Kingswood High School is very proud to be at the forefront of NSW schools offering a structured Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) program. A large number of classes are now using Chromebooks with Google Apps for Education (GAFE) to increase student engagement, collaboration, organisation and creativity. Next year will see all Year 7 and 8 students bringing their own devices so that we can really begin to move forward and offer students greater consistency and real 21st Century learning opportunities.

We have worked hard to negotiate a great price for student-purchased Chromebooks from a selection of wholesalers and are pleased to announce that HP will be the designated supplier. The negotiated package, which includes a two year next business day on-site warranty and a quality carry case, normally retails at over $500 but the price for Kingswood High School students is $367, with a further discount if purchased by the end of November. The device can be purchased by going to http://www.hpshopping.com.au/edunsw, then selecting Kingswood High School. Parents will also need to purchase the Device Management Licence, which can be paid for online via the school website or over the counter at the school administration office.

Devices are delivered to the school where they can be enrolled into the Connect. APPlly. Inspire program and be given WiFi access, ready for Day 1 2016.

This program is designed for all Year 7 and Year 8 students in 2016, with students in other year groups offered the opportunity to purchase a device, although may not necessarily have the scheduled learning experiences. However, even without a designated program, a device in the hands of students has the potential to increase student organisation, engagement and productivity. Students who are in other year groups are strongly urged to consider this great offer.

Information brochures have already been distributed to all current Year 6 and Year 7 students, but those families who may have missed out can obtain these two documents on the school website at http://www.kingswood.h.schools.nsw.edu.au/our-school/bring-your-own-device-byod

Please ensure that you organise for the purchase of your child’s Chromebook by the end of November so that we can be assured that your child will not miss out on essential learning experiences and will have a device ready to go on the first day of 2016 where they will receive training on device use and cyber-safety.

Contact Mr Szymkow for further details or clarification

Deputy Principal’s Report Special Programs and Welfare Report
Whooping cough information for schools

There is an outbreak of whooping cough (pertussis) in NSW, mainly affecting school-aged children.

Coughing spreads the infection to others nearby. Whooping cough can spread to anyone at home, including younger brothers and sisters. Whooping cough can be especially dangerous for babies.

Whooping cough starts like a cold and progresses to bouts of coughing that can last for many weeks. The infection can occur even in fully-vaccinated children. Older children may just have a cough that is persistent and may be worse at night.

- Children with these symptoms should see a doctor.
- If your doctor diagnoses whooping cough in your school-aged child, please let the school know and keep your child at home until they have taken 5 days of antibiotics. Keep coughing children away from babies.

Whooping cough vaccines give good protection against infection but immunity fades with time. Check that all your children are up to date with their vaccines, due at 6 weeks, 4 months, 6 months, 4 years and 12 years of age (offered to all Year 7 students through the NSW school-based vaccination program). A booster is also recommended at 18 months of age.

A booster dose of vaccine is also recommended for adults that are in contact with young children, such as school staff and parents. Pregnant women are recommended to have a booster dose during each pregnancy and this is funded by NSW Health. Those who are new parents or carers of babies should consult their general practitioner about appropriate immunisation.

Your local public health unit can provide advice about whooping cough on 1300 066 055 or visit the NSW Health website for information for childcare and schools about whooping cough.
‘Say Hi!’ Celebrations-Week 5

‘Say Hi’ week will be celebrated at Kingswood High during week 5 of Term 4 this year. It is part of the Social Inclusion Program run since 2014. This is to support young people with disabilities and help them have experiences outside the classroom. It can have a positive impact on their ability to learn and flourish.

Mr. Creighton has very kindly agreed to give up his valuable time to help some students create a video of students and teachers saying ‘Hi’ in different languages. This video will be uploaded on the schools’ Facebook page and also shown to students during English classes in Week 5.

A ‘Say Hi!’ selfie competition will be conducted and students can send their ‘Say Hi!’ selfies, celebrating social inclusion to the school to enter in the competition.

Mr. Johnston and his CAPA team will be organising a digital poster competition on ‘Say Hi!’. The best posters will be rewarded in the school assembly.

The PDHPE staff will be handed two huge Social Inclusion balloons which will be used by students to write their names as a mark of acknowledging Social Inclusion. The balloons with a bold tag line ‘Don’t be shy, just say Hi’ will hang on the ceiling in the front office foyer in Week 5.

All Year 7 students will be creating ‘Say Hi’ visuals and the best ones to be acknowledged in the school’s assembly. These will then be displayed on a wall as a visual reminder of saying hi. They will also be handed out Social Inclusion wrist bands and stickers.

The entire school will participate in ‘Say Hi’ based literacy challenges during Roll Call classes and the best ones will enter in a draw for a prize.

The teachers will be wearing ‘Say Hi’ stickers in different languages to show their respect for all languages and cultures. ‘Say Hi’ signs will decorate the walls of our school in celebration of multiculturalism. We look forward to a week full of interesting activities leading to a culture of even more inclusivity at our school.

Thanks,
Mrs. Nagpal
Program Coordinator
Late Term 3, we were kept busy with our nominations of the new Prefect Body of 2016. We had 16 candidates and 8 were chosen by their peers to form the leadership team. Elected students then had to present their speeches in front of our Executive team, which comprises of Head Teachers, Deputy Principals and the Principal. As you can imagine it would’ve been a daunting task! However the Year 11 students did an amazing job, with Ms Green and Ms Rigney (Year Advisors) who were there to provide moral support.

So here I present to you our newly appointed Prefect Team for 2016:

School Captains: Holly Burcher and Kuini Vaegaau
Vice Captains: Naomi Zammit and Nicole O’Haire
Prefects: Emily Constable, Lachlan Montgomery, Isaiah Sese and Mathew Sowter

Congratulations to you all and we look forward to a productive and exciting time ahead!

Moving on, earlier this Term we were fortunate to be blessed with warm weather for our Superhero/Costume Fun Run, which was postponed from last term due to wet grounds. It was a highly successful day with many students and teachers putting so much effort into their costumes. We started the day with a walkathon around the school, followed by a sausage sizzle lunch and finally a rotation of novelty/activities in the afternoon, which included pillow fights ‘Gladiator’ game show style, obstacle course and balloon racing. The students had a ball and it was a good mini-break for students to ease back into a busy Term 4.

Top: Superhero themed teachers!
Bottom left: Senior Pride
Bottom right: Awesome costumes by Year 9s.
Important Dates for Term 4:

23/10/15 - GRIP Leadership Conference at the Western Sydney University with Mr Rance and Year 11 leaders
Date TBA: Bandanna Day at school
Week 10: Christmas Santa photos

Ms Pham and Mr Rance
SRC Coordinators
The Year 9 Elective Geography class went on an overnight excursion to Jenolan Caves as part of their studies on Karst (Cave) environments. On our way students visited Red Hands Cave in the Blue Mountains National Park, a cave which shows some of our Aboriginal heritage with some stunning Aboriginal Rock Art. We then experienced a night tour of one of the caves at Jenolan before we enjoyed a roast dinner and played team building games. The following day students went on two more cave tours and visited the ‘Blue Lake’ before having a sausage sizzle for lunch. On our way back we stopped at the Three Sisters. Thanks to Mr Stone for driving the bus for us.

Mrs Sue Frost
Organising Teacher
As part of the Naidoc Day celebrations this year all year 7 students attended a Dot Painting workshop where they created their own design. Each student was given a small square board that was painted black and on this they created a design using traditional aboriginal symbols from the western deserts of Central Australia. Once the design was drawn in pencil the students then used cotton ear buds to apply many small paint dots to the surface in a selection of colours. The year 7 students on the whole were very pleased with their results and now look forward to seeing the works on display. The final group piece will be soon completed and mounted in the school hall it will comprise 88 selected pieces. We extend a big thank you to all the year 7 students and their peer leaders who participated on this Naidoc Day.

Workshop coordinators –Mrs Deonie Raboso CAPA Teacher and Mr Phill Johnston CAPA HT
Term 4 started with great news, our students in the Australian Mathematics Competition held across Asia Pacific performed well.

During mid term 3, twelve students from year 7 – 10 participated in this competition. We achieved a Distinction and two Credit awards. All of the other students received certificates of Proficiency.

I am proud of Declan Cooper who achieved a Distinction placing him in top 5th percentile in his grade across Australia. Well done to Holly Epps and Mihajlo Zivcev for attaining a Credit Award. Congratulations to everyone for our excellent efforts.

On Tuesday 27th October, nine selected year 8 students participated in the MathIT excursion at Western Sydney University. The program was targeted for students interested in careers in Advanced Mathematics, Computing and Engineering. They had fun with hands on experience on Robotics, Graphics design, solving Rubik’s cube, engaging themselves in a full day workshop on Mathematics, Computing and Algorithms and mapping skills. These students represented Kingswood High School with their best behaviour, most enthusiastic and committed attitude. I was proud of their representation in Western Sydney University. Special congrats to Aranya Sharma, Hassan Jaffar and Amir Khalili Rezaeipour for winning special prizes.

Mrs Srinath
HT Mathematics
Some Pictures of MathIT excursion:
Kingswood High School’s World Education Games Effort

**Competition period** - 13 - 15 October.

KHS took part in the World Education Games from 13-15\textsuperscript{th} October. More than 5 million students from 200 countries and territories competed in the games in 2015. The games were an exciting online challenge open to all our school’s students who went up against students from all around the world. The event format is:

KHS had 41 serious competitors from year 7 to 11. Just by participating through the answering of questions, students earned UNICEF Points which will be converted into money which will go directly to supporting UNICEF education programs where class and school resources are desperately needed. More information can be found at:  

WWW.WORLDEDUCATIONGAMES.COM/UNICEF.

And the winners were:

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Congratulations to all the students who represented our school during this year’s event and earned valuable points for the UNICEF education programs! For more details about the event visit: WWW.WORLDEDUCATIONGAMES.COM

Looking forward to and even bigger year in 2016.

Miss Cass
Throughout this year the Support Unit has been involved in several different forms of sport.

Students have enjoyed recreational sports including ice skating, aqua golf, Oz tag and ten pin bowling. They have participated in team sports such as Futsal, basketball and netball where they have had the opportunity to learn the skills and the finer points of these sports with the expertise of Mr Lang (Futsal), Vanessa Ainger (Basketball Australia), Mr Manna & Mr Tribbia (Oz Tag).

The Support students have been able to apply these newly learned skills and techniques by participating in one day competitions against other schools in all three sports. We have had great success and achieved personal growth both individually and as part of a team. Our students have excelled themselves by displaying good sportsmanship, integrity and respect for themselves and their opponents on and off the sporting arenas.

The Support Staff and students would like to share our gratitude to Mr Lang, Vanessa, Mr Tribbia, Mr Manna and Mr Bloom for their commitment, enthusiasm and time, which they gave freely to improve the quality of our students learning and love for sport.

The introduction of weekly merit points and rewards for the qualities of determination, skill, sportsmanship and teamwork have also boosted our students’ participation and enjoyment of the sports provided. The following students are the recipients of the coveted awards and received certificates in the following categories:
## Sport Award Recipient

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### MAJOR POINTS AWARD winners for 2015

1st Place - Brooke Machut  
2nd Place - Bayley Gross  
3rd Place - Katelyn King
**SPORT UPDATE**

**Year 7 Water Safety Program**

The Water Safety and Lifesaving program is targeted to teach students how to be safe, confident and survive in a range of situations involving water. The program has also been designed to cater for all swimming abilities. It will run for 3 days during Week 8 from the 25th-27th November 2015 (3 Days) and all of Year 7 are encouraged to participate. Permission notes have been issued to students and are due in by Friday 13th November with the payment of $20.00. If you have any further questions regarding the program please contact Mr. Lang on ph. 47 361202.

**Mama Lana’s Community Foundation Food Drive**

The school will be supporting a local charity organisation called Mama Lana’s Community Foundation during term 4. This is a not-for-profit charity organisation that provides assistance to the homeless and underprivileged people in the local community through a range of support networks including serving regular meals on dedicated evenings in Penrith. This organisation relies solely on donations and community support from various contributors. The school will have the privilege of working closely with this organisation in the future through various support initiatives, however the most effective way to currently contribute is by way of a food drive. Below is a list of items that can be donated to the school to assist with providing essentials for cooking the weekly hot meals. Please note that single and multiple item donations will be graciously accepted and students can easily drop them off at the school CAFÉ in the TAS block at any time in the designated red bin. Thank you in advance for your support in this initiative and please do not hesitate to contact Mr Lang on ph. 47 361202 if you have any further enquiries regarding donations.

**Item Donation List:**

- Pasta Penne or similar
- Rice
- Passata Tomatoes or Tin Tomatoes
- Beef, Chicken or Vegetable Stock
- Soy Sauce
- Spices
- Salt & Pepper
- Cooking Oil
- Tomato Sauce
- BBQ Sauce
- Mustard Sauce
- Sweet or Hot Chilli Sauce
- Mayonnaise
- Coffee
- Milo or Drinking Chocolate
- Vegemite
- Peanut Butter
- Nutella
- Long Life Items such as milk and custard
BACK TO SCHOOL TRADING HOURS

BACK TO BASICS WILL BE CLOSED FROM FRIDAY 18th DECEMBER 2015

AND WILL RE-OPEN

ON WEDNESDAY 6TH JANUARY 2016.

TRADING HOURS FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY 2016

MONDAY TO FRIDAY- 8am to 5pm
SATURDAYS- JANUARY 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th- 9am to 3pm
SUNDAYS- RY 17th, 24th- 10am to 1pm

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