Welcome back for the 2014 school year, and a warm welcome to our new students and our new parents. The momentum of the new year is already gathering pace, while as a school, we are still celebrating our wonderful HSC Results in 2013 our focus now is how to learn from these results and implement new strategies to push the boundaries of success for each and every student in 2014.

An important priority for us, at this time of the year, is to ensure the transition from Year 6 to Year 7 is successful for students. Programs and visits last year helped demystify high school and our Year 7 Year Advisors met and made contact with primary schools to ensure we could meet their needs. Marian Botros and John Olovich have been working with teachers to help that settling in process. Reports indicate that our latest arrivals have settled in quickly and are happily facing the new challenges high school brings.

Moving to a new academic year brings the opportunity for students to set new goals and to foster new interests. If at any time during the year parents, have academic or social concerns keep in mind that your child’s Year Advisor is a vital link in that process.

### Year Advisors 2014

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Greg Munsie, the Deputy Principal Administration, will outline the details of the recent construction at school and the amazing difference funds we have received from parent bodies have made to the school. On behalf of everyone I would like to thank the P&C, Uniform Shop and all parents and community members who have been so generous with donations to make the learning environment even better for our students.

EXCEPTIONAL HSC RESULTS
Our 2013 Higher School Certificate results were again outstanding, with many students achieving great results and exceeding their own expectations. One statistic of this Year 12 cohort which is quite incredible is that, after analysing all their HSC results in more than 43% of the exams they sat they scored either a Band 6 (Highest Band) or Band 5 result. This is a credit to the students and their teachers for their dedication and work efforts.

The Deputy Principal Curriculum Relieving, Steve Smith, will provide a more detailed look at the results later in this newsletter including highlights of subject and individual performances.

P&C MEETINGS
The P&C leadership team welcomes all Kirrawee parents to attend the next P&C meeting on Monday, 10 March (AGM) at 7.30 pm in the Library. Entry to the school is via the gates near the library in Kirk Crescent. New parents who attend their first P&C meeting invariably remark on how friendly and non-threatening it is. No one is coerced into running for office, serving on committees or raising funds. And for our new Year 7 parents, getting to know the school executive, teachers and other parents at P&C meetings helps to de-mystify the whole high school experience.

P&C meetings are generally held on Monday of Week 3 and Week 7 each term. The dates for 2014 are:
- 10 March 2014 - AGM
- 12 May 2014
- 16 June 2014 (Wk 8)
- 28 July 2014
- 25 August 2014
- 20 October 2014

Please come along to the P&C meetings - you will enjoy it!

SCHOOL COUNCIL
School Council meetings for members of the council are generally held on Tuesday of Week 4 each term. The subsequent dates for 2014 are:
- 20 May 2014
- 5 August 2014
- 28 October 2014

The School Council allows formal participation by the community in school planning. Its membership includes elected parents, staff and student representatives, the President of the P&C or his/her representative, a community representative and the Principal as Executive Officer.

The School Council
- provides advice to the Principal and staff in determining broad school directions.
- encourages and promotes community participation in the school.
- reports to parents and the community on matters relating to the operation of the school.
- promotes a positive image of the school in the community

YEAR 7 OPEN MORNING NEXT MONTH
On Friday morning, 7 March (Week 6), we invite all of our Year 7 parents to visit the school. Parents will have an opportunity to observe their children in classrooms, labs and workshops. They will also meet leaders and teachers of our Year 7 teaching teams. A flyer (with return slip) will be sent to Year 7 parents with more details about the morning.

Last year, 180 of our 208 students were represented on the open morning. Parents found it invaluable, putting names to faces, chatting with teachers and seeing their students learning in a safe and happy environment. Meeting the teachers informally this term also makes for more meaningful and productive interviews during the regular Year 7 Parent-Teacher Evening later in the year.

SCHOOL NEWSLETTERS
School newsletters will again be emailed in 2014. Please advise our front office if your email address changes and the newsletter will be published at about twice per term. In addition, flyers for parents to read will be distributed by email or to students in roll call from time to time. Much of this information will also be on the school website.

YEAR 12 INFORMATION EVENING NEXT MONTH
The HSC year makes heavy demands upon students and parents and has the potential to be very stressful. To help students and parents understand, plan and cope with these demands, an Information Evening has been organised for Wednesday, 5 March at 7.30pm in the hall.

This is an evening for both Year 12 students and their parents. The aim is to focus students on what is required of them to achieve their goals, and to make students and parents aware of the network of support the school provides for Year 12. Staff who make up this network will speak on the evening.

A motivational speaker has also been arranged. A flyer (with return slip) will be given out to Year 12 students for parents with more details about this important evening.

LEARNING SUPPORT
Emma Farmer is our Learning Support Teacher and she is available four days a week to assist students from Years 7-12 in all areas of learning. She also works with students on individual and group programs in the Learning Centre. Her flexible timetable enables her to meet the changing needs of students and staff. Please do not hesitate to contact Mrs. Farmer or Mrs Kenehan (Head Teacher – Welfare) if you have any queries regarding your child’s learning.
PRINCIPAL’S NEWS continued

SCHOOL SAFETY
In the interest of safety, Kirrawee students are regularly warned in roll call, in class and on assembly about the dangers and consequences of breaking safety rules. They know that climbing on the covered walkway or being out-of-bounds may result in suspension. They have been warned about running alongside buses or darting across the road between buses. They know how to safely use the wombat pedestrian crossing. Bicycle riders without helmets or riding recklessly will have their bikes impounded. Senior students know their responsibilities regarding driving and parking near the school. Parents are asked to reinforce these rules with their children.

Parents should also be aware that the school is not a safe place for unsupervised children after school hours or on weekends. Skateboards and scooters are banned from the premises. Despite our rules, security patrols sometimes find children (including Kirrawee students) playing dangerously in the school grounds (even on the roof, etc.). Please help your children (or the children of neighbours) to understand the dangers of such activities and to find safer places to play.

BEFORE SCHOOL SUPERVISION
Students should not arrive at school in the morning earlier than is necessary for them. When they do arrive, they must stay in one of three areas – namely the Year 7 area at the front of the school, the canteen/quad, or the netball court area near the Library. Supervision will be provided each morning from 8.15 am. If there is a problem, students should go to the teacher on duty or to reception in the Administration block where a Deputy Principal will be notified.

SCHOOL AND SUBJECT CONTRIBUTIONS
We are distributing over the next couple of weeks Schedule of Payments notices so that parents have complete information about the General School Contribution and Subject Contribution. In addition outstanding balances for all current excursions/events/sporting activities will be listed on the statement. Please ring the school office if you have any questions. If parents have difficulty in paying the whole amount, partial payments can be made. Where difficulties exist, please contact in confidence, Melissa Kenahan (Head Teacher - Welfare) or Greg Munsie (Deputy Principal).

In some circumstances they may be able to provide access to the Student Assistance Scheme. While the General School Contribution is voluntary, parents would know that the school is only able to maintain its high standard of service to your children through your financial support. The contribution covers costs of texts, printing and copying of notes, exams, reports and newsletters; ground and building improvements, new classroom technology and resources for the library and learning centre. Subject Contributions offset the cost of materials used by students in the course of their studies.

Students who wish to purchase special items or attend higher cost activities that are not part of the required curriculum will of course have to pay those costs separately. However I am sure that parents recognise the importance of making the General School Contribution and Subject Contributions a priority ahead of the payment of those costs.

The School Council is proud of the fact that Kirrawee High offers a quality of education unmatched by many other schools. The Council is also aware that the cooperation of parents over the years in supporting the school financially has made it possible to maintain this standard of excellence. On behalf of the School Council, the Finance Committee and the school community in general, I thank all parents for their consideration and assistance.

DUPLICATE RECEIPTS
Given the Federal Government’s Education Tax Refund Policy parents are required to provide documentation. For more information parents should refer to the website at: www.educationtaxrefund.gov.au/ Parents are reminded to ensure they keep all receipts. Parents should note that the school is not in a position to re-issue receipts.

For much of this term Bob Hollywood is relieving as Director of Education in the St George Area and as a consequence I am relieving Principal, Steve Smith is Relieving Deputy Curriculum and Brian White is Head Teacher English.

Marian Matthews
Relieving Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS

HSC ANALYSIS
Once again our students, as a cohort, achieved excellent HSC results, with some really exceptional individual achievements. And while we all particularly celebrate these stellar results, what it is really about for each student is achieving a “personal best” within their given circumstances. For many students it is about improving on their Trial Exam Results to achieve a final score for entry into a desired course. For a small group just completing the HSC at this time in their life is a remarkable feat. But it is always self-evident that those who work hard and follow the advice of their teachers will give themselves the greatest chance of success, and moreover, the broadest range of options for their future life.

In 2013 our top ATAR was 99.5 and at least 11 students gained an ATAR over 95. In great individual performances Ross Sedra, our school dux, also placed 8th in the State in Physics with a mark of 98, while Elyse Kneller placed 3rd in Dance with a mark of 99. We had 176 students who sat 899 examinations. They can be very proud of the fact that 43% of the time they gained either a Band 5 or Band 6 result. We achieved a “personal best” within their given circumstances. For many students it is about improving on their Trial Exam Results to achieve a final score for entry into a desired course. For a small group just completing the HSC at this time in their life is a remarkable feat. But it is always self-evident that those who work hard and follow the advice of their teachers will give themselves the greatest chance of success, and moreover, the broadest range of options for their future life.

The following statistics account for subject performance when you combine Band 5 and 6 results and show the percentage of the cohort that achieved those results:

- Dance 88%
- Engineering Studies 50%
- English Advanced 52%
- English Extension 1 74%
Two students were nominated for Art Express, one for Onstage (Drama) and an incredible twelve nominations were received for CallBack (Dance) from a class of 8.

Congratulations to students, teachers and parents because everyone plays a part in HSC success.

Steve Smith
Relieving Deputy Principal - Curriculum

P&C ASSOCIATION
The Kirrawee High School P&C Association will hold its Annual General Meeting on Monday 10 March, 2014 at 7:30pm in the school library.

The following office bearer positions will be declared vacant and will be open for election at the meeting:

• President
• 2 x Vice Presidents
• Treasurer
• Secretary

In addition to the office bearers, the P&C will also elect members to the following positions:

• Uniform Shop sub-committee Co-ordinator(s)
• School Council Representative
• P&C Federation Representative
• NSW P&C Federation Annual Conference delegate(s)

Everyone is very welcome to attend this meeting and there will be an opportunity to become a financial member of the P&C before the elections so that you can vote or stand for a position.

The AGM will be followed by a General Meeting of the P&C.

Mat Whittingstall
President

DEPUTY ADMINISTRATION REPORT
Last year the P&C donated money raised through the Uniform Shop and Building Fund for school projects that has enabled the school to purchase the following to support student learning and high educational outcomes.

• Social Science - an interactive white board to engage students further and cater for varying learning styles. Cost $7,000.
• Visual Arts - block-out blinds Cost $960.
• Portable staging for KHS presentation events. Cost $3,500.
• Repainting of Drama Room and Performance space. Cost $2,000.
• Library - funding for various projects for display and communication. Cost $2,900.
• TAS Department. – Shade structure to go over formwork completed by students to provide shade and a usable space for students. Cost $5,000.
• Pop up marques to be used by the school for promotional purposes at sporting, musical, community and any other events. $2,690.
• Environmental Sustainability. Contribution $1,400.
• Scaffolding and down lights for hall. Contribution $386.
• Electronic Lego Kits Contribution $1,000.

The Staff and Students are very appreciative of the support provided by the P&C in assisting us financially to ensure our innovative programs are successful.

Please come along to the P&C meetings, you will enjoy them!

Greg Munsie
Deputy Principal
LIBRARY 2014 Premier’s Reading Challenge

Each year KHS students from Year 7 & 8 register for the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Last year a record number of 366 students registered with 249 completing the challenge. The Challenge consists of participants reading twenty books, fifteen off the PRC list and five personal choice over a period of six months.

How is the Premiers Reading Challenge implemented at KHS?

The Challenge is implemented as part of the school plan. Every student in Year 7 and 8 is introduced to the challenge by the Librarian in their English class. The challenge aims to encourage a love of reading for leisure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. It also is aimed at improving the students’ reading and comprehension skills while broadening their knowledge of the wider world.

Please encourage your children to accept the Challenge so they can enjoy the reading experience.

Librarian
Mrs Cathy Barden
Language students and teachers have started 2014 with energy and passion. We welcome our new Year 7 students. It is a real pleasure to hear their first French and Japanese sentences resonating from their classrooms.

All our senior students have returned with a determined and positive attitude to ensure they perform to the best of their abilities. All French and Japanese HSC students have been working well in class to practise and improve their skills. They have all been allocated one on one speaking practice times throughout the week with the languages assistants. This is an invaluable opportunity and all students are encouraged to make the most of these weekly conversation classes.

French and Japanese extension students are rising to the challenge of studying the film extracts and examining the prescribed issues. The French Extension students attended a holiday workshop in January and the Japanese Extension students will be participating in the upcoming Saturday Extension Workshop with Ms Potter and Mr Simpson. The best way to be prepared for the HSC is to complete all homework, review feedback and challenge yourself to communicate using the structures and vocabulary presented in class.

Another highlight has been listening to last year’s Year 10 and 11 Japanese students recount their amazing adventures in Japan. Mr Simpson and Mrs Matthews accompanied 21 of our curious and enthusiastic students to our Japan sister school, Komae High, and a visit to Kyoto. This is an incredible experience for our students and they all had the chance to truly immerse themselves in all aspects of Japanese life. Please read Taylor and Hannah’s account of their journey.

As we welcome back our Japanese students, our French students are excitedly preparing to take off for Reunion Island and Paris. This April 27 students will visit our French sister school, College St Michel in the Reunion Island, where they will have the chance to practise their French and experience French life with their host families and attend French school. Before arriving in the Reunion we will go to Paris to visit all the must see sights such as the Eiffel Tower and the Louvre. Mr Hollywood and I are really looking forward to this adventure.

We have the pleasure of having Kishin Kishaba, our Japanese assistant, and Amandine Evrard, our French assistant, contributing to the language programs this term. Our assistants are volunteers and work full time with our students, particularly our senior students. We are appreciative of all the families that open their homes and host our assistants. This term the Kenna family are hosting Kishin and the Lloyd family and Scortis family are hosting Amandine. The support of Kirrawee families is important in contributing to our excellent language programs.

Emma Quan
Relieving Head Teacher - Languages

From November 6-23, 18 Year 10 students and 4 Year 11 students voyaged to the unknown land of Japan. It was a chance for us to finally see the country, experience the culture and use the language we’ve been learning about since Year 7.

Throughout our stay, we had the amazing opportunity to live with a Japanese family and attend lessons at Komae High School with our host sibling. Our experiences were so varied, some stayed with families that felt just like Australian families but they spoke Japanese.
Others enjoyed a more traditional experience of sleeping on futon mattresses in rooms that were living rooms by day and bedrooms by night. They gave us an insider’s insight into everyday life in Japan that is otherwise not an option for the average traveller. At school we became resident celebrities. We were welcomed by a screaming crowd and every day we were treated to such special lessons as calligraphy, judo, kendo, singing, tea ceremony, dance, the Japanese shamisen, Mandarin and cooking.

On top of the school and homestay experience, we were able to visit some exciting places like Asakusa, Tokyo, Kyoto, Nara, Tokyo Disneyland, Harajuku, Akihabara and Mt Fuji. We were lucky enough to be able to ride the famous Japanese Bullet Train, feed deer in Nara and eat freshly baked sweet potato “yakaimono” from the side of the road. As part of our fantastic Kyoto bus tour we saw some truly stunning temples, including the famous Golden Pavilion. There were innumerable ‘firsts’ in Japan for us. We stayed in a traditional Japanese inn “Ryokan”, we sung our hearts out at Karaoke, braved the crowds on the street and in the trains and made sure Mr Donuts stayed in business during our stay.

Japan was a great experience and we are never going to forget it. We made life-long friends and our host families’ doors are always open for us should our travels take us to Japan again. For those of us continuing Japanese into Year 11 and 12 this experience has been insightful and invaluable. For the rest of us, it is still a true highlight of our schooling experience. A big thank you to Mr Simpson, Mrs Matthews and Mr Matthews for being our adoptive parents in Japan. Also, to all the staff at both schools who made the trip possible.

Taylor Johnson & Hannah Easton

SCIENCE

After finishing off 2013 with some great HSC results and farewelling Ms Johnston as Head Teacher, Science is off to a quick start with the new syllabus being implemented in Years 7 and 9.

HSC RESULTS

We would like to congratulate Ross Sedra for his eighth in the state in Physics. This can be used as an example of where the practise of questions and the development of presentation skills, including language, can produce dramatic improvements in results.

The Biology and Chemistry results were also impressive with over 70% of students in the top three bands and above the state average.

STAFF CHANGES

Welcome back to Ms Stanborough and Mr Cook, who were involved in an exchange teacher program to Canada in 2013. The experience has provided them with different ideas and teaching techniques that they are applying with their classes. Ms Johnston’s retirement has meant that Mr McKay is acting Head Teacher.

NEW CURRICULUM

The new syllabus in Years 7 and 9 is seeing a change towards a more inquiry based structure of lessons. This means students will be expected to express their questions and communicate their understanding rather than focussing on recalling information in exams.

More information can be found about the program our units are based on at www.sciencebydoing.edu.au

EXCURSIONS

Year 10 and 12 Physics will be participating in the Annual Excursion to Luna Park to investigate real life applications of Newton’s laws and how our bodies respond to extreme situations. Year 9 will be visiting the Powerhouse to look at how to present a science display. This is to enhance their ability to complete their major assignment that they will complete at the end of Term 1.

It is essential that payments are made by the due date so buses can be confirmed and bookings completed.

BIG SCIENCE COMPETITION

The Big Science Competition is on again. This is an excellent opportunity for students to show how their skills and knowledge are developing against students across Australia. Each student will receive individual feedback on their results.

This year the students will be participating in the online version of the competition to reduce the cost for parents. Entries are open for students till Tuesday April 1 for the cost of $7.00.

Brett McKay
Relieving Head Teacher - Science
SOCIAL SCIENCE

YEAR 11 BUSINESS STUDIES ‘MASTERCHEF’ WINNERS

The Year 11 Business Studies Line 31 class was recently booked in the kitchens to participate in a ‘Masterchef Challenge’. Students, in groups of 4 and 5, were given the assignment of cooking and presenting the most delectable and presentable stack of four pancakes within a 1 hour time frame.

The rationale of the project was to determine and coordinate the functions in creating ‘value – added’ in business. Apart from the students having fun, they displayed excellent teamwork and enterprise.

Mrs Adelhof, kindly accepted the difficult role of judge and commented on the superb quality of each dish presented. Congratulations to the winning team – Ryan Greer, Joshua Knight, Marcus Salvatore and Joel Unicomb.

Each group worked productively and effectively, having produced and consumed the produce, as well as clean all the equipment. This was most impressive achievement by all students. An excerpt that encapsulated class comments of the experience: “It was great to be given the opportunity to be creative. I learnt that organisation is essential and, to run a successful business, you need to think outside the norm”. Madeline Dolheguy.

YEAR 12 LEGAL STUDIES LEARN FROM THE EXPERTS

On Friday 7 February, Year 12 Legal Studies students were spoken to by two visiting Legal Aid solicitors, Pan Pemberton and Dean Fernandy.

Students were engaged in learning about ‘Young Offenders and the Operation of the Criminal Justice System’. Year 12 gained valuable first-hand information, not available in textbooks.

Students were captivated by Dean’s knowledge and his experiences with a range of criminal cases as well as the injustices suffered by some young offenders. Students also had the opportunity to ask questions about the criminal process and career paths in the legal field.

Christine Doherty
Head Teacher Social Science
MATHEMATICS

2013 HSC RESULTS

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General Mathematics Top Student: Georgia Nelson (92)
Mathematics Top Student: Laura Triggs and Bianca Ho (92)
Extension 1 Mathematics top student: Ross Sedra and Ben Williams (93)
Extension 2 Mathematics Top Student: Ross Sedra (93)

Our class of 2013 achieved some very pleasing results in the Higher School Certificate. Kirrawee High School students were above the state average in three out of the four mathematics courses. 68% of our Mathematics (2 Unit) students achieved a Band 4 result or higher, which was a HSC focus for the faculty this year. Most pleasing was our Extension Mathematics results, with all four of our Extension 2 students achieving a Nominal Band 6 result. This demonstrates not only the individual talent and hard work from these students but the high level of commitment and sacrifice offered by their teacher, Mr John Whitaker.

NATIONAL CURRICULUM – YEAR 7 AND YEAR 9 IMPLEMENTATION

The national curriculum has begun it’s roll out. Our Year 7 and Year 9 students have all been issued brand new signpost textbooks that cover the national curriculum. Mrs Baxter and Mrs Pollock have spent many hours programming the new courses and reviewing all possible textbook options. The Mathematics faculty is pleased with the new textbooks and asks that considerable care is taken with these resources to ensure that they last for many more years of quality mathematical education.

Mark Mitchell
Relieving Head Teacher - Mathematics
VISUAL ARTS

ARTEXPRESS SUCCESS
Two of our Year 12 Visual Arts students, Emily Dabron and Michelle Taylor, have had their 2013 HSC Visual Arts Bodies of Work included in ArtExpress at Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery.

ArtExpress is an annual exhibition program featuring bodies of work from the NSW Higher School Certificate Visual Arts examination. ArtExpress showcases high quality exhibitions of exemplary HSC Bodies of Work in metropolitan and regional NSW galleries.

Congratulations to our talented and hardworking students for being selected for this prestigious exhibition. In 2013, 9,339 students submitted Visual Arts Bodies of Work for examination, and only 225 were finally selected to create eleven exhibitions, representing the schools from across NSW. Thus, it is a great achievement to have our students selected for display at two of the ArtExpress exhibition venues.

Michelle Taylor’s drawing, “...I’ve got all my sisters with me”, is on display at Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery and Emily Dabron’s drawing, “Affinity”, is also on display at Hazelhurst, as well being selected for exhibition at Tweed River Art Gallery.

Please take the opportunity to see ArtExpress at our local gallery. It is a wonderful exhibition, and you will be amazed at the talent and skill that is on display. The exhibition closes at Hazelhurst Regional Art Gallery on Sunday 16 March 2014.

Mili Veljanovski
Head Teacher Visual Arts
Welcome back to 2014! What an exciting year for the Music Department at Kirrawee High School.

As the current Music Co-Ordinator, I would like to welcome back to the Music Department Team Mrs Linda Fawer and Miss Ellie Moroney. The team are excited about the year ahead and have many ideas and plans to execute. Mrs Fawer is in charge of Music Tutoring for 2014. If you have any questions about students learning an instrument, you just need to speak with her. I would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Music Tutors for 2014 – Paige Shipway and Jenna Smith. Jenna is our new Trumpet Tutor and Paige will be tutoring the students in Trombone and lower Brass. We are also pleased to welcome back Andy Bickers (Saxophone), Jack Petche (Saxophone) Rachel Thompson (Clarinet), David Manual (Drums and Percussion), Jake Wilson (Guitar), Hamish Gullick (Bass guitar and Double Bass), Jenny Wotton (piano) and Belinda Robinson (Voice).

For hiring of instruments, I am the person to speak with as I am in charge of allocating instruments to students. If you need any help, please feel free to contact me.

Since our last news item our wonderful music students have excelled to new heights. As 2013 drew to a close the results of the external auditions for the Sydney Youth Orchestra programs were announced. We are pleased to tell you that three of our Year 10 students gained successful entry into the SYO Programs - Witney McCulloch was successful in becoming a member of the SYO Symphonic Wind Orchestra, Eamon Roffe received a full scholarship to SYO Philharmonic Orchestra (2nd Chair) and Dana Alison was successful in entering SYO’s Peter Seymour Orchestra on Second Chair. These are amazing achievements for our Year 10 students and we are incredibly proud of them.

Dana was also successful in being selected to be part of the Rising Stars Program at the Conservatorium of Music. This is an honour bestowed upon the most gifted and talented. We are very proud to say that Dana Alison is a member of the Kirrawee High School music family. Congratulations!

The first four weeks have been incredibly busy for the Music Department team. On Tuesday 18 February, we held a meeting for the Parents of our Year 7 students. This was a great opportunity for us to explain the program at Kirrawee and help the students to elect the best choices for their musical development.

At that meeting we explained our vision for 2014. The Music Department Team is currently working on a new developmental structure for the instrumental ensembles. At the moment, in the instrumental program, we have Senior Stage Band and Wind Orchestra, Junior Stage Band and String Ensemble. We realise the need to install an Intermediate level to bridge the gap between our beginners and the higher level ensembles. So, to that end, we are currently developing a plan to make this happen. To assist us in this endeavour, we asked our Year 7 students to be part of the “Blow In”, which occurred on Tuesday 25 February. The students played for us and we directed them into the right ensemble. If you child missed out on this event, then please direct them to the Music Teachers and we will organise a time to see them play. The newly formed intermediate band will then perform their first piece as part of the Year 7 Open Day on Friday March 7. Whilst this is a really short time line, we believe in the abilities of our students and know that they are going to be able to handle the task.

The Vocal program at Kirrawee is always growing and the start of 2014 is no exception.

This year, “Kaleidoscope” (the mixed acapella ensemble) will be part of the Choral Concerts featuring the Idea of North. This is an incredibly thrilling opportunity that I know the students will really enjoy. As part of the concert series, there may be an opportunity for the “Angels in Disguise” (Female Acapella) to workshop with The Idea of North before the concert. I will certainly be making sure our students are involved in this pre-concert opportunity. The “Angels” have a busy year also with the inclusion in the Women in Harmony Project. This is a great opportunity for the girls to work with the Sweet Adelines, Sydney’s Female Acapella Barbershop style ensemble. The ladies will be part of a massed choir performing at Homebush in May.
The Senior Stage Band is already in full swing, with Dane Laboyrie continuing as the Creative Director. The rehearsal time has been moved back to Monday from 3 to 5pm. I appreciate all the changes that some students have had to make with regard to work. The students have quite a busy schedule already. Mr Laboyrie has great plans for this ensemble. The students will continue to plan for Thredbo and Manly, as well as many other calendar events like Jazz on the Green.

I am pleased to announce that the Opera House Ladies Committee have booked the team again for their dinner dance on March 21. This is a night function and is quite a high profile event. We also have the pleasure of supporting the Jazz Connection at Chatswood on Sunday May 25, and a booking just came in this morning for the Jeans for Genes Day at Elouera Surf Club. All gig notifications will be given to the students, emailed to them and their parents and put on the notice board outside the music staff room. With such a high level of communication, there should be no reason for anyone missing a gig.

The String Group are still continuing in 2014, under the baton of Hamish Gullick. We are very pleased to see this program growing and look forward to welcoming the new students. This group’s first performance will be at the Morning Tea for Year 7 Parents on March 7.

There are several opportunities that have come across my desk and the students are notified via the notice board. Opportunities for this month are:

- Nominations for Talent Development Program close on March 21.
- Applications for Schools Spectacular close March 27.
- Youth Rock Entries close March 12.
- Sydney Southeast Symphonic Winds are holding auditions for Year 7 and 8 students. Auditions are on March 18, March 24 and March 25. Closing date is March 11.
- Calling all Composers – Music Count Us In are looking for students to apply to be included in the team that writes the pop song for the national event in October.

If you need further information regarding any of these opportunities, please see one of the Music Department Team.

Well, thanks for reading and I look forward to passing on more exciting news as it comes to hand.

Kerri Lacey
Music Co-Ordinator
2014 is already proving to be an exciting year for Dance at Kirrawee High School and we have already had success with 4 of our students being accepted into the 2014 NSW State Public Schools Dance Ensembles and Companies. These students will be involved in State and Regional Dance Festivals, Schools Spectacular and the State Dance Showcase. Students accepted were Shontelle Way of Year 7, Emma Gobby and Brittaninie Northey of Year 10 and Melanie Cameron of Year 11. Congratulations to all of you and we wish you luck with your rehearsals and performances throughout the year.

Congratulations to all the students who successfully auditioned for this year’s Kirrawee High School Extracurricular Dance Companies and Ensembles. Your behaviour and dedication throughout the audition process and throughout the last few weeks of rehearsals was excellent! This year we have approximately 90 students participating in the 6 companies and ensembles, which is evidence that there is a vast number of talented dancers at Kirrawee. Already I’ve seen amazing commitment and focus from our dancers and this year dance is shaping up to be very exciting.

We are also in the midst of organising the Kirrawee High School Fundraising Eisteddfod which is on May 9 and 10. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to perform and it also raises much needed funds to assist in covering costs for students’ costumes and transport. If there are any students who wish to compete in the eisteddfod or parents/students who wish to assist in the running of the eisteddfod please let me know in the Music Staffroom.

Carla Cherrie
Dance Teacher
KHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL
Kirrawee High School marked the year of 2014 with its first full school dress up themed swimming carnival. Students and staff searched through their wardrobes, raced off to the party shops and made props from their bits and pieces to showcase their outfits to the theme of “Pirates of the Kirrawean.” And what a great job everyone did! Check out the photos to see just how good everyone looked.

Besides all of the costumes and extras, on the swimming side of things, our future Olympic stars showed their talent in the water in front of 900 students, with 21 records being broken. Well done to all who attended and participated. It was an outstanding effort.
For the second year running Kirk were crowned the champion house, closely followed by Wanganui.

Congratulations to the following students who are the Age Champions for their respective age group in 2014.

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Congratulations to the following students who set new school records in the following events at the school swimming carnival.

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A huge thanks to all staff for their tireless efforts in the running of the day and the parents who came along and supported.

Best of luck to the swimmers team competing at the Sutherland Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday 3 March 2014.

YEAR 9 AND 10 SPORT SELECTIONS

Year 9 and 10 students have begun their summer sport selections for 2014. All students made their selections for 2014 in December 2013. Sports for Term 2 will be played on the noticeboard in Week 7.

NICK HARDS- NATIONAL 5KM OPEN WATER CHAMPION

Congratulations to year 9 student Nick Hards who recently won the U/13 National 5km Open Water Swim in Geelong, Victoria.

Nick completed the grueling swim in 1hr 29min 5.29 seconds to claim the victory after breaking away from the main pack with 2 other swimmers. A sensational effort from Nick to achieve this result as it was only his second ever swim at the distance. To win the national champion is a massive achievement. To add to that, Nick only a few months ago, was out of the water and unable to swim due to a perforated eardrum. We look forward to hearing more success in the future.

KARATE CHAMPION HEADING TO THE U S OF A

Congratulations to Ruby Lorinczi in Year 10 who has been selected to represent Australia in karate at the 2014 USA Open and Junior International Cup in Las Vegas in April!

If you’re able to support Ruby financially in getting to Las Vegas, please click on the link below:

http://www.gofundme.com/60yvhc

BOYS CRICKET

ROUND 5 (Sydney East Final) played at Heathcote Oval on 18 December 2013


The Kirrawee High baggy blues secured the Sydney East Championship for the second year in a row on the last day of school for 2013. The boys were a little bit rough around the edges after a lot of cricket in the preceding few weeks, but were still able to restrict Heathcote to 9/156 off their 40 overs. Dan Fallins caused trouble all day, taking fantastic figures of 6/23. Angus Dibley, Abhijeet Mangipudi and Harry Chapman were the other wicket takers.

In reply, after losing Angus Dibley and Dan Fallins early, James Hoy (61) and Harry Chapman (37) put on 94 for the third wicket to put us in control of the run chase.
SPORT continued

Jono Rose (21*) and Lachlan Hess (20*) closed out the innings nicely, bringing the victory with 3 overs to spare.

Our next match will be against Camden High School in February as we look to make the NSW final in Bathurst in April.

DYNE EAST BOYS CRICKET

Congratulations to Jono Rose, Dan Fallins, Abhijeet Mangipudi, Harry Chapman (all Year 12), James Hoy and Lachlan Hess (both Year 11), who were key members of the Sydney East cricket team that won the NSWCHS State Carnival. A special mention to Jono Rose who was named Player of the Tournament and Captain of the NSWCHS team, with Dan Fallins picking up the Bowler of the Tournament award.

WATERPOLO

Report From the 5 metre-Water polo report.

The water polo year has begun with a bang, Opens boys and girls trials have been held and they will prepare for the Central Venue Day on March 4 (Week 6). Our two girls’ sides representing Public Education in The Danebank Invitational Tournament have been progressing well. The Grade 3 girls are a mix of Year 9 experience and the youthful exuberance of our Year 8 girls who went through undefeated as last year’s Year 7 team. Grade 3 is a challenging competition and will build strength and resilience in the girls. It is a physical game, incidentally deemed a non-contact sport. Let me tell you, it is far from that at times. Good luck girls as you continue through the draw. Special thanks goes out to Mr Myers for looking after the girls. You can’t keep a good man retired.

The Grade 5 team consists of all Year 7 girls. We have 11 keen contenders with only 3 girls having played before. The first game was a topsy-turvy affair with the girls going down 9/8 in the last few moments of the game. I think it may have been a baptism of fire for a few of the girls as there were many stressed faces between quarters. Game 2 showed the girls had listened during training and produced a 17/1 win, which may have been significantly larger had it not been for the mercy rule. Playing a girl down did not seem to hinder them at all. We wish the girls more success during the term.

DANIEL FALLINS- NSW CHS BLUE RECIPIENT

Congratulations to Daniel Fallins, our NSW CHS Blue recipient for 2013!

Dan was an influential member of Kirrawee High’s state championship winning cricket side (taking an astonishing 25 wickets @ 7.08) and the NSWCHS 1 side that won the NSW All-Schools tournament. Amongst many other achievements in state and national cricket outside of school, Dan’s commitment to all levels of school sport is exemplary.

The NSW CHS Blue is the highest individual honour in school sport and Dan joins a long list of past KHS recipients who have gone on to greatness.
SPORT continued

As a side note, I am always impressed with the composure the girls display, particularly the Year 7 girls. We must remember the girls are small bodies. They are novices in a tough game, an energy depleting and exhausting game. As a player of the game for 30 or so years I know what the girls are asked to do. As a coach it’s easy to yell instructions but we should remember the physicality of the game. These girls, all of them, gave all they had.

An example from Saturday’s 15 February game:
The tiniest of the team surfaces after having been dunked for the umpteenth time. All I can see are two bulging, oxygen-deprived eyes, largely blinded by waves of water. She looks across to see an attacker heading toward our goal. She swims so hard, probably harder than she ever has, chases and stops the attack, steals the ball and sends it up the field for others to score. This is what Polo is about, defending your goalie with everything, sharing the ball, taking on responsibility and responding to challenges. Perhaps it is an analogy for life itself? Well done Year 7 girls.

You will notice no names here. All the girls know what they did, both teams. They were great. Personally, I thought the last Year 7 girls were “best ever”. Girls you are being challenged by this year’s group. Good luck to all.

David Short

SYDNEY EAST REGIONAL TEAM TRIALS/SELECTIONS

Trials for the following Sydney East Sporting Teams are on the following dates.

TERM 1
- 11 March - Girls Touch
- 11 March - Boys Touch
- 12 March - U/15 & Open Rugby League
- 13 March - Boys Basketball
- 18 March - Girls Netball (See Mrs Blanch)
- 26 March - Boys Rugby Union
- 27 March - Girls Hockey
- 27 March - Boys Hockey
- 27 March - Boys Football (Soccer)
- 3 April - U/15 AFL
- 3 April - Girls Football (Soccer)

TERM 2
- 10 June - Gymnastics (WAG/MAG)
- 27 June - Boys Softball

TERM 3
- 22 July - Trampoline
- 22 August - Boys Waterpolo
- 25 August - Girls Waterpolo

TERM 4
- 17 November - Girls Cricket (2015 team)
- 18 November - Girls Softball (2015 team)
- 24 November - Boys Cricket (2015 team)

A reminder, these teams are regional based and students are reminded that selection in these teams is highly competitive. If any student is interested in trialing for the following teams or wants more information, please see Mr Scott in the Maths staffroom.

Reminder: Students will need to collect a permission note from Mr Scott and return, signed by your parent/guardian to Mrs Blanch in order to attend the trials. NO STUDENT WILL BE GRANTED PERMISSION BY THE SCHOOL TO ATTEND THE TRIALS UNLESS THIS NOTE IS RETURNED.

UPCOMING SPORT DATES:
Zone Swimming Carnival - Monday 3 March 2014 @ Sutherland Leisure Centre
Regional Swimming Carnival - Wednesday 19 March @ Sydney Olympic Park Aquatic Centre
School Cross Country Carnival - Thursday 10 April @ Royal National Park

For up to date information, results, photos and more, like “KHS SPORT” on Facebook

Mitchell Scott
Relieving Sports Coordinator

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WELFARE

DISABILITY PROVISIONS

The Board of Studies recognises that some students may experience difficulties sitting for examinations. For this reason they provide a range of special examination provisions.

i) If a student wishes to apply for disability provisions he/she should ask Ms Farmer, Mrs Kenehan or the school counsellor immediately about lodging an application with the Board of Studies. All request for provision plus any support documentation (specialist reports) are to be given to Ms Farmer no later than March 28 2014. The school requires time for the application to be completed by relevant staff and then to be submitted to the Board of Studies.

ii) Emergency provisions can be arranged if a student is involved in an accident just before an examination. The student should immediately ask Mrs Matthews or the school counsellor in such a case.

iii) The application should contain recent evidence of his/her special need and in some cases examples of his/her work. He/she may need to organise required testing early in the year to ensure the application reaches the Board by the closing date. If you are applying based on a long standing medical condition the school should be aware of this. Evidence of prior knowledge and management of the condition will need to be provided to the Board of Studies by the school. If applications do not contain sufficient evidence, the Board’s decision may be delayed.

Disability provisions are not available:

- As compensation for difficulties in undertaking a course or preparing for the examination
- For lack of familiarity with the English language.

Where possible the school will attempt to meet the needs of all students accessing disability provision. However, this will depend on the nature of the individual tasks and the resources available. It is the individual student’s responsibility to notify staff if disability provisions are required for exams.

Melissa Kenehan
Welfare Head Teacher
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Sutherland Dyslexia Support Group is a forum where parents can talk, exchange ideas, information, resources and experiences with other parents.

The group keeps in contact via a Yahoo group, email, phone and meeting over coffee on the 4th Monday of the month at 10.30am 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
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