

Kogarah High School Newsletter



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Term 1 - Week 6

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Principal's report:



Welcome to our first newsletter for 2020. A very big welcome to our new families who are joining the Kogarah High community. It is a pleasure to have you and your children with us.

As you'll see from Mr Berrell's report, Year 7 have settled in well and are embracing their new way of schooling. For our Year 7 parents we will see you at the Meet & Greet afternoon which will be held on Thursday 19th March, from 3:30pm. It is a chance to meet your child's teachers and pick up their interim report. This is a brief report that lets you know how your child is settling into high school and highlight any early concerns we might have regarding transition to high school. Identifying issues early is the most effective way we have of working with you and your child to nip problems in the bud and set the students on a positive pathway for learning.

At the other end of high school our Year 11 students, in general, have adjusted well to their new role as seniors of the school. Some have forgotten to leave their silly behaviours in the junior years, however, in the main most students have risen to the challenge and the increase in school work and homework. As I said to the students on day 1, their organisational skills will be the best tool for creating a successful schooling experience. Short bursts of study every evening, that's right – every evening, will ensure they do not fall behind and are able to keep on top of the increased workload. At this stage all students should be setting aside at least two hours for study, assessment preparation and homework. A quiet space (away from television and distractions), where they can leave their books, will assist them in this endeavour.

Please note the information Mr Eaton has put together on the Minimum Standards as this will affect all Year 10 students and a number of senior students. I presented

an information session on the minimum standards at our P&C/Community Connect forum on 25th February. Thanks to all the parents who attended and asked lots of questions to support their children. Thanks to the hospitality students & Ms Best for preparing the light supper.

I would like to express my deep appreciation to our outgoing P&C President, Mrs Robyn Morris. Robyn embraced the idea of establishing a P&C committee when I first arrived at the school 4 years ago and has worked steadily to increase the membership and incorporate the committee with the state parent body. Her daughter, Remy, was a graduating student of 2019. Our new P&C president is Sarah Antill, who will be supported by a new team. Please look out for notifications for our Term 2 meeting. The meetings are generally held on Wednesday of Week 5 and provide an opportunity to meet other parents and become engaged in your child's education. I look forward to seeing you there.

Ms Julie Ross - Principal

New Student Leadership Team

We are proud to announce the Student Leadership Team of Kogarah High School. These students will proudly represent the school and be a positive influence on the student body for 2020.

School Captains

Sarah Sheppard and Victor Ou Yang

Community Service Prefects

Khadija Aidibi, Fatima Aidibi, Anoushka Bhattacharyya and Maria Kontou

International Student Prefects

Rex Zheng and Davis Jian

Sport Prefect

Nomiko Uuganbaatar

**Year 7 Newsletter Report Term 1**

Year 7 have had a fantastic start to 2020!

As Year Advisor, it is great to see all of our Year 7 students enjoying themselves and taking on all of the opportunities that high school has thrown at them. I have been really proud to see so many students getting positively rewarded for their efforts in class and for their behaviours around the school. Whilst I am still finding the odd lost student wandering in Block 6 when they have Science in Block 3, this cohort of students have really shown a mature approach to high school. They have grasped some of the trickier concepts like reading a timetable and mapping out their class rooms extremely quickly and have embraced the challenges that have come up week to week.

In only 5 short weeks Year 7 have been involved in some of the following events

- Project Based Learning in Week 1 – solving problems using critical thinking
- House meetings for our Sports carnivals and elected house captains
- 7B have been our first Year 7 class to start Rock and Water sessions with Mr Dangas – working on their self-awareness and self-confidence
- Engaged in a presentation from John Coutis about overcoming adversity
- Helped run Clean Up Australia Day in Week 5

- All attended the swimming carnival with 6 students going to the Zone Carnival at the end of Week 5. Well done Oscar, Isabella, Mallak, Hussein, Tahmid and Salim!!

There are plenty more activities and events planned for Year 7 this term, School Photos in Week 7. Meet the Teacher evening and Cross Country Carnival in Week 8. Year 7 Camp and Athletics Carnival in Week 10.

Again, I am really impressed with our Year 7 cohort and their start to 2020. I have a feeling we are definitely starting to stake our claim as 'Greatest Year Group at KHS'.

Mr J. Berrell - Year 7 Advisor

Welfare Report

Kogarah High School looks forward to a year full of positive wellbeing programs for all student groups, and support for all students to connect, succeed and thrive at school. Wellbeing is a key factor in the school experience and it is important that all students develop the skills and tools to develop physically, socially and emotionally.

Kogarah High School values feedback from students, parents and the community in order to develop beneficial programs and support for student wellbeing. The Tell Them From Me surveys allow both students and parents to have an important influence in the school experience for Kogarah High School students. We strongly recommend participation in these surveys. Information about Tell Them From Me will be given to students and parents shortly.

In order to connect, succeed and thrive at Kogarah High School, students have access to a range of programs. As well as ongoing support and mentoring from teachers, Year Advisors and Assistant Year Advisors, Boys' and Girls' Supervisors, the Community Liaison Officer, the Youth Outreach Officer and school counsellors.

Mr J. Gifford - Relieving Head Teacher Welfare

Friday Lunchtime Music Performances

Every Friday lunchtime there will be musical performances in the library. This will showcase the talent we have at Kogarah High and give music students a chance to improve their performance skills. Interested students can speak to Mr McVie or Mr Toland to put their names on the performance list. A microphone and an acoustic guitar will be available for use and an iPhone or Android connection is available if you have a backing track on your phone. All are welcome to come along and support their musical friends.



Mr C. Toland – Music Teacher

Jigsaws

Non digital games

Ghadier Nassour from year 7 (2019), has nearly finished a round 500 piece jigsaw in the library. Large communal jigsaws have become very popular in the library recently. Students work on large 750 or 1000 piece puzzles during recess and lunchtimes. It requires a good memory and an eye for detail and encourages social interactions between students of all years. The jigsaws are left on the tables in the library on the new jigsaw trays until they are completed and any student (and some staff also) are able to have a go. When they are finished we often take photos then they are broken up and a new one started. Students have completed a range of jigsaws including a globe of the world and a 3D sphinx as well as small ones of 300 pieces which can be done during break times by one person.



Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess Competition

There is an opportunity to form chess teams and compete in The Metropolitan Secondary Schools Chess Competition.

This involves competing against schools in our region every Friday of term 2, either at home (KHS) or away (another school).

We will be forming teams of 4 at these grades:

Junior Grade (school years 7 and 8)

Intermediate Grade (school years 9 and 10)

Senior Grade (school years 11 and 12)

Mr Toland is happy to accompany students on these Friday afternoons but involvement in this competition is a serious commitment. For more information, see this website:

https://www.nswjcl.org.au/Schools/2020/Secondary/MSS_description.htm

Mr C. Toland – Music Teacher

Sport results – Round 1

26/02/2020

Boys Sport				
Boys Sport	Opponent	Venue	Result	Score
Basketball 1 st Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Kingsgrove North HS	Loss	15-12
Basketball 2 nd Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Kingsgrove North HS	Win	15-2
Basketball Yr 9/8 – A	Kingsgrove North HS	Kogarah HS	Win	22-20
Basketball Yr 9/8 – B	Kingsgrove North HS	Kogarah HS	Win	30-15
Basketball Yr 8 – A	Peakhurst HS 2	Peakhurst HS	Loss	34-16
Mini Soccer 1 st Grade	Blakehurst HS	Parkside Dr Reserve	Loss	2-5
Mini Soccer 2 nd Grade	Blakehurst HS	Parkside Dr Reserve	Loss	2-6
Mini Soccer Yr 9/8 – A	Blakehurst HS	Scarborough Park	Win	2-1
Mini Soccer Yr 9/8 – B	Blakehurst HS	Scarborough Park	Draw	0-0
Mini Soccer Yr 8 – A	Blakehurst HS	Parkside Dr Reserve	Win	3-1
Mini Soccer Yr 8 – B	Blakehurst HS	Parkside Dr Reserve	Win	
Table Tennis 1 st Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Kogarah HS	Win	4-2
Table	Kingsgrove	Kogarah HS	Loss	0-6

Tennis 2 nd Grade	North HS			
Table Tennis Yr 9 – A	Kingsgrove North HS 2	Kingsgrove North HS	Win	6-0
Table Tennis Yr 9 – B	Kingsgrove North HS 2	Kingsgrove North HS	Win	5-0
Table Tennis Yr 8 – A	Sydney Tech HS 3	Kogarah HS	Loss	
Table Tennis Yr 8 – B	Sydney Tech HS 3	Kogarah HS	Loss	

Girls Sport				
Girls Sport	Opponent	Venue	Result	Score
Mini Soccer 2 nd Grade	Beverley Hills HS	Scarborough Park	Draw	2-2
Mini Soccer Yr 8 – A	Beverley Hills HS	Scarborough Park	Win	3-1
Mini Soccer Yr 8 – B	Kingsgrove HS	Scarborough Park	Win	
Oztag 1 st Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Clemton Park	Win	9-0
Oztag 2 nd Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Clemton Park	Win	4-1
Table Tennis 1 st Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Kingsgrove North HS	Win	4-2
Table Tennis 2 nd Grade	Kingsgrove North HS	Kingsgrove North HS	Win	6-0
Volleyball 1 st Grade	Blakehurst HS	Kogarah HS	Win	2-0
Volleyball 2 nd Grade	Blakehurst HS	Kogarah HS	Loss	0-2

Ms Z. Wyles - Sport Coordinator

Swimming Carnival Newsletter Report

On Thursday 20th February, Kogarah High School held its annual swimming carnival at Bexley Pool. It was a wonderful day for competitors and non-competitors alike. School House spirit was alive and well and the Year 12's continued the tradition of dressing up for the day.

From that carnival we had over 30 students attend the STGSSA Zone carnival across 2 days with students (listed below) progressing through to the Regional carnival.

12 Years Boys 4x50 Relay - 3rd @ Zone

- Julian Bautista (IEC)
- Salim Mohsen
- Hussein Alawieh
- Tahmid Alam

Karim Awad (IEC) - 13 Years Boys

- 50m Backstroke - 3rd
- 100m Freestyle - 3rd
- 200m Freestyle - 3rd

Tahmid Alam - 12 Years Boys

- 200m Freestyle - 3rd

Congratulations to these amazing swimmers! I look forward to seeing more participation and fun at the upcoming cross country and athletics carnivals.

Mr D. Hughes – Head Teacher PDHPE



HT Administration report

For many of you with students in year 10, 11 and 12 you may have heard of the HSC minimum standards test. Students will be sitting tests from Week 9 Term 1. Letters will be sent home shortly advising students and parents of the schools testing windows. Below is some information to help further your understanding and to better support your child to complete the HSC Minimum Standard.

What is the HSC minimum standard

The HSC minimum standard is part of an effort to improve the literacy and numeracy outcomes for students. From 2020, students in NSW will need to demonstrate a minimum standard of literacy and numeracy to receive their HSC. The HSC minimum standard is a way of supporting and ensuring students have a functional level of literacy and numeracy.

Link to NESA: <http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/11-12/hsc/hsc-minimum-standard/online-tests>

Online Tests

To achieve an HSC in 2020 and beyond, students must sit the HSC minimum standards online tests in reading, writing and numeracy. Each of the three tests are of 45 minutes duration. Students must achieve a level 3 in each test in order to meet the HSC minimum standard. This aligns with level 3 of the Australian Core Skills Framework (ACSF) which is considered the level required to function in everyday life, for work and further study beyond school.

Once the HSC minimum standard is achieved in all three areas, a student is eligible to receive the HSC.

Students can sit the online tests four times a year, in Year 10, 11 and 12. Kogarah High School will advise you when your child will sit the online tests.

From 2020, only students who meet the HSC minimum standard will receive an HSC credential.

Mr J. Eaton – Head Teacher Administration

TEEN BOOK SQUAD

ROCKDALE



Do you love books and want to talk about them with other readers? Then come along on the second Tuesday of every month and join the discussion.

Rockdale Library, 444-446 Princes Highway from 4pm to 5pm

11 February	9 June	13 October
10 March	14 July	10 November
14 April	11 August	8 December
12 May	8 September	

Bookings essential at baysidelibrary.eventbrite.com

Program for teenagers 13+ | Snacks included

The program also runs at Eastgardens on the fourth Tuesday of every month.

For enquiries please call 9562 1821.



Caring for Students - Interpreter Service

Parents and carers who don't speak English well can get assistance from the telephone interpreter service [Interpreter service](#)

An interpreter can be requested for school matters involving your child such as enrolment, subject choice, educational progress, attendance, welfare or behaviour.

Interpreters can also be requested for parent-teacher interviews, school meetings and parents and citizens meetings.

The telephone number to call is **131 450**.

Ask for an interpreter for the required language and the interpreter will call our school and stay on the line to assist you with your conversation.

Anti - Racism

An inclusive and harmonious society is what we all deserve and expect. Racism in all its forms must be rejected and this is an important priority for the Department of Education.

Information in a variety of languages about the role of the Anti-Racism Contact Officer can be found at <https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents/anti-racism-contact-officer>

The ARCO (anti - racism contact officer) can assist parents, staff and students who have complaints regarding racism. The ARCO can talk to people about their complaint, seek an informal resolution, if appropriate, assist them in writing a complaint and explain how the complaint will be dealt with using the Complaint Handling Policy Guidelines.

Mr Hokin is the Anti - Racism Contact Officers at Kogarah High School. Mr Hokin is located in the HSIE faculty. Please contact us if you have any concerns related to racism.

Translated documents for our community (Other languages)

This link provides important information about education. The documents are translated into community languages.

<https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/going-to-a-public-school/translated-documents>

Click on the policy or thing you are looking for to find it in your preferred language.

Please contact the school if you have any further questions.

Ph. 9587 5815

Mr G. Hokin – Anti Racism Contact Officer

YOU'RE INVITED TO



Kogarah High School's CAREERS EXPO

WHAT TO EXPECT?

- Over 30 University and college exhibitors
- Career guidance and information packs
- Consultations with industry specialists
- Employment opportunities and scholarship advice
- UAC guest speaker at 5:30pm - ATAR and applying for University

**PARENTS
WELCOME**

**March
24th**

Venue: Kogarah High School Hall
22 Gladstone Street, Kogarah

5:00 pm - 7:00 pm

More details: Susan Alaouie



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susan.alaouie6@det.nsw.edu.au

CASS Chinese Language School 2020 enrolment information

A journey of a thousand miles begins at one's feet, a child's journey of Chinese learning begins with CASS Chinese School.

We are very happy to inform you that we will continue to provide quality Chinese class at Kogarah High School in 2020. Children from all backgrounds are welcomed! The schedule of term 1 is as follows:

Start date: Saturday, 01 February 2020 **and** Sunday, 02 February 2020

	Saturdays (during school terms)	Sundays (during school terms)
Morning Class	9:30am to 12:30pm	9:30am to 12:30pm
Afternoon Class	1pm to 4pm	n/a

Martial arts, children's art class, STEM program, debating class, Chinese calligraphy class and Go class are also available. For enquires please contact us on (02) 9789 4587 Ext 138, or via Email: culture@cass.org.au.

千里之行，始于足下。孩子的中文学习，始于启思中文学校。

感谢您对启思中文学校一直以来的大力支持。我们的高嘉华分校在2020年将继续为孩子们提供优质的中文教育。2020年第一学期具体时间安排如下：

开学日期： 2020年2月1日星期六 及2020年2月2日星期日

	每周六（学期内）	每周日（学期内）
上午班	9:30am to 12:30pm	9:30am to 12:30pm
下午班	1pm to 4pm	n/a

我校继续开设少儿武术班、绘画班、STEM机器人课程、辩论课、书法班和围棋课。详情咨询请拨打(02) 9789 4587 分机138或Email: culture@cass.org.au。

2020 Uniforms have been updated to include a new **unisex polo shirt** for students in years 7-10. We also have **girls tailored pants and tailored shorts** in grey. For sport and PE we have included a new design of **unisex sports** shorts which are more accommodating than the previous material. As the cold weather approaches you may be interested in **the new winter fleece lined**, water resistant **school jackets**. For orders please download the price list and order form from our website.



Calendar

Important dates for Term 1 2020 and Term 2 2020

Week 7 Term 1

Tuesday, 10 th March	Year 7 School Photo Day
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Week 8

Monday, 16 th March to Friday, 20 th March	Harmony Week
Thursday, 19 th March	Year 7 Meet and Greet/Progress Report Afternoon 3.30pm to 5.30
Friday, 20 th March	Cross Country Carnival

Week 10

Monday, 30 th March to Wednesday, 1 st April	Year 7 Camp
Friday, 3 rd April	Athletics Carnival

Week 11

Thursday, 9 th April	Last day Term 1
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Thursday, 9 th April	Anzac Day Assembly – Hall
Friday, 10 th April	Good Friday

Week 1 Term 2

Tuesday, April 28 th	Students Return Term 2
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Week 3

Tuesday, 12 th May to Thursday 14 th May	NAPLAN test Year 7, Year 9
Thursday, 14 th May	School IFTAR Dinner 4pm-8pm Hall

Week 4

Tuesday, 19 th May	Zone Cross Country Carnival
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Week 6

Monday, 1 st June to Friday 5 th June	Reconciliation Week
Tuesday, 2 nd June	Year 11 and 12 Parent and Teacher Evening 3.30-6.30pm

Week 7

Monday, June 8 th	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
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Week 8

Monday, 15 th June to Friday, 19 th June	Refugee Week
Friday, 19 th June	Wear Red Day
Friday, 19 th June and Monday, 22 nd June (week 9)	Zone Athletics Carnival

Week 10

Monday, 29 th June	Year 7-10 Parent and Teacher Evening –Reporting 3.15 – 6.30 pm
Friday, 3 rd July	Last Day Term 2