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At the end of last term we had the culmination of our joint primary feeder schools/high school project funded by the Commonwealth Australian School Innovation in Science, Technology and Mathematics (ASI STM). This involved the training by Kingswood High staff of primary teachers in scientific methodology, the purchase of science equipment for the primary schools, the writing of innovative teaching programs and following their completion a science competition. Three winning students from each feeder school, Claremont Meadows Primary, Kingswood Primary, Kingswood South Primary, Penrith Primary and Orchard Hills Primary went with the winning Year 7 students from KHS to Canberra for a two day visit to science facilities. The joint program was an outstanding success and I would like to thank our colleagues in each of the primary schools for their excellent support and efforts.

Principal
Mr Paul Erickson

Rock Eisteddfod Challenge 2006

“Children of Africa”

Kingswood High School first entered the Rock Eisteddfod Challenge in 2005 and won the Small Teams Section. In 2006, we ventured into the more challenging section of “Open Division”. Moana Waddell, Kayla Prakisch and Sandy Makareth’s enthusiasm in organising a “Showcase of Talent” in Term 4 last year and many dance auditions, was exceptional. This inspired more than 150 students to audition for Rock Eisteddfod, with rehearsals commencing in Term 2. Nina Milner-Peacock came on board once again as our talented choreographer, working closely with our enthusiastic senior dancers, to choreograph our performance. Ms. Waterson again took a major role as our Rock Eisteddfod coordinator and in costume development. Ms. Galea in lighting and acting. Mr Kotyk and Mr Tepper made our excellent props and back drops which were painted by Ms. Douglas and her outstanding student support team. Again works of art. Mr Phil Sawyers (Remote Control Recording ph. 0438 620 314) developed our award winning sound track. Mrs Hirst, Mrs Ford-Davis, Ms. McKell, Mr Procter, Mr Ross-New and a large team of teachers all spent many out of school hours preparing our team of over 120 students.

Strong linkages were made between the number of African children that would die during our 8 minute performance due to malnutrition, military combat, malaria and AIDS and how both poor and wealthy nations face these challenges a contrast being drawn to the sad death of Peter Allen due to AIDS.

We travelled to the State Sports Centre, Homebush on Tuesday 8th August, where our students performed admirably and with a level of enthusiasm and commitment not previously seen in rehearsals. Unfortunately we were not successful in qualifying for the Sydney Grand Finals, but did extremely well and received very positive feedback from the judges for our performance. We received amazing support from the school and local community, through donations of transport, money, food, fabric and countless hours of time from teachers, parents, family and friends. We would especially like to thank **Westbus** our major sponsor and Bunnings and M.P. Karen Paluzzano for their

sponsorship. It has been a great learning experience and has given many students the opportunity to perform in front of an audience and work together as a team to produce a fantastic performance. Thank you to everyone involved and especially parents who attended our (sewing/props) working bee.

Awards won on the night include:

- Rock Eisteddfod Challenge:
Award of Excellence for **School Community Support**.
- Cancer Institute of NSW:
Award of Excellence for **Environmental or Social Awareness**
- Australian Government, Dept of Families, Community Services and Indigenous Affairs
Dept of Education, Science & Training:
Award of excellence for **Concept**
- Hot 30 countdown :
Award of Excellence for **Soundtrack**
- University of NSW :
Award of Excellence for **Performance Skill**



Backdrops



Rehearsals in the Hall



Rock Eisteddfod Heats
State Sports Centre- Homebush
1st August 2006



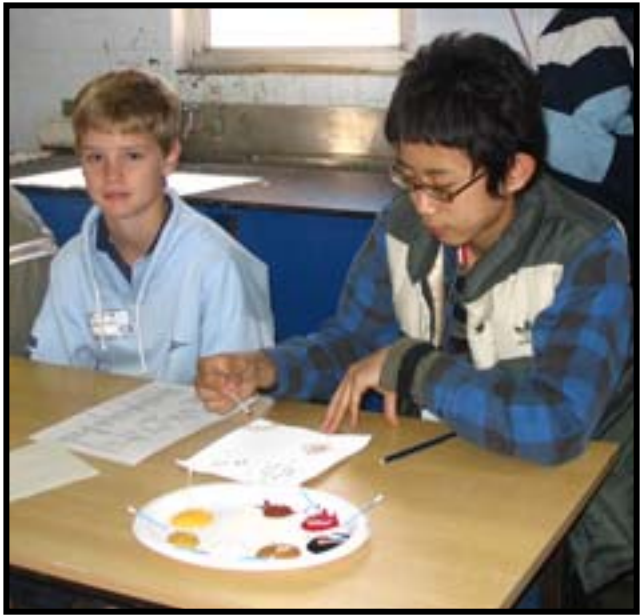
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On Thursday 26th June the school was delighted to welcome to Kingswood High 160 students and 4 teachers from Fukushima Kogyo High School, Japan. These cultural exchanges provide our students with a unique opportunity to interact with students from another country and culture. A buddy system operated with each of our students and a student from Japan sharing in number of activities throughout the day. Our thanks to Ms McCullen for organising a very successful day and to the many teachers who organised activities in their faculties for the various groups. Feeding 350 students with a BBQ lunch was quite an experience.





SPORT REPORT

Zone Athletics Carnival. Kingswood High School had another exceptionally good performance at the Werrington Zone Athletics carnival. We convincingly won the Champion School point score, as well as the Boys title. Our Girls again finished second behind Cranebrook. Our Age Champions were:

1 st	2 nd	3 rd
Jasmine Pizany (12)	Matthew Baso (13)	Alex Murrell (12)
Mathew Brennan (14)	Suzanne Sene Lefao (14)	Jessica Hurst (15)
Shayne Ardle (15)	Clint McGee (15)	Jesse Sene Lefao (17)
	Urshla Kere (16)	

Kingswood won only 3 of the 12 age team point scores contested, showing that we had good depth and high participation rates. All athletes contributed to our win. Many students commented on how their extra training, as part of the Targeted Sports Program, assisted them in achieving higher placings than previous years.

Regional Cross Country A large contingent of Kingswood High students travelled to International Regatta Centre in June to compete in the Sydney West Cross Country Championships.

we had 3 top 10 placings. Clint McGee was our best performed athlete on the day, finishing an impressive 4th in the 15 yrs race. Tyron Cooper also qualified for the NSWCHS Championships by finishing 5th in the 13 yrs event. Congratulations to both of these boys. Our other Top 10 finisher was Samantha Miller who came 9th in the 17 yrs group.

In the teams event, we had two impressive Top 3 placings. Our 13 years Boys team of Tyron Cooper, Hayden Palmer and Mitchell Miladinski finished 2nd behind The Hills Sports High School. An excellent achievement boys! Our 16 yrs Girls team of Rebecca Pride, Sarah Hosking, Ashlee Brennan and Amanda Roy should be extremely proud of their 3rd placing behind The Hills Sports High and Blaxland High.

NSWCHS Cross Country Two of our athletes competed with distinction at the NSWCHS Championships, which were held in conjunction with the NSW All Schools Carnival. Tyron Cooper came 39th in the State. Clint McGee had a brilliant run in difficult wet conditions and finished in an impressive 9th position. In addition, Clint was a member of the Sydney West age team which finished 2nd! Clint proudly accepted his Silver CHS Medal presented on assembly. Congratulations, Clint, on a brilliant achievement!

Regional Athletics With one of our largest ever teams to compete at a Sydney West carnival, Kingswood High had a successful two days at the Sydney West Athletics Championships. Our school finished in 9th position out of the 56 in the Region. This was a bit below expected and due to a number of students not competing and not notifying the school before the event. These students will be dealt with as per the school's Sports Code of Conduct. It is particularly upsetting that members of relay teams travel all the way to Homebush to race on the International track, only to be unable to compete due to a team member failing to arrive.

We did, however, have a couple of students who performed admirably. Karina Osborne in the Javelin, Jasmine Pizany in the Long Jump, Adam Toms in the 1500 m Walk, Moana Waddell in the Long Jump and Greg Waddell in the 100m, will be representing Sydney West at the NSWCHS Athletics Carnival in September. Congratulations to all and good luck! Clint McGee finished 3rd in the 3000m beating both Hills Sports High competitors. Our 17's Boys 4x100 m relay team finished a narrow 4th. Moana Waddell jumped into 3rd place in the Triple Jump and Justin Miller came 3rd in the Discus. Sam Miller completed the 3000 m Walk in 3rd place. Suzanne Sene Lefao achieved 4th place in the Shotput just over 30 cm from the winner.

It was an excellent learning experience for all competitors and most had a very enjoyable couple of days at the carnival.

Grade Sport. The Winter season is just past the halfway mark and Kingswood High continues to excel. With many of our top athletes choosing not to represent the school in Grade this season, many of our younger and up-and-coming athletes have filled the void admirably. After Round 6 (of 10), Kingswood High is coming 1st in 11 of the 17 Grades we have fielded. Three teams are placed second, and another 2 are in 3rd. Hopefully our teams can sustain their form and perform well in the upcoming finals. Our leading teams at present are:

- Boys Basketball Grades 1,2 & 4
- Boys and Girls Hockey
- Netball Grades 1,2 & 3
- Boys Soccer Grade 1
- Yr 9+10 Rugby League
- Lawn Bowls

Knockout Sports. The Boys KO Touch team had a strong win over Ulladulla High and have qualified for the State Top 10 playoffs at Coffs Harbour in late August. This was an excellent team effort from the boys and we wish them all the best in striving to become one of the best teams in the State. Well done to Mr Edwards with his coaching of this team.

Breaking News!!! Boys Open Rugby had a win 28 v 19 over Parkes High School and have now made the final 8 in the state. The convincing win was a team effort with Dale Chivas scoring 2 tries and Greg Waddell and Matt Gibson 1 try each. Well done boys! and congratulations to the coach Mr Murphy.

Representatives

It has been a busy time for Zone trials and Regional carnivals. A reminder that our Zone consists of 6 High schools and that there are 56 member secondary schools in the Sydney West Region.

Writer of the Term

The following students have won awards for their efforts as 'Writers of the Term' in term 2. They are:



First Place ~ Michael Morgan
 Second Place ~ Elise O'Kelly
 Third Place ~ Harley Costen

The prizes of shopping vouchers have been generously donated by the Parents and Citizens Association. Participation certificates were awarded to Taylah Crouch and Sumati Prasad.

SRC News

Vampire Shield - Blood Bank Appeal

Congratulations to all the students, staff and family members who donated blood in the last 12 months on behalf of Kingswood High. We made 144 donations from July 2005 to June 2006 and surpassed 500 donations since joining the vampire shield program.

It would be great if we could continue our excellent work donating blood and the SRC is in the process of organising another trip to the bloodbank for students 16 years and older. We will be donating on Friday 1st September. Please see Miss Cass or your SRC members if you would like to donate.

New donors will need to complete a confidential Red Cross questionnaire; parent consent form and all students will still require a permission note and will need to bring ID on the day.

Anyone giving blood needs to make sure they eat and drink plenty of fluids: water and / or juice (not coffee or soft drinks) in the morning before giving blood, otherwise they may not be able to donate blood.

Meanwhile please remember that parents and family members are encouraged to donate and inform the bloodbank staff that they would like their donation to be added to the Kingswood High Vampire Shield tally.

Once again, thank you to all those who we able to give blood and we look forward to even greater numbers in the 2006/07 Vampire Shield.





THE HON JACKIE KELLY MP
Federal Member for Lindsay

Monday, 31 July 2006

Mr P Erickson
Principal
Kingswood High School
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Dear Mr Erickson

I read in the Penrith Press (28 July 2006) that the Year 11 and Year 12 students from Kingswood High School came 3rd in the "Vampire Shield" conducted by the Australian Red Cross by making 136 donations of blood from 1 July 2005 – 30 June 2006.

Please convey my personal thanks to the participating students for being involved in such a worthwhile project.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Jackie Kelly', written in a cursive style.

JACKIE KELLY MP
Member for Lindsay

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