Principals Report

We are just over half way through the term and year 12 are fast approaching the end of their time at the school. The year 12 trials have now been completed and all students should be finalising any last assessment tasks and focusing on preparing for their HSC examinations. We wish students well in their final few weeks at the school. The graduation ceremony will take place on Thursday 17th September and this will be the final school day for students, the formal dinner will be held later that evening. The gowns for the year 12 graduation have arrived and look great, this will be the first time that students will be dressed in gowns at our school and the start of a new tradition. Over the past month we have had a number of special events and activities happen both inside the school and outside in the community. Week two was a very big and special week for Kingsgrove North High School.

On Tuesday 21st July we hosted the Chinese Immersion Day, this was a major event and involved a large scale organisation and production, with neighbouring primary schools also invited. The day involved workshops, games, parades, food and culminated in a one hour variety showcase at the end of the day. I would like to thank Ms Baker for all her hard work and many many hours she spent preparing for the day. Ms Baker was also well supporting by Ms Chegwidden, Mr Walters, Mr Kurt, Grace who is her student teacher assistant, Mr Dai and Mr Spero. I would also like to acknowledge the many students who gave up their time to help and also be part of the overall day and for the wonderful support from Mr Ffrench and Ms Bilali. We had guests from the Confucius Institute and the Director Mr Leonarder. It was a great day for the school and an excellent promotion for what our students and staff are capable of producing.

Later that night we had the subject selection night for year 10 in 11. Mr Ffrench organised the evening and was supported by both staff from all faculties in the school. The evening was very well attended and I received excellent feedback from staff, students and parents about how successful and informative the evening was. This also complimented the work that Ms Noulas did in having every student interviewed as part of the process of selecting the best and most appropriate courses for senior studies. I would also like to thank the many staff who gave up their time to conduct the interviews.

On Thursday 23rd July we had a very special guest at our school, Angela Barker, who was the victim of a very vicious and cowardly bashing 13 years ago, visited our school as part of the “Kids Say No” program which is run every Thursday by Constable Danny Kidd from Belmore PCYC. All year 9 students were present to hear Angela talk and have the opportunity of asking her questions. Angela is very inspirational and demonstrated both strength and integrity in her talk. It was fair to say there wasn’t a lot of dry eyes in the audience and Angela is a truly remarkable and special person. I am very proud to have had the opportunity of not only meeting her but also hearing her talk. What makes this even more special is that Angela only visits one school in Australia and that is Kingsgrove North. Year 10 students will have the opportunity of hearing Angela talk on Tuesday 18th August at the UWS. This is a special day for over 500 students who come from other schools and is being sponsored by GWS Giants AFL. It is fair to say that week 2 was an exceptional week for our school.

The ABCN mentoring program continues to go from strength to strength. Students who are involved in the program have already had the opportunity of visiting the head office of Microsoft and Optus and have gained valuable experience with their mentors. The program has been such a success that we were invited to add more students to the program and Ms Bilali has been at the forefront of organising this valuable program with assistance from Mr Spero.

The Max Potential program has also been progressing with a lot of success. The students were invited to go to Parliament House on Friday 7th August and meet a number of high profile community leaders. Ms Iordanidis has been the coordinator of this program and my thanks to her for all her work in supporting the students involved. The students will shortly be presenting a major project they have been working on.

I also had the pleasure of attending the finals of the “Bring it on” dance competition which was held on Saturday 1st August at Homebush. Our students performed in the finals and did a fantastic dance routine. The competition is a highly competitive event and Kingsgrove North were very well represented. I have nothing but admiration for the students who competed in the event, they gave up so much of their time to practice and prepare and did themselves and the school proud.
As you can see from my report so far it’s been all positive and a great promotion for our school and we are still only in week 5. I know there have been other performances that I have missed including sporting successes, but would like to thank and acknowledge everyone who has made a valuable contribution to the school.

On the staff development day our staff were involved in a vision and values session to start the process of developing a statement for each. I have collated all the information along with Mr Ffrench & Ms Bilali and we will be presenting this to the staff shortly for feedback. I will then take this to the P&C for their comments and thoughts as well. I am hoping to have these finalised by the end of the term. I welcome parents to come along to the next P&C meeting to look at the work that the staff have produced.

The first stage of the library refurbishment has been completed and the second stage has commenced, there are new steps about to be laid inside that will brighten the place, as well as glass frosting throughout the library, more new coloured furniture and stools, a new glass entrance is in place as well as a new carpet mat with the school logo ordered. The library is already looking much better and attracting a lot more students to read and do work in.

During the holidays we had the hallway that leads from the front office to the kitchens painted along with the maths staffroom and toilets. It has made a big difference and the next stage of the painting will commence at the start of September, which will involve 11 classrooms painted and the long hallway upstairs in block B and C painted along with the staircase areas. This work will be completed by the start of term 4 and will make a big difference to the school. I have proposed the idea with all faculties about budgets for 2016 and the possibility of painting more rooms in the January holidays, all in all the school in 2016 will look cleaner and freshly painted in most areas and make the learning environment for our students and staff that much more positive.

This will leave a number of smaller hallways left to do, with some repairs and then we can start to look at some external areas and then the hall, it will take time but we will get there. The school is not getting any extra money to fund the improvements, we rely on parents paying school fees to help us improve our environment.

It has been a busy but very productive term so far. Thank you to all staff, including the fabulous office ladies for all your work so far this term.

Angelo Stasos

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 3**
- Monday 24th August
- Friday 4th September

**Term 4**
- Thursday 15th October
- Tuesday 10th November

**Times**
- Period 2 - Yrs 7, 8 and 9
- Period 3 –Yrs 10,11 and 12

KNHS Students Excel in Australian Geography Competition

Geography students from 10GA tested their geographical skills and knowledge against students from all around Australia in the 2015 Australian Geography Competition.

I am very pleased to announce the following students received outstanding results.

**High Distinction:** Jack Zhang Jie Lin Ding Patricia Brockbank

**Distinction:** Alvius Chandra Sebastian Columba Oscar Qu

**Credit:** Han Kwon Diala Lebde Christopher Li Peggie Li Forest Lin Hao Liu Sang Luu Tristan Shrestha Minh Tran Johnny Vo

Congratulations and well done!

Mrs D. Tsitsos
HSIE teacher
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.

Kingsgrove North High School presents

the hilariously funny

MIDSUMMER REMIX

The show will be on for two nights in Term 3, Week 7A:

Tuesday 25th August, 2015 and
Wednesday 26th August, 2015
at 7 pm SHARP
in the school hall.

Address: Richland Street, Kingsgrove
Telephone: (02) 9502 3933

Tickets:
Adults $8
Student/Child $5
Family $15

Buy tickets at the English faculty from Mr Kurt or from the cast and crew!

Buy before the play nights!
Report from the Library
Farewell Mrs Parker

Our Library Assistant, Mrs Parker has retired after 28 years at Kingsgrove North High School. Mrs Parker kept the library running like clockwork and will be greatly missed. I believe she is looking forward to her retirement and has planned a great European travel adventure. Bon Voyage!

Mrs Parker being farewelled in style by the Library Monitors.

Students have access to the Encyclopaedia online through their DET portal. Log into your portal, select school library and then follow the link on the library catalogue front page. This should be a great help for your assignments. Ask the library staff for help if you are having trouble logging in.
Welcome to my first edition of VET News. My name is Paul Smith and I am the newly appointed Head Teacher of Vocational Education and Training (VET). I would also like to thank all the staff and students for the warm welcome I received when I arrived at the start of Term 3. Some students were puzzled when I was introduced as the Head Teacher VET. I had to clarify that “No... I do not operate on animals!”

I began my 20 year career in the Hospitality Industry working as a barman and then hotel manager. Then after completing my apprenticeship as a chef, I worked in many kitchens in Australia, the UK & France, before gaining a scholarship with the Department of Education & Training in 2003 to retrain as a teacher. Previously I have worked at Marrickville High School and Kingsgrove High School, before accepting a two year appointment as a Senior Pathways Officer (previously known as a Regional VET consultant). Our role was to support VET teachers in the delivery of training and assessment of a range of VET courses and assisting them to adhere to the Standards of the National VET Regulator.

I am thrilled to be now part of the KNHS team and am looking forward to working with the students in providing advice and assisting them on their chosen journey from school to further education or employment.

Term 3 is always a particularly busy time for VET students and teachers. Year 12 students are completing their final competencies as well as HSC requirements and Year 11 students are satisfying preliminary competencies, as well as completing their 1st or 2nd work-placements.

The 2nd Work placement dates for the VET course at KNHS are as follows:

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Success Stories:
A number of students have made a great impression with some of our host employers during their work placement. Michael Pickering (Year 11 Hospitality) has commenced part time work for a catering company in Sans Souci with the prospect of commencing an apprenticeship. Dylan Vagana (Year 11 Hospitality) has similarly been offered a school based apprenticeship (SBAT) with the Novotel Hotel Group. Congratulations to Michael and Dylan for their outstanding efforts. We will be working with these students and employers to make their transition from school to work a successful one.

VET Awards.
On Wednesday 19th August the Regional Vocational Education Awards are being held at Revesby Workers Club to acknowledge the hard work and dedication to their studies that VET students have demonstrated. One of our Year 12 Retail Services students, Joane Zaini has been nominated as a finalist. We wish her the best of luck and congratulate her for the commitment she has demonstrated to the Retail Service course. Well done Joane.

Head Teacher VET
Paul Smith
BRING IT ON Make it to the Grand Finals

On Saturday, 1 August 2015, Kingsgrove north high schools bring it on dance crew had the opportunity to compete in the grand finals with 11 other schools. They performed at the Homebush state Sports Centre to a packed stadium audience.

It was a brilliant and flawless performance. Despite not placing, the students should be congratulated for their superb dance routine. The crew worked tirelessly to ensure the routine was polished and well rehearsed, they showed dedication to all after-school rehearsals and professionalism on the day. Well done to all the Kingsgrove North Bring it on dance crew.

A huge thank you goes out to the back stage crew, their help and support insured the success of the performance on the night. I would like to thank Stephanie Dilgee for the time she spent in makeup and hair with the Dance crew, preparing them for the stage.

A special thank you to Miss Grumitt who worked tirelessly with the crew to get them to the high standard they illustrated during the performance. Her dedication of many after hours rehearsals sourcing costumes and sorting out backdrops all played a major role in the student success. Thank you to the student’s, teachers and parents who came out to support our dance crew, it was great to see you in the audience.

For those who missed out on the performance you will be able to see this dance and many more performances at the arts Showcase evening on Wednesday, 19 August.

Ms S Noulas
Rel. H.T CAPA
ABCN Focus Program

Kingsgrove North High School promotes and encourages Leadership opportunities for our students. As part of our new partnership with ABCN (Australian Business and Community Network) we have a number of leadership programs running this year. The FOCUS program is one such program and has been a success. It seeks to provide our year 11 female students with essential leadership skills they need to engage in a successful, meaningful career. The program aims to improve achievement and foster a sense of self-belief that will encourage students to aim high and have confidence in their leadership abilities.

The FOCUS program involves students working in small groups with female executives who act as role models and mentors. Sessions include: an introduction to leadership styles, realising strengths and creating a leadership picture. For all the year 11 girls involved this year they have been given the opportunity to take part in FOCUS 2, first time offered this year.

About the future Influence – Her.

This year for the first time ABCN has also offered our year 11 female leaders a one day workshop called ‘About the future Influence – Her.’ This is a new program exclusively for young aspiring women leaders to engage and learn from senior women executives, right up to CEO level. The students involved were taken through a series of fun and engaging activities focused on leadership and entrepreneurship. The workshop took place at the Museum of contemporary Art Creative Learning Centre on 14 July.
UOW OPEN DAY

10am – 2pm
Saturday, August 29
Sydney CBD Campus, Circular Quay
Gateway Building, 1 Macquarie Place

uow.edu.au/sydney-open-day

Attend the Sydney CBD Open Day and explore three levels of modern teaching facilities overlooking Circular Quay and the Sydney CBD precinct.

You will have the opportunity to:
• Chat face-to-face with our academic staff
• Learn about our business courses
• Meet current students and industry partners
• Tour the campus

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AUSTRALIA
CHINESE IMMERSION DAY

On the 21st July, KNHS held a very successful Chinese Immersion Day. KNHS was one of the first schools selected to be part of NSW Department of Education Confucious Institute Secondary Schools program which has been in operation for 6 years. This day was sponsored by the Institute and involved a number of workshops in Calligraphy, competitions and paper cutting in the morning, and a concert in the afternoon. A luncheon of Chinese delicacies was provided for the visitors and performers in the Common Room. We were happy to have a number of primary schools participate in the day, including Bexley North, Earlwood, Clemton and MacCullums Hill Public Schools. We had the opportunity of showcasing the efforts of our Chinese students as well as contributions from our Pac fest performers and dancing groups, some very talented singers and musicians. As well as some traditional Chinese dancing the students put on a magnificent fashion parade displaying Chinese costumes from ancient to modern times. Together with the audience of years 7 and 8 many important officials from the Department of Education were present engaging with the activities and performances of the day. Those present included Mr Rod Leonarder, Director, Public Schools Canterbury as well as Kim Proctor, Shuangyuan Shi, Linda Zhang, Evelyn Man and Frank Liu who represented the various sectors of the Education, Learning and Leadership Directorate and Confucius Institute. A large thank you for those members of staff who worked hard with the students to ensure the success of the day, especially Ms Tong Baker, Ms Zhou, Mr Dai, Ms Chegwidden, Mr Kurt, Mr Walters and Mr Spero. Another thank you for Mr Stasos, Mr Ffrench and Ms Bilali for facilitating the smoothness of the day’s events.
These activities are suitable for high school students
Please visit our website for more information:
www.pcycnsw.org/belmore

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Please check our website for more details.
Kingsgrove North High School PAC FEST team finished term 2 with a spectacular performance at Liverpool Leisure Centre. Our students were outstanding and proudly held the title of the host school. A huge thank you to all students involved and their families who supported our Pac FEST team throughout terms 1 and 2. Their commitment and efforts during training each week truly paid off. All students displayed wonderful leadership skill and are great ambassadors for our school. We are looking forward to next year’s performance.

**ABCN Goals Program**

This year ABCN has also offered a Mentoring program for 18 year 9 students called the GOALS program. This is a very structured program that involves business professionals mentoring students with the aim to raise awareness of the wider range of personal, educational and vocational choices.

Each student is matched with a business professional from the ABCN’s member companies. Each session is run in the CBD where students complete joint activities, participate in broader group discussions on issues such as goal setting, communications and interview skills, and finally present their work or findings to the group. Two companies visited so far are Microsoft and Optus. All students involved are enjoying the program and developing their leadership skills.

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**Year 10 Geography Get Creative**

Year 10 Geography Students Get Creative

Congratulations to Year 10 Geography students who produced some wonderful assignments on Waste Management. They had the opportunity to design either a board game, website or produce a short video clip. The assignments presented demonstrated the creativity of our students and their ability to work in teams. Particularly commendable was the video produced by Forest Lin, George Solinareos, Sang Luu and Johnny Vo. This was a very entertaining and intriguing look at rubbish. Well done, boys! A copy of the video will hopefully be available on the school website in the near future.

Mrs D. Tsitsos
HSIE teacher
Creative and Performing Arts

On Wednesday, 19 August 2015, the Creative and Performing Arts at Kingsgrove North High School will present an evening showcase of Arts. The evening will be to celebrate our students and their hard work throughout the year in the Visual Arts, Ceramics, Photography and Digital Media, Music and Dance. The night will commence with an exhibition of students artworks at 6 PM in senior quad. This will be followed by a variety of performances in the performing arts Showcase in the hall. Hope to see you there.

Sarah Noulas
Rel Head Teacher CAPA

Max Potential

On Friday, the 7th of August 2015, it gave me great pleasure to escort five students from Year 11 (Haley Sawalha, Weizou Yao, Maenie Singbuppha, Saadet Gazelci and Patrick Ramos) to attend Parliament House at Macquarie Street, Sydney for the Max Potential Group Session 3 which was run by Ms Sue Booth.

The Ambassador for Max Potential Mr Rob Furolo, Director at Strategic Housing Solutions and former Member for Lakemba, pulled a few strings to host this special event at Parliament House. Ms Linda Burney MP and Mr Jihad Dib, MP (current Member for Lakemba), co-sponsored this event with Rob. While Ms Burney was unable to attend on the day, she did send a letter of support for the program and commended the difference our young adults are making in their local communities through their service projects, Mr Dib was able to come and interact with the students on the day. During the Group Session, there were set activities that challenged the students to think outside of the box, develop their collaborative and team building capacity and to reflect on their learnings through these challenges. Activities included workshopping their ideas about what they love in the areas where they live (and present this as a ‘war cry’), explore why those things are important to them and how they bring a sense of community spirit / pride, what are the issues affecting youth in their area (and as an Australian citizen) and to present these to Mr Dib. They presented their ideas in groups and all students were involved in discussing solutions to these issues. Mr Murat Didzar (Department of Education), was also invited who listened to the students and then addressed some of the concerns the students had regarding curriculum for high school students.

By the end of the session, the students of KNHS Max Potential Group were so overwhelmed, they could not stop talking about their wonderful experience. Mr Jihad Dib also promised the Max Potential students a privileged, behind the scenes day tour in Parliament House in the near future. Now that’s something to look forward to.....

Ms Koula Iordanidis