Mr G. Skeoch
Principals Report (Acting)

- On Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} March Ms McCullen and two students Mitchell Robinson and Tim Sheens represented the school at the launch of the Safe Schools Hub. Ms McCullen will report more on this in her section of the bulletin.

- Visit from the Minister of the Environment Ms Robyn Parker will occur on Thursday 21\textsuperscript{st} March between 9am and 10am. The Minister is expected to be announcing new State Government initiatives in the area of Environmental grants for schools. Kingswood was selected to recognise the significant focus the school has on Environmental programs – Oz Green, Greening Australia, Power Mates, Solar panels and water tanks to name a few. Congratulations to Ms Sue Frost for her energy and drive in this area.

- The term has passed very quickly and we remind our Year 12 and Year 11 students that they have half yearly exams in Weeks 10 (starting 1\textsuperscript{st} April) and Weeks 11 (starting 8\textsuperscript{th} April) respectively.

- The school holidays commence Saturday 13\textsuperscript{th} April with students returning Wednesday 1\textsuperscript{st} May.

- Please remember that the school uniform policy includes enclosed black leather shoes of either tie up or buckle variety. (Black ballet shoes, canvas or synthetic mesh shoes are not allowed). As sport is integrated this rule applies to every day. Students must wear uniform every day and should bring a change of clothing and shoes (if required) to wear for sport and PE lessons.

- We would appreciate continued parent and community help with surveillance. If you should happen to notice suspicious people / groups on the school site especially on weekends or evenings, could you please contact school security on 1300880021 or St Marys police on 96775099.
• A reminder that all the latest school information is placed on the school Web site www.kingswoodhigh.nsw.edu.au which is updated weekly.

Mrs S. McCullen  
Deputy Principal 8, 10 & 12 (Relieving)

I would like to thank the staff, students and parents who turned up for the Year 6 into Year 7 Information Evening. Mr Fox has worked very hard by going around to the local primary schools and introducing himself as the Year Advisor for 2014. All Faculties were well represented and there was a great deal of positive feedback from the parents and students who attended. Our school has a great deal to offer to students, covering academic, sporting and social and emotional development and this can be seen in the quality students that we have at our school.

Last Friday I had the pleasure of taking two of the members of our anti bullying committee to Facebook HQ in the city for a meeting on the National Day against Bullying and Violence. We were invited as finalists in the Safe schools are Smart schools competition to meet with the Federal Minister for Education Mr Peter Garrett to discuss the initiatives that have been undertaken in our school. Both our boys Mitchell Robinson and Tim Sheens had the chance to talk to Minister Garrett in an informal setting about the work they have been doing around the school with younger students and educating them on various anti bullying matters concentrating especially on by-stander behaviour. The boys were also interviewed by Erin Bell from Channel 10 News and this was a highlight of the day. These two boys have worked tirelessly on a number of projects which are pictured in the bulletin and also on our Facebook page and website.

Our Indigenous students are to be interviewed in the near future to develop their Personal Learning Plans. All indigenous students should have had their notes about their interviews and need to return these notes as soon as possible to Miss Joseph. The information gained in these interviews will then be passed on to their teachers to assist in their school work.

STAFF CAR PARK

Parents are reminded that the school car park is for staff only. Please drop off and pick up your children in Smith Street or in front of the school on Bringelly Road. Parents are not to drive into or drop off students in the school bus bay. The police have booked parents who have illegally parked. Thankyou for your cooperation.
Our Indigenous students have also been offered the chance to take part in the AIME program where they will work with university students to maximise student outcomes.

Week 7 is upon us and each faculty will be assessing the students as to their level of commitment and work ethic. This information comes back to each Deputy who determines whether or not the students are of concern and a parent interview needs to be organized. There are some students in my cohorts that need to focus more clearly on their schooling and a lot less on their social life.

**Uniform**: I am very pleased that the majority of our students are in complete school uniform and doing us “proud”. This is excellent; there are some girls, however who are wearing shorts that are not recommended by the school and the length of them is not appropriate for the school. Please ensure that your daughter is wearing shorts and/or skirts that are of a decent length.
Ms F. Cassetari  
Deputy Principal 7, 9 & 11 (Relieving)

At this stage, being week 8 we are well into term and therefore it is expected all students are now settled into a regular routine at school, this will include their regular work in class, homework, assignments and in the case of year 11 exams in weeks 10 and 11 (April 2\textsuperscript{nd} – 11\textsuperscript{th}) this term.

**ATTENDANCE**
As many of you know all students must attend school until they are 17. It is expected that students have 100% attendance unless a doctor’s certificate is obtain or parents provide a letter explaining their child’s absence.

I am in the process of ringing parents of students who have regular absences, without explanation, as sometimes students aren’t making it to school even though they are dressed for school in the morning. We have a new electronic roll marking system “Sentral” and hope to have text messages set up early term 2. This system should help eliminate some truancy issues. Please note that the majority of students have an excellent attendance record.

**BEING ORGANISED**
It is vital that all students are organised each day for school with the essential equipment, this includes a timetable, appropriate exercise books and equipment for their lessons that day. Unfortunately, we still have a number of students who still arrive each day without their timetables, carrying only a pen and a book. So, as parents we ask for your cooperation in ensuring your child is adequately equipped each day for school.

**OUT OF BOUNDS**
One of our priorities at KHS is to ensure the safety of your children at school. To do this we constantly remind students to “be in the right place at the right time”. Despite this a number of students leave the grounds without permission. No student in years 7 – 10 is permitted to leave school grounds at any time during the school day.

Another related issue is students leaving the school grounds “to wait for Mum out the front of the school- to get money, clothes etc.” It would be best and safest practice if parents could drop off any items for students at the front office rather than make private arrangements without the school knowledge.
**iPods, mobile Phones and personal electronic devices**

These items are banned at KHS as they are not necessary or of direct benefit in the classroom. If anything, they cause more problems for teachers than any other problem combined, as too many students are found using these items and when reprimanded by staff create conflicts that should be avoided.

As parents we seek your cooperation in advising your children in their correct use.

**SEEKING ASSISTANCE**

If students and/or their families are experiencing hardship, please contact the school to see if we can help.

We are only too happy to speak with parents about any matters pertaining to their child’s schooling. Your first port of call is usually your child’s year adviser.

- Year 7 Adviser – Miss Watling
- Year 9 Adviser – Mr Creighton
- Year 11 Adviser (Rel) – Mrs Reed

If it is a subject specific question, please contact your child’s teacher or the Head teacher of that subject. Otherwise contact me via phone or email and I should be able to assist or put you in touch with the right person.

Please remember that our phone lines are only available between 8am and 2.45pm. Generally staff return calls within 48 hours.

**Finally**

Thank you to the wonderful students, parents and staff who have been so supportive and have been working hard to ensure students reach their learning potential, wear school uniform and demonstrate positive behaviour across all learning environments.

Have a wonderful Easter and take care.

Frances Cass

Rel. Deputy Principal 7, 9, 11

frances.cassetari@det.nsw.edu.au
The SRC has had a great start to 2013 by welcoming in new members for the year as well as some experienced members staying on and taking on new roles within the SRC.

We also look forward to welcoming in year 7 members into the SRC. Nominations for year 7 members will be opened early term 2 once year 7 have had an opportunity to settle in and get to know one another.

Now that we have new members in the SRC we are working towards our first projects for the year and we are excited to announce me will be running the world greatest shave fundraiser again. This will take place during a whole school assembly on Thursday 21st of March. Last year it was a huge hit with over $500 raise for the leukaemia foundation this year we are hoping to even more money with volunteers year 12 students Mitchell Robinson, Jake Murrell and teachers Mr Johnston and Mr stone volunteering to shave their heads in front of everyone at the assembly. To donate please see Ms Bennett or Mrs Raboso or go online and donate through the Kingswood greatest shave team link which is on the Kingswood high facebook page. Donations will also be collected during the assembly of the shave so please give generously and donate to this worthy cause.

On Friday the 22nd the SRC will also be holding a mufti and crazy hair day gold coin donations will be collected for any students out of uniform and prizes will be given out for the best crazy hair on the day. Please remember that APPROPRIATE CLOTHING AND CLOSED IN LEATHER SHOES MUST BE WORN BY ALL STUDENTS NO EXCEPTIONS. This is to comply with OHS and students who do not follow this rule will not only be disciplined with isolation and detentions but will also ruin it for all students as MUFTI DAYS WILL NO LONGER BE ALLOWED AT KINGSWOOD IF STUDENTS CAN NOT FOLLOW THIS RULES. Mufti days are fun and a great fund raiser for the SRC it would be crippling to our school projects and charity work if we can now longer run them, so please to the right this and wear the right clothes and closed in leather shoes NO CANVAS, THONGS, SHORT SHORTS, MIDRIFF TOPS or anything else UNACCEPTABLE for school dress.

On the 22nd students over 16 will be able to participate in the blood drive photos will be shared after this takes place if you are over 16 and would like to donate please see Ms Bennett or MRS Raboso for more information.

The SRC looks forward to organising lots of great activities this year so talk to your SRC members on how you can get involved or if you have any suggestions for the SRC.

Mrs D. Raboso
Student Representative Council
2013

Year 8
✧ Praise Galuvao (Regional SRC Representative)
✧ Pamela Pesl (Regional SRC Representative)
✧ Jessie Fitzpatrick (Correspondence Officer)

Year 9
✧ Jakob Grundy (Vice President)
✧ Brooke Coleman
✧ Sara Hassan
✧ Michael Meijer

Year 10
✧ Jaydon Handog (Regional SRC Representative)
✧ Tommy Tran (Regional SRC Representative)
✧ Shaun Fard (Treasurer)
✧ Shala Anwar (Secretary)

Year 11
✧ Joshua Rodman
✧ Rebecca Mears
✧ Emina Mujanovic (President)
✧ Austin Anderson

Year 12
✧ Odain Moe (Captain)
✧ Milica Nestorovic (Captain)
✧ Mitchell Robinson (Vice Captain)
✧ Mel swann (Vice captain)
✧ Wani Azahar (Prefect)
✧ Jake Murrel (Prefect)
✧ Meg Santiago (Prefect)
✧ Tim sheens (Prefect)
✧ Lara Kofe
✧ Dylan Blackie
From March 4th-6th, 40 year 8 students attended the Cataract Scout Park camp. Students participated in caving, challenge valley, the giant swing, abseiling, rock climbing, waterslide, team rescue and high ropes. Students had an enjoyable experience and learnt valuable lessons in team work, communication and overcoming obstacles. Well done to all students for their positive participation and beautiful manners.
2012 saw the premiere of a school wide film festival competition. Guess what? The festival is back in 2013 bigger and better than ever.

The festival runs like a mini version of the famous Sydney film festival known as ‘Tropfest’. Each film must include the festival symbol. This year’s festival symbol is ‘bottle’.

The two 2012 equal winners of the festival can be found on the Kingswood High English You Tube channel here [http://goo.gl/udOpG](http://goo.gl/udOpG). The soundtracks were deleted in order to comply with copyright law; however, you can click the link in the film details to play the music along with each film.

In order to provide the necessary equipment for students at Kingswood High School to engage in film making I have established a pozible crowd fundraising page - [www.pozible.com/kingswood](http://www.pozible.com/kingswood). This page also contains various updates about the fundraising campaign as well as some equipment that we have made as a result of donations.

We have already met the initial target of $250 and have currently raised $1100. The ideal target has always been $2500 and hopefully, with your help, we can get there.

It would be awesome if the parents and community of Kingswood High could get behind this project so that students of today, and into the future, can participate in excellent learning like this project offers.

You can help support this event through either sponsoring through pozible (minimum donation $10) or through clicking ‘like’ and ‘share’ on the pozible link on the KHS facebook page. Every donation helps so please check it out, donate and click ‘like’ and ‘share’.

The festival will premiere at night during second term. Parents and citizens are invited to attend and to celebrate the work and achievements of the students on display.

If you have any questions please call me. On behalf of the students at KHS, thank you for your support.

*Tim Creighton*
It has been a busy term with lots of knockout sports happening around the school. Congratulations to the following teams who have had wins and progressed to further rounds in the competition. Good luck for your future games!

- Boys Knockout Volleyball
- Girls Knockout Cricket
- Boys Knockout Tennis

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in various teams:

- Sydney West Volleyball – Chris Vaegau
- Sydney West Hockey – Nathan Stevens
- Werrington Zone Volleyball – Chris Vaegaau, Andrew Faalili, Alapati Risati, Ken Maalo, Pauline Maalo, Kuini Vaegau
- Werrington Zone Soccer – Bridgette Potter, Breanna Sampson
- Werrington Zone Baseball – Matthew Bugg, Long Fogg, Murray Miles, Russell Miles, Adam Tunley-Kemp, Matthew Maley
- U/15s Boys Werrington Zone Tennis – Curtis Robinson, Long Fogg, Matthew Maley

Well done to all these teams and students, keep up the good work!

*Stacey Renny*
Sports Co-ordinator
Swimming Carnivals
ZONE

A 60-strong squad of Kingswood High students competed at the Werrington Zone swimming carnival on Thursday 7th and Friday 8th March, at Penrith Pools. As team manager I was extremely proud of the efforts of all students who, because of their participation, came away as the champion school after the two days of competition! We won by over 200 points, a margin that big has not been seen in many years. An achievement that all students who participated should be very proud of!

It was also very pleasing to see the support and encouragement our students showed for each other by cheering on their fellow peers when they raced. Our relay teams in particular were impressive, with 10 relay teams making it through to represent Werrington Zone at the Sydney West Carnival.

Well done to all students and a special congratulation to Montana Ojeda (Year 10) who was the 16-Years Age Champion.

Thank you to all the parents who came down and supported our school on the day.

Stacey Renny
Sports Co-ordinator

SYDNEY WEST

On Wednesday 13th March, 37 students made the early morning trip into the Sydney Aquatic Centre to represent Werrington Zone at the Sydney West Swimming Carnival. All students tried their hardest on the day and were up against some tough competition from the other zones. Well done to all competitors and a special congratulations goes to the following students who qualified to represent Sydney West at the NSWCHS carnival in April: Jarrod Burgess, Gary Donoghue, Josh Paine-Bell, Lachlan Montgomery and Dallas Starr.

Stacey Renny
Sports Co-ordinator
Mitchell and I as part of the Anti-bullying committee were asked to meet Minister Peter Garrett as finalists in the National Safe Schools are Smart Schools competition. The meeting was at Australia’s Facebook HQ. We had submitted an entry for the Safe schools are Smart schools competition discussing the initiatives that we have put into place at Kingswood. Discussing the factors of how to improve the school community and try to eliminate bullying.

We met with Peter Garret and talked to him about the improvements that we have made in our school community and why we decided to take part in the initiative. Our ‘Everyone Matters’ mural was shown to the Minister, the String Movement and our Digital Citizenship program were all discussed with other schools who were also participating in the initiatives.

We got the chance to be interviewed by the Channel 10, Project Rock it and dignitaries from the department of education.

Tim Sheens
Facebook HQ

Project Rockit co-founder Rosie with Mitchell Robinson and Tim Sheens
The Girls Open Cricket team travelled to Boronia park on Friday 11th March to play Glenmore Park in the first round of the state knockout. After captain Ashley Day won the toss Kingswood High selected to bat. A solid opening partnership between Brooke Coleman and Hayley Miles got the side off to a great start. With the loss of 2 wickets Ashley Day and Bridgette Potter took up the attack to the opposition. Bridgette flayed the bowlers to all parts of the ground, including a massive six, top scoring with 33 not out. Ashley Day was all class at the other end, showing why she is one of the most talented young cricketers in NSW. Her cover drive that almost cleared the boundary was the shot of the day. At the end of our innings Ashley was unbeaten on 27 runs, with our total being 2/108 at the end of our overs.

The total proved a few too many for Glenmore Park being dismissed for 40 runs. Karleigh Melville and Ashley Day with 3 wickets each, being the chief destroyers.

Congratulations to all the girls for their efforts and fantastic behaviour.
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UPDATING EMAIL ADDRESSES

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We are updating our records, please enter your email addresses below and have your child return to the front office as soon as possible.
DATE:
23rd and 24th April
Registrations close 19th April

TIME:
2:00 - 5:00 (both days)

AGES:
5 - 12 years old

VENUE:
Nepean Hockey Complex
O’Connell Street, KINGSWOOD

COST:
$75.00 per child (incl. Hockey Pack)
$50.00 without pack

WHAT YOU NEED:
Mouth Guard
Hockey Stick
Shin Guards
2 x Water Bottles
Snacks

If you do not have your own hockey stick and shin guards we will provide them for you on the day

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NEPEAN HOCKEY ASSOCIATION

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