Relieving Principal’s Message

It has been a busy term for staff and students alike. As reported in our previous newsletter Mr Kennedy has been seconded to work on the Local School Local Decisions (LSLD) Policy. This policy will have significant consequences for schools when it is fully implemented. Keep an eye on the website for more information on LSLD.

Some staff changes

In Mr Kennedy’s absence there have been a number of staff changes. I am now Relieving Principal. Ms Harbon is Relieving Deputy Principal and Ms Sarah Noulas is Relieving Head Teacher Visual Arts. In Term 2 Ms Dunston will be returning from leave – a big thank you to Ms Troung for being such a great asset to the staff in her place. Also next term Mr Jason Bury will be starting as a permanent member of the Maths Faculty, thanks to Ms Therese Bilienko for filling in for Mr Bury for this term. We have had a range of other timetable changes which have seen different teachers moving between classes. This will all be settled for the start of Term 2 and all students will be notified.

Parent Teacher night

We have had a very successful Parent Teacher Night this term and it was pleasing to see the genuine concern that parents have for the academic progress and overall schooling experience that their children are having at Kingsgrove North. I imagine that the parents who attended would have been equally impressed by the professional feedback and real connection that our teachers have for your children. A real win-win situation methinks.

Driving in St Albans Rd

I make no apology for the attendance of council parking officers and police in St Albans Rd before and after school. Unsafe and selfish driving practices do put the safety of our children at risk. I will continue to contact enforcement authorities and even pass on details of drivers who continue to illegally park rather than have their children walk an extra 20 metres. For the record there is a lot more space to collect your child in Richlands Rd at the back of the school and the exit to Kingsgrove Rd is much quicker.

School Development Days – Term 2

Staff will be starting Term 2 with a School Development Day on Monday 28th April. The focus on the day will be looking at further developing skills on teaching students with language learning disabilities. This is a wide ranging focus and will certainly impact on classroom practice in the short term. Staff have also voted to attend a second Staff Development Day on Saturday 31st May to further consolidate this professional learning experience. I would like to publically thank my staff for their commitment in this decision. I informed our last P&C meeting that this day will effectively replace the usual last day of Term 4 for teachers. (This is a non-student day and will have no impact whatsoever on student attendance)

Anzac Day Commemoration

On Tuesday 8th April 4 students, Grace Zhang, Paige McIntosh, Weizou Yao and Richard Zhang represented KHNS at a special Anzac Day service at Kingsgrove RSL Club along with students from 12 other local schools. It was a very moving experience and as a result we will be inviting some senior ex-serviceemen to our school in Term 2 to have some conversations with our students about the “old days” One such gentleman, 87 year old Michael Skenner who shared his memories of Kingsgrove when our school was St Albans Primary and Kingsgrove High was a plant nursery. What an amazing opportunity for our students to visit the past in that most powerful form – oral history. Not ipads or utube or some dusty textbook but the real voices of real people who were there. It should prove most illuminating.

Kingsgrove North students and staff will be commemorating Anzac Day as a part of our welcome back to Term 2 assembly in the main quad at 8.45am on Tuesday 29th April

Judy Wade Retirement

This term we say farewell to Mrs Judy Wade. Mrs Wade has been a part of the Kingsgrove North front office fabric for the last 20 years. You will certainly have talked to her on the phone, got an enrolment form, a bus pass, an ID card, or a phone call telling you that your son or daughter was unwell. Mrs Wade was always there with a smile and an encouraging word. The school will miss her greatly and the kids will eventually understand that something is just a little bit different in the front office. I feel confident that our school community will join in with the students and staff at KNHS in wishing Mrs Wade all the best in her richly deserved retirement.

School Contact

I have really enjoyed this term as Relieving Principal. Like Mr Kennedy, I am available to discuss any issue with you. (It can be the good things as well as the other) If you wish to have a conversation or an interview please contact the school on 95023933 The front office staff will take your details and set up a phone call time. You will undoubtedly appreciate that our school is a busy and active environment and our staff are not able to respond instantly to your requests for communication. Your patience and understanding in this matter is much appreciated.

Enjoy the school break and a happy, safe holidays and a Happy Easter to one and all.

Regards
Mr Ffrench
Relieving Principal
Ms Bilali’s Column

Another brilliant start to the year at Kingsgrove North High School. Year 11 and 12 are currently sitting for their half yearly exams, we all wish them well. Year 12 are well on their way focusing on their studies and preparing for their final two terms before the Higher School Certificate. I would like to thank our amazing Year 11 Adviser Mr Angus and Year Adviser Assistant Ms Touma who organised the study skills day for Year 11 earlier this term. The day was aimed to get Year 11 off to a good start by focusing on organisation, time management, study techniques and stress management.

Our wonderful Year 7 students have settled into their new routines and enjoying their new subjects and activities. I have been very impressed with Year 7 students and their transition into high school, the number of awards that have been given out this term is outstanding. Well done Year 7 and keep up the great effort!

Earlier this term we held our Open Day and Open Night event, our student leaders SCR, leadership team and hospitality crew did an amazing job showcasing our fabulous school.

A special thank you also to three wonderful Year 7 students (Allana Hamad, Claudia Deacon and Tyler Savage) who courageously stood before all our guests and delivered the most inspiring speeches. They made our school proud and demonstrated what wonderful leaders we have at this school. From the valuations of the students and parents, they thoroughly enjoyed the event. I would like to thank all the staff and students who worked together to make this event a memorable one.

Our amazing peer support coordinators Ms Iordanidis and Ms Varvaressos have trained a number of Year 10 students who are now our peer support leaders for 2014. Our leaders have been working with our Year 7 all term to ensure a smooth transition into high school. Thank you to Ms Iordanidis and Ms Varvaressos for their enthusiasm and dedication to this worthwhile program and to our student leaders for doing a marvellous job.

I would like to thank all the parents who came to our first parent teacher evening. It was a great opportunity to meet classroom teachers and for the teachers to converse with the parents about their child’s progress so far.

This year our school will be participating in the Sydney P.A.C Fest 2014 (Polynesian Australian Culture Festival). We now have a wonderful, enthusiastic team who have been practising every Wednesday and Thursday afternoons to deliver a Cultural Performance piece with the theme “Building Unity”. Their performances so far look outstanding. I would like to thank all the parents who give up their time each week to help our students choreograph the dances and music. I would also like to thank Mr and Mrs Nandha who have donated some clothing for our team. Our students will be performing their piece at the Sydney P.A.C Fest 2 August. Information detailing the venue and time of the event will be published in Term 2. Thank you again to all the students, staff and families who support this great initiative.

On Tuesday 8 April a group of our SRC students Paige Macintosh, Weizuo Yao, Grace Zhang and Richard Zhang participated in the student’s Anzac Commemorative Day Service held at Kingsgrove RSL Club. Our students read a passage and then laid a wreath on behalf of our school. It was a beautiful service and created a wonderful link with our community. This event builds on the growing interest to celebrate significant days like Anzac Day.

Finally I would like to wish Year 12 the best in their first formal exams this year. These exams will be followed with their Trial and then the actual Higher School Certificate. All students must understand and follow protocols for senior exams and the HSC that no mobile phones are to be taken into the exam rooms. They must all use their time wisely and aim to achieve their personal best.

Wishing everyone a wonderful Easter and a safe, restful holiday.

Ms Bilali
Deputy Principal
Year 7 Girls Against Bullying

Over the last 2 weeks, the girls in Year 7 have participated in 2 workshops that have looked at the various types of bullying that can cause our days to be miserable and our self-esteem to plummet. Discussions were held as to what makes bullies bully – and how it affects us. We also looked at what we can do when this sort of things happens to us, or if we see it happening to someone else.

The girls also got a to see a video clip focusing on these issues that was created by a group of Year 10 students as part of a PDHPE assignment last year. It contained a very powerful message – that we can put a stop to bullying if we work together in saying “No!”

As all change starts within ourselves, the girls also had a chance to reflect on what they could do about it. We are looking forward to getting together again later in the year when we undertake the Values program when we can look a little more deeply into how we can demonstrate our values and positive choices here at Kingsgrove North.

The boys will get their chance next term and I look forward to the chance to get to know them a little better as I did with the girls. They are a very vibrant and eager cohort and it was a pleasure to have this fabulous opportunity to explore issues and challenges with them.

Ms C Baker
Girls' Supervisor
Behaviour Support Teacher

Celebrating Sisterhood

On the Friday following our successful International Women’s Day Breakfast and celebration, the Year 10 girls spent the day in workshops with presenters from Rising Generations. The day encompassed a variety of activities and discussions around topics such as:

- Self-identity and worth
- Courage and taking a stand
- Communicating with self and others
- Motivation and attitude
- Building resilience
- Developing a cohesive year group

There was no cost to the girls as our Principal approved the school covering the costs of approximately $1500 for which I am very grateful.

The girls were engaged from the moment they entered the common room and remained so for the duration of this very exciting, challenging and empowering day. I am proud to say their behaviour was exemplary, their care for each other outstanding and their appreciation and gratitude for being able to partake in such a wonderful opportunity very heart warming. Our challenge is to maintain the momentum and keep working on the skills and ideas presented to us on the day.

The feedback from the girls and the presenters has been fabulous – I am only sorry that we can’t do this every week! But I think there would be some issues with assignments and assessment tasks if we did... We will continue with some of the topics in our next COMPASS program which will follow on from last year.

My sincere thanks again to the Executive and staff for supporting this initiative. And especially to the Year 10 girls who just gave so much of their energies to make it such a successful day.

Ms C Baker
Girls' Supervisor
Behaviour Support Teacher

Website

As of the beginning of Term 2 Ms Cazouris will be maintaining our website so you can look forward to a more dynamic and more frequently updated platform to keep an eye on what is happening at school. It would be great if you were to provide feedback to the school (via email to the school account kingsgrovn-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au) about information you would like to see on the website. We will do our best to accommodate any and all reasonable requests.

School Photos

They will be ready for distribution very early on in Term 2. I am sure that they will be worth the wait.

Mr Ffrench
International Women’s Day at Kingsgrove North High

In the early dawn of a dark Monday morning, a small number of students and staff joined together to put the finishing touches to what was to be a carefully planned and prepared for International Women’s Day breakfast celebration. Tables were set, flowers placed in vases, muffins were baking and over 60 plates, bowls, and glasses washed and dried as the first of the many guests arrived to take part in what was our Inaugural event.

The Year 10 Social Justice Team and the Food Tech students and staff under the creative and professional direction of Ms Todd had done an amazing job and as the PowerPoint presentation began, the music stirred and our guest speaker, Ms Sue Holden, Principal of Canterbury Girls High arrived to encourage us with her words on Inspiring Change, this year’s theme of IWD.

It was truly inspiring to see so many guests; staff from Fruitex, staff and students from both KNHS and other schools including Wiley Park and Auburn Girls High Schools all supporting this initiative. The morning went by too quickly; the food was appreciated with gusto and Ms Holden’s words were truly challenging and pertinent.

Our Executive Team Mr Ffrench, Ms Bilali, Ms Harbon and Mr Kennedy were all there. Our School Captain and Vice-Captain spoke so clearly and confidently and our Prefect team were very supportive.

We were very fortunate to have been given a very generous Lucky Door Prize by Mrs Lisa Giokaris, a Manager with Accor Hotels. Our volunteer and talented photographer for the morning, Mr Don Smith was the enviable winner of a night’s accommodation with full buffet breakfast! Our sincere thanks to Tina’s mum for her kindness.

Our charity for this event was the YWCA – another inspiring organisation providing education and social support for women and girls. Their mission to provide opportunities for change and empowerment through education was a very worthy recipient of the funds raised by this event.

My sincere thanks to everyone who supported and worked towards this event, especially Mrs Bilali, Ms Todd, Ms Howlett, Ms Vourdousi, Ms Aldridge for her exceptional placemats, and Maryam Khan of Year 10 for the beautiful invitations.

Catherine Baker
Girls Supervisor
Behaviour Support Teacher
Sat 5th April 2014
THE HAPPINESS CYCLE EVENT
Morris Iemma Sports Centre
KNHS Cross Country Carnival
Kingsgrove North High School  
Term 1 - Sports Report 2014

It has been a very busy and exciting start to the year. In sport we have had our Swimming and Cross Country carnivals, Summer Grade Sport and started our Winter Grade Sport. Congratulations to all the students who have already excelled in their chosen areas and good luck for up-coming events.

Cross Country Carnival
KNHS have had great success in recent times at zone, region and state levels at this event. The following students are KNHS Cross Country age champions of 2014. We wish them good luck as they lead the rest of the KNHS team into the St George Zone Carnival on the 20th of May.

Adidas Fun Run
The 2014 Adidas Fun Run for KNHS was held on the Tuesday the 18th of March at Gannons Park, Peakhurst. All funds raised are now due with sponsorship forms to the PE staffroom. Please ensure you have selected your prize on your form depending on how much money you raised.

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Sports Person of the Month

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<td>Selection into the St George Zone Swimming Team that competed at the Sydney East Regional Carnival</td>
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<td>Jason Liang</td>
<td>Consistent outstanding effort in boys Grade Table Tennis</td>
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Wednesday Sport Winter Season begins - 7th of May
KNHS Athletics Carnival - 16th of May

Mr Jason Rozario
Sports Co-ordinator

After missing a train which made our journey a little longer, we finally reached Cronulla beach. We got prepared and listened to the instructions, we got to know if we were goofy footed or regular footed (left foot back surfer or right foot back surfer). Then we went for a swim to get used to the water and surf conditions before we went in with our surfboards.

Five minutes later we were ready to start surfing. Although most of us had wipeouts some others didn’t. It was a great new experience for us all, and we got to learn about surf safety and how to stand up on a surfboard. Although some people had difficulty standing on a board, we all enjoyed the day and the time went too quickly.

After our lesson was over we went and got changed and went for lunch in a park, then we made our way back to school on the train.

Why can’t all school days be so much fun!

PASS Student
No 2 2014

**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.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- SCHOOL SHIRT $15
- SCHOOL PANTS $15
- JUNIOR SCHOOL SKIRT $20
- JUNIOR SCHOOL SHORTS $15
- SCHOOL JUMPER $20

**SPORTS UNIFORM**

- SPORT SHORTS $10
- SPORT TOP $10
- CAP $5
- SCHOOL JACKET $25

**SENIOR SCHOOL UNIFORM**

- SCHOOL SHIRT $15
- SCHOOL SKIRT $20
- SCHOOL PANTS $15
- SENIOR PANTS $5
- PLAIN SHIRTS $5

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**Absentee information**

When children miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships.

If your child has to be absent from school for any reason, including arriving late or leaving early, please either tell your child's teacher or the administrative assistant at the school, or explain the reason by phone, email, SMS or written note as soon as possible, or within seven days.

Once children are enrolled parents are legally required to send them to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as sports days. A small number of absences may be justified if your child:

- has an unavoidable medical or dental appointment (preferably these should be made after school or during holidays)
- has to go to special religious ceremony
- is required to attend a serious and/or urgent family situation (e.g. a funeral)
- is too sick to go to school, or has an infectious illness.

Failure to explain an absence within this time will be recorded as an unjustified absence on a student's record. Schools will inform parents if a student is absent from school without explanation.

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**Term 2 Uniform and lateness**

Two of our target areas for Term 2 will be students who are persistently late for school and students who do not follow our school uniform guidelines. Students who fit into these categories will be looking at after school detentions once they have been given an initial warning. When students are enrolled they all sign an agreement that they will comply with the school rules. So if your child does not have an alarm clock or a school jumper or proper black leather shoes maybe they can have a trip to Yeronga uniform shop to ensure that they are properly attired for school in Term 2. Otherwise the inevitability of detention awaits.
All children under 18 years of age are eligible for FREE DENTAL CARE at NSW Public Oral Health Clinics

NSW Health recommends that all children have a dental check-up

Toothache can cause children to miss school. Pain can stop children playing, eating and sleeping.

To make an appointment, contact:

- Your family dentist; or
- The Public Dental Service

PUBLIC DENTAL ACCESS CENTRE TELEPHONE

(02) 9293 3333
PARENTING WORKSHOP SERIES
FOR PARENTS OF ADOLESCENTS

Finding challenges in raising 12—18 year olds?

FREE Parent Wise Parenting Workshops for ALL parents of adolescents.
Topics include:
- The stages of adolescence
- What parenting styles and communication techniques work
- How to keep a positive approach to discipline!

Rosemount Good Shepherd Youth & Family Services
(assisting families since 1982).

Date: Thursday afternoons — one session per week for 6 weeks
from Thursday 1st May — Thursday 6th June 2014
Time: 4:30pm—6:30pm
Venue: Rosemount Good Shepherd
440 Marrickville Road, Marrickville

REGISTRATION IS ESSENTIAL please contact:
Carol Ashmore or Jo Evenden on Ph: 8571 7800
Email: carol.ashmore@rosemountgs.org.au or jo.evenden@rosemountgs.org.au

Also now available, THE AUSTRALIAN PARENTING APP
FREE from iTunes App Store or Android Market.
You need to take extra care when driving and parking in school zones. Please ensure that
you understand the road rules and that your child understands how to behave safely
around school zones. Please be a good role model for your child’s pedestrian and future
driving behaviour.

If you break the traffic rules in a school zone you are putting children at risk.

**Safety tips for drivers around school zones.**

- Always drop-off or pick-up your child from suitable and legal parking spots, even if this
  means walking further away from the school.
- Never double park.
- Never park across a pedestrian crossing.
- Never perform a U-turn in close proximity to the school, or over double lines, or on the
  pedestrian crossing.
- Make sure all children in the car use the footpath-side door (safety door) when getting in and
  out of a car.
- **Always ensure children are secured in their appropriate for age child restraint.** Preferably
  seat children in the back seat of a car for safety.
  **Penalty:** Unrestrained child $304 & 3 demerit points
- Make sure the hand brake is applied when the vehicle is stationary.
- Make sure everything is organised before coming to school so that the drop off is as fast as
  safely possible.
- Ensure items in the car are safely in the boot or on the floor.
Parking and Traffic Rules - Choosing Safety over Convenience

**NO STOPPING**

What does it mean?
You cannot stop in this area FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
To keep sight lines clear for drivers and children so both have more time to avoid crashes.

Penalty - $304.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

**NO PARKING**

What does it mean?
You can stop in a NO PARKING zone for a maximum of two minutes to drop off and pick up passengers. You must stay within three metres of your vehicle at all times.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for older children to be set down and picked up without endangering other children.

Penalty - $169.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

**BUS ZONE**

What does it mean?
You must not stop or park in a bus zone unless you are driving a bus.

Why is it there?
To provide a safe place for large buses to set down and pick up school children.

Penalty - $304.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

Other Traffic Rules

**Pedestrian Crossings including Children’s Crossings**
You must not stop within 20 metres before or 10 metres after a pedestrian crossing.

Why is it there?
To ensure that children can be clearly seen by vehicles approaching the crossing.

Penalty - $409.00 + 2 Demerit Points (School Zone)

**Footpaths & Nature Strips**
You may not stop on any footpath or nature strip, or even a driveway crossing a footpath or nature strip FOR ANY REASON.

Why is it there?
You could easily run over a child or force pedestrians onto the road to get around you.

Penalty - $169.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

Fines as at July 2013

**Intersections**
You must not stop within 10 metres of an (unsignalised) intersection.

Why is it there?
To ensure that there is a clear view of vehicles and children crossing the road at the intersection.

Penalty - $236.00

**Double Parking**
You may not stop on the road adjacent to another vehicle at any time; even to drop off or pick up passengers.

Why is it there?
Double parking forces other cars to go around you causing traffic congestion and reduces the view of drivers and children crossing the road.

Penalty - $304.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)

**Driveways**
You may stop over the entrance of a driveway to pick up or set down passengers, but you may not wait there or leave your vehicle unattended.

Penalty - $169.00 + 2 Demerit points (School Zone)