This term has seen the start of Gosford Public School on our site, and it is a thrill to finally see the end of the building and the start of our new future as two schools, which have always had a strong and integral relationship, now sharing one site. We welcome our new neighbours and look forward to building upon the many programs we already share in order to ensure that we continue to deliver the best possible opportunities for our students. Henry Kendall students have been excited to see past teachers as well as the younger students. Both schools have settled into our new context extremely smoothly and with very few concerns. At this point we are sharing our oval whilst facilities at the Primary school are being completed and, despite this, we have found that space has not been a concern. On Friday 2 May the staff of Gosford public invited the staff from Henry Kendall to afternoon tea, which was a gesture much appreciated and symbolic of the collaborative approach our schools will have over the coming years.

STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY TERM 3 – CHANGE OF DATE TO FRIDAY 18 JULY

Our next Staff Development Day in Term 3 will see our staff combine with our partner schools, Gosford Public and Point Clare Public. This will be an important opportunity to ensure our shared focus on how we are meeting the needs of our community, and will include guest speakers and a range of professional development activities. Due to the availability of guest speakers, the Staff Development Day will be moved from Monday 14 July to Friday 18 July. Parents need to be aware that this is a student free day.

AWARD RECOGNISES A COMMITMENT TO ROAD SAFETY EDUCATION

I am pleased to announce that our school has recently received an award that recognises Henry Kendall’s commitment to excellence in Road Safety Education and acknowledges that our school is dedicated to providing quality road safety education for our senior students through the RYDA road safety education program.

For many years our students have attended RYDA, a series of practical and powerful workshops that aim to change the way young people think about road safety and driving. As part of an interactive one day experience, students participate in an emergency vehicle braking demonstration, devise travel strategies that will work for them in the real world and get tips from road safety experts on how to protect themselves, their friends and family.

Youth road trauma is the number one killer of young people, both as drivers and passengers. As a school, Henry Kendall ensures that RYDA is integrated into the curriculum in order to provide the best possible road safety education for our students at a time when they are actively thinking about driving and are applying for licenses so they are well prepared to face the challenges of our roads. We often talk about the ‘additional’ learning we provide beyond the classroom, and road safety education is another example of this.

Mr Andrew Backhouse, Principal

What’s happened? ............

STUDENTS FOUGHT HARD AT NRL 7’s GALA DAY

On Wednesday 19 March, Henry Kendall had 3 teams participate in the local NRL 7-a-side Gala Day at Morrie Breen Oval, Kanwal. The three teams were boys Under 13, Under 14 and Under 16.

The Under 13 team was Jake Grimley (C), Tyler Williams, Blake Nadilo, Mason Colwell, Mitchell Wood, Tom Hookway, Senjay Turner, Christian Pearson, Braden Edwards and Harrison Bissett. The team played three games against Wadalba, Narara and Brisbane Water. Unfortunately, the team was defeated in all games but the boys are young and will have learnt a lot from the experience. Their efforts and sportsmanship could not be questioned. Well done, boys!
The Under 14 team was Graham Porter (C), Harrison Whitney, Gabe Williams, Ethan Curtin-Edwards, Joel Naylor, Kaileb McPherson, Justin Atkins and Ky Adams. The team also played three games against Wadalba, Narara and Brisbane Water. The boys defeated Wadalba and Narara and, as a result, made the finals. Having won their semi-final, they then made the Grand Final. The boys fought valiantly against a well-drilled team but, sadly, were narrowly defeated. In his presentation speech, NRL Official, John Jewiss praised the boys and was delighted to see a Henry Kendall team do so well. It was a brilliant effort and great sportsmanship was shown by all involved. This is a great team with massive potential. Well done, boys!

The Under 16 team was Luke Redhead (C), Ryan Thompson, Shaun Devin, Jacob Watman, Kyle Westcott, Ethan Whitfield, Joey Grima, Carter Jones, Riley Atkins, Kyle McBeath, and Sam White. The team played four games against Wyong, Brisbane Water, Tuggerah Lakes and Kincumber. The team won three of their four games but the narrow loss to Brisbane Water, and also an inferior ‘for and against’, meant they missed out on playing in the finals. This team showed a lot of class and determination in every match. The boys were leading for a lot of the match against Brisbane Water, a school with a Rugby League Academy. Sadly, luck was not on their side in this match, one example being an unfortunate injury to Captain and playmaker, Luke Redhead. With a little more luck, the boys may have won that match and made the finals. This is also a great team with massive potential. Well done, boys!

GIVE UP YOUR BED NIGHT!

On Friday 21 March the Interact Club hosted a ‘Give Up Your Bed Night’ to coincide with the Coast’s Biggest Pyjama Party raising money for Coast Shelter.

Thirteen brave souls, along with Mr McNally, Mrs Dowling and Mrs Bath, camped out in the school MPC. Lots of fun, little sleep and a McNally Power Plant Challenge was had!

Thank you to all who supported. We raised $630.00 for Coast Shelter to help support homeless and disadvantaged people within our community! WELL DONE INTERACT!!

EUROPE 2014 HIGHLIGHTS

Our trip to Europe is over and we are very grateful to all those who made it possible for our students to have such an amazing experience. Here are some highlights from our Platoon Experience on Day 3.

SPECIAL EDUCATION STUDENTS GAIN LOTS OF SKILLS AT BARISTA COURSE

Henry Kendall High School Special Education students would like to thank Gosford Rotary for their kind donation of $1000. This donation allowed 11 students to attend a Barista course at Ourimbah TAFE.

All the students had a wonderful day, learnt many new skills and were thrilled to receive their Barista certificates. Thanks again Gosford Rotary for your ongoing support of Henry Kendall High School Special Education Centre.

Above: Lunchtime!  
Above: Washing up duty – They actually volunteered!  
Above: All together at Tyne Cot Cemetery  
Left: David Garlick

Above: Sophie Boyd
NEW LIFE FOR OLD MICROSCOPES

There has been a lot of moving going on lately with new staff rooms, new class rooms, new labs and store rooms. For the Science department at Henry Kendall High, less storage meant some rationalisation: some things found their way to the tip and some older microscopes were marked for long term storage under the MPC....probably never to be seen again! Could there be a better life, a better future for these “Old Guys” than in a dark, dingy storeroom?

Thankfully YES! Mr Brad Jones has a friend, Peter Davies, who has been working with an organisation to establish a Learning Centre in a poor village in Cambodia that helps to cater for HIV infected children. The Learning Centre also conducts IT classes for 24 local teachers. Peter gratefully accepted the offer and has begun to transport them to the Learning Centre. In a letter of thanks to our school, Peter writes “The young people are teachers – who have never used a microscope before! We took time out of the Future School training to understand how to use the binocular microscopes. This week, the wife of a volunteer is arriving – she is a laboratory technician and is bringing in slides, eye droppers, coverslips and Petri dishes. The guys were amazed at what they saw under the microscope – looking at some flowers, insects, and dirty water. These are valuable resources for the All Kids Learning Centre. They can be used in both biology and environmental studies (program to be developed to manage the local pollution issues).”

It’s great to think that some old microscopes HAVE found a new life! They will benefit others less fortunate than us. In a small way, with a little thought and effort, we can impact the world for better.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR TRIVIA NIGHT TO RAISE MONEY FOR OUR SPECIAL EDUCATION CAMP

Our Special Education Unit is having a Trivia Night on Saturday 24 May from 6.30pm at the Central Coast Leagues Club to raise money to subsidise the cost of camp in Term 3. Parents and friends of Henry Kendall are encouraged to organise a team and support our efforts.

$15.00 per person on a table of 10, which includes nibbles for your table. Great prizes and great night out. Full bar service available on the night. Please note, this is a non-student event. Please contact the school on 43252110 to arrange a booking.

WEEKEND MANDARIN SPEAKING LANGUAGE SCHOOL STARTS UP AT HKHS

Henry Kendall High School has, for decades, enjoyed a well-earned reputation as being a tolerant and accepting community for learning. It is a reputation that the school is very proud to hold.

An important part of this diversity of experience has been our ESL (English as a Second Language) learners, who have come to study at our school from almost every continent of the world. In recent years we have even started to attract interest and attention from International Students, who have discovered our school on the World Wide Web.

To further enhance these learning opportunities, Henry Kendall High School is proud to announce a new partnership with the Community Languages Schools Program.

From early June, young Mandarin speakers from any local school will be welcome to enrol with the Saturday and Sunday Mandarin practising classes. Activities will include language practice, art and craft classes, drama activities and communication games.

An Orientation Day for the opening of the new school will be held on the grounds of Henry Kendall on Sunday 25 May from 2.00pm to 3.00pm. Parents and students will be given the opportunity to see the two classrooms that the school will utilise, view previous work produced by the students and talk to the teachers themselves. Coordinator Tina Schuler, who has been running this school within the Gosford Uniting Church for the past several years, says that it is now time to expand.

“The interest within the community has been fantastic. I fully expect that by this time next year we will be able to double our numbers.”....“It is so good for the kids and there is something there for everybody”.

Left: Ethan Russell
The Language School services a growing need within our community. First and second generation migrants raise children in Australia, and within a few years the children’s English becomes equal to a native speaker. But they sometimes forget the first language. Therefore, the weekend schools allows children and teenagers to practise their second language. In the future, this second language could become invaluable to the students in our emerging global economy.

**TOM BREWER SELECTED TO REPRESENT NSW IN NATIONAL BOCCIA WHAT A CHAMPION!**

Tom Brewer of Year 8 has been selected to represent NSW in the National Boccia championships during May at Sydney Academy of Sport and Recreation.

Congratulations Tom. We are all very proud of your achievement. Good luck in the competition, we know you will give it your best.

**CHANGE OF TERM 3 SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY**

Our Term 3 School Development Day will be on **Friday 18 July 2014**. Students are not required to be at school on this day. All students are to commence Term 3 on **Monday 14 July 2014**.

**KIDS LOOK TO US TO KEEP THEM SAFE PARK LEGALLY IN SCHOOL ZONES**

Parking Restrictions Outside Schools

Gosford City Council would like to remind parents of parking restrictions outside your school. Please pay close attention to the signs outside your child’s primary school and watch your speed when travelling through all school zones.

In the past, issues of parents parking incorrectly when dropping their children at school include:

- Stopping in a NO STopping ZONE
- Stopping is NOT permitted at any time.
- Stopping in a BUS ZONE
- Stopping is not permitted during the times shown on the sign.

DOUBLE PARKING

You are not permitted to stop OR park alongside another vehicle already parked parallel to the kerb.

Parked in a NO PARKING ZONE:

Drivers may drop off and pick up children during the times shown on the sign BUT note:

- Max. Stopping time is 2 minutes – your child must exit and enter the car within this time.
- Driver must remain within 3 METRES of the vehicle – you may get out to help with bags etc.
- Stop as close as possible to the top of the zone to allow access for vehicles following behind.

Stopping ON OR ACROSS a driveway or other access point to and from a property.

Not permitted under any circumstance, you must always consider the school’s neighbours by leaving space at their driveways to allow safe exit and entry to the roadway.

Travelling more than 40 km/h through school zones may inhibit a car from stopping in time to avoid hitting a pedestrian. Parking illegally also creates serious risks as it limits the vision of other drivers. It only takes a split second for an accident to occur and only one car to present a danger to an unknowing child. Some parents think that since they are parked illegally for only a brief time, that they are not doing anything wrong.

Please be aware and park safely outside your child’s school.

For more information regarding parking restrictions around your school please contact Gosford Councils Road Safety Officer on 4325 8179.