GREAT EXPERIENCES IN TERM 1

Week 9
23/3 – 27/3/15 – Year 12 Mid Course Exams
25/3/15 – 7’s NRL Day, Morry Breen Oval Kanwal
26/3/15 – Open Rugby League Gala Day
26/3 – 28/3/15 – NSW CHS Swimming

Week 10
30/3 – 1/4/15 – Year 7 Camp
30/3 – 2/4/15 – Year 12 Mid Course Exams
31/3/15 – Northcott Swimming, Special Education
2/4/15 – End of Term One
3/4/15 – Good Friday

GREAT EXPERIENCES IN TERM 2

Week 1
20/4/15 – School Development Day (no students)
21/4/15 – Students return Term 2
21/4/15 – P&C Meeting - 7.30pm Library
21/4/15 – Lizotte’s Showcase
24/4/15 – ANZAC Day Ceremony

Week 2
30/4/15 – School Cross Country

UPCOMING EXCURSIONS

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PRINCIPAL REPORT

Our School Captains Shine

On Tuesday 10 March our school captains, Lauren Riley and Bryce Crampton, and I attended Point Clare Public School’s 2015 Leadership Morning Tea. This is a fabulous partner school initiative that brings together prominent community and young leaders to discuss leadership. The 2015 Point Clare leaders were addressed by the Member for Gosford, Chris Holstein, myself and by Lauren and Bryce. Our captains made a particular impression on the students and parents as they gave insight and real life relevance to what leadership skills looked like in practice, and how each student can strive to make a difference. Henry Kendall High is in a wonderful position to be represented by such high quality student leaders

New Technologies to assist Roll Procedures

In previous newsletters and at the P&C I have discussed the schools exploration of finger print technologies to improve the efficiency of our student roll procedures. Our investigations have revealed several difficulties with these technologies in a school setting. As a result we are moving towards implementing a swipe card system. As part of our school photography contract, students already receive individual swipe cards for use in library borrowing that includes their photograph. These same cards will be used to ‘swipe’ into the school each morning rather than a manual roll marking.
This procedure is in place in many schools, and provides far greater security with no personal data being retained. The new processes will be phased in later this year and across 2016 to coincide with the introduction of a new school based technology platform. Although the swipe cards will be introduced, morning assemblies will continue.

**Work Health and Safety**

As I am sure all parents would appreciate, Henry Kendall High takes staff and student safety very seriously. Please be aware that the school, in coordination with Gosford Public School, regularly runs lockdown and evacuation drills to ensure safe and smooth procedures are in place and are familiar in case of a real emergency. It would be appreciated if parents would reinforce with their children the importance of these drills to their safety and wellbeing, and need to be approached seriously and cooperatively.

*Mr Andrew Backhouse – Principal*

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**YEAR 7 – YEAR ADVISER REPORT**

Congratulations to the following Year 7 students on being awarded a Year Adviser Award. Well Done! I’m looking forward to handing out many more to Year 7 during the year.


**Congratulations to:**

Congratulations to Ashleigh Arkell of Year 12 who made it to the third round of the 2015 Lions Youth of the Year competition.

There were six exceptional students at this round and although she represented our school with distinction she was not the student to be selected for the fourth round.

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**YEAR 10 – YEAR ADVISER REPORT**

Firstly, congratulations Year 10 for making it past the halfway point this term. It has been quite a busy start to the year and it will only get busier as the term progresses. It is currently ‘assessment task season’ as most subjects have a task due before the end of the term. It is really important that all students prepare thoroughly for these tasks and do not make the mistake of leaving it until the last minute to get started. If any student requires help or has any questions about their assessment tasks, their classroom teacher is the first port of call and will be more than happy to lend their advice.

I would also like to congratulate all the Year Award recipients so far this term. Year Awards look great in the resume and are a representation of student achievement.

Year Award recipients are:


*Mr Blake Wawrzyk – Year 10 Adviser*

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**SPORTS NEWS**

**Open Boys Basketball**

Niagara Park Sports Centre was the venue, basketball was the game. The Open Boys Basketball team played St. Ives High School in the first round of the competition on Wednesday 11 March. Despite looking sharp in practice sessions and the pre-game warm up, the boys were outmatched by a well-drilled St. Ives team. Although Team Captain Colin McAlpine and Joseph Jesus were constant rebounding threats, and sharp shooter Dylan Verrell kept the opposition on edge with his on-target three point shooting, the boys went down 49-15. Many lessons were learned and it was a good learning experience for much of the team who will be able to play for the school in the years to come.

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The team consisted of: Joseph Jesus, Dylan Verrell, Tim Seabrook, Jack White, Wilson Wu, Jesse Baker, Colin McAlpine (c), Tom Hunt and Blake Wawrzyk (coach).

**Open Boys Touch Football**

The Open Boys Touch Football team travelled to the Frank Baxter Juvenile Justice Centre at Mount Penang on Tuesday 10 March to play their first round game against Wadalba Community School. Team Captain Luke Redhead led the team with distinction and was rewarded with an early touch down. Unfortunately, a lack of touch football experience, and fewer substitutes than we would have liked, resulted in a 9-3 defeat.

The boys then played a friendly game against Girrakool School. There was flair on display from both sides and the match ended in Girrakool's favour. Despite the losses, team Henry Kendall was a credit to the school. They were very respectful of the referees and opposition and played the games in good spirit.

The team consisted of: Blake Leccas, Joseph Jesus, Jacob Tancred, Aaron Gunn, Colin McAlpine, Jesse Baker, Luke Redhead (c), Carter Jones, Jai Mansfield and Malik Poole.

**Congratulations to:**

Cara Douglas Year 11, for successfully obtaining an SBAT Traineeship with ANZ Mobile Lenders, Well Done.

Ashleigh Fletcher Y11 is continuing her ANZ Traineeship with ANZ branch Woy Woy and enjoying learning new skills and about customer service.

Year 12 Student Tayla Shepherd is in her final year of her SBAT Traineeship in Business Services at Gosford Hospital.

**YOUTH HEALTH FORUM**

Year 11 Students, Ashleigh Fletcher, Cara Douglas and Markisha Murray took part in a Youth Health Forum held at Gosford Hospital on Thursday 11 March. The video conference looked at the issues of Resilience and Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Young People. The students listened to speakers discussing programs they have run, which focused on empowering and confidence building. The girls enjoyed and were inspired listening to the Young Indigenous Speakers telling their stories about how through the help and guidance of programs like Weave And AIME, they've moved forward becoming stronger and confident, they are now on the pathway to further their education.

Ms Janelle Wilkinson – Student Services
HENRY KENDALL’S VISIT FROM CHINA

On Thursday 12 February, the Year 8 Young Achievers class took part in an amazing experience. Henry Kendall enjoyed the presence of visitors who came all the way from China. They came to Australia to learn English and to learn about Australian history and culture.

The Year 8 class were paired up with each of the Chinese students and engaged in many activities. Firstly, they enjoyed a tour of the school and exchanged stories about what each of them liked to do at school and at home.

Next, Year 8 and their Chinese students had a wonderful and extraordinary Aboriginal experience with “Bruce”, a local Aboriginal man. Bruce showed all the kids about Aboriginal tools and what it was like to be an Aboriginal.

After that amazing experience, the students undertook a fun mathematics activity with Ms Muscat, using a fantastic algebra program called Geogebra.

Later, Mr Ardley talked to the students about what it means to be Australian, then they all worked in groups run by the Year 8 students and then headed off to lunch. Lunch was Australia’s iconic sausage sizzle.

This concluded the spectacular day, with a a group photo and waves goodbye.

It was an experience that everyone will remember.

By Oscar Tebbutt, 8Y

SPECIAL EDUCATION REPORT

Students Training Hard

Our students have been training hard for the upcoming school cross country event and we encourage all of our students to participate. With Adam Moyle being a current State cross country champion we have a great role model for our students.

International Women’s Day

The Special Education Unit had a wonderful display at the recent International Women’s Expo at the Newcastle University Ourimbah Campus. Both staff and students who attended made some great links with the community. Promotion of the school and Special Education Unit at expos like this is very important and it was great to see so much support on the day from the community.
Riding for the Disabled (RDA)

RDA has commenced for the year at the RDA Kariong facility. We only have a limited number of places available for our students and try to rotate students through the program each year. The students had their first ride on Monday 9 March. Our excited riders had a great time and are looking forward to the year.

Reward BBQ

Wednesday 2 March saw the he first reward BBQ for 2015. The students had a great time with a sausage sizzle, disco and Powerpoint display of the great things that our students have achieved this term. Congratulations to all of our great students. Students had to achieve 4 out of 5 perfect weeks in the positive behaviour plan. Before the BBQ the students were presented with their certificates by our Principal, Mr Backhouse.

Parent Information Coffee Shop Luncheon

The first parent coffee shop information luncheon for the year was held on Wednesday 25 February. Kay Dean (National Disability Coordination Officer) was the guest speaker and gave a great talk on options that young adults with disabilities have and the best way to navigate services to get there. Kay was generous enough to leave us with a PDF of her presentation that is now able to be accessed from our Facebook group page.

YEAR 11 BIOLOGY EXCURSION

On Friday 27 February, Year 11 Biology students took part on an excursion to the Putty Beach rock platform. The day was carefully chosen to coincide with the lowest tide for the month that occurred around midday. The excursion was all about gathering data first hand, on location, just like real scientists. This involved using skills learned during our first topic: “A Local Ecosystem”.

As part of our first assessment task, our job began by carrying out an initial survey of the rock platform. This involved locating, identifying and categorising numerous different species according to tidal zones. We then engaged specialised measuring and counting techniques involving quadrats and transects. This was used to gather data to be analysed in the report. Teams of students all worked extremely well throughout the day to gather and share data. The day finished in that lab by analysing water samples taken during the day.

It was a most enjoyable day out together being with so many keen and engaged students. It was such a beautiful day; we were all very tempted to “fall in”.

A special thanks to Mrs Dowzard for your valued contributions on the day.

Mr Brad Jones – Science Teacher
WHAT'S HAPPENING IN DRAMA

Stage five Drama have been working hard on their improvisation, physical theatre and playbuilding skills this term and their efforts are coming along nicely. For their next assessment, they are to present a 3 to 5 minute playbuild on a topic that is provided to them in class.

Congratulations to Ashleigh Eady, Phoebe Robertson, Brianna Kelly, Amber McAlpine, Gemma Sharpe, Nebelie Mutukura, Abigail Muspratt, Emily Boelhouwer, Georgina Colbran, Owen Butterworth, Nico Falzarano, Tom Josephs, Zackary Booth, Nathan Atkinson and Nathaniel Arnot on auditioning for Youth In Performing Arts (YIPA). Each student went above and beyond with their audition and represented the school brilliantly. Terrific feedback was given by the YIPA panel which is a credit to the students and our school.

Mrs Jade Draper – CAPA Teacher