



NEWSLETTER

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL

TRIVIA NIGHT

The Keira High School P&C Association's major fundraising activity for the year is the Trivia Night that will be held this Friday night, June 22nd, at the Collegians Rugby League Club, Wollongong. The night begins at 7.30pm and parents, caregivers and staff are welcome to book a table by telephoning the school office on 42294644.

There are plenty of prizes including some donated sporting memorabilia. All proceeds from the night will be used to improve the school's playground areas including the purchase of additional outdoor seating. More information is available on page 6 of the Newsletter.

ENVIRONMENTALLY FRIENDLY SCHOOL

The last School Development Day held at the beginning of this term dealt with the teaching of numeracy across the curriculum. One of the resources that was used on the day was the Academy Award winning documentary, *An Inconvenient Truth*, starring Al Gore. Since then, two teams of teachers have been inspired to continue working on issues raised on the day. One group will focus on developing an integrated Stage 4 (Years 7 & 8) Unit of work that deals with global warming. The other group will concentrate on making Keira a more environmentally friendly and sustainable school.

Over time, we hope that we will be able to report to the school community that our energy consumption and water usage has decreased while our recycling of waste has increased.

BUILDING PROJECT

We are hoping to secure some additional funding to create a large covered learning area with tiered seating. Such a space would allow the school to hold Year group meetings, outdoor classes and evening performances during the warmer weather.

YEAR 7 ENROLMENTS for 2008

The Year 7 Placement Panel met recently to consider a large number of 'out-of-area' applications. The school's strategy to increase our 'in-area' applications is working with increases similar to last year repeated for 2008. While not every 'out-of-area' application has been successful, there are a number of Year 6 students who have been placed on a waiting list. The school has sent out offers of placement and they should be signed and returned to the school as soon as possible to secure a place. There is no doubt that the community views Keira High School very favourably and this is being reflected in the enrolment increase.

SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 3

The first day of next term, Monday July 16th, is a School Development Day and, therefore, is pupil-free. The day will focus on celebrating Aboriginal culture. It is anticipated that participants will gain a more complete understanding of the rich heritage indigenous people bring to Australian culture.

Mr M. Mulheron
Principal

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P&C Meeting

First Wednesday of month during term
7.30 p.m.

Staff Common Room

ALL WELCOME

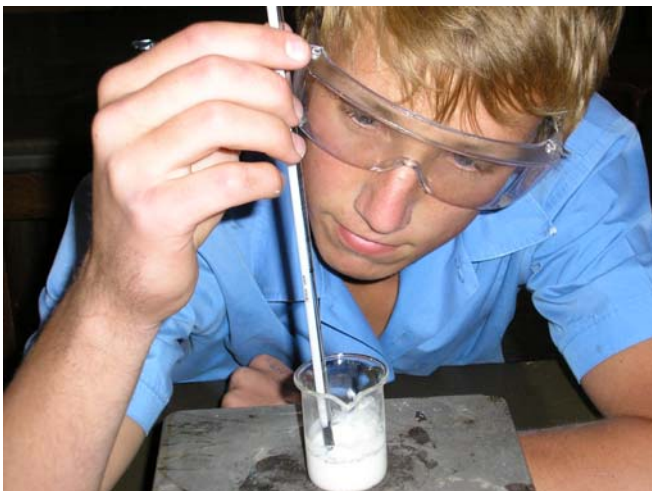
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SCIENCE

Year 10 Projects

Year 10 students have just completed the second stage of a major science assessment task called the Student Research project. This involves a self-designed and implemented investigation which they carry out and report on at intervals as part of their School Certificate work.

The projects this year are quite varied and the quality of many at this stage is very impressive. Topics for investigation include the effect of bleaching on the strength of hair, the effect of light on the growth of aquatic and the ever popular spoilage of foods. Emily Corby is investigating the effectiveness of dieting as opposed to exercise for weight loss and Oliver Walker is searching for connections between the grip of surf waxes and their physical properties.



Due to the extensive nature of many projects the date for the final report has been extended. This is now due before classes on Wednesday July 18th.

Big Science Competition

Students from Keira competed in the Big Science Competition for the first time in May. Pictured below reviewing the test they have just attempted are Amy Bestman, Joanne Tsai and Michael Harwood from Year 9.



This activity was conducted as part of Education Week. The Big Science Competition, held for the first time in 2004 as the Australian Science Challenge, showcases Science as an important subject in the curriculum, vital to a modern Australia, and gives students an opportunity to discover a talent in this area without the pressure of it affecting normal school assessment. It is sponsored by Rio Tinto and helps to identify students with the potential to compete at higher levels.

The competition was coordinated by Miss van Zanen.

*Mr. M. Robson
Head Teacher Science*

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Regional Conference

Year 10 representatives, Cassie Lee and Isobel Foye (*pictured over*), attended the regional conference at Tuross Head over three days in early May. The conference hosted students from Wollongong to the Victorian border as well as the southern highlands. Both girls returned with an array of ideas and have helped to add new direction to the SRC and its perceived role within the school.



PSP Schools Forum

Several Year 7 representatives attended a leadership forum for Stage 3 and Stage 4 students at the Dapto Ribbonwood Centre on May 9th. This forum was hosted by the DET. The collated results from an activity *What are the Characteristics of a Quality Teacher?* have been received at school and make for very interesting reading. Among the representatives on the day were Elizabeth Beale, Ally Jensen and Tayla Ireland who, along with Miss Boreland, reported back on a very engaging and challenging day.

Task Groups

Each year has taken on a task to pursue over the coming months with events and activities.

- Year 7 – school environment
- Year 8 – initiatives for healthy lifestyle
- Year 9 – Jeans for Genes Day and other causes
- Year 10 – world environment
- Year 11 – global social issues

The SRC planning day will be coming up soon to allow all members to devise ways to make the SRC self-sufficient and provide time to work on task group initiatives

SRC reps are learning how to run their own meetings and coordinating the SRC is now a team of affair with Miss Boreland and Mr. Holmes now on board.

Mr. M. Robson
SRC Adviser

ART

On Tuesday May 22nd students in Y11 Photography and Yr 11 Visual Arts visited the art faculty of West Wollongong TAFE. Here the students were divided in two groups and taken to various studios to see TAFE students printmaking, painting, making sculpture and photographs.

This was a wonderful opportunity for our students to see the facilities at TAFE and to immerse themselves in the art school environment. Special thanks to Bob McCrae, the TAFE teacher who facilitated this experience for our Yr 11 students.

Another student who will have the opportunity to immerse himself in art school life is Kaegyn Toole in Yr 11 who has been one of about 180 students selected from over 600 applicants to participate in the extension HSC art course held at the National Art School in Darlinghurst. Kaegyn will attend the art school for a week in the July holidays and a week in the October holidays culminating in a exhibition at the end of the October session.

This is a prestigious course and we wish Kaegyn all the best in his artistic pursuits at this school.

Ms K. Mors
Head Teacher Visual Arts

SOUTHERN STARS 2007

– Music– Can You Feel It?

Planning is well under way for this year's show as Ms Gregg and Ms Mors found out at a meeting held for all teachers involved in Southern Stars at Shell-harbour on May 22nd. Here teachers were told about the scenes in each segment of the show, met the producer and directors as well as the design team and the choreographers.

Keira High always has students involved in Southern Stars as either dancers, featured artists or performers in the show band and this year is no exception. Congratulations to David Mason Yr 12 who is yet again a featured singer. Congratulations also to Julian Badman and Nicholas Chater who have been selected to play with the show band and all the best to Stacie Jackson who is returning from injury to audition for tap and ballet.

We welcome Ms Simpson from the PDHPE department as our new Southern Stars dance supervisor and remind everyone auditions for the combined dance group will be held towards the end of this term.

Ms K Mors
Southern Stars Representative

Year 7 Student Monitoring Results Term 1

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students who received an A (working to the best of their ability) in every course for their first term of high school:

ADAMS	Christian
BADMAN	Phillipa
BAGDATLI	Sinan
BEALE	Elizabeth
BRANDWOOD	Joseph
BRIGHTLING	Mikayla
CETINSKI	Tara
DARRAND	Scott
DI CIACCIO	Christian
ENGEL	Cailin
EVANS	Sarah
GOUGH	Callum
HAMMOND	Lisa
INYONG	Nantawan
IRELAND	Tayla
KOON	William
LANCASTER	Sarah
LANTRY	Angela
MATHER	Emily
NGUYEN	Peter
SHERWIN	Jacob
SKIMMINGS	Montana
SLADE	Olivia
SODOLOVIC	Radmila
TSELONIS	Anastasia
VANDEWIEL	Laura
VECANSKI	Matthias
WIFFEN	Alice

These students enjoyed morning tea with the principal and received a certificate for their commendable efforts.

*C. Pemberton
Year 7 Monitoring*

NEWS FROM THE SUPPORT UNIT

As a project the Student Support Unit have recently taken over the running of the second hand uniform clothing pool. Good quality, second hand school uniform items are now available at very reasonable prices.

Donation of unwanted uniforms will be greatly gratefully accepted.

*Ms J. Peterson, Ms C. Nanson
Support Unit Teachers*

CAREERS INFORMATION

New multimedia tool for careers advisers out now.

Love your future - an interactive presentation of a new guide to TAFE NSW designed specially for Careers Advisers to use with Year 11 and 12 students to show them how TAFE NSW can help them with their training options and career pathways.

Love your future - an interactive presentation covers important information Year 11 and 12 students need to know. It contains facts and information about studying at TAFE NSW, life on campus, job prospects, and answers the all-important 'How do I get in?' by including a step by step comprehensive guide to applying and enrolling in TAFE NSW courses.

Love your future - an interactive presentation was developed in response to feedback from Careers Advisers on the Love Your Future booklet launched in 2006 and aimed at Years 9 and 10. Careers Advisers indicated they would also like a tool to present information to Year 11 and 12 students, comparable to the information provided by universities. This planted the seed that led to the development of Love your future - an interactive presentation.

Love your future - an interactive presentation is available online on the TAFE website - www.tafensw.edu.au/careeradvisers. It can be used as an online presentation and can also be downloaded for later use. In addition, a promotional CD copy of the presentation has been sent to schools throughout NSW.

*Ms M Crump
Relieving Careers Adviser*

BEHAVIOUR MANAGEMENT For children with Special Needs

- Understanding the common triggers and causes of challenging behaviour.
- Planning ahead to prevent difficulties from occurring.
- Helping children to learn new skills and behaviour.
- Strategies for managing problem behaviours when they occur.

This seminar is free-of-charge and morning tea will be provided.

To be held on:

**Tuesday 19th June 2007 from 10:30am to 12:30 pm
At Laurel Room, Dapto Ribbonwood Centre
93-103 Princes Highway, Dapto (next to McDonalds).**

Please contact;

Mandy Muller or 4423 5882 or 0427 788 456

SPORT

CROSS COUNTRY

Congratulations to the following Age Cross Country Champions.

12 Years Boys - Alexander Aleksovski
 13 Years Boys - Ben Wilson
 14 Years Boys - Wassim Baydoun
 15 Years Boys - Jake McCracken
 16 Years Boys - Kyle Kruger
 17 Years Boys - Saree Alnaghy

12 Years Girls - Olivia Slade
 13 Years Girls - Sarah Carli
 14 Years Girls - Paige Hegyi
 15 Years Girls - Tahlia Virtu
 16 Years Girls - Maniso Micheal
 17 Years Girls - Marissa Leso

HOUSE PLACES:

1ST BARIONA
 2ND WARATAH
 3RD BANKSIA
 4TH ARCACIA

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY

The Northern Illawarra Zone Cross Country May at Dalton Park.

Keira High Team consisted of ninety five students who participated in the run. All competitors ran well on the day. Some outstanding individual results were achieved by our athletes.

12 Years Sarah Carli 2nd
 Michelle Carli 6th
 Tara Cetinski 9th
 Phillipa Badman 10th
 13 Years Ben Wilson 8th
 Liam Fitzgerald 11th
 14 Years Wassim Baydoun 5th
 15 Years Nathan Nikolich 4th
 Luke Buckley 10th
 16 Years Maniso Micheal 6th
 Kyle Kruger 2nd
 Oliver Walker 5th
 Cori Blight 11th

*Ms K. Vecanski
 Sports Organiser*

SOCCER

Maniso Micheal



Represented South Coast in the NSWCHS State Titles at Sutherland. South Coast finished 3rd of 10 regions - a magnificent result. Well done! Maniso.

ERREA Cup Disappointment - after progressing to the semi-finals of the State knock-out last year, we were hopeful of further success in this year's open State knock-out. Injuries and unreliability of players underestimated our efforts.

In round one we played poorly and trailed 3-0 to Figtree with nine minutes remaining. Figtree gifted us an own goal and our boys finally fired up with Matthew Cropper scoring two quick goals to send the game into extra time. Okan Turkmen scored the golden goal which saw us progress. Unfortunately our poor form continued into round two where we were narrowly eliminated by Woonona. On a brighter note, Nicholas Taylor was a great success as stand-in goalkeeper. Maybe next year!

*Mr J. Cropper
 Soccer Convenor*

POETRY CORNER

Motherless Child

Imagine if you were a motherless child
 Who would remember your first smile?
 Who would make you understand
 The evil surrounding you and take your hand?
 Who would keep you warm in their arms
 And defend you from any harm?
 Who would stay up all night
 Waiting, 'til they knew you got home all right?
 Who would help you take every step
 And wipe the tears away when you wept?
 And pray to God, to give you just one more day?
 Who would love you for your imperfections
 And make you see and angel in your reflection?
 Hug your mother once in a while
 Say "I love you" and give her a smile
 Talk to her when you get the chance
 Because you may never get another glance
 Let her know that you care
 Keep her in your prayers
 So tell your mother you're feeling
 And think of all the motherless children

*By Daniel Olival
 Year 11 Student*



COMMUNITY NOTICES

KHS does not receive or accept any paid advertising for Community Notices. Also, we have no way of checking the bona fides of any information received. We encourage parents/caregivers to make all necessary checks prior to involving their children in activities listed.



KEIRA HIGH SCHOOL

Trivia Night

Date: Friday June 22nd 2007

Time: 7:00pm for 7:30pm start

Venue: Collegians Rugby League Club, Wollongong

Cost: \$15 per person (includes all games)

BYO SNACKS & NIBBLIES

Alcohol, soft drinks will be available at the Function Room Bar

Prizes galore!

TO BOOK A SPOT OR TABLE PHONE KHS FROM OFFICE: 42294644

Each table can hold up to ten people. Group booking welcomed

All profits will be used to upgrade the school's playgrounds

**TAFE
Outreach****Dapto & Shellharbour Campuses**

Dapto: Introduction to Hospitality 2 days per week, 9:30am-2:30pm Thursday & Friday. Course commences on Thursday 19/7/07

Dapto: Introduction to Computers. One morning per week, Friday 9:00 am-11:30 am for 18 weeks. Course commences 20/7/07

Shellharbour: Introduction to Community Services (Welfare) 2 days per week, 9:30am-2:30pm, Tuesday and Thursday. Course commences 18/7/07

Shellharbour: Introduction to Computers. One morning per week, Thursday 9:00-11:30am. Course commences 19/7/07

should attend the Information session to be held Shellharbour Campus at 12:00 noon on Tuesday 26th June in Block A, Room AG308.

Please note these courses are proposed and will only run if we get sufficient numbers and funding.

For further information, contact:

Kathy Finigan

If unanswered leave contact details Ph: (02) 4221 8939

**313 School Holiday Work-
shops
10am-5pm**

\$65 per course or \$110 for beginners and advanced.

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- Introduction to studio recording.
- Introduction to Television Production
- Design Your Own Web Page,

**UPCOMING EVENTS****DATE****EVENT**

Thursday & Friday, June 21—22

Zone Athletics Carnival

Friday, June 22

P&C Trivia Night –ALL WELCOME. Bookings — Ph: 42294644

Friday, June 29

Last Day Term Two

Monday, July 16

Term 3 Commences for staff only (Pupil-Free Day)

Tuesday, July 17

Term 3 Commences for **all** students