We have come to the end of another year and I would like to take this opportunity of not only thanking all staff for their hard work and successes this year but also reflect on the events and activities we have held as well as the many number of successes Kingsgrove North High School has had.

At the recent Confucius Classroom day at Homebush Boys High School, our school was well represented with a number of performances. Our students also participated in the activities beforehand and were excellent in their attitude, behaviour and participation. These students, led by Ms Baker and Ms Chegwidden, did our school proud.

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Over the past week we have had a number of important events at our school, starting with the Year 6 Orientation Day. This year for the first time we invited all Year 5 from our neighbouring schools, who were also involved in a mock high school that concluded with a BBQ. This was an outstanding success and will now become a regular feature of the Year 6 into 7 Orientation Day. Students had a wonderful time and were all excited as they sampled the various activities and facilities that we have. Students in Year 6 enjoyed their day as they prepare for transition into High School. I would like to thank all staff for their important role in the day, whether they were at school taking lessons or taking students on excursions, but special thanks must go to Ms Bilali for her excellent planning and organisation to make the day a big success.

This was followed by the Sports Presentation Day on Monday 7th December. This was an opportunity for students to be recognised as well as celebrate their successes in sport this year. Special mention must also go to the staff who have given up their time to coach teams and also share the successes that students have also enjoyed. I would like to thank Mr D’Addona for all his work and organising the presentation.

On Wednesday 9th December we had our annual Presentation Evening and this is one of the highlights of the school year. It was great to see the school hall full of parents and friends who came along to help us celebrate the evening. The planning for the presentation day starts months before and I would like to acknowledge Ms Chegwidden, Ms Andreou and Ms Pappas for all their work to make the evening run smoothly and ensure everything was well organised. They were supported by Mr Ffrench, Mr Spero Mr Dai and Mr Kurt. I was very pleased with the evening and sitting on the stage and watching all the students come up and receive their awards for the various things they have been involved in, whether it be academic, sport, SRC or community and service awards. I would like to congratulate all students.

I thought I would also reflect on some of the other successes this year, the Immersion Day that was held in August, the many phone calls I received from venue managers praising our students on excursions and the very successful Year 9 and 11 camps to name a few.

The programs we have held with support from the community, including the “Kids Say No” program, the Wise Up program, the big successful White Ribbon March, the ABCN
mentoring and leadership programs, including the successful Max Potential project.

It really has been a successful year for our school and 2016 will be even bigger. The upgrading of the school is continuing and the school is looking much better for students to learn and staff to teach.

Over the holidays there will be workmen in the school from painters, maintenance men, repairers, installers and concreters making our school a better place. All hallways will be completed, ceilings repaired, blinds replaced, carpet re-laid in the front office, Bunnings Vista completed and the new entertainment system in the hall installed. In 2016 we will focus on upgrading the hall and our electronic sign will be installed during in the holidays. The front of the school on the corner of Kingsgrove Road and St Albans Road will be redeveloped with a new modern clean area, this will happen as a result of the kind donation from Frutex and we are forever grateful for their ongoing support of our school.

I would like to again thank all staff, school executive and SASS staff for their hard work this year and also thank them for the support they have given me. To Mr Ffrench and Ms Bilali who are part of the senior executive team that I work with and have been dynamic in what they have done and brought to the school, I say thank you and I look forward to 2016.

I would like to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a happy and safe 2016.

Angelo Stasos
Principal

School Return Dates 2016

Staff
Return Wednesday 27th January 2016

Year 7, 11 & 12
Return Thursday 28th January 2016

Year 8, 9, 10
Return Friday 29th January 2016

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.
Year 11 2015 Brett Whiteley Studios and White Rabbit Gallery visit

On Wednesday the 2nd December 2015, the year 11 art students went on an excursion to the Brett Whiteley Studio, followed by a visit to The White Rabbit Gallery. The excursion gave the students an opportunity to view Australian Artist Brett Whiteley’s Sculpture and Ceramic exhibition and view works by contemporary Asian artists. This excursion allowed the students to engage in the art world and supported their learning of Artist Practice. The students were able to experience an artist working environment, viewing works both in a small and large gallery. It was a fantastic day in which the students benefited immensely from it.

Ms Noulas
CAPA Teacher
Ceramics Incursion

On Monday year 10 Ceramics students had the opportunity to spend a day working with a ceramics specialist on the pottery wheels. They learnt about preparation of clay, created a number of bowls on the wheel & practiced finishing pots by ‘turning’ them on the wheel. It was a busy, enjoyable day and students now can practice their new skills in class to produce successful wheel made pots.

Ms W Harbon
HT CAPA
NEWS FROM THE LIBRARY

Library Upgrade
The library upgrade continues... the nonfiction books are now on new shelves, making the downstairs area more inviting.

Premier’s Reading Challenge
Students can begin reading for the 2016 challenge over the holidays.

Library Survey
Students completed a survey to judge their satisfaction with the library in 2015. The results were overwhelmingly positive with many students enjoying the space and facilities. We will make some adjustments to the use of some areas in 2016 to better meet student needs.

Thank You!
We would like to thank our library monitors – William Li, dean and Stephen Radiceski, Irene Forester, Jaffren Peng, Shariq Khan, Nick Lai and Mariam Derbas for all their hard work. Thank you to Mr Ffrench and Mr Stasos for their support, advice and encouragement.

Keep reading, happy holidays,

Ms Conidaris and Ms Rahme.
RETAIL SERVICE STUDENTS AT APPLE

We were excited to visit Apple in the City, to get an insight into the store’s Operations. We participated in a very motivating and interactive experience, where we were asked questions requiring us to observe and analyse the Apple store, looking at how its store layout and merchandising that provides for a customer friendly, interactive experience.

We discovered that the Apple store is designed to replicate the inside of a computer; with its huge glass window (1 sheet of glass that covers 3 levels), glass/perspex steps and ceilings with speakers identical to … computers. On any one day all Apple team members all over the world, wear the same colour top, listen to the same music, and the constantly changing wall splash backs are the same in every store all over the world. All part of the experience of ensuring every team member is feeling as part of one team. Mac Geniuses are everywhere at Apple! They are the experts who can fix all Apple devices! There are free Apple workshops and events that we can participate.

We were in awe of Apple’s emerging technology that provide for a more consultative retail experience. The POS system for example is on a mobile, with one on every team member, from where transactions are processed, sales and stock are monitored and receipts printed or emailed ensuring a personalised experience.

We are grateful to Apple staff, particularly to Charles Lewis the Events coordinator and Carol the store trainer, for their hospitality and time in providing us a valuable educational experience.

By Ms Papadopoulos
Retail Service Teacher
Retail Service students visited David Jones’ iconic Christmas themed windows to support studies in units of work on Merchandising and Setting up displays. We were very fortunate to meet two of the store’s visual merchandisers, who took us on a tour, explaining the principles, processes and procedures of setting, maintaining and dismantling window displays at David Jones.

David Jones festive Christmas window displays feature unique illustrations by celebrated artist James Gulliver-Hancock. Gulliver Hancock has created a series of animated scenes that tell the story of the David Jones Christmas Elves collecting gifts from all corners of the globe, that are made available at David Jones. 6000 man hours and more than eight months were spent to create these marvellous displays, merchandised with some of the most exclusive, bold, shiny gifts including, a $30,000 gold designer dress, $5000 designer shoes and bags! The bullnose window (opposite the train station) is designed to represent Santa’s workshop, filled with colourful toys and moving props and risers.

Students were mesmerised with the attention to detail, creativity and the talents of the David Jones visual merchandisers. They were very informative and generous with their time and also took time to explain different pathways to becoming a visual merchandiser.

M. Papadopoulos, Retail Services teacher
The National Young Leaders Day

By Latisha Yeboah, Year 9 SRC Leader

On Friday 27th of November 2015, SRC Leaders of 2015/16 went on an excursion to The National Young Leaders Day, hosted by the Halogen Foundation. Since 1997, The National Young Leaders Day has supported more than 300,000 young people to develop their leadership values and identities. Every year they have different themes and the theme for this year was “master the little”. We felt very fortunate to have the opportunity to be part of this inspirational day. During The National Young Leadership Day we listened to five inspirational, fabulous speakers, who have made a change to our society and felt inspired through their stories and insights. An activity we all participated in, called 10,000 ideas involved us identifying and solving a problem by considering the questions:

I always wonder…
I thought ……
I would fix it by……

Some of our responses include:

- Rikki-Teina Bennion (Year 9 SRC Leader) - I always wondered why unhappy people tend to put happy people down. Then I realised unhappy people think that since they’re suffering, other people don’t deserve to be happy. Also these unhappy people are seeking for help, however in a negative way. So, one little thing I’ll do is next time I see or meet someone unhappy or in need, I’ll speak to them and let them know that I’ll be there for them.”

- Christopher Li (Year 10 SRC Leader) - “I always wondered why the homeless people are in their current situation. Then I realised it had to do with the combination of poor government funding, low wages and the use of drug and alcohol. This often leads to suicide and depression. One thing that I’ll do is to raise concerns to the government, by writing letters to my local representative in Parliament and propose potential solution.”

- Latisha Yeboah “I always wondered, why people, especially students don’t speak up when they’re being bullied. Then I realised maybe they feel insecure, ashamed and feel like they will make matters worse. So, one little thing I’ll do is encourage people to speak up and become someone easy and reliable to talk to.”

We, the SRC for 2015/16, hope that we can encourage others to reflect upon how anyone can lead for positive impacts in our schools and communities. Let us remember, that such impact can be created by simply doing small things; by standing by our own values and offering support to others when they need it.

We whole heartedly thank Mr Spero for organising this inspiring day, Ms Papadopoulos, our SRC coordinator for always caring about each of us and supporting us to attend events such as this and our Principal, Mr Stasos for giving us the opportunity to attend The National Young Leaders Day.

The Second Hand Uniform Shop

The Second Hand Uniform Shop would like to acknowledge and thank the generosity of our students and families for their kind donations of uniforms. Because of your generosity all students have access to an affordable uniform in the comfort of their own school. Thank you to the following students and their families:

Swastic Sharma (Year 12) Sol Filshie (Year 12)
Sonia Bholagesien (year 12) Tahlia Barakat (Year 12)
Alesar Bilal (Year 12) Joane Zaini (Year 12)
Mohamed Aianz (Year 10) Byron Norris- Everett (Year 8)

Thank you to Mr Stasos, Mr Ffrench and Ms Bilali for their ongoing support of the Uniform Shop, our teachers, the Year 11 and Year 12 Retail Service classes and the SRC.

Merry Christmas to all and a safe and happy New Year from the Second Hand Uniform Shop!
Year 7 excursion to Kingpin Bowling at Darling Harbour

The Year 7 students finished the year with a bang at Kingpin Bowling Darling Harbour on Thursday 3rd of December. A day of team building and fun, where both students and teachers got to compete in games of bowling, play laser skirmish together and enjoy video arcade games. What a wonderful cohort, I wish them well next year in year 8.

Mrs Varvaressos
Year Advisor
NEW 2016 SPORTS CAPTAINS:
FREEMAN HOUSE: Annalia Tanlain & Robert Tasmania
THORPE HOUSE: Jessica Macarico & Martaylor Damm
BRADMAN HOUSE: Khalia Avgousti & Justin Al-Tawil
FRASER HOUSE: Chantelle Pope & DJ Nicholas

KNHS 2015 CARNIVAL AGE CHAMPIONS

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August: Chantelle Pope – Bring It On
September: Latisha Yeboah - Athletics
October: Shahbaz Nangyal – Mini Soccer
November: Wairua Lloyd – Netball
December: Zara Hamad – Basketball

Winter Grade Sport

14s Rugby League- Semi Finalist
15A Boys Soccer- Semi Finalist
13A Boys Soccer- Semi Finalist
1st Grade Boys Table Tennis- Semi Finalist
14C Boys Table Tennis- Semi Finalist
14D Boys Table Tennis- Semi Finalist
Boys Tennis 13A- Semi Finalist
15A Girls Netball- Grand Final Winners
14A Girls Netball- Grand Final Runners Up
15A Girls Soccer- Grand Final Runner’s Up
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Summer Grade Sport

16B Mini Soccer- Semi Finalist
Open C Boys Table Tennis- Grand Finalist
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13s T-Ball- Grand Finalist
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Congratulations to all the award winners for the sporting year of 2015 and we look forward to an even more enjoyable and successful 2016.

Mr D’Addona
KNHS Sports Coordinator