Monday 5 August
Sunday 18 August
HSC Dance Practicals

Thursday 8 August
Thursday 22 August
Year 12 Final Exams

Friday 16 August
Year 8 Science Incursion

Tuesday 20 August
HSC Drama Practicals

Thursday 22 August
Year 10 Road Trauma Excursion to Homebush

Monday, 26 August
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in Library

Tuesday 27 August
Dance Showcase Evening in the School Hall

Wednesday 28 August
Recognition Assembly for Years 7-10 Pds 3-4

Thursday 5 September
Friday 6 September
NSWCHS Athletics Carnival Homebush

Monday 9 September
Saturday 14 September
State Dance Festival Seymour Centre

Tuesday 17 September
SRC Induction

Wednesday 18 September
Year 11 Clearance Day
Year 12 Picnic Day at Jamberoo

Thursday 19 September
Year 12 Graduation

Friday 20 September
Last Day Term 3

Monday 23 September
Friday 4 October
Schooly Holidays

Monday 7 October
Public Holiday

Tuesday 8 October
Students return to school

Monday 14 October
Tuesday 5 November
HSC Examinations

KOMAE HS
Our Japanese sister school, Komae High School, have arrived for their much anticipated 2013 exchange. The genuine excitement from our students and the Japanese students last Wednesday afternoon, while they were waiting to meet their billets, just shows how the exchange program is such a worthwhile and in many cases, life changing educational experience for students.

I have visited a number of classrooms where our Japanese students have been introduced to teaching and learning with an Australian flavour and I have been really impressed with what I have seen from our staff, students and visitors. Meaningful and deep learning is taking place at many levels within all groups and the cultural understanding and co-operation is a real pleasure to observe.

Full details of their visit will be in our next newsletter.

Japanese Culture Day - Bethany Garnett, Danae Kefallinou, Nanami Noda and Yuuki Iida

GAS HEATING ISSUES
We were informed last week that the school gas pipes need to be replaced and DEC Assets Management has acted quickly to pre-approve this work which is already underway. Whilst this is extremely inconvenient in the short term I am hopeful it will result in a lasting solution for the school, staff and students.

Recently they have been able to restore gas to A Block, B Block and the Hall (new gas heaters have been installed in the Hall at the same time). The Music Block is not affected as it has reverse cycle air conditioning. They are currently working on D Block and the Library with E Block to follow.

The time-frame I have been advised, if all goes well, is three to four weeks. Some student uniform modifications will have to continue during this time. When the weather is mild it is expected that students will continue to wear full and correct school uniform. On days when colder weather is expected, as per my earlier email to parents/carers, it will be acceptable for students to wear tracksuit pants and warm tops or coats over their normal school uniform.

Almost all students have complied with the spirit of this brief uniform modification but a few students have tried to take advantage of this situation by wearing incorrect jumpers or coats which are not over a school jumper or jacket. I would ask that parents/carers ensure that their child is complying correctly.
YEAR 12 – THE COUNTDOWN TO THE HSC

As you read this newsletter our Year 12 students will be nearing the end of their Trial HSC examinations and will then be moving into a heavy revision mode in the run towards the final HSC examinations next term.

While this can turn into a stressful and exhausting process when not done well, if managed correctly by a planned and consistent approach it can also turn into a rewarding and mark boosting success for students. All have been well briefed over past months on the best approaches to study and revision but it is not too late for those that have still not absorbed the advice to ask again if needed.

The annual picnic day for Year 12 has been organised for Wednesday 18 September with participating students travelling to Jamberoo to share together the end of their high school studies. Students have already been provided with details and permission slips.

Our annual Year 12 Graduation Ceremony will be held in the School Hall on Thursday 19 September commencing at 9.30 am. Graduation folios will be presented to all students. The talents of our students will also be showcased through musical items and other performances. Family and friends are invited to attend the ceremony and join us for morning tea afterwards. We wish all our Year 12 students every success in the final examinations and in their ongoing preparations to achieve their personal best.

Bob Hollywood
Principal

LEAVE FROM SCHOOL - PROCEDURES

EARLY LEAVE
There are an increasing number of students requesting early leave from school. As very few parents are calling to confirm these appointments on Tuesdays, the school will be changing their policy to ensure all leave requests are justified. All students with a scheduled appointment are required to hand in a note or card from the specialist indicating their appointment time. Please note unless this is provided all early leaves will be marked as UNJUSTIFIED on the school roll system. Students who do not provide this note will be asked to obtain a stamp or other note from the specialist to have their leave record updated. Please note early leave passes CANNOT be given for injury or illness. A non sport room on Tuesday afternoons is provided for students unable to participate in sporting activities and students who are ill need to go through the school procedures using the school “sick bay” where parents are asked to collect students who are unwell.

EXEMPTION
Any parent wishing to apply for an exemption from school must complete an EXEMPTIONS form 7 days before the leave period is to begin. Applications not handed in 7 days prior will not be granted and will be recorded on the school record as LEAVE or UNJUSTIFIED if a student has already been granted in excess of the leave requirements. EXEMPTION FORMS can be obtained from the front office or on the school website at https://www.det.nsw.edu.au/policies/student_admin/attendance/sch_polproc/exempt_gui.pdf

LATE TO SCHOOL
Parents are reminded all students late to school must report to the office for a late pass. All students should present a note explaining their absence. All students without a note will be recorded as UNEXPLAINED. Please note not all explanations will be deemed satisfactory ie “sleeping in” and can be marked as EXPLAINED UNJUSTIFIED. Students in Years 7-10 will report to the late roll call room in A1L if they arrive to school late during roll call, then after that to reception. Seniors are to report to the administration office.

UNJUSTIFIED ABSENCE
Parents are reminded that all whole day absences from school should be explained promptly and within seven days. Parents can explain absences by calling the office, sending in a note after the day of the absence or replying to the SMS message sent from the school. Any absence not explained will be recorded as UNJUSTIFIED on a student’s attendance record.
**VISUAL ARTS**

### Sydney Aquarium

On Friday 26 July, all Year 8 journeyed to the Sydney Sealife Aquarium for a combined Visual Arts and Science excursion. Students were able to draw and photograph a huge variety of sea creatures, with the Dugongs munching on loads of cos lettuce, gaining our special attention. The hammerhead sharks, the stingrays and the weedy sea dragons were fascinating to watch from above and below. Everybody was particularly excited to look for the famous Nemo and Dory.

Students will now be generating sculptures, drawings and photographs which you will be displayed at our annual art exhibition.

### KOMAE HIGH SCHOOL

As a member of the Creative Arts faculty, for the past 19 years I have been fortunate to be invited to teach an art lesson to our sister school students. It has given me great pleasure to participate in this cultural exchange and once again these students have made beautiful postcards to post home as a lovely memento of their experience at Kirrawee High School. I am also hopeful that one day I may join our students in visiting Komae High.

YEAR 9 will be visiting Cockatoo Island for our annual photography and mixed media workshop, early in Term 4 (permission slips will be coming home soon).

This is a fantastic site, comprising the old naval ship building workshops and a former convict gaol.

There are tunnels that run under the goal and this entire site is used not only for the latest artworks and installations for our overseas visiting and local artist but many TV shows, such as Australia’s Next Top Model, who use this as a film location.

The island is located in Sydney Harbour and the views are spectacular.

YEAR 9 HAVE BEEN VERY BUSY COMPLETING SOPHISTICATED WATERSCAPE PAINTINGS
Thank you to all those parents who came in for parent teacher interviews. It was good to meet so many new faces, this was my first junior parent teacher night at Kirrawee.

I feel for the many Year 12 parents who are facing the challenge of living with a student doing exams. As a parent of two children who have sat exams I can relate to the wise old person who said, “There is no stress like the stress faced by the parent of a Year 12 student.” All you can do is to be there for them and offer as much support as they will accept.

Good luck to both students and parents from all the TAS staff!!

Year 7 & 8 students are 4 weeks into their new Technology rotation and seem to have transitioned well. As I sit and type this report I can hear excited Year 7 preparing and cooking pizza. My textiles class are just about to start sewing together their tote bags and woodwork students are just finishing off their box and about to start the famous surfing Kangaroo.

RESPONSIBLE SERVICE OF ALCOHOL (RSA) CERTIFICATE

Year 12 Hospitality students have the opportunity to attend an RSA course that will be delivered at school on Tuesday 3 September. This qualification is a requirement to work in any establishment that sells alcoholic beverages. Students will complete this course and receive a photo identification and certification that is recognised State wide. They will also visit the Apprentice Restaurant to enjoy a lunch prepared and served by TAFE students.

MELBOURNE TEXTILES EXCURSION

Textiles students in Years 10, 11 & 12 recently went on their interstate trip to Melbourne for the exhibition “Hollywood Costume” which is on loan from the Albert and Victoria Museum in London. The exhibition is housed at ACMI at Federation Square and was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to view iconic costumes and the work of costume designers from the past 100 years of cinema. Students flew to Melbourne for 2 days, had an educator led tour through the exhibition, checked out the Melbourne fashion scene and enjoyed a guided tour of Old Melbourne Goal to view the channel 9 “Underbelly – Squizzy” costume exhibition.

The students are to be congratulated on their excellent behaviour and the way they represented the school. It was a tiring couple of days, but well worth the effort. The costumes were amazing!

Robert Lawson
Head Teacher TAS
On 29 & 30 July the Year 10, 11 & 12 Textiles students flew to Melbourne. After a very early start at Sydney Airport, we arrived in Melbourne at around 8.00am where we were met by our minibus to transfer to our hotel.

Once we were checked in, we had time for a quick bite to eat and we were able to explore the city. By noon we were settled in, and headed off to Federation Square to the Hollywood Costume exhibition. The exhibition creatively displays 100 years worth of cinema costumes. After a quick introduction where we impressed our guide with our knowledge of Hollywood film and design, we were free to explore. Costumes such as Dorothy's blue and white gingham dress (Wizard of Oz), Holly Golightly’s little black dress (Breakfast at Tiffany's) and Batman’s high tech attire (Dark Knight Rises), all showed how when a character or film captures the public imagination, their costumes ignite worldwide fashion trends. We were able to fully appreciate the work, planning and dedication that goes into Hollywood costume production and how designers collaborate with directors and actors to create magic. After the exhibition we were given a little more free time and with an endless line of stores we were never short of something to do. For dinner we went to a restaurant called Vapiano’s; a new Italian restaurant specialising in gourmet pizza and pasta. Yum!! We returned to our hotel (in a cute little Melbourne alleyway), worn out, after a very long day. After some of us (no names mentioned) discovered the complimentary slippers and showercaps, then decided to use the hallway as a catwalk, we went to bed, ready for another day full of adventure. After breakfast at the hotel, we packed our bags and headed off to Old Melbourne Goal for our guided tour and exhibition of Channel 9’s Underbelly Squizzy costumes. The costumes were mainly historical, from the 1920’s – 1930’s period and were displayed through some of the cells. For one last time we were let loose to shop, eat and just enjoy Melbourne. That afternoon, we caught our minibus back to the airport for our flight back to Sydney. All the girls had a great time and enjoyed themselves.

Special thanks to Mrs Adelerhof for organising the trip and to Mrs Clampett for helping to supervise us all.

Courtney Anderson Year 10

MUSIC

Russian Caravan continue to shine in the Rock Music world. Youth Rock was just the start for these unsigned artists. Luke, Grace, Austin, Brayden and Mitchell have been part of a competition called Emergenza, the world’s biggest festival for unsigned bands. Russian Caravan competed in the first round at The Lair, which is the smaller room in the Metro Theatre. The guys won and with the 2nd, 3rd and 4th bands from the night, Russian Caravan will play in the next round which is at the Factory Theatre in October. If you wish to stay connected and keep tabs on the band in this competition, follow the link below to see the reviews. http://www.emergenza.net/default.aspx?pag=389&nav=US&lng=en-us&idconcerto=1905

The Wind Orchestra continue to inspire the community by being involved in a joint project with Grays Point Public School. The students from the public school have been attending the Wind Orchestra rehearsals in preparation for the combined concert which is scheduled for Friday 23 August, to be held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre. The students will be performing at 7pm on that night. Also featured is Zoe Iaonnou from Year 10 who will be the featured soloist on the night and also on five of the ten concerts scheduled. We wish all the students the best.
Junior stage band were special guest performers at the Bi-annual PCYC Concert which was held at the Sutherland United Services Club on Sunday 4 August. They conducted themselves in typical Kirrawee style with immaculate behaviour, presentation and enthusiasm. This was the group’s first professional performance and they rose to the occasion. Special mention must go to Lawson McGuiness in Year 9 for his incredible professionalism. He arrived to discover that there were no drummers present and therefore no music, so he jumped up on the kit and improvised the whole show. It’s leadership like this that inspires others to excel. To stay tuned with all their exploits, why not join the email list for this group. Just send an email to kerri-ann.lacey@det.nsw.edu.au and Ms Lacey will put you on the list.

We would like to introduce Andy Bickers who will be tutoring students in saxophone and clarinet. Andy is a well renowned jazz musician who is currently playing with Cold Chisel. He has recorded and toured with many Australian iconic bands like Midnight Oil, Silverchair, Powderfinger and Boy and Bear. Whilst he continues to tour internationally, he is very excited to be part of Kirrawee High School’s Instrumental Program. His touring has never affected his commitment to his students and we are pleased to have a musician of this calibre on our team. Some students in Years 7 and 8 have already been given Andy's details so if your child is interested in working with Andy, please contact Linda Fawer.

The Music Department Team
Kerri Lacey, Linda Fawer, Ellie Moroney and Caroline Hollywood

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE
3 Weeks until the end of 2013 Premiers Reading Challenge.
The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It is not a competition but a challenge to each student to read, to read more & to read more widely.

Please encourage your child to finalise their online reading records by 23 August, so they complete the challenge.

BOOK DONATION
Once again Miranda RSL has made a generous donation of books to the school library. The staff and students greatly appreciate this gesture and hope the RSL continue this tradition of promoting reading.

Regards
Cathy Barden
Librarian

The Educational Access Schemes (EAS) application booklets have arrived. To be eligible for EAS consideration your educational performance must have been seriously affected, normally for a period of at least six months during year 11 and/or 12 due to circumstances beyond your control and choosing. It must be noted that universities are not operating under the UAC EAS system, but are offering their own schemes which will need to be completed online by students. Sydney University and the University of NSW have separate schemes and the University of Wollongong operates its own Local and Regional Bonus Scheme.

You are strongly advised to visit the university websites to ensure that the course you want to study has EAS eligibility and also to see if the university has its own EAS system. Following this, students have been asked to see me in the Learning Centre to proceed with applications.

Information can be accessed via the following link: www.uac.edu.au

REMINDER:
Final Immunisations for 2014 are being administered on Monday 9 September. Year 7 boys and girls (HPV and HEP B) and Year 9 boys (HPV)

Please note, parents will be contacted to collect students who are too unwell to return to class following immunisation.

Melissa Kenehan
OPEN GIRLS SOCCER

The Open Girls Soccer Team has progressed through to the State Semi Finals!

In early Term 3 the girls made the long journey to Cootamundra for the Final 16 match. Despite the long trip, the girls emerged victorious pulling off a dominant 7-1 win.

Cootamundra to their credit kept up the pressure the whole game, but the girls pulled together fabulously as a team, and this proved the difference.

This led the girls to the State Quarter Final, where the girls went up against Bass High (Bass Hill). Here we had a home-ground advantage playing at the Ridge and accuracy of Jordan Baker’s boot assisted the girls to a 6-1 win. Credit needs to go to all players in this game as the girls again pulled together as a team, to provide an excellent defensive and attacking line which maintained the pressure throughout.

The team now faces Narara Valley in the State Semi Finals on Wednesday 14 August at Seymour Shaw Stadium Miranda.

Once again a huge thank you must be given to both the parents and supporters of the girls who drove the 750km round trip to Cootamundra. It was greatly appreciated by both the girls and myself.

Georgie Sites
Coach

BOYS BASEBALL

Congratulations to the Open boys baseball team for their comprehensive 9-3 win over Nepean High School last week. They are now into the State quarter finals.

A special thanks to the parents who helped with the transport and to Kerry Tsui (Ben’s mum) for scoring the game.

The team is made up extremely talented baseballers, many players play reps baseball and some represent at NSW level.

J Rider
(filling in for Coach Mr J Hill)

U/14 BOYS & GIRLS FUTSAL
STATE CHAMPIONSHIPS

Congratulations to the under 14 Boys and Girls teams for qualifying for the State Championships at Penrith. Both teams were very competitive, making it through to the finals series. The boys were unlucky to be knocked out in the quarter finals, whilst the girls lost their semi final in a penalty shoot out after the game being locked up after extra-time. A big thank you goes out to Paul Kelly and Mr Whitaker for coaching the teams after school and taking the day off to coach them on the day.


Girls Team: Roisin Collier, Emily Leitch, Chelsea Hendra, Beth Whitaker, Jessica Graham, Eliza Buck, Larissa Wales and Emma Gidney.

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U/13 RUGBY LEAGUE - ADAM DYKES SHIELD

Rugby League is alive and well at Kirrawee High School with our 13’s side two games into a home and away competition that provides our students with six games and hopefully a semi and grand final. Our first game was against Cronulla High and with our 4 Year 8 boys on an excursion we only had 13 players to start the game, I must admit I was worried. After 8 minutes of play we were down by 8 points and I was looking for half time. Thanks to the great leadership of Kurt
Picken and the support of our forwards we lifted and by half time we were up 14 to 10. The second half was a different game and we finished off strongly to win 24-14. We needed to improve in a few areas especially decision making but on the whole I was very proud of the whole team and was looking forward to game 2.

Game 2 was against an under strength Lucas heights Community School and we had a full team and were eager to play. Our boys followed instruction and played hard for each other and as a result came up with a great 38-6 win.

A special mention to all the parents who helped with transport and braved the chilly wind to support the team. Well done and thanks from myself and the kids.

**NSWCHS GYMNASTICS**

Congratulations to our gymnastics girls, Harriet Hunnisett and Talia Fisher, who were part of the Sydney East team that finished second at the NSWCHS Artistic Gymnastics Championships. A fantastic result for a young team in a discipline with no age divisions.

Some great individual results too, with Harriet coming first on the bars and Talia placing 3rd on the beam. Congratulations!

**SYDNEY EAST REGIONAL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL**

Kirrawee High students achieved some excellent results at the Sydney East Regional Athletics Carnival.

Congratulations to our five 4x100 relay teams that qualified through to the State carnival, with numerous students also qualifying for the state in individual events for both track and field, including the following students who placed first in the region:

- Talia Fisher – 13 Yrs Long Jump
- Lace Temana – 16 Yrs 400m and 800m

**UPCOMING SPORT DATES**

- NSW Inter-schools Snowsports State Championships 23-25 August 2013 at Perisher
- NSWCHS Athletics Carnival 5-7 September 2013 at Sydney Olympic Athletics Centre Homebush

For up to date information, results, photos and more, like **KHS SPORT** on Facebook:

**BMX WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS**

This year, the BMX World Championships were held in Auckland, New Zealand. After great results from Kai and I from the National Championships earlier on in this year, we both qualified to go and compete. I competed in the 14 Girls and Kai competed in the Junior Elite Mens class, which is a very high level class.

We got on a plane early in the morning on Saturday and we arrived early in the afternoon. It was a short flight comparing it to other plane trips we have done.

My practice started on Monday. It was only 1 1/2 hours with about 500 other riders, so we had to learn the track very quickly. The track was indoors and very short and the arena was very small. Normally the track would be 350m to 400m but this year it was only 280m. So each lap only lasted 30 seconds or less.

My race was on Wednesday. The turn out was great. Most of the seats around the arena were filled with not only BMX audiences but also with locals as well. There were 34 riders in my class with half of them from New Zealand and Australia. I did well in all of my races. I won all of my heats,
I then went on to win the final giving me the title of World Champion for my age group.

On Sunday Kai competed. All tickets were all sold out and there were a hand full of people that missed out watching. This day was the fastest of riders in the world. There were 63 riders in Kai’s class. He was running 2\(^{nd}\) all day, then came his quarter finals where he needed to finish in the top 4 to get through to the next round. Unfortunately he came 6\(^{th}\). Kai was very unlucky to get one of the outside lanes which put him at a disadvantage at the first turn, with such a short track, he could not catch up. Overall an excellent achievement for Kai.

It was a great trip for us all with great results.

We’d like to thank all our sponsors, Redline Bicycles, Blackman Bicycles, Time, Peabody, Michram Industries, Goreys Vids and Davies Constructions, as well as Kirrawee High School for their continuous support.

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HELENSBURGH & DISTRICT LITTLE ATHLETICS - SEASON 2013/14

Little A’s is starting on Friday 13th September in your local area.

ONLINE REGO is NOW OPEN and offers a much faster, much easier and definitely much cheaper way of becoming a member.
To register visit our website www.helensburgh-lac.com and follow the links and instructions there.

Rego fees this season are:
- TINY TOTS (3-4 years old): $80 per child ONLINE versus $90 OFFLINE
- U6 to U17 ATHLETES: $100 per athlete ONLINE versus $120 OFFLINE and $130 after 11/09/13.

Contact us at hblac@live.com.au or www.facebook.com/HelensburghLAC.

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