Kingsgrove North High School

The Way North

Our Community Newsletter No. 4, 2014

Relieving Principal’s Message

Term 3 has been a productive and busy time for all KNHS students and staff. Year 12 have completed their Trial HSC and are now in that intense period of study and revision leading up to the HSC exams themselves in October. Some students have already finalized their practical work.

It was a term where we saw our Pacific Islander students represent our school at two events – an excellent performance at PACFEST early August which followed the opening dance performance at the GWS Giants vs Geelong Aussie Rules game at Spotless Stadium. Inspirational stuff.

It was a term that saw:
- Year 10 and Year 8 Subject selection
- Parent Teacher night
- Zoo Excursion
- Canberra Excursion (Ms Chegwidden’s 21st consecutive Canberra excursion. YAY!!!)
- PDHPE excursions to lots of jumping and climbing
- Year 10 Careers Program
- School Play Rehearsals – the play will have been done and dusted by the time you read this, but what an excellent all round effort by Mr Kurt and his actors and stage crew – more later
- Year 12 HSC Trials – not too far from the main event
- Breakfast Club – every Friday Morning
- Fusion – Year 9 groups – Wednesday mornings
- School Captains and Prefect elections – see results elsewhere in the newsletter
- Unsafe trees meet their doom
- and much, much more

White Ribbon Day

I do want to ask you to look at your calendars and book ONE date for later this year - Tuesday 25th November, 2014. This is White Ribbon Day. White Ribbon Day promotes the end of domestic violence in homes across Australia. On 25th November this year KNHS staff and students will be joining the Lakemba White Ribbon March from 6.30pm. This year’s theme is “drumming out domestic violence”. I would like to see our school community get dynamically involved in this very, very important social issue.

We are currently running, in conjunction with Campsie Police and Belmore PCYC a “Kids against Domestic Violence” program with 24 Year 9 students. The 8 week program aims to promote the involved students as White Ribbon Ambassadors. It is expected that they will participate in the 25th November march and bring along some friends and family members in support.

On Thursday 21st August the students in the program got to meet and talk with Angela Barker. (If you are interested google her name) Angela is 29 years old. When she was 16 she was the victim of a brutal assault at the hands of her “boyfriend”. The assault left Angela brain damaged and confined to a wheelchair. She spent the first 5 months after the assault in a coma and the next 30 months in extensive rehabilitation. The experience of meeting and talking with Angela is one that the students involved will remember for decades to come. She is a very courageous and driven young woman who is a passionate advocate for standing up to domestic violence. I have a hope that before 25th November, every student at Kingsgrove North and at least one significant family member will sign the “no to domestic violence” pledge. More about this later.

Some short term staffing changes

I will be on leave for the remainder of Term 3 and Week 1 of Term 4.

Ms Bilali will be Relieving Principal
Mr Trumble will be Relieving Deputy Principal
Mr Rumney will be Relieving Head Teacher, Industrial Arts

Enjoy the remainder of Term 3

If you have a Year 12 students in the household I will offer some advice...
- They will sleep strange hours
- They will be demanding and lacking in patience
- They will “need” the “social network” to survive
- They will require chocolate / huge hugs / patience / understanding
- They will exist on the “HSC diet” – whatever that is
- They are good kids and they will be doing their best to do their best
- They will be being supported 24/7 by KNHS staff – they may not know that....

Mr Ffrench
School Captains & Prefects 2015
Kingsgrove North are proud to announce the School Prefects and Prefects for 2015.
The School Captains are Patricia Berzabal and Rohail Abdullah
The Vice Captains are Sokeina Farhat and John Easton
The Sports captains are Desiree Sarlas and Shaun Hewitt
The Prefects are Chalisa Harta, Lucia Rowe, Moksha Shah, Raffi Jamgotchian, Feras Sefian and Alex Xuan
Women in Science Forum

On Thursday 14th June, 12 female students from Year 9 to 11 and Ms Ellis set out to attend the L’Oreal Women In Science Forum held at the Garvan Institute in Darlinghurst. Dr Cara Doherty (a physicist) and Dr Vanessa Kellerman have, both, been awarded a fellowship of $25 000 to continue their research for the next 3 years by L’Oreal. During the session, we heard all about their discoveries and being a female in a male dominated world and were then given the chance of asking questions of the scientists. Tavjot was the only brave one of us to stand up and ask a question. It was an illuminating discussion.

After the session was finished, we were taken to the 10th floor of the institute to talk to researchers and PhD students. This floor was the Immunology research area of the institute. Each floor is dedicated to a different area of research. One area of research that they are looking at, is in the relationship between immunology and transplant patients. They are attempting to discover a method to reduce the use of anti rejection medication that patients need to take after a transplant. After this, we were provided with a afternoon tea before heading back to the train with our “goodie” bag of L’Oreal products.

Taronga Zoo

On Thursday 7th June, 120 Year 7 students went on the annual excursion to Taronga Zoo. They have been studying animals and classification in class and this excursion was to supplement the work studied. Students walked around the zoo, seeing animals such as the lion, tigers, sun bears, gorillas (including the latest addition), reptiles, giraffes and many others. They attended the seal show before heading to the bird show. Lunch was centred around the elephant house. A great day was had by all and plenty of exercise was done by all.
Year 11 2014 Brett Whiteley Studios and Art Gallery of NSW

On Wednesday the 30th July 2014, the year 11 art students went on an excursion to the Brett Whiteley Studios, followed by Art Gallery of NSW in the Domain. The excursion gave the students an opportunity to view Australian Artist Brett Whiteley’s Portraiture exhibition and ‘The Archibald Prize’ Exhibition, further supporting their learning of portraiture in art.

The students were also able to view the works of Australian artists in the new Australian Artist collection space as well as view the works of contemporary artist currently exhibiting at the gallery. The students were able to experience an artist working environment, viewing works both in a small and large gallery. It was a great day and the students benefited from the experience.

Ms Noulas,
Rel. HT CAPA

What is a School?

It is a farmer
   Taming his lame horse.
It is a church
   With prayers for the ignorant.
It is a chessboard
   Where we choose our own moves.
It is a drunk
   Quenching the thirst for knowledge.
It is a prison
   With hard labour for a sentence.
It is a mud hole
   Through which we trudge everyday.
It is a memory
   Filled with days we will soon forget.
It is a boom gate
   Keeping restless souls at bay.
It is a crew of astronauts
   Setting sail to the stars….

Rohail, Adeel, Alex, Joshua, Jonah, Sokeina, Ferris, Lucia, Mahika, Patrique, Thomas, David, Bryan, Yousef & Chalisa
Year 11 English

PACFEST 2014
China Day. 25th July

Ms Baker and Mr Dai held a very successful day where a number of our students performed for guests from the Confucius Institute. Chinese calligraphy and cultural activities were on display in the Confucius room and during the last period a concert was held in the hall. Ms Baker prepared a hearty lunch for the guests and performers with many experimental dishes available. The Chinese classes formed a choir and presented some items and some students presented instrumental performances on a Chinese theme. We also had guest appearances by our dance group and the Pacifica girls group. To finish up the day, Mr Dai played a major work by Chopin. The students spent a great deal of time decorating the hall with lanterns and banners and the successful multiculturalism of KNHS was on full display. It was a very successful event.
Canberra Excursion 18th July

The History Department were pleased to take 45 year 10 students to experience the War Memorial and National Museum in Canberra on the 18th July. It was very fitting that on August 4 this year it was a 100 years since the outbreak of World War One.

Ms Andreou and Mrs Chegwidden spent a day showing the students the sights of our national capital. The students had an enjoyable day and were able to appreciate the history of our country.
Year 8 Science Excursion

On the 29th July 2014, Year 8 Science Students went on an excursion to Darling Harbour, Image Maximum (IMAX) and the Sydney Observatory. At the IMAX Cinemas, we watched a documentary called “Hubble 3D”. This documentary is about astronauts attempting the most difficult tasks to fly up to space and fixing the Hubble Space telescope. After the documentary, we took the bus to the Sydney Observatory.

The Sydney observatory is a museum and educational centre where people can reflect the history of astronomy and meteorology. There were lots of places to go look at, like the 3D Space theatre and telescope Viewing. At the 3D Space Theatre, we experienced the end of a star’s life, comparing the size of planets, stars and galaxies and much more. We got to look at the Sun with a variety of telescopes and it was amazing to look up at the sky.

Overall, all of us had a great time and we learned more about the Solar System. It was a great experience and we would go there again in the future. Special thanks to all the Science teachers involved in this excursion, we wouldn’t enjoy this without them there.

Brandon Xi Kann Foo, year 8
VET HOSPITALITY

Yr 11 Hospitality students completed one week (35 hours) of practical industry work placement at a variety of venues across Sydney, during Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3. Students had the opportunity to experience a working commercial kitchen and further develop their practical chef skills learnt in class.

The experience took the students out of their comfort zone of the school environment but they took this in their stride. All the students learnt a lot and enjoyed the experience. Work placement supervisors spoke very highly of their attitudes and efforts. Well Done!

Jasmine Brillion at the Doltone House Pyrmont

Bonnie Chen at Sir Stamford at Circular Quay

Irene Vambaris at Amora Hotel Jamison Sydney

Bankstown Sports Club
Tas Kouflos
Moutairi Henry
Jordan Charos
Ahmed Kraidli

St George Hospital Catering
Carlos Hernandez
Celebrating Students Achievements in VET Ceremony

At Kingsgrove North we currently run three VET subjects in Year 11 and Year 12 Hospitality, Retail and Construction. These subjects give students nationally recognised qualifications, while fulfilling HSC Board of Studies requirements.

Two students from our school were finalists in receiving a ‘Student Achievement in Vet Award’ within the Public Schools, Ultimo Region. This was due to their all-round outstanding efforts and achievements in their VET Subject.

Congratulations to Zaid Javed (Hospitality) and Sandy Frances (Retail Services) on your Achievement in VET Award. This is an outstanding achievement.

Renee Todd (VET Co-ordinator)
GWS Multicultural Round - Iftar Dinner

Earlier this term, Year 9 and 10 Food Technology were invited to visit the GWS Giants Club in Homebush Bay to participate in their nutrition program. They were taken on a tour round the GWS headquarters and participated in a program about the importance of eating nutritional food and being healthy. Our Food Technology students were really engaged with the GWS program and had a wonderful time.

Out of the pick of many schools in the district GWS invited Kingsgrove North High School back to help with the catering and event operations of the 1st annual community event. As part of the launch of AFL’s Multicultural Round the Great Western Sydney Giants hosted their 1st annual local community Iftar dinner at their Learning Life Centre.

Iftar is a religious Muslim custom, breaking of the fast. A meal is eaten after sunset during the holy month of Ramadan. The purpose of this event was to bring the local community together; this included local members, Muslim and non-Muslim. One hundred and seventy guests attended, including key community leaders, AFL dignitaries such as the AFL CEO and local and national media.

Students were heavily involved in:
- Press Conference
- Food preparation
- Function preparation
- Food service
- Service breakdown
- Ushering

The GWS football club recognises there’s more to the community than just footy, the club is dedicated to making a difference and focused on some key initiatives such as Health & Nutrition, Education programs (Science | Environment | Leadership programs). GWS are out there in the community activity listening to the community and providing to what the community needs.

GWS’s Health & Nutrition initiatives have given our Food Technology students great opportunities to be exposed to a professional community focused organisation. For our Food Technology students to be exposed to hospitality & catering operations and to see how GWS’s Health & Nutrition Program is applied across the organisation are invaluable experiences.

GWS Health & Nutrition Program and Dinner event was a wonderful experience for our Food Technology students. This has been the start of great partnership between KNHS and GWS.
GWS Multicultural Round - Iftar Dinner
Term 3 Uniform and lateness
Two of our target areas for Term 3 continue to 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 3. Otherwise the inevitability of detention awaits.

 KNHS SECOND HAND UNIFORM SHOP

PRICE LIST
Beside 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

KNHS UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop would like to recognise and thank the generosity of our students, their parents and our community for donating uniform items to the Uniform Shop. Thank you to the following:

Raffi Jamgotchian Year 11
Alesar Billal Year 11
Swastic Sharma Year 11
Mahika Suri Year 11
Tia Mahmoud Year 9
Emanuel Paulo Year 9
Kacper Worobeic Year 12
The Flanagan family
Alicia Mourlas & David Duong Year 12 (Class of 2013)
Colton Anderson Seaton of Year 10, whose father donated all Colton’s Uniforms. We wish Colton all the best at his new school in Ulladulla. He is missed by all his peers and the Geography class is not the same without him as we are finishing off Coastal Management. We don’t have anyone keeping us up to date on waves and surfing!

John and Andrew Demos, Years 11 & 12 - We wish John (Year 11) all the best with his new chosen career path and area of study.

Our Uniform Shop, operated by Retail Service Students would not be able to operate without your generous support. Because of your generosity students are able to purchase an affordable uniform within their school. Students who donate receive an achievement card and a Certificate of Appreciation.

At the Uniform Shop it is even easier now to make a purchase as - The Kingsgrove North High School Second Hand Uniform Store has gone On-line! Please visit www.knhs-uniform-shop.com for your Uniform needs.

Please visit the store and tell us what you think! Make a quick purchase. Students can pick up their uniform while they are at school or parents can pick their children’s uniform up during recess and lunch from Monday to Friday.

We have internet banking facilities which will make your purchase a breeze.

For feedback on the store please Email the owner, Ms Papadopoulos, Business and Retail Studies Teacher at Maria.Papadopoulos@det.nsw.edu.au or the Creator and Administrator of the Store: Patricia.Cazouris@det.nsw.edu.au. Your Feedback is valuable to us and waiting to hear from you.

An extended thank you goes out to Mr. Devey who assisted in the creation of the online store and Year 12 Information Processes and Technology Students for conducting a feasibility study and coming up with solutions to meet the technological, Business and Retail Services goals of Kingsgrove North High School.

M Papadopoulos and P Cazouris
Kingsgrove North High School Uniform

**Junior Girls' Dress Code**
Maroon/Grey/Blue overcheck school skirt or navy blue UNIFORM tailored slacks or navy blue tailored shorts
Light blue shirt with school crest (with option of school tie in winter)
White ankle socks.
Black enclosed leather shoes - not sneakers for safety requirements in practical lessons.
Maroon jumper with the school crest.
Blue School jacket
White hijab where appropriate.
White or navy neck scarf in winter

**Senior Girls Dress Code**
Grey tailored UNIFORM slacks, or skirt
White blouse with school crest (with school tie in winter)
White ankle socks or black stockings.
Maroon jumper with the school crest.
Black Leather shoes – not sneakers for safety requirements in practical lessons.
Blue School jacket
Maroon school blazer (optional) or Special Jacket for Year 12 only.
White hijab where appropriate.
White or navy neck scarf in winter

**Junior Boys' Dress Code**
Navy blue UNIFORM shorts or trousers
Light blue shirt with the school crest (with school tie in winter)
Navy blue long/short socks.
Black leather shoes – not sneakers for safety requirement in practical lessons.
Maroon jumper – jumper with school crest.
Blue School jacket
White or navy neck scarf in winter

**Senior Boys' Dress Code**
Grey UNIFORM shorts or trousers
White shirt with school crest (with option of school tie in winter).
Grey long/short socks.
Black leather shoes – not sneakers for safety requirement in practical lessons.
Maroon jumper with school crest.
School jacket
Maroon school blazer (optional) or Special Jacket for Year 12 only.
White or navy neck scarf in winter.

*On Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday:* You must wear fully enclosed, laced up, leather school shoes. If you don’t wear fully enclosed leather shoes you will not be able to participate in some Science and Mandatory Technology activities.

*On Wednesdays and PE lessons:* You must wear fully enclosed sport shoes that cover the ankles. Canvas shoes are not sport shoes.