives, it would be great to know you are all behind us when the fuzzy mops get the chop!

It would be great if you would support our sacrifice by sponsoring us!

The money you give will help the Leukaemia Foundation fund its important work – providing practical and emotional support to people with blood cancer, as well as investing millions in research.

It's easy to sponsor any of us online at www.leukaemiafoundation.org.au (click on the “Sponsor” button and then enter in the name of who you would like to sponsor) or we will also be collecting donations at lunch time over the next couple of weeks.

Thanks for your support!

Taj Bennett, Dominic Hoey and Leonard Levine
Year 8

From the Library

New non fiction

Brierley, Saroo. A Long Way Home
When Saroo Brierley used Google Earth to find his long-lost home town half a world away, he made global headlines. Saroo had become lost on a train in India at the age of five. Not knowing the name of his family or where he was from, he survived for weeks on the streets of Kolkata, before being taken into an orphanage and adopted by a couple in Australia. Despite being happy in his new family, Saroo always wondered about his origins. He spent hours staring at the map of India on his bedroom wall. When he was a young man the advent of Google Earth led him to pore over satellite images of the country for landmarks he recognised. And one day, after years of searching, he miraculously found what he was looking for. He then set off on a journey to find his mother.

Newport, Jerry and Mary. Mozart and the Whale: An Unexpected Love Story
When Jerry and Mary Newport met, the connection was instant. A musical genius and a mathematical wonder, the two shared astronomic IQs, but they also shared something else -- they both were diagnosed with Asperger's syndrome, a form of autism that affects millions of Americans and makes social contact painfully unbearable. When Jerry and Mary married, they were catapaulted into the limelight. They appeared on 60 Minutes and soon were known as "superstars in the world of autism," shining examples of two people who refused to give up in the face of their mutual challenge. But just when it appeared that their lives would enjoy a fairy-tale ending, their marriage fell apart. The Hollywood feeding frenzy was too much to handle, and they divorced. After heartbreaking years of soul searching, Jerry and Mary remarried. Today, with their union stronger than ever, they have dedicated themselves to helping countless other people with Asperger's and autism lead lives of dignity. Mozart and the Whale is an unforgettable love story of the incredible chronicle of their journey together -- and apart.

Salbi, Zainab and Beckland, Laurie. Growing Up in the Shadow of Saddam
Zainab Salbi agreed to a marriage in America arranged by her mother, unaware that it was to save her from Saddam Hussein's growing affection. She found herself wedded to an abusive stranger and fled. Stranded by the Gulf War, she put her life together again in the States, creating a global organisation to fight on the behalf of female victims of war. Only when her mother, Alia, was dying did Salbi realise that she had gone to war zones around the world asking other women for answers that her mother had all along. This is a riveting quest for truth that explores the universal themes of power, fear and sexual subjugation.
Here is an interesting way to find a book you like:

- Look up: www.literature-map.com
- Enter the name of your favourite author
- Literature map will create a swirling array of authors’ names that are arranged according to how similar their writing style is to that of your selected author.

Karen Jones and Francie Campbell
Teacher-Librarians

UNSW Engineering Student-Parent Information Evening
This event will be held on Wednesday 19th March from 5:30pm to 8:00pm at the Leighton Hall, UNSW Kensington Campus. The evening will include talks and a career market and participants will have the opportunity to talk to academics from each Engineering School. Register at: http://www.engineering.unsw.edu.au/student-parent

Business, Engineering and Technology Cadetship Program
Organised by Professional Cadetships Australia, this program offers students the opportunity to combine paid work with university study. Business cadets can choose from a range of degree programs in business, commerce, economics and the humanities. Applications open on 24th April. To find out more, visit www.businesscadetships.com.au.

Blue Mountains International Hotel Management School Focus Days
The first of these programs which aim to give potential students a taste of the school and its campus, will run from 22nd – 24th April. Students interested in attending should email: enquiry@bluemountains.edu.au

Australian College of Applied Psychology Information Evening
This event which will be held on Wednesday 19th March at 6pm at Level 5, 11 York St, Sydney will showcase ACAP’s range of courses in psychology. For further information email: info.acap@navitas.com

Screen and Media Careers Night
Find out how to get a start in the growing screen and media industries at the career information and networking night hosted by Metro Screen on Wednesday 26th March from 6pm – 7pm. A special panel of screen industry practitioners will share their journeys and advice for new starters. RSVP at: www.metroscreen.org.au.

UTS Faculty of Engineering & IT Hands-on Day
Attendees will have an opportunity to participate in engaging, educational and sometimes explosive hands-on activities at this event which will be hosted by UTS on Thursday 27th March. In addition, current female university students, industry representatives and academic staff will discuss courses and career opportunities. Year 11 and 12 students can also choose to participate in pathways and scholarship sessions. To register complete the registration form at: http://uts.ac/HOD2014

Australian Defence Force Information Sessions
The following information sessions will be held at Defence Force Recruiting at Level 4, 9 George St, Parramatta at 6.30pm:
- Women in Defence – Wednesday 12th March
- Combat – Tuesday 18th March
- Royal Military College – Wednesday 19th March
- Generic ADF – Thursday 27th March
RSVP to cptnsw@dfr.com.au specifying the name and date of the desired information session as well as the attendees’ name, contact telephone number and email address.

International Women in Aviation Week
In order to promote this career amongst women, discounted instructional flights will be offered by Sydney Aviators in collaboration with Basair until 9th March. For further information, telephone 9791 0111.

UN Youth Australia: State Conferences 2014
The UN Youth Australia State Conferences are residential events which give students in Years 9 to 12 a chance to express their interest in international affairs, meet like-minded students from around their state and to learn more about how the UN operates. The NSW Conference will be held from (Fri 14th March to Sun 16th March at the Collaroy Conference Centre. For further information contact: http://www.unyouth.org.au/nsw/conference/

Smartphone Apps to Help with Studying
This article features some smartphone apps that can help students improve their study habits. It can be accessed at: http://blog.aias.com.au/index.php/study/making-technology-work-for-you-effective-apps-for-smart-study/

StarNow

Printing Careers Australia
This website provides information about getting an apprenticeship, traineeship or employment in the Australian printing or publishing industry. It can be found at http://www.printingcareers.com.au/

Colleen Clarke and Rosemary Brown
Careers Advisers
Killara High School
Position Available at Killara High School

The school is in urgent need of a General Assistant (GA) to work five days a week on a casual basis, possibly for all of 2014.

The duties of the GA include light handyman tasks, setting up the hall for assemblies, exams, etc., organising contractors for maintenance and a range of other tasks.

If interested, please phone Carla Marchesin, Deputy Principal, for more details on 9498 3722.
Scenes from the Year 7 Camp – 17th-18th February 2014