Welcome all to our first newsletter for 2013, and to the start of another school year. I hope the Christmas break was relaxing and enjoyable for students and staff alike, and that all have returned refreshed for a challenging and rewarding year. A particular welcome to parents and students new to Henry Kendall High School, especially our new Year 7 cohort.

I would like to welcome a number of new staff in 2012; Mr Wawrzyk in English, Mrs Porter our new School Counsellor, and Mrs Ryan our new Support Teacher in Special Education. They join a fabulous school and outstanding team committed to the education of our students.

**AMAZING RESULTS FROM OUR YEAR 12 2012 COHORT**

Our HSC results in 2012 provided some excellent outcomes. 136 results were in the top two bands (80% or higher); 62% of our results were in the top three bands (above 70%); 16 courses had more than 20% of students in the top two bands (above 80%); 22 courses had more than 50% of students in the top three bands, and 5 courses had every student in the top three bands. Four students received ATAR’s in the 90’s, with our highest achievement being an ATAR of 98.45. Most importantly, almost all of our students who applied for a university placement attained entry in the course of their choice. This is an outstanding achievement and confirms Henry Kendall High School as one of the premier schools on the Central Coast.

**P&C NEWS**

The P&C Meets in the school library at 7.30pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month, with our first P&C Meeting for 2013 being Tuesday 19 February. We will be undertaking a tour of the new facilities at the beginning of this first meeting. I welcome all parents to join our P&C and take an active role in our school.

**STAFF TRAINING**

Our staff have recently undertaken updated specific training in the management of Anaphylaxis within the school setting. Additionally, the Department of Education and Communities has recently announced that all government schools will receive a general use adrenaline autoinjector (an EpiPen) for their first aid kit.

This does not replace the need for parents to continue to provide the school with an adrenaline autoinjector and ASCIA Action Plan for Anaphylaxis signed and dated by their doctor when their child has been diagnosed with anaphylaxis. Instead the general use adrenaline autoinjector is intended to be used if:

- An undiagnosed student has an anaphylactic reaction at school
- There is a misfire of the adrenaline autoinjector that has been prescribed for a student
- A student requires further adrenaline autoinjector to be administered after his or her own adrenaline autoinjector has been administered.

Please contact the school if you would like further information in relation to this matter.

**EXCITING NEW LOOK FOR ADMINISTRATION BUILDING**

As a part of our School Strategic Communication Plan we have celebrated all that HKHS is by showcasing student work throughout our foyer. When you pop in next, be sure to have a look.
What’s happened? ...........

TAS FACULTY IS PROUD OF OUR 2012 COHORT

The following students achieved Band 6 results at last year’s Higher School Certificate in TAS courses:

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and 26 students received Band 5 results in TAS courses.

Also, the following TAS courses achieved averages above the state mean:

- Society and Culture 1.52 and Industrial Technology 1.28

Congratulations to all of the students and all other students who achieved to their potential. Also, a big thank you to the teachers who put in many hours teaching these students and helping many to present outstanding major projects required for most of these courses. This often required substantial time outside of normal lesson time such as on weekends.

2013 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS – COMPUTER SKILLS

This competition can be entered by students in Years 7 to 10 and will be held on Tuesday 21 May.

The competition provides an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation. It provides schools and teachers with comprehensive reporting of results and also gives parents helpful information regarding their child’s performance.

The competition takes place each year in schools throughout Australia, New Zealand and the Pacific region. The skills assessed include the following: common operating systems and hardware, word processing, graphics and multimedia, spreadsheets and databases, internet and email and programming and scripting.

All students receive a certificate and an individual student report indicating which questions they answered correctly, their total score as well as their average compared with the rest of the students in the state/region.

More details of this competition will be distributed in roll call notices and in future newsletters towards the end of Term 1.

What’s happening? ...........

YEAR 7 SETTLING WELL INTO HIGH SCHOOL LIFE

Year 7 have made a wonderful transition to Henry Kendall High School. They have settled in and are all working well in their classes. It is pleasing to see many new friendships already forming at this early stage of their high school life. A huge thank you to all parents and caregivers for sending your children so well prepared and in correct school uniform.

The Year 7 camp will be held at the Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber and will be in Week 11 Term 1 (Monday 8 April – Wednesday 10 April inclusive). A note outlining all necessary information and costs will be sent home soon. Please do not hesitate to contact me at school with any concerns you may have regarding your child. Caroline McTeigue, Year 7 Student Adviser.

NEWS FROM OUR CHAPLAIN

Welcome back for 2013, and welcome to all the new students at Henry Kendall High School. This year I will be in on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. I am located in the Student Services Hub in the bottom of the library, and can be contacted by phone on the school’s number. Students can come and see me anytime or leave me a note on the days I am not in. Feel free to pop in for a cuppa and a chat!

This year I will be running again the Shine program, Seasons for Growth and the Craft Group.

The Shine program is a self esteem, resilience and anti bullying program for girls that runs for a term, usually as a sport choice. Students are referred by staff to this program.

Seasons For Growth is a grief and loss education program. Change, loss and grief are a normal part of life. Any student who has experienced significant grief, loss or change such as the death of a family member, friend or pet, moving schools and/or house or area and the subsequent loss that accompanies that, or separation or divorce and other family changes can be part of the Seasons For Growth program. Parents and staff can refer students to the program, which runs for one term, and includes two follow-up sessions.

Last year I had a craft group meeting once a week in the library at lunch time. The group will continue this year, with the possible addition of another group depending on interest. The current group is full, but any interested students should come and see me and we can start a new group.

I am looking forward to a great year. Watch this space for upcoming programs and news. Cheryl Andrews, Chaplain

WELCOME BACK FROM THE STUDENT SERVICES HUB

Welcome to Term 1 2013 at HKHS. It has been a wonderful start to a new and exciting term. There is a lot of exciting programs being offered from the Student Services Hub. The Student Services Hub is here to help you in any and every way at HKHS. We are made up of dynamic team of Year Advisors, a counselling team and a learning and behaviour support team, Careers & Support Team and our Norta Norta Tutor and Chaplain.

If you have any concerns about your child than your first point of call should be your Year Adviser. Below is a list of the 2013 Year Advisers:

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Medical Information

It is that time of year when I am calling a great many of you to confirm medications, medical information and updating contact information for medical action plans. Could you please contact me if your child has new medical information or old information need reviewing? Rebecca Cooper, Head Teacher Student Services, Strategic Communications Manager
A GREAT START IN OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION UNIT

A big welcome to all our new and existing Special Education students. We look forward to a big year in our unit as we maximise the facilities we now have. Our garden beds are overflowing with our summer vegetables and many of the students have been part of our first batches of pickles and relishes.

Sport has commenced for our students with many being tested in the water in the coming weeks as preparation for the School’s Swimming Carnival. Many notes are now due for the different activities we participate in and we ask parents and caregivers to watch their child’s diary for information.

Our first reward BBQ will be in Week 6 and our students are working towards their individual goals to get there. Don’t forget we are all responsible for our own behaviours. Our Work Placement and TAFE students have also started back and again we wish them luck as they become more independent individuals. ITP’s will begin soon with Year 12 students being targeted first.

Congratulations ……..

AMAZING ACHIEVEMENT FROM LIAM CHALKER – YEAR 7

Congratulations to Liam for being chosen to compete in the world’s best juniors in Canada for Ice Hockey.

Liam has been selected for the NSW Crocs team and is set to compete in the 13th International Friendship Games in Aldergrove, British Columbia, Canada in March. The Friendship Games is an international tournament for 12 and 13 year old talented players earmarked for future success in the sport. It is held every two years.

Well done and best of luck Liam!

GOSFORD RUGBY UNION

JUNIOR REGO DAYS 2013

2nd, 9th & 17th February @ West Gosford Macca’s
9th, 16th & 23rd February @ Wyoming & West Gosford Shopping Centres
16th February @ The Hive, Erina Fair
10am-2pm

MORE INFO:
Call Andrew on 0417 288 445 or www.gosford.rugbynet.com.au