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3rd in the state: Hollee Simons, Georgina Adams, Jodie Simson



7th in the state: Adrian Hotham, Harrison Jones, Liam Martin

Great Results 2010 Triathlon

The 2010 NSW All Schools Triathlon Championships was held on Friday 26th February at the International Regatta Centre on Penrith Lakes. The competition was for teams from schools across New South Wales and there were over 300 schools represented.

The competition was divided into three sections:

Junior: 400m swim, 10 km cycle, 3km run

Intermediate: 600m swim, 15 km cycle, 4 km run

Senior: 750m swim, 20 km cycle, 5 km run

On the day the swimming was unable to be held and so the swimmers did a 1500m run instead.

Our amazing junior team with Jodie Simson, Georgina Adams and Hollee Simons were 3rd fastest government school in NSW. This was a terrific result.

The intermediates with Harrison Jones, Liam Martin and Adrian Hotham were the 7th fastest in the NSW government schools.

Kelso's seniors, Curtis McAlister, Tim Porter and Brayden North found the competition tough but performed well.

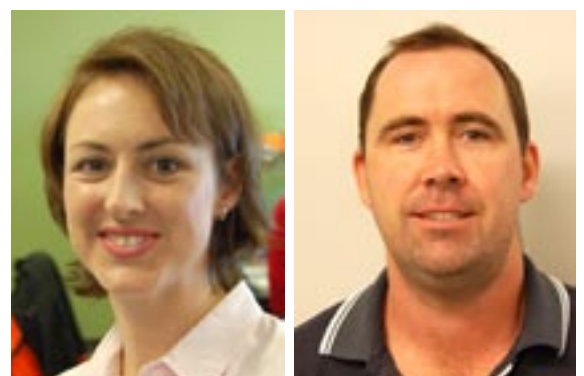
Well done to everybody for doing so well.



Presentation of medals ceremony at Penrith Lakes



Senior team: Brayden North, Tim Porter, Curtis McAlister



Welcome to new teachers Erica Kerridge in HSIE and Tim McNee in Science.

Important Dates

8th March	Year 7 Camp begins (3 days)
11th March	Parent Teacher Afternoon Yrs 7, 11, 12
19th March	Yr 7 Immunisation
22nd March	Year 12 Mid-course exams begin
25th March	Parent Teacher Afternoon Yrs 8, 9, 10
29th March	Japanese school visit (2 days)
1st April	Last day of Term 1
19th April	School Development Day
20th April	First day of Term 2



Mr Greg Hurford

Principal's Message

Parent / Teacher Afternoons

A Parent / Teacher Afternoon will be held on Thursday 11th March for parents of students in Years 7, 11 and 12 from 4.00pm until 6.00pm. These will be held in the rooms in C block. Students have been given information and booking sheets. This will be an opportunity for parents to discuss their child's progress with their child's teachers and parents are encouraged to take advantage of this opportunity.

A Parent / Teacher Afternoon will also be held on Thursday 25th March for parents of students in Years 8, 9 and 10. Again this will be an opportunity to discuss the progress of the children with their teachers. Students have also been provided with information and a booking sheet.

Timetable changes

A new timetable will commence on Monday 8th March. Due to an increase in enrolments in Year 10 an additional class has been formed in Year 10 in the core areas of English, Mathematics, Science, History and Geography and PD/Health/PE. This will mean that some students in Year 10 will have class changes.

As well, there are a number of other timetable changes which will occur and will affect students in most of the year groups. Not all students will be affected by these changes.

Student Accident Insurance

We have received information about an insurance policy for school students which is available for parents. Further information is available on the flyer which is available from the Front Office. Please note that students are not insured by the Department of Education for accidents while at school.

Greg Hurford
Relieving Principal



Year 10 students using laptops

Canteen Rules

With the larger student enrolment this year there is some extra congestion at the canteen. The following arrangements have been made to try to ensure that all students are able to be served.

* Year 7 will be allowed five minutes early release from class before recess and before lunch.

* All other years including seniors are not allowed to go early to the canteen.

* When other students arrive at the canteen they are to join the end of the line.

* Students who are not waiting to be served should leave the area, and students are not to buy for others.

* If a student does push in, the teacher on duty will send the student to the back of the line.

* Any student who does not cooperate will be refused service.

* Students should also remember that ordering lunch before school is an easy way to avoid long queues.

G.Bright

Relieving Deputy Principal



Year 11 Maths

Design the Logo Competition

A competition is being held to design the logo for the Positive Behaviour Learning team. The winning logo will be used on all letterheads and posters that are being designed to be placed in and around the school.

What do you have to do?

* Relate the logo to something that represents Kelso High or Kelso in general.

* You have to include the following expectations in the logo and they must be clear and easy to read. Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be on Task – these are our school mottos.

* You can design your logo on computer or free hand. Keep in mind the winning entry will need to be printed multiple times on a wide range of materials and will need to be clear and professionally finished.

* The more detail, the more difficult it will be to print. Simple is good.

* Submit either on disk, USB flash drive or on A4 paper.

Due Friday 5th March.
Prizes will be awarded.



Kelso High Mock Trial team: Ethan Martin, Aiden Sericchi, Jarrod Grabham, Donna Jo Mair, Matthew Carter and Nicholas Leek

Mock Trial : the practice round

Lithgow High travelled to Kelso High to participate in the practice round of the Mock Trial competition. The competition is run by the Law Society and gives high school students an opportunity to run a simulated court case. The trial was held in the Senior Study before magistrate, Simone Murdoch.

Kelso High was the prosecution attempting to prove a charge of assault by a step-mother against her young daughter. The defence (Lithgow High) argued "lawful correction" as she had only smacked the child because she was naughty.

Our two witnesses, Nick Leek and Ethan Martin learnt their statements and were effectively able to give evidence. Donna Jo Mair and Jarrod Grabham, our barristers, prepared convincing opening addresses, questioned our witnesses, objected to evidence lead by Lithgow, cross-examined their witnesses and gave closing addresses. Matthew Carter, our solicitor, prepared pre-trial and trial notes and ably assisted the barristers. Aiden Sericchi kept order in the court and got the witnesses to hold up their right hand to be sworn in.

The step-mother was acquitted and Lithgow High won in a close encounter. It was all a good learning experience. The team would like to thank Simone Murdoch for volunteering her time, Mrs Poole for organising the event and our two Year 12 coaches, Alex Williams and Jess Horwell.

The next round will be held before the 26th March.



School photos were taken on the 2nd March

Careers

Defence Technical Scholarship (DTS)

DTS is a fantastic opportunity for 2011 Year 11 and 12 students, intending to pursue an ADF general entry technical trade career after completing Year 12. The DTS rewards technically-savvy students for staying on at school and enrolling in specific subjects.

Year 11 recipients will receive \$2000, paid over two semesters and successful Year 12 students will receive \$3000, paid over two semesters. Although there is no obligation to join the Navy, Army or Air Force after finishing school, applicants will be required to explain why they wish to apply and they will be required to express interest in an ADF technical trade career as part of the selection process.

The ADF has advised that applications will open in November, 2010. See defencejobs.gov.au/DTS for more information.

Police Award

Congratulations to Laura Allen (Year 12) who has been selected to participate in the Australian Federal Police Career Induction Program to be held in Canberra in late March. Well done, Laura

CSU My Day

On February 26 three Year 12 students participated in the CSU MyDay event held at the CSU Orange campus. The students involved were Lisa Griffith, Natalie Cox, Hayley Sloane. The theme of the day was the range of dental and health courses offered at CSU Orange.



Hayley Sloane, Lisa Griffith, Natalie Cox

Action on the Environment

A new year has started with a number of environmental initiatives under way.

Shade Houses

During the school holidays we have been able to install a watering system in the two shade houses. This will allow students to work with plants from seed through to the planting in the ground. One shade house was donated through the work of Macquarie River Care for native tree propagation. Mr Leven has involved his junior classes in propagating native seeds. These plants are now growing well. In the near future hopefully our plants will be fully developed trees in the Bathurst region.

Memorial Garden

The Memorial Garden has now been developed near to the Administration Building. The school is presently having new plaques made in memory of the students who have died. The plaques will be placed on bush rock in the Memorial Garden.

Greening Bathurst Treesnaps.

Greening Bathurst is conducting their annual Treesnaps competition for 2010. Last year the competition was open to school students from Kinder to Year 12. This year a new category for adults has been formed. Everyone is asked to take a photo of the natural environment including trees with a brief outline why they chose that tree. For more information see the attached flyer. Kelso High is a corporate member of Greening Bathurst.

Waterwatch

The Waterwatch students have been actively involved in water testing around the region. On the 24th February they took part in a Cleanup Australia activity by helping clean the creek area at the back of the St Pats Club. The students were able to fill a trailer with rubbish from the creeks. Conservation Volunteers, who worked with us, removed two truckloads of rubbish that had been illegally dumped in the area. Thank you to the students who helped carry out this activity.

Phillip Warner



iLearn using microscopes in Science

iLearn

The iLearn Primary Partnership Program 2010 began on Wednesday 24th February.

Year 6 students participated in Science and Drama lessons taught by Kelso High teachers. In the Science lesson Year 6 learnt about microscopes. The Drama activities included "getting to know you" games and Drama warm-up activities.

Year 6 enjoyed the visit. Students were able to meet students from other primary schools and were ably assisted by Year 10 students from Kelso High.

The program will continue in Weeks 6 and 7 and later in Terms 2, 3 and 4.



Year 7 Agriculture

Down on the farm

We have three Merino ewes, "Sweater", "Chops" and "Casserole" down on our farm who are very firey and don't like being pushed around. Then we have "Opal" a black faced Dorpa lamb. The students have been engaged in learning about sheep with these priceless additions.

Cheap chooks are here again. If you are keen to have quality egg laying chickens that have been hand reared please contact Mr Leven.

We are leaving the warm weather and have made some money from our crops. We have successfully harvested tomatoes, carrots, butternut pumpkins, rock melons and sweet corn. Now it is time to prepare for the cabbage and Brussel sprouts season.



The corn crop



Audience participation

Start Smart Financial Seminar

On the 16th February, Year 10 students participated in a seminar run by the Commonwealth Bank and presented by Sasha Jovanovic.

The students learnt about a number of important concepts concerning their financial futures. The seminar covered types of employment – full-time, part-time, casual, award rates of pay, using bank accounts to your advantage, budgeting, individual spending profiles, managing your mobile phone and buying your first car (and the hidden costs involved).

Year 10 participated enthusiastically in the seminar and responded well to the entertaining speaker.



Sasha Jovanovic talking about money

Write Now

The Sydney Writers' Festival

The Sydney Writers' Festival Competition for Years 7 to 9 in New South Wales is run in conjunction with the Sydney Morning Herald and attracts a large number of young writers – 4,500 last year.

This year Australian authors Anthony Eaton, John Danolis and Melina Marchetta have created three original short story starters to stimulate would be writers.

Our students are trying their hand at writing using the short story starters provided by these best selling authors. The story must be no more than 1000 words in total, including the story starter.

Entries must be the original writing of the student written in 2010. They must be typed, double-spaced on A4 paper.

Entries are due to Mrs Baldock by 29th March.

Valentine's Day 2010





Baptiste Guingune

Baptiste Guingune : the interview

By Jessica Horwell

Are you enjoying life in Australia?

Yes, a lot.

Is it better than life in France?

No, it's different but I like France the same.

How long have you been in Australia?

About six or seven months.

When are you going back to France?

In three months time.

Do you like being referred to as “the French kid” by your Australian friends?

(laughs) Yeah!

How does Kelso High compare with your school in France?

It's smaller and cooler – like Kelso is less strict.

Do you like Australian food?

Yeah, I quite enjoy it.

Is it better than French food?

(quick answer) No!

What kind of French food do you eat?

Frogs legs, they taste like chicken. I don't eat snails. I like croissants and baguettes.

What kind of shows do you watch on Australian TV?

The same shows I watch in France – Scrubs, Family Guy...

Do you watch the French news in Australia?

Yes, when I saw it I was like yay!

What do you miss most about France?

My friends.

What is your favourite thing about Australia?

The weather is a lot hotter here. It once got down to -20 degrees at Christmas in France. Also people are very cool and friendly.

Are you going to be sad to leave Australia?

Yeah, but I'm going to be happy to get back to France as well.

Japanorama

Languages are an ever evolving life form, and it is fascinating to think about from which languages words originate. There are many words in common use in English with their roots in Japanese. How many of these do you know?

- 1 A quick and secretive warrior with a black hood.
- 2 A level or rank in martial arts.
- 3 A form of wrestling with large and strong competitors.
- 4 Spicy and hot green paste.
- 5 A Japanese breed of dog.
- 6 Bean curd.
- 7 A short poem with 5, 7, 5 syllables (beats).
- 8 A martial arts hall.
- 9 Singing along to a backing recording for fun.
- 10 The art of creating miniature trees.
- 11 The Japanese word for teacher or master.
- 12 Japanese for 'hello'.
- 13 A branch of Buddhism with meditation.
- 14 Japanese comics.
- 15 An Asian pear.
- 16 Vinegar flavoured rice rolls.
- 17 A Japanese warrior.
- 18 A weapon-less martial art with striking.
- 19 A martial art based on throwing others.
- 20 Japanese for 'goodbye'.
- 21 Artistic paper folding.
- 22 Robe-like traditional Japanese clothing.
- 23 Japanese animation.
- 24 A number puzzle in a grid.
- 25 A mattress on the floor used as a bed.
- 26 Traditional Japanese female artistic entertainers.

(see over page for answers)



School Captain Alex Williams represented Kelso High at the Lions Youth of the Year competition

Valentine's Day

On Friday 12th February the SRC held their annual Valentine's Day fundraiser selling gerberas. It was very successful thanks to everybody who bought flowers. We raised a little under \$200 which will go to improving the school environment.

If you have any complaints or have any suggestions for us, could you please fill out a proposal form from in between the two staffrooms or tell Ms Frawley or a friendly SRC member.

Amelia Meurant and Heidi Annand



Serving ice cream

Cirkus Fundraiser

Cirkus Surreal is planning to go to New York and Canada at the end of the year as part of an international circus tour. It is sure to be an amazing experience but it is quite expensive. Cirkus Surreal is organising a series of fundraisers to give financial support to those who need it.

On Tuesday 23rd February we sold ice creams for \$1 at lunchtime. It was very successful thanks to the weather and the support of Kelso High students. We raised over \$100. A big thankyou goes to the P&C who supplied the ice cream and to our ice cream sellers.



Waiting to give blood

Fashion Beauty Pageant to be held in Bathurst

Bathurst will host the Australian Fashion Beauty Pageant on March 20, 2010. Families and students have been invited to attend the evening or to enter the pageant. There will be a fashion parade from participating local stores, the Model of the Year titles and other entertainment. Admittance is \$30 per person which includes 2 free drinks, finger food and other entertainment. Tickets and entry forms are available from Pirouette Boutique at 139 George Street Bathurst. Further information is available by contacting Pirouette Boutique on 63310003.



Emily giving blood

My Blood Giving Experience

Okay, so I managed to build up the courage to put my name down to give blood, and the time has finally come. I slowly make my way down to the blood bank bus in the school car park. "Calm down Emily," I thought, "it can't be that bad ... can it?" And besides if I was dying and needed blood I would want to know that there is some readily available. So as I walk up the hospital smelling stairs and sit down on the sticky leather seat. I take in my surroundings. The bag of blood swaying from side to side on a scale like apparatus, the other people lined up on the seat talking about whether it will hurt, girls discussing "how gross the blood looks", the boys deciding how much blood would come out if you yanked the needle out half way through. I try to relax as the nurse hands me some forms to fill out as I am a first time donor. She asks me if I want anything to drink and I wonder how long it is going to take to fill out the forms if I need a bottle of water to make it through. As I read through the forms I discover that I need to divulge my whole medical history, although realistically it only took minutes.

After a quick interview I nervously regain my seat and wait to be summoned.

My name is called and I walk over to the comfy looking reclining chair and hearing the bell ring delight in the fact that I have just missed a whole Physics lesson. As the overly excited lady squishes my arm to find a good vein she comes to the conclusion that I have none in my right arm. So she moves to the left after a good five minutes of poking and squashing. She says, "Okay, this is going to sting a little." Before I know it the needle is in and the blood is trickling out nicely. It's all over in about 10 minutes and the lady walks over and says well done and asks me if I'm feeling okay. I say thank you and yes I feel fine. She then promptly directs me to where I can receive a small snack pack and says I must eat it right away. So as I'm chewing on my Mars Bar I think to myself that was definitely worth the time. Really I didn't understand what the fuss was about it hurting so much.

So next time you see the blood bank bus around town, build up some courage and make your way over to the hospital smelling stairs and the sticky sterile smelling seat and give blood for a good cause.

Emily Sawaya

Japanorama Answers

Ninja, dan, sumo, wasabi, akita, tofu, haiku, dojo, karaoke, bonsai, sensei, konnichiwa, zen, manga, nashi, sushi, samurai, karate, judo, sayounara, origami, kimono, anime, sudoku, futon, geisha.

Is it wrong to spit on the sidewalk?

Is it wrong to spit on the sidewalk? In Australia it is frowned upon but in many cultures it is accepted.

Is it wrong to take up arms to defend your property? In Australia it is against the law but in USA it's a constitutional right.

Who gets to decide what is right? What if we consider more important examples, like murder, child abuse and stealing. How do we know that these are wrong?

If there is no God, if we exist by chance, then what is the difference between killing an animal for food or a human for food? What makes a human more important than an animal? Both were created by chance. Why does one have more value than the other?

The Bible can answer all these questions. It says that God has created all things and so has the authority to determine what is right and wrong.

GodsZone meets on Tuesday lunchtime in C5



Year 7 Art

Stroevey's Challenge: Number 157

There be a Sea Monster Here!

When swashbuckling adventurer Captain Swishbuckle had successfully navigated his way around the seven seas from east to west, he saw a terrifying sea monster. Can you figure out what type of sea monster it was?

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Solutions showing necessary working and your roll call group should be given to Stroevey. Prizes always on offer.

Stroevey's Challenge: Number 156

The Last Word

Rifle. When read out loud the top line sounds like "transistor radio" and the bottom line sounds like "Winchester rifle".

The winners were Heidi and Minna Annand

Facts and Figures about the number 39

There are 39 books in the Old Testament of the Bible.

For mathematicians, 39 does not have much to offer in interesting properties. It appears to be the first "uninteresting" number, which of course makes it an especially interesting number, as it is the first number that is both interesting and uninteresting.

School Blazers and Ties

Kelso High has a limited number of school blazers and ties that can be borrowed by students when they represent the school. This service is offered free of charge.

Have you borrowed a school blazer or tie and forgotten to return it.

Please return the blazers and ties to Liz Williams in the staffroom.

House Captains



Mitchell House: Evan Stroeve, Sam Simson, Rebecca Smith, Korine Williams



Macquarie House: Chris Ashcroft, Aaron Betts, Teigan Cox, Melissa Downey

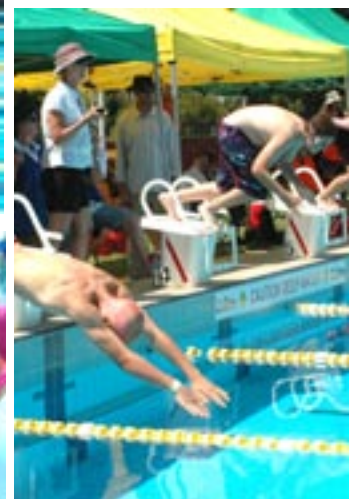


Evans House: Hadyn Fulthorpe, Jessica Cornwall, Hollie Johnson, Shaun Fletcher



Stewart House: Corey O'Connor, Jessica Nugent, Shani Payne, Andrew Lord

Kelso High Swimming Carnival





The Kelso High Open Boys' Cricket team

Open Boys' Cricket

On the 22nd February Kelso High Campus played Bathurst High Campus in the CHS Knockout Open Boys' Cricket Competition at Morse Park.

Kelso bowled first and Bathurst were all out for 180 runs. Kelso had fielded well with Derryn Clayton taking a great caught and bowled and Tyler Dean showing great skill when he came on as a substitute fielder.

The batting proved a more difficult task for Kelso. Harry Bowden looked impressive but was given LBW. After that Kelso's batting collapsed ending the competition for Kelso.

Special mention should be made of Harley Rosser (Yr7) and Samuel Kennedy (Yr8) who showed great courage and skill while playing against much older boys. The team would like to thank the umpires, Mr Pillai and Mrs Dean for waking Tyler up in time to get to the match.

Kelso's team were: Derryn Clayton, Jacob Soetens, Evan Stroeve, Nathan Osborne, Blake James, Harry Bowden, Andy Adams, Lewis Allen, Kenneth Turner, Tyler Dean, Samuel Kennedy and Harley Rosser.

Huge World Vision CD Sales Friday 5th March 2, 2010

In Mr Stroeve's Room – G7
(enter at the Science end of G block)

Albums \$5

Singles \$2

Leave your bags somewhere else.



*Mrs Wharton and Maddy Jenner explain
"Clean Up Australia" to Year 11.*



School photos

Congratulations Volleyballers Western Region Volleyball Tryouts

Kelso High Volleyball players attended the Western Region Tryouts held on the 17th February. All the volleyball students attended and three students were selected for the Western Region Open side: Tyler Dean (Yr10), Derryn Clayton (Yr10) and Caleb Moore (Yr9)

They are to be congratulated on being selected for the team while still relatively young players. They will travel to the south coast for the state carnival in Week 9. I would like to wish them well.

Jerry Sheader