Principals Report

We are just on half way through the term and Year 12 have just completed their HSC. The results will be available to students on the 16th December and we wish all students the very best of luck.

Students in Year 11 have now commenced their HSC course and they should be working hard and ensuring all their work and assessment tasks are being completed. A senior review team has been established which comprises of three Head Teachers who will monitor the N awards for students in years 10, 11 and 12. The purpose of the team is to support students and ensure they make up any work that they have not completed. Students who do not complete all mandatory work will come under the attention of the team and be issued with notices and contracts as well as parents receiving phone calls. If students do not meet the standards as set down by BOSTES, the governing body that oversees the ROSA (Record of School Achievement) and the HSC, then they will not be allowed to progress and will be asked to repeat. The school as a whole takes all learning as the main priority but especially students in the senior years.

There have been a lot of events and things happen since the last newsletter and it is a good time to report to the community about what has been happening. The upgrade and refurbishment of the school has been continuing with 11 classrooms and the upstairs hallway from C, D to K block including the stairs having been cleaned and painted and this has already made a big difference to the school. The next stage will include J block which already has had the upstairs doors repaired and painted and will involve the lower concrete area power washed and painted a variety of colours. This area has been neglected for far too long and it is about to be given a big face lift.

During the holidays the remaining upstairs hall-ways in A, B and E blocks will also be cleaned, repaired and painted and that will mean that all of the top levels of the school are completed.

We are also about to embark on a program to develop more gardens around the school and plant a variety of ferns, trees and flowers, with a special project to do the front garden that sits on the corner of Kingsgrove and St Albans Roads. This will complement our electronic sign when that is approved and hopefully installed during the January break.

As part of our school plan for the next three years we are slowly putting together a learning platform that will provide a benchmark for our staff to follow in the area of teaching and learning. The platform has been designed to provide consistency in the classroom as well as support our staff to provide the best quality lessons. The platform is made up of a number of different components that will be rolled out over the next 2 years. At the moment we have a literacy project that is getting started and supported by a team of teachers who will train and implement various strategies for all students across the school.

This will be followed up with GERRIC training for 50 staff in 2016 which is a 16 hour course delivered by the University of NSW on gifted education and differentiation. Staff who do not complete the training will be scheduled for the following year. A numeracy whole school approach is also in the early planning stages for implementation in the new year, as well as a new assessment task pro forma for all students across the school.

It is always easy to forget about the positive things that happen at a school and sometimes only talk about or remember the few negatives things that happen. I have been at the school for only 2 ½ terms and have handed out countless awards and certificates to students. There have been excursions by all years and to receive phone calls from the manager of different venues such as the two camps that Year 9
and 11 attended, as well as the Urban Jungle Adventure Park at Homebush telling me how well behaved and what an excellent group of students we have representing our school is typical of what our students proudly do and show. The Year 7 Zoo excursion is another example with teachers coming back and telling me the excellent attitude that students displayed. There are also the different programs such as the ABCN and Max Potential mentoring programs and the Kids Say No.

There are other events and activities that have taken place where our school has been on show and displayed the sort of attitude and behaviour that is expected and what I have mentioned here are only a few. The important thing for me is to let the community know the good things that are happening at Kingsgrove North, the quality work that is produced in class and student commitment in wanting to help around the school. I have come to a school with a lot of traditions and values and 2016 will be a year where the community will see a lot more of what happens at our school, the quality teaching and hard work that my staff are engaged in and the success that the school achieves on a weekly basis.

There are a number of welfare programs ready to roll out in 2016, these include a new program titled PBL (Positive Behaviour for Learning) which involves a series of agreed processes for all students to follow. The program involves selected areas being chosen such as the classroom and playground and all students following an agreed upon set of procedures across the whole school.

As part of our ongoing partnerships with our neighbouring schools we will be hosting all year 5 students at the Orientation Day for students in year 6 who will be commencing year 7 in 2016. This is the first time that we will be hosting both year 5 and 6 and there will be over 400 students at our school on the day. A detailed program has been planned and organised and this will involve all students participating in a variety of mock lessons as well as a BBQ lunch. The year 6 students will have a meeting in the hall as an introduction and then placed into their academic classes for 2017, they will also participate in mock lessons to give them an idea of what they can expect. All Kingsgrove North students will be out at a variety of excursions and only year 11 will be at school to be the hosts and ambassadors on the day. I am looking forward to this day and I know a lot of planning has already taken place to ensure it is a successful day. I would like to thank and acknowledge Ms Bilali who has spent the past few weeks completing all the organisation for the day. I will post photos and a report on the school website.

Angelo Stasos
Principal

Our School now has our own Skoolbag iPhone and Android App to help us communicate more effectively with our Parent/Student community.

We are asking parents/students to install our Skoolbag School App. To install it, just search for our school name “Kingsgrove North High School” in either the Apple App Store, or Google Play Store.

Scripture

Scripture is run at Kingsgrove North for all students. Religious groups offered are Greek Orthodox, Muslim, Anglican and Catholic. To attend scripture, students need to return their scripture notes to either Ms Turnbull or the Front office.

Scripture is scheduled to occur on the following dates:

Term 4
Tuesday 10th November
Times
Period 2 - Yrs 7, 8 and 9
Period 3 –Yrs 10,11 and 12
The School Play - A MidSummer Remix

KNHS experienced the success of the annual school play which has gained quite a remarkable reputation, having been an eagerly awaited event each year for the last 9 years.

This year was no exception with Midsummer Remix, a musical comedy performed on the nights of the 25th and 26th of August. This play was written and directed by Mr Sel Kurt our English and Drama teacher who has dedicated much of the school year in training cast and crew. This play was an adaptation of William Shakespeare’s A Midsummer Night’s Dream and was resoundingly appreciated by the audience which included students, their parents and members of the wider community. KNHS was proud to see a strong contingent of former students attending one night or the other. There were also excellent Intermission performances from our talented student musicians, the Pacfest dancers, Teacher and student school band, the Boys Band, the Teacher’s Band and our very own mystery Teachers’ Act.

All in all everyone had an enjoyable time and an incredible thank you is extended to Mr Kurt, the cast and crew who devoted time to countless after school sessions, including many weekends in order to bring about perfect performance.

L. Chegwidden
SRC Fundraising Efforts

Students, parents, staff and members of the community came together, fundraising to alleviate poverty and hunger. $1500 was raised and donated to World Vision a hunger emergency, aid agency, to help as many people as possible through feeding programs for children and health services to prevent the spread of disease.

SRC Leaders organised and led groups, setting up stalls and organising activities including:

- A handball competition coordinated by Ramman and Calvin from Year 7 with Mr Rozario’s support.
- 7 Sydney and 7 Melbourne sold softdrinks, cakes and noodles
- Year 8 with the support of Ms Kallitsis organised lolly jar guessing competitions.
- Year 10 held cake stalls and sold pizza slices at lunch time.
- Year 11 Retail Service Students held a sausage sizzle
- Jenny and Celine from year 12 sold orange balloons
- Aymen from year 10 gave up food to raise money.

Thank you to Mr. Stasos, Mr Ffrench, Ms Bilali, Mr Spero, Mr Smith and Ms Bougesis for their support and assistance. Thank you also to the students, teachers, staff and parents for their support- cooking, buying and donating!

By M.Papadopoulos
SRC Coordinator
REPORT FROM THE LIBRARY

What’s Happening
The library has been a very busy place – students are studying hard for their end of year exams, relaxing on the lounges, reading novels, manga and magazines, putting the finishing touches on their assignments and playing computer games.

We had a spooky Halloween week, with students reading scary stories and making Halloween moons with bats and cats. Our library monitors decorated the library with orange and green cobwebs and some spiders.

OLIVER is here
The library staff have been very busy with OLIVER, our new library management software. Students will learn how to use the system in the coming weeks. You can see what’s in our library by clicking on the icon.

Just in….

The Guinness World Records 2016 Gamers Edition has a section on Minecraft and information about your favourite games.

Sad news
Top Gear – the most popular of our magazines will not be published any more. We have converted our subscription to MOTOR magazine.

Book Club is on!
Book clubs are informal gatherings of friendly people who read and discuss a book every month or so. Our school has been presented with six beautiful copies of A.B. Facey’s A Fortunate Life to begin a book club. This is an excellent choice – it was published in 1981 and tells the story of Bert Facey, his early life in Western Australia, his account of the Gallipolli campaign and his return to an everyday life at home. Any student who would like to join the club can register at the library. We will meet at lunch time on Friday of Week 8 to talk about the book.
Retail Service Work placement

Year 11 Retail Service students completed their final work placement, in various retail outlets. Work placements are organised through the school, but many students excitedly sourced and organised their own work placement. We are very grateful to the businesses that supported and provided valuable experience to students including:

- **Best and Less Hurstville** (where Alexa and Mariam are currently employed)
- **Big W Campsie** (where Saadet and Tamara were asked to take in their resumes).
- **Ice Roselands** (where Missy secured employment)
- **Ice Hurstville** (where the window displays over the past 2 weeks were merchandised by KNHS Retail students)
- **Target Burwood**
- **Rebel Sport City**
- **Sweet Impressions at Earlwood** (where Danielle is now employed)
- **Myers Roselands** (Where Saadet has been called in for a job interview)

Employers praised students for their positive work ethic and attitude. Student’s log books were also completed by employers providing an excellent reference to be included in student’s resumes. Students conducted themselves professionally, demonstrating competencies and were excellent ambassadors for our school. Congratulations Retail Service students!

By M Papadopoulos, Retail Service teacher.
Social Science News
Term 4 has seen a number of activities organised by the Social Science Faculty. Both Year 11 Legal Studies and Year 10 Commerce students attended excursions to the Police and Justice Museum and the Downing Centre Courts in the city. At the museum, students were able to go back in time and step into the dark side of Sydney’s past. This museum was once the Water Police station and courts which once made up one of the city’s busiest legal hubs. Students viewed holding cells from the 1890’s, crime scene photography and mug shots, as well as a vast array of weapons. They then participated in a mock trial. The visit to the Downing Centre was an interesting experience, with students attending a number of different court rooms, witnessing the law in action. The behaviour of all students was impressive.

Kingsgrove North High School was also asked to be the site for the launch of the NSW Fair Trading website on Buying a Car. Year 10 Commerce students attended this presentation, which provided a wealth of information and advice. The website is a great resource for anyone looking at buying a new or used car.

A number of Year 11 Business Studies students achieved very pleasing results in the Business Plan Challenge run by the University of Newcastle. The task involved students preparing a business plan for a new business they would like to set up. Well done to the following students:

High Distinction
Weizuo Yao
Outstanding achievement
Jenney Li
Terry Tang

High Achievement
Ubaydah Sayid
Aaron Djong
Aydan Zebib
Christian Papageorgious
Zane El Khayat
Ritika Ritika

Merit
Celine Noviany
Geraldi was also fortunate in winning an Ipad in a lucky prize draw.

Mrs D. Tsitsos
HSIE teacher
BRING IT ON Excursion to the Musical “CATS”

On Wednesday the 4th November 2015, the Bring it on dance squad and selected year 9 and 10 dance students had the wonderful opportunity of seeing Andrew Lloyd Webber’s ‘Cats’ Musical, starring Delta Goodrem. For many it was the first time they had visited the Capitol Theatre and seen the world renowned musical. All the students had a delightful time and loved the experience of listening to Delta Goodrem sing ‘Memories’ in a live setting. It was a great excursion; one Ms Grumitt, myself and the students involved were so pleased to be a part of.

Ms Noulas
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KNHS TERM 4 SPORTS REPORT

This term has seen the summer season come to an end with semi-finals and finals upon us. Congratulations to the following senior teams who made the semi-finals:

3rd Grade Boys Table Tennis
16B’s Mini Soccer

We now have one more round of Junior Grade Sport to play. Following this, we will have the Junior Semis and Finals to play, with a lot of our junior teams doing very well with a high likelihood of making it to the finals. So best of luck to those teams.

SPORTS PERSON OF THE MONTH FEB-NOV 2015

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Dear Year 10, 11 & 12 Students and Parents/Guardians

Sydney TAFE is inviting parents and their children to an evening Information Seminar on Thursday 19 November. If you have students thinking about TAFE as an option, then this seminar will be of assistance in helping them in their decision-making. Please forward this email onto anyone who may be interested - Forward this email.

We understand that navigating all of the post school options available can be confusing and time-consuming. Career decision-making and the development of career goals is also different for everyone with some people being clearer about the most suitable educational options for them than others.

Date: Thursday 19 November 2015
Time: 5.30– 7:30pm
Venue: Sydney TAFE, Building W: Ground Floor, Customer Service Centre (Marcus Clark Building) 827-839 George Street Sydney (adjacent to Railway Square and a short walk from Central Station)

Information will be provided in short sessions on:
- Choosing the best career
- Steps for getting into TAFE
- Pathways to university
- Apprenticeships and Traineeships
- Interview with TVET/graduate student

Participants will receive resources and have the opportunity to speak with experienced TAFE Counsellors.

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