



# Kiama High School Newsletter

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Term 4 Week 9A and 10B

Commencing December 10, 2018

## FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK



What an amazing couple of weeks we have had – learning and celebrating together!

This newsletter showcases so many amazing events that have happened including the Duke of Edinburgh hike, a Year 12 Legal Studies excursion and a Day of Maths with Adam Spencer & Eddie Woo. Today is the culmination of a very busy fortnight with our second KHS Fest! It's a beautiful day and we

have a bigger, better event planned.

On 26 November we had the final P & C meeting of the year at the Old Schoolroom at The Sebel. There was a brief meeting before we focused on planning for 2019 and the desire to include parents in activities and events to raise money for specific purposes for your children. Two students attended to give their perspective and this certainly enriched our discussions. Thanks to Lucy Burton (SRC/Year 10) and Dylan Cardwell (Year 11) for coming along. Thanks also to Ms Kerrie Powell, Deputy Principal, for organising the event. Stay tuned for your opportunity to help out in 2019.

On 4 December we welcomed our Year 7, 2019 with a fabulous orientation experience. Students came along for the day to meet other students, participate in classes, organise books and uniforms. That evening we also welcomed parents to come in and hear how they can support their child to successfully transition to high school. Once again I was overwhelmed by the positive parent support with great attendance. Thanks to Ruth Power (Head Teacher Wellbeing) for organising the day and thanks to support from teachers to go above and beyond. Thanks also to Kate O'Connor (Head Teacher Teaching & Learning) for organising the parent event.

Thanks you to everyone involved in the organisation of these events. It's been great to see such team work, collaboration and cooperation.

On Wednesday evening, 5 December, Ms Louise Luke and Ms Leonie Fowler staged the wonderful Music and Dance Showcase. The depth of talent we possess at Kiama High School is amazing. The students really showed their capabilities and love of the performing arts. See more about this further on in the newsletter.



Finally as we enter the last few weeks of the term I want to encourage you to send your children to school until the last day of term, December 19, 2018. Students and teachers are still working hard and engaged in valuable learning opportunities. This year reports will be delivered electronically. We trialed the rollout of our Sentral Parent Portal with Year 11 parents and it has been highly successful. If you have students in other years you will receive a letter next week giving you a unique parent identifier to set up the portal. The school has been working hard this year to improve communication with parents and this initiative not only achieves enhanced communication but it also saves paper resources which is supporting our ongoing War on Waste. If you have any queries about the portal please do not hesitate to contact the school.



KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL will hold its Annual Speech Night and Presentation of Academic Prizes and Sporting Awards on **Tuesday 18 December**. The main feature of the Ceremony is that it allows students who have gained academic, sporting and service spheres to have their efforts acclaimed by community leaders, parents and fellow students with the presentation of awards in the form of books, trophies, vouchers and certificates.

Time: 6:45pm for 7:00pm start

Where: Gadhu (Sea) Kiama High New Gym

**Catherine Glover, Principal**

### KIAMA HIGH SCHOOL P & C NEWS

**The Lion's Club of Kiama will be at the Kiama Christmas Markets on 16 December from 7.30 until 3.00pm.**

They have generously offered half the proceeds of their sausage sizzle to the KHS P&C if we help with service at the stall. All you need to do is show up, provide a friendly service for the BBQ and then be on your way.

Any helpers are greatly appreciated and we welcome students who are interested in helping out as well. All funds raised go right back into the school so every dollar counts.

If you are interested in supporting the cause on the day please contact P&C Secretary, Jennifer Nelson at this email address:  
[kiamahighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au](mailto:kiamahighschool@pandcaffiliate.org.au)

### DUKE OF ED HIKE



Bronze and Silver Duke of Edinburgh students explored Ben Boyd National Park on the Light to Light Walk from 21 – 23 November. 15 students from Years 9 and 10 successfully completed their Qualifying Adventurous Journey in rain, hail and shine!

Day one involved a five hour bus ride from Kiama to the start of the walk at Boyd's Tower. We set off in the rain to our first campsite at Saltwater Creek 13.4km away, leaving Mr Berry behind to refuel the bus! We were grateful that the sun came out mid walk, just in time for a swim. We arrived at Saltwater Creek, set up our tents and ventured to the beach for a swim. Some of the students realised quickly that the kangaroos were accustomed to campers and found one in their tent when they returned.

Our second day was very eventful and the 23km day started with a lightning



storm. We sought shelter from the storm in a tea tree grove and students made shelter out of fallen branches to keep dry. Once the lightning had passed we continued on to Bittangabee

Campground to have lunch and set up our tents. Fortunately, the

rain had stopped for the time being and we continued on to Green Cape Lighthouse. The scenery was spectacular and we saw a herd of seals lazing

about. On our return journey the sky opened up (again), however, this time it was hail and we were in coastal heathland no more than shoulder height. We could not have been more exposed and 3 unfortunate students who had decided to leave their raincoats in their tents felt the force of the tiny pellets of ice. We all returned safely to Bittangabee to enjoy cooking, warming up by the campfire, chatting and fending off mischievous possums from our food and tents.



We were very fortunate the next day that the rain stopped to allow us to eat, set up and pack up our gear. We continued back the 9km to Saltwater Creek, where Mr Berry met the group and we boarded the bus to home.

Well done to all students involved. Some of you have better navigation skills than others, but you were patient and supportive of each other the entire time. No one complained about the weather, and many of you were genuinely excited about being stuck in a hail storm with only a branch to shade six of you.

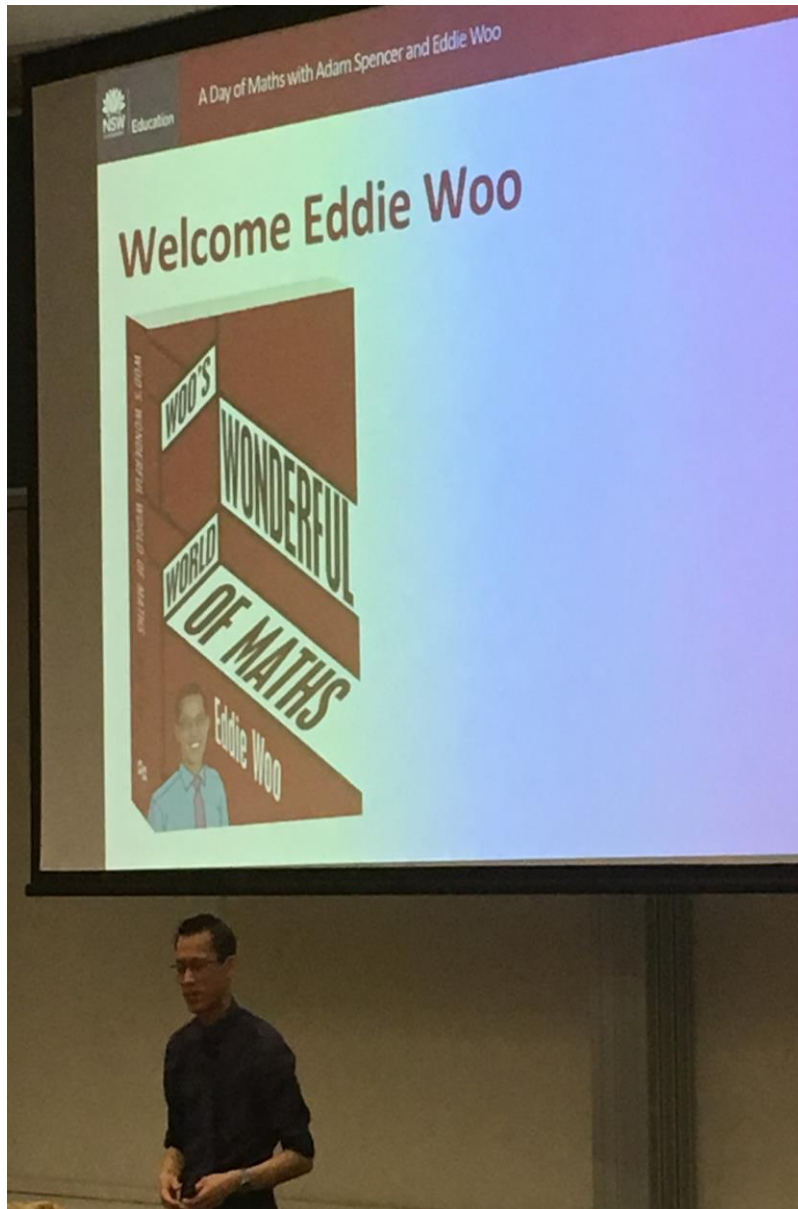


A big thank you to both Mr Paul Berry for driving the mini bus and Steve Leake from the Illawarra Environmental Education Centre for accompanying us on the hike.

**Ms K Cutting and  
Mr M Grove  
(Award Leaders)**



## A DAY OF MATHS

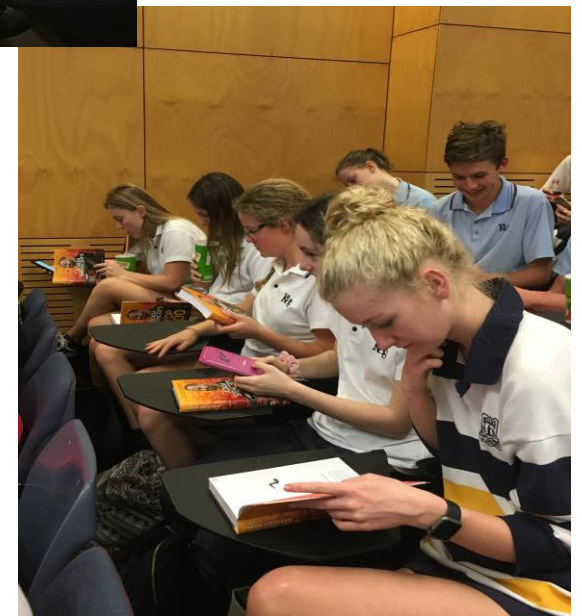


Advanced Mathematic students from Year 9 and 11 attended 'A Day of Maths with Adam Spencer and Eddie Woo' on Wednesday 21 November, at the University of NSW in Sydney.

The KHS students joined other schools from all over NSW for a fun and interactive day of mathematics with Australia's two top Mathematicians. 500 students spent the morning listening to the way Eddie Woo feels about maths and how he is 'reimagining' how the world sees mathematics.

The second half of the day was with Adam Spencer, who generously gave each student a copy of his newest book. The students tried some challenging activities that had their brains working! It was a great day of learning and FUN!

**S. Hurley**  
**Maths Faculty**



## MATHS COMP

Congratulations to the Year 7 and 8 students who received a certificate of distinction and credit in the Australian Mathematics Competition.

### Year 7

Distinction: Tabitha Morley, Jiahao Zhang,

Credit: Bailey Davids, Lara Farrell, Lachlan Poole, Kenan Schoon, Isabella Westley, Saffron Willoughby

### Year 8

Distinction: Holly Zwicker,

Credit: Vedad Nedaydiznab

What a fantastic effort.

**E Donovan, HT Maths**

## VOCATIONAL PROGRAM YEAR 9 & 10

Fifteen students from Years 9 & 10 had the opportunity to attend a range of Vocational Taster Programs delivered by TAFE during Terms 2 & 4 this year. Participants attended various TAFE campuses throughout the Illawarra one day per week and were able to sample a range of subjects including Agriculture, Animal Studies, Hair & Beauty, Auto Mechanics, Panel Beating and Spray Painting. Students gained an insight into possible career paths whilst also receiving valuable tips on personal presentation, resume writing and interview skills.

Congratulations to:

Year 9 students: Jesse Cliff, Brayden Hobson, Braeden Marsh, Jarrod Piper, Aiden Stathers and Jarred Wilkes.

Year 10 students: Lily Cambridge, Jackson Falconer, Grace Garrett, Ben Guthrie, Tyreece Keys, Emily Loiterton, Jordan Loiterton, Damon Rice and Myah Whipp on their participation and achievement.

**Fran Asbury  
Kiama High School**

## YEAR 12 LEGAL

Year 12 Legal students had a fabulous day out at Wollongong district Court on Friday, 30 November. We observed some fascinating cases involving matters such as dangerous driving occasioning death through to bail applications for conspiracy to murder.

Judge Haesler generously sacrificed his recess time to talk to our students, even allowing Adam McCann (pictured) to wear his wig. Overall it was an interesting day.

**Mr P Berry  
HSIE Faculty**



## MUSIC AND DANCE SHOWCASE 2018

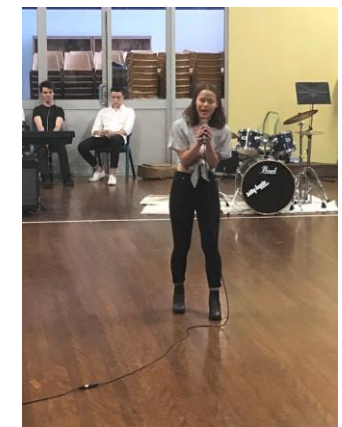
On Wednesday night 5 December a selection of Music and Dance students presented an OUTSTANDING showcase presentation in the School Hall.

There were Dance items from Dance Festival, Southern Stars and Dance for Sport and Music items from students in Year 7, a composition presented by a group of Year 8 elective music students, some outstanding performances from Year 10 elective music students and 2 group performances put together specially for the evening by Year 11 Music students.

The evening was so successful, not only due to the quality of the performances and dedicated and talented students, also how many of the senior students helped coordinate lights, sound and stage manage throughout the showcase.

I know that Ms Fowler, who has worked tirelessly with the dancers throughout the year, is just as proud as I am of the wonderful students who continue to excel at Kiama High School in the Performing Arts.

**Louise Luke**  
CAPA Faculty



## SPRAY-PAINTED FISH MURAL



On Monday 3 December, four Year 9 Visual Arts students worked to create a spray-painted fish mural on a wall in the Senior Quad in the school grounds. These students applied to be a part of this day and needed to describe, in their application, why they would be a great fit for the spray-painting theme. The groups, in conjunction with Ms Stehr, planned a design for the wall.

On the day, outlines were drawn for the background in pale yellow. Students then blocked in with blues and greys. Details of water swirls and bubbles were added. The fish were then drawn on top with the pale yellow and the process of blocking in repeated for the reds and oranges. Stencils were created for the small schools of fish and scales.

This wonderful artwork is the first of many planned for the school grounds at Kiama High School, as part of a planned process of gradual aesthetic improvement.

**Ms K Stehr**  
**H T CAPA and LOTE**



## REFURBISHED iMac SALE



In light of recent technological upgrades, Kiama High School will be selling a number of used computers during the week of Monday 10 December from 9am.

Refurbished 2008 iMacs will be made available in various configurations and conditions. Please note that all computers include a power cord ONLY and are offered in “as is” condition. No warranty or support will be available post-sale. Compatible with all USB keyboards and mice.

- **Operating System:** OS X El Capitan (10.11.6)
- **Processor:** 2.0GHz, 2.4GHz or 2.66GHz Intel Core 2 Duo
- **Memory:** 2GB DDR2 RAM (expandable to 4GB)
- **Storage:** 250GB, 320GB or 500GB hard drive

For pricing and further details on specifications and the condition of individual units, please refer to the Kiama High School website: [kiama-h.schools.nsw.gov.au](http://kiama-h.schools.nsw.gov.au)

## LINKS TO LEARNING PROGRAM

The Links to Learning Program is delivered by the Kiama Community College in conjunction with Kiama High School for Year 10 students. The project is called “Realise the Relevance” with the main objective being for students to develop a sense of value in their education. It is made up of Personal Development, Skills for Life and Career Exposure.

All students participated enthusiastically and are to be congratulated for their manners, diligence and respect for the trainers.

**Ms R Jaeger**  
**Learning & Support Teacher**





## Uniform Shop Opening Hours

### January 2019

Tuesday 22 Jan	11:00 am - 02:00 pm
Thursday 24 Jan	11:00 am - 02:00 pm
Tuesday 29 Jan	11:00 am - 02:00 pm

### Uniform Shop Hours 2019

Tuesday & Friday 10:30 am - 01:30 pm  
Every Week of School Terms 1-4

### Order online & Pick up from Shop

[daylightsportswear.com/kiama](http://daylightsportswear.com/kiama)

## CANTEEN ROSTER

Week 9A				
Mon 10/12	Tue 11/12	Wed 12/12	Thu 13/12	Fri 14/12
Heather	Laura	Help Needed	Nerrida	Help Needed
Week 10B				
Mon 17/12	Tue 18/12	Wed 19/12	Thu 20/12	Fri 21/12

## SECONDARY STUDIES NEWS ...

As part of our ongoing review of the KHS curriculum, Year 9 students are being offered, for the first time, the option of requesting a change to **one** of their Stage 5 electives for Year 10 study next year. Students are required to obtain a Request to Alter Stage 5 Elective form from the Secondary Studies Office in the Library and complete it, with their parent's signature to acknowledge and approve the requested change.

**NB:** Many of the Stage 5 Elective classes are full and it may not be possible to accommodate all students' requests for change. Every effort will be made to cater for student requests; however, it *must be acknowledged* that not all changes may be possible. Students have been advised of this when they have obtained the form. Also, the allocation of available spaces is decided on a number of factors: some students have made their own 'swaps', not realising that there may be other factors involved.

**Judith McLaughlin**  
H T - Secondary Studies

## COMING EVENTS

WEEK 7A	WEEK 8B
<b>MONDAY 10/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>MONDAY 17/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>TUESDAY 11/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>TUESDAY 18/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation Speech night</li> </ul>
<b>WEDNESDAY 12/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>	<b>WEDNESDAY 19/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>•</li> </ul>
<b>THURSDAY 13/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Jamberoo Gold Card Excursion</li> <li>• ZooSnooze Excursion</li> </ul>	<b>THURSDAY 20/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Development Day</li> </ul>
<b>FRIDAY 14/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ZooSnooze Excursion</li> </ul>	<b>FRIDAY 21/12</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• School Development Day</li> </ul>



2019 Applications for the Shoalhaven Youth Orchestra as well as the Shoalhaven Junior Strings are now open. If you play an orchestral instrument and would love to get involved email us on the email below. 2019 will see the orchestra have a camp, tour, professional workshops and plenty more.

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Warrigal is once again proudly supporting the Australia Day WALK-RUN-ROLL event and invite you to be part of our team! Enjoy a picture perfect 4km walk around the beautiful Wollongong Harbour. Get fit, have fun and enjoy time with family and friends. You'll also meet some of our inspiring people and support the awesome work of our charity partner - The Flagstaff Group! This is a pram & wheelchair friendly event. Everyone who registers will receive a free T-Shirt, Hat & other goodies....win! Join us - registrations are now open

<https://www.registernow.com.au/secure/Register.aspx?E=30211>

Thanks to all our staff, volunteers and community who have helped us win

### National Aged Care Provider of the Year



**Warrigal**

## RED CAR DRIVING SCHOOL

Following Ryder earlier this year, below is more information about the Safer Drivers Courses in Kiama and Shellharbour courses for 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter 2019.

The Safer Driver Course aims to provide learner drivers with driving strategies such as speed management, gap selection, hazard awareness and safe following distances so students are more prepared when they drive unsupervised on their provisional licences. The course also aims to help learners identify situations that will put them at greater risk of a crash and consider strategies that will help avoid them.

Participants must have 50 actual hours logged in their log books to be eligible for the course.

On completion of both modules of the course a learner driver will receive a 20 hour credit in their learner driver log book.

The cost of the Course is \$140 including GST

Please bear in mind if students hold, or have their name on a pension or health care card it is free (email me and I can send a form that must be filled in prior to booking and I will also require a copy of their NSW Learner Licence and card. Also we will require confirmation that they have the required 50 actual hours logged by time of course).

**Kiama 5 January**  
**Kiama 9 February**  
**Kiama 9 March**

**Shellharbour 14 February**  
**Shellharbour 21 March**  
**Shellharbour 2 May**

For more dates and a complete overview of the course together with the online booking system please direct students to take a look at our website. [www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au](http://www.redcarddrivertraining.com.au)

We can also take bookings over the phone on 0424 628 703.  
Please feel free to put our contact details in your newsletters, website and facebook page.  
You may also like to publicise the Keys2Drive website to make people aware of the FREE lesson we can provide. [www.keys2drive.com.au](http://www.keys2drive.com.au)

## Gerringong Breakers FC

### 2019 Registrations

Teams looking for players in U13, U14, U15 and U16 age Groups both Boys and Girls teams

**Now playing in the Football South Coast competition.**

Register online anytime at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au)

All players can register online but NEW players will also need to contact registrar for proof of age

For more information please call James on 0422 189 179 or email [Registrar@gerringongbreakers.com](mailto:Registrar@gerringongbreakers.com) [GerringongBreakers.com](http://GerringongBreakers.com)

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# teen clinic

**Your clinic**

*Our clinic can help young people with general health, contraception advice, mental health issues, relationship concerns, STI screening, health education, homelessness, and more....*

**at Kiama Medical Practice, 83 Manning St,  
Kiama - opposite Surf Beach**

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**Thursdays 2pm to 5pm**

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- **Confidential**
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- **[www.teenclinic.com.au](http://www.teenclinic.com.au)**



## CREATIVE KIDS PROGRAM A STEP CLOSER

Families across NSW will soon be able to access the new **\$100 Creative Kids voucher** unlocking the creative abilities of a new generation across the State **from 1 January 2019** when the program takes effect.

All relevant providers have been asked to register with Service NSW so they can participate in the program.

Parents will be able to use **one voucher for every school-age child per year** to help meet the cost of structured creative and cultural activities, such as **music lessons, languages, coding, drama and theatre, photography and graphic design**.

So far more than \$200 million has been returned to households this calendar year through various cost of living incentives. Creative Kids will provide parents with even more hip pocket relief.

There are thousands of organisations out there who could be eligible for the program. I am calling on them to register with Service NSW so that parents can claim their \$100 vouchers with them in the New Year.

This is a fantastic initiative that is only made possible because of the strong economic position of the NSW Government.

We can afford to deliver real savings that help the working families of NSW and reduce barriers to healthy activity.

This program compliments the hugely popular Active Kids voucher and for a family with two children, Creative and Active Kids combined will save them \$400 a year.

Creative Kids is one of a raft of NSW Government initiatives helping to ease cost of living pressure for households. Others include cheaper Green Slips and refunds, free car registration for regular toll users and the FuelCheck app.

Further information including guidelines for providers is available at [www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids](http://www.service.nsw.gov.au/creativekids). I encourage parents to speak to the providers of their children's creative activities and ensure that they register.

**GARETH WARD MP**  
Member for Kiama  
Parliamentary Secretary for Education