As we approach the end of the term I would like to take this opportunity of wishing Year 12 all the best with their HSC. The year 12 graduation ceremony was held on Thursday 17th September in the school hall. It was a special event for our school especially with the students dressed in academic gowns for the first time. The ceremony displayed a lot of the traditions that the school has developed over the years and I was very proud and pleased with how the ceremony was conducted. It was also great to see so many parents and friends attend as well. The formal dinner was held later that night at the Haldon reception centre at Lakemba and was also a very pleasant evening. My thanks to Mr Angus and Ms Touma for all their work not only in organising the graduation ceremony and dinner but also for their work as year advisers and overseeing year 12.

I also have pleasure in announcing that Mrs Jennifer Davies was the successful applicant for the vacant SAM (Senior Administrative Manager) position, further to this we welcome Ms Emma Murphy who has also successful in her application as a mathematics teacher.

A number of projects have been completed around the school and some are in progress. The library refurbishment has been completed with new colourful furniture, steps, pinboards and glass frosting all installed.

The Bunnings Vista project has also commenced with the laying down of two concrete slabs near the hall. This is a joint project with Bunnings and when completed will house outdoor benches, a BBQ area and a covering. Mr Ffrench has been the driving force behind this project. During the holiday break there will be 11 classrooms painted, most with a feature wall and the top hallway that runs from C block all the way down to J block will be painted along with the stairs. This will make a big difference to the school and as we move along the other smaller hallways will be painted next year, along with a number of other classrooms.

The classroom doors in J block will be painted and the lower level which is essentially the Year 12 area will also be painted by the end of the year to brighten the small quad area. As you can see we are slowly making the school a better place for our students to learn and staff to teach. Depending on school funds I am hoping to look at the school hall in 2016 with a plan to install a new microphone/data projector, paint and change the décor at the front of the stage.

At the last P&C meeting I presented details of the proposed uniform shop for our school. This was ratified and I have been given permission to go to tender and will complete this process in term 4. At the end of the tender I will put a patent on our school logo so only the successful tender can produce uniforms for our school and this will ensure that the school will receive the maximum amount of commissions that will be put straight back into the school.

There have been a number of whole school events occur in this term and I would like to thank and acknowledge a number of staff. The CAPA showcase on the 19th August was planned and organised by Ms Noulas and involved a showcase of CAPA work in both J block and in the hall. This was well supported by a display in the Industrial Arts department as well. The evening was very well attended and I received a lot of positive feedback. This was the first time such an event has been held and it will now become a regular event on the school calendar.

On the same night we had the annual VET awards at Revesby workers and I am pleased to announce that Joane Zaini from Year 12 received an award in retail services.
Ms Papadopulos has been largely responsible for helping Joane make this happen.

The annual school play was held over two nights (18th and 19th August) in the school hall. The evening not only involved the school play but also a variety of other acts including a staff band and dance performance which I am led to believe is a tradition at the school. It was pleasing to see both nights with the hall full of students, staff and parents and the P&C were also very well represented on the night selling a variety of drinks and foods. I would like to thank Mr Kurt for being the driving force behind the play, he was very well supported by Ms Chegwidden, Mr Spero, Mr Walters, Mr Li, prefects who were at the door, students who worked behind the scenes and not to mention a great group of students who gave up weekends and free time to be involved in the actual play.

On Thursday 3rd September we had the graduation dinner for the students who were involved in the Kids Say No program. This is the program that has been running for the past seven weeks in the common room with Constable Danny Kidd from Belmore RSL and has been sponsored by Campsie RSL. It was good to see so many parents attend along with students who received a certificate for completing the program and what a powerful program it has been. It has aligned closely with our school in terms of the White Ribbon message that we are promoting and along the way featured a variety of guest speakers and performers. At the graduation Audio Vixen who have visited the school before and who have performed on X factor were also present again to sing on the night.

There are two excursions that I would like to mention, the first is a Year 8 excursion to the Urban Adventure Park at Homebush on Thursday 10th September. I received a call from the manager at about 2pm on the day praising our students and staff for their excellent behaviour and manners that they displayed and I acknowledged this and thanked students on the following assembly. On Monday 14th September I had all of year 7 attend an excursion to the Zoo and once again received nothing but praise and excellent feedback about our students. I would like to thank both year groups for bringing credit to our great school. This compliments the events and activities that have taken place this term and has showcased the community the spirit and what our school is all about.

My thanks to all staff who have worked tirelessly during the term, there is no such thing as an easy term and they seem to be getting more and more demanding as we move along with the many reforms that are now in place. To Mr Ffrench and Ms Bilali for all the support and wonderful work they do to ensure the school is providing quality learning for our students. I would also like to acknowledge the staff who have filled in as relieving Head Teachers for the term Mr Christinson, Ms Iordanidis, Ms Tsiotisoras, Ms Noulas, Ms Sarlas and Ms Spyrides, thank you for your support and for doing an excellent job. I would also like to thank Mr Spero for relieving Deputy Principal while Ms Bilali has been on leave.

Finally I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe break, during the first week of the holidays, Ms Baker, Ms Chegwidden and myself will be going to China to establish a sister school relationship with Xuchou No13 Middle School and then travelling to Beijing to visit Myuan School who were recently guest of our school for three days. I will provide a complete report in the next newsletter.

Angelo Stasos
Principal
Kingsgrove North High School Prefect Body 2016

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Kingsgrove North High school would like to congratulate the new Prefect Body of 2015. School Captains are Haley Sawahla and Maryam Khan. The Vice Captains are Zane El Khayat and Marie Estrellado. The Sports Captains are Christian Papageorgious and Maenie Singbubpha. The prefects are Neha Bal, Kirat Kounsal, Angelique Dimitrakis, Weizou Yao, Jenney Le and Aydan Zebib.

We wish them all the best in their new leadership roles and may they all be great role models for the students, school and community.
YEAR 10 PDHPE Excursion

On Tuesday the 25th of August, the PDHPE staff took the year 10 students to Homebush for the bstreetsmart performance and information day. For the last eight years, Westmead Hospital has held bstreetsmart (previously known as the Youth and Road Trauma Forum) This injury prevention program is open to students in years 10 to 12 in all government and non-government high schools in NSW and the ACT. The Forum was held at the Allphones Arena, Olympic Park Boulevard, Olympic Park. Nearly 16000 students from 160 high schools attended in 2014 and this year was no different.

bstreetsmart is held because our youth are being severely injured and killed due to potentially preventable road crashes. The NSW statistics for 2010 for 17-25 year olds, recorded 53,863 road traffic crashes of which 73 were fatalities and 14,915 were injured. These young people hold only 15% of licenses, but they are involved in 28% of crashes, which often result in hospitalization. Westmead Hospital’s Trauma Service is committed to decreasing these numbers.

The Forum provides students who are most at risk, a realistic look at the trauma caused by road crashes and gives them information and strategies in an attempt to reduce serious injuries and deaths. The Forum’s contents and structure aim’s to treat young people as adults allowing them freedom to choose from a range of interactive exhibits.

The students all enjoyed the day and felt they have gained knowledge on how to be safer drivers and passengers. The stories they heard by victims of road trauma along with the performance will give students the skills to B-Street Smart when they are drivers in society.

For more information visit the bstreetsmart website at:

http://www.bstreetsmart.org/
International Students Visit, August 10-12

KNHS was very fortunate to have a group of teachers and students from the No 2 Miyun Middle School, in Beijing China come and visit our school for 3 days from the 10th to the 12th August.

It was a positive experience for the Chinese students who were able to buddy up with our students in various classes and activities. There was an excellent interactive lesson held in the History museum with Ms Andreou and Ms Chegwidden explaining the origins of a number of Australian artefacts including convict made bricks, ice chests and assorted Australiana. The students were also able to test vegemite and other Australian delicacies with Mr Angus in an inspiring ESL lesson. Throughout their time at the school the group were able to feel at home in the Confucious classroom so superbly run by Ms Baker. Our students were able to exchange ideas with Minyun School and the teachers were happy to be entertained by Mr Dai, Ms Zhou and Ms Baker in Mandarin. The successful visit was organised by our Chinese teacher Ms Baker who also was able to rustle up some magnificent meals for the guests. She has worked tirelessly for the cause of our international students at the school as well as liaising with our sister schools in China. During the school holidays Mr Stasos, Ms Baker and Ms Chegwidden will be visiting this school as well as our other sister school in Jiang Su, China. We look forward to continuing to foster our relationship with the schools of China.

The LOTE Department.
Year 12 Major Works

On Monday, 24th August the year twelve Visual Arts students submitted their Body of Works to the BOSTES. Congratulations to these students who worked tirelessly to complete their practical work and work towards preparing for their written HSC paper later in the year. We have had some wonderful and highly accomplished works produced this year and all students should feel proud of their achievements within the creative arts.

Thank you to Dioni Karpathakis who worked collaboratively and extensively to ensure our students remained successfully engaged in their creative learning this year.
This year on Wednesday, 19th August 2015, the Creative and Performing Arts faculty at Kingsgrove North High School presented an evening showcase of the Arts. We celebrated the students and their work in Visual Arts, Ceramics, Photography and Digital Media, Music and Dance. The students from year seven through to year twelve had the opportunity to exhibit their artworks, musical and dance performances to the wider school community and celebrate their wonderful achievements in the arts. The evening was a major success with a huge turnout.

Thank you to all the CAPA staff who worked collaboratively and extensively to ensure the Arts Showcase was organised and ran smoothly on the evening.

Ms S Noulas
CAPA teacher
Science at KNHS: ANCQ, excursion and paper planes

In July this year, 23 students in Year 10 (10 students), 11 (5) and 12 (8) from our school participated in the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. 136 high schools across NSW and 18 other countries also entered their students for this annual event. Congratulations to all our students for taking up this challenge. While I have just received their results, the certificates are on the way.

The following students deserve special mention:
High distinction:  Yr 12 - David Zhou
Distinction:  Yr 12 - Rohail Abdullah, Bonnie Chen, Kant Zhu
             Yr 11 – Neha Bal
             Yr 10 – Kwon Han, Sang Luu, Jack Zhang
Credit:  Yr 12 – Avari Bhogwani

For the first time, our Year 12 average result was above both state and national percentages! This is truly amazing. Well done, everyone.
For those who missed out this year and anyone who wants to take up this challenge, put this date into your future diary: 21st July 2016. That’s when I will be running this quiz again.

Year 12 Chemistry students had another excursion in August after their trial HSC to the Australian National Maritime Museum. The day was beautiful and the sessions very informative. The students also got to see the inside of a de-commissioned warship and a submarine. Comments from students included, “Hmm.. this was actually a very enjoyable experience. I really enjoy the day.” “Yeah, I wasn’t sure what to expect, you know. Shipwreck and corrosion? But I learnt a lot.” “It was very interesting; but I don’t want to work inside a submarine.” “What? How do they fit into these tiny beds?”

Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge

The Young Scientist Paper Plane Challenge culminated on 29th August at USYD “The Square” where some 800 students from around the state competed. As I was one of the officials, I got a sneak peak at how some winning entries were folded! The winning distance was a whopping 35 m and longest air time was an impressive 11.9 seconds. I have James and Dylan on video showing some of their models. God willing, next year we might get better results from our school.
Ms. Macindoe (Science Faculty)
Women in Science

On Wednesday, 8 girls from Year 10 joined 300 female students in attending the UNSW Women in Science day. It began with a forum where the girls heard from 3 scientists - Dr Jodie Rummer (a shark expert), Dr Muireann Irish (a researcher looking at the relationship between imagination/memories and dementia) and Dr Shari Breen (an astronomer) who each received a $25 000 fellowship from L’Oreal-UNESCO to continue their research. Students were then able to ask the women questions regarding their research and lives. After this concluded, the girls were taken on guided tour of the Physics building to be followed by 2 workshops. One was to the Museum of Human Disease that is used by the anatomy students and the other to the Biology and Geology faculty where they able to analyse elements found in minerals, meet a scientist who was part of a group to discover the Riversleigh fossils and hear about a number of biology experiments occurring at the university.

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 4
Thursday 15th October
Tuesday 10th November

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

Skoolbag

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.
AUSTRALIAN BIOTA STUDY DAY

Earlier this term, Year 11 Biology along with Mrs Ioannou and Ms Ellis attended the Australian Biota Study Day held at the Botanical Gardens and the Australian Museum. It involved 4 one hour workshops examining the evolution of plants and animals in Australia, further enhancing work that was taught in class. In the morning, one workshop was hosted by Taronga Zoo where students learnt about animal adaptations as well as patting a ring tail possum and shingleback lizard while the other workshop, which was hosted by The Royal Botanical Gardens, involved a walk through the gardens looking at plants such as the Wollemi Pine that evolved during the dinosaur era. This was followed by a walk to the Australian Museum and a quick lunch. In the afternoon, one group completed hands on activities looking at actual fossils of the platypus, diprotodon and snakes while the other group visited the 4th floor and observed the evolution of Australia and animals. A successful day that provided Year 11 with a better understanding of how Australia has changed over the millions of year.
**Knockout Netball**

During term 2, 12 students from Year 7 -11 participated in the Open Knockout Netball competition held at Bellingara courts Miranda. Our first round game was against Sylvania High. We started strong and matched them goal for goal. Unfortunately Sylvania was able to gain the lead and we were beaten by 10 goals and knocked out of the competition. We then played a fun game against Canterbury girls and were victors in this game. Now for our next netball challenge, the 15 and under Knockout competition where our first opponents are Beverly Hills Girls.

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**Earlwood Public Science Day**

On 29 July a group of year 10 students ran science workshops at Earlwood Public School for their Open Day. The students were most engaging, communicated exceptionally well with parents, teachers and students. The Principal of Earlwood PS Sandra Angel and the school community were most impressed by the leadership our students displayed. A huge thank you to our year 10 leaders who made our school proud.
On Wednesday, the 16th September, 2015, five year 11 students, Haley Sawalha, Maenie Sing-buppha, Jean Patrick Ramos, Saadet Gazelci and Weizou Yao completed the Max Potential Program with a finale Showcase at Canterbury Leagues Club.

Max Potential: connects community leaders with emerging young leaders to:
ACCELERATE their potential to achieve over 22 weeks using MAXIMISERS™, a personal leadership framework.
CHALLENGE them to lift their game through 8 hours of personalised coaching.
BUILD their ‘can do’ attitude through a community project.
EXPLORE their entrepreneurial spirit through developing their leadership.

The students displayed their "can do" community project which were fabulous and a lot of thought and effort was put into them. Their coaches were also here for support and extremely proud of them. Saadet Gazelci gave a lovely speech which was something she would not have been able to achieve before Max Potential.

At the end of the Showcase, the students received their “Certificate I in Active Volunteering” for completing a community service. A big congratulations to the Max Potential students, KNHS is very proud of them!

Mrs K Iordanidis
Year 11 Advisor
Year 7 Taronga Zoo Excursion

On Monday the 14th of September, 2015, Year 7 attended an excursion to Taronga Park Zoo. It was a beautiful, warm day where we enjoyed the sunshine and the lovely animals. Most animals were out and about as we watched the gorillas, elephants and giraffes being fed. We attended the Seal Show where many of our students got wet by the splashing of the seals which made it the highlight of the day. After lunch, we attended the Bird Show. By that time the students started to get hot and tired, but they still kept going because we still had so many more animals to see. When the time came to go home, most students were ready for a relaxing trip back to school. All students were well behaved and should be congratulated for their enthusiasm. It definitely was a day to remember!

Mrs Koula Iordanidis

The Ideation Forum

On Wednesday the 9th of September, 2015, three students from the SRC, Sang Lu, Charlotte Cameri and Katelyn Alfonso attended the 'Ideation Forum' with Mrs Iordanidis. This forum was based on Multiculturalism and challenging students to be inspired with new innovative ideas. The morning started with the Chief Executive Officer of Multiculturalism NSW, Mr Hakan Harman who spoke about Australia and its diversity. Another guest speaker was Naomi Selvaratnam, an SBS Reporter and Producer, who spoke very proudly of her heritage and her role at SBS. When all the official speakers finished, students were separated into groups to complete their workshops. Teachers also had workshops that were very informative. It was a long day and the students were a little tired as we didn’t get back till 5.00pm, but it sure was worth it.

Teachers vs Students VolleyBall Game

Once again our teachers won against our outgoing Year 12 students.
Sports Report  
2015 Term 3

It’s Summer Sport time once again and KNHS grade teams are looking strong with a good chance of many semi-final competitors. We wish all of our teams the best of luck as they continue the Winning Wednesday spirit in all competitions.

2015 Winter Sport Champions

Congratulations to the following teams for participating in the Winter Sport Grand Finals:

15A Girls Netball (WINNERS)
14A Girls Netball (RUNNERS UP)
15A Girls Soccer (RUNNERS UP)
15C Boys Soccer (WINNERS)
14C Boys Soccer (WINNERS)

2015 Zone Carnivals

Congratulations to all those students who attended the Zone Athletics & Cross Country carnivals this year with a big congratulations going to the following students who made it to the Regional Carnival:

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2015 Regional Carnival Winner

Congratulations to Latisha Yeboah who came first in the 15 Girls High Jump for the whole Sydney East Zone and is set to compete at the CHS carnival. We wish her the best of luck.

Up-coming events

4th of Nov- Senior Teams Grade Sport Semi Finals
11th of Nov- Junior Teams Grade Sport Semi Finals
3rd of Dec- KNHS Sports Presentation Day

Mr Costa D’Addona
Sports Co-ordinator
Year 9 & 10 Basketball Gala Day

On the 8th September Kingsgrove North took two Year 10 Basketball teams to the very competitive Sutherland competition. We narrowly missed semis but forced the stronger teams to play their best basketball. In the past we have made the finals but we were unlucky that our shooting let us down this year.

Ms Turnbull, Basketball Coach

Basketball Gala Day—Year 7 & 8

Congratulations to the Year 7 & 8 Basketball Gala Day on the 1st September. Our school had seven teams of both boys and girls competing on the day, indicating the interest and talent at the school. Kingsgrove North had more teams competing in this tournament than any other school in the region, public and private. Although we narrowly missed the semis. All students competed well and showed good sportsmanship.

The days success was largely due to our student coaches in Cain, Alan, George, Phillip, Chris, John, Wyanita and Shahine. Thanks also to Ms Varikos and Mr Moyel for their help & support.

Under 15 Girls Basketball

Well done to our under15 girls Basketball team who defeated Caringbah Selective High School to claim a top eight place in the Sydney East Region. The girls won 24 to 21 in a very tough match.

Wyanita lead the team scoring most of the points. She was well supported by Zara and Victoria who played tough all game. All the girls played well, especially Maria who marked out the best Caringbah player. Well done to Rikki-Teina, Chantelle, Maggie, Christina, Ruth, Tare and Meka.

The girls next games where at the Sutherland Basketball Stadium to play the Under 15s finals. This is the first time in at least ten years, that the girls have made the finals. Credit to the girls, they played well against schools with better facilities and specialist Basketball Programs. Unfortunately the girls did not make the finals but I am proud of their effort on the day. Well done girls.
Living Well Photography Competition 2015

Theme: Mental Health, Living Well

We are looking for images that represent your sense of well-being, resilience, purpose, or happiness. What are the things that have the greatest meaning or significance in your life? What images represent the feelings and emotions of a life well lived? Are there activities that celebrate the moments in our lives?

Latest Submission Date:
Wednesday 30th September 2015

Competition Information & Registration:

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