**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS**

**September 2013**

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**Monday 16 September**
SRC Induction

**Wednesday 18 September**
Year 11 Clearance Day
Year 12 Picnic Day at Jamberoo

**Thursday 19 September**
Year 12 Graduation

**Friday 20 September**
Last Day Term 3

**Monday 23 September**
Friday 4 October
Schooly Holidays

**Monday 7 October**
Public Holiday

**Tuesday 8 October**
Students return to school

**Monday 14 October**
Tuesday 5 November
HSC Examinations

**Monday 21 October**
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the Library

**Tuesday 29 October**
School Council Meeting 7.30pm in the Conference Room

**Wednesday 6 November**
Year 12 Clearance Day
Students depart for Komae High School Visit Japan
Year 7 (2014) Parent Information Evening 7.30pm

**Friday 8 November**
Year 11 Presentation Day

**Tuesday 12 November**
Uniform Shop Selling Night

**Wednesday 13 November**
Year 8 ESSA Test

**Monday 18 November**
P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the Library

**Sunday 24 November**
Students return from Komae High School visit Japan

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**Year 12**
On behalf of all at KHS I would like to wish our Year 12 students all the best for their upcoming HSC examinations and post school life. We are very proud of your achievements and know you will all make positive contributions throughout your life to our society.

**KHS Teacher Wins NSW Premiers Scholarship**
Mr Robert Lawson our Head Teacher – TAS has been selected as a recipient for one of the prestigious NSW Premiers Teacher Scholarships. The Premiers Commonwealth Bank Vocational Education Teacher Scholarship was awarded to Robert by the Premier of NSW two weeks ago at a formal ceremony held at Government House Sydney. The scholarship is worth $15,000 and Robert will travel to Switzerland and the UK in 2014 for four weeks to research VET and will be investigating how their qualification is being delivered as well as how it articulates to further education and/or employment. We are looking forward to hearing the results of his findings and how this can better inform VET implementation in NSW schools.

**Student Laptops**
Students currently enrolled in Year 10 and 11 will use the laptop issued to them until they complete the HSC and at that time they will have the option to retain the laptop. Students enrolled in Year 9 2013, have been issued with laptops that will at the end of Year 12 remain the property of the school.

At the end of this year the Federal Government funding of the Digital Education Revolution (DER) will stop. In response to this situation the Kirrawee High Technology Team is conducting surveys of teachers, parents and students to plan the best way forward.

The NSW Department of Education and Communities advocates a Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) Policy which will make parents responsible for the purchase of a device/laptop. The school will need to set minimum specifications to allow the devices to operate and connect to the existing school wireless network. Please do not purchase a device for school until our policy and device specifications have been set.

We will implement the BYOD Policy for Year 9 2014 and after considering...
feedback from stakeholders we will develop an appropriate policy specific to KHS with the possibility of extending this to Years 7 and 8.

Our discussion has centred on the need for equity and a pool of laptops will be available for those unable to purchase their own device due to financial hardship.

Open Girls Soccer Win the CHS State Title

Our Open Girls Soccer team is the 2013 CHS State Title holders after a comprehensive 3 – 0 victory over Bathurst High School. Our girls kept the pressure on the Bathurst High team at all times throughout the game with outstanding performances across the park being too much for the opposition to handle. A terrific feature of the girls win was the way they held their composure when late in the game, Bathurst through frustration, employed some rough-house tactics. If anything this only hardened our girls resolve and we just kept on attacking and defending in a most impressive manner.

Superbly coached and prepared by Ms Georgie Sites saw a finals game plan that nullified all of Bathurst High’s pet plays and allowed our girls to employ an attacking approach which started from our goalkeeper and continued to steam forward through our defenders, midfield and on to our attackers.

A much deserved win and state title. Also congratulations to Beth Whitaker who was named player of the final by the CHS panel.

It should be noted that this is now Kirrawee High’s fourth CHS State Title in 2013. Our soccer girls join our boys and girls water polo and boys’ cricket teams as winners and now with our Open Boys Baseball team through to the state CHS final next week we may see an unprecedented situation in CHS sport where a comprehensive high school wins five CHS state titles in the one year.

Sport Code of Conduct

We have high expectations of our students and supporters at sporting events involving our school. I would like to remind everyone that we are bound by the Sydney East School Sports Association’s Code of Conduct which I have reproduced below for your information.

Code of Behaviour

PLAYERS’ CODE

• Play for the fun of it.

• Play by the rules and always abide by the decisions of officials.

• Control your temper. Make no criticism either by word or gesture. Deliberately distracting or provoking an opponent is not acceptable or permitted in any sport.

• Work equally hard for yourself and your team. Your team’s performance will benefit and so will your own.

• Be willing to train and prepare for the game or competition. Preparation helps prevent injury and increases the level of enjoyment.

• Play only when you are fully fit. To play with injury will handicap your team, and may expose you to the risk of further and more serious injury.

• Be a good sport. Applaud the good play of your team mates and that of your opponents.

• At all times cooperate with your coach, team mates and opponents, for without them you do not have a competition.

• Remember the goals of the game are to have fun and improve your skills. Be modest in success and generous in defeat.

PARENT’S CODE

• Encourage your child to always play by the rules.

• If children are interested in sport, encourage them to participate. Refrain from forcing an unwilling child to participate.

• Remember that children participate in organised school sports for their enjoyment and fulfilment, not yours.

• Teach your child that honest effort is as important as winning so that the result of each game is accepted without undue disappointment.

• Encourage your child to work towards skill improvement. Never ridicule your child for making a mistake or losing a competition.

• Always encourage the principle of good sportsmanship.

• Children learn best by example. Applaud good play by all individuals and all teams.

• Do not publicly question the official’s judgment and never their honesty.

• Appreciate the contribution and commitment of teachers in coaching positions. They give their time and resources to provide sporting activities for your child and deserve your support.

• Have realistic expectations for your child and her or his team. Do not expect more than they can give.

• Support all efforts to remove verbal and physical abuse from sporting activities. Condemn the use of violence in any form.

Bob Hollywood
Principal
Parents HSC 2013

Congratulations you made it! After graduation formal education ends and they are all yours. We will be opening the library on Saturday 12 and 19 October to provide the opportunity for last minute help, and during the week prior to the HSC and the month of examinations the Learning Centre will be open only for Year 12. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be available and, more importantly, staff will be there during the times when lessons would normally be scheduled. It is vital that Year 12 establish a routine of study that includes practise of past papers. So your job is to encourage them to avail themselves of every opportunity to build their confidence for the exams.

If during the HSC a student is unwell, it is vital that you make contact with me. HSC exams cannot be re-scheduled and it will be important to provide medical documentation to support an Illness/Misadventure Application. If a student is unwell, but intends to still sit the exam, I will need to inform the supervisor, because they need to write up their observations during the exam.

Please check that only an online printed personal examination schedule is used and that you have a copy to provide a double check. Late arrival to an exam means a student will get less time. If there is major traffic gridlock or a serious problem with the trains then we can apply to the Board of Studies for a ruling, but a missed a train will not be given any consideration. The time for the start of an exam is exactly that, the time to start writing, not the time to walk into the hall.

I can guarantee you will survive the last hurdle even though at times you will doubt it. The first exams are always the worst in terms of stress, but as they get used to them and see them as just another exam, your stress and theirs will lessen.

Remember, that to avoid a late fee students must have completed, paid for and submitted their UAC Application by midnight on Friday 27 September. If you have not been asked for your credit card to pay the $28 fee, I would take it as a sign that the application has not been lodged. Everyone should have picked up a UAC Guide by now and on page 41 it explains the dates by which preferences can be changed, so the excuse that students are not sure what preferences to make is not an issue. They can complete the application and make changes later.

You will survive, but if issues arise please email me or ring the school.

Marian Matthews

Parents Year 12 HSC 2014

As Year 11 students become Year 12 students your stress levels are about to increase along with theirs. Students must satisfy all the requirements of the Preliminary Course before they are able to commence Year 12. If your child has not met academic requirements to date, or fails to complete Crossroads or SPARKS, they will not be given an authority to commence Year 12 classes.

The first day of Term 4 is a public holiday and all Year 11 students must attend an early morning meeting on the Tuesday at 8.15 to get the Authority to Commence Year 12 Card. Even if a student is dropping a subject they will need to attend the first lesson to collect their examination papers.

Attendance at school is, and always will be, a key factor in student performance. As your student enters the crucial HSC year we are putting in place measures to make them accountable for attendance and lateness. Many students pride themselves on their record of perfect attendance and this system will give them a formal record. As of next term, whole day absences, either justified or unjustified, and partial absences will be noted on school reports. This means that employers and universities assessing applications for selective entry, early entry and scholarships will have this information.

To clarify, the following would not be deemed an absence:

1. If a student represents the school in sport and has followed the correct procedures, the absence is recorded in our system as ‘school business’ and, as such, will not be considered an absence on reports.

2. If a student is asked to referee for or perform at another school, and the correct permission is sought by an official application from that school directly to us, then that absence will be deemed ‘school business’ and not an absence.

3. If you plan a holiday and you apply for an Exemption from School under Section 25 of the Education Act 1990 this will not appear on the report as an absence. Application forms can be picked up from the office. The system on which we register your application needs the submission 7 days prior to the leave and will not accept retrospective applications.

All absences from school need to be explained. In the case of long term illness the school will validate a medical report for an application for employment, early or selective entry for university, and scholarship applications.

We have had a blitz on lateness but still too many students believe it is acceptable to arrive late for early morning classes and not make it to their early morning meetings. The consequence from next term will be that it appears on school reports. A record of poor attendance and lateness will also impact on school references.

If you have any concerns as your student starts the HSC Year please contact me.

Marian Matthews
Term 3 has been jam packed with great language learning opportunities for our students. Teachers and students alike have been very busy ensuring that all the enriching programs were a success.

Our Year 12 students and their teachers have been working hard to refine and strengthen their skills for the HSC Examinations. All of our Year 12 students were able to work one on one with a variety of teachers and assistants and participate in speaking workshops in the lead up to the practical HSC speaking examinations which took place in August. A special thank you to Mr Wile and Mrs Steele for their efforts in the French and Japanese speaking workshops. We feel that all students should feel confident in their achievements and wish them all the best in the upcoming HSC written paper and every success for their future.

Mr Simpson organised the 23rd annual visit to Kirrawee from Komae in August. This year 24 Japanese students and two teachers made up the dynamic group. Saito sensei regaled the Year 8 classes with his amazing, ninja-like skills. Apparently his push ups and strength were incredible. No Year 8 boy could even come close in the push up competition.

The Kirrawee- Komae sister school program is an invaluable program that is made possible through the support of the all students, parents and teachers that readily volunteer to be a part of the program. We would like to thank all the students who hosted, and their families, for making the Komae students stay a memorable experience.

Please read the article below by Tegan Berry and Lisa Inglese.

Emma Quan
Head Teacher Languages

The time had eventually come to host the much awaited Komae HS, (our sister school in Tokyo) students on August 7. It seemed like we had been waiting forever to host, well since Year 7, but the time flew in the matter of a week and a bit.

During the course of their stay they participated in special classes put on by the KHS staff. Some of these classes included music, art, drama, PE and cooking. All of the Komae students thoroughly enjoyed their experience at Kirrawee High. However the highlight for all Kirrawee students (not just those hosting) was Culture Day. Culture Day was held during lunch, on the Komae students’ second last day at Kirrawee High, showcasing the essence of Japanese culture through musical pieces, dances and calligraphy. Komae students demonstrated and involved Kirrawee students in a variety of Japanese games and origami.

Some of the activities that the Komae students did with their host families included going to Symbio Wildlife Park, sightseeing in either Sydney or just the Sutherland Shire while doing lots (and lots) of shopping. Some unusual faces were pulled also when they were dared to eat vegemite. It was very clear to see that many of the Kirrawee and Komae students were exhausted from their jam-packed weekends.

By the end of their stay nobody wanted to go back to Japan. They wanted to stay in Australia with their host families. At the airport there were many tears with photos being taken left, right and centre. As the Komae students and teachers disappeared through the Departures gate, we made certain not to say “good bye” but rather “see you soon”. November will be upon us before we know it, we can’t wait.

Tegan Berry and Lisa Inglese (Year 10).
KASUMIGAURA VISIT

Mrs Potter and her 8L Japanese class organised a very successful one day visit for students from Kasumigaura City. Please read the article by Bianca Nikolovski and Emily Whittingstall.

On Monday August 26, 2013, Kirrawee High had some special guests visit from Kasumigaura School in Ibaraki, Japan.

The students from Kasumigaura and the students of class 8L were paired up and involved in many fun activities throughout the day. One of the most memorable activities was showing the Kasumigaura students around Kirrawee High. They got to see how schooling in Japan is different from schooling in Australia. We got to show them our Japanese classrooms and our Japanese Tanken Centre which they liked because they really wanted to see how we learn Japanese and what we do.

The main activity of the day was our bushwalk through the National Park. We got to see many Australian plants and flowers and take our group photo along the way at the lookout.

It was so much fun and definitely allowed us to develop friendships with our Kasumigaura buddies. Towards the end of the bushwalk everyone was exhausted and hungry, but back at school waiting were hot pizzas and ice blocks for our lunch. YUM. Throughout lunch we got to show the students how to play handball and even play some guitar in the music rooms. Near the end of the day, the Kasumigaura students entertained us with their singing and we got to give them bookmarks with our pictures and messages on them so that they would remember us when they get back to Japan.

After this it was unfortunately time to say goodbye to our fellow Kasumigaura students, which was sad because everyone has formed friendships with their buddies. However, it was an amazing day and a great experience. Every single one of us had an awesome day.

Bianca Nikolovski and Emily Whittingstall 8L

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Year 12 Post School Information

Students completing their HSC and wanting to undertake further study or training need to apply for university and TAFE courses online.

On time university applications, through UAC, close on September 27.

Tafe courses are now available for either applications or enrolments. Visit TAFENSW.edu.au for details.

Students are welcome to see Mr Olovich, Careers Advisor, for any clarifications or assistance.
Lots of news from the Science Department this month.

**Excursions**

We have had a number of successful excursions with selected Year 10 students attending Science in the City, and Year 8 celebrated Science Week with a visit from a group who performed “Rock me Galileo”. Thanks to Mr Dixon and the Year 8 teachers for organising a great afternoon and Ms Patmore and Mrs Furness for supporting Year 10. Year 10 students will have more opportunities in November to visit the University of Technology, Sydney, to undertake some university style workshops in Physics, Chemistry and Biology. These workshops will be available to students who have selected a Year 11 Science subject.

**New Curriculum**

The writing of the new curriculum is underway. We have decided to use the ‘Science By Doing’ Program developed by the Australian Academy of Science to support the implementation of the National curriculum which underpins the NSW Board of Studies curriculum. Sample units can be viewed at [http://www.sciencebydoing.edu.au/](http://www.sciencebydoing.edu.au/). Science teachers will be participating in professional development based on the units during October. Even the PD sessions are experimental. We are very excited about introducing these innovative and engaging units after trialling the “Enough water to drink?” in Year 7 this year.

Last year we won a grant from the STELR program to introduce a hands-on renewable energy program based on the 5e’s method of instruction. The 5e’s method of instruction encourages student enquiry and underpins the teaching of the new syllabus in 2014. Staff are undertaking a series of professional development activities to improve their skills in using this new teaching methodology. By the end of Term 3 all Year 9 students will have completed the unit and with it their independent research project for Year 9. Thank you to Dr Beyer and the Year 9 teachers for their work in implementing this new program. Stay tuned for the extension work on the Solar Car program. We gained a grant for this program this year which has led to an additional $4000 worth of teaching and learning equipment for the Science Department. The Solar Car program is sponsored by ATSE (Academy of Technological Sciences and Engineering) and API (Australian Power Institute).

**Year 10 ESSA Trial**

Year 10 are participating in the state-wide trial of the Essential Secondary Science Assessment. The ESSA test has been used in Year 8 for several years. Students will complete the online test which will provide them with an A-E grade and information regarding their progress since Year 8. The data is more diagnostic in areas of strength and weaknesses. Thank you to Mr McKay for his efforts.

Year 8 ESSA will be held in November. Materials to support students have been placed in the Year 8 Revision folder on Moodle. Teacher marking guides are also supplied but are a little heavy going for students. Teachers will be going through examples of the longer written responses in class prior to the tests.

**Success at the Rio Tinto Big Science Competition**

The Big Science Competition is held Australia wide. This year 45,576 students entered from 585 schools across Australia. At Kirrawee High School it is voluntary to participate in this competition and of the 19 students who did participate 3 gained high distinctions, 3 distinctions, and 8 credits. So, over 70% of participants at this school gained an award. Again thanks to Mr McKay for organising this event.

**High Distinction**

Michael Roffe - Yr 7
Gibson Cansell - Year 8
Anna Zavodja - yr 9

**Distinction**

Joel McKay - Yr 8
Rachel Scarra - Yr 9
Rachel Syme – Yr 10

**Credits:**

Shriyans Vallam - Yr 7
Holly Burns - Yr 10
Annaliese Hogan - Yr 10
Joel Kristenson - Yr 10

Denver Gannon - Yr 8
Kathleen Craine - Yr 10
Danae Kefallinou - Yr 10
Caitlin Scarff - Yr 10

Congratulations to all the students who participated and hopefully next year we can have even more students involved.

**Narelle Johnston**

Head of Science
SOCIAL SCIENCE

Legal Aid Guest speaker on ‘Young People and the Criminal Law’ to Year 11 Legal Studies

A solicitor from Legal Aid visited our Year 11 Legal Studies classes to inform us of our legal rights. First-hand information was given about how the legal system relates to young people. We are now a lot wiser and knowledgeable in this area. For example, we were taught what to do when approached by the police and what could happen if we were arrested. A popular topic of discussion was about noise at parties and if police have the right to enter a house without a warrant!!!!!!

We were given an overview of the role of a Legal Aid solicitor and the tertiary qualifications needed to become a lawyer.

Though time was limited, we thoroughly enjoyed the lecture and look forward to the solicitor’s return in Term 4 when we start our Year 12 Crime topic on ‘Young Offenders.’

By Dylan Kable, Kyle Gray and Emma Brunker.

2013 ASX Schools Sharemarket Game

Year 9 Commerce and Year 11 Economics students were given the opportunity to participate in the 2013 ASX Schools Sharemarket Game, sponsored by Citi Bank. Each syndicate, comprising a maximum of 4 students, was given a hypothetical $50 000 to buy and sell shares in 150 selected companies on the ASX. Students experienced real life conditions such as brokerage charges, minimum market parcel trades, bonus shares and the issue of dividends.

The Kirrawee High teams that made a capital gain on their $50 000 investment were thrilled at their success. Daniel Suthers, a recent Year 9 leaver, triumphed in first place from the Kirrawee High syndicate entries. He attained 207th position out of 5,854 NSW syndicates and 649th place out of 17,807 national entries. A most impressive achievement!

Lewis Cullen, James Sabbagh, Brandon Taylor and Ryan Williams attained second place from the Year 9 Commerce entries. They achieved 335th position out of 5,854 NSW syndicates and 779th place from 17,807 national entries. Each of the boys enjoyed their winnings of a Merit Certificate and block of chocolate.

Daniel Haddock achieved top position from the Year 11 syndicates with 994th ranking from 5,854 NSW entries and 2 990th place from 17,807 national groups.

All students gained valuable insight into the opportunities and risks involved in trading shares. The students have recently been registered in the second ASX competition for the year. I am confident all students are well prepared for the challenge and anticipate some budding millionaires of the future.

Year 11 Economics Financial Institutions Excursion

Recently Year 11 Economics students attended an excursion to the Australian Securities Exchange and the Reserve Bank of Australia. This complemented their research on the types of available investments and their application of trading shares in the ASX Schools Sharemarket Game. Students were fascinated by the release of financial information on the ground floor of the Exchange Centre and the number of stockbrokers and interested members of the general public who dropped in to view share price movements.

An officer from the RBA Notes Security Issue Department presented a most interesting, interactive discussion workshop on how Australian banknotes are produced and their security features. All students enjoyed the opportunity to check whether the notes they possessed got the seal of approval or whether they were counterfeit. The RBA Education officer gave an overview of the central bank’s main functions and the framework for monetary policy. Many students quizzed the officer on university courses that would be suitable in gaining a career with the RBA. The potential to earn a high income appealed to all!

The students were given the chance to view the Museum which displayed old notes and coins from Federation to today.

Christine Doherty
Head Teacher Social Science

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RSA Excursion

On Tuesday 3 September, 30 Hospitality and other Year 12 students successfully completed their Responsible Service of Alcohol certificates at Ultimo TAFE. The course included a 3 course lunch at the Apprentice Restaurant and will assist students to gain employment in the hospitality industry.

Mrs McKenzie-Hicks & Mrs Treacy

Sutherland BEN VET Excellence Awards

Congratulations to the following VET students who were nominated by their teachers for commitment and application to various vocational courses:

Hospitality: Samantha McGrath and Ricquelle Miller
Construction: Jack Stott and Gymea TAFE TVET, Ashley Norman

These four students attended a breakfast awards ceremony at Sutherland United Servicemen’s Club and received a trophy and certificate from Sutherland BEN.

Kellie McKenzie-Hicks VET Coordinator

ROAD SAFETY TRAUMA DAY

Year 10 recently attended the Youth and Road Trauma Forum, a road safety and injury prevention program held at Allphones Arena, Sydney Olympic Park.

The Forum provided students who are most at risk a realistic look at the trauma caused by road crashes, and gave us information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious injuries and deaths. The Forum’s content and structure aimed to treat young people as adults, allowing them freedom to choose from a range of interactive exhibits.

The day included an exciting combination of demonstrations, crash dynamics and rescue, vehicle stopping distances and active exhibits. The forum included displays relating to youth trauma and safety from a range of health and safety services.

The aim of the day was to help young people make decisions that reduce their risk of being involved in a motor vehicle crash.

Around 14000 students from 138 high schools attended the event, and we all left with a new perspective on road safety. The excursion educated us about the importance of keeping an appropriate attitude when on the road. This left us thinking that we are responsible for the consequences of our behaviour.

Alana Brierley- Year 10
Congratulations to our Year 12 Visual Arts and Music students on completing their HSC courses.

They have worked enthusiastically all year and we wish them all the very best for the HSC exams next term.

Our students have been very creative, producing major practical works, both in Music and Visual Arts, that have demonstrated skill, talent and imagination.

We look forward to showcasing their talent next term at our annual Visual Arts Exhibition, and at the various presentation assemblies to be held in Term 4.

A big thank you to all the Year 12 teachers this year, for their hard work and commitment. They always aim to ensure our students achieved the best possible outcomes.

Thanks must also go to the parents and carers for their support and patience over the last year, it was very much appreciated.

Good Luck Year 12!

Head Teacher
M. Veljanovski
Open Girls Soccer

It is with great pleasure I can announce that for the first time ever, Kirrawee High has Soccer State Champions!!!

The Open Girl’s Team has been made up of students from all years, reflecting the huge depth of talent we are fortunate enough to have. This year’s team has also been much more fluid, with several key places suffering injuries, going on exchange or holidays and players coming in to fill the positions.

The team was made up of Year 12 players Erin Hitches (Captain), Bronte Eather (Goalie and part-time forward) and defenders Bree Malivindi, Sarah Beckinsale and Taryn Carson. The Year 11 contingent included Aleisha Oberg, Samantha Garret and Cody Dunn, along with Taylah Bisshopp who was selected in the Sydney East Squad and Jordan Baker, who not only earned herself a spot in the Sydney East and NSW School Girls side, but also was selected in the U-19 Australian School Girls Squad.

From Year 10 we had Megan Dibley, Sienna Pigna, Brodie Schrueder and Emma Southwell, whilst Phoebe Hick was the sole Year 9 representative. Revealing the vast depth of talent across the school, we had 3 players from Year 8 Roisin Collier, Jessica Graham and Beth Whitaker. Chelsea Hendra from Year 7 joined us late, but well and truly earned her place in the squad.

The strength of the team became evident very early on with the first and second games won 8-1 and 11-1 respectively against Lucas Heights and Blackwattle Bay Senior School. Round 3 was against Menai High, with the girls pulling off a 6-1 win, while at the Sydney East Finals we managed a 6-0 victory.

From here the girls, the parents and I headed off on the 750km return trip to Cootamundra for the regional round. Here the girls faced their toughest match yet with Cootamundra pushing them all the way. Nevertheless the superior teamwork of our girls enabled a 7-1 win. This trip also proved to be a milestone for Captain Erin Hitches as she, along with her team mates, celebrated her 18th birthday.

This led us to the quarter-finals against Bass High at the Ridge. This game gave Mr Mitchell some mixed emotions as Bass was his previous school, and caused some anxious moments for an un-named player who left her soccer boots in the change rooms back at school.

The semi-final was by far the most nerve-racking game, particularly for the members of the 2012 team who were anxious to make it into the final round. It was also our closet game, due in large part to Jordan Baker being out with injury. The strength of the team however was evident and this along with Bronte Eather’s skills as goalie, and some fantastic singing from the Homebush Boys’ school helped the girls gain the 2-1 victory to take them through to the Final.

The elation of reaching the State Final was evident, particularly amongst the Year 12’s and a great sense of school spirit was felt by the girls and myself. On the day of the game, despite lots of nerves, the girls composed themselves well and drew a great deal of strength from the 300-odd supporters.

It took them a while to find their feet, but they soon demonstrated the skill and teamwork that had led them to this stage. The girls pulled off a spectacular 3-0 victory with Beth Whitaker being named Player of the Final.

I would like to take the opportunity to thank both the staff and parents for their support, not only in providing transport, but also giving constant encouragement to the girls. I would also like to wish the retiring Year 12’s the best of luck in their post-school endeavours. The leadership, guidance, teamwork and encouragement that they showed throughout the year has been second to none.

Thanks!
Georgie Sites
OZTAG Regional Championships

On Wednesday 4 September, Kirrawee High participated in the Sutherland Shire OZ-Tag challenge at Cronulla. We enter 6 teams, 1 team in each division, and they performed outstandingly throughout the competition. All students represented Kirrawee High with great pride and all players are to be congratulated on the efforts throughout the day. Overall, we had 2 teams win their division, 2 teams narrowly defeated in the grand final and 2 other teams defeated in the quarters and semi finals. An outstanding performance for the number of teams entered. Look forward to more success in 2014.

Results:

Year 7/8 Boys- CHAMPIONS! (Defeated Port Hacking 4-0 in the Grand Final)

Year 7/8 Girls- RUNNERS UP (Defeated by Woolooware in the Grand Final)

Year 9/10 Boys- QUARTER FINALISTS (Drew Port Hacking 1-1 in the Quarter Final but eliminated on count back)

Year 9/10 Girls- SEMI FINALISTS (Drew Port Hacking 3-3 in the Semi Final but eliminated on count back)

Year 11/12 Boys- RUNNERS UP! (Defeated by Sylvania in the Grand Final)

Year 11/12 Girls- CHAMPIONS!! (Defeated Sylvania in the Grand Final)
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**NSWCHS Athletics**

Combined High Schools Athletics Championships September 5 - 7.

Thirty Kirrawee HS students competed at The CHS Athletics Carnival at Olympic Park in September, including 5 relay teams.

Our team was recognised at the recent recognition assembly for their placings at the Sydney East Regional Carnival which gained them selection into the Sydney East team to compete at the CHS carnival.

**Our Individual Competitors were:**

- **12 Girls 100m**
  - Zoe Louison-Roe

- **13 Girls Shot**
  - Lisa Towie

- **13 girls 100m and 200m & Long Jump**
  - Tahlia Fisher

- **13 Boys Long Jump**
  - Christopher Hatzimihali

- **14 Boys High Jump**
  - Harrison Brierley

- **15 Boys 3000m**
  - Daniel Watchorn

- **15 Boys 800m**
  - Luke Delaney

- **16 Girls 400m and 800m**
  - Lace Temana

- **17 Girls 100m**
  - Bree Herrmann

- **17 Boys Javelin**
  - Jayden Vandenburg

- **17 Boys 400m Hurdles**
  - Nicholas Fox

- **17 Girls Long Jump, High Jump & 100m Hurdles**
  - Toni Anderson

Other Students who placed at the regional carnival but did not compete at the CHS due to injury or other commitments were:

- Kurt Picken 100m, 200m, 800m, high jump, Long Jump and Relay
- Liam Thomas 1500m

Our Relay teams competing at the CHS were:

**12 Boys Relay**

- Reece Koskinas
- Shriyans Vallam
- Callum Talbot
- William Johnson

**12 Girls Relay**

- Bronte Rams
- Victoria Smith
- Grace Roddy
- Zoe Louison-Roe

**14 Girls relay**

- Brooke Salzmann
- Hannah Lloyd
- Maria Vais
- Monique Wood

**15 Girls relay**

- Brooke Dobeson
- Molly Black
- Phoebe Hick
- Tia Jones

**17 Boys relay**

- Mitchell Fox,
  - Pat McLaughlin,
  - Michael Khoury
  - Jayden Vandenburg

Congratulations to all KHS outstanding athletes on their selection into the Sydney East Team. The results from the CHS carnival include 3 Bronze medals and many athletes and teams finishing top 10 in the State.

**Congratulations to**

Toni Anderson Year 11 for her Bronze Medals in the Long Jump and 100m Hurdles and our talented Year 7 12 Girls Relay Team for winning the Bronze Medal.

All our relay teams were provided expert coaching from Mrs Karen Herrmann. We thank Mrs Herrmann for all her work with the 5 teams and support she provided to the teams on the day of the carnival.

**All top 10 placings include**

- **3rd 17 100m Hurdles**
  - Toni Anderson

- **3rd 17 Long Jump**
  - Toni Anderson

- **3rd 12 Girls Relay**
  - Toni Anderson

- **4th 16 800m**
  - Lace Temana

- **4th 16 400m**
  - Lace Temana

- **4th 14 High Jump**
  - Harrison Brierley

- **4th 17 400m Hurdles**
  - Nicholas Fox

- **4th 17 High Jump**
  - Toni Anderson

- **6th 13 Long Jump**
  - Christopher Hatzimihali

- **7th 14 Girls Relay**
  - Zoe Louison-Roe

**Boys Hockey**

The boys hockey team was very successful this year as they made it to the last 16 in the state.

This meant we had a road trip to Tamworth to play Oxley High School. The game was a tough battle between two strong, mostly senior, teams and Kirrawee did very well to hold them until the last 10 minutes where Oxley were able to have the upper hand.

The outstanding players for the match were Adam Sullivan, Jason Sparks and James Murray-Prior.
Thank you must go to all the parents who drove all the way to Tamworth and Mr Scott for umpiring the game.

A special thank you to Matt Zuber for being our goalie, as we would not have been able to make it this far without a great goalie. Hope to see you all back next year so we can make it to the finals of the state again.

Mrs Baxter

NSWCHS Softball

Congratulations to Ben Tsui of Year 9 who was part of the Sydney East Softball Team that finished 3rd at the recent State Carnival in Newcastle. The Sydney East coach made a point of contacting the school commending Ben for not only his sporting abilities but his outstanding conduct on and off the diamond, stating he was “a credit to Kirrawee High”.

NSW All-School Baseball

Congratulations to Lachlan Wayland and Zac Moran on their selection in the NSW All Schools Baseball team that won the National Titles held in Geelong, Victoria. The National Titles were held way back in May, so sincere apologies for the severely late recognition of these boys.

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

Kyokushin Karate Tournament

Aaron Schulze of Year 8 competed in the Kyokushin Karate Tournament on Sunday 25 August 2103 at Gymea Trade Union Club and won.

Aaron won the Australian National Title in his age group division of 14-15 years. This sport involves full body contact sparring.

Congratulations Aaron!
WELFARE

Department Of Education and Communities Health Survey
Kirrawee High School has been selected to participate in a mental health research project being undertaken by the NSW Commission for Children and Young People and the NSW Mental Health Commission. Forty students across years 9&10 will be randomly selected to complete a 20 minute online survey.

“Supporting Your Friends” is investigating NSW schools students’ mental health first aid actions. Young people are often the first to know when their friends or peers are experiencing a mental health problem. On the other hand, young people are often reluctant to seek help from adults or professionals in these situations.

The research will explore supports and barriers to young people accessing assistance. The results of the study will be used to inform decisions about new strategic directions for mental health services and supports for children and young people.

YEAR 12 RUN FOR THE LINE
As Year 12 have now finished their final school exams and fulfilled assessment requirements they need to aim for the best possible examination performance. It is really important that they remember their final mark is impacted significantly by their performance in the HSC exams.

Many students find it hard at this time to maintain momentum and to gear up for the “final race.” They have undertaken the Run for the Line Program this term as a means of combating lethargy and spurring them on to the finish line. They have been reminded about the importance of utilising the Learning Centre, doing past papers (which they will find in the Learning Centre and on Moodle), thinking about linking up with a study buddy and not forgetting to keep in contact with their best assets – the teachers.

We look forward to seeing a steady flow of Year 12 students working in the Learning Centre over next few weeks.

Once again teachers from Kirrawee High are giving of their own time to help our students “over the line”. The Learning Centre will open on Saturday October 12th and Saturday October 19th from 9am until 2pm to assist students in their final preparations.

Parent Information-End of Year Celebrations
As Year 12 face a milestone in their school lives we, as a community, must share the responsibility of ensuring their safety, health and wellbeing during the end of school celebrations. This term we, as a school community, have spoken at length to our students about the importance of respectful and responsible behaviour during this time. Students have been issued with the Department of Education and Communities “Alcohol: Celebrations and supply, information for parents “pamphlet.

The pamphlet offers practical suggestions for hosting celebrations and includes information on laws about the supply of alcohol to young people, drinking and driving, and proof of age. The pamphlet is also available on the Department’s website: http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/learning/yrk12focusareas/druged/parents/index.php

The Turning 18 website hosted at: www.turning18.com.au promotes the safe celebration of end of year activities, including information on the effects drugs as well as other practical issues. A link to the site is available from the Leaving School section of the Department’s website (www.schools.nsw.edu.au/leavingschool)

Helpful Referral Numbers During “Schoolies”
Students have been issued with a card which contains important contact numbers for their use during “Schoolies”. The cards are relevant for students travelling within Australia to destinations including the Gold Coast, Byron Bay and Noosa. It is important that parents ensure that students have phone numbers for hospitals, police etc, regardless of where students are holidaying. It is advisable for all students to take photographs of the condition of their accommodation upon arrival as a precautionary measure; otherwise they will have no evidence if allegations of damage to property are made at a later date.

Melissa Kenehan
Head Teacher Welfare
LEARNING SUPPORT

Early Birds!
Congratulations to all Year 7 students who have now completed the Early Birds Literacy and Numeracy Program! You have all performed extremely well over the thirteen weeks and should be proud of the efforts that you have made to always complete your work and try your very best. Class winners and the Year 7 Early Bird Champion will be announced on Wednesday of Week 10 this term.

A big congratulations and thank you also goes to those dedicated Year 10 Tutors who were on hand every roll call to offer help and support to their younger peers. You have all shown a patience and willingness to assist others that you should be proud of.

Literacy Lessons
The Learning Support staff would like to start Literacy Lessons for selected Year 7 and 8 students in the final term of this year. Starting from Week 1 Term 4, a small class will be held every Thursday morning from 8:00am until rollcall, which will be aimed at helping those students who have difficulties with literacy. The class will mainly be aimed at helping students with basic technical aspects of reading and writing such as punctuation, sentence structure, spelling and comprehension, in a fun and light-hearted environment. If you believe that your child is in need of help with their literacy skills and are interested in entering them into this Thursday morning class, please send an email with the subject heading ‘Literacy Lessons’ to Kirrawee-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au. Numbers in this class will be limited, so it will be first in, best dressed.

Emma Farmer
Learning and Support Teacher.

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