



EDITION 2 ~ MARCH 2007

**"You are Invited"**

to an

*INFORMATION EVENING*

for

*YEAR 7 2008 STUDENTS AND THEIR PARENTS*

on

**TUESDAY April 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2007**

at

*6.30 PM*

in the

*KINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL*

**LIBRARY**

## Introducing the Year 7 2008 Year Adviser- Mrs Nicole Martirena

Mrs Martirena has been a social science teacher for 14 years - 10 years at Macquarie Field High School and 4 years at Kingswood High School. She has decided to become the Year 7 adviser in 2008 to build a greater rapport with the students both inside and outside the classroom.

She is looking forward to creating a culture of mateship and support amongst the students, while encouraging all students to reach their potential. She sees the advantages of becoming a year adviser centring around getting to know the students at a more personal level-while attempting to create an environment where students feel safe and encouraged to do their best at all times.



Mrs Martirena is a passionate teacher, who has seen many of her students achieve Bank 6 results over her teaching career. She says that 'one of the most rewarding things about teaching is keeping in touch with ex-students after they have completed their HSC and learning about their successes.'

Mrs Martirena's greatest achievement in life is her three children. She always wanted to be a teacher and enjoys the challenge of motivating students to reach their potential. Her hobbies outside of school are physical culture and scrap booking.

Mrs Martirena has met a number of the students who will be coming to Kingswood High next year at the meetings at the primary schools and is looking forward to meeting the parents at the upcoming information evening.

# SPORT

## *Zone Swimming Carnival*

Kingswood High School had another exceptionally good performance at the Werrington Zone Swimming Carnival. It was a very close competition between KHS and Erskine Park until the relays came into action. Where Kingswood dominated most of the relays to go on a win the Champion School Point score. We came 2nd in the Boys Title and 1<sup>st</sup> in the Girls. Our impressive performance was predominately due to our high participation rate and incredible relay performances. Jack Brunt broke the 12 Yrs 100m Breaststroke record.

Our Age Champions were:

1 <sup>st</sup>	2nd	3 <sup>rd</sup>
Madeleine Priestly (12Yrs)	Jamie Schokman (17Yrs)	Justin Miller (14Yrs)
Jake Brunt (12 Yrs)	Kate Nugent (16Yrs)	Patric Lebreux (15Yrs)
Olivia Lebreux (13yrs)		Kaylee Lonsdale (15Yrs)
Hannah Pride (14yrs)		Jessica Hurst (16Yrs)

A total of 43 students qualified to compete at the Sydney West Carnival at Blacktown. Congratulations to all!

## *Knock-Out Sports*

All knockout sport results passed onto Ms Douglass are listed below. Congratulations to all teams for your efforts and excellent performances. A big thankyou to staff who take time to coach and manage these teams.

Boys Basketball ~ Rd 1 vs St Clair WON  
Rd 2 vs Kellyville LOST  
Girls Softball ~ Rd 2 vs Glenmore Park  
WON (22:0)  
Boys Volleyball ~ Rd 1 vs Nepean WON  
Boys Squash ~ Rd 1 vs Blacktown WON  
Girls Waterpolo ~ Won 2 and Lost 2 games.  
Boys Cricket ~ Rd 1 vs Rooty Hill WON



Congratulations to Ms Renny, Mr Edwards and the Year 9 and 10 Touch team who competed in the NSW All schools touch competition. The Girls Team came 2<sup>nd</sup> and the Boys Team won the competition and will now compete in Wollongong for the overall title. We wish them luck and bring home GOLD!

### ***Grade Sport***

The Grade Summer season is drawing towards the middle of the competition and Kingswood is performing well in most sports. At present, I have not received the current point score so I can not inform teams of what position they are currently in. However, we are hoping to have a very strong contingent in the Semi-Finals in May.



### ***Arrive Alive Soccer Program.***

Soccer NSW and Arrive Alive came out to our school on Wednesday the 7<sup>th</sup> of March and spoke to all Year 9-12 Girls. The program delivered road safety messages focussed on informing young drivers of the importance of taking responsibility as a driver and a passenger to ensure everyone arrives at their destination safely. The program was then followed by a soccer skills clinic, involving basic skills and fun games.





## Luddenham Show Award Winners

Liam Ameer- Beg

~ 1<sup>st</sup> High School Student, Any Drawing

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Drawing, Any Cartoon Character

Amanda Robar

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Oil Colour

Amanda Moore

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Photography, Open Colour

Tania Werarak

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Animal Study, Any medium

~ 1<sup>st</sup> Water Colour

Ryan Paxton

~ 3<sup>rd</sup> Animal Study, Any medium

Talicia Tamanitoakula

~ Highly Commended, Portrait

# Library News

## *Access*

The library is available for student use during recess and lunches, except Thursday lunch due to sport, and every second Friday recess. Senior students are expected to use the facilities for private study and research during their study periods. A record is kept of their attendance. Students are permitted to play chess, card and board games during recess and lunch times. **The library is also available *very* early each morning for assignment, study and research only.** Senior students especially are encouraged to use this time as needed. With the exams imminent, the library is an excellent quiet environment for students to prepare before school. If you wish to use the library before 7.45 am, please have a parent permission note or have a parent ring Mr Holburn.

## *Reading Competition*

Our Kingswood High School Reading Challenge has been well received by our students with nearly 100 participants. It is easy for students to enter and it starts each term. There is over \$150 in book vouchers to be won each term and someone from each year will get a prize. It doesn't matter how many books or magazines you read as all participants are entered into a draw for each item. Once entered, students will receive a laminated card. As each book or magazine is read students receive a sticker. Cards are collected at the end of each term and a new one issued for the following term. If you are reading books and magazines but have not entered the Challenge then you may be throwing away the chance to win new books! See the library staff ASAP!

## *Borrowing and Services*

A reminder that all students can borrow up to 3 fiction and 3 non-fiction titles at any one time. You don't need a borrowing card, just see the library staff. You should also be aware that the library offers printing, colour printing, laminating and photocopying services. Want your timetable or bus pass laminated? Got some photos or diagrams for assignments you'd like printed in colour?

## *Sydney West Regional Swimming Carnival*

Jake Brunt	- Age Champion 12 yrs
	- 1 <sup>st</sup> 100m Freestyle
	100m Butterfly
	100m Backstroke
	200m Freestyle
	- 2 <sup>nd</sup> 50m Freestyle
	100m Breaststroke
Kelly Holder	- 8 <sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle
Olivia Lebreux	- 8 <sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle
Kate Nugent	- 9 <sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke
Daniel Payne	- 10 <sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke
Hannah Pride	- 5 <sup>th</sup> 200m Freestyle
	- 10 <sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle
Madeline Priestly	- Age Champion Runner Up – 12 yrs
	- 3 <sup>rd</sup> 100m Backstroke
	200m Freestyle
	- 4 <sup>th</sup> 100m Butterfly
	- 5 <sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle
	- 6 <sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle
	- 7 <sup>th</sup> 100m Backstroke
Jamie Schokman	- 9 <sup>th</sup> 100m Freestyle
Karl Seckold	- 4 <sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle Multidisability
Rick Seymour	- 5 <sup>th</sup> 50m Freestyle Multidisability

**KINGSWOOD HIGH SCHOOL - 9<sup>TH</sup> OVERALL**

## *Boys Knockout Basketball*

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2002 the 1000 metre Speed Skating Finals were held at the Salt Lake City Winter Olympics. Four skaters fell during the race and the Australian Steven Bradbury took an unexpected Gold medal as he was the only competitor to finish the race. Steven Bradbury did not give up when he was behind the other competitors because he knew that the race was not over until the final result is known.

On the 16<sup>th</sup> February 2007 Kingswood High's Boys Knockout Basketball team played their first round match against St Clair High. Rhys Ameer-Beg put the first points on the scoreboard and he was the most dominant player throughout the game. Monish Naiker provided some valuable defence but his time on court was limited because of a heavily strapped knee. At half time the score was 9 - 7 in favour of St Clair.

Liam Ameer-Beg displayed both great skill and speed as he continually frustrated the much taller opposition. Ashour Slewo played strong, particularly in assisting other team members. Brad Ryan's defence was always solid.

At full time the score was 21-20 in favour of St Clair but Kingswood had two free throws because of a technical foul by St Clair. Joshua Alexander's first attempt was unsuccessful and St Clair breathed a sigh of relief. Under intense pressure Joshua's second free throw was perfect and the score was now 21 all. Joshua played an excellent game in both attack and defence.

The game now went into extra time. Five minutes would determine the result. Rhys scored but then St Clair scored. Rhys was fouled while attempting to score again. Two free throws were given and one was successful. The score was now 24-23 in Kingswood's favour and Rhys had scored 18 of



his team's points. The final result was 24-23.

Mrs J. Gore, Coach

## *Touch Football Gala Day*



The Years 9/10 All Schools Touch Regional Qualifier was played on Friday 9<sup>th</sup> March, 2007 at the Kingsway St Marys.

In wet and muddy conditions the girls played a total of 6 Games, winning 4 and losing 2, to finish a commendable second place. Their individual skill and team effort throughout the day was impressive, as was their sportspersonship. An enjoyable day was had by all.

The team consisted of Taiana Waddell (captain), Jaimi Herrick, Tara Pittman, Courtney Hodson, Kryshell Buddee, Phoebe Andutan, Diana Marsh, Suzanne Sene Lefao, Stefanie Trovato, Courtney Oglesby, Kaylee Lonsdale, Shantelle Rennie Vanessa Cotterell, and Jacqueline Hartley.

Congratulations to all the girls on a fine effort and result. Well Done.

Miss Renny.  
Coach.

## *Boys 9/10 Years Touch Football*

With the departure of so many players from the 16 man squad who played themselves into the top 10 in the state last year, it appeared that KHS would experience a short period without a trophy in the cabinet.

However, with the outstanding achievement of the "Young Guns" in winning the NSW Touch final on Friday 11 March 2007 the trophy cabinet needs to be expanded.

The year 9/10 boys swept away all comers to end up winning the final against Cranebrook 3 - 0.

The team was undefeated in all games and only conceded 1 try during the entire tournament. - Who said defence does not win games.

The team now progresses to the Regional Championships in Wollongong starting on the 18 May 2007 where they will return as winners and move on to the State Championships (big call by the coach).

This side includes some outstanding individual athletes who have put their individuality to one side to become part of a championship team.

KHS needs to know they are being represented by such fine students and the team needs to be congratulated on their first of many tournament wins.

Coach, Allan Edwards



# **GOLD in Sight**

**Nicolle Mumby Yr 8**

Article from Western Weekender Feb 23<sup>rd</sup> 2007



Nicolle Mumby, 13 will go to the Karate World Championships in the UK in June on a mission – to bring home two gold medals. Nicolie's mother said karate has become a major passion for her daughter, who wants to follow the sport as a career path in the future. The World Cup later in the year will give Nicolie the opportunity to showcase her skills to an international audience and confirm her dominance of her age group. Nicolie absolutely loves karate and it has become a huge passion and commitment to her. If she wins gold, and she intends to, she'll be number one in the world which is a fantastic achievement.

# SRC

Miss Fry and existing members of the SRC would like to take this opportunity to welcome its new members for 2007 school year. These people were elected by their peers to represent their particular year group. Congratulations to these people:

## YR7

Hayley Chandler  
Gurjeet Kaur  
Thalia Robertson  
Joshua Allen

## YR11

Jamie Schokman  
Alana Longford (Secretary)  
Melinda Palfrey (President)

## YR8

Brian Crawford  
Caitlin Dunn  
Nyasha Takayidza

## YR12

Chloe Link  
Judith Mavo  
Ashour Slewo  
Shaun Peters  
Rachael Garside (Vice Captain)  
Amanda Roy (Correspondence)  
Talica Tamanitoakula (School Captain)  
Christopher Harriott (Vice President)  
Bryant Hevesi (School Captain)  
Monish Naiker (Vice Captain)

## YR9

Shannen Blackie  
Joshua Davis

## YR10

Jessica Burton  
Rebecca Asquith  
Kaylee Lonsdale (Treasurer)

The SRC has organised a Mufti day for Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> March. Students are asked to wear mufti (No thongs are to be worn) and bring in a gold coin donation. Money raised will go to Westmead Children's Hospital.

Each week the SRC will check the suggestion box located in the library. If you have any suggestions for the school please place your ideas in here for discussion.

The SRC is currently organising a trip to the Blood Bank for early term 2. If you are interested in donating blood please sign on with Miss Fry in PE.

Thank you Miss Fry and the SRC