Dear Parents, students and staff

Greetings to the community on the Feast of the Sacred Heart. Today we received the following message from the International Association of Sacred Heart Alumnae:

“Dear Sacred Heart Family,

With great joy we celebrate the Sacred Heart Feast remembering that Sophie handed on to the world the love from the Heart of Jesus. May this festivity remind us that we are invited to share this Love and make it real in what we do every day and with the people we share our lives.”

This message strongly reminds us that as a Sacred Heart School we are truly part of an international community. May we take this message and embrace it as we move towards the end of term 2 and beyond.

At Kincoppal–Rose Bay we encourage our students to be life-long learners as we model the goal of A Deep Respect for Intellectual Values. All in our community hold this value to be of great importance and it is in this context that I write to you at the end of a busy term. Mrs Johnston-Croke is currently pursuing study at the London Business School as part of her sabbatical and reports to us that she is enjoying the opportunity to broaden her knowledge.

Our learning spaces here at KRB have been a hive of activity this term as students have pursued their courses of study with great intellectual curiosity and application. Parents will shortly be able to receive feedback on their child’s progress through the written format of reports which will be available on the portal in the next few weeks. For our Year 12 students we are now in a period of intense preparation for the HSC Trials and I am certain that many of our students will be present at the Study Week offered in the Mary Agnes O’Neill Library during week 3 of the term break. Learning of course occurs outside the context of a classroom and there have been marvellous opportunities for students to demonstrate key skills of commitment, determination and organisation in the last few weeks of term.

Sacred Heart Day Mission Fair

The Mission Fair on Sacred Heart Day encouraged students from each year group to work together to provide an activity that other students would find interesting and enable them to spend their special Sacred Heart tokens. Activities ranged from a shoulder massage stall run by Year 4 through to Prayer Flags with Year 7 and Studio Portraits drawn by students in Year 12. The skills of organisation and cooperation that were demonstrated through the successful conduct of the Mission Fair were lessons for life and an invaluable learning experience. Over $4000 was raised by the students for a variety of worthy causes, such as relief efforts in Nepal, education in Peru, Sacred Heart Schools in Indonesia and a Women’s Refuge in India.

Cultural Diversity

Cultural diversity is something we celebrate as a community at KRB.
FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Week 7 of this term was a wonderful opportunity for students to demonstrate the diversity of backgrounds within our school. Students were entertained on Wednesday at Assembly by a showcase of music, dance and multimedia presentations. Organised by the International Students Committee these students effectively demonstrated that they have embraced both KRB and Sydney as their home away from home. On Thursday the students hosted the Annual Cultural Diversity lunch with a selection of stalls selling beautiful Greek, Thai, Indian, Japanese, Chinese, Indonesian and Vietnamese cuisine. It was wonderful to see so many of the students supporting this initiative and the KRB spirit of community in action.

ISDA Debating

Debating is an extra-curricular activity that requires commitment and dedication. Congratulations to the Primary A ISDA debating team of Michaela Sorrenti, Harriet Cook, Charlotte Smallie, Sophia Laverty and Penelope Hughes (all Year 6). Their brilliant debate as the affirmative team addressed the topic “That our society is better than our grandparents”. Our girls were against students from Sydney Grammar School and their convincing arguments and compelling manner gained them a well-deserved win in the ISDA Semi-Finals.

They will be debating in the Grand Final on Friday evening at Sydney Grammar School against St Aloysius College and I am sure you will join me in wishing them all the very best.

Sporting Achievements

KRB competed at the recent North West Equestrian Expo held at Coonabarabran. I would like to mention Sarah Noonan, Year 7, who achieved the 12 year Show jumping Champion as well as the 12 Years Reserve Champion. Xanthe O’Neill, Year 11 was named Preliminary Dressage Champion and Prue Anderson, Year 11, and Phoebe Yabsley, Year 7, both placed highly in their events as well. Congratulations to all our Equestriennes, their families and to Mr Saxon Moseley on a very successful Expo this year.

On Thursday our Junior Boys played in the 2015 Luke Ricketson and Brad Fitler Junior Rugby League Shield at Centennial Park. The side were narrowly defeated in the finals in extra time. KRB Junior students continue to be a strong presence at the Eastern Suburbs netball competition that occurs on Saturday and continues into Term 3.

The success of our students in the NSW Combined Independent Schools was fantastic. A detailed report is contained in the Sports Report of this newsletter. I would particularly like to mention the gold medal achievements of our Senior Girls’ Team, Lucy Edwards, Ruby Harrison, Phoebe McGeoch and Hannah Guy, and Primary Girls’ Team, Coco Remond, Eleanor Miller, Amelia Smith and Tahni Hegyes-Fleming.

This weekend, members of the Leadership Team will be attending Senior School Sports Finals in Netball (Friday evening) Football and Basketball (Saturday). Congratulations to all our girls who have dedicated themselves to participation in these sports across Term 2. All teams will have a game this weekend playing for the final places in the competition. I wish the best of luck to all our teams playing for first place in the competitions; play with strength and fairness and true KRB spirit.

Community

On Sunday the 31 May I attended the Family Mass in the Chapel and Morning Tea with students and families from Years 1 and 2. Our celebrant Fr Philip Watkins gave a beautiful homily on the importance of parents as the primary faith educators of their children. It is always a pleasure to share the Eucharist with members of the community. Family masses have been a lovely opportunity to introduce myself to KRB families and I thank you for the warmth of welcome that you have shown.

Studio concerts in the Performing Arts Centre showcase the talents of our students in many different areas of Music. This week’s concert featured the voice students of Tanith Bryce. Students from Years 9-12 performed a variety of vocal pieces that were both entertaining and able to demonstrate the great depth of talent within our community.

The Joigny Centre is preparing to celebrate Australia’s Biggest Morning Tea on Wednesday of next week with students preparing morning tea for members of their family. A great fun activity for our students and an enjoyable opportunity for our parents.

New Senior School Leaders for 2015/16

I would like to take this opportunity again to congratulate our new Senior School Leaders for 2015/16. Mrs Johnston-Croke met with Year 11 to announce the leadership roles on Friday 29 May.

These students were chosen for these roles based on their own commitment to the life of the School as well as their embodiment of the five goals of the Sacred Heart. The following girls will be inaugurated in a special leadership ceremony which will be held on Wednesday 22 July:

- Megan Fitzgerald – Head Girl
- Georgina Harrison – Head Boarder
- Lara Parminter – Head of Student Council
- Antoinette Radford – Head of Liturgy
- Gabrielle James Bennett – Head of Boarding SRC
- Isabella Cooper – Head of Social Justice
- Phoebe McGeoch – Head of Sport
- Madeleine Maganas – Head of Student Wellbeing
- Roshni Chan – Head of International Students

As we head into the final week of Term 2 it is heartening to see that the students are focused on their work and in the life of the School. As this will be the last newsletter for the term, I take this opportunity to wish all students and families a wonderful term break.

With regards,

Elizabeth Clark
Deputy Principal
7A HISTORY – ANCIENT CHINA

Throughout Semester 1, students have been exploring the Depth Study of Investigating the Past and Ancient Egypt. Integrated within these units is a broad sweeping study known as the Overview which has the simple title of “The Ancient World”

Following the completion of their assessment tasks, students were thrown the challenge of studying an additional Ancient Society – this time it was China.

Students were broken into small groups and asked to research and present back to their peers using a choice of different methods, the key ideas listed in the syllabus e.g. beliefs and practices of the society, roles of key groups within society, contacts and conflicts with other societies and significant individuals.

7A did a magnificent job in researching their specific areas and educating their fellow students. Some made a short film, while others used dramatic role-play and a splash of ICT to present their work.

The Semester was appropriately finished with a Chinese feast with students collaboratively bringing in some food to enjoy.

No history – no future.

YEAR 12 GEOGRAPHY EXCURSION

Early in Term 3, Year 12 Geography students with Mr Kerstens and Ms Lee left Sydney to undertake a 4 day field trip for tropical North Queensland. The focus of the trip was to experience key aspects of the HSC syllabus first hand: banana farming in Northern Queensland and the biophysical interactions of two world heritage list areas; The Great Barrier Reef and the Daintree Rainforest.

Our first stop was a visit to the Daintree Discovery Centre where we were able to walk on elevated platforms through the forest. After spending the night in the rainforest at Cape Tribulation, we were up early to view an amazing sunrise and a river boat cruise where we spotted fresh water crocodiles through the mangrove ecosystem. Then it was a hike through the Daintree Rainforest, where the students gained an insight into the rare flora and fauna. The day was complete when we spotted a Cassowary during the walk.

After a well-earned night’s sleep, we went to the outer reef where Marine Biologist Ruth took us underwater to experience first-hand this amazing living structure. Snorkelling on the reef allowed everyone to really appreciate the amazing array of colours, shapes, and species. The site of Reef sharks was definitely the highlight of the day.

After exploring the reef we left Cairns for our final stop to visit Pacific Coast Eco Banana’s where Frank and Dianne Sciacca grow the wax tip bananas.

The field trip provided the opportunity for Year 12 to experience the lush green of the rainforest, the sparkling crystal clear waters of the Great Barrier Reef and to view and appreciate the operations of an eco-organic banana farm as they prepare for the HSC exams.

YEARS 1 & 2 FAMILY MASS

On Sunday 31 May, a Year’s 1 and 2 Family Mass was celebrated in the school Chapel for the Solemnity of the Most Holy Trinity. The celebrant for the mass was Father Philip Watkins sss, who preached on the importance of Jesus’ teaching of kindness and open hearts. A highlight of the Mass was the Years 1 and 2 children singing a special friendship song, with accompanying actions. Following the Family Mass, the parents, children and staff gathered together to enjoy a lovely morning tea on the Harbour Terrace. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this Family Mass such a special occasion.
FAIRY GARDEN OPENING

The Joigny Centre opened their Fairy Garden Village this week celebrating with fairy bread and marshmallows. A group of children have been designing fairy houses and constructed their houses for the village from recycled pots, beads, shells and other natural materials. The garden was opened by the group cutting the pink ribbon and sprinkling magic fairy dust over the houses to attract the fairies. Everyone is looking forward to the fairies moving in and hearing how much they love their new home.

Lilly Z: The fairies will say “Oorr that is so beautiful.” They will love the colours and all the treasures. They will want to live there because it is really beautiful and stunning because that’s what fairies like to look at.

ELC CELEBRATES WORLD ENVIRONMENT DAY

The Joigny and Sophie’s Cottage children dressed in greens, browns and florals to celebrate World Environment Day. Looking after the environment, learning from it and developing a respect for it underpins much of the Early Learning Centre’s philosophies so it was with much enthusiasm that the children ate their rubbish free lunches, recycled what they could and dove into Wild Time exploring and enjoying being in nature.

“We have such a brief opportunity to pass on to our children our love for this Earth, and to tell our stories. These are the moments when the world is made whole. In my children’s memories, the adventures we’ve had together in nature will always exist.” – Richard Louv, Last Child in the Woods: Saving Our Children from Nature-Deficit Disorder

Skylar H: Environment Day means you take care of nature.

Lucia: It’s important that the trees keep growing so they all live for a long time, cause otherwise the trees and earth wouldn’t look pretty anymore.

YEARS 5 & 6 DA VINCI DECATHLON 2015

On Thursday 28 May, sixteen Year’s 5 & 6 children carried the spirit of Sacred Heart Day, up and over the other side of the Sydney Harbour Bridge to Knox Grammar School, where they competed in the 2015 NSW da Vinci Decathlon.

An academic interschool gala day, this event is named after one of the world’s greatest thinkers and scholars Leonardo da Vinci, and operated in the spirit of an Olympic Decathlon. The competition focuses on challenging students’ higher order thinking skills, problem solving abilities and their creativity, whilst requiring them to work cooperatively in teams.

Students are required to complete a range of stimulating tasks that reflects da Vinci’s diverse career. These tasks include elements of engineering, mathematics, code breaking, games of strategy, art and poetry, Science, English and forensic sleuthing!

The theme for the event in 2015 was “Place”.

“Having wandered some distance among gloomy rocks, I came to the entrance of a great cavern.... Two contrary emotions arose in me: fear and desire--fear of the threatening dark cavern, desire to see whether there were any marvellous things in it.”
– Leonardo da Vinci

Although our teams were not awarded a placing this year, their positive spirit, determination and teamwork were most admirable, for what proved to be an experience filled with mind-blowingly challenging tasks. With 113 teams and over 900 young minds competing on the day, our KRB children did us proud!

Some of their reflections from the day:

“It was epic!” – Reeves

“Challenging, satisfying and often hard……but enjoyable and lots of fun!” – Harriet & Bianca

“Even though we didn’t get 1st, 2nd or 3rd, we tried our best and had fun. We think maybe we came 4th……possibly?” – Eleanor & Hailey

“da Vinci was a playground for the academic mind----------it exercised our minds!” – Penelope & Savannah

Congratulations and thank you to the children in Years 5 and 6 who gave up many of their lunchtimes to prepare for the big event and represent KRB Barat-Burn on Sacred Heart Day.

Year 5: Lara Bartos, Isabella Bustos-McNeil, Alessia Gallimore, Reeves Hancock, Ellie Norburn, Eleanor Reddick, Hailey Thill-Turke, Lauren Whiting

Year 6: Harriet Cook, Penelope Hughes, Sophia Lovetry, Bianca Meli, Lily Rento, Charlotte Smeallie, Michaela Sorrenti, Savannah Thill-Turke
CULTURAL DIVERSITY ASSEMBLY

Congratulations! The KRB International Students Committee held a successful Cultural Diversity Assembly on Wednesday 3 June 2015 at MTC. The KRB Deputy Principal Ms. Clark, after the Assembly, commented it as “a HUGE success”. The Assembly presented various types of performances: the sweet melody of the traditional Chinese musical instruments Bawu and Hulusi, the piano tango, the violin Troika, hip-hop dance, the cultural knowledge game, the Superpower and the 2015 China Trip videos. The audience were immersed in the diverse cultures, appreciated and celebrated the cultural diversity in an entertaining and relaxing atmosphere. Everyone thought it was fun and enjoyable!

CULTURAL DIVERSITY LUNCH

The exciting Cultural Diversity Lunch took place on Thursday 4 June 2015 on the Harbour Terrace. Every KRB girl was excited about this event! You cannot imagine how diverse the food was—Japanese sushi rolls, Chinese dumplings and spring rolls, Korean fried chicken, Pad Thai, Vietnamese rice paper prawn rolls, Italian Gelato, Greek spinach-cheese triangles, as well as Indonesian BBQ and chicken satay served by Cultural Diversity Committee girls. This event provided such a good opportunity for the KRB girls to taste delicious food from different cultures around the world.
TERM 2 SPORTS FINALS

Good luck to all the KRB Netball, Hockey, Basketball and Football teams playing in the Finals and play off matches this Friday 12 & Saturday 13 June. We hope all KRB teams go well with their last matches for the term.

NSWCIS CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

On Thursday 11 June, the NSWCIS Cross Country carnival was held at Eastern Creek in cold conditions – perfect Cross Country weather. Congratulations to the following students on representing KRB at this event: Matilda Waugh, Manon Spinola, Alexandra Field, Alexandra Smeallie, Eva Smith, Coco Remond, Eleanor Miller, Amelia Smith, Tahni Hegysi-Fleming, Amelia Stynes, Antonia McCristal, Lucy Edwards, Ruby Harrison, Phoebe McGeoch, and Hannah Guy.

Stand out KRB results were as follows:
- 10 Years Alexandra Field - 3rd Place
- 12 Years all girls below - 1st Place as team
- Coco Remond – 16th, Eleanor Miler - 17th, Amelia Smith - 18th & Tahni Hegysi-Fleming
- 14 Years - Antonia McCristal – 15th
- 17 Years all girls below 1st Place as a team
- Lucy Edwards – 4th, Ruby Harrison – 10th, Phoebe McGeoch – 13th & Hannah Guy

Congratulations to Alexandra Field, Lucy Edwards, Ruby Harrison who will go through to NSW All Schools Cross Country Carnival in Term 3. We wish them well in their training and preparation for this next competition.

NORTH WEST EQUESTRIAN EXPO

KRB had a strong representation at the North West Equestrian Expo at Coonabarabran last week. Congratulations to the following girls on their representation of KRB: Hilary Yabsley, Phoebe Yabsley, Emma Hunter, Lucy Edwards, Matilda Metcalfe, Sarah Noonan, Xanthe O’Neill & Prue Anderson. The following standout results were achieved:

Sarah Noonan Year 7:
- 3rd, 1st, 1st, 75cm 12 year old Showjumping
- 12 years Showjumping champion
- Placed in a sporting event
- 12 years girls, reserve champion

Xanthe O’Neill Year 11:
- 3rd, 1st, Preliminary Dressage
- Preliminary Dressage Champion
- 2nd and 5th in hack events (hack class and rider class)
- 4th in combined training

Prue Anderson Year 11:
- 4th, 5th, 5th, 105cm 16 year old Showjumping

Phoebe Yabsley Year 7:
- Placed in a sporting event

LUKE RICKETSON 7 A SIDE RUGBY LEAGUE TOURNAMENT

On Thursday 11 June, KRB entered one Year 4 boys rugby league team to play in the annual Luke Ricketson 7 a Side Rugby League competition. The competition was organised and run by the Sydney Roosters Junior Development team at Centennial Parklands. When we arrived at the ground, the fields filled with different coloured shirts and teams from various Catholic Primary Schools, ready to play rugby. From the first blow of the whistle the KRB boys fought hard in attack and defence, winning all three Pool games against: St Charles A & B and St Anthony’s Clovelly. The boys then went on to the semi-finals defeating St Anthony’s 5 tries to 4. In the Grand Final, KRB played St Charles A team drawing 3-3 at full time and going on into extra time, narrowing losing by one try. This is an outstanding achievement by our Year 4 boys. Congratulations!
FROM THE DEVELOPMENT OFFICE

SCHOOL ZONE OFFENCES

LEADING SENIOR CONSTABLE CORINNE DAWES, ROSE BAY POLICE

1. Exceed Speed Limit - over 10km/h - $327 - 4 points.
2. Exceed Speed Limit - over 20km/h - $545 - 5 points.
3. Not Stop before traffic lights at yellow light school zone - $519 - 4 points.
4. Not stop motor vehicle before lights at red lights at red light (school zone) - $519 - 4 points.
5. Not stop motor vehicle before lights at red arrow (school zone) - $519 - 4 points.
6. Make u-turn at intersection with traffic lights - school zone - $311 - 3 points.
7. Drive motor vehicle with person/animal in lap - school zone - $519 - 4 points.
8. Drive use mobile phone (in school zone) - $415 - 4 points.
9. Proceed through red traffic light (school zone) - $519 - 4 points.
10. Enter intersection lights/arrows yellow/red in school zone - $519 - 4 points.
11. Not give way at lights to pedestrian on road in school zone - $415 - 4 points.
12. Proceed at childrens crossing while sign shown - school zone - $519 - 4 points.
13. Not stop before hand-held stop sign in school zone - $415 - 4 points.
14. Not reverse vehicle safely (in school zone) - $242 - 3 points.
15. Disobey No Stopping (in school zone) - $311 - 2 points.
17. Stop on/near childrens crossing (in school zone) - $415 - 2 points.
18. Double Park in school zone - $311 - 2 points.
19. Stop on/across driveway etc to/from land (in school zone) - $173 - 2 points.
20. Stop at/near bus stop (in school zone) - $311 - 2 points.

NOTE: Pupil free days fall within the gazetted school days, thus school zones are operating and enforceable.
INTRODUCTORY CHINESE LANGUAGE COURSE FOR PARENTS

An introductory Chinese language course for parents is being offered in Term 3 2015 (no cost involved), starting in Week 1 of Term 3. There is some flexibility regarding the day and starting time either at 9.00am, 10.00am or at 2pm and each lesson runs for one hour. Please indicate your preferred day and time. The course is intended for Parents or Guardians whose child is studying a language at Kincoppal-Rose Bay.

A qualified Chinese teacher will deliver the program. The delivery of an introductory Language Course aims to expose parents to methods through which Languages are taught in the 21st century. By extension it is expected that parents will provide modelling to their children thus making Language learning a valued endeavour.

This is a wonderful opportunity and if you are interested, please contact the Head of Languages, Mrs Maria Del Vecchio via email: delveccm@krb.nsw.edu.au

$35 pp includes canapés and a welcome glass of champagne
RSVP by 20 July.
Payment via www.krb.nsw.edu.au, KRB Pay, Events

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