

Kingsgrove North High School

The Way North



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Principal's Report

We are over halfway through the term and year 12 are about to complete their final term at school. They have completed their HSC trials and should now be focusing on the remaining few weeks of school. As we go to print we are preparing the process to vote for and elect our new school leadership team for 2020 with the investiture to take place during week 8.

The term like always has been a busy one to date with the recent very successful Showcase that involved six neighbouring schools this year. The evening has continued to grow over the past 4 years and seems to be getting bigger and bigger. We also had performances at the recent China Day at Hurstville and several performances at the Opera House.

We also recently had the ABCN goals program launch which was held in the library and café. This program involves 20 year 9 students who will work with mentors from the following companies: Microsoft, Xerox and CSR, over the next term to develop leadership skills. Thank you to Ms Vourdousi and her team for catering for the launch which as always was a special event.



Our reputation for hosting study tours has continued and this term we hosted two tours in consecutive weeks with schools in China visiting and spending the week and experiencing what we have to offer. I would like to acknowledge and thank Ms Baker and Ms Chegwidan for all the work they do with the international program. Special thanks to all staff that worked before and during the Showcase to make it a very successful evening, and I would like to mention the CAPA staff in particular Ms Noulas for coordinating the event and being the driving force over the past 4 years.

Work has commenced on the drainage problem that we have when it rains heavy with the PE area flooding as well as the hall. This work is long overdue and has commenced with the first stage already completed with a new curb constructed near the new indoor soccer court. The second stage will commence straight after the multicultural day in week 6 and around the hall which is expected to take about a week. The final stage is the PE area which will involve the installation of new drain pits and water pipes. It will mean a good part of the area will be dug up and will probably extend into the Frenchs Forest area. This work may take up to a month but when completed should take away any future flooding.

We have also started production for our new video promotion and the 360-degree virtual reality clips that will highlight main focal points around the school and be on the website. The new bus shelter and security fence have been completed along with the pergola and we are eagerly waiting for the minibus to arrive sometime in September, which will be a welcome whole school resource for the school.

Finally, we have set a date for the 60th anniversary open day for Saturday December 7. Planning has commenced and will involve the following: a huge display in the library of past items; photos and any historical memorabilia; tours of the school at specific times during the day; and the quad will have a variety of information and food booths and student performances. More information to follow as we get closer to the day.

I look forward to the new leadership for 2020 taking over as we get to the end of the term and to the graduation ceremony which promises to be a special day along with the formal dinner later that evening.

Angelo Stasos

Principal

Environmental Council

The Student Environmental Council (S.E.C) is a group that began at the start of Term 3 and is a group that has sprouted out of the desire to see positive changes through our school and community. The group is comprised of a range of students both in the senior and junior years. The students this term have set a focus goal of recycling in every classroom, which they are hoping to have achieved by the end of this term. As a team, the students and teachers are creating posters to encourage and inform others about the act of recycling both inside and out of school. During Multicultural day the S.E.C collected food waste and compostable goods to be placed in the composting facilities at the school and learnt the necessary ratios to create a healthy compost system. The students also volunteered their time to clean the reusable cups that the S.E.C requested to be purchased for this event and for future school events.



Report from the Welfare Desk

Term 3 has been a whirlwind so far! As we go to press, we are preparing for our first multicultural Day. Dance groups have been rehearsing, lunch is organised, students have chosen their workshops and it's all systems go. Please remind students to bring wet weather gear and to purchase food coupons before lunch time on Thursday.

Here is the menu:

Slice of Burek	\$4.00	Malaysian Dumplings	\$3.00-\$5.00
Spit Roasted Lamb on bread	\$3.00	Filo noodles	\$2.00
Greek Salad	\$3.00	Adobo Chicken with rice	\$3.00
Falafel Roll	\$3.00	Cassava	\$1.00
Chicken kebab with salad	\$4.00	Leche Flan	\$1.00
Vietnamese Spring Rolls	\$3.00-\$5.00	Ube Cake	\$1.00
		Greek Biscuits	\$1.00

Attendance

With the weather warming up, the cold and flu season is behind us and we are seeing fewer students away with illness. I would like to remind parents and carers of the NSW Department of Education's justified reasons for absence, which may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral

Please provide an explanation for absences to the school on the first day your child returns. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record. If you are having problems with your child's attendance, please let the Year Adviser know.

Bullying

Bullying sometimes happens in schools. If your child talks to you about bullying please contact the school and let us know. We can help the students resolve the situation, and if we know early enough, we can defuse situations before they escalate.

If your child talks to you about bullying:

1. Listen calmly and respectfully.
2. Never blame or threaten the child.
3. Ask your child if they want to do anything about it.
4. Ask your child if you can help.
5. Contact the school.
6. Check in on the child regularly.

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Year 7 Report

Hi everyone,

Term 3 is upon us! Year 7 have been busy in their second semester of 2019 and are continuing to make a positive transition into high school. I've been particularly impressed with uniform this winter season. We've had some cold days but it's great to see the students rugged up in their school jumpers, jackets and scarves. Please keep reminding your children to be in the correct shirts and shoes as we come into warmer weather!

During sport time this term, students were given the opportunity to participate in two weeks of League Tag organised by Kingsgrove Colts and run by NRL officials. The coaches and players involved in the day had only positive feedback about the enthusiasm and respect shown by Year 7. Well done to all. We also had eight of our boys represent the school in an Oz-Tag Gala Day and along with their team members from Year 8, they were victorious on the day. Congratulations to Hugo, Ali, Adam, David, Jesse, Mani, Anthony and Luke!

Just a reminder that Homework Centre is run every Thursday afternoon and is a great opportunity for students to get assistance with homework and assessments. Keeping on top of every due date during busy assessment periods can be a challenge so I encourage the kids to be using their school diaries and keeping an assessment calendar at home!

Keep up the great work.

Ms McGill

Year 8 Report

Greetings all! I just wanted to let you all know that I have returned from Long Service Leave and am once again available if you need to contact me with any concerns or queries. Many thanks must be extended to Ms Stacey Axougas who stepped in to the role of Year Advisor while I was away.

Since I've been back, I have noticed that a fair few 'Adidas' and 'Nike' jumpers are creeping into the students' daily attire. Please be aware that the only acceptable winter options are the maroon school jumpers and the navy blue school jackets. Even on extremely cold days! Non-uniform items will be confiscated and handed over to the deputies.

As well as uniform, I would like to reinforce the significance of regular attendance at school. While it is common and completely understandable that we fall sick during winter, it is really important that your children are at school regularly. Unless they are genuinely sick, they should be at school on time every day and prepared for every lesson.

Coming to the end of term means assessments are starting to pile up. Your children should be busily preparing for and completing assessment tasks by now. Remember that the Homework Centre is open every Thursday afternoon in the school's library and a great opportunity for students who may require some extra help!

That's all from me!!

Angela Faros

Year 9 Report

The ABCN Goals program kicked off in term 3, which involves a group of students from Year 9 and mentors from Microsoft, Fuji Xerox and CSR. Each student is paired up with one mentor and engage in professional dialogue on a range of topics including mentor roles in their workplace, student experiences at school and their aspirations for the future. The initial meeting was

organised at Kingsgrove North High School, which included an ice breaker activity, tour around the school and morning tea at the school café. Teachers, students and mentors enjoyed a great start the program and all parties are looking forward to the first workplace excursion to CSR in Week 7.

Mr Steve Poulos



17 year 9 students met today with mentors for CSR, Fuji Xerox and Microsoft for the GOALS program which is run by ABCN. The GOALS program has been running for many years and aims to match year 9 students with leaders from various corporate industries.

Year 11 Report

It was that time of the year again when the ABCN for girls program ran over three weeks consecutively. The program involved eight of our female students whom are prospective leaders.

ABCN is a not-for-profit organisation that partners education with business through the development and delivery of mentoring programs for students from high-needs schools.

The students were able to focus on realising their strengths and developing their leadership habits with female corporate mentors from different industries. This collaboration was exciting to watch and the discussion impressive. A big congratulations to the students for completing stage one of the program.

Administration desk update.....

Heading towards the end of Term 3, all Year 12 teachers are currently in the process of marking the Trial HSC papers. Shortly I will be entering these marks and submitting them to NESAs by their due date of the 20th of September 2019. As one assessment period comes to an end, another one is not long away for our Year 11 cohort. The formal Year 11 Assessment Period will start on Monday 16th of September and end on Friday 27th of September. These students will be receiving their timetable soon during their allocated year meeting time.

All students are encouraged to check their NESAs student portal to ensure that all personal details are correct. If there are any issues or questions regarding the portal, students can come and see me in the HT Administration office for assistance.

A reminder to all Scripture students, please check and listen for notices regarding dates, venues and times for Term 3 lessons. If there are any questions regarding Scripture, please do not hesitate to call me on 9502 3933.

Miss Dimitra Tsiotsioras
Head Teacher Administration

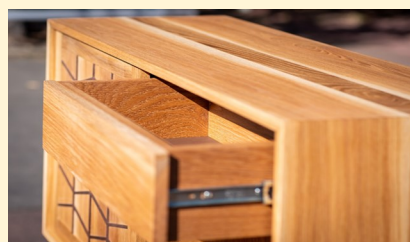
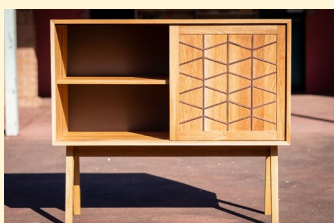
English Report

Year 7 have explored poetic language and the power of poetry to paint pictures in the readers' minds. Our topic was 'Protest Poetry' and students were exposed to many different works, including the poems of Aboriginal poet Oodgeroo Noonuccal. Young people can find reading and enjoying poetry very difficult, so it was important for us as English teachers to help our students become engaged and enthusiastic about their learning in this topic. One activity used to help break down the complexity of poetic language was to encourage our classes to draw what they saw in their minds when they read the poems. We used the short poem 'The Fog' which describes fog as 'an ominous being sweeping through a town, fingers trailing over the houses'. Our students drew some beautiful and original drawings, proving once and for all the visual power of poetry!

Ms McGill

Industrial Arts Report

The start of Term 3 has been very busy down in Industrial Arts. The Year 12 Industrial Technology Timber class have finished and submitted their major works. All of their hard work has paid off and they have produced some amazing pieces that they should all be extremely proud of. It is always a stressful process and often takes a lot more work than is realised but the whole class excelled. This was also the first year that we showcased the major works as part of the COS Showcase. Below are some of the students' final works.



International Study Tour from Shanghai, China – 29th-31st July

KNHS hosted a three day DE International study tour for a group of 15 students from Shanghai. We welcomed them warmly and gave them a guided tour of the school and our facilities. Ms Baker and Ms Chegwidgen then buddied up the visitors with some of our selected students. The visitors then followed the timetables of their 'buddies' to experience life in an Australian school. Special thanks go to our 'buddies' as well as the photographers and translators, Leo S, Wade Z and Jason Y who played a pivotal role in ensuring the success of the visit.



DE International Study Tour Visit 5th -9th August 2019

This week KNHS hosted the second visit from an International group of school students this term. This time the visitors were from Yan Tai in the Shandong Province- an eastern coastal area of China. The 15 students were buddied up with our students and a successful educational and cultural exchange took place. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed the experience.



COS Showcase

Kingsgrove North High School, along with the community of schools including Beverly Hills North PS, Bexley North PS, Campsie PS, Clemtown Park PS, Earlwood PS and McCallum's Hill PS celebrated their wonderful students' achievements in the Creative and Performing Arts on the 21st August 2019. It was great to see the local education community coming together to enjoy an evening of creativity and entertainment!







KNHS Frustrated Entertainers Report — It's Grease Lightning!!!

Thank you to all the students, staff, parents, families and friends who encouraged us along during our performance at the COS Showcase. It was a lot fun bringing you our version of the Grease medley and the audience reaction was amazing. Our teachers act group had some humble beginnings 7 years ago, and I would like to think we have been developing our talents and have been providing you with some light-hearted entertainment over the years. Of course, we spend many, many, many hours coming up with a concept, then organising our dance moves, and sourcing our costumes – it takes a lot of time for us to get this good! It is a big effort challenging, but it's fun, and it's all worth it when that curtain goes up and we hear the reaction of the crowd.

I would like to acknowledge my fellow KNHS Frustrated Entertainers: Ms Saad, Ms Axougas, Miss Stamenkovic, Miss McGill, Mr Walters, Mr Poulos, Mr Rozario, Mr Celenk and Mr Sachs. Thank you for everyone's support.

Mrs Tsitsos – one very Frustrated Entertainer.



Multicultural Day

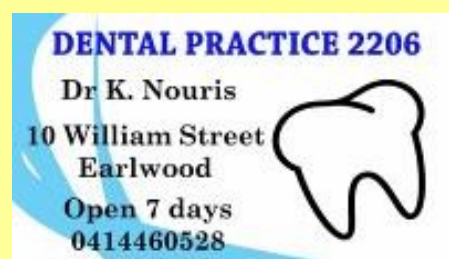




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