Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 2. I have been extremely fortunate to relieve in Mr Backhouse’s position for the last six weeks whilst he has taken a well-earned break. Thank you to Ms Harvey, Deputy Principal - Brisbane Water Secondary College, for relieving in my position at this time. Even though it has been a short term, Henry Kendall has managed to deliver a great deal!

One of the huge advantages of our school is the presence of our Special Education Unit. I firmly believe the presence of the Unit, and the integration of the wonderful students, promotes a culture of respect and diversity in our school. Come and Try Day was a wonderful example of this culture being showcased. Schools from the Central Coast attended the celebration day and students were fortunate to participate in a range of activities including judo, wheelchair basketball and resilience workshops. Thank you to Mr Paul McNally and the Special Education Unit staff for their tireless efforts in planning an extremely successful day.

Quality teaching and learning is modelled by staff here on a daily basis and evidenced by the consistently strong HSC results of the school. To support teaching pedagogy in teacher training, the University of Newcastle is conducting a research study on Quality Teaching Rounds. Schools state-wide were asked to submit an expression of interest to participate in the research program and Henry Kendall was one of 25 schools selected to participate. Researchers from the University will be visiting the school at the end of this term to observe staff and collect data from staff and students. Please see note from the University below:

**Important Notice - Research in the School**

The school is participating in the Quality Teaching Rounds research project run by Professor Jenny Gore and her colleagues at the University of Newcastle.

Students of teachers participating in this study will be completing a survey during class time. If you do not want the data to be given to the researchers, please return a withdrawal form to the school. A letter will be posted home early next week to parents of students who are invited to be involved with detailed information.

**WELCOME TO GOSFORD PRIMARY SCHOOL**

A big welcome to Gosford Primary School who have been on site now for one term and all is going smoothly. Our student leaders visited the Awards Assembly at Gosford Public School recently and planning is in place for education programs in numeracy and science to be conducted in Term 3 across the two schools. We look forward to sharing many positive experiences with our neighbours and the wider school community in the future.

**SUCCESSFUL INFORMATION EVENINGS**

We have conducted a number of evening this term including the Parent Teacher evening for Years 11 and 12, the Year 10 into 11 Community subject selection information evenings and the Young Achievers Celebration night. All nights have
been very well supported. Thank you to all parents for taking the time to support your children and the initiatives of our school. Nights such as the Year 10 into 11 Subject Selection evenings are very important to assist Year 10 with making informed choices for their subject pathways in 2015. I encourage parents to contact the relevant personnel at the school to follow up with any queries related to these evenings and the subject selection process.

**GOOD BYE MR HARRISON**

As the end of Term 2 draws near I would like to recognise the imminent retirement of one of our Maths staff members Mr Harrison. Mr Harrison will be leaving Henry Kendall to enter into a well-earned retirement. I would like to thank Mr Harrison on behalf of our school community for his contributions to the education of students and the support of the school in his capacity as Teacher Administration and Timetabling. We will miss you Mr Harrison!!!

**CHANGE IN STAFF DEVELOPMENT DAY FOR TERM 3**

Lastly, a reminder that our Staff Development Day is being shared with our two partner schools Gosford Primary School and Point Clare Primary School. As a result, the date for this day will be Friday 18 July, students are not to attend on this day. School will begin as normal for all students on Monday the 14 July.

*Relieving Principal, Ms Donna Loveridge*

**DEPUTY PRINCIPAL NEWS**

**MS HARVEY HAS ENJOYED HER TIME AT HKHS**

Term 2 has been a very busy term at Henry Kendall. It has been a pleasure to relieve as Deputy and see the outstanding work of staff and students from 7-12. I commend both staff and students for their tireless efforts and quality work and encourage the pursuit of excellence.

**YEAR 12 WORKING HARD**

Year 12 have been working hard this term to complete their assessment tasks. Over three days in Week 5 all students were interviewed by the Senior Executive to discuss their application to work. To assist Year 12 in the remainder of their HSC, a specialist workshop was arranged for them on Wednesday 25 June by Elevate Education, a company specialising in study preparation. All students attended a workshop on ACE your Exams and Memory Mnemonics. These workshops come highly recommended and should benefit all Year 12 students. Year 10 and 11 will be involved in workshops later in the year.

A reminder that 90% of all Major projects should be completed by the end of Term 2 and **Trial HSC Examinations will be held in Weeks 4 and 5 of Term 3**. Year 12 should be utilising these holidays to consolidate all work and prepare for these examinations. Useful websites to help you with preparation include [www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au](http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au) [www.hsc.csu.edu.au](http://www.hsc.csu.edu.au) and the latest useful site from University of Newcastle [www.hsccoach.com.au](http://www.hsccoach.com.au).

**ATTENDANCE VITAL FOR YEAR 11 AS THEY WORK TOWARDS PRELIMINARY HSC EXAMS**

Year 11 are over half way through their Preliminary HSC Course. Attendance in class and the completion of classwork is the foundation for success. If students have a genuine reason for absence they need to bring a letter explaining their absence the following day and catch up on all missed work. All students completing VET Courses should have completed their first mandatory workplace by now. **Preliminary HSC Examinations are next term in Week 9 and 10.** To help students prepare for these exams, Year 11 will attend specialist study skills workshops on **Study Sensei and Memory Mnemonics** on 8 August 2014.

**IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE JUNIOR SCHOOL IN TERM 3**

**YEAR 8 INTO YEAR 9 SUBJECT SELECTION**

In Term 3 Week 3, Year 8 students will be guided through the process of selecting electives for their 2015 pattern of study. This process is in three stages:

1. Elective subject books will be issued on Monday 28 July
2. A Parent/Student Information Night about electives for 2014 will be conducted on Wednesday 30 July, 7:00pm – 8:30pm in the School Hall.
3. Students will make their elective choices on Friday 1 August.

**Please note:** Year 9 will also be required to select one 100 hour elective for their study pattern in Year 10 2015, so they too are invited to check out the fantastic 100 hour courses available in 2015 at our Information Night.
YEAR 7 – 10 PARENT TEACHER EVENING

All parents and students are invited to our Parent Teacher evening conducted on Wednesday 23 July 2014. Booking information will be sent home early next term. We look forward to seeing you there.

Thank you to the staff, students and parents for your continued support this term and the way I was welcomed into the school community. Henry Kendall High School is a fantastic school and I have very much enjoyed my time here. Enjoy the holiday break and I wish you all the best for a rewarding year.

Kirrily Harvey - Relieving Deputy Principal, Years 7, 9, 11.

SCHOOL REPORTS DUE OUT BY END OF TERM 2

Reports on student progress over Semester One will be distributed at the end of Term 2. Year 12 reports have already been issued. The majority of students are performing extremely well. Areas of improvement should be noted and worked upon throughout the remainder of the course time. Significant gains can be achieved. Please contact your child’s Year Adviser as first contact, if assistance is needed. The school’s Student Services Faculty can assist in a range of ways. Mrs Rebecca Cooper leads this excellent group of staff.

ACCESS TO PARENT PORTAL HAS BEGUN

We have commenced the Parent Portal recently to allow parent and student online access to attendance, welfare, assessment and reporting data. Please contact the school if you haven’t been sent an access code and we can update your email details.

YEAR 10 PREPARING FOR SENIOR SCHOOL

Year 10 is currently in the middle of completing information gathering and preferences for the Senior School in 2015/16. Two Information Evenings occurred in Term Two. Individual interviews and online selections happen during the first week of Term 3. The school always endeavours to put student choice at the forefront of the organisation for the following year. Most of Term 3 will be about negotiating the best outcomes for all students and their desired pathways into work or further education. Once course lines are created, some negotiation with individual students needs to occur to best cater for their aspirations.

COMPLETION OF ASSESSMENT TASKS AND COURSE PERFORMANCES CRUCIAL FOR SENIOR STUDENTS

N-Warning Letters regarding non-completion of assessment tasks or poor course performance need to be treated seriously as they may lead to a failure to satisfy Board of Studies requirements. This may result in the HSC not being issued for Year 12 students, or an unsatisfactory completion of the Record of Student Achievement (ROSA) for Years 10 and 11. Even though zero marks are recorded, all tasks must be completed to satisfy requirements. Year 12, in particular, need to remember that at least 50% of tasks need to be attempted satisfactorily, or the course will not be successfully completed.

PLEASE ENSURE YOUR CHILD IS WEARING CORRECT UNIFORM

Please make every attempt to purchase uniform items from Lowes in Gosford. Profit sharing occurs between the business and our P & C to fund additional resources for our students. Jackets and sloppy-joes bought elsewhere often are not close to the school uniform endorsed by parents. Hoodies, lighter green and blue colourings, especially with large logos on the front, are not acceptable.

CANTEEN VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

If you can assist with canteen duty on any day, even if not on a regular basis, it would be greatly appreciated by the school, and especially by the small number of dedicated volunteers who run an excellent canteen under staff shortages on most days.

ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Please ensure that your son or daughter attends school each day, and is on time for the start of the day. There is a very close link between attendance and academic performance.

Mr Bob Cox – Deputy Principal, Years 8, 10 & 12
On Thursday 5 June four student leaders from Year 11 attended the Student Voice Alliance. The Alliance is a meeting point for aspiring leaders in government schools to present their school’s leadership initiatives and programs. The students were able to attend a keynote address given by Deb O’Neil, who spoke about her desire for future leaders to be role models representing a strong social and political voice for equality and justice. She spoke about her personal journey in politics and her references created an inspiring platform for all students to reflect on their own lives.

The Year 11 students were then given the opportunity to each speak about how student voice is presented at their schools. In this part of the program, each of our student delegates spoke about students’ representation as part of the Henry Kendall community. The Year 11 delegates were: Ashleigh Arkell, Chantelle Masters, Lauren Riley and Bryce Crompton. All students spoke with informed passion about their school and the practices that have created a strong sense of student voice at our school.

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN OUR MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

Ralph Harrison, a good-natured, well-liked and respected member of the Mathematics faculty will retire at the completion of Term 2. In addition to his teaching duties, Ralph has acted as Head Teacher Administration and filled the role of Teacher in Charge of the Numeracy +2 Project, liaising with Gosford and Point Clare Primary Schools. I would like to thank him both personally and professionally for his support, competence and dedication. He will be greatly missed. We wish him a long, relaxed and happy retirement.

During Term 3, the faculty will be seeking to introduce Mathematics Online to the students of HKHS from Years 7 through to Year 11. This initiative has been led by Ms Tricia Muscat. We are seeking a contribution of $2.75 from each student to cover the cost of using this software. Payment may be made at the school Front Office. Mathematics Online is a valuable adjunct to the Mathematics lessons taught in class and helps with improving Numeracy skills. The program is a revamped version of the McDonald’s Maths Online which was free. The cost represents a massive saving for individual students but we are required to pay the above amount for each and every student in Years 7 to 11 in order to run the program. I strongly encourage every parent to contribute to the scheme for the betterment of all of the students at Henry Kendall High in Years 7 to 11. Documentation will follow and I thank you in advance for your support. If you have any enquiries please direct them towards myself or Tricia Muscat. I wish to thank the Parents and Citizens Association for a contribution towards the overall cost of this worthwhile program.

The Young Achievers have been busy in Mathematics. Under the direction of Ms Muscat, Year 7 has completed a project involving the renovation of their own bedrooms, including design and costing considerations. The Year 8 group, which is my class, has completed two projects. One involves the use of Cartesian equations using formulae to draw graphs and create artworks. The other involves the use of video to critique Mathematical Apps. Both groups are to be congratulated for a job well done. These Gifted and Talented students are required to complete conceptually difficult course work as well as engage in cross-curricular projects and, in the case of Year Seven, prepare for NAPLAN.

Just a reminder to the parents of students in Years 7 to 10, the Mathematics faculty run Assessment Tasks in the second last week of each term and student results are included in the Half Yearly and Yearly reports to parents. Students need to complete study in order to successfully complete these tasks.

The National Curriculum was mandated for introduction to Years 7 and 9, 2014. The Mathematics faculty has used the National Curriculum to write Teaching and Learning Programs for Years 7 through to 10 and is currently teaching the National Curriculum to these Years. Through hard work and dedication by all members of the faculty, implementation has been achieved twelve months ahead of time. During 2014, staff have been adjudicating available texts and associated software. By exhausting the faculty budget and spending all available grant money, the faculty has been able to purchase a total of 100 textbooks (one class set for each Year). The selected text “New Century Maths” is currently the most popular text used in NSW schools for the new National Curriculum. The books integrate the use of technology and “working mathematically” into each chapter. We look forward to introducing them into selected classes in Term 3 and using the associated Teacher resources in all classrooms.

Paul Whiting, Head Teacher Mathematics

Henry Kendall High School – where exceptional teaching and learning programs are paramount
STUDENTS ‘HAVE A GO’ AT COME AND TRY DAY

The Henry Kendall “Come and Try Day” was a massive success this year providing the opportunity for local students with a disability to come and try different sports, in some cases for the first time! A total of 160 students descended upon the school sports facilities with 10 sports associations on hand including: Karate, Judo, Netball, Wheel Chair Rugby League, AFL, NRL, Cricket, The NRL Anti-Bullying Campaign, Boccia and Soccer.

Special Celebrities included Mario Fenech (NRL Great from Footy Show), Adam Swasnik (CC Mariners), John Hutchinson (CC Mariners), Liesel Tesch (Paralympian), Hannah Brewer (Australian Woman’s Soccer Team).

Medals were given out to the students who had shown the best sportsmanship over the day. This was followed by a fantastic sausage sizzle which was catered by the Gosford Lions Club, with fruit provided by The Fruit Spot in East Gosford. Many thanks are extended to all the students who volunteered on the day and the many staff involved.

TRIVIA NIGHT A HUGE SUCCESS – HELPING GET OUR KIDS TO CAMP

The Trivia Night was a huge success with 300 friends and supporters of the Special Education Centre in attendance. Special thanks to Central Coast Leagues Club for their support on the night, with the Parkview room decorated beautifully. A great night prevailed with many laughs from the enormous crowd. The friends and supporters in attendance were very generous and enabled us to successfully achieve our goal. The money raised on the night will subsidise 53 students from the Henry Kendall Special Education Unit to attending camp.

Special thanks also to The Good Guys Erina, Travelutopia Erina, Coles West Gosford and Wyoming, Dare 2 Be U photography, Dan Murphy West Gosford, Gosford Race Club, 2GO, CC Mariners, Gnostic Forest, Lenwil Reinforcements and Better sheds, Trivialisles, Closet Essentials, Trent Smith, The Manly Sea Eagles and Deborah Morgan. A special mention and thanks to the Special Education staff and their families who devoted their time and effort to make this event happen. With such a huge response, the Trivia night will become an annual event, so we hope to see you all there next year!

Mr David Lawler - Relieving Head Teacher, Special Education Unit

DANCE FESTIVAL NEWS

Last week our Dance Ensemble performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival. Our item, The Tea Party, was a funky, jazz interpretation of the children’s classic “Alice in Wonderland”. It featured 15 students from Year 8 to 10 and was choreographed by a Year 11 student, Jessica Campbell. The girls did a fabulous job working tirelessly through lunchtimes and attending before school rehearsals during Semester 1. Their hard work paid off as the final product was outstanding. Congratulations to Jessica and the following dancers for a wonderful performance: Molly Davis, Sienna Inglis, Sharmila Schumacher, Tori Clark, Katie-Jayne Fun, Olivia Hull, Ashleigh Van Aken, Nikki Fraser, Georgia Riley, Jaid White, Makaila Thorne, Elia Brooke, Sophie Bartlett, Elizabeth Hegyesy and Laura Cooper.

The Henry Kendall school community will have the opportunity to see this item at our own Performing Arts Night. A special congratulations is extended to Molly Davis for her selection in the Regional Dance Ensemble. She performed at the Central Coast Dance Festival as part of this ensemble on opening night.

Mrs Tracy Smith, Dance Teacher
HKHS DISPLAYED GREAT EFFORT AT UNI SHIELD GALA DAY

On Monday 19 May, the Open Boys NRL team played in the Uni Shield Gala Day at Erina Oval, Erina. The boys played against Wadalba, Gorokan and Northlakes High Schools. Sadly, they were unsuccessful in these games, but were competitive in all, especially against Gorokan & Northlakes High School.

The team was captained by Callum Blinco - Year 12. The day was a great experience for the younger players in the team and I'm confident we will do better next year. The team consisted of: Riley Atkins Year 10, Luke Redhead Year 10, Colin McAlpine Year 11, Jacob Tancred Year 11, Harrison Worner, Year 11, Sam Allen, Year 12, Hayden Blake Year 12, Zachary Brown Year 12, Shaun Callaghan Year 12, Hayden Davis Year 12, Jarrod Lynch Year 12, Kieran Pearson Year 12, Jake Peters Year 12, Paul Russell Year 12, Max Sommerville Year 12, Benjamin Walker Year 12, Anthony Walton Year 12.

Mr David Lawler - Coach

ARTCASTLE IN NEWCASTLE

Four Year 10 students (Emelia Gibson, Seokyoung Inn, Margarita Mokrova and Sharmila Schumacher) had a wonderful three days in Newcastle in the Easter holidays. They experimented with different art forms and produced a range of works. On the final day, Margarita was one of the students who informed parents and others about one group of works.

I was most impressed by the quality and range of work. We, again, thank Regina Gilbert from The Smith Family for providing this wonderful opportunity for students to try something new.

Above from left to right: Emelia's drawing, Seokyoung's animal constructions and Margarita informing parents about one of the projects.

Ms Gae Hobson, Year 10 Adviser

STUDENT SERVICES NEWS

HELPING YOUR KIDS WITH HOMEWORK

Kids are more successful in school when parents take an active interest in their homework. Of course, helping with homework shouldn't mean spending hours hunched over a desk. Parents can be supportive by demonstrating study and organization skills, explaining a tricky problem, or just encouraging kids to take a break. And who knows? Parents might even learn a thing or two!

1. Know the teachers and what they're looking for. Attend school events, such as parent-teacher conferences, to meet your child's teachers. Ask about their homework policies, expectations and how you should be involved.
2. Set up a homework-friendly area. Make sure kids have a well-lit place to complete homework, with necessary supplies close by.
3. Schedule a regular study time. This will vary depending on other commitments, but a regular homework/study schedule can help keep children organised and accountable.
4. Help them make a plan. On heavy homework nights or when there's an assessment task to tackle, encourage your child to break up the work into manageable chunks. Create a work schedule for the night if necessary and take time for a 15-minute break every hour, if possible.
5. Keep distractions to a minimum. This means no TV, loud music (music does help some children maintain focus), mobile phones or video games.

10 Helpful Homework Hints:
6. **Make sure kids do their own work.** It is good to get involved, make suggestions and provide guidance but children won't learn if they don't think for themselves and make their own mistakes.

7. **Be a motivator and monitor.** Ask about assignments, quizzes, and tests. Give encouragement, check completed homework, and make yourself available for questions and concerns.

8. **Set a good example.** Do your kids ever see you diligently balancing your budget or reading a book? Kids are more likely to follow their parents’ examples than their advice.

9. **Praise their work and efforts.** Congratulate your child on their achievements and efforts at school.

10. **If there are continuing problems with homework, get help!** Talk about it with your child's teacher. Some kids have trouble seeing the board and may need glasses; others might need an evaluation for a learning problem or attention disorder.

If you have any concerns about your child's homework or assessment tasks, talk to their class teacher or a member of the Student Services team. We run homework club in the Student Services Hub every morning from 7:30am where students can have breakfast and get help with classwork, homework or assessment tasks.

**HSC STRESS**

As Term 2 comes to an end, the end is in sight for Year 12 students. Term 3 marks their final term at school and, with that, the reality of major project deadlines, HSC Trials and the final HSC examinations comes to fruition. For many Year 12 students this is a time of mixed emotions. However, they all have one thing in common – stress.

A certain level of stress is needed to keep students motivated. However, when the stress level starts to affect their ability to study and complete tasks it can become problematic.

**10 TIPS TO STRESS LESS:**

1. **Recognise when you're stressed** – when you are feeling stressed, take a break.
2. **Avoid comparing subject knowledge with you peers (right before exams)** – find a revision method that works for you and stick to it. Comparing knowledge can make you more stressed.
3. **Know when and where you work best** – work out when you are most alert and utilise that time to study
4. **Eat well** – provide you brain and body with the fuel it needs for concentrating on revision
5. **Get your 8 hours sleep** – make time to wind down before going to sleep
6. **Exercise** – physical activity can help to de-stress
7. **Reward yourself** – incorporate treats and breaks into your study schedule
8. **Try relaxation techniques** - such as deep breathing prior to exams
9. **Steer clear of exam “post-mortem”** – avoid comparing and analysing exam responses
10. **Keep it in perspective** – the exams are not the be all and end all.

**UAC WEBSITE**

Below is the address for the University Admissions Centre (UAC) website. The UAC website provides valuable information about university courses, application dates and the application process. It is recommended that students, particularly Year 12 students, visit and familiarise themselves with the site. In order to complete an online application, students will need to know their Year 12 student number and UAC pin. This information will be provided to students in the coming weeks. If students require any further information or assistance with this process, then they can visit the Student Services Hub for additional help.

UAC Website: [http://www.uac.edu.au/](http://www.uac.edu.au/)

**NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

The final session in a series of dance workshops that six Henry Kendall students have participated in over the course of the term ended on Wednesday 18 June. Jaid White, Tyla White, Sophie Bartlett, Makaila Thorne, Ella Brooke and Amelia Madgwick were fortunate to have the opportunity to work with two professional choreographers, Shaun Parker and Thomas at NAIDOC for three hours every Wednesday. Every week the students worked on choreographing their own material with guidance from Shaun and Thomas. In the final session, parents were invited to watch what the girls had been working on. We would like to congratulate the girls on their hard work and dedication through the workshops.

**GREAT TIME HAD AT NAIDOC CELEBRATIONS**

On Wednesday 26 June, Henry Kendall students were joined by students from our partner schools from the Gosford City Learning Community, Gosford Public School and Point Clare Public School to celebrate NAIDOC Week (which will occur during the school holidays). There were a number of activities that students participated in throughout the day. The morning session was presented by Koomurri Aboriginal Incursions. The session involved a didgeridoo performance, story-telling, Aboriginal art workshop and boomerang throwing. The afternoon session focused on traditional Indigenous games on the oval. Year 10 Indigenous leaders assisted in running the games session for the younger students. A barbecue lunch was provided before the primary students returned to their schools. It was a successful event enjoyed by all involved. Photos will be posted on the school’s website in the coming weeks.
RE-ESTABLISHMENT OF GOSFORD ABORIGINAL EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE GROUP (AECG)

Earlier this term an AECG meeting was held at Henry Kendall High School which resulted in the re-establishment of the Gosford AECG. The next meeting is scheduled for Monday 27 July (Term 3, Week 3), at 4:30pm at Henry Kendall High School, in the Aboriginal Community Resource room. It would be great to see as many parents and members of our school community there as possible.

Ms Genevieve Henry – Learning & Support Teacher, Mrs Rebecca Cooper – Head Teacher, Welfare

WHAT’S HAPPENING IN YEAR 10

Congratulations to the following students who achieved Year Awards this term: Brett Allen, Mitchell Berry, Taila Bibby (2), Nicholas Chapman, Desmond Conway, Matthew Cuthbert, Molly Davis (2), Sarra Dreha, Nikki Fowler, John Freeman, Laura Ghali (2), Joey Grim, Alex Hall, Sinead Haynes, Abby Hutchins, Elizabeth McLennan, Zara Mirfield, Molly Mitchell, Margarita Mokrova, Kale Morrow, Tanika Porter-Pope, Katelyn Russ, Sharmila Schumacher, Corey Simmonds, Rebecca Talbot, Georgia Terry, Jarrod Thomas (4), Elyse Tully (2), Liam Wafer, Brooke Welsby and Ella Whelan.

WELL DONE ELLA!

Ella Whelan received a $50 voucher for her suggestion to the Central Coast Liquor Accords about how to reduce violent and anti-social behaviours. This followed from the Year 10 and 11 Wellbeing Day.

MATHS CLUB A HUGE SUCCESS

Fourteen students and eight tutors meet in the library every Wednesday after school until 4:30PM. Regina Gilbert from The Smith Family has facilitated the group and found the tutors. Gae Hobson is the school supervisor.

Students have committed themselves to attending the Maths Club and are working with their tutors to remediate areas of need or to extend their skills.

Ms Gae Hobson, Year 10 Adviser

ENGLISH NEWS

HSC ENGLISH STANDARD STUDENTS ENJOY EXCURSION TO ‘STRICTLY BALLROOM, THE MUSICAL’

HSC English Standard students studying the film ‘Strictly Ballroom’ for the Area of Study, Belonging, had a wonderful opportunity to refresh their ideas about the text when they saw ‘Strictly Ballroom, The Musical’ at the Lyric Theatre in Darling Harbour. The experience of live theatre is always thought-provoking and stimulating. Congratulations to the students on their excellent behaviour and thanks to the staff who organised and attended the evening performance.

SUCCESS IN DEBATING AND PUBLIC SPEAKING

Our debating teams are currently on a winning streak. The Year 11 team, consisting of Brianna Kelly, Courtney Muir, Ashleigh Arkell and Chantelle Masters, defeated Gosford High, arguing in support of the topic, ‘That we should ban alcohol advertising’. Our Year 10 debaters were also victorious against Terrigal High, taking the affirmative position on the topic, ‘That we should ban horse-racing’. Well done, teams.

In public speaking news, Ella Whelan and Ella Hutchins (Year 10) competed in the Legacy Junior Public Speaking Competition. Ella Whelan also made it to the second round of the Bendigo Bank Public Speaking Competition, competing against Year 11 and 12 students from local public and private schools. Ella’s speech on the topic, ‘Tolerance is the best virtue,’ was spirited, articulate and eloquent. A coach from a nearby school commented that Ella should just skip straight to the position of Prime Minister.
7A English class presented a dramatic reading of verse from ‘The Hobbit’ at the Young Achievers evening. As orcs, dwarves, elves, a wizard, and of course, Mr Bilbo Baggins himself, they dazzled the audience, who laughed, cried and shivered with fright. Overall, it was a great night.

Ms Pamela Hogan – Head Teacher, English

YEAR 10 TRY A SKILL WORKSHOP A GREAT SUCCESS

Congratulations to Michael Lowton, Ben Bradley, Lewis Cavender, Ethan Whitfield, Kelby Podlich, Simone Monachino and Kyle Westcott for participating and excelling in the Try a Skill day that was held at the University of Newcastle, Ourimbah Campus on the 18 June.

These students were given the opportunity to participate in a range of hands on career building workshops such as horticulture, brick-laying, carpentry and welfare work by industry professionals. The day was concluded nicely with a sausage sizzle and a couple of laughs with everyone walking away with some new experiences.

Thank you to all the students for the excellent way in which they represented our school and to all of the careers staff that made the day possible. I would also like to give a special thank you to “Woody” for all of his help.

Mr Luke Banks

HSIE, LANGUAGES AND MIDDLE SCHOOL

It has been a very busy and highly productive Semester 1 for teachers and students in the HSIE, Languages and Middle School Faculties. Some truly amazing course work has been completed and excellent assessment results have been achieved.

The HSIE Faculty would like to congratulate the following students on their achievements this semester:

Jackson Boyd – Year 7 Young Achievers History
Keely Vincent – Year 8 History
Seohyun Inn – Year 9 History
Anna-Kate Phillips – Year 9 Geography
Annalise Hegyessy – Year 10 History
Seokyoung Inn – Year 10 Geography
Sarah Loaney – Stage 5 History Elective
Bryce Crampton - Preliminary Ancient History
Chantelle Masters – Preliminary Business Studies, Preliminary Legal Studies, Preliminary Modern History
Laura Kostalas – HSC Ancient History
Varun Rao – HSC Business Studies
Tabitha Duffy – HSC History Extension
Georgia Gow – HSC Legal Studies
Sophia Georgas – HSC Modern History

Congratulations to the following students on their wonderful achievements in Languages:

Oscar Tebbutt – Year 7 Young Achievers Japanese
Annisa Amini – Year 8 French
Anna De Lange – Year 8 French
Jessica Atkinson – Year 8 French
Brayden Gunn – Year 8 French
Sophie Bartlett – Year 8 French
Sophie Booth – HSC French Beginners
Tanika Sorridini – HSC French Continuers
Congratulations to the following Middle School students on an amazing start to their secondary studies at HKHS:

Alex Sidiropoulos – Global Awareness, Human Relationships, Investigation and Communication, LTN
Tiarna Houghton – Global Awareness, Human Relationships, Investigation and Communication, LTN
Jasmine Truong – Global Awareness
Leo Coleman – Human Relationships
Lila Ritchie – Investigation and Communication
Tally McIntyre – LTN

Mark Macdonald - Head Teacher, HSIE, Languages and Middle School

SPORT REPORT

Term 2 has proven to be an extremely hectic one for sport at Henry Kendall. In Week One the School Cross Country Carnival at Adcock Park was very well attended with some outstanding performances on the day.

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At Zone Cross Country HKHS performed very well overall as a team, narrowly missing out on 2nd place by six points. Laura Ghali was Zone Age Champion, Luke Redhead 3rd, Alex Sidiropoulos 3rd, Harmony Edwards 4th, Bobby Natoli 4th. Amelia Madgwick and Andrew McKaig 10th. All of these students were selected to compete at Sydney North Cross Country, with Laura Ghali successful in making the Sydney North Team to compete at State. Henry Kendall also distinguished themselves with our fine volunteers from 7A who worked as course officials, and Year 9 PASS students bike boys and girls.

ATTENDANCE AT ATHLETICS CARNIVAL PLEASING – GREAT TIME HAD BY ALL

The school Athletics Carnival was a magnificent bright sunny day which was extremely well attended by our students. It’s a great opportunity for students to compete at such a fantastic venue. The level of participation was very high and students were treated to entertainment by Year 12’s dressed in quirky house coloured costumes.

Age champions were

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<td>17+YRS</td>
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Several records were also broken on the day:

- Thomas Bennett 12yrs Discus 24.00m
- Georgia Davis 15yrs 100m 13.01
- Georgia Davis 15yrs 200m 28.05
- Jess Morrice 15yrs 400m 1:04.17
- Amelia Madgwick 17yrs 200m 27.87

A team of over 100 students will be competing at Zone Athletics and we wish them the best of luck and hopefully many will qualify for the Sydney North Athletics at Homebush on Monday 21 July and Tuesday 22 July.

Mrs Julie Starkey - Sport Organiser
LOTS OF FUN HAD AT YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 7 students had an amazing time at camp in Semester 1. We have written about our experiences in an earlier edition of Henry Kendall Highlights but wanted an opportunity to share some of the many photos taken during our three day adventure in Kincumber.

I would like to thank students for their wonderful behaviour over the camp. Thank you to our Year 10 Peer Support leaders for their help and to the wonderful HKHS staff for giving up their time to share this experience with Year 7.

Mr Mark Macdonald - Head Teacher - Middle School

YAP CELEBRATION EVENING

Below are some photos from our Young Achievers Celebration Evening.

SRC NEWS

The SRC has been busy this year, especially with many activities during this term. The school leaders have been throwing themselves into executive SRC meetings in solid attempts to get students’ view across to the staff. Thanks to the SRC, many student observations have helped the staff to cater for student needs during the transition phase of Gosford Public School moving in next door. They continue to provide students with information via the internal school signage and support individual charities being catered for by the Interact group.

Some of the events our school leaders have been involved in this term include: A Women’s Breakfast Celebration and Prefect Afternoon Tea at Central Coast Grammar School, the school Athletics Carnival, Anzac Day Parade, YMCA Think Tank session on student views in the local community and regular SRC meetings. The SRC also played a major part in helping in the HKHS Come and Try Sports Day for Students with a Disability, leading groups around the school and supporting their needs.

The SRC is currently planning the next school social for the Wednesday 20 August 2014 (Term 3). Should students be interested in being a school leader, applications are now open for next year’s SRC members and School Captains. Applications are available from the Special Education Department.

U15 BOYS AFL

This year the U15 boys were involved in the Zone AFL Carnival held at Bateau Bay Oval. Whilst the boys had a hard day on the park, they learnt some valuable skills and tactical knowledge which will hopefully propel them in years to come. Staff from others school talked about their fantastic attitude and willingness to compete especially in the ruck area.

Well done boys!

Mr Paul McNally – Coach

CONGRATULATIONS ABBEY ON BEING SELECTED BY THE WINTER OLYMPIC COMMITTEE!

Abbey’s story: When I was 14 and still training as an elite gymnast, I was scouted by the Winter Olympic Committee to try out for Aerial Skiing once I turned 16. Since retiring from gymnastics last year, I decided to send my application in.

Once the Victorian Institute of Sport (VIS) read my application, they booked flights for me to travel to the VIS in Melbourne for a day for strength and conditioning, coordination and feedback tests. I was also interviewed by the Institute. A week later they told me I had been accepted into the program. The next stage is a 2 week camp in the school holidays, along with two 9 day camps during Term 3. The Winter Olympic Committee only accept 4 girls into their program each year, and if successful in this first stage, there is a high possibility that I will travel to Utah in the USA, to train for 2 months over December and January. If all goes to plan this could potentially lead to World Championship level events.

Abbey Willcox, Year 12
Licence to Drive Driving School is a family run business. Your Instructors are father and son team John and Brad Hassett. John and Brad have been working in the teaching game together for the past 15 years. Between them they have 45 years teaching experience and they possess a special ‘knack’ to help you with handling those nervous jitters. Both John and Brad are very patient and understanding and will do their best to help you achieve your goal of obtaining a drivers licence.

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First 10 people to book a lesson and mention this ad will receive an extra 20 minutes on top of your paid 1 hour lesson for free. Equals 4 hours in your log book.

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Tuesday afternoon sport is a compulsory, timetabled opportunity for students to further develop their movement related skills in a physically active environment. Henry Kendall High School offers a variety of sporting and recreational activities to enable students to meet the mandatory requirements for sport as set out by the NSW Department of Education and Training.

Please note that Term 3 sport will start Week 3 and will continue for 9 weeks until Week 1, Term 4 2014.

- Please read carefully and have your child select one sport.
- Sign the permission note and have your child return the note (with payment if applicable) to the Front Office. Credit card facilities are available.
- Those students who pay first will have priority for the sports that have limited spaces.
- All sport lists will be finalised in Week 2 of Term 3.
- Once the lists are finalised, there will be NO changes.
- Any student who does not make a selection will be placed on a sport at the discretion of the sports organiser.
- If not enough students select a particular sport, that sport will not run.
- All students are encouraged to wear hats and sunscreen during outdoor activities and bring their own water bottle.
- No refunds will be given for withdrawal from sport for poor behaviour, if the student is absent, or if the student does not attend their allocated sport.
- All students will wear the correct HKHS sports uniform. Students may wear this to school all day if they choose. If for any reason this is not possible a note must be supplied and an appropriate change of clothes brought instead.
- Students who report to school ill or injured on Tuesdays and bring a note of explanation will complete supervised work in a classroom.
- Students who do not bring their sports gear or who miss the bus will complete supervised written work in and have their parents notified.
- Pass out notes must be handed in at the Front Office on Monday and an official DET pass out will be issued to your child on Tuesday at recess.
- Parents, caregivers and students should realise that sport is a mandatory requirement for the completion of the School Certificate and that attendance is compulsory.

Please see Term 3 Sport Choices overleaf
## Sport Choices – Term 3 2014
(information correct at time of printing)

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* Students attending Gym must bring a towel or $3.00 to hire one.
Our Term 3 Staff 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.
Catch A Shooting Star Under 18’s Talent Quest

July School Holidays
July 1-11, 2014

Cash Prizes and Great Sponsor Giveaways
Soloists, Duos, Groups, Small Troupes
Sorry – no bands due to noise constraints
Two Sections: High School Age and Primary & Under
(Tiny is ok if still at school)

Singers • Dancers • Storytellers • Instrumentalists • Acting Skills • Comedians • Magicians • Music Theatre • Gymnasts • Variety Acts

"HEAT SCHEDULE: 7th – 10th July One 2-4 minute performance per contestant
Primary and Under: Monday 7th 1pm Wednesday 9th 11am
High school age: Tuesday 8th 11am Thursday 10th 1pm
Grand Final: Friday 11th 11am Combined Primary & High – judged separately
Finalists may repeat their heat performance or choose another item in the same genre"

PRIZES
WINNER: $500 Cash
HIGH SCHOOL: $300 Cash
PRIMARY SCHOOL SECTION
RUNNER UP High School and Primary School $100 each

All contestants receive great giveaways from quest sponsors

Two acts from each heat will be announced at heat conclusion to go forward to the Grand Final
Music is to be provided on CD in Audio Format. No ipods, phones, mp3’s, MP3, iTunes etc.
CD’s are to be labeled with contestant name, song name and track number
Arrival to sound desk next to stage 1 hour prior to heat time
CD’s are to be handed to sound desk on arrival to be checked and collected after heat
Up to 4 corded microphones are available. Direct heat (D1’s) available for instruments.
Backing tracks are permitted to backing vocals but it is not permitted to sing over artist voice
Item selected needs to be suitable for a family audience – no inappropriate language or immoral content permitted
You will be judged on your Talent/Skill, Entertainment Value, Dress according to age and item, Item suitability
The judge’s decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into

Imperial Shopping Ctr Talent Quest 2014 ENTRY FORM
Please complete and email or post to: PO Box 3579, Wamberal 2260. Email: shine_on@tpg.com.au
Registration is essential. Enquiries: 02 43851030, 0428 852307 Your heat will be emailed to you on receipt of form

Name.......................................................... Age........ Date of Birth .............. Section: PRIMARY HIGH
(Please circle)
Email.......................................................... Type of act (eg Vocal, Dance, Guitarist etc)
Phone.................................................. Mobile ................................ Song or Item Name
Address.................................................. Suburb .............. Zip/Code

Where did you hear about the Quest? (Please circle) Newspaper Email Friend School Talent Teacher Imperial Ctr
Parent/Guardian to sign & date that the conditions and information has been read & understood and give permission for child to be publicly viewed on stage and possibly in media publications promoting Catch a Shooting Star Talent Quests and The Imperial Shopping Centre, Oxford

Parent/Guardian Name .................................................. Date: ...................... 2014
Parent/Guardian Signature

 explores and enjoy your talents! Performance Opportunities for Stand-out Performers!
Family Violence Program for
Grandparents Raising Grandchildren
A free program for grandparents raising their grandchildren on issues relating to family violence.

Where:
The Entrance Community Centre
15 Battley Ave (cnr Oakland Ave)
The Entrance

When:
Introduction and information session on family violence
Wednesday 25th June, 2014 10 am to 1 pm

Program Sessions:
10 am to 1 pm
- Impacts of domestic violence on children
- Managing challenging behaviours
- Grief and loss
- Setting boundaries

Morning tea provided

Contact: Leanne Lott
Phone: 4340 1585

Free childcare available (bookings essential)