EXCITING VISITORS TO HKHS ARRIVE SOON

The school is hosting 20 students from Ujiyamada High in Japan from 18 to 27 March. During that time, they will participate in lessons and immerse themselves in the English language as well as participate in some cultural activities. Thank you to the families from our student community who will host individual students.

RECOGNITION OF STUDENT’S HARD WORK

Faculty Awards have commenced for 2013 with Mathematics awarding many people for consistent work effort during Week 6 of this term. Other faculties will make their awards over the following weeks.

PROUD DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

Congratulations to teams and classes who are showing excellence and dedication across many school areas. The Swimming Carnival was extremely well supported with attendance well above most other schools. Pool staff remarked on the great behaviour of everyone.

Students undertaking a new TAFE course in Aviation were congratulated by organisers on their excellent dress, attitude and politeness.

Year 11 Hospitality students who supported the Year 4, 5 and 6 Evening by preparing Espresso coffee and cakes after school and into the evening, did a very professional job and were praised by Ms McTeigue and Ms Pratt for their work ethic and cooperative team effort.

Our Mock Trial Team defeated St Edwards College in their recent school competition. Congratulations to Mr Pink and the team of Tahyna K, Geoffrey T, Georgia G Emily W, Kris A and Megan A.

The breadth of student and staff involvement in areas, other than just the classroom, is exemplified by the school activities for which people are currently preparing. These include CHS Futsal, Debating, Water Polo, the Kokoda Youth Challenge, Lizotte’s Musical Showcase, CHS Tennis, Community Mural Painting and the European Trip for 2014.

CREATIVITY SHINES IN YEAR 11 DESIGN & TECHNOLOGY

Year 11 Design and Technology students have started the year well and are already showing off their creative abilities. Each fortnight students are given the opportunity to experience working collaboratively and as part of design teams. Students in the class are divided into groups and given a design challenge to solve. Their first design challenge required them to design and make a prototype of a carrying devise for a student on crutches.

What’s happening? ………
To ensure students fully understood the problem they had to experience the difficulties of trying to carry their belongings whilst on crutches. The teams then design and test possible solutions to the problem before creating a prototype of their final solution. Students are given a limited range of resources from which to construct a prototype of their design solution and work within a limited time frame.

The designs the teams produced were very realistic and revealed an impressive depth of creative potential.

GREAT SPORTING ACHIEVEMENTS

It has been a very busy start to the sporting year. Our Boys Volleyball team had a resounding win over Kariong Mountains High School in their first round and are playing their second round this week. The Girls Futsal team are competing in the Mariners Cup, and our swimmers are off to the Zone Carnival on Thursday. Brock R, Jack B, Lleyton P, Colin M, Ben D and Tom H formed teams to compete in the NSW All Schools Triathlon and competed very well in trying conditions.

Congratulations to Trinity C for her selection in the Sydney North Tennis Team. We wish her luck in CHS this week.

SPECIAL EDUCATION COFFEE SHOP OPEN EACH WEDNESDAY

Wow!! Our new recruits and a few of our older ones have been doing a great job in our Coffee Shop. The photos you can see show them hard at work in our new building. Our Coffee Shop can be accessed by the public on a Wednesday by ringing and making a booking. The students look forward to serving new visitors each week.

What's happened? ..........

A BIG THANKS TO OUR COMMUNITY FOR A GREAT YEAR 4,5 & 6 NIGHT

On Thursday 28 February our community shone again, despite the weather, for a showcase of all the great opportunities at our school. Prospective parents were given a chance to experience our great facilities first hand with a tour around the school. Many were surprised by all the different specialist classrooms and subjects offered at our school. In particular, the commercial kitchens and coffee making display was enjoyed by many.

The Transition Committee would like to thank all staff and students involved in such a great night. Special mention must be made of the amazing contribution to the night of our Young Achiever representative, Ella W and our scientist Brittany M who really wowed the audience with their passion and dedication to our school.

OUTSTANDING 2012 HSC RESULTS IN ENGLISH

2012 saw some outstanding results in HSC English at Henry Kendall. Erin M achieved results in the top bands for English Advanced, English Extension 1 and English Extension 2, and Julia L received top band results for English Advanced and English Extension 1. I would like to acknowledge the achievements of all our HSC students and recognise the hard work of our wonderful English teachers. As the only mandatory HSC subject, students, both ATAR and non-ATAR, are challenged in English to extend their ability to read, write, speak, listen and most importantly, think for themselves.

DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

We have a core group of enthusiastic debaters and public speakers who will be meeting every Tuesday in Break 1 in F2. This year we are in the fortunate position of being able to enter teams in each level of competition. There are some new faces who have never debated before, but our senior mentors, Brittany M and Michelle N, and our very experienced Year 10 debaters will break them in gently. The debaters are a very welcoming group, and are always happy to see people having a go.

Debating and public speaking helps with the ability to structure a logical, persuasive argument. It also develops self-confidence and the skills of communicating effectively. Why not give it a try? Please see Ms Hogan in the English Staffroom if you are interested.

Congratulations ..........

THE NSW PREMIER’S ANZAC MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP 2013

Congratulations to Tahyna K who has been announced as one of the 2013 Premier's ANZAC Memorial Scholars. The scholarship program has the purpose of ensuring that the Gallipoli story remains a living part of Australian history. Twenty scholarships will be awarded for 2013 to students enrolled in government or non-government schools who have a strong interest in the ANZAC tradition.

Tahyna will be travelling to South Korea during the July school holidays and will be following in the footsteps of three other Henry Kendall High School students who have also visited Australian battlefields in Europe, Vietnam and South Korea as proud recipients of this scholarship.

Students have also been given the opportunity to apply for the Kokoda Youth Challenge and our nominee will be given the opportunity to be sponsored by Gosford RSL.

Henry Kendall High School – A welcoming and friendly school
The Lions Youth of the Year quest is a project of the combined Lions Clubs and supported by the National Australia Bank, to select an outstanding youth to be an ambassador and travel overseas. The quest is designed to encourage, foster and develop leadership in conjunction with other citizenship qualities in our youth, at an age when they are about to enter the fields of employment or higher education.

On 27 February HKHS was represented by Trinity C and Brittany M in the third round of the competition. This regional level event was held at Toukley RSL and the girls performed the public speaking part of this event before an audience of just over 100 people.

Both Trinity and Brittany spoke well but the overall winner of this level was Natasha Naidu of Central Coast Grammar School.

My thanks to Mr Goulden who was also able to attend on the night to support the girls and their families.

### UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

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### ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Welcome to 2013, I’d like to introduce myself; my name is Joan Anderson, I am the Attendance Coordinator at Henry Kendall High School. As part of my role I will be assisting the Deputy Principals in monitoring and improving the attendance of our students.

Regular attendance at school is essential to assist students reach their full potential. When students miss out on school they miss out on vital information, their learning routine is broken, they can lose confidence and they miss out on building up friendships. School in partnership with parents are responsible for promoting the regular attendance of students.

In response, this year we are introducing a system of positive rewards that will recognise students who have achieved 100% attendance each term. Students with a perfect attendance record will be recognised with an award at their Year Assembly in Week 8 of each term.

### FAQ

**What is my legal obligation with regard to my child attending school?**

Education in NSW is compulsory. This means all children from six years of age and under the minimum school leaving age are legally required to attend school. From 2010 all New South Wales students must complete Year 10. After Year 10 and until they turn 17 years of age students must be:

1. in school
2. in approved education or training
3. in full-time, paid employment or a combination of work, education and/or training.

Parents and caregivers of children from kindergarten through to Year 12 are responsible for ensuring their child attends school every day.

**Do I have to send my child every day?**

Yes it is a condition of enrolment that you send your child every day. Parents are legally required to send their child to school every day that the school is open for instruction or participation in school activities, such as swimming and athletics carnivals.

**What Do I Do If My Child Is Away From School?**

Send a note of explanation with your child on the day your child returns to school OR within **SEVEN SCHOOL DAYS**.

**What Happens If I Do Not Send a Note Of Explanation Within Seven School Days?**

If a note of explanation is not sent within seven school days an “unexplained absence” is recorded PERMANENTLY on your child’s attendance record. Even if a note of explanation is sent after this time the unexplained absence remains on your child’s attendance record.

Unexplained absences are also recorded on a student’s School Reports. This circumstance may be undesirable when presenting School Reports to prospective employers.

**What Do I Do If My Child is Late to School?**

You may do any of the following

1. Accompany your child to the front office and provide a verbal explanation
2. Phone the school to provide an explanation
3. Send a written explanation with your child when they arrive to school on the day they are late
4. Send a written explanation with your child within seven days of the day your child was late.
5. **What Do I Do If My Child Is Away for a Prolonged Period (more than three days) Due to Illness?**

Phone the school to explain the circumstances and then send a note of explanation on the day your child returns to school.

Further FAQ and tips will be included in future Newsletters. Joan Anderson, Attendance Coordinator
Applications are now being taken for the Year 7 Young Achievers Program in 2014. This is an amazing opportunity for students as they enter secondary school. Our Young Achiever Program (YAP) is designed to:

- identify highly motivated and independent students, providing a learning environment in which a love of learning is fostered.
- develop collaborative and independent learning skills, in an environment that promotes academic excellence.
- extend and enrich the learning of students through the innovative delivery of curriculum.
- foster the development of quality teaching and learning programs that are designed collaboratively by participating teachers. A focus of the program is the development of special interest projects that engage students, develop high order thinking skills and make meaningful links between subject areas.
- develop skills and aptitudes that will lead to continued academic success at HKHS.
- provide on-going opportunities to explore each child’s unique skills and interests.

Applications close on 22 March 2013

Please contact Donna Loveridge (Deputy Principal) or Mark Macdonald (Head Teacher T&L and YAP Coordinator) for further information about this innovative Year 7 option in 2014.

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**YEAR 7 MATHS PARENT INFORMATION EVENING**

Wednesday 20 March 2013
6pm in Library

**MATHS 4 PARENTS**

The Student Services are holding an informal meeting to share, learn and discuss Maths as your kids are experiencing it. I would like to stress this is very informal – we aim to laugh lots and learn together.

We aim to help you:-

- With basic outline of Year 7 Maths
- Calculators and more
- NAPLAN – how to help