FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents, Students and Staff

At KRB we focus on encouraging our students to develop and also evaluate their goals for the year. This should be academic goals as well as participation in the rich co-curricular life of the school. I asked each student to challenge themselves beyond the classroom and take on something outside of their comfort zone such as trying a new sport, joining the choir or a debating team, taking the opportunity to participate in a social justice activity within the community or possibly considering an exchange to one of our Sacred Heart schools.

A number of our senior students have recently been on international exchanges and shared their experiences at a recent Senior School Assembly. They talked about the countries they visited and what it was like to attend a new school and live with a host family in a different country. They greatly value these experiences and the international friends they make.

HSC High Achievers

Last Friday we gathered to celebrate and honour the achievements of the KRB Class of 2015. I said “As a community it is important that we celebrate the success of each other. Today we have with us our students from Years 6-12 and also our teaching Staff and the parents of our High Achieving students. I hope that our students from Years 6-12 are inspired by our High Achievers today and that each one of you is thinking ‘I am going to be acknowledged at this Assembly in future years.’

Also I hope you are thinking about your personal goals and what you are going to commit to, in order to make it happen for yourself. I always say that we have a very big stage to fill in the Edwina Taylor Clarke Auditorium and each year we want to see more and more students back for this wonderful occasion.”

Graduates from the Class of 2015, Frances Ryan, Stephanie Dammann, Laura Wotherspoon and Florence Young spoke to students, parents and staff giving their advice about how best to approach the HSC. They also shared their plans for the future.

Frances (who achieved an ATAR of 99.85) told students she “found it to be vital to have a goal during the HSC. It kept me motivated.” She stressed the importance of getting involved in other activities within the School to provide balance. Frances also said “you do not have to be the smartest person, but you do need to be committed, willing to make sacrifices and put in the effort. Frances will commence a Bachelor of Bio-medicine at the University of Melbourne.

Stephanie Dammann, who’s HSC Artwork was selected for inclusion in HSC ArtExpress, gave her three tips to students – to find motivation, to be consistent throughout Years 11 and 12, and choose subjects you enjoy. Stephanie has been accepted into a Bachelor of Commerce degree at the University of Sydney.

As a boarder, Laura Wotherspoon told students she found the boarding community was an asset to her study during the HSC. Sharing concepts and ideas with students in Sheldon Boarding House helped her to clarify her thoughts and to really think about what she was writing rather than simply
memorising. Laura is starting a degree in Commerce/Arts at UNSW this year.

Florence Young, an outstanding pianist, shared how she owed most of her HSC success to her parents and the staff here at KRB. Her parents were encouraging and helped her overcome her fear of performing in front of an audience. Florence encouraged students to “pick subjects you love so that hard work will seem like easy work.” Florence will be studying Pharmacy at the University of Sydney.

The students from the Class of 2015 are great role models for our current students. Their overall message was that hard work, commitment and being involved in the life of the School helps you to be the best you can be. I hope they keep ‘Leaning In’.

Student Achievements

At last week’s assembly we acknowledged the achievements of our swimmers who participated at the Senior School Swimming carnival held at Homebush on 23 February. Eight school records were broken with outstanding performances from a number of students. These are listed on pages 6 and 7. Three records were broken in the Junior School. Rhiannon Carr, Alessandra Gazzal and Elly O’Donoghue were placed 1st, 2nd and 3rd respectively in the Open Invitational 50M Freestyle. Alessandra was awarded Age and Senior Champion.

Congratulations to our overall Inter-house winner – Tangara, and the Spirit cup Winner, Kungala. The leadership of our House Captains, Josephine Harris and Isabel Sigalla (Arakoola), Elena Coluzzi-Farrell and Maddison Dale (Kungala), Teila Comino and Hannah Guy (Murrama) and Eliza McCristal and Natalie McDowell (Tangara) was outstanding and contributed to the great participation from our students and fantastic spirit on the day.

Rhiannon Carr, Year 11, received a NSWJCIS Blue Award for her achievements in swimming in 2015 at a special ceremony held at Homebush. Elly O’Donoghue and Alexandra Field also received a NSWJCIS Medallion for their achievements in 2015.

Many personal bests were also achieved by our Junior School swimmers at the 2016 IPSHA Swimming Championships. I wish our Senior Swimming Team the best of luck when they compete at the IGSSA Swimming Carnival at Homebush next Friday.

Congratulations to Lauren Whiting, Year 6, who has been selected in the NSW PSSA Tennis Team and will compete at the NSW All School’s Competition in May.

STEM at KRB

Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) education has been in the international spotlight for some time for. We are pleased to advance from a strong foundation this year with significant numbers of students choosing STEM subjects in Year 11 and 12. Currently, 76% of Year 11 and 12 students are studying at least one Mathematics course, 44% are studying at least one Science course and 12% are studying Design and Technology. The introduction of the elective Information and Software Technology course for students in Year 10 will also support growing numbers of students in Stage 6 STEM courses.

In 2016, we have introduced a new STEM course for Year 7 and 8 students called iGenius. Students learn to use productivity applications at an advanced level and then move on to creating applications themselves by programming RaspberryPi computers using the Scratch visual programming interface from MIT. As they advance, they learn to use more advanced programming language, Python to control the hardware. The learning and teaching takes place through a series of authentic projects where they build devices such as movement sensors alarm systems, temperature sensors and robots.

Community Events

It was wonderful to welcome over 400 of our parents and members of staff to the P&F Welcome Cocktail Party held on 20 February on the Harbour Terrace. Many new parents attended along with a number of boarding parents. Thanks to Phoebe Malouf (Poppy, Year 1 and Zoe, Kindy), President of the P&F and the Executive for their wonderful organisation of this event.

Mandatory Detention of Asylum Seekers

Today at lunch time the students in the Senior School protested against the mandatory detention of children and babies. They sat behind a make believe wire fence simulating detention conditions. A petition was also signed by the students and staff.

Celebrating International Women’s Day

International Women’s Day falls on Wednesday 9 March 2016 and this year’s theme is “Pledge for Parity”. Kincoppal-Rose Bay will celebrate the day by acknowledging the continued efforts by many women in our community who are striving to achieve parity. All KRB students will be receiving a purple ribbon to wear in their hair as a symbol of our commitment to strive for parity. Wednesday’s assembly will focus on KRB women who are successful in fields such as Medicine, Information Technology and Veterinary Sciences. This theme is aligned with our emphasis to increase awareness and participation in STEM based initiatives. We look forward to celebrating the day and inspiring our Kincoppal-Rose Bay students.

With Regards,

Hilary Johnston-Croke

Principal
HIGH ACHIEVERS ASSEMBLY

KRB acknowledged and celebrated the achievements of the HSC Class of 2015 at the High Achievers Assembly on Friday 26th February. Thirty-four students from the HSC Class of 2015 were invited to this ceremony and were presented with certificates by the Principal Mrs Hilary Johnston-Croke, acknowledging their outstanding achievements in the HSC 2015.

The Distinction in Studies or Dux was presented to Frances Ryan who achieved an ATAR of 99.85.

All Round Achievers Award for achieving in the highest band for ten units was presented to:

- Frances Ryan

Rank in Course awards were presented to:

- Frances Ryan 3rd Economics
- Monica Jones 4th Chinese Continuers

Creative Arts award was presented to:

- Stephanie Dammann for her work being selected for ArtExpress

Performing Arts award was presented to:

- Sophia Grady for selection for OnSTAGE

High Achievers Certificates for achieving an ATAR of over 90 were presented to:

- Victoria Anderson
- Portia Austin
- Emilie Bucci
- Emily Bulkeley
- Sarah Cooper
- Stephanie Dammann
- Francesca Daniel
- Tamika Dartnell-Moore
- Madison David
- Isabella Dimattina-Beven
- Kate Filippelis
- Isabelle Frisken
- Francesca Gazal
- Lily Gordon
- Monica Jones
- Sophie Kondilios
- Elinore Larnach
- Antonia McGrath
- Genevieve Murphy
- Georgia Nankivell
- Alice Nowlan
- Ella Ottaviano
- Arabella Robinson
- Liana Romeo
- Frances Ryan
- Emily Shaw
- Claire Shephard
- Claudia Thackray
- Molly Windsor
- Laura Wotherspoon
- Jennifer Wratton
- Florence Young
- Jia Ni Zhou
Year 9 Design Technology Excursion to Reverse Garbage Marrickville

On Monday 22 February, Year 9 Design & Technology students attended a Jewellery making workshop at Reverse Garbage in Marrickville. Reverse Garbage is an organisation that is now in its 40th year of operation; their main focus is to encourage the creative use of items that would normally go to landfill, identifying ways in which we can become more Sustainable as citizens.

The day started with the staff, including a professional jeweller, introducing themselves and telling us about what they found inspiring about Reverse Garbage when creating their own pieces. The day was filled with lots of fun activities such as: exploring the warehouse area, collaborative idea sharing and opportunities to create some of our very own jewellery pieces from scratch. We were also shown some of the staff’s personal jewellery that they had made themselves, which was incredibly inspiring.

We think that the best thing about visiting Reverse Garbage was gaining an insight into what could be created from items commonly disposed of. It also opened our minds to the concept that you don’t always need to go to the shops and buy brand new things, as opportunities to recycle and reuse are everywhere. Overall the day was filled with laughter, joy and happiness as we got to explore what we can create with just simple everyday items. We now look forward to exploring how to create our own jewellery collections in class utilizing the items we resourced on the day.

Annabelle Lowe & Hilary Yabsley, Year 9

Joigny Cooking

The Joigny children have been enjoying doing some cooking over the past couple of weeks. They have been using things from the garden such as tomatoes and herbs as well as extending on their interests in the classroom about various foods. Their experiences have included making Bruschetta using tomatoes and fresh basil, creating delicious pizzas using more tomatoes which had to be hand squished to make the sauce and creating their own hamburgers. Nico Phitidis’ Mum, renowned Phoodie Marie and Ava Perilli’s Mum, Tanya helped the children create and mix their own pattie, lay out the ingredients on a bun and put it all together. The results were scrumptious.

“You don’t have to cook fancy or complicated masterpieces – just good food from fresh ingredients.” (Julia Child)

YEAR 11 MODERN HISTORY 2016

Students have begun the year with an exploration of a case study called The Decline and Fall of the Romanov Dynasty. The Romanovs ruled Russia for over 300 years. The girls are charting the reasons for the collapse of this autocratic government – is the last tsar Nicholas II to blame? How much responsibility can be placed upon the royal couple’s deviant friend, the mystical Rasputin? Would the Romanovs survived with a different result in WW1? The collapse of the Romanovs soon gives rise to the first communist society, whose leadership under Lenin decide to murder the royal family in 1918. But did one infamous member of this family, Anastasia survive? The search for an answer to these questions is under way!
Barat Burn has a long and proud history of co-education from Prep to Year 6. Each year our boys from Year 6 undertake the transition to a wide variety of senior schools in the Sydney region. This leaves many of us wondering, “Where did they go?”, “What did they achieve?” and finally “WHAT are they doing?” This new section of KRB News will answer some of these probing questions. Take time to scan the accompanying image and test yourself; “Who can you name?”, “Who do you remember from your grade?” or “What year did they leave?” KRB News is on the trail of the KRB Old Boys to find out just “Where are they now?”

Back to the 80’s
Rehearsals for the 2016 Musical Production of Back to the 80s are now in the final stages, which involves over 60 of our students in the roles of cast, technical crew and backstage production. Georgia Boonan, Teriza Mir, Daisy Parmenter and Madeline Greentree performed one of the musical numbers from the show at last week’s Senior School Assembly, an enticing preview of what is to come!

The Poets’ Picnic 2016
On Tuesday 23 February, Woollahra Library hosted the annual Poets’ Picnic under the stars at Blackburn Gardens. This year’s theme was ‘New Beginnings.’ It explored all the things that change in life as individuals come to see the world with new eyes. Residents and visitors were invited to pack a picnic, grab a rug and find a spot on the lawn to enjoy twilight readings by prominent Australian poets, writers and local school students.

KRB was one of four schools selected to share their poetry on the night. Honor Douglas (Year 9) and Sasha Danswan (Year 11) represented KRB. Honor recited a poem by G. Eskedar called ‘No One’ that explored new ways of thinking about civil freedoms and life choices. She recited from memory and was absolutely captivating in her performance. Sasha shared a poem she wrote herself called ‘Last Days’, a moving piece that explored change and feelings of loss.

Congratulations to Sasha and Honor who represented KRB so well.

Sacred Heart Induction for New Students
On Wednesday 2 March, all new students from Years 8-12 assembled in the chapel to hear from Sister Mary Shanahan rscj the foundation and early history of the Society of the Sacred Heart. This was followed by an introduction into the five Goals of Sacred Heart Education using the five stain glass windows in the chapel. This initial induction will be followed up with a tour of the sacred sites throughout the Campus.
Year 5 VIVA7’s and Australian Women’s 7’s Team
The Year 5 boys and girls have continued their exposure to the new and exciting sport of VIVA7’s Rugby Union through a coaching clinic and training session on the MTC Fields last week. The clinic was a follow up to their introductory session held in Week 2 at Lyne Park. The two teams were put through their paces by several members of the Australian Women’s 7’s team including Brooke Walker and Dom Du Toit and Mr Tom Keft, a Development Officer with the New South Wales Rugby Union. The students worked on a number of different skills before taking to the field to play a game captained by Brooke and Dom. A Q & A session after the game allowed the students a fantastic insight into the diet, training schedule and commitments undertaken members of the Australian Women’s 7’s team. This is especially significant information as the girls’ team along with their male counterparts have qualified for this year’s Rio Olympics and these factors are essential in their preparations. The Barat Burn students once again rose to the challenge and were cooperative, enthusiastic and participated wholeheartedly. The coaching staff were suitably impressed and commented on the fine level of skill demonstrated by both the boys and girls and are looking forward to working with Kincoppal- Rose Bay in the future.

Year 3-12 Swimming Carnival

Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival Age Champions & Runners Up
After the Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival in week 3 at KRB a group of children were selected to compete in the championship events at Homebush prior to the Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival. At this event the following children were Age Champion and Runner up for their swimming events.

8 Years Girls Age Champion
Charlotte Lampson
Runner Up - Angela Deeson

8 Years Boys Age Champion
Thomas Carter
Runner Up - Christopher Gardiner

9 Years Girls Age Champion
Annabelle Waugh
Runner up - Charlotte Field

9 Years Boys Age Champion
Aymeric Schmidt
Runner Up - William Pickthall

10 Years Girls Age Champion
Lilli Miekle
Runner Up - Matilda Waugh

10 Years Boys Age Champion
David Castellini

Runner Up - Alexander Appleyard
10 Years Girls Age Champion
Alexandra Field
Runner Up - Alexandra Smeallie

11 Years Boys Age Champion
Hugo Levy
Runner Up - Teophile Schmidt

12 Years Girls Age Champion
Isobel Thomson
Runner Up - Eva Smith

Open Invitation 100 m Girl Champion
Isobel Thomson
Open Invitation 100 m Boy Champion
Hugo Levy

New Records 2016
8 Years Boys Backstroke
Tom Carter 58.60

9 Years Girls Backstroke
Annabelle Waugh 46.73

11 Years Boys Butterfly
Hugo Levy 43.12
IPSHA Swimming Carnival

From the Year 3-6 Swimming Carnival, KRB had a large team of students competing at the IPSHA Swimming Carnival. With very strong competition across all Independent schools, many children achieved personal best times and placed in their heats. Congratulations to the following children on representing KRB at the IPSHA Swimming Carnival in 2016:


Year 7-12 Swimming Results

The Year 7-12 Swimming Carnival was held last Tuesday 23 February at Homebush. It was great to see the high level of participation from all students across all swimming events. Congratulations to Tangara (Captains Natalie McDowell & Eliza Mc Cristal) on winning the overall pointscore and Kungala (Captains Madison Dale & Elena Coluzzi-Farrell) on winning the Spirit Cup. Congratulations to the following students on receiving Age Champion and Runner up in their Age division:

12 Years Age Champion - Coco Fishlock
Runner Up - Eloise Tilbury

13 Years Age Champion - Coco Remond
Runner Up - Michaela Sorrenti

14 Years Age Champion - Alice Hodgson
Runner Up - Charlotte Ekins

15 Years Age Champion - Sophia Franklin
Runner Up - Cyaa Swan

16 Years Age Champion - Elly O'Donoghue
Runner Up - Georgia Strain

17 Years Age Champion - Alessandra Gazal
Runner Up - Rhiannon Carr

18 Years Age Champion - Phoebe McGeorge
Runner Up - Lucy Edwards

Junior Champion - Michaela Sorrenti
Intermediate Champion - Elly O'Donoghue
Senior Champion - Alessandra Gazal
Open Invitation 50 m Champion - Rhiannon Carr

New Records 2016

Senior 100m Free
Alessandra Gazal 1.00.25

17 Years 50m Free
Alessandra Gazal 27.70

17 Years 50 Back
Alessandra Gazal 31.97

Senior 200m IM
Alessandra Gazal
2.35.54

17 Years 50m Butterfly
Rhiannon Carr 31.04

Year 6 Tennis Champion

Congratulations to Lauren Whiting, Year 6, on her recent results at the NSWCIS Tennis Championships at Kings. Lauren came 2nd in her pool winning 3 of her 4 matches - 4-2, 4-0, 4-2, 2-4.

She advanced to the quarter finals where unfortunately lost this match, then had 2 elimination matches winning one in an exciting tie breaker and the other in a hard fought effort.

Lauren secured a place in the PSSA team and now plays at Tweed Heads in May. We wish her the best of luck in this event.

NSWCIS Awards

Congratulations to Rhiannon Carr on recently receiving a NSW CIS Blue Award for her contribution to sport for the Year 2015. Rhiannon represented KRB and CIS through to National level and received 2 x Gold medals at the Pacific School games in 2015.

Two other KRB students were the recipients of a NSWCIS medallion: Elly O’Donoghue (Year 10) for her achievements in Swimming and Alexandra Field (Year 5) for her achievements in Cross Country in the year 2015.
Spirituality Evening at Kincoppal-Rose Bay
The evening is designed to open for discussion topics that interest and/or challenge the thoughtful person.
Wednesday 30 March 7.00-8.30pm
The Topic: The importance of law in the context of the Year of Mercy
Speaker: Fr Tony Doherty
Katherine Robertson Centre, Kincoppal Rose-Bay School
RSVP to reception at KRB by Tuesday 29 March
Email: reception@krb.nsw.edu.au

Upcoming Functions
We will be holding a morning tea for all current parents who are alumnae in March this year. We have over 100 mothers/fathers who are past students of the School so we hope it will be an opportunity for many parents from different peer year groups, whose daughters and sons are in both the Junior and Senior School, to meet together.

The KRB Rugby Lunch will be held on Friday 5 August 2016 at the Four Seasons Hotel. Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you own your own company or are a director of a company and would like to be involved in this, please contact me. All funds raised are directed to the Bursary Fund, set up to assist families in financial need. Currently we have over 50 senior school students on bursaries.

All families who are new to KRB this year will be invited to one of two Welcome Dinners, hosted by the Principal. These dinners provide new parents with the opportunity to meet the Principal, members of the School Board and the Leadership Team in an informal atmosphere and hear about the strategic direction of the School.

The dinners will be held on:
- Tuesday 29 March
- Thursday 16 June

Please contact me if you would like any details about upcoming functions.

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