PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

May 2011

DATES TO REMEMBER

Monday 16 May
Zone Cross Country at Heathcote
Music Extravaganza in Hall at 7.30pm

Tuesday 17 May
Camp Breakfree Information Evening at 7.00pm
School Council Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 19 May
Recognition Assembly

Monday 23 May
Year 7 and Year 12 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June
Year 9 Camp Breakfree at Rathane

Wednesday 1 June
Rio Tinto Big Science Competition

Thursday 2 June
Year 10 Curriculum Evening

Monday 6 June
Zone Athletics Carnival at The Ridge Athletics Track
P&C Meeting at 7.30pm

Thursday 9 June
Year 10 and Year 11 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Monday 13 June
Queen’s Birthday Public Holiday

Wednesday 15 June
Sydney East Region Cross Country

Monday 20 June
School Production Matinee Performance for Primary Schools

Wednesday 22 June
School Production Evening Performance at 7.30pm

Friday 24 June
School Production Evening Performance at 7.30pm

Saturday 25 June
School Production Evening Performance at 7.30pm

Tuesday 28 June
Camp Breakfree Celebration Dinner at 6.00pm

Wednesday 29 June
Year 8 and Year 9 Parent/Teacher Interviews

Friday 1 July
End Term 2

ANZAC Day 2011

A moving ceremony, organised by the History faculty, was held at school to recognize Anzac Day. Mal Booby, President of the Miranda RSL Sub Branch, was presented with a seedling from Lone Pine after his address to students. Kirrawee High School looks forward to continuing its close relationship with the Miranda RSL Sub Branch in honoring and commemorating the sacrifices made by Australian service personnel.

School Production

Kirrawee High School will present Les Misérables over four nights: Tuesday 21 June, Wednesday 22 June, Friday 24 June and Saturday 25 June commencing at 7.30pm. Tickets go on sale from Monday 23 May and may be purchased in person from the school using cash, cheque, eftpos, Visa or Mastercard. Phone bookings can also be made using Visa or Mastercard only.

Adults $25  Students/Concession $20

Tickets must be paid for and collected from the school 48 hours prior to performance. No tickets will be held without payment.
Term Two
This is a particularly busy term for the school with NAPLAN testing, examinations, student reports, subject selections and parent teacher evenings taking place. Combined with the colder weather beginning to take hold it can be a very demanding time for our students. So far, the vast majority of students appear to be coping extremely well. This comes about through a conscientious approach in class, recognition of the need to plan ahead, using diaries consistently and an effective home study program for examination preparation.

Welcome to New Staff
Several new teachers are with us to start the new term. We welcome:
- Stephen Watts (Science)
- Anita De Francesco (Music (Part-time))
- Fiona Mayo (TAS (Part-time))

P&C Meetings
The P&C leadership team has asked me to report to you that the Election Day BBQ and cake stall was again very successful raising over $1500. They were overwhelmed by the generosity of our school community in donations of items for sale and in those that volunteered to help during the day. The team would like to recognise the following people for their assistance on and leading up to the day:
- Susan & Marco Del Din
- Nicola Kelly
- Julie Barber
- Jeremy Bennett
- Janine Bishop
- Joy Hamilton
- Sandy & Rachel Ridge
- Vicky Hunt
- Janine Nurthen
- Lisa Jones
- Melissa Leitch
- Donna Hatcher
- Caron Thomas
- Matt Gourlay
- Andrew Crane
- Lisa Pollock
- Alveena Mulligan
- Don Laing
- Merice Keith

P&C meetings are held on the Monday of Week 3 and Week 7 each term. The dates for the remainder of 2011 are:
- Monday 6 June
- Monday 1 August
- Monday 29 August
- Monday 24 October
- Monday 21 November

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

Annual School Report
As per departmental requirements the 2010 Annual School Report has been uploaded to the school website at:
http://www.kirrawee-h.schools.nsw.edu.au/
To access the report click on the OUR SCHOOL tab and then click on Annual School Report.pdf.
The report outlines another very successful year for our school and its community. I would like to thank our self-evaluation committee and the many staff that assisted in the completion of the report.

**Sporting Facilities Upgrade**
Our sporting facilities upgrade, using the Premier’s Sporting Grant funds, is now complete. The oval after its topdressing, partial re-turf and enforced rest period is now in its best shape for many years. The netball and basketball courts have been re-surfaced. The concrete of the court surfaces has been ground and patched, pressure cleaned and then coated with a three coat Laykold Advantage acrylic sports surfacing system in a blue colour for the playing area and green for the runoff surrounds.
As well as providing a much improved playing surface for our students the new courts have had the added effect of brightening up the playground areas where they are situated.

**Elections for Kirrawee High School Council**
Following our School Council elections I am pleased to announce that Leah Comino and Caroline Heatherington are our new School Council community members. The new School Council staff member is Neil Middleton.
I would like to thank retiring members for their outstanding contributions over the past two years. The advice they have provided has made our school an even better place for students and furthered our standing in the school community.
School Council meetings for members of the council are held on Tuesdays of Week 4 each term. The remaining dates for 2011 are:
- Tuesday 17 May
- Tuesday 9 August
- Tuesday 1 November

Bob Hollywood - Principal

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Kirrawee High presents
Music Extravaganza
Monday 16 May 2011

featuring
Senior Stage Band
Wind Orchestra
Concert Band
Junior Stage Band
Vocal Ensemble
& Solo Items

7.30pm in School Auditorium
Cost: Gold coin donation
The Visual Arts Department would like to acknowledge and congratulate the success of two Kirrawee students who have recently entered artwork in prestigious student art prizes achieving Highly Commended and Finalist Awards.

Emily Dabron of class 10VAS achieved a Highly Commended Ribbon: Student Category, for her painting entered in the 2011 Royal Easter Show Art Competition. Emily is a talented painter who is well known for her love of painting and drawing animals, particularly lions. Displayed below, her large black and white painted canvas is exceptionally mature work for a student of her age.

Sophie Brown of class 7M entered the 2011 Moran Contemporary Photographic Prize and was selected as a Finalist in the Years 7 – 8 category for her work “Snapshots in Time”. Contemporary photography is quite a subtle and sophisticated field for a Year 7 student to venture into. None the less, Sophie has composed an intriguing, subtle and engaging sky-scape through the lens of her camera.

Emily Dabron - Untitled - 2011, Acrylic on Canvas
Highly Commended Ribbon, Student Category – Royal Easter Show Art Competition

Sophie Brown – Snapshots in Time - 2011, Acrylic on Canvas
Selected Finalist, Year 7 - 8 Category – 2011 Moran Contemporary Photography Prize

A Note from the Treasurer

The P&C wish to extend a very special thank you to Sandra Hogan, a parent of the school, for all her help with auditing the Income & Expenditure Report of the P&C for the 2010 year.

Thanks Sandra—your efforts are greatly appreciated!

P&C Committee

Building Fund Donations

You would have all recently received your building fund letters and donation envelopes. Remember that all donations are tax deductible, so take advantage of this by donating before the end of the financial year.

For those of you that haven’t seen your letter or envelope, contact the school office on 9521 2099 and I will ensure that one is sent out as soon as possible.

Thanking you again in advance for your continuing support.

Nicola Kelly - P&C Treasurer

Anzac Day Dawn Service, Miranda

25th April 2011

Despite the rain, the Aussie spirit shone through at the Miranda RSL dawn service held on Anzac Day. Even the early start didn’t dampen the enthusiasm of hundreds of war veterans, serving members, shire VIP’s, school children and locals who gathered to commemorate the services of our fallen and serving diggers.

Mr Myers, Micaela Bassford, Michael Froggat, Nathan Davis, Adam Sneddon, Jack Hampton, Angus Olbrechts, Rachael Ridge, Toby Hooker, Dylan Ashton, Laura Holland, Lachlan Hunt, Lachlan Olbrechts and I braved the cold and represented Kirrawee High School in the Anzac Day March.

 SRC NEWS

Laura Triggs - Year 10
Hockey

Open Girls’ Hockey were unlucky not to be representing the Region after losing to Woolooware in a close encounter 1-0. They played very well against Heathcote, winning 14-0 to enable them to make the regional final. All girls should be congratulated on their sportsmanship and excellent skills.

Hannah Walker and Tiana Mamacan were excellent leaders and should be congratulated on their commitment to hockey. The girls’ team comprises:

Hannah Walker, Tiana Mamacan, Jovi Pearson, Emily Sparks, Rebecca McGregor, Brooke McNeil, Bronte Dalla-Bona, Jade Clough, Renae Kelly, Tegan Berry, Jordy Baker, Sophia Schulze, Sarah Rose, Gemma Sears, Louise Taylor and Shannon Malone.

Open Boys’ Hockey also played at the Regional Knockout Final where they defeated Caringbah 1-0 in another close encounter. All boys played with skill and determination with Zac McCall finally making a great run into the circle and scoring. Well done to all boys!

Now, they will play against Sydney North at the end of this term. The boys’ team comprises:


Regional Hockey representatives are Tiana Mamacan, Zac McCall, Blake Malone, Tyson McCall, Lachlan Colquhoun and Jason Sparks.

ATHLETICS DATES
- Monday 6 June
- Zone Athletics at The Ridge
- Monday 1/Tuesday 2 August
- Regional Athletics at Sylvania Waters (note change of venue from previous years)
- Thurs 8 to Saturday 10 September
- State Athletics at Homebush

CROSS COUNTRY DATES
- Monday 16 May
- Zone Cross Country- Heathcote Oval (all age groups)
- Wednesday 15 June
- Region Cross Country- Miranda (note change of venue from previous years)
- Friday 22 July

Year 12 Graduation 2011

All applications for Kirrawee High School medals must be in by the last day of Term 2 (1 July 2011).

Application forms can be obtained from Ms Price in the Mathematics staffroom.
**SPORTS NEWS**

**Athletics Carnival**
We really lucked out with the weather with a beautiful, mild, sunny day greeting the hundreds of competitors at our annual athletics carnival. Participation was excellent with a number of novelty events being held as well as the usual track and field. Age champions were:

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The next carnivals are Zone on 6 June at The Ridge and Region on 1 and 2 August, at Sylvania Waters (not Homebush).

**Cross Country**
The school Cross Country was held in the Royal National Park on 31 March for all age groups 15 years and under. Age champions were:

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Age champions for 16, 17 and 18 years will be determined at Zone which will be held at Heathcote on 16 May.

**Representation**

**Sydney East Hockey**
Zac McCall, Tyson McCall, Blake Malone, Jason Sparks, Lachlan Collquhoun, Tiana Mamacan

**Sydney East AFL**
Alex Phillips, Aaron Hooker

**Sydney AFL**
Michael Dickson, Nick Swanson

**Sydney East Rugby League**
Ryan Willis

**Sydney East Netball**
Taylor Yankos, Lara Wood, Toni Anderson

**CHS Swimming**
Kirrawee High once again was very successful at CHS Swimming being the fifth rated school in NSW. Individual swimmers who qualified for All Schools were Michaela Campbell, Tanaz Dhondy and Joel Walker (who was also 13 Years Age Champion). Several relays and individual swimmers made finals including the 12 Years Girls’ Team pictured below. Full results can be found on the website: [http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/state/results/year_2011/nswchs/state/swimming.htm](http://www.sports.det.nsw.edu.au/state/results/year_2011/nswchs/state/swimming.htm)

At the All Schools Championships, Michaela Campbell won Gold in the 50m breastroke. All other students competed with distinction but did not win medals.

**Water Polo**
Blake Buckley made the Australian U17 Junior Mens’ Water Polo Team to tour Europe in July. Michaela Davies just returned from Hawaii with the U18 Water Polo Team. Maddison Schmid is currently training with the Australian Stingers Open Womens’ Team.

The following students from Kirrawee High were members of the Cronulla Sharks U14 teams who won the Australian Championships: Georgia Gray, Abbey Blumor, Samantha Mitchell, Pip Cooper, Kellie McAuliffe, Tom Collquhoun and Ryan Greer.

Samantha was named the tournament’s top player.

**Leader Sportstar Awards**
On 29 April the Leader Sportstar Awards featured a number of Kirrawee High students and teams. No current students won awards, but the top award of the night went to Chris McCormack who is an ex student.

Students and teams nominated were Hannah Yarwood, Jacqui Rosenweig, Claire Esdaile, Kristy Shakespeare (Gymnastics); Jessica Greenstein (Archery); Maddison Schmid (Water Polo); Brook Salzmann (Athletics); Laura Triggs (Cycling); Joel Walker (Swimming); plus the U15 Boys’ and Girls’ Water Polo Teams and U15 Girls’ Netball Team.

**Horse Riding**
Georgia Nelson (Year 10) competed with distinction in the NSW Equitation Championships in West Wyalong this week.
Boys’ Cricket

The open boys’ cricket team played its first game in the Davidson Shield Knockout competition on Monday 28 March against a highly fancied Heathcote High School.

Our boys came away with a most convincing win. This was probably the best win in quite a few years, simply because of the way the boys went about the game. KHS batted first with Nigel Garton leading the way with a swashbuckling 54 from just nine overs. We just haven’t been able to dish out that sort of punishment to an opening bowling attack over the last few years, particularly against the likes of the Heathcote opening bowler reportedly bowling around 130km per hour.

Dane Fisher, followed by Harry Chapman, Cameron Burgess, Jono Rose and Daniel Fallins, all played the perfect innings with scores in the twenties. They put together excellent partnerships with a mix of elegant shots and some not so - just ask Daniel. The boys managed 9/190 from their 40 overs. Completing the 40 overs is huge in these games and the boys did it to perfection.

Our turn to bowl and Ben ‘Afro’ Williams started the rot in his first over with a nice catch in the slips to Nick Swanson. Ben was virtually unplayable with amazing swing and cut that had the batsmen in all sorts. Cameron Burgess with a neat LBW, then Sean ‘Aussie’ Bonser got the prize wicket with a classic delivery that Glenn McGrath would have been proud of - swung both ways at the same time, knocked over all three stumps. What ya reckon, Sean? Benn Hallman pitched in with an excellent LBW which was reward for persistent spot on bowling and the game was ours.

Excellent work behind the stumps from Jono Rose and Brendan Royal, who shared the keeping; more tight bowling from Mitch Botskor; and some brilliant fielding from the likes of Cameron Burgess, Angus Dibley and Nigel ‘the gazelle’ Garton finished off a sensational day’s cricket with our boys running out winners by about 50 runs.

As always guys, a real pleasure, lots of fun, a bit of friendly sledging, some brilliant umpiring, the list goes on. Looking forward to the next game. As the great man of the cream, the beige, the white (or the off white) once said - ‘marvellous!’

Cheers!

Sydney East Region Gold Strokeplay Championship

Elliot Smith, Year 12 played in the Sydney East Region Gold Stroke Play Championships at The Coast Golf Club on Monday 7 March 2011 in which he finished fifth.

The top eight scores qualified for the Sydney East Region Matchplay Championships. Elliot won his quarter final against Jayden Cripps; won his semi final against the 2010 winner Tom Geraghty; before playing Tom Kadiev (Sydney Technology High) in the final on Monday 11 April which he won one up. Elliot was the Sydney East Region representative in the NSW Combined High Schools and NSW All Schools Matchplay Championships held at Wentworth Falls Golf Club on Thursday 5 May. He also competed in the NSW CHS and NSW All Schools Strokeplay Championship at Blackheath Golf Club on 3rd and 4th May and has been selected in the four man team to represent Sydney East at the Regional Championships at Dubbo in late June.

Elliot played in the Australian Boys’ Amateur Championship held at Carnarvon Golf Club, NSW from 13th-15th April. 156 boys from every state and territory of Australia, as well as several entrants from overseas including USA, England, Switzerland and Japan, competed in the 72 hole stroke play event. Previous winners of the event have included, Adam Scott, Jason Day, Robert Allenby and Stuart Appleby.

The top 60 scores after 36 holes qualified to play the final 36 holes on Friday 15 April. Elliot made the ‘cut’ after the first 36 holes with rounds of 74 and 78 and was tied in 34th position. He had rounds of 74 and 75 on Friday and finished 18th overall in a very strong field which included the eventual winner, Cameron Smith (aged 16 from Qld) who is the number one ranked player (junior and senior) in Australia, as well as the number two and number three ranked juniors in Australia, Jake Higginbottom, NSW (runner up) and Oliver Goss, Western Australia.

Elliot Smith Year 12
Athletics Carnival Snapshot
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