The 2013 Thredbo Jazz Festival was another stunning success for our KHS Stage Band over the weekend of the 4 and 5 of May. The only school band in Australia to be invited to the festival our students were on the program with many well known performers including the Jeff Duff All Stars, Carolina Moon Ensemble, Tek Tek Ensemble and of course the Hot Potato Band which includes many KHS ex student stage band members.

Under the supervision of Mrs Linda Fawer and conducted by our own ex-student Mr Dane Laboyrie our Stage Band simply blew the audience away with their big sound, musicianship, repertoire and great singers. The sense of fun, achievement and expertise of our students had the large audiences at each of their performances up and dancing, applauding solo parts, cheering particular pieces and yelling for more at the end of each set.

Many of the other performers at the festival had heard the talk about how good the KHS stage band was and were also on hand to see what the fuss was about.

They were not disappointed. A testament to their popularity was when I was talking to an older couple in the audience and they were telling me that they travel to the festival each year from Brisbane to watch the KHS Stage Band as they believe they are the highlight of the weekend. Of course I then gave them our website address and told them about the upcoming musical, Leader of the Pack and the James Morrison evenings to be held in Term 4. They said they will definitely be coming down for those performances and to have a look at the school where these students come from.

It is hard to describe the connectedness of current band students with ex band students unless you have been to this weekend. There were at least 25 ex KHS band members (and some ex parents) at the festival either playing or watching. In fact a real highlight was on the Sunday morning performance when Dane Laboyrie invited 6 or 7 ex students to join in with the current members. They joined in seamlessly one at a time swelling the ranks and consequently sending the audience into fits of cheering as the sound just got bigger and bigger.
You couldn’t help but be moved by the experience and playing you were hearing as you came to realise what it means to be a part of the KHS Stage Band.

To our current students, ex students and their families it really means something in their lives.

It was a real pleasure to travel with the KHS Stage Band to this festival especially with our students demonstrating great professionalism in performance and set-up and exemplary behaviour. I would like to thank Dane Laboyrie for his outstanding leadership of the band, Linda Fawer for her supervision of the whole trip and of course her trumpet playing, Ellie Mahoney for assisting and playing with the group as well as the many parents that supported the band.

To all our parents and students keep an eye out for it in next year’s calendar and come along if you can as you will not only have a great family weekend and listen to some great music but you will get a really tangible experience of the community connectiveness of KHS and how deep it runs.

Retiring P&C President

I would like to acknowledge and thank our retiring P&C President Lea Tsekouras for her great work for the students, parents and staff of KHS over the past 6 years. P&C’s do not operate effectively without community minded leaders and Lea has always put our school community first and foremost in all matters that have come before the P&C.

She has ensured that parents and community member’s voices have been heard and considered regarding a range of issues that involve the school and has worked very hard to ensure solution based outcomes could be achieved which are in the interests of students.

Lea has also led the P&C in its commitment to improve the learning conditions and outcomes for students through the thoughtful and generous distribution of parent donations and uniform sale profits to the school. This has seen improved school resources, learning environments and, through the P&C building fund, resulted in new infrastructure that has impacted positively on all students.

She is very deserving of our thanks for devoting her time and energies to the KHS school community as P&C President.

P&C Meetings

The P&C leadership team welcomes all Kirrawee parents to attend the next P&C meeting on Monday, 17 June at 7.30 pm in the Library – entry to the school is via the gates near the Library in Kirk Crescent.

P&C meetings are generally held on Monday of Week 3 and Week 7 each term. The remaining dates for 2013 are:

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The P&C team for 2013 is:

- President: Matt Whittingstall
- Vice-President: Jeremy Bennett
- Treasurer: Charlie Hunnissett
- Secretary: Lisa Pigna
- Uniform Co-Ordinators: Rachel Renphrey & Patricia Harrison
- School Council Representative: Mick Ryan
- P&C Federation Regional Council: Don Lang
- Year 6-7 Panel Representative: Alison Julian

School Council

School Council meetings for members of the council are generally held on Tuesdays of Week 4 each term. The remaining dates for 2013 are:

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Youth Rock

The group “Russian Caravan” put together by five of our Year 12 students, Grace Griffiths, Austin Leake, Brayden Wall, Mitchell Jones and Luke Brann entered the state wide YouthRock band competition. YouthRock addresses the Youth Week aims of providing an opportunity for young people aged 12 to 25 to create and enjoy entertainment and to acknowledge and celebrate the positive contributions made by their efforts and achievements. It also showcases student bands to the music industry.

The competition is judged by music and recording representatives. The music and recording industry in 2013 provided more than $10,000 worth of prizes to the finalists. The Kirrawee High group made the top ten to reach the state finals.

While not winning the competition outright they were rewarded for their outstanding performances winning a full day of recording time with a well known recording studio.

We congratulate them on their success and wish them all the best for their future. I am sure their names will be up in lights before too long with their brand of what I would term sophisticated rock.

Quick Link

Would you rather your child have a high I.Q or a never-give-up attitude? The link below highlights what the research indicates as presented by Michael Grose.

Find out more: http://parentingideas.com.au/Blog/April-2013-%281%29/Intelligence-or-persistence--which-would-you-choos

2013 Musical Production

Rehearsals are well under way for this year’s musical production “Leader of the Pack”. This promises to be another outstanding production showcasing the talents of our students in performance, acting, dance, lighting, set design and musicianship. Book your ticket early as we have already had great interest with enquiries including a number from interstate as to when the tickets will be on sale.

Bob Hollywood
Principal

ThinkUKnow

Thank you to the parents who came along to our “Think U Know” cyber safety talk by Melissa Sevil from the Australian Federal Police. Year 7 and Year 9 were surprised by the information she presented to them about online safety.

Protecting the privacy of personal information is increasingly important at a time when we are sharing more details about ourselves online than ever before.

While interacting online can be great for kids, it also makes them more vulnerable.

To help reduce the risk of cyberbullying, unwanted attention or breaches of their privacy, you can:

- encourage them to keep their usernames and passwords safe and not share them with anyone
- take them through the privacy settings of sites they join to ensure they are careful about what information they share and with whom
- educate them about the risks involved in sharing personal information online
- discuss the long-term effects of their online behaviour, such as how potential employers may view their online profile
- remind them to think before they post photos or other information online, because once it’s out there, it’s hard to control what happens to it.

A new privacy guide has been launched by the Information and Privacy Commission of NSW, which features tips and resources to help protect privacy online.
Homework
Kids and families tend to run more smoothly when there is a clear plan.
So the online parent resource School A to Z has created printable homework and study calendars for each month of the year.
The School A to Z website and mobile app can also help with common assignment and homework questions.
In the Homework and study section you'll find links to useful websites, maths and English glossaries, and help sheets to make homework time easier in your house.
Print your homework and study calendar pages for the rest of 2013.

Greg Munsie
Deputy Principal Administration

Year 12
D-Day is a term often used in military parlance to denote the day on which a combat attack or operation is to be initiated. It often designates the day upon which some significant event will occur.
The best known D-Day is June 6, 1944 — the day of the Normandy landings - initiating the Western Allied effort to liberate mainland Europe from Nazi occupation during World War II. However, many other invasions and operations had a designated D-Day, both before and after that operation.
It has been decided to nominate Week 6 as D Week because we believe there is a need to combat complacency and put every student on the best path for success in the projects, performances and examinations that are scheduled in July and August.
During D Week the Learning Centre will be staffed in every period apart from when 2 unit English is timetabled. You can make an appointment to have help with any subject at any time when you are not in class.
This is your chance to ensure that you can go into the holidays with the opportunity to produce the final product, the final reflection statement, the final report and spend time on studying for the trial examinations because the assessment value of your subjects puts a great deal on the line.
H-Hour is another military term and designates the hour an operation is to take place. The importance of the holidays for students who need to get ready for practical and performance examinations, while keeping on top of Trial Examination preparation is such that we want students to get that final guidance and motivation from their teachers. H-Hour or Holiday Hours countdown will run from 1 pm until 4pm on Thursday and Friday of Week 9 you will be able to book and work with staff from all practical and performance subjects. A full schedule will be posted in the Learning Centre and emailed to you.

Melissa Kenehan
Head Teacher Welfare

43rd Annual Oyster Bay Public School
Opening Night Preview, Friday 24th MAY at 7:30PM
Persons over 18 only Tickets $20.00.
wine & light supper will be provided
Saturday & Sunday 25th - 26th May, 10am till 4pm
FOOD • CRAFTS • PAINTINGS • LIVE SHOWS
KIDS ACTIVITIES • FUN DEMONSTRATIONS
Oyster Bay Public School (Infants Site) Phillip St, For Details contact the School on 9528 7525
Our 2013 school musical is being staged this term, Week 8, on Tuesday 18th, Wednesday 19th, Friday 21st and Saturday 22nd June. This retro hit Broadway musical celebrates the life and times of composer Ellie Greenwich, whose doo wop sounds skyrocketed to the top of the sixties charts. The story of Ellie’s rise to fame is punctuated with many of the hits she wrote including: "Chapel of Love," "Da Do Ron Ron," "Be My Baby," "Do Wah Diddy," "River Deep, Mountain High" and, of course, the title song.

Our production will involve more than 150 students, either on stage, in the band or “behind the scenes”. Tickets will go on sale at the end of this month and can be booked through the school office. “Leader of the Pack” promises to be a “happy, high spirited, foot-stomping romp” that will leave you singing those great 60’s classics. Don’t miss it!

**Adults $25  Students/Pensioners $20**
It is with pleasure that we welcome Will Simpson to our Faculty as our new Japanese teacher. Will’s enthusiasm and passion for Japanese is appreciated by his students and the staff. He thoroughly enjoyed his teaching year in Osaka and is looking forward to sharing his cultural knowledge of Japan as well as the Japanese language.

The HSC Speaking Examination dates have been published and our students will soon receive a letter detailing the venue, date and time for the examinations. This year French Continuers speaking is Saturday 24 August, Japanese Continuers is Saturday 7 September and Japanese Extension is Saturday 14 September. Students need to ensure that they are making the best use of their time with the assistants in their one to one conversation class as well as consistently revising and refining their portfolio about their personal world in order to maximise their results in this skill.

Mrs Potter has organised an Extension Japanese workshop on 20 May. Students will participate in intensive brainstorming sessions in order to broaden their knowledge of the prescribed issues. They will engage in stimulating group work with Mrs Potter and Shungo (our Japanese Assistant) to give them the confidence to prepare and record a monologue. The feedback and the content they will gain from this workshop will ensure they are best prepared for the upcoming assessments and the HSC speaking exam. It won’t be all hard work; they will be rewarded with morning tea and an おいしいおべんとう for lunch.

Mrs Potter’s Year 10 class visited the Tanken Centre this week. They all had fun dressing up in crazy Japanese fashion for the Fashion show that they created on the day.

Ms Botros has been preparing a French week starting on Monday 27. Students from Year 7 to Year 11 will have the opportunity to admire the amazing work the students have produced so far this year. Students will also have the opportunity to taste some delicious French cuisine, such as croissants, crêpes, and some other surprises too. Venez nombreux.

Year 12 aren’t the only students focusing on improving their language skills. Please enjoy the photos of students from years 7-10 having fun learning Japanese or French.
Congratulations to Erin Roberts, Year 10 Visual Arts. Erin was awarded Second Prize in the Student Art category at the Royal Easter Show, with her drawing of Ita Buttrose.

CONGRATULATIONS to Dana Alison in Year 10, who is a member of the NSW Public Schools Symphonic Wind Ensemble. The ensemble travelled to Perth, where they placed SECOND in the Open A Grade National Band Championships.
MUSIC

THREDBO JAZZ FESTIVAL

On May 4 and 5, students from the Senior Stage Band took part in the Annual Thredbo Jazz Festival. This festival is a prestigious event and KHS stage band this year were the only invited group to perform.

A crowd of 100’s gathered quickly to the amazing sounds and sophisticated grooves in a variety of musical genres.

Students were very professional in musicianship and the way they conducted themselves in public. I could not fault any student’s behavior the whole weekend and it was really enjoyable to partake in the whole atmosphere, performances and experiences with such an enthusiastic and talented group of young musicians.

Mrs Fawer
Music Faculty

Every year, when recalling Thredbo Jazz Festival you find yourself having to really have to sit back and wonder where to begin. It always promises to be a weekend filled with wonderful music, wonderful company and a couple of extra layers of clothing.

Well, this year, like every other year the stage band’s trip to Thredbo began with a seven hour bus trip. After two McDonald’s stops, finding accommodation and cups of tea, the excitement for Saturday morning’s gig was building.

The hype certainly lived up to expectations. The band had a large and enthusiastic crowd and we played, I think, the best we have yet this year. Highlights would have to include the revival of “Disco Steve” Brann’s dance moves in “Blame It on the Boogie” which were first displayed on the bands trip to Cuba.

After our Saturday morning gig, the entire day was left to enjoy and learn from the other acts, go up the chairlift, explore the mountain and have fun. The gigs, and the whole weekend itself has an extra special atmosphere for those of us at Kirrawee because of the large amount of ex-students that come down for the weekend to perform themselves, support the band and enjoy the weekend. Their dancing and support just makes the gigs at Thredbo so much more exciting and encouraging for us, the current students in the band.

Things are extra special when they bring their instruments and join the band once more – like we were lucky enough to have happen on Sunday morning. Thank you to Emily Tuffs, Daniel Lamb, Rachel Thompson, Michael Owens, Michael Froggatt and Sam Jeffrey for coming and joining us!

Throughout the weekend we discovered other audience members come from Brisbane to see the band, and we received much appreciated praise from many. I think I can speak for every student in the band when I say one of the highlights of the weekend was Hot Potato’s gigs. I’m sure many people know of “Hot Potato” from seeing them at fetes and fairs – the moving, dancing and interactive band made up of mostly ex-Kirrawee High Students. They played three gigs which were all filled with energy and talent and were enjoyed by all.

A thank you must go to the bus driver, Rob, for looking after the band’s trip to Thredbo for many years, to Mr Hollywood for supporting us and joining us for the weekend, to Mrs Fawer and her family for giving up their weekend to support us and look after us, to Ms Moroney for playing with us, and ensuring the band is running smoothly this year, to our families who come for the weekend to support us as well as from afar, and to Mr Gullick for having led a band with such a great reputation that we would have the opportunity to perform at such a highly regarded event.

A very special thank you must go to Mr Laboyrie for giving up his time to lead the band this year, for passing on his knowledge and expertise, making sure we continue to learn and grow as a band and were of a high enough standard to play at Thredbo, and for absolutely showing us how it’s done in his gigs with “Hot Potato”.

By Jordan Delany
Well, this term has certainly gotten off to a busy start. Senior Stage Band headed down to Thredbo to the Jazz Festival and as always they very well received. There performances were out of sight and many festival go-ers only had great things to say about the students. Linda Fawer, Ellie Moroney and Dane Laboyrie were all in force and I believe that some of the kids have three new fans - Mrs Fawer’s triplets.

The Senior Stage Band continues to be ever popular with three gigs coming this week for the team. So to the Senior Stage Band Parents, here are your new and old dates of performances. Please contact Dane for further details regarding these events:

- **Sunday July 4** – Port Hacking performance – Details TBA
- **Saturday August 31** – Gymea Bay Public School
- **Sunday September 15** - Cronulla Spring Festival - Performing 10 -11am
- **Tuesday September 17** - Fundraiser event at the Studio at the Opera House.
- **Thursday 19th September** – Year 12 Graduation

The Choral Concerts have been the next big event we can tick off the calendar. On Monday 13 May, 25 students from Kirrawee High School performed with a 620 voice choir and a 50 piece orchestra at the Town Hall. The parents that were able to come and support the event, all agreed that it was an amazing experience. The student saw performances by all the Arts Unit Instrumental Ensembles and performed various movements from Mozart’s Requiem, Two songs by Australian Composer Dan Walker and a Porgy and Bess Medley.

For those that missed out, there has been a Youtube video posted with the live feed from the Dies Irae by Mozart, including still photographs. You can access it by the following link, [http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAvxt_hSwck&sns=em](http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAvxt_hSwck&sns=em)

**ANGELS IN DISGUISE AT THE MUSIC NIGHT**

All the students involved had such a wonderful time that they are all excited about doing it again next year. Of course we are still awaiting information regarding their auditions to the Festival of Voices and The Expanding Horizons Concert. I am hopeful that the students will gain acceptance to these events as a solo group performance. I will keep you posted.

This term, the Angels in Disguise Group will be rested while Ms Lacey and the rest of the team complete the musical. However, the Senior Group, Kaleidescope, will continue to rehearse on Monday and Thursday lunch as they prepare for the Christmas in July Show with Ian Cooper, to be held at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre on July 13.
The Wind Orchestra has a special workshop organised by Mrs Fawer on June 3. This is a workshop and concert by the Police Band. Some of you may have seen Belinda Adams on the Voice recently. Well she will be there along with the entire Police Band and they will be workshopping with the Wind Orchestra and members of the Jazz bands at the school. It promises to be an exciting day.

Ms Lacey is organising a workshop for the Year 9 - 12 elective music students. This will be an in class workshop on May 30, during periods 3 and 4. The students will have the opportunity to meet the Urban Gypsies.

The Urban Gypsies offer a beautiful mix of original fusion guitar compositions from the jazz tradition of improvisation and the rhythmic palate of gypsy, Latin guitar and world music. The creative writing skills and innovative sounds of the Urban Gypsies set them in a class of their own; their music is distinctive, sophisticated and totally original. The members are Gavin Libotte (guitar), Dieter Kleemann (guitar), Anatoli Torjinski (cello) and Stuart Henderson (percussion). The band have been performing for more than 8 years at numerous festivals, clubs and special events.

They have supported the Buena Vista Social Club, Cassandra Wilson and many more, and held residencies and concerts in exclusive venues including The Basement, The Vanguard, Venue 505, and Camelot Lounge to name but a few. The workshop will go for two periods and will only cost the students $10. These talented musicians are working at a considerable reduced cost because Ms Lacey happens to work with one of the musicians. We are very lucky to have these guys available to come to the school so keep an eye out for the excursion information coming home in the school bags of the students studying elective music in Year 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Term 2 is also seeing the launch of a lunchtime string group. Hamish Gullick, our resident Bass tutor, will be taking on the string for interested students. They will rehearse on Wednesday lunch in Music Room 3. Please see Mrs Fawer for details.

We are also very pleased to thank Mr Brown John for his most recent phone call. He rang Ms Lacey to see if the school was interested in the donation of a double bass. Can you believe it!

Of course we are very grateful to Mr Brown John for his donation and we know that the students in the music department will treat it with the utmost respect.

Well, like I said at the start, it has been a busy beginning for Term 2. The teachers in the Music Department do try very hard to keep the lines of communication open but of course things do get lost. Please do not hesitate to contact any of us regarding any of the events coming up. Whilst we may not get back to you straight away, we will definitely get back to you. We take great pride on providing amazing opportunities for the students and want to make sure no one misses out.

Keeping this in mind, if you are interested in receiving “breaking news” emails or information regarding auditions and other matters of musical detail, then Ms Lacey would like to know. Ms Lacey (in her spare time) is going to set up an email group database, to help everyone with the communication. If you would like to be included in this project, please email Ms Lacey with your name, the student name, the instrument or instruments that your student plays (including voice) and the school, regional or state groups they are in. If you could email that information to kerri-ann.lacey@det.nsw.edu.au then we can get that started for you.

In the meantime, keep happy and we will see you at one of these events in the future.

Ms Lacey
Music Faculty
It is with great pleasure that the TAS faculty welcomes a new staff member, Mr Lloyd Bowen. Mr Bowen has been working in the Mt Drury area and has been very enthusiastic since starting at Kirrawee High School. Mr Bowen will be taking on Mr Zietsch’s teaching load so Mr Zietsch can start to enjoy his retirement.

On that note I would like to thank Mr Lloyd Zietsch for filling in during Term One. His work and commitment to our students has been outstanding.

**VET Student Gains Recognition**

Hospitality student Ugljesa Mihailovic has been selected as a finalist in the Sydney Region VET in Schools Student of the Year competition. Uga attended an interview by a panel of judges on Friday 17 May at Oatley Senior College. Results for this will not be known for another 2-3 weeks. Uga completed an intense application process and his work in industry, leadership skills and positive attitude have been recognised by the judges. Uga is a credit to both his family and Hospitality teacher Mrs Treacy.

Mrs Kellie Mckenzie-Hicks, our VET co-ordinator also deserves a mention for the assistance she gave Uga in writing his application. The whole TAS faculty would like to wish Uga good luck for this prestigious award.

Congratulations Uga

**Workplacements**

Year 11 VET students will also be starting to choose their placement hosts for their mandatory workplacements this Term.

This will give students the opportunity to put the skills they have learnt at school into practice in an authentic environment. Teachers may also ask for employer feedback on student skill levels, ability to work within a team and communication skills. Workplacements will take place in:

- Metal and Engineering - weeks 7-8
- Hospitality and Construction – week 9

**Textiles Technology**

Congratulations to Sarah Greenstein, Year 10 Textiles Technology.

Sarah entered the quilt she made in Year 9 Textiles in the Royal Easter Show Arts and Craft Competition and received 3rd Place! This was in the open category for quilts, not the student category.

Well done Sarah!

Year 11 and 12 Textiles and Design students visited “After Five” Fashion from the Darnell Collection exhibition at Hazelhurst Gallery recently. The collection is a celebration of the artistry of fashion designers and a window to the social history of the twentieth century through clothing. It was an opportunity to view gowns by some of the greatest fashion designers in history, and explore how and why eveningwear has changed for women over the years. Students had a unique insight into the history of fashion from the 1920’s to present day.

Robert Lawson
Head Teacher TAS

**IMPORTANCE OF CURRENT PARENT / CARER INFORMATION**

The accuracy of data held by the school potentially impacts on the school and it’s students when it is harvested by the Department of Education and Communities in relation to various national partnerships, funding indexes and accountability reports.

The school therefore requests that parents/carers promptly advise the school of any changes to student/family information including current address, emergency contact numbers, mobile phone numbers and changes of employment details.

The relevant form can be located on our website please click on the following link:

http://web1.kirrawee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/internet/03_students/links/forms/changeInformation.pdf
Mock Trial Competition

Round 2 of the Mock Trial competition took place in March against John Bosco College, Engadine. The Kirrawee team were the prosecutors in an arson case. The members were given the opportunity to take on different legal roles to add breadth to their experience. Kerrie Martin remained our first barrister and Julian Bonser, a new member of the team, filled the Police Youth Liaison role. Kerrie ensured Julian provided a clear account of the usual operations at the Youth Centre and the procedures that he took when any potential trouble occurred at the Newport Youth Centre. Julian was able to provide to the court descriptions of members of the local community who had a track record of causing problems and supply a sport team photograph clearly identifying the alleged suspects who were seen running from the Youth Centre on fire.

Emma Brunker was ably supported by Abbey Toll in the second barrister role in their examination of Bethany Sell, a neighbour living opposite the Youth Centre, who witnessed the events leading to the arson attack. Bethany strongly supported the evidence provided by Julian in her account of general problems experienced at the Youth Centre prior to the arson as well as happenings on the day in question.

Our court clerk, James Murray – Prior, ensured proper court procedures were followed.

The case was closely contested and unfortunately Kirrawee High were defeated by a narrow margin. All team members displayed outstanding sportsmanship and gave a creditable performance. Rounds 2, 3 and 4 are a round – robin competition and Kirrawee High need to win the next two cases to progress to the knockout – competition.

ASX Game

Years 9 Commerce and 11 Economics classes have been busily trading shares for the past 8 weeks in the national School Sharemarket Game Competition. The competition closed on 15 May, we will be able to announce the winners of each year in the game shortly. Students should now be closely assessing their portfolio and making their final decisions as to whether to buy new stock, sell poor performing shares or hold onto their shares to ensure they make the highest capital gain by the final date. At the end of Week 8, the boys stepped up in both classes and leading the competition within the school: Lewis Cullen, James Sabbagh, Brandon Taylor and Ryan Williams. They have made a capital gain of $1,400 in Year 9 Commerce. Daniel Haddock is leading the way in Year 11 with a $1 194 gain in his portfolio. A prize for the winning team in each class will be presented at the conclusion of the competition. All teams make the most of the short time left to continue trading to make your fortune.

Year 12 Economics

Year 12 Economics are participating in the UNSW Australian Economics competition in Week 2 of this term. Prize money and certificates of achievement are up for grabs so good luck to all participants.

Year 9 Commerce StartSmart Workshops

The Commonwealth Bank recently delivered StartSmart workshops to Year 9 Commerce. The facilitator delivered interactive, engaging and fun lessons on financial literacy. The aim of the program was to equip students with the confidence to make wise decisions as consumers, from managing their first mobile phone to their first car.

Students were also provided the opportunity to extend their knowledge and understanding of the different types of investment options available, as well as the pluses and risks associated with each.

The extract on the next page is two students’ perspective of the educational value of the workshops
SOCIAL SCIENCE continued

‘Common Cents’

Year 9 Commerce learn about Financial Literacy

On Wednesday 20 March, Brian from the Commonwealth Bank came to our class. He talked to us about managing our money and gave us some really great tips to help us in the future.

We were able to discover that the majority of people before the age of 27 want to move out of home, buy a car and go on an overseas trip without parental guidance. This helped us realise that if we start saving now, instead of spending our money on unnecessary wants such as lollies, we might be able to reach our goal to achieve desires such as these.

He also shared with us ‘Michael Jordan’s Tips to Success’. These were:

1. Know what you want
2. Know how to get it
3. Just do it.

We would just like to thank Brian and the Commonwealth Bank for coming to our school and sharing with us some useful tips about money, financial literacy and budgeting.

The information we gained helped us understand our Commerce topic and motivated us in learning how to budget and cope with financial matters in various situations in everyday life.

Kellie Bolton & Maddie Gilholme
Mrs Harts’ Year 9 Commerce class

DANCE

Congratulations to all those who participated in our Kirrawee High Dance Fundraising Eisteddfod on Friday 10 and Saturday 11 May. The response to this event was overwhelming and it was a very successful day. We also appreciate the parents and students who volunteered their time to support the Dance Department and ensuring the Eisteddfod was a success. Thank you!

The proceeds of the day will help to pay for costumes, tutors and buses for all students performing in dance companies and ensembles this year. We would like to especially thank those who donated goods to go towards the hampers, which made up our guessing competition.

A big congratulations to the Kirrawee High School Dance Companies and Ensembles who are working hard in rehearsals on their dance works. Our first performance for the year will take place on the Tuesday 11 June at the Sutherland Dance Festival. The Junior Dance Company, Intermediate Dance Company and Senior Dance Company have all been selected to perform. The show starts at 7:00 pm at the Sutherland Entertainment Centre and tickets will be available at the box office on the night from 5:30 pm.

Congratulations to the Junior Dance Ensemble, Junior Dance Company, Intermediate Dance Company and Senior Dance Company for being selected to perform at the Sydney Region Dance Festival held at the Seymour Centre on 17 and 20 June. This is a highly regarded festival and we have done extremely well to have four of our Companies and Ensembles selected. Well done!

Carla Cherrie
Dance Teacher
BOYS CRICKET
NSWCHS STATE CHAMPIONS!
After a season lasting 14 months (Feb 2012 to April 2013), the boys travelled to Bathurst in early April and brought home State glory for the first time in Kirrawee High history!

NSWCHS KO Final vs Asquith Boys High School
3 April 2013 at Bathurst Sports Ground
KHS 4/38 defeated Asquith Boys High School 37 by 6 wickets

An absolutely thumping victory for the KHS baggy blues as our bowlers never gave Asquith an inch. Abhi (1/8) and Benn (3/5) were outstanding with the new ball and bowled their best spells of the competition. Backed up by some outstanding fielding and sharp wicket keeping again from Jonathon Rose, Asquith were dismissed for a dismal 37 in the State final. Dan Fallins and Mitch Botskor picked up a wicket each, with Angus Dibley destroying the lower order, taking 4/0 in 4 overs.

Dane Fisher was the top scorer in the small run chase as Kirrawee High were crowned NSW CHS champions by lunch time, allowing plenty of time for some afternoon half-yearly study, a siesta, and a team dinner out in the Bathurst night life.

Davidson Shield Challenge Final vs Hills Sports High School
4 April 2013 at Bathurst Sports Ground
KHS 139 lost to Hills Sports High School 4/140 by 6 wickets

After such a comprehensive victory the previous day, the boys were in a confident mood as we looked to knock over the best of the sports high schools in the Davidson Shield Challenge Final.

After losing the toss, KHS was sent in to bat. After losing Dan Fallins in the 11th over to the biggest fluke of a catch on the boundary, Dane Fisher (50) and Jonathon Rose (40) put us in a solid position with 10 overs remaining. Unfortunately we couldn’t capitalise on their weaker bowlers and we were bowled out for 139 on the last ball of the innings. Dan Fallins (15) and Harry Chapman (17) were the only other batsmen to reach double figures. Still, 139 was definitely something for our bowlers to work with.

From the outset, Hills batted with caution and gave very few chances. On debut, Lachlan Hess got the first break through and we were on our way. Daniel Fallins bowled a fantastic spell and was terribly unlucky not to get a wicket. One of their batsmen that scored a half century honestly had a play-and-miss off Dan for every run that he scored. With 10 overs remaining, Hills were 4/90 and we needed to take wickets. Skipper Ben Williams correctly rolled the dice and brought on our partnership breakers but to no avail, with Hills closing out the game with 5 overs remaining.

Whilst it was a disappointing end to an historic season, it was an amazing ride! Coming home as State Champions was a fantastic feeling, one that I’m sure the boys, the parents and I know I will remember for some time to come!

In closing, I would like to thank:
- Ben Williams for his work and enthusiasm as captain. He was outstanding to work with, a fantastic example as a captain and as a cricketer and, when a captain lives and dies by his decisions, was near perfect in his decisions.
- The parents for their support, for scoring, and for your willingness to drive to Wagga Wagga, Bathurst and other away games around Sydney. I really hope you all enjoyed the ride too!
- Finally, the entire team themselves. It wasn’t just the fact that you won, it was the manner in which you won that was most impressive. I never heard any of you once get involved in sledging (even when it would’ve been easy to when the opposition did), you were always willing to have a joke with each other, you took the bad umpiring decisions well and you always followed your captain’s and coach’s directions. You were all outstanding representatives of your school.

We look forward to the All Schools Competition that we have qualified for at the end of 2013 and further success with the new generation of players in Year 10 and 11 that take over from our retiring year 12 students.
BOYS FOOTBALL

Round 2 vs. James Cook Boys High School

10 May 2013 at Kirrawee High School
KHS 0 lost to James Cook Boys High 1

In a closely fought battle, the boys were unlucky to lose this one. With a mere penalty in the 15th minute the difference after an unfortunate hand ball, the boys simply needed to get the ball to sit up for them to get the ball in the back of the net. Nathan Campbell was outstanding between the pegs again, making some outstanding saves and effectively uncontested on their crosses. Jack Robertson and Scott Avery were magic in defence, keeping their talented strikers quiet all day, and our strikers worked hard all match without any luck.

The boys bow out in round 2 but have the futsal championships to look forward to at the end of June.

The star performer was undoubtedly Nick Hards, who picked up 3 golds and 1 silver on his way to being crowned the NSWCHS 13 Years Age Champion! Congratulations to Nick and to our entire swimming team on your performances!

KHS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

11 April 2013 at the Royal National Park

Another cracking day in a beautiful setting saw 130 students participating in the KHS Cross Country carnival. A big thank you to the teachers that ran the carnival (Mr Hulme, Mr Whitaker, Mr Olovich, Dr Beyer and Ms Davies) and to the SRC (led by Laura Triggs and Mitch Fox) for running the well-received sausage sizzle and canteen.

Congratulations to the following students, who were age champions:

- 12Y Boys - Kurt Picken
- 12Y Girls - Lara Watchorn
- 13Y Boys - Evan Chakma-Hill
- 13Y Girls - Ruby Hatcher
- 14Y Boys - Sam Kelly
- 14Y Girls - Josephine Chabi
- 15Y Boys - Daniel Watchorn
- 15Y Girls - Megan Dibley
- 16Y Boys - Liam Parnell
- 16Y Girls - Alex Emery

All of these students are the new record holders for the carnival, with Daniel Watchorn’s time of 13:45 over 4km particularly impressive (an average speed of 17.5 km/h).

NSWCHS SWIMMING CHAMPIONSHIPS

April 4-6, 2013 at SOPAC, Homebush

Another year of fantastic State swimming results, including:

Medals for three of our relay teams:
- 13 years boys 4x50 (silver)
- 13 years girls 4x50 (bronze)
- 12-17 years girls 6x50 (silver)

Individual medals for:
- Emma Southwell
- Ruby Hatcher
- Michaela Campbell
- Nick Hards

The Age Champions
OTHER RESULTS:
U/15 GIRLS FOOTBALL ROUND 2: KHS 0 lost to Woolooware High 3 on 3/5/13
GIRLS FOOTBALL ROUND 2: KHS 11 defeated Blackwattle Bay SSC 1 on 6/5/13
U/15 BOYS FOOTBALL ROUND 2: KHS 0 lost to St.Pats College Sutherland 2 on 7/5/13
GIRLS TOUCH FOOTY ROUND 3: KHS lost to Woolooware High on 7/5/13
U/14 BOYS RUGBY LEAGUE: KHS placed 2nd at the Cronulla Sharks Gala Day on 8/5/13
U/15 GIRLS NETBALL: KHS placed 3rd in Sydney East Regional Championships on 9/5/13

UPCOMING SPORT DATES:
Friday June 14 – Sydney East Regional Cross Country Carnival at Miranda Park
Monday June 17 to Thursday June 20 – Football NSW Futsal Championships at Menai Indoor Centre
Monday June 24 – Sutherland Zone Athletics Carnival at Barden Ridge Athletics Track

For Sydney East trial information in all sports, please visit: http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/syd_east/
Girls Knockout Tennis

8 May 2013

Congratulations to the 2013 girls team finishing 3rd in the Sydney East Region;

The Team as pictured from left is:

No.1 Maria Vais, No. 4 Stephanie New, Coach Ms Rider, No 2 Georgia Karpathiou and No. 3 Ellie Golding

The girls had a convincing first round win against St George Girls High School with an 8 - 0 victory.

With a forfeit from Heathcote and Port hacking High schools (obviously scared!!) the girls had placed in the top 4 for a semi-final birth.

Maria Vais is currently in the Top Rankings of her U/14 Age group in Australia and led the team at No. 1 hardly dropping a game and definitely not a set. Unfortunately, Randwick girls made some clever team order selections and were too good on the day. We had a loss of 5 sets to 3.

The girls ended on a high winning the play-off for 3rd position beating Penshurst Girls high.

Both Maria and Ellie have been asked to attend a second trial for the Sydney East team based on their strong play on the day. Congratulations to all the girls they did Kirrawee proud.

Jackie Rider
Coach

Water Polo

This year’s Year 7 girls were the standout team in the Danebank competition, consistently winning with good margins. Kirrawee High is the only public high school invited to enter the competition and each year the girls represent Kirrawee to the highest of standards.

Whist some of the girls had played Water Polo before and brought some experience to the team, many of the girls had not played and quickly developed skill in the water. The important thing about this player group is their teamwork – I was so impressed with the supportive nature of the girls and the way they shared the ball around the whole group.

BMX National Championships

The BMX National Championships this year were held in Brisbane at the newly built Sleeman Supercross track. My sister and I travelled up on the Saturday prior. We took the New England Highway as our route up with an interesting drive up with outback roads through country towns and very bumpy and uneven roads. This ended up taking around 2 hours longer than the trip would have taken on the coast road.

The first few days spent in Brisbane consisted of practice on the track, and also some last minute training before racing commenced on Thursday. There were two main events, the last round of the National Series on Thursday and the National Championships on Saturday. To this point in time, Saya was running 1st in the National series for her age group and I was running in 6th, it was all up to this final round to determine where we placed in the series this year.

Thursday started off with an autograph session with our team, Redline Bicycles, and then we got into the racing. Saya had a good run, with a 2nd in time trial, which is a timed individual lap around the track, and 2nd in racing, but this unfortunately brought her overall position down to 2nd, which was still a great result. Although being involved in a crash in my third race, I also had a strong run on this day with a 5th in my time trials, and also a 3rd in racing, scoring my first podium in the series this year.

Friday was racing for the younger riders, giving us both a day to rest and prepare ourselves for the national championships on Saturday.
The atmosphere on the day of our racing was completely different to any of the previous days, with riders and spectators completely filling up the complex. As the Elite riders raced on this day, the number of excited spectators seemed to increase in number. It was quite overwhelming to be racing in such an exciting atmosphere.

Both Saya and I were chosen to ride in the NSW team, who’s points where accumulated to decide the winning state. Racing was close for both Saya and I, with Saya batting out the front in every race with her rivals from Queensland, and I was also in the mix in the Junior Elite class, which is the second highest class at the event.

Saya had an amazing lap in her final, taking the lead from 4th into 1st with a very fast lap. This was her second consecutive national championship win.

I ended up 4th in my class after some very close racing, which I was very happy about.

It was a very successful trip to the national championships this year. 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.

Kai Sakakibara

Kirrawee Netball News
Toni Anderson of Year 11 and Kaitlin Walker of Year 8 have been selected in the Sydney East Netball Team to compete at the CHS Championships in Tamworth on 28-30 May. Toni is now a senior member of the team having been selected for the past 3 years. For Kaitlin to be selected in this team in Year 8 is a remarkable achievement and a testament to the outstanding skills she possesses. I wish Toni and Kaitlin all the best at the upcoming championships.

Toni has also recently played in the U17 State Team outside of school and was selected in a National Squad, also attending the AIS for a National Squad Training Camp.

U15’s Netball State Championships
After winning the Sydney East Regional Championships for the third year in a row, Kirrawee High School U15’s Netball Team competed at the State Championships.

In past years the competition has terminated after the regional championships, this was the first year the U15’s Combined High School Championships has been held followed by the U15’s CHS Selection.

Our team performed really well winning all our early games convincingly making it to the State Quarter finals. Unfortunately we then met Westfields Sports High School and were beaten, however, the girls gave everything and never gave up. The girls as always were outstanding representatives of our Kirrawee High School and it was a pleasure to coach them.

A big thank you to all the parents for supporting the girls during the carnival and Kaitlin Walker for scoring for us throughout the championship as she was unable to play due to an injury.

As usual the Kirrawee Curse hit our netball team with 12 girls selected by the 2nd day we only had 7 able to take the court - all other players were injured prior to the championships or during it.

Kirrawee High School U15 Teams is:
Year 10 Maddison Mann (captain)
Year 9 Brooke Salzmann, Quartney Stephens, Hannah Lloyd, Libby Holloway, Emma Gobby, Madeline Bird, Catherine Kaye, Molly Black, Madison Gilholme, Amy Costin
Year 8 Kaitlin Walker

Also congratulations to Maddison and Brooke who also trialled for the U15’s CHS team on the Friday.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
The Kirrawee High School Athletics Carnival was held Thursday 9th May. The weather was great and participation rates were extremely high. Results are in the process of being checked and Age Champions and the Zone Team will be announced this week and published in the next newsletter with some great action shots.

The Zone Carnival will be held at the Ridge Monday Week 9 24 June and age champions will be presented with their medals at the recognition assembly during Week 9.

Jenny Blanch
Year 12 – It’s Half Time!!!!!
On Wednesday 8 May Year 12 participated in “It’s Half Time”. This programme aims at motivating students to continue to set goals and strive to achieve them. Year 12 looked spectacular as they crossed the playground dressed in an array of sporting costumes. They were met by Rocky Musolino a representative from the NRL. Rocky has had extensive experience as a player, trainer, referee and coach; skills which he utilised to get year 12 moving. Following some physical activities Rocky spoke to year 12 about the importance of maintaining momentum. The focus of his motivational talk was around looking forward, building on existing knowledge, setting goals, believing in you and having the courage to put 100% into the last half of the academic year.

Prior to this day students had been given post examination review sheets to complete. They were broken into English classes and undertook a series of activities with their class teachers. Groups discussed the methods that they felt had worked regarding organisation, studying, revision and coping with exams. They had an opportunity to identify and reflect upon obstacles to success and to come up with strategies to combat them.

The morning culminated in students being reminded of the importance of stress management. They were given the opportunity to undertake a guided relaxation activity and were once again reminded of the extra support which is available to them at school.

Melissa Kenehan
Head Teacher Welfare

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PEER SUPPORT

Two of our Year 11 Peer Support Leaders from this year’s Peer Support program were selected to attend a Student Well Being Symposium in the city. The symposium was run by a newly formed non-government agency called ARACY – Australian Research Alliance for Children and Youth and are linked to the Peer Support Foundation.

The focus of the day was to bring together representatives from key interest groups who have a stake hold in student well-being. Year 11 students Aaron Gobby and James Bassford worked through a day long program with people from private industry, welfare agencies, academics, school teachers and students from a variety of private, public, city and rural schools to help guide ARACY to form a coherent policy that will underpin future student well-being programs in schools.

Both James and Aaron represented the school in a positive light and their contribution to the day received positive praise and feedback from all who attended.

Neil Middleton
Peer Support Co-ordinator

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Year 11 Peer Support Leaders Aaron Gobby and James Bassford attend Student Well Being Symposium
On the 25th of April KHS attended the annual Anzac Day dawn service at Miranda RSL, the service consisted of speeches from past war veterans and the odd 96 year old prisoner of war. The service was defiantly worth attending and I highly recommend attending next year.

Special thanks to Mr Myers (TAS) for guiding us throughout the service.

NSW PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

The NSW PRC is in full swing at KHS with all students from Years 7 – 9 being encouraged to participate in this event. Every Year 7 and 8 English class, during a library lesson, has been re-introduced to the PRC and the benefits from taking part. It is a timely reminder of how important reading is to every student’s development with their vocabulary, writing and comprehension. As part of the Stage 4 assessment schedule all students will be assessed by their English teacher on their reading. Twenty books need to be read by the beginning of September. All information related to this event can be found on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website.

Please encourage your children to complete the challenge so they can enjoy the reading experience.

BOOK COVERING

Thanks to the parent volunteers, all text books have been covered ready for Kirrawee students to increase their knowledge in the years to come. The teachers appreciate the time parents take out of their busy schedules to assist in supporting their children’s learning endeavours.

If you missed out this time there will be plenty more opportunities to donate your talents with the introduction of new texts with the new school curriculum.

CATHY BARDEN
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- Brush teeth twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially before bed

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