Deputy Principal Report

Year 8 and Year 9 are currently choosing electives for 2014. An information evening was held on 30 July 2014 for parents and students and was well received. We look forward to continuing offering a breadth of choice into next year.

Year 10 students have also completed selections for next year’s senior courses. Some fine tuning to create the ‘best fit’ to cater for those choices is currently underway.

Potential Captains for 2014 have been busy preparing and delivering speeches to the school to outline their expertise and vision. Congratulations to our Year 11 students who have put themselves forward for leadership positions.

Year 12 students have just completed their Trial HSC exams. The final few weeks of this term will be an extremely important time to be in class and consolidate prior learning and to finalise topics.

Both Year 11 and 12 have had recent study skills sessions with ELEVATE, an outside provider. Reports from students were extremely positive. We look forward to this translating into improving performance and sound home study habits.

Mr Bob Cox – Deputy Principal

Central Coast Education Awards

Each year public education on the Central Coast celebrates the enormous contribution made to students, schools and communities by individuals in our schools. This year Henry Kendall High recognised three members of staff at the Central Coast Public Education Awards of Excellence held at Northlakes High School on Tuesday 12 August. I would like to congratulate Marianne Dowzard, our hard working Science Assistant; Ann Collard, our dedicated Middle School teacher; and Donna Loveridge, our committed Deputy Principal; on receiving their awards which were presented by the Director, Public Schools, Karen Jones. I acknowledge the significant work these three hard working individuals contribute to our school and thank them for the difference they make.

Mr Andrew Backhouse – Principal
We have an exciting opportunity available to students at Henry Kendall High School. Schools have access to a program called Job Jump. To register follow the prompts on the website. Set up your profile by entering your email address, your school and the school password ‘chicken’ in lower case.

After you have gained access to the site you can personalise what you require. This site gives you links to various jobs, information about career pathways, resumes writing, interview techniques and has direct links to Universities and courses. If you require help to register see Mrs Hawker or Mrs McTeigue in the Student Services Hub.

The website address is www.jobjump.com.au.

**Maths News**

*Pictured left: Zachary McCallum from Year 9 displaying his “Sphinx” project, a geometric puzzle (a tessellation) that he made co-operatively with 8 other students in August 2014*

**What’s Happening In Careers…**

**YEAR 12 - 2015 UNIVERSITY APPLICATIONS**

University Admission Centre booklets have now been distributed to Year 12. They are available in the Student Hub for any student who may have missed out on their own copy. It is a user friendly guide with all the details about university institutions, dates and courses as well as any additional criteria that may be used to assess students for admission to courses.

Students need to register their course preferences for on-time applications in the main round by midnight on Tuesday 30 September. This costs $29 and the cost escalates to $154 after this date. Students should receive their UAC PINs in early August so that they can register their preferences. Students can change their preferences free of charge up until 7 January which allows time after the HSC results to reaffirm the likelihood of obtaining entry to various courses.

Students who need help registering their preferences can come to the Student Hub for assistance.

**YEARS 10 AND 11 - TAFE APPLICATIONS FOR 2015**

Year 10 students who wish to apply for TAFE need to complete an application form. The form must be returned to the school (with a copy of the last school report), so that it can be endorsed by the school. The earlier the better to improve your chances of being enrolled in a course. There is only one round of offers this year and the application forms need to be returned to the school by 12 September to allow sufficient time for processing.

Year 11 students are reminded that continuing on in a TAFE course requires an application form for 2015. Progression is not automatic. Also some students may wish to apply for another course which requires an application.

Forms can be obtained from Mrs Hawker in the Student Hub or downloaded from the TAFE website. Assistance and advice about completing forms can also be given at the Student Hub.

*Mrs Lyn Hawker - Relieving Careers Adviser*

**Take Home a Big Brother or Sister!**

Give your children the wonderful opportunity to have an international big brother or big sister by hosting one of our exceptional international students arriving in Australia in February 2015 for their 5 or 10 month programs. Our international students from France, Germany, Italy, Austria, Japan, the USA and Canada will live as a local, attend a local secondary school, arrive with their own spending money and comprehensive insurance cover - all arranged by Southern Cross Cultural Exchange.

Call your local Co-ordinator today on: 0429 4046 126 to request some student profiles, and capture the spirit of family and friendship!
Plant A Tree Day 25 July 2014

On 25 July students from our Year 11 Agriculture and Special Education garden crew participated in the National Plant a Tree program this year. This was generously supported by Brian Hilton Toyota and the contribution of Australian native shrubs and small trees allowed us to beautify and regenerate behind G and F blocks in the school. The students all worked well together and enjoyed the opportunity to contribute to the environment and the school.

Ms Rachel Dowling – Special Education Unit

Year 9 News

Congratulations to the following students who have received Academic Achievement Awards this week: Maeve Flaherty, Corgan Patterson, Skye Kan, Tiphanie Thackray, Jesse McDougall, Dominic Taylor, Jack Mitchell, Zac Pearce, Sarah Loaney, Jade McAtamney, Aliyah Khoshnoud-Rad, Kevin Gilmore, Brighton Haynes, Jade Doughty, Nick Hughes, Jessica Morrice, Danielle Shepherd, Tyler Gunn, Bailey Hogan, Lisa Zheng, Cameron Ross, Georgia Eades, Layton Parker, Emily Boelhouwer and Phyllis Lo.

A special congratulation is extended to Peta Ralph and Jade McAtamney who received Principal's Awards. Sarah Loaney and Skye Kan, as well as award recipients this week, have also been successful in their application to attend the Newcastle University Girls Choices Summer School. Well done girls!

The Year 9 Rewards Day has now been booked for the end of the year and our tentative date is Thursday 4 December. We are heading off to Wet and Wild which should be great fun for those students who have worked hard throughout the year. Look out for the specific details regarding this excursion over the next few weeks.

Mrs Tracy Smith - Year 9 Year Adviser

Sports Report

SNOW TRIP

Last week 36 students headed to the snow for 3 days skiing and snowboarding. We stayed at Vikas Lodge in Jindabyne which provided a great base for us to enjoy the snow experience. With the best snow conditions for many years on offer the students had a great time and really improved their skills at Thredbo. All of the students were a credit to Henry Kendall High School. Many thanks to Mr Mellish and Ms Selsby for giving up their time, helping to make the trip fun and memorable.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Congratulations to all of the students who competed at Sydney Nth Athletics earlier this term. We had an excellent group of athletes attending with several students successful in gaining a place at CHS Athletics on 4, 5 and 6 September. The students competing are Harrison Whitney – Javelin, Jessica Morrice – 800m, Oscar Tebbutt 1500m walk, Adam Moyle, Jessica Buth and Oliver Lee.

Mrs Julie Starkey - Sports & Snow Trip Coordinator
Great theatre is about challenging how we think and encouraging us to fantasize about a world we aspire to.  Willem Dafoe

HSC Drama is about to come to a close with the final submission of quality individual Projects and thought provoking performances. It is exciting to watch students each year explore such interesting and diverse topics, ideas and issues to become the content of their pieces. This year we see concepts such as Stelarc’s “The Body is Obsolete”, consumerism and a pantomime inspired contemporary playbuild as areas for exploration in Group Performances. It has been a pleasure to teach this cohort and success is assured in any post school destination due to their amazing talent, creativity and ability to work together to create new and innovative things. These skills can be used for any industry or field of employment, not just the arts. If you are interested please come along to PAN 2014 where Year 12 will present a hybrid version of their playbuild HSC works.

INVITATION TO SEE AMAZING HSC BODIES OF WORK AND MAJOR PROJECTS AT OUR VISTAS MAJOR PROJECT EXHIBITION

The Art Rooms and TAS Workshops will be open to parents, students and other members of the community on the evening of Thursday 28 August 2014 from 6pm until 8pm. Come along and see the amazing HSC Bodies of Work and Major Projects from Visual Art, Industrial Technology (Timber) and Design and Technology students. Gold coin donation to enter for the People’s Choice award.

Mr Damien Clift - Head Teacher (Creative and Performing Arts)
Assistant Musical Director - Star Struck 2015

HENRY KENDALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS TO SHOW THEIR TALENTS AT PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

On Monday 1 September 2014 our wonderfully talented students will take to the stage at Laycock Street Theatre to present a variety show consisting of music, drama and dance items. This is always a very high quality show with our students really stepping up to match the professional venue atmosphere, while getting unmatchable industry experience. Tickets are currently available from the HKHS school office - $20 for adults, $18 for students and concession holders.

SECOND NIGHT TO SHOWCASE STUDENT PERFORMANCES FROM OUR GOSFORD CITY LEARNING COMMUNITY AT PERFORMING ARTS NIGHT

The very next night, Tuesday 2 September 2014, sees our HKHS students team up with students from our partner schools, Gosford Public School and Point Clare Primary School, at Laycock Street Theatre. This is always an exciting night for the performers and audience alike with group and individual items from all three schools, as well as the much anticipated combined GCLC choir item. Tickets are currently available from Laycock Street Theatre and can be purchased in person or over the phone (Ph: 4323 3233) - $20 for adults, $18 for students and concession holders.
Play Baseball!

Come and play baseball this summer with the Lions Junior Baseball Club. Seeking girls/boys for U8 - U16 teams!
Season starts October after school holidays and finishes March 2015. Training and games played on Tuesdays U14/U16 and Wednesdays U8-U12 - 5-7pm most games at Adcock Park, West Gosford.

Registrations for Lions Junior Baseball Club are being held on:
SAT 30 August 10am - 12.00noon at McDonalds, West Gosford
SAT 6 September 10am - 12.00noon at McDonalds, West Gosford
SAT 13 September 10am - 12.00 noon at McDonalds, West Gosford
Uniform is provided free!

Registrations call Megan Morgan on 4322 8230 or email meganmorgan@smartchat.net.au

JOIN THE BRISBANE WATER “BLUETONGUES” FOR THE 2014/15 SEASON!

Brisbane Water is a family based club and caters for boys and girls of any age and any ability. We have teams from Under 9’s to Under 17’s plus Milo “In2Cricket” for 4 – 7 year olds.

REGISTRATION DETAILS
Sat, 23rd AUGUST 2014 - McDonald’s West Gosford 9am - 12 noon.

CONTACT DETAILS
Please call our Secretary Mark on 0434 329 886
or email us on secretary@bwcc.com.au