TERM 2
Wednesday 14 May 2012
Zone Cross Country at Heathcote HS
Tuesday 15 May 2012 -
Thursday 17 May 2012
NAPLAN Testing for Years 7 and 9
Monday 21 May 2012
Year 11 and 12 Parent Teacher Interviews
Monday 21 May 2012 -
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Camp Breakfree
Monday 28 May 2012
Vaccination Day Year 7
Monday 4 June 2012
Zone Athletics Carnival at Sylvania Waters
P & C Meeting 7.30pm in the Library
Thursday 5 June 2012
Combined Schools Dance Showcase at Sutherland Entertainment Centre
Thursday 7 June 2012
NSW Futsal Regional Championships 16 Boys and 16 Girls at Menai
Friday 8 June 2012
NSW Futsal Regional Championships Open Boys and Open Girls at Menai
Thursday 14 June 2012
Regional Cross Country at Miranda Park
Friday 15 June 2012
Year 10 Science and Year 12 Physics Excursion to Luna Park
Monday 18 June 2012 -
Friday 22 June 2012
Sydney Regional Dance Festival at the Seymour Centre
Monday 25 June 2012 -
Friday 29 June 2012
Year 11 Hospitality Work Placement

School Anzac Day Ceremony
A very respectful ceremony, organised by the History faculty, was held at school on 24 April 2012 to recognize Anzac Day. Mr Bruce Taylor, Treasurer of the Miranda RSL Sub Branch, during his talk mentioned that the Lone Pine seedling presented by the school to the Sub Branch last year was growing well and that application had been made to have it planted at the new memorial under construction at Seymour Shaw Park in Miranda. A plaque recognising Kirrawee High for its donation had also been proposed. 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.

Department of Education and Communities Head Office ANZAC Day Ceremony
Michael Owens was again given the honour of being selected to be the bugler at the Department of Education and Communities Head Office Anzac Day Ceremony. Michael Represented Kirrawee High and the state school students of NSW in an exemplary manner.

University of Sydney Academic Excellence Award
Ben Williams of Year 11 last week was presented with a University of Sydney Year 10 (2011) Academic Excellence Award for his academic achievements at school last year. The presentation took place at MacLaurin Hall on the Camperdown campus of the University.

P&C and School Council Meetings
Our next scheduled P&C Meeting is Thursday June 14
Road Safety
Given recent reports in the media regarding a number of road accidents near schools I would ask all parents and guardians to speak with their son or daughter regarding road safety especially when they are arriving or leaving the school. Where possible students should use the Wombat crossing in Hunter Street and be patient in crossing any road at busy times.

Flashing School Zone Lights have now been installed in Hunter Street to alert drivers when school zone times and speed limits are in operation. I would still urge drivers, especially our young drivers, to be as cautious as possible in these peak times around the school.

I also need to remind drivers that the school car park is not to be used as a drop-off or pick-up area in these peak times and that parking is limited to school staff only. Students are reminded that they are not to walk through the school car park area and must use the walkway adjacent to B Block.

I ask all to co-operate with these requests and directions so as to make our surrounding road areas as safe as we can for our students.

On-Line Parent Teacher/Booking Trial
We are trialling an on-line Parent/Teacher Evening booking system this year with the aim to make booking an interview a more streamlined process. Greg Pollard our Head Teacher – Administration is co-ordinating the process. He demonstrated the process at the P&C meeting earlier this week and elsewhere in this newsletter he has outlined the process for those parents and guardians that were unable to attend.

NAPLAN
NAPLAN testing for Years 7 and 9 will take place on 15, 16 and 17 May 2012. Mr Farmer has already issued a note to students outlining the organisational details. Please keep in mind that NAPLAN is a diagnostic test of literacy and numeracy. We use the results of NAPLAN to focus our teaching and learning programs to improve student outcomes in specifically identified areas. Any use of this data for other purposes is likely to be invalid.

Studying for Examinations and Tests
While the “It's Half Time Program” for Year 12 will take place in two weeks and will allow them to reflect on their mid-term results and plan for their ongoing assessment program it is timely for all our students to reflect on their preparation for examinations and tests.

Tests and examinations are a regular part of the school environment. It is important that examinations be kept in perspective – they are important, but not the most important thing in the world. The best advice anyone can give you regarding study is that ongoing study and revision over the year or course of study combined with intense periods of study and revision a few weeks out from the exam or test are most likely to maximise a student’s result.

There is a range of study methods and some that seem to be more successful for specific subject areas. Not all methods will usually suit a particular individual. Parents and guardians, in consultation with their son or daughter, should try to determine which study strategies, including study groups, are likely to be of most value to their learning and subject needs. If students are unsure of the range of study strategies and methods in use, they should talk with their teacher or a teacher in our Learning Centre.

While the suggestions below may seem basic, they can assist to make examinations a more valuable, worthwhile and less threatening experience for many students. Remind your son or daughter to:

1. Have all necessary material with them.
2. Have a relaxing night before their exams.
3. Read the entire paper.
4. Plan their time.
5. Jot down ideas as they come to them.
7. Never leave the room early.
8. Not spend too long on multiple choice questions if there is also essay or extended written responses required.
9. Maintain a stable energy level.

Achievements of Former Students
We recognise and congratulate the achievements of the following former Kirrawee High students:

Nick Del Din recently graduated in Law from the University of Technology and won the prestigious University Medal.

Stephen Campbell was school captain in 1974. This week he is being inducted as a Judge in the Supreme Court.

Late News
Congratulations to two of our talented students Julian Bonser and Jarrod Herrmann who were a part of the group “L’Il Banditz Krew” which was successful in winning the Final of Young Talent Time.

Bob Hollywood
Principal
Year 10 and the Stage 5 Credential and Subject Choices for 2013

As outlined in last month’s newsletter it is important that Year 10 students understand that despite the name change from School Certificate to Stage 5 Credential they need to meet all assessment requirements. The media comment that the, ‘School Certificate is gone’ is being used as an excuse by a number of students to not put the required efforts into class work and assessment tasks. It must be understood that we are submitting grades to the Board of Studies and that they will be issuing the Stage 5 Credential. Students who do not heed this message and accumulate ‘N Awards’ could find themselves ineligible to move into Year 11.

This is also an important time for Year 10 to be considering their options for subject choices for their Preliminary HSC in Year 11. This makes it all the more important to put effort into Year 10 work so that they have a clear understanding of their academic strengths.

Year 10 will select subjects for 2013 in Term 3. In the second half of Term 2, the Careers Adviser, John Olovich, will visit classes to outline the process and career options available to students. In the last week of this term the curriculum booklet will be emailed to both parents and students to allow subject choices to be considered over the holidays. On 18 July the first Wednesday of Term 3, the Information Evening for Year 10 and their parents will be held and on the next day during period 7 the line sheet will be issued. On Friday 20 July during lunch Head Teachers and senior teachers will be able to meet Year 10 students in the library to answer questions. During the two parent teacher nights that will follow (Monday 23 July and Wednesday 1 August) parents will be able to consult with teachers about subject selections and students will then submit their choices online no later than 3 August.

It is hoped that this consultation process will allow students to make informed choices. I will also be available on both parent teacher nights if you have any other questions.

Marian Matthews
Deputy Principal Curriculum

Congratulations
Well done to:
• Julian Bonser and Jarod Herrmann in winning the final of the Young Talent Time competition with the “L’ill Banditz Krew”. A very impressive performance and one well deserved.
• Clara Wedmore Von Baintner-Banati on her success in the Sydney Region Local Final of Plain English Competition.

Buses
Overcrowding of buses in the afternoons is being caused by students who do not have a bus pass. Students will not be able to get on school buses in the afternoon without owning a pass. They are now required to show the driver as they enter the bus. If your child has been catching the bus and does not have a pass please beware that they will only be allowed on if room is available and they will have to pay or alternate travel arrangements will need to be made. If your child has lost their pass please contact Mrs Clementson to organise a replacement. If you need an application to apply for a bus pass they can be obtained from the office.

Red Shield Appeal
The Red Shield Appeal is coming up soon and following our strong tradition Kirrawee High is again putting their support behind the collection. Students (and their families who are most welcome) are being asked to volunteer as collectors for the day. Kirrawee High is our central meeting point and collection areas around the school organised by the foundation are distributed to the students on the day. After completing their area, students return to the school with their collector’s package and donations. Any student (and family) wishing to volunteer are to register their interest with me. During the day I will be at the school to coordinate the collection.

Greg Munsie

REMINDER
All application forms for medals and sports awards at the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony must be submitted by 3.00pm, Friday 29 June, last day of Term 2.

No late applications will be accepted.

Ms Price
Parent Teacher Night
Parent Teacher Night Year 11 and 12
Monday 21 May — Online Bookings

For the first time, Kirrawee High School will be using an online system to book parent interviews with teachers. This system will be used for the first parent teacher night of the year for Years 11 and 12 but will also be used in Term 3 when Years 7 – 10 parent teacher interviews are held.

Parents will receive an email from Kirrawee High School (gregory.pollard@det.nsw.edu.au) with the Subject Parent Teacher Interviews. The email will contain detailed instructions / steps to follow on how to access and log into the site. Parents need to ensure that they have logged into the site and requested the interviews that they wish to have by Tuesday 15 May.

The system will be closed so that the interview times can be generated and will reopen on Friday 18 May. You will need to log into the site again to see your interview times.

If parents do not have access to the internet and wish to request Parent Teacher Interviews, they should contact the school with the following information:

- Student name and Year
- Availability on 21 May 2012 between 3.30 – 7.30pm
- Priority of order for the teachers that they wish to see
- A contact number

This information will then be entered into the system by Mr Pollard.

If there are any problems or issues then please contact Mr Pollard on the email listed above.

Greg Pollard
Head Teacher Admin

Anzac Day
On the chilly morning of Wednesday 25 April, 18 students of Kirrawee High School along with Mr Myers attended the Anzac Day Dawn Service. Along with many other youth, war veterans and families and other community members from the area, we gathered to commemorate the ANZAC soldiers of 1915 and those that have fought thereafter. The moving ceremony attracted a group of over 4000 people, highlighting the continued Australian sprit and ongoing respect for the soldiers that fought for our nation.

Zoe Barber – Year 12 SRC

Fundraising BBQ
The SRC participated in a barbeque fundraiser to raise money for the Michael Wilson appeal. The day was well organised and planned. A special mention to Mitchell Fox and Lloyd Nurthen, as this day would not have gone ahead without these two boys. We had 600 sausages to cook before lunchtime, all the SRC put in a great effort to get this done. The day was a great success and we managed to raise $1175 for the Wilson family. This cheque was then presented to the family on the 2 May 2012. The SRC were very pleased with this result.

Scott Avery – Year 11 SRC
HSC Speaking Examinations season is approaching fast and it is important that parents actively encourage students to be proactive in their approach to this challenging assessment.

Examinations, which are scheduled on Saturdays, will commence from 4 August. All Year 12 French and Japanese students should be aware of their specific date and be organised in developing and refining their preparation for this individual examination which is audio recorded on computer.

Our dedicated Languages teachers provide opportunities for practice during class time, through the Learning Centre, in lunchtimes, after school, with native speaker assistants where possible and even on Saturdays in workshops. If your child is in Year 12 please encourage them to maximise their results in this skill by working hard at preparing a portfolio about their Personal World.

Students in Year 12 studying Japanese are very fortunate to have the help of Japanese assistant teachers in individual sessions every week. We are ably assisted this term by Daiki Hirao who has been volunteering at Kirrawee for nearly two years and our new assistant, Takeshi Nishiwaki who has commenced this term. Our first ever assistant teacher, Mari Miyase was appointed by the Japan Foundation and taught at Kirrawee High in 1993 and 1994 before returning to Japan. This month we were delighted to welcome Mari back, accompanied by her two children, for a brief visit. Mari teaches Japanese in a Languages school in Tokyo and it was a treat for me to present a class with her again at Kirrawee after almost 20 years. Mari was very impressed with the advances in technology in our classroom with the Interactive Whiteboard which is still very unusual in schools in Japan.

I am always very impressed with our Kirrawee Languages students on excursions and was again delighted to get such positive feedback from the recent Year 8 French excursion. Ms Botros, Ms Hopewell, Ms Kenehan and Mr Cox were very impressed with the responsible approach shown by our Year 8 French students on their recent excursion in to a city restaurant. The staff at the Little Snail French restaurant complimented the school on the excellent behaviour of our students.

Please see the photos and student report below.

Bev Steele
Head Teacher, Languages

On Friday 4 May, French students from Year 8 travelled to Darling Harbour to a restaurant named “The Little Snail.” The students opened the doors in awe to the amazing French atmosphere and snail-themed ornaments. Bon appetit!

Many students chose the garlic snails. One by one, the students eyes widened in delight to the new found delicacy. To finish, the students chose a range of delicious desserts. There was French ice cream dressed in toffee, Mousse with strawberries and crème caramel - c’est delicieux! The service was fast and courteous and they all spoke fluent French, which encouraged us to try out our French speaking skills.

The trip was so much fun and I want to give a big thank you to the teachers that came with us from all the students who attended this wonderful experience. Merci beaucoup!

Paris Langtry 8O

Steele-Sensei and Mari-San
English

Each year, the Board of Studies publish exemplar major works from HSC English Extension 2 in an anthology, *Writers Showcase*. This year’s edition contains the one act play, *The Seven Deadly Tims* by Shontelle Fisher, a KHS 2011 Year 12 student. Only twenty major works are published each year from this high-achieving cohort, so it is a wonderful achievement. Kirrawee also has an enviable track record, having had four students previously published in *Writer’s Showcase*. Congratulations, Shonelle.

The English faculty has recently added some new texts set for class study. *The Hunger Games* and *Jarvis 24* have been purchased for Year 9 as well as a picture book version of *Macbeth*. *Hugo Caberet*, a graphic novel which has been received well by Year 8 students.

Congratulations to Clara Wedmore Von Baintner-Banati for her recent success in the Sydney Morning Herald Plain English Speaking Competition local final, held at Sydney Girls High School. Clara won her way through to the Regional Final to be held later in May. In debating the Year 11 Kirrawee team were narrowly defeated by Georges River Senior College in the first round of the *Premier’s Challenge*. Congratulations on a great effort to Nicole Shiels, Josh Park, Grace Griffith and Leah Franco.

Year 11 Advanced English have just successfully completed a study of satire, culminating in a formal speaking presentation. The quality of many of the student speeches on a satirical piece of their own choosing was commendable, showing insight and appreciation of this form.

Year 12 English generally performed well in their Mid-Year exams with many showing appropriate preparation and reasonable development of exam technique. With new study Modules begun this term, master-classes for the poetry of Yeats and Wilfred Owen have been organised during English on 16 May. The classes studying *Hamlet* will attend a performance on the evening of 20 June, which will greatly benefit their study.

Year 7 recently enjoyed discovering the different elements of poetry in a lively and engaging workshop presentation, *Poetry in Action*. Other incursions are planned for Years 8-10 later in the year.

Drama

Year 12 Drama students attended a workshop on the play, *Stolen*, which they are currently studying as part of their Australian Drama and Theatre topic. It was valuable for students to experience excerpts from the play, about the Stolen Generation, authentically presented by indigenous performers.

The Kirrawee Drama Ensemble also commences this term during Sport and includes students from Years 8, 9 and 10.

Visual Arts

YEAR 12 VISUAL ARTS STUDENTS VISIT LOCAL PROFESSIONAL ARTIST

At the beginning of April, three Year 12 Visual Arts students visited the studio of artist Alexander McKenzie. The students were Sarah Butler, Michaela Baxter and Amanda Dale who have all chosen to work in the medium of oil paint for their HSC Body of Work. Alexander McKenzie is a high profile, contemporary professional artist who works with traditional oil painting and he made himself available to talk to the students about his techniques and materials, the role of a professional artist and his studio practice.
Visual Arts continued

As an accompaniment to this they also visited the White Rabbit Contemporary Asian Gallery in Chippendale, which is a very dynamic and interesting gallery that showcases the very latest in contemporary Chinese art. The students found this to be a very stimulating and exciting visit as they were given a guided tour by the gallery education staff.

We highly recommend both these galleries to all Kirrawee families for a weekend visit. They are open all weekend and entry is free.

ART NEWS

BY MADELINE STORRIE 10VA6

Both Year 10 art classes were lucky enough to be taken to the Art Gallery of New South Wales, to visit Artexpress. Every piece of work was thought provoking. These works inspired Year 10 to strive to achieve results as conceptually strong as those we experienced. It was unfathomable to conceive that these works were completed by Year 12 students. Drawing inspiration from one extreme to the next, these Year 12 students are the futures most promising up and coming artists. Kirrawee High students now know what they must strive for.

After having lunch, we headed to the John Kaldor Collection, which included works by Andy Warhol, Christo, Yves Klein and other international artists. Thank you to our teachers, Mrs Veljanovski and Mrs Falconer for an enjoyable, influential and informative excursion.

WILLIAM WILKINS COLLECTION
ART GALLERY NEW SOUTH WALES

Blake Malone, Year 12, 2011, whose work is included in ArtExpress, has been selected to sell his work to the William Wilkins Collection. Artworks are selected from ArtExpress to go into this permanent state collection.

Blake also submitted his first painting into the 2012 Archibald Prize, with a portrait of Kay Cottee. Although unsuccessful, he then resubmitted this work into the Salon de Refuses at the Tap Gallery.

Blake Malone with his work at the Tap Gallery
Band News

The Kirrawee High Stage band once again performed at the Thredbo International Jazz and Blues Festival in March this year. This is not only significant in that no other group has been invited so many times, but they are the only school group to be asked more than once and they always draw the biggest audience of any act at the festival.

We left at lunch Friday with Rob, the bus driver who we have also had for eight years, and made the six hour trip to Thredbo. Year 12 students had exams on the next week and were all madly studying (they actually were!) and the rest of the band watched a selection of carefully chosen favourite movies of Mr Gullick.

We had our first gig in the Village Square at 10.00 am on Saturday. There was a huge crowd but it was bitterly cold and even started snowing part way through the first set. The band soldiered on regardless and received a rousing ovation at the end. The band members had free time then to listen to some of Australia’s finest musicians, or take a chairlift up to Kosciusko or study.

On Saturday night we played at the 25th Anniversary Ball where we once again received a standing ovation and even had James Valentine join us for a few numbers. Sam Jeffrey of Yr12 was even asked to join the band with all the professional musicians for the dance set later in the evening. It is the generosity and inclusiveness of so many of the musicians at these events that makes them very special occasions for our students.

After our gig on Sunday in the village square we packed up and headed back to Sydney. The band performed fabulously and were great ambassadors for both our school and public education.

For some of the band members it was a bit sad as it was their last Thredbo, but for others it was their first and we hope they can follow the fine tradition and high standard set by the members before them.

On the 1 April the Senior Stage Band did a performance with the Sydney Male Voice Choir at school in the hall. It was a real thrill to hear a really fine sounding 60 piece choir able to perform with such a different ensemble.

The band is also working towards their next tour to Cuba which is planned for January 2013. We are recording a CD at James Morrison’s studios and I am hoping to engage James with “The Idea of North” for our big fundraising concert later in the year. We’ll keep you posted.
KNOCK-OUT FOOTBALL

Under 15 Boys vs Woolooware High
Round 1 of the Bill Turner Cup

Drew 5-5 (lost 1-3 on penalties)

In one of the most astonishing games ever played at KHS, the under 15 boys were knocked out of the Bill Turner Cup in Round 1. In an action-packed game featuring 10 goals, 1 missed penalty, 2 cautions and 1 red card, the only thing that could separate the two teams was a penalty shoot-out. Stand-out performances included Ben Hunt and Rhys Leitch causing havoc up front. Dylan Larmour on debut was outstanding at stopper as was Eamon Roffe in goals. It is not often you can commend a goalkeeper for an outstanding match after conceding five, but Eamon had a match of which he can be proud. The boys will now train together in the Elite Football squad on Tuesday sport, looking forward to make up for this heart-breaking loss in 2013.

Open Boys vs. Tempe High
Round 1 of the NSW CHS Knock Out

Won 4-1
(Goal scorers: Leake 34’, Dibley 47’, Hunt 66’, Tye 69’)

The Open Boys are through to the second round after a resounding victory against Tempe High. Kirrawee controlled the match from start to finish, with only an unlucky bounce beating Nathan Campbell in goals. All players contributed well to the win, with Kieren Tye and Angus Dibley playing particularly strong matches on debut in the senior squad. The boys are looking forward to a home match in round 2 for the local derby against Gymea High.

NSW CHS SWIMMING

Kirrawee High, once again, confirmed its status as one of the strongest swimming schools in the state at the 2012 CHS swimming carnival. We picked up both individual and relay medals over the three days, undoubtedly due to the expertise and enthusiasm of the KHS Swimming Manager, Mr Scott. We would especially like to thank the parents that assisted in making phone calls on the day to help get our relay teams organise.

We would particularly like to congratulate the following students for their performances:

GOLD MEDAL - 12 YEARS GIRLS 4 x 50m RELAY TEAM
featuring Ruby Hatcher, Chiara Lucas, Madison Reynolds and Lisa Towie.

Both the Under 15’s and Open Boys team were sporting our brand new Adidas strips. A big thank you to Angela Peck from Bonafide Screen Printing for her support.
Congratulations to the following students, who were our school age champions:

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**KNOCKOUT BASEBALL**

Congratulations to the boys in the Open Baseball Team for their victory against Caringbah HS in round 3 of the CHS Knockout. After a slow start the boys came from behind to win 13-4. Thanks again to the parents for their transport and to Mrs Tsui for scoring. The boys will now progress to the regional final against either Wooloware or Engadine. If successful they will move into the final 16 in the state.

Congratulations to Zac Moran and Lachlan Wayland who were both were selected in the Combined High School Baseball Team that won the their Championship in the first week of April last term.

From this carnival, Zac was also selected in the Australian All Schools Team.

The team is:

- Yr 12 Ryan Gannon, Coen Simmons-Smith
- Yr 11 Zac Moran (c) Lachlan Wayland, Matt England, Alex Phillips
- Yr 10 Conor Gorman, Ben Hunt, Adam Sullivan
- Yr 9 Brandon Foster
- Yr 8 Ben Tsui, Callum Gorman

**PRIMARY SWIMMING CARNIVAL**

Special thanks to the following girls who assisted with time-keeping at the Sydney East Primary Swimming Carnival on 16 March. They did an outstanding job.

- Philippa Emery
- Ruby Lorinczi
- Kelly Bolton
- Bianca de Santis

- Alex Emery
- Leah Sedra
- Elissa Golding
- Chantel Rodrigues

- Lauren Fulcher
- Kayla Baker
- Juliet D’Souza
Ruby Lorinczi (Year 8) has been selected as part of the NSW State Karate Team and will compete at the National Championships in Melbourne in August. Selection has followed three successful tournaments, one of them being NSW State Championships, receiving 2 Silver medals for both Kata and Kumite in the Female Cadets (14 and 15yrs). Ruby will also compete at the Australian Open in April and the NSW Open in May.

Uniform

I would like to congratulate the vast majority of students who on a daily basis respect our Uniform Code and wear it with pride, and the parents who make it possible and support us and their children in this endeavour.

Having said that, there are still a few individuals who are wearing the “sport socks, cut off socks”. These are for sport days only. Could parents ensure their child has the appropriate white socks for daily wear.

The winter months are approaching and I remind all that the options for warmth are ONLY: the school jumper, sloppy joe and/or school tracksuit jacket. Hooded jumpers are NOT allowed and students may find themselves being asked to take them off. We have a supply of “spare” jumpers/jackets for such occasions in the PE staffroom. There are also many clean second hand items in the school uniform shop going for “bargain” prices. If finance is an issue there are many options available to assist anyone in need.

If there is a problem with uniform at any time please don’t hesitate to contact me here at school.

Jackie Rider
Uniform Coordinator
HT PDHPE Dept - Relieving

Vaccinations

The second session for Years 7 and 10 will take place on Monday 28 May in the Library.

Year 7 students only
- Huon Papillomavirus Vaccine (HPV) does 2 — GIRLS ONLY
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis booster vaccine (single dose)
- Varicella (Chicken Pox) vaccine (single dose)
- HPV and Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis vaccine catch ups

Year 10 students only
- Diphtheria/Tetanus/Pertussis catch up

Parents/Guardians who did not sign a consent card need to receive an Information Pack and return the Information Pack and consent card to the school prior to Vaccination Day 2.

IT’S HALF TIME

A motivational programme for Year 12, will take place on Wednesday 23 May. Students are invited to wear sports gear for the day and will be addressed by a motivational speaker during their normal year meeting. The programme will be continued by English teachers during periods 1 and 2 and by teachers of other subjects as suitable during the day. Teachers also will wear sports gear if the wish. The aim of the day is to analyse past performance (as if it is half time of a match), and to focus on strategies to address issues and set up fresh goals for the second half of the year.

Sparks is a programme for Year 11 students which will be run during the second half of Term 2 and the first half of Term 3. This programme helps students with all aspects of Study Skills. It is run in groups by teachers form different faculties and is run across subjects. It is a compulsory component of Year 11 preparation for their HSC year and a most beneficial one.

Elaine Balderston
Welfare
PD/H/PE

Classes are in full swing and we look forward to seeing parents in the upcoming Parent /Teacher nights to discuss your child’s progress. Students have been wearing their PE uniform with pride and with the winter months approaching we take this opportunity to remind parents the School Tracksuit is the option for warmth both in PE class time and on Sport days. If for some reason this is not possible on the day then a “note” needs to be given to the class teacher with the explanation and some other suitable clothing is to be brought to class instead ( in PE only). If your child cannot wear the “correct” Sports Uniform on a Tuesday they must wear their “normal” school uniform.

Many companies supply our school with resources for our programmes and I would like to acknowledge: Fructis, Gillette, Clearisil, Libra, Carefree and Glyde Health products for their ongoing support.

Year 7
Year 7 have settled in nicely to their PE classes and have been practicing their Track & Field events ready for the Carnival Wednesday 9th May. They will further complete units this Term on Fundamental Skills (throwing, catching, hitting, and kicking and object manipulation) and field Hockey.

In PD classes they are doing a Unit on “Improving My Health” where they look at general wellbeing (Physical, Social, Mental and Emotional Health). The assessment task involves the students designing a Newsletter or Magazine Article or a group ask Talk Show style presentation. The topic is Mental Health and specifically depression.

Mr Saunders

Year 8 News
The Fitness Units and Gymnastics are now completed and the classes enjoyed their chance to use the specialised equipment. The usual “hall restraints” saw some classes complete their Gym unit in the canteen. We commend them on their skill level. There are some extremely talented gymnasts in Year 8 including: Tahlia Anderson, Calum Gorman, Eliza Johnston, Nicolette Nyiri, Sienna Doolan, Zoe Willis, Elise Botskor, Sophie Chapman, Niklas Giezekamp, Nathan McCarthy, Nikki Theodorakis and Kayla Baker. Congratulations to these students on their efforts last term.

Year 8 are studying “Risky Business” in their theory classes. This unit of work discusses the various situations and risks children face in adolescence and equips them with the skills to meet these challenges. They study various “Drugs” including Alcohol and for their Assessment they present a 2 minute presentation to their class.

During practical lessons the students are learning Slide Hockey (played in the Hall using sticks and pucks, similar to Ice Hockey) and later in the Term is the “free choice” unit either decided by the class or the teacher as to which sport they would “like” to do.

Ms Rider

Year 9
Year 9 PD classes have commenced work on the ‘Decision, Decision’ unit. This topic discusses risk behaviour, sexual health and drug education. Some of the activities students will complete include STI research and harm minimisation tasks.

PE classes this term are continuing with Badminton, Volleyball and Lacrosse. As we move to the colder months students are encouraged to increase their participation but overall year 9 are a very energetic, enthusiastic and talented group, who enjoy being active.

Mr Williamson

Year 9 PASS
Year 9 PASS have now completed their first unit of work on Body Systems. Congratulations to all three year 9 classes on their excellent model construction. Our current unit of work is Fitness. Year 9 will participate in a
variety of test to assess their current level of fitness. Their assessment for this unit will be during Week 9.

Mrs Blanch

Year 10
Year 10 are currently completing Invasion Games practical unit and ‘Dating Dilemmas’ theory work. The Invasion games consists of a variety of sports/games such as Basketball, Hockey, Netball, Soccer, Oz tag, European handball being played each week with a focus on the attacking and defending skills and teamwork, common to all of them. The next practical Unit is Yoga where a Qualified Instructor comes into the school to take the students through the various philosophies and skills associated with this extremely popular sport. Over previous years this Unit proves to be one of our most successful and “enjoyed” units we do. Surprisingly boys and girls alike find the discipline and skills involved very challenging and beneficial in today’s demanding world.

Theory classes, once completing ‘Dating Dilemmas’ assessment task, begin studies on to Road safety. This looks at harm minimisation and the student’s roles as new drivers, passengers, pedestrians and cyclists. Later in Term 3 Yr 10 will attend the Road Safety Trauma Day at Homebush. This is run by Westmead hospital and is a most valuable safety initiative. More about that next newsletter.

Ms Rider

Year 10 PASS
Year 10 PASS classes have started the term studying “event management” in their theory lessons. This will eventually lead to a practical assessment that will ask the students to demonstrate their organisational skills by planning and implementing small competitions for their peers during practical lessons.

Both classes have recently received their results from the “Sporting Risks” unit. Students were required to complete a research assignment on rehabilitation from injury and verbally demonstrate their knowledge on how to assess a sporting injury (TOTAPS) after viewing likely scenarios.

Outstanding results were achieved by the following students: Rachel Holland, Jaime Hick, Renee Kelly and Michaela Campbell.

Mr Williamson and I have been impressed with our class’ enthusiasm and hope that our students consider studying PDHPE in their senior years.

Ms Salis
KHS students have embraced the National Year of Reading 2012 with their enthusiastic participation in the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge. To date there are 184 Year 7 to Year 9 registered in the challenge. Only 20 books are required reading by the beginning of September. All information related to this event can be found on the NSW Premier’s Reading Challenge website or contact C. Barden in the school library. (PRC Co-ordinator)

The PRC continues to go from strength to strength. It’s great to see KHS students being so enthusiastic about their reading which can only lead to greater literacy results and developing a love of reading.

C. Barden
Librarian

There are now some 980 laptops at Kirrawee High School. They are being utilised by both teachers and students over a wide range of subjects and are very useful as a learning tool.

It is vital that students remember it is their responsibility to back up any important schoolwork on a regular basis, preferably to an external storage device such as a USB. We would appreciate it if parents could assist by ensuring their son/daughter keep backup copies of their work to avoid any problems in the event their laptop has an issue. Every student is also responsible to ensure that their laptop is fully charged and operational at the start of each day.

The current cost for Out of Warranty repairs as a result of customer induced damage is $249.00, based on the DEC policy and DER authorised repair agent. If a laptop is damaged under these circumstances then the school expects the person or persons responsible to pay for the repair costs. Many students do not have a suitable school bag or protective cover for their laptop and this can result in the laptop being damaged.

If there are any issues or questions regarding a DER laptop then this should be brought to Ms Parton’s attention as soon as possible.

Christine Parton
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11am Tuesday 26th June 2012
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Cnr Hotham Rd and Kingsway
Gymea

Inquiries: Course Information Tel: 9710 5812
or Patricia or Jean Tel: 9710 5004

Kirrawee High School 30th Year Reunion—Year 10
Class of 1982
Saturday 29 September, 2012
Gymea hotel—time 6.00pm onwards
Please RSVP by Saturday 22 September, 2012
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Free Graduated Licensing Scheme Workshops for Learner Driver Parents in the Sutherland Shire

Young drivers are three times more likely to be involved in casualty crashes. That’s why the Roads and Maritime Services has introduced a new licensing scheme, with more supervised driving practice for learner drivers.

To help parents in supervising learner drivers, the Roads and Maritime Services has set up a FREE 2 hour workshop for parents that offers practical advice on how to help learner drivers become safer drivers.

A FREE parents’ workshop will be conducted by David Riches and hosted by Sutherland Shire Council on:

Wednesday June 6th at Sutherland Shire Council Offices in Eton Street from 7.00 pm – 9.00 pm.

Early bookings are essential, by phoning Council on 9710 0341 now to reserve your place, or email mstuart@ssc.nsw.gov.au

Mark Stuart
Road Safety Officer
Sutherland Shire Council
PO Box 17 Sutherland 1499 Australia

Dyslexia Support Group

Do you have a child with Dyslexia?

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

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

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