Monday, 10 December - Friday, 14 December
Years 7-10 Clearance Week
Friday, 14 December
Year 7 barbeque, Kanahooka Reserve
Monday, 17 December
Presentation Day for Year 9 & Year 10, 9.30 a.m.
Tuesday, 18 December
Presentation Day for Year 7 & Year 8, 9.30 a.m.
Wednesday, 19 December
HSC results available on line
Last day for students
Thursday, 20 December
Year 12 morning tea, Library, 10 a.m.
Staff Development
Friday, 21 December
Staff Development Day
Monday, 24 December - Monday, 28 January
School Holidays
Tuesday, 29 January 2013
Staff Development Day
Wednesday, 30 January, 2013
Years 7, 11 & 12 return to school
Thursday, 31 January
Years 8, 9 & 10 return to school
Monday, 4 February
School Swimming Carnival, Caringbah Leisure Centre, 8.30 a.m.
Friday, 8 February 2012
Vaccination Day, Year 7 girls & boys, Year 9 boys
Friday, 22 February 2013
School photos, Library, 8.30 a.m.

THE 2012 SCHOOL YEAR

2012 has been another stellar year for Kirrawee HS and its students. The vast majority of our students have immersed themselves in academic pursuits to achieve their personal best and also engage with the extended opportunities available to students beyond the classroom. Student success and participation has been extensive from the local through to the international level which you would have seen reported through our newsletters over the year. Equally so has been the positive way our students have conducted themselves on the many times they have represented our school and community.

Our whole school community are so very proud of our students and their achievements.

Recent examples of our student’s successes include:

Wollongong University Engineering Faculty – Technology Competition

- Sarah Butler (Year 12) - 1st Place in the “Women in Design and Technology Award” for her HSC Major Project on the design of a Bushfire Proof Shelter
- Hamish Gullick (Year 12) – Runner-up award for his HSC Portfolio on the “Solo Sailor” pod and sea anchor
- Lloyd Nurthen (Year 11) – Runner-up in the Year 11 product category for his innovative chair design
- Tanaz Dhondy (Year 12) – 1st Place in the “Women in Civil Structures Award” for her Engineering Report on “Bridge Design and Force/Stress Analysis”
- Belinda Blades (Year 11) – Runner-up award for her Engineering Report on Orthodontic Technology in the Bio-Engineering category
HSC EXEMPLARY WORKS

Each year a number of outstanding works are selected from across the state for inclusion in a showcase of the best of the best in the HSC. Achieving this recognition brings great credit to our students and their teachers. The following 2012 Year 12 students from Kirrawee High have been nominated for inclusion in:

**OnSTAGE** *A selection of exemplary performances and projects from Higher School Certificate Drama students*

**Nominations – For Individual Projects**
- Sarah Reece
- Bridget Parker

**Nominated – For Group Project**
- Elise Munro
- Haruka Shojima-Perrera
- Ayesh Thaliph
- Lauren Webster
- Natalie Zagaglia

**ARTEXPRESS** *A selection of outstanding major works from the Higher School Certificate Art students*

**Nominations**
- Sarah Reece ‘The Protestor’
- Sarah Butler ‘Emma’ (The Encounter)
- Amy Fricker ‘Foundling’

**Callback** *A selection of exemplary performances and projects from Higher School Certificate Dance students*

**Nominations**
- Tamara Gordon: *Core Performance and Core Composition*
- Natalie Zagaglia: *Core Composition*

**DesignTech** *A selection of exemplary projects from Higher School Certificate Design and Technology students*

**Nominations – For Individual Projects**
- Hamish Gullick: “Solo Sailor” pod and sea anchor

**Sydney East Sporting Blues Awards**

Zac Moran (Baseball), Dylan Holden (Water Polo), Charlotte Williamson (Water Polo), Lachlan Greer (Water Polo) and Tanaz Dhondy (Swimming) all received a Sydney East Sporting Blue at a recent ceremony held at St George Leagues Club to recognise their outstanding sporting achievements.

Zac Moran, Dylan Holden, Charlotte Williamson, Lachlan Greer and Tanaz Dhondy pictured after receiving their awards.
COMBINED HIGH SCHOOLS SPORT BLUES
The following students will be recognised for their state sporting achievements on the 7 December 2012 at a ceremony to be held at Stadium Australia, Sydney Olympic Park Homebush. A CHS Sport Blue is the highest sporting award a NSW student can achieve.

- Dylan Holden (Water Polo)
- Claire Esdaile (Gymnastics)
- Blake Buckley (Water Polo)

OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY
I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of those parents and community members who freely gave of their time to involve themselves this year in the P&C, School Council, Uniform Shop, school committees, appeal panels, finance group, fundraising, merit selection panels, Year 6 to 7 out of area panel, our student exchange programs, school bands and ensembles, host families, debating, dance, drama, mock trial, overseas excursions and our sporting teams.

In particular, I have very much appreciated the continued working relationship I have had with our P&C President, Lea Tsekouras, and our School Council President, Stephen Keith. They are outstanding supporters and leaders of our school.

Special mention must be made again of the work by Sandy Ridge and Julie Olbrechts for their dedication and hard work in operating our uniform shop and of course our P&C executive and School Council members.

I would also like to acknowledge the tremendous support Sue Del Din, Ngaire Pettit-Young and Sandy Ridge have given to the school over many years. As their children have now completed Year 12 we hope they are able to keep their connection to the school into the future.

Thank you also to all parents who have donated financially to our school through the P&C this year as these contributions directly benefit all students at Kirrawee High School through our learning and building programs. Your support and generosity is greatly appreciated by all in our school community.

JAMES MORRISON
The James Morrison Evening can only be described as setting the bar to new heights. International and world class entertainers inspiring and performing with our students made the two evenings even more memorable than usual. The audience on the two nights were totally impressed and in awe of the depth of talent that was exhibited by our students. The accolades have continued to roll in all last week for the work of Antony Gullick as Musical Director and his ability to replace and train outstanding musicians and singers year after year to such a high standard. Peter Reeve deserves equal praise for his expertise and dedication with lighting and sound and, of course, Steve Smith for his assistance and direction. Kerrie Lacey showcased the dedicated work she has conducted over many months to bring the choir to such a fine standard.

If you have never been to one of the James Morrison concerts with our Stage Band put it down as a must do for next year. You will not be disappointed.

2012 KHS ART EXHIBITION
The Visual Arts staff, led by Mili Veljanovski, put on another outstanding and impressive Art Exhibition in Week 9. The scope and quality of the works impressed the many people that attended the exhibition. The sheer volume of work, filling our large hall, was a true credit to the Art staff and the students of KHS.

CHRISTMAS MESSAGE
My best wishes go to students, parents, staff and all in our community for a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Farewell to our outgoing Year 12 students and their parents and we look forward to welcoming back our new and continuing students and their families in 2013.

Bob Hollywood
Principal
Since I came to Kirrawee High as a Japanese teacher in 1988, I have met so many great kids who I have enjoyed teaching so much. I hope my students have enjoyed being in my classroom as much as I have. My job has also given me the chance to make cherished friendships with colleagues here and in Japan. Kirrawee High is a great school and I hope I have contributed in some way towards that.

Bev Steele
Head Teacher, Languages

Sayonara to Head Teacher Beverley Steele
We say a heartfelt farewell to Beverley Steele who has taught at Kirrawee for over 25 years and served as Head Teacher Languages for 20 years. During this time Bev has led many projects for the benefit of our school community. Her leadership and hard work ensured the long-term retention of our status as a Languages High School. Bev cemented strong on-going ties with the Japan Foundation for the benefit of our students. Her initiative resulted in the establishment of the popular Nihongo Tanken Centre at Kirrawee. She was instrumental in setting up the Reunion Island French sister school, organised Language links with local primary schools, successfully applied for grants such as the Asian Language Foundation Technology project and oversaw the yearly Kasumigaura visits.

Over the past 21 years, Bev has organised and led countless exchanges including the annual Japan trip to our sister school in Komae. She has just returned from her eighth Japan trip in the past seven years. The bond that she has been able to establish between Komae High School and Kirrawee is a testament to her passion and determination to ensure that our students have the opportunity to discover a new culture through languages learning. The reciprocal exchange has been a rare and enriching experience for over 1000 Kirrawee and Komae students who have taken part and has led to so many lifelong friendships.

As a senior Head Teacher at Kirrawee, Bev has had a prominent role on the School Executive, helping to shape strategic planning as well as day-to-day management of the school. Her experience, intelligence and informed opinion will be missed.

Bev is not only a great Head Teacher, she is a superb classroom teacher. Her love and enthusiasm for Japanese has inspired thousands of students to learn the language. She is fun and dynamic in class and her students are always appreciative of her dedication. She is committed to quality teaching, she sets high expectations and her students have responded magnificently. She has had many great results in both the junior and senior school. Her HSC results have been consistently outstanding with many students achieving Band 5 and 6. Bev is proud of all her students and was especially pleased when Mallory Riosa came first in the state in HSC Japanese. Bev’s excellence in the classroom and contribution to the community was recognised by a National Excellence in Teaching Award in 2004. Finally, Bev has inspired and served as a fine role model for many young languages teachers. Few retiring teachers will have left such a long-lasting legacy.

Thank you Bev for all you have done for Kirrawee High and our students over the years. We wish you a long, healthy and happy retirement.

The Languages Staff
French Sister School Visit 2012
This term we had thirty students from our French sister school come and experience life as an Australian teenager. The French students were greeted with open arms by Kirrawee students from Years 7 to 11. The students were able to experience family life thanks to the generosity and kindness of all the families who opened their homes and shared their lives with our visiting students. Our Kirrawee students did a great job helping their French buddies fit into Kirrawee school life. Please read about Rachel Wilton’s experience below.

Earlier this term, my family and I had the wonderful opportunity to host two students, Rayan and Romain, from College St Michel in Reunion Island.

The experience was great! We were able to learn about their culture and vice-versa for the boys. We saw the sights, tried different foods, and went to all the shops, and I mean ALL the shops. The boys enjoyed all the classes and really appreciated being able to go to lessons that they don’t have in Reunion Island, France, such as Woodwork and Drama.

When it was time for all of the hosts to say goodbye to their French students we all felt upset, but knew that we could keep in touch via email, or see each other again when Kirrawee goes to Reunion Island next year. Hosting the students was an incredible experience that I would definitely recommend, and one that I will never forget.

Rachel Wilton
Year 9

The teachers and students from St Michel were impressed by the positive atmosphere of Kirrawee and really appreciated everyone approaching them to say hello and welcome them. I was really pleased to hear so many Kirrawee students and teachers using their French to chat to our visitors.

I would like to say a special thanks to all the teachers who organised special lessons for the French students. They loved them all and treasured all the keepsakes that they were able to make during the lessons.

I am delighted that Kirrawee students and their families continue to support this enriching program with such openness and generosity. We are exceptionally fortunate to be one of the only Shire schools to have a French sister school and it is only made possible through the positive and genuine support of all the teachers, students, families and of course Mr Hollywood.

Emma Quan
French Teacher
On 18 October, Year 12 Food Technology went on an industry visit/excursion to Freedom Foods at Taren Point. The purpose of this visit was to engage the students in witnessing an operating large food processing factory, to connect them with the operations processes within this sector of the Australian Food Industry. We were given a factory tour and extensive information by their food technologist/manager, witnessing production of UHT milk and soy milk products and automation in packaging of these products into tetrapaks for distribution. Students learnt about waste and pollution problems, safety and hygiene precautions for quality assurance and food product development in response to consumer demands. Although it was very noisy, we were lucky to be able to see all of this to reinforce syllabus content for HSC Food Technology. An enjoyable morning was had by all!

Mrs Kim Adelerhof

Well done to Ashley Ball and Isabelle Fuller for winning the 7M Turbine “Blow –off” for Semester 2. The idea is that the students fabricate a small Galvanised iron turbine and uses a big breath to make it spin for the longest period of time. After many periods of work and fine tuning the girls reigned supreme. Ashley attained a record 46 seconds. The girls are currently enjoying their chocolate prizes.

Mr David Short

It has been a busy month for Drama students who have had many opportunities to showcase their talent. Year 12 ended the year on a high receiving multiple OnStage nominations. Two Individual Performances by Sarah Reece and Bridget Parker and a Group Performance, “The Librarians,” with Natalie Zagaglia, Lauren Webster, Elyse Munro, Ayesha Thaliph and Haruka Shojima-Perrera were nominated for the exemplary HSC Drama works event. We wish them luck and hope to see them performing at the Seymour Centre next February.

Year 11 Drama have been preparing for their first HSC task, a performance of one of their plays for Contemporary Australian Theatre Practice. Excerpts from Ruby Moon and Stolen will be presented in early December for their Performance Evening.

Year 10 Drama attended an excursion to “The Crew” studio at Miranda recently to support their current short film unit. They enjoyed a day of professional hands-on film-making with Alan Ellis.

Year 9's Playbuilding Performance Evening on Tuesday, 18 November received extremely positive comments from audience members and the students themselves in their feedback evaluations. For a first-time experience of devising original theatre in groups, the students demonstrated some great skills and clever theatrical moments.
Parents will be receiving reports for their children in Years 7 to 10. For Mathematics there are two sections:

1. Report mark: This is a mark based on the performance of the student within each group:
   - For Year 7 (the class)
   - For Year 8 (the class)
   - For Years 9 & 10 (the course i.e. 5.1, 5.2 or 5.3)
2. Overall Grade: This is based on the student’s performance measured against the outcomes for the whole ability range within each year.
3. Classes for 2013 will be determined on the basis of the results obtained over the whole year.

We wish to congratulate the following students on their performance in the recent examinations. All students obtained a mark over 80% and are in the top 10 of their course.
### Year 10 – MATHEMATICS (Advanced)

#### 2012 YEARLY EXAM – TOP 10 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Jonathan Rose        | 97% |
| 2.          | Stephen Endean       | 96% |
| 3.          | Rachel Holland       | 95% |
|             | Amy Lynch            |     |
|             | Tyson McMillan       |     |
| 6.          | Babet De Groot       | 93% |
|             | Brendon Yiu          |     |
| 8.          | Kyle Gray            | 91% |
| 9.          | Kai Sakakibara       | 90% |
| 10.         | Sherrie Chung        | 89% |
|             | Liam O’Brien         |     |

### Year 11 – EXTENSION 1 MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 FINAL EXAM – HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Taryn Carson         | 87% |
|             | Ross Sedra           |     |
|             | Ben Williams         |     |
| 4.          | Bianca Ho            | 85% |
|             | Laura Triggs         |     |
| 6.          | Laura Holland        | 76% |

### Year 12 – MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 TRIAL HSC EXAM – TOP 10 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Aria Ahmed-Cox       | 95% |
| 2.          | Matthew Lewis        | 92% |
| 3.          | Rachel Thompson      | 87% |
| 4.          | Toby Hooker          | 84% |
| 5.          | Tamara Gordon        | 81% |
| 6.          | Sasha Balanov        | 80% |
| 7.          | Sean Porter          | 79% |
| 8.          | Luke Stellar         | 78% |
| 9.          | Emma Hyland          | 76% |
|             | Lauren Oberg         |     |
|             | Lauren Webster       |     |

### Year 11 – GENERAL MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 FINAL EXAM – HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Mikaela Gatherer     | 82% |
| 2.          | Grace Griffiths      | 81% |
| 3.          | Emily Parkin         | 78% |
|             | Ben Tyrrell          |     |
| 5.          | Lachlan Hunt         | 76% |
| 6.          | Bree Herrmann        | 75% |
|             | Sarah Kuntz          |     |
|             | Brayden Wall         |     |
| 9.          | Michael Dickson      | 74% |
|             | Jordan Keith         |     |

### Year 12 – EXTENSION 1 MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 TRIAL HSC EXAM – TOP 3 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Sam Jeffrey          | 80% |
| 2.          | Jack Zuber           | 77% |
| 3.          | Tanaz Dhondy         | 74% |
|             | Nathan Hewitt        |     |
|             | Emalie Sparks        |     |

### Year 11 – MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 TRIAL HSC EXAM – TOP 10 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Laura Triggs         | 99% |
|             | Ben Williams         |     |
| 3.          | Taryn Carson         | 96% |
|             | Ross Sedra           |     |
|             | Gaza Wedmore Von Baillier-Banati | |
| 6.          | Lachlan Roberts      | 93% |
| 7.          | Michael Blumor       | 92% |
| 8.          | Wilson Chen          | 91% |
|             | Matthew Elyard       |     |
|             | Bianca Ho            |     |
|             | Claire Esdaile       |     |

### Year 12 – GENERAL MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 TRIAL HSC EXAM – TOP 10 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Isabella Burton-Clark | 97% |
| 2.          | Jaz Dolso            | 87% |
| 3.          | Chantel Toutounji    | 85% |
| 4.          | Daniel Hennon       | 84% |
| 5.          | Eliza Barker         | 83% |
|             | Cassandra Shultz     |     |
| 7.          | Hamish Gulick        | 80% |
|             | Katherine Lock       |     |
| 9.          | Lachlan Kenna        | 79% |
| 10.         | Lara Wood            | 78% |

### Year 12 – EXTENSION 2 MATHEMATICS

#### 2012 TRIAL HSC EXAM – TOP 3 HONOUR ROLL

| 1.          | Jack Zuber           | 69% |
| 2.          | Sam Jeffrey          | 62% |
| 3.          | Dylan Ashton         | 58% |
**VISUAL ARTS**

**ArtExpress 2012**

In 2012, three HSC Visual Arts students, Sarah Butler, Amy Fricker and Sarah Reece, were nominated for possible inclusion in *ArtExpress*, the Higher School Certificate Visual Arts Exhibition, for outstanding artwork produced by Year 12 students. This is a major feat as only about 550 artworks from over 9,000 submissions are kept aside for possible inclusion in this prestigious exhibition, and then approximately 200 artworks will be finally selected for *ArtExpress*. We wish Sarah, Amy and Sarah all the best, and hope they are successful in being selected for *ArtExpress*.

M Veljanovski

Head Teacher, Visual Arts/Music

*Foundling (sculpture)*

by Amy Fricker

*Emma (The Encounter)* by Sarah Butler

(1 of 19 Paintings)

*The Protester (1 of 8 drawings)*

by Sarah Reece

**SCIENCE**

We are already at the end of the year and we are still busy in the Science department with Year 10 having a crime to solve with the ‘Case of Conspiracy’ visit. Students rated the visit as a ‘7 ½ Cadbury Koala bears’ which is apparently high on the koala bear rating scale.

Kirrawee High school was successful in its bid for ANSTO co-funding of the STELR Program, this program is a finalist in the Australian Innovation Challenge. The STELR program takes an Inquiry based learning approach to encourage students to see the relevance of science to their lives. Kirrawee High school will host the training for 3 of our teachers and those from other schools early in December. For more go to the article at:


It is with mixed feelings that we farewell Joanne Stanborough and Aaron Cook who will be spending next year teaching in Edmonton Canada while on a NSW Department of Education and Community exchange teaching program. We wish them a Bon Voyage and look forward to learning about their adventures and comparing notes on the new techniques they will learn while away.

*Best wishes for a safe and happy holiday from the Science faculty.*
The S.R.C. for 2013 has been working very hard this term, in preparation for next year.

The new captains and executive led the rest of the team at our annual training day, held at Kareela Golf Club, planning the future calendar. Mr Hollywood was the special guest, and the students were given the freedom to ask any questions, in order to understand the decision making process of a school education.

Fundraising has been extremely well supported and the S.R.C. representatives coordinated Bandanna Day for CANTEEN, Pink Cupcake Day for the Cancer Council and the Joanne Mackay Foundation. The total donations raised were just over $2,000.00.

The S.R.C. also conduct the fortnightly whole school assemblies, coordinated by Year 10, where important guests such as the Reunion Island visitors are presented to the school body.

Every Monday, the S.R.C meet at lunch to work and plan their ideas and teachers also visit to assist and support them.
2012 is continuing to be successful and eventful year for the Kirrawee High School Dance Department. In August, we had our 2012 HSC students sit their practical examinations for dance. These students have already proved their success with achieving 3 ‘callback’ nominations. Tamara Gordon was nominated for both her Core Composition and Core Performance and Natalie Zagaglia was nominated for her Core Composition. Nominations for this prestigious event are from the HSC Examiners and these indicate that the student has received full marks in what they presented in the corresponding component for their HSC. This is an excellent result for all students and Kirrawee High School. We are sure this success will continue for these students throughout their exams.

In September, Mrs Cherrie’s Senior Dance Ensemble were chosen to participate their work ‘Burden’ in the NSW State Dance Festival. This is a showcase of exceptional dance works from schools around the state. This is a fantastic opportunity for the students involved to see works from other schools and to gain valuable performance experience. Congratulations to all the students who participated, their performances were outstanding and they were excellent representatives of the school.

Schools Spectacular is over for another year. A huge congratulations to the 12 Kirrawee High School dancers who took part in the Combined Dance Section. Their commitment, manners and overall behaviour throughout the many long rehearsals and performances was excellent. We would also like to congratulate the 10 Kirrawee High Student representing the school in the NSW Public Schools State Dance pieces for a beautiful performance.

The Kirrawee High School Annual Dance Competition was also a great way to end our school year.

Lauren Hickson

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SPORT

BOYS CRICKET

SYDNEY EAST SEMI-FINAL played at Jannali Oval on 12/11/12
Kirrawee High 4/162 (Jonathon Rose 56*, Daniel Fallins 37) defeated
Sydney Boys High 159 (Daniel Fallins 5/21, Ben Williams 2/31)

In a heated encounter, the boys showed their talent in difficult circumstances. The Sydney Boys openers got off to a flyer before Ben Williams (2/31), Dan Fallins (5/21) and Angus Dibley (2/26) tied them down to have them 5/70 at drinks. We dropped the intensity (and a few catches) in the last 20 overs and let them post a highly competitive 159. It was great to see skipper Ben Williams back bowling his full complement of overs for the school and the dominance of our leg-spin twins, Dan and Angus, continuing.

The opposition were all fired-up and resorted to continual chirping all around the wicket, most of it not making much sense really. However, their tactics seemed to work initially, leaving us reeling at 2/18 after 10 overs. Jonathon Rose (56*) and Dan Fallins (37) let their willows do their talking and grafted away excellent knocks that took the initiative away from the opposition. Quick fire knocks from Steve Curtis and Benn Hallmann saw us over the line, but it was Jono Rose’s unbeaten innings that demonstrated his talent in difficult circumstances.

SYDNEY EAST FINAL played at Olds Park on 21/11/1
Kirrawee High 6/134 (Nick Swanson 44, Brendan Royall 39*) defeated
Sydney Technical High 9/128 (Angus Dibley 4/26, Daniel Fallins 2/30)

A really professional performance by the boys in the field restricted a strong Sydney Tech side to just 128 off their 40 overs. All but one of the wickets was caught which gave outstanding support to our bowlers. Angus Dibley picked up another haul of wickets, taking 4/26, bowling beautifully in tandem with Dan Fallins (2/30). Angus has been in devastating form for the school and has picked up a total of 21 wickets in the competition at the astonishing average of 4.1. Ben Williams and Steve Curtis were outstanding with the new ball, taking 1/19 and 1/15 respectively. We had a wobbly start to the chase, losing Dane Fisher and Dan Fallins to sharp catches. However, Nick Swanson (44) and Brendan Royall (39*) steadied the ship and played their best knocks to date for the school. They both played really measured innings, having to do a lot of running on a big field and always in control of the required run rate. Brendan picked up the winning runs in the second last over with a very rare all-run 5.

Congratulations to the boys! Sydney East champions is a fantastic result for a highly talented squad. Ben Williams’ captaincy has been outstanding throughout and the team atmosphere is a pleasure to coach. The team now moves into the top 16 in NSW and now have the state title in their sights.

2013 Swimming Carnivals
For all the swimming families out there, please put the following dates in your diaries:

KHS Swimming
Monday, 4 February at Caringbah Leisure Centre

Sutherland Zone Swimming
Monday, 4 March at Sutherland Leisure Centre

Sydney East Swimming
Monday, 11 March at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre

NSW CHS Swimming
Thursday, 4 April to Saturday, 6 April at Sydney Olympic Aquatic Centre

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U15’S NETBALL
Again for the 5th year in a row the U15’s Kirrawee High School Netball Team are the Sydney East Regional Champions.

Although in the past, this competition has ended at this point, in 2012-2013, for the first time the Regional Champions from all regions in NSW will meet to play a Combined High Schools U15’s Championship. The venue of this tournament is yet to be announced but it will be in May 2013.

Our team demonstrated their superior skills and fitness by convincingly beating all teams on the way to the finals including Blakehurst, Woolooware and Heathcote.

In the final we played Woolooware again to take out the title of Regional Champions. The team’s attitude and commitment to netball is most admirable. Led by their captain Maddison Mann they showed dominance in all areas of the court. I really look forward to seeing how the girls perform at the CHS Championships next year.

The team is from Yr 9 Maddison Mann (c), from Yr 8 Hannah Lloyd, Madison Gilholme, Amy Costin, Molly Black, Madeline Bird, Libby Holloway, Emma Gobby, Catherine Kaye and from Yr 7 Caitlin Walker. A big thank you must also go to Rachel Ridge who umpired the girls on the day.

U13’S NETBALL
Congratulations to the U13’s netball team who made the regional semi finals at the Sydney East Regional Championship on the 14th November.

For their first time playing together the girls worked really well together and developed some excellent combinations that will be part of Kirrawee High School netball Teams for many years.

Congratulations to Bella Pickup (c), Monique Wood, Lara McEwan, Ashley Ball, Camille Hall, Lisa Towie, Caitlin Robertson, Bianca Nikolovski and Erica Nottage.

The girls behaviour and sportsmanship was outstanding and it was a pleasure to coach them. A big thank you to Brodie Schreuder who umpired the girls and gave them great advice.

NSW STATE TEAM SELECTION
Congratulations to Toni Anderson of Year 10 who has recently been selected into the NSW U17’s Netball Team. Toni has been an outstanding member of the Kirrawee High School Netball Teams since Year 7 playing GD and GK.

Toni is a gifted athlete who is truly remarkable to watch on the netball court. Kirrawee HS is extremely proud of Toni and this marvellous achievement.

BASEBALL NSW SELECTIONS
Congratulations to the 5 Kirrawee High School Students recently selected in NSW Baseball Teams. These teams will compete at the National Championships in January next year.

U18’s Team
Lachlan Wayland and Zac Moran (Year 11)

U16’s Team
Ben Tsui (Year 8), Connor Gorman and Ben Hunt (Year 10)

Mrs Blanch

INDOOR HOCKEY – Kirrawee Teams
Four teams of Kirrawee students have been playing in a competition at Sutherland Hockey fields of a Wednesday afternoon for the last eight weeks.

All four teams made it to the semi-finals where the junior girls team played a nil all draw but did not proceed to the finals as they were the lower placed team.

The other three teams were all winners in their finals last Wednesday. The junior boys team being the most successful winning 6-0. All students should be congratulated on their fine sportsmanship and level of participation.

Junior boys team members: Hunter Gregory, Mason Neale, Sam Kelly, Matthew Sparks, Aaron Schulze and Alec Colqhoun.


Senior Girls team members: Whitney McCulloch, Jamila Lamarre, Isabella Dugan, Emalie Sparks, Sarah Rose and Sarah Wood.

Senior Mixed team members: Natalie Zekis, Jade Clough, Renae Kelly, Alex Hopkins, Lachlan Colqhoun and Adam Sullivan.

Thank you to all players
Mrs Baxter
Attendance Matters

Late to school  Please remember all students arriving late to school need to report to the late room or reception with a note including a reason for their lateness. Students who do not explain their lateness will be placed on lunch detention.

Early Leave  Students requesting an early leave pass for a specialist appointment or family reason must report to the office before school to hand in their note. Early leave notes with “appointment” will be recorded as Unjustified. Parents must give a specific reason as to why students are required to leave school early.

Exemptions  Students wishing to apply for an exemption from school for a period of time, for example elite sport commitments, entertainment industry commitments and family holidays must submit their request 7 days prior to their scheduled departure. If an exemption is not approved or not requested in the time frame, the student can still be marked as “leave”. Leave can only be granted for 15 days in a calendar year after which all leave may be recorded as UNJUSTIFIED.

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NSW Adolescent Vaccination Program 2013

All year 7 students (male and female) will be offered
- Diphtheria, tetanus, pertussis (whooping cough) vaccine
  - This is the adolescent booster needed by all students at this age
- Hepatitis B vaccine
  - As a catch-up vaccine for students, this is not a booster. Children who have already been vaccinated with 3 doses of hepatitis B vaccine do not need any more doses (check their Blue Book if you’re not sure)
- Chicken pox vaccine
  - as a catch-up for students who have not had chickenpox vaccine or disease
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)
  - This vaccine provides protection against a virus which could lead to disease in later years

Year 9 boys only will be offered
- Human Papillomavirus vaccine (HPV)
  - This is a catch-up program that will run for 2 years only (2013 and 2014)
  - Girls in this year group were offered vaccination when they were in year 7 and will not be offered vaccination in year 9.

Boys in NSW high schools will be offered human papillomavirus (HPV) vaccination from 2013 to provide protection against developing infections that can lead to cancer.

In 2013, the 3-dose course of vaccine will be offered to:
- Year 7 boys as part of the routine school-based vaccination program
- Year 9 boys as part of the national ‘catch up’ program in 2013 and 2014 only.

HPV vaccination has been offered to female students in Year 7 since 2007. In 2011, 81% of Year 7 girls received at least one dose of the three-dose course of HPV vaccine.

HPV is the name given to a group of viruses that affect both females and males. Most people who are sexually active will have a genital HPV infection at some time in their lives. HPV infection usually causes no symptoms and goes away by itself. However, in rare cases infection can cause life-threatening cancers. Almost all cases of cervical cancer and genital warts are due to HPV infection. HPV also causes cancers in other parts of the body, including the vulva, vagina, penis and anus.

The vaccine is highly effective in preventing the main types of HPV infection and is most effective when it is given to people before they are exposed to the virus. The vaccine is registered for use from 10 years of age and is only provided free for male students who commence the course in Year 7 or Year 9.

Students cannot be vaccinated unless a completed and signed consent form is returned to the school.

Look out for consent forms early in 2013!

Further information will be provided in Parent Information Packs in 2013 and is also available in many languages at:

A record of vaccination will be given to your child at the time of each vaccination. Please keep these for your records and provide a copy to your local doctor.

Please note that these vaccinations are provided free only while your child is in the above year groups
Dr. HAYFA HADI
Shop 2-3/61-65 Eton Street, Sutherland.
Tel: 9542 2255

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**Canteen News**

Please be aware that the weekly canteen specials will now be advertised on the school website.

**UNIFORM SHOP**

**THURSDAYS 8.15–9.15AM**

(Located at the front of the school hall)

New stock available along with a large range of good quality second hand uniforms.

Donations of clean, second hand uniform items are always welcome.

**REQUEST FOR VOLUNTEERS**

If you would like to volunteer at the Uniform Shop, please leave your name and number at the front desk or by calling 9521 2099

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**FREE COURSE FOR WOMEN IN 2013!**

The Career Education & Employment for Women course at Loftus Tafe is a course for women who wish to refresh their skills to re-enter the workforce or do further study.

Classes are 3 days per week in school hours for 18 weeks.

Subjects include: Computing, Communication, Workplace Writing, Resumes, Interview Skills and more.

Childcare may be available on campus.

**Information session:**

At Gymea College in Block E, The Kingsway, Gymea
11 am Wednesday 23rd January 2013
Enquiries: Phone 9710 5136

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**Attention Parents!**

Do you want to learn new skills and increase your confidence?

Outreach at Lidcombe College is offering fee exempt TAFE courses for parents and adults:

- Computing (Keyboarding, Word Processing, Internet, Email)
- Office Skills including Resume Writing
- Soft Furnishing (Curtain Making)
- Upholstery
- Furniture Finishing (French Polishing)

Day and evening classes | Women only classes

For Information Session dates contact the Outreach Coordinator on 9643 4703

www.SWSi.tafensw.edu.au

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**Dyslexia Support Group**

Do you have a child with Dyslexia?

Do you want to meet other families who are in a similar situation?

The Dyslexia Support Group for the Sutherland Shire and St George area is a forum where parents can talk, exchange ideas, information, resources and experiences with other parents. This support group keeps in contact via email, phone and meeting over coffee on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30a.m. at a café in Sutherland.

If you are interested as a parent or as professional in attending the meetings or going on the email list please call Paula Goulden on 9528 4638 or email psgoulden@tpg.com.au