Welcome back to 2014
May I wish all the members of our school community a very warm welcome back to the new school year. We have certainly got off to a flying start and a very busy one at that! One thing that has been most notable is the wearing of uniform by our students. Year 7 -12 all look very smart in their uniforms. It is heartening to see such pride in the Kingsgrove North High School uniform.

Uniform Pool
Ms Papadopoulos and her classes have set up a second hand uniform store in D Block. All donations of old uniforms are gratefully accepted. Please contact Ms Papadopoulos or the Front Office if you would like to purchase a second hand uniform.

Welcome Year 7
I am very pleased to say that our new Year 7 Advisors, Ms Ayoubi and Ms Kallitsis have stepped up to the mark and made a tremendous effort to welcome, organise and manage all our new students in Year 7. Ms Ayoubi and Ms Kallitsis are to be congratulated on the effort they have made in the first month of returning to school. I know that it is extremely busy at this point in time organising the Year 7 transition activities. I would encourage all Year 7 to take part in these as I believe it is a worthwhile bonding experience for all our new students. Recently Year 7 took part in Peer Support and they had a marvellous day. They also made friends with a peer from Year 10 who they can turn to if they need advice.

Subject choices
At present Year 9 students are settling into their new subjects and where necessary we have made changes to their subject selections if they have discovered the subject was not suited to them. So my expectation would now be for all students in Year 9 to knuckle down and enjoy the courses they have selected to sit for the ROSA in Year 9 and Year 10.

Year 11 have now embarked on a very important journey. They have joined the senior school. They have spent much of this term trying out their new subjects and in some cases students have changed subjects to achieve a more satisfying course of study. Now that students are settling on their course of study they are also entering their details with the Board of Studies for their official enrolment.

Open Day and Open Night
Thank you to the staff for their efforts with Open Day and Open Night on February 24 2014.

I was extremely happy with the evening and the feedback from our community was great. I would especially like to thank Ms Wendy Harbon and Ms Suada Bilali for all their work in the lead up to the event.

High Achievers Morning Tea
We had a lovely morning with our Year 12’s from 2013 on February 22 2014. A large percentage of this cohort achieved ATARS over 90! We had plenty to eat and the ex-students loved getting a certificate and a school thumb drive! This year I organised for the school prefect body to attend the event and the old Year 12 had much advice for them about the coming 12 months. Can I thank Jenny and Stella in the front office who went to great lengths to coordinate and cater for this event. On the day all the office staff assisted in making the event a successful one. And finally, can I thank our illustrious photographer Ms Chegwidden for taking all the snaps.

Swimming Carnival
Congratulations to Mr Rozario, Ms Hammoud, Ms Turnbull, Mr D’Addona, Mr Beyeler, Mr Carter, Ms Saad and all staff who contributed to making our carnival on Tuesday last so successful. The atmosphere was great and even though competition was still a little light on I thought most students saw it as a great day to get to know their teachers in a different setting. I would also like to compliment Mr Robinson and Ms Selwains on the brilliant attitude of Year 12 on the day. It seemed to me that they had a great bonding day and their behaviour was commendable.

Some more news from the Principal
I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know that I have been deployed by the DEC to work with the Local Schools Local Decisions Support team. I have been approached to work with the team until the end of this year. This means that I will not be at school from the beginning of Week 6 and I will be based at the Miranda District Office. My role will include assisting principals implement many of the new changes associated with Local School Local Decisions program. In my absence Mr Ffrench will be Relieving Principal. I am sure Mr Ffrench will do a marvellous job ably supported by our tremendous staff.

Yours in Education
John G Kennedy
BA DipEd
MEd Lead
Principal
Dear Parents and Carers,

A selected few of our current Year 10 cohort Peer Support participants completed their two day intense training on the 10th of December 2013. The training sessions provided students with the opportunities to develop and practice leadership skills which can utilised many areas, assisting students in gaining skills which are highly regarded by employers.

It helped the students build confidence by establishing positive relationships. Provided opportunities to demonstrate initiative, leadership experiences, organisational and time management skills.

Personal relationships were also improved as their interpersonal skills were increased enhancing relationships within the year group also.

It is now Week 5 and our Peer Support Leaders are currently delivering their forth week of Peer Support to our new year 7 cohort. Their aim is to help Students to Behave with Integrity. Leading our year 7 to a better understanding of their and other’s values, respecting themselves and others, also identifying how responsibilities change over time. It also aims at encouraging students to make positive choices, allows them to identify their personal qualities and ways of serving their community.

Ms Varvaressos  
Peer Support Co-ordinator

KEEP AUSTRALIA BEAUTIFUL BEVERAGE RECYCLING GRANT

Our Keep Australia Beautiful Beverage Recycling Grant is now completed with the fantastic installation of the new recycling collection stations and the close of the KAB Poster Competition. The generous grant funds provided us the opportunity to purchase 4 large red collection units for General Waste, and 4 large yellow collection units for Beverage Containers.

We were also able to purchase a variety of kitchen bins for our school Café and Home Economics and Hospitality kitchens, plus 10 retro orange wall bins for General Waste which are being trialled in the Main Quad for student response, so far so good! Thank you to our general assistant Mr Harris for doing a fantastic job of installing all of them.

The response to the collection stations from our students and staff has been positive with visibly much less litter around our playgrounds. As part of KNHS’s ongoing commitment to improving our playgrounds and environment we will continue to educate our students in the recycling process and initiating ideas for making further changes to reducing waste.

Ms Lathouras  
Keep Australia Beautiful Co-ordinator
2014 Year 8 Girls COMPASS Program

This term I have had the pleasure of working with four groups of Year 8 girls whilst we explore the concepts of Values and Leadership. Each group has experienced two introductory sessions and we plan to further develop ideas and enjoy further discussions in either Term 2 or 3.

We will continue to explore the ideas and possibilities of leadership – how can the girls develop leadership skills and qualities in their everyday school life? We will be discussing the ways we can develop a strong sense of self, look at ways of contributing to our school community, and develop ideas about our future hopes and aspirations.

The girls have been really cooperative and inspiring – they have questioned ideas and shared stories whilst we determine what is important to us and how can we change or modify our choices based on our values.

I would like to congratulate the girls for embracing this program and making such wonderful contributions. I would also like to thank their teachers for allowing them to participate and for supporting this program.

Thanks again girls – it’s been really inspiring working with you!

Catherine Baker
Girls’ Supervisor
Learning and Support Teacher - Behaviour

WRAPPED WITH LOVE IN 2014

Our Deputy Principal, Mrs Bilali and I would like to start our community knitting program this term in support of Wrapped With Love. This program seeks to mobilise our community knitters and craft workers, who use leftover or donated 8 ply wool to knit 25x25cm squares that can be sewn together to make warm blankets. These blankets are then distributed by many volunteers the world over, especially to those places that have suffered from natural disasters and civil unrest.

So it would be great if you can start practising those knitting skills and start saving wool, needles and even teaching your children how to knit! We have available the patterns and square making instructions. You can also download them from:


Later in the year we will be having a “knit in” where I hope as many of our parents and community members can join in with the students to sew together as many blankets as possible.

We will also be starting a knitting club at school – more information on that soon!

(If someone can volunteer to teach me how to cast on and cast off, my squares will avoid being one long never ending scarf!)

Catherine Baker
Girls Supervisor
Behaviour Support Teacher
CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA SCHOOLS DAY – 28th February 2014

Year 7 students participated in the Clean Up Australian School’s Day activity as part of the National Clean Up Australia Day Campaign which took place on Sunday the 2nd March. Unfortunately due to rainy weather we were unable to proceed with our planned clean up.

Our students therefore took part in a library viewing of the short film “Power Shift” and will attend the Year 7 Recycling Workshop Day with Clean Away on 12th March, as part of our commitment to the campaign. The newly formed Eco Fit sports team will conduct a small clean-up activity of their own during sport and report litter data back to Clean Up Australia.

Ms Lathouras
TAS Teacher & Clean Up Australia Schools Day

KAB POSTER COMPETITION
KEEP OUR SCHOOL BEAUTIFUL - LET'S RECYCLE

During February KNHS students entered the KAB Poster Competition as part of our community recycling education program. 39 KNHS students across years 7-10 entered posters with their designs of how to promote recycling in our school. The poster must include the slogan – “Keep Our School Beautiful – Let's Recycle”, and will be used for promotion.

The competition closed on the 14th February and winners were voted for by ballot by our Prefects and a number of Art and Library staff. The winners will be present their awesome prizes at the next available assembly. (Weather permitting)

And the Winners Are:

1st Prize    Monica BUENO
8 Orange
1 x $20.00 Coles Myer Cash Voucher
1 x Greater Union Movie Voucher
1 x Smiggles Maxx Stationery Pack

2nd Prize Ali HUSSEIN
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KNHS ORGANIC VEGETABLE GARDEN PROJECT

Our vegetable garden project continues to grow, with the recent installation of our hand-made beautiful wooden garden boxes.

Thank you to Mr Rumney our Industrial Arts teacher and his Year 12 VET Construction students, for all their hard work making and installing them into the garden site. They look fabulous!

Our next stage will be for the Eco Fit sports group to begin filling them with fresh organic compost, sugar mulch and other organic matter in preparation for planting them out with autumn seedlings in the next few weeks.

THE HAPPINESS CYCLE

The Happiness cycle is an initiative from the Bicycle Network and Canterbury Council to encourage Year 9 and 10 students from our local area to get outdoors and get active. They are giving away 300 brand new bicycles to eligible students who live the Canterbury Council district.

Students who successfully register will participate in a one day workshop to assemble their new bicycle, learn how to look after it and of course will learn how to ride safely. If you have a child in this age group and would like them to apply, please ask them to see me about details on how to register.
News from the Library

General News
We have a busy start to 2014. Year 9 have been working on the Science research, Year 10 studied for their Maths exam, Year 11 have prepared presentations for Business Studies and students in all years have been catching up with homework. International Women’s day is celebrated on the 8th of March in many countries. Visit our display. Visit the Library blog to find out more about our new books and other events.

Rewards for reading

Roll Call Reading
Students in years 7, 8 and 9 are expected to read during roll call. They have been issued with log sheets which the teacher signs each day the student reads. The Library will issue an achievement card for every 10 signatures.

Book Reviews
Students in all years are eligible to complete book reviews. An achievement card will be issued for every 2 book reviews completed. Book review forms can be collected from the circulation desk. Ask for one when you borrow a book.

Help Needed!
The Library processes and lends textbooks to students. Many new textbooks have arrived for the new curriculum. If you are able to volunteer some time on a Wednesday to cover books, we would very much appreciate it. Ring and let the Library staff know you are coming.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

Years 7, 8 and 9 are eligible to enter the Premier’s reading challenge. Students may register on the website using their DET username and password. Challenge books on the library shelves have a blue spot. The library staff will help students with their PRC registration, records and book selection. Encourage your child to enter and complete the challenge. Ms Conidaris and Ms Parker

FREE FAMILY INFORMATION EVENING
FOR Kingsgrove North High School
STUDENTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE IN 2014

Student Exchange Australia New Zealand is a not-for-profit organisation that is registered with all state and territory Departments of Education around Australia and with the Ministry of Education in NZ. We are the first and only secondary exchange organisation in Australia and New Zealand to be certified to ISO 9001 (Quality Management System) and we ensure the highest standards of care and support to our participants.

We would like to invite your students and families to a FREE Information Evening in Sydney on Wednesday, 5th March. The session is being held at the Adina Apartment Hotel Sydney, Corner Kent & Bathurst St, Sydney and starts at 7:30pm. Please note this is our last information session before the scholarship and early bird discount deadline closes on 31st March.

Students can find out more about our exchange programs to over 25 countries, listen to former exchange students share their experience and learn about our scholarships and discounts on offer in 2014.

“You come back a different person, with so much more confidence & you feel that you can conquer the world” Jessica, Semester Program to Italy

We would appreciate if you could please mention our upcoming information session in your newsletter. You can copy the below text or download our PDF notice from here. If you would prefer to receive the attachment in a different version, please respond to this email with your request.
Kingsgrove North High School

Term 1 - Sports Report 2014

What a start to 2014 it has been. Students have been involved in various events on and off the sporting field. Well done to all those students who have participated and achieved in their chosen sports. Keep up the “Winning Wednesday” attitude!

Swimming Carnival

KNHS have had great success in recent times at zone and regional levels in swimming. The following students are KNHS Swimming Age Champions of 2014. We wish them good luck as they lead the rest of the KNHS swim team into the St George Zone Carnival.

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Cross Country Carnival / Fun Run

The 2014 cross country carnival for KNHS will be held on the Tuesday the 18th of March at Gannons Park, Peakhurst. Once again this year we are holding an Adidas Fun Run with this event to raise funds for the sporting facilities at KNHS and for the students to gain prizes themselves. Every student has been given an information note and sponsorship form for this event. If you require more information about the Adidas Fun Run please contact the PDHPE staff. All sponsorship forms and funds raised are to be brought in by the end of week 10.

Knockout Tournaments

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<td>Michael Koutellos</td>
<td>Broke the KNHS record for the Boys 12 years 50m freestyle with a time of 37.83 seconds</td>
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Up – coming events:

- St George Zone Swimming Carnival - 3rd and 7th of March
- KNHS Cross Country Carnival - 18th of March

© Mr Jason Rozario
Sports Co-ordinator
Kingsgrove North High School

Swimming Carnival
RETAIL STUDENTS EXCEL AT YEAR 7 OPEN DAY
By Ms Papadopoulos

Over week 9 2013, Year 11 Retail Students were busily setting up displays for Year 7 Open Day, putting posters up and ensuring they were ready to welcome and serve Prospective Year 7 parents and students.

It was a very busy 3 hours on Open Day. Retail Students sold uniforms that were generously donated by students and parents of Kingsgrove North. Through the Second Hand Uniform Shop all parents and students have access to an affordable uniform in the comfort of their own school.

Book packs and calculators were also sold on the day by the students. We went through many boxes of merchandise. This is wonderful to see, knowing that our year 7 students of 2014 have everything they need, ready for a successful high school year!

Open Day gave the Retail Students excellent experience, in Plan, Create and Maintain Displays, Sell Products and Services, Customer Service, Merchandising, Stock Control, and Financial Duties. Through their involvement in Open Day students developed competencies necessary in units of work covered and gained further real life experiences.

We are grateful to Mr Kennedy, Ms Parker and Ms Harbon for encouraging and allowing students this opportunity.

The Retail Students carried out their duties professionally, and were excellent ambassadors of our school. I am very proud of each of you for an excellent job. The Retailers included: Maria Couvaridis, Belinda Dimardis, Kim Doan, Sandy Francis, Nancy Ghanem, Sunhe He, Najatu Ibrahim, Aaron Low, Marianna Magdalinou, Mona Nacher, Amy Phillips, Simran Sharma, Jasmine Teiotu and Jarrod Vagana.

KNHS SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP PRICE LIST

Below is a price list of available pre loved clothing. All clothing available has been donated by the students and parents of Kingsgrove North High school.

All garments have been washed and ironed. They can be purchased from the second hand uniform shop located next to DF7.

Students can see Ms Papadopoulos near DF7 every Monday and Tuesday at recess.

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UNIFORM SHOP REPORT

The Uniform Shop allows all students an opportunity to access an affordable uniform at school. The Uniform Shop operates every Monday and Tuesday at recess, located next to DF7.

It is operated by Year 11 and Year 12 Retail Service students, providing them an opportunity to develop competencies in customer service, merchandising and interact with customers to name a few.

By M. Papadopoulos, SRC Coordinator