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- All advertisements must be connected to the school or community activity. No private advertisements will be accepted.

Email copy to:
bdickinson@masada.nsw.edu.au

Uniform Shop hours
(Term only):
Tuesday and Thursday
3.00pm to 4.15pm
Telephone: 9988 4001

Past Students: Please consider donating your child's blazer to the uniform shop if you have no further use for it. Thank you

Date | Event
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Fri 16 Mar | Yr 8 Shabbaton
| Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams continue until Friday 23 March
Sun 18 Mar | P&F Family Portrait Fundraiser 9.00am - 1.00pm
Wed 21 Mar | Yr 9 Respect, Understanding and Acceptance (RUA)
| Yr 9 /10 Parent Teacher Evening
Thu 22 Mar | Yr 3-6 Cross Country
Fri 23 Mar | Yr 12 Half Yearly Exams conclude
| CIS Swimming
Sun 25 Mar | P&F Family Portrait Fundraiser 9.00am - 1.00pm
Mon 26 Mar | K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
Tue 27 Mar | K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
| Open Day for Yr 6 students (Yr 7 2013) 8.30am to 3.15pm
| Senior School Expo 7.30pm St Ives Campus (all prospective and current families are welcome)
Wed 28 Mar | K-6 Parent Teacher Interviews
| Year 10 /11 Israel Experience Information Evening
Thu 29 Mar | AICES Swimming
| Yr 12 Creative Arts Camp
Fri 30 Mar | K-6 Open Classrooms; Yr 12 Creative Arts Camp

Visit our new College website on www.masada.nsw.edu.au
FAMILY PORTRAIT FUNDRAISER

You and your family are invited to update your family photos.

The professional photographers from Sandpit Photos will photograph your family in a fun and relaxed portrait session. All images are posed outdoors within the beautiful grounds of Wahronga Park (Coonanbarra Rd and Stuart St). Bring your family, aunts, uncles, dogs ... anyone you want in your photos!

For a $20 sitting fee, you will receive a 15 minute photography session and a free 10”x13” professionally printed photograph of your family portrait.
(all proceeds will go to raise money for our school)

WHEN: Sunday 18th of March and Sunday 25th March from 9.00am to 1.00
(hours can be extended if necessary)

If you have a friend who would also like to take advantage of this offer please let them know.

For a booking time please contact Tara Russell at tararussell97@yahoo.com

Please find the Entry Form for the Yom Ha’atzmaut competition at the end of the Shofar.
After School Care at Masada in 2012

Dear Parents,

We are delighted to be working in partnership with Masada College Lindfield to provide families with a warm and welcoming After School Care Service.

We are the nation’s leading provider of quality OSHC Services and have been positively impacting the lives of thousands of children every week for over twenty five years.

How We Make Kids Smile
Firstly, we ensure a safe and caring environment for children to play, form friendships and create positive memories. Then we add a host of varied and fun activities that bring out smiles. Homework and quiet time is also encouraged and supported to ensure children are ready to return home at the end of a busy day.

Afternoon tea follows the Smart Choices food strategy and includes a serving of fresh fruit and vegetables, a selection of sandwiches and dry biscuits or rice crackers with various toppings. Children may also engage in fun cooking activities as an accompaniment to afternoon tea.

All our Services meet National Quality Assurance guidelines and Licensing Regulations. Our qualified staff are trained by our Registered Training Organisation, supported with regular professional development and care about your child’s needs, interests and well being.

Reducing the cost of child care
The Federal Government provides funding to help parents with the cost of child care, through programs such as Child Care Benefit and the Child Care Rebate. Through this assistance, your fees can be reduced by 50% or more. The Child Care Rebate is not means tested and almost all families are eligible.

Enrolling in the Service
Before using our programs you must register online for an account. This enables you to make bookings, view your statements and manage your details anytime of the day. Registering is quick and easy. Visit our website www.campaustralia.com.au to begin.

Your enrolment will be confirmed via email and you will receive a link to our Parent Handbook. Accurate completion of the online enrolment form ensures we have important medical and developmental needs information and emergency contact details.

Service Contact Details:  As at 1st February 2012

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*Apply the relevant Child Care Benefit and Child Care Rebate – and fees could be as low as $6.18 per session!

We are excited to be part of your school community and look forward to providing a fun and quality experience for all.

If you have any further queries, please contact our friendly Customer Service Team on 1300 105 343 Monday to Friday between 8am and 6pm.

Yours sincerely,

Damian Burkitt
Customer Service Manager
School Holiday Workshops at Masada

School Holiday Workshops
3D Computer Animation & Games Design
Fashion Design & Photography
Architecture & Design
Future Maths, Inventions & Games Design
Writing & Illustration
all at Masada College this April!

Bubble Dome is running five exciting school holiday workshops at Masada College this April! For information about courses available at different venues, please see www.bubledome.com.

3D Computer Animation & Games Design
Dates: Tue 10th – Thu 12th April OR Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 6-13 Years of age (graded activities).
Advanced Option: If you have been before and would like our advanced option please let our office know.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 3.30pm ($279) or 5.30pm ($299).
Use amazing software to learn the techniques behind rigging, key frames, character manipulation and more! Learn how to design and produce your own computer games. Be challenged to invent your own game rules and strategies! All new content for returning students.

Future Maths, Inventions & Games Design
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-14 Years of age (graded activities).
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($299).
Develop your skills as a problem-solver, designer and inventor. Take part in unique maths challenges that require you to think outside the square and solve fascinating investigative challenges!
The games design workshops involve students designing their own games with rules, unique levels and winning strategies! This course is new to Bubble Dome and not to be missed!

NEW! Fashion Design & Photography
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 10+ yrs and have attended a Bubble Dome computer course previously OR 10-18yrs. Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($329).
Learn the process of fashion design and wearable arts as you develop your skills in conceptualising new concepts with mood boards, fashion drawings and the use of unique materials. Discover what it takes to be a photographic director as you learn how to take portraits, actions shots, close-ups and still life.

Architecture & Design
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-15 years of age.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 5.30pm only ($299).
Discover what it takes to create award winning architecture and learn how building designs have changed over time. Learn to make interesting spaces and discover your sense of form, space and colour. Bring to life your designs using exciting 3D software. Learn about the most vivacious cities in the world and then invent and design your own.

NEW! Writing & Illustration
Dates: Tue 17th – Thu 19th April. Ages: 8-15 years of age.
Classes begin at 9am, with a finish time of 3.30pm ($279) or 5.30pm ($299).
Use amazing creative tools as you write your own texts complete with original illustrations in a variety of styles. Using incredible software and real drawing techniques, you can create your own professional looking illustrations.

Registration Options
Online Booking: www.bubledome.com or info@bubledome.com.
Phone Booking: 1800-11-55-62
Office Hrs: 7am – 5pm.
In this week’s parasha we read of the great building project of the Jewish people in the desert – the construction of the Mishkan or sanctuary. The Torah dedicates many columns to the construction of the sanctuary. First the instruction is given to Moses and then the construction is described in graphic detail. However there is a problem. When Moses teaches about the need to build the sanctuary he starts from the holiest article and works outward ending with the curtains that would be the walls. When Betzalel, the architect, constructs the Mishkan he starts with the outer curtains and concludes with the ark.

The argument between Betzalel and Moses reflects two ways to build a community. Moses focused on the vision and goal – a place where the presence of God could be experienced. Betzalel focused on the practicality of what is required to build the structure. The need for the outer structure to house the vessels.

Who was right? The truth is both are needed the visionary and the builder. For without the vision there can be no building and without a builder the vision remains a dream.

At the College we aim to engage our students both at the level of the practical so that they have the skills but also the chance to dream and have a vision of where they wish to be. With the vision and the goal, the practical skills of getting there are part of the course. To build the sanctuary required both a Moses and a Betzalel. To build a student we need both as well.

Shabbat Shalom

Rabbi Lewin

Dear Families,

Ulpan-Or Insights on the current weekly Torah portion.

Find previous Weekly Torah Insights at http://www.ulpanor.com/category/weekly-torah-portion/

Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Bailey Myers of Year 7. Bailey celebrated his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Ki Tassa. He participated in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Tuesday 6 March 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Bailey and the Myers family at this special time.

Bat Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Ashleigh Bortz. Ashleigh will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Vayakhel Pekude. She participated in a Pre-Batmitzvah celebration on Tuesday 6 March surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Ashleigh and the Bortz family at this special time.

Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Tamir Vigder of Year 7. Tamir will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Vayakhel Pekude. He participated in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Tuesday 13 March 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Tamir and the Vigder family at this special time.

Bat Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Talia Greek. Talia will celebrate her Bat Mitzvah on Shabbat Vayakhel Pekude. She participated in a Pre-Batmitzvah celebration on Wednesday 14 March surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Talia and the Greek family at this special time.

Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Zachary McCarroll of Year 8. Zachary will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Vayikrah Hahodesh. He will participate in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Tuesday 20 March 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Zachary and the McCarroll/Wagner family at this special time.

Bar Mitzvah
Mazaltov to Russel Gordon of Year 7. Russel will celebrate his Bar Mitzvah on Shabbat Tzav Haggadol. He will participate in a Pre-Bar Mitzvah celebration on Tuesday 27 March 2012 surrounded by family and school friends. We take this opportunity to extend our best wishes to Russel and the Gordon family at this special time.
Less haste more speed. Our life in the twenty first century seems to be one big rush of getting from one place to the next, work to home, appointment to appointment, school to after school activities, etc. Too often as we speed from one task to the next, we lose our focus on the task at hand, as we sometimes are juggling many balls in the air, or a mobile phone and a steering wheel, and something can or will go wrong.

The dropping off and picking up of students from both campuses is a prime example of where so often haste has led to some very close calls for both our drivers and most importantly our students. Just this week in the slip way in Link Rd, the pressure of morning time led to a parent almost hitting their own child after dropping them off. Parents need to take the time to park, drop off their child and if age appropriate walk them to the school gate or meeting point for bus children and then leave.

A reminder for Junior School parents that in the afternoon pick up students are only allowed to go their parents’ cars when they are in Zones.

Students in the Senior School have also been spoken to about the danger of crossing Link Rd, via the median strip, rather than spending the time to walk to the pedestrian lights on the corner of Mona Vale Rd. Many parents drop or collect their children from New Haven Place, thus encouraging them to take this dangerous short cut.

We have been very fortunate to date that there have not been any accidents but it is inevitable that good luck will run out and none of us want this to be the case.

Staff on bus duty in the Senior School will be supervising students leaving the school and directing them walk to the Mona Vale corner.

Another difficulty in our busy lives is finding the time for communication. It is therefore timely to remind parents of the necessity to inform us if your child is absent or late for school. Notification in the morning is greatly appreciated (or prior to the day if you are aware that your child will not be in attendance). However, legislation re Student Attendance which requires that there is also written follow up with an explanation of the absence. Class rolls are legal documents and it is paramount that they accurately reflect your child’s attendance at school. We appreciate you taking the time to follow up in this manner.

We did, however, find lots of time last week to enjoy Purim, both during the day and in the evening with our Prefects’ Purim Ball. It is so wonderful to see all our students (and staff) enter into the spirit of the day, coming in some extremely creative costumes. The prefects, houses and staff all put on very amusing and clever Purim plays and our parent volunteer cooks provided us with delicious hamen tashen.

Shabbat Shalom

Wendy Barel
College Principal
Head of Senior School

New Appointments

We are delighted to announce that we have two new staff appointments for Term Two.

In Careers we have appointed Mrs Suzy Hughes, previously working in careers at Macquarie University, to replace Mrs Pisk. Mrs Hughes is a very energetic, enthusiastic lady and is very much looking forward to meeting up with parents and students next term. She will be working full days on Monday and Thursday and every alternate Wednesday.

Ms Nicky Fuchs, currently coordinating at Emanuel Woollahra Preschool, will be commencing her role as Preschool Coordinator next term. Ms Fuchs is very excited about her appointment and comes to us with a deep understanding of the new frameworks and a philosophy of play and learning that echoes those of Masada College.

We look forward to welcoming both ladies into the College at the commencement of Term Two.

We also wish to acknowledge the contributions of Mrs Carol Nagel and wish her all the best as she leaves us for her new appointment next week.
Senior School

Geographers hit the beach!

As part of the Year 10 Geography syllabus, 16 February marked our annual excursion to Mona Vale beach and coastal zone to study the physical and human landforms and processes. During the excursion, students carried out a number of very practical geographical skills, which would have been impossible if not out in the field. The day was action packed with wide range of activities and even some time for relaxation and swimming in the crystal blue sea that greeted us.

Thank you to all students of Year 10 who did us proud. With thanks also to Mr Levy, Mrs Mathews, Mrs Fairbanks, Mr Saikaly for all your contributions.

Ryan Gill
HSIE Teacher – Geography

Some comments from students about the day:

‘I learnt skills such as how to use an anemometer as well as the key concepts of the topic. I really enjoyed the coastal headland walk – great view’ JG

‘It was really interesting and the best organised trip’ RV

‘A fun and exciting experience. I learnt a lot about the changes in coastal development over time and the amount of effort it takes to manage these areas. It really opened my eyes.’ KG

‘There is no better way to study Geography than getting first hand experience such as this excursion’ ZG

‘A great way to learn about coastal management in a hands-on way’ JH

‘A really great way to find out what Geography is really like and how fieldwork works’ J W-H

‘Very impressive excursion – showed us what we are learning through an interactive experience’ KG

[Images of students on the beach and by the sea]
Jewish Studies

The month of Adar is a definite highlight in the Jewish calendar. In the Talmud, and also in the Code of Jewish Law, it says: "When the month of Adar arrives, happiness increases." This is always embraced by the students at Masada as it was this year. The students welcomed Adar by holding a ‘crazy hat day’ on Rosh Chodesh (the start of the new month). Purim celebrations followed closely behind where the students had the opportunity to fulfill the mitzvot of Purim. They had delicious hamburgers for lunch to fulfill the mitzvah of a Purim seudah (meal). They created their own gift bags of snacks and gave each other mishloach manot which is designed to increase friendship and goodwill among each other. The students listened to Megillah accompanied by a break down verse by verse with an illustrated animation on the big screen. It was wonderful to see the students focusing on the story and following the recording of this most significant event in the history of our nation. The students had the opportunity to showcase their hard work producing their house Purim plays which kept the school highly entertained. A definite highlight was the staff play where students shrieked with laughter as their teachers sang, danced and performed the Purim story.

To watch the students engaging with this chag is a reminder of how and why the Jewish nation has survived against all odds, against enemies such as Haman in the Purim megillah, Stalin, Hitler, Saddam Hussein, among other numerous tyrants that have tried to wipe us out. The Jews have kept our chagim alive. We live Judaism, we live our traditions, laws and culture. It is not a subject confined to the classroom. It is a crucial element that we imbue in each of our children so that they will pass it on and protect our precious heritage. To watch our students respond to our Purim program, to watch them interview Holocaust survivors, to watch them lead the prayer services in the morning among all their participation in daily Jewish rituals instills a confidence in me that we, the Jewish nation will continue to survive and to thrive. We will live Purim as will our children, grandchildren and the generations to follow.

We look forward to sharing Pesach, Yom Hazikaron, Yom Ha’atzmaut and the rest of the Jewish calendar with the same passion and enthusiasm displayed last week. We hope the joy we shared this Adar spills into the rest of our year.

Uniform Shop

WINTER UNIFORM REQUIREMENTS
Please come in asap to purchase your items. Very limited openings in the holidays.

Junior school
Boys – long pants and long sleeve shirt
Girls – long sleeve shirt

Senior school
Boys – long sleeve shirt, tie and Blazer (in year 11 and 12 the senior tie is required)
Girls – long sleeve shirt and Blazer
News from the environment committee

Our Native Bees have arrived

but what are Native Bees?

- Commercial honey bees are not native to Australia. They were introduced from Europe in about 1822.
- Stingless bees can be good crop pollinators so we are hoping they will increase our vegetable yield.
- Australia native bees can be black, yellow, red, metallic, green or even black with blue polka dots! They can be fat and furry or sleek and shiny. Ours are small and black and look like a fly.
- Stingless Native bees cause no harm at all to humans.
- Most Australian bees are solitary bees which raise their young in burrows in the ground or in tiny hollows in timber.
- Our bees are one of the 10 species of social native bees which do not sting!

Peter Clarke from Ku-ring-gai council who runs the bee for the council stated “The reason the council runs the program is to help people see the connection between us and our environment. Hopefully we may then not always reach for the Mortein can and may look for alternative solutions that don’t do as much harm.”
Department Reports — Senior School

Visual Arts

Daphne Flax participated in the 2012 NAEA Convention New York with a dynamic community of Visual Arts teachers, scholars, researchers, professors, students, administrators, art museum educators and artists.

The topic was Emerging Perspectives, Connecting Teaching, Learning, and Research. The Australian teachers and Professors showcased Best Practice in Art Education in schools and colleges in Sydney focusing on senior school years.

The 2012 NAEA National Convention theme examined the idea that we are better educators when we collaboratively explore what it means to be teachers and learners, and how research can improve visual arts education spanning all educational levels and environments.

Mrs Flax said ‘The convention was invigorating and exemplary. In addition to ‘super sessions’ with celebrity artists, major US art education facilities showcased current trends and philosophies. We had access to new products through displays and workshops. For me, one of the most exciting aspects of the convention was the tours and floor talk at Museums and galleries such as MOMA, The Metropolitan Museum, The Guggenheim, The Frick, Museum of Design, Chelsea Art Galleries, The Studio Museum in Harlem and The Whitney. I was privileged to present with Dr Kerry Thomas, Visiting Fellow, School of Art History and Art Education, College of Fine Arts, University of New South Wales and Karen Profilio, Head Teacher, Creative Arts, North Sydney Girls. After the lecture we engaged with interested people from all over the world. The experience not only opened me to other people’s ideas but confirmed that art education in Australia is at the forefront.’

Daphne Flax

Science

There are two exciting national science competitions coming up in the following terms. These offer great opportunities for students to consolidate their scientific knowledge and also gain experience in answering examination style questions. In the past, Masada College students have performed well on a national scale.

The Royal Australian Chemical Institute, RACI, runs the Australian National Chemistry Quiz. The quiz aims to promote and encourage an awareness of the nature and relevance chemistry amongst secondary students. There are three levels of papers: a Junior Quiz for Year 7 and 8 students, a Junior Quiz for Year 9 and 10 students and a Senior Quiz for Year 11 and 12 students. While entry to this quiz is optional, we encourage all Chemistry students in Years 11 and 12 to write the quiz, as well as those students interested in participating in Years 8, 9 and 10. The quiz will be written at school on Thursday 26th July. The entry fee for the quiz is $5.50 per student which will be charged to students’ accounts upon receipt of the signed permission slip, which should be returned by Friday 30th March.

The Big Science Competition organised by Rio Tinto challenges students to think critically and solve scientific problems. It also raises awareness of the role science plays in the world around us. The competition is compulsory for all Year 8 and 10 students and the entry fee of $7.00 has been charged to students accounts. Entry is extended to those Yr 9 students who are interested with the fee charged to students’ accounts upon receipt of the signed permission slip. The competition takes one hour and will be written on 23 May 2012 at school. Entry registrations close on Wednesday 4th April.

Further information about the competitions is available on iRock.

Helen Douglas
Department Reports — Senior School

Sport

Swimming
Last week our students swam at the Hills Zone swimming carnival. Kyron Israelsohn broke four Hills Zone records and has been selected to swim at AICES. Sophie Walter, Dylan Friedman and Tamir Vigder also performed well and will swim at the AICES carnival at the end of this month.

Tennis
On Monday 12 March four of our students played in the Hills Zone Tennis Championship day. Zac Forrai got through to the semi finals in Division 1. Joshua Kessel and Adam Gazzard got through to the quarter finals in Division 1 and Jake Gazzard won Division 2.

Congratulations on coming 2nd in the competition.

Baseball
Earlier in the term Michiya and Tomiya Nagai were selected for the CIS baseball team. This competition is yet to be played.

Basketball
Our Year 8 basketball team is performing very well in their competition played at Narrabeen courts. So far they have won.

Peer Support
This week has been a lovely week for the Year 7s and the Peer Support have been there to support them. The Year 7s experiencing a high school Purim which was unique and entertaining in its entirety. The house plays were a spectacle and it was great to see the Year 7 involvement in it was fantastic!

The improvisation Australia performance was hilarious and the Year 7 participants added to that.

We look forward to strengthening our relationships with the Year 7s and reinforcing that 'We are here to help'!

Susie Virgona
Sports Coordinator
Department Reports — Senior School

Sport
Tamir and Roy Vidger travelled to Penrith on Tuesday 6th March to contest the NSW All Schools Triathlon. Both boys had trained hard for this event having finished strongly in the HZSA triathlon in November last year (1st and 4th respectively).

The course provided a gruelling challenge to all competitors, with the boys having to complete the following distances;

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Battling a large field (approximately 120 in each race) our boys competed with determination and focus. For Tamir, his strongest section was the cycling where he was placed 6th in the independent schools category. Roy’s strength was the swim where he was placed 15th in the independent schools category. Ultimately, the boys completed a swim, ride and run finishing 14th (Tamir) and 19th (Roy) in the independent schools category.

Congratulations to both boys for their outstanding efforts.

Cherie Cully
Hannah is in Year 12 and has decided to undertake something a little out of the ordinary. At a time when girls are very conscious of their looks, Hannah has decided to sacrifice her hair to help others and is participating in the World's Greatest Shave. She has decided to cut her hair very, very short and the hair that is being cut off will be made into a wig for someone who had lost theirs because of the side effects of chemotherapy.

Masada is getting behind her 100% by holding a crazy hair day as well as raising money to sponsor her and Hannah will be chopping her hair off during assembly on Friday 30th March in front of the school.

If you would like to help Hannah make a difference to others who could use it, you can log on to the link http://my.leukaemiafoundation.org.au/hannahforrai to make a donation. Tax deductible receipts are emailed directly to you.
Senior School—Purim Celebrations
Senior School—Purim Celebrations
Offers of enrolment will be commencing soon

Please contact the Enrolments Office if you have not lodged an application form for three year old or new four year old preschoolers for 2013.

Application date is important.
Don’t miss out; make sure your application is in soon.
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Junior School

The last few weeks have illustrated the generosity of spirit that is Masada at its best! The impressive leadership demonstrated by the Year 6 Students and Parents in raising $5000 for the school. Clearly whilst Year 6 are the key organisers, everyone else has to be the “big spenders” for the fete to be a success and despite dismal weather, with some activities considerably moderated, the students did us proud. I thank all the parents for their support for this major fundraiser and look forward to the arrival of the first of our new furniture for the Junior School classrooms in Term Two.

Every week is an exciting time in the Junior School – read on and enjoy!

What a fantastic and joyful month of Adar we have had so far!
Leading up to Purim at school the children celebrated with balloon making and face painting during their lunch time.

What an effort the children and staff made by dressing up as their favourite character in the movies. We had a variety of characters including: Thing One and Thing Two from Dr Seuss, characters from Alice in Wonderland, Star Wars and Grease and so many more.

After our Purim parade, we continued the celebrations by fulfilling the four mitzvot of Purim: Reading Megillat Esther, giving Mishloach Manot, giving charity to the poor and having a feast. The children also fulfilled another Purim mitzvah by adding ‘Al Hanisim’ to Birkat Hamazon.

Well done to Jessica Gordon in Year 4A for winning the Jewish News Purim Competition. (see Purim photos on the following pages).

Reminders
I understand it can be difficult for working parents to join us for events during the day, however this year we are trialling all our Pesach Seders during school time to allow for maximum involvement for all the students, a more intimate setting for their celebration and to solve the problem of younger siblings and the distraction they can bring with them to events. I look forward to any feedback or comments you may have regarding these events. I am sure we will see our students leading the way to then running or assisting in a great Pesach Seder in your own home.

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Preschool 2013

Offers of enrolment will be commencing soon

Please contact the Enrolments Office if you have not lodged an application form for three year old or new four year old preschoolers for 2013.

Application date is important.
Don’t miss out; make sure your application is in soon.
Junior School

Purim at the Junior School
Wow! What an exciting morning Year 1s had on Wednesday! It is not every day that you have the opportunity to have Australian animals visit the classroom. We loved the green tree frog. Do you know that they can squirt water like a water pistol to scare away their enemies? The HUGE stick insect was awesome. We would never have been able to spot him on a tree. He looked just like a STICK!

The shingleback lizard reminded us of roof tiles and we thought that his tail that looked like another head was very scary. The diamond python was only a baby but he was still beautiful and we loved the feel of his skin. We even had a little visitor from India. The little tortoise had been smuggled into this country but thank goodness for “Border Security” they were able to save him. He now lives at the Zoo and loves getting out and about. The little possum was a little sleepy (but then he is nocturnal and prefers night life) but very soft and cute. The highlight of the visit was the Echidna that walked all around the floor. He was happy for us to pat him and stroke him and we loved looking at the hair on his back between the spikes.

We loved our morning with all the Australian animals from Taronga Zoo.
Junior School

Students of the Week:

Week 6:  K-2: Genevieve Manning – KM  
          Y3-6: Kayla Fingleson – 4A

Week 7:  K-2: Jason Nerwich - 2D  
          Y3-6: Amber Kalmin – 3G

Music
All children in the Junior School attended a concert on Friday 2 March. Despite this being really early in the year we had many students ready to take part.

Congratulations to the following children for their wonderful performances:
On the piano we had Topaz Saada, Ari Kellerman, Brad Neimann, Jacob Inbari, Yoav Manor-Kedar, Adena Sheps, Samantha Chazan, Martin Nobel, Olivia Chen, Danya Lewin and Lara Lever. The guitarists were the duo Dean Fellner and Aron Temple followed by Daniel Musiker. Our wind performers were Ilana Slobedman and Rebecca Michels on the clarinet and Jemma Walker on the recorder. Solo singers were Bailey Yoshia and Jessica Gordon, both of whom were part of the Years 3 to 6 Vocal Ensemble’s beautiful rendition of Colours of the Wind.

A special Mazal Tov goes to the K-2 performers and in particular to the Kindy’s. The K-2 Choir performed “Would you like to Swing on a Star” which was very well received by the audience. Last but not least, in the spirit of the month of Adar, the Year 1 Xylophone Ensemble: Noah Samuels, Yoni Lewin, Zane Fingelson, Maya Grenler, Aiden Sheps, Michal Goldberg, Andy Alix, Joey Alvaro and Natalie Me-tal ) played “Chag Purim” and the Year 2 Xylophone Ensemble: Chagay Manor-Kedar, Jason Nerwich, Levi Isaacs, Gabe Newhouse, Dovi Grauman, Ben Browne and Azi Guth with Jemma Walker on the recorder played “Shoshanat Ya’akov”.

Our sincere appreciation goes to Johanna Segall, Greg Thomas and Jessica Lyons for preparing the children for this performance. What a wonderful beginning to our musical performances of 2012!

New Appointments
We are delighted to announce that we have two new staff appointments for Term Two.

In Careers we have appointed Mrs Suzy Hughes, previously working in careers at Macquarie University , to replace Mrs Pisk. Mrs Hughes is a very energetic, enthusiastic lady and is very much looking forward to meeting up with parents and students next term. She will be working full days on Monday and Thursday and every alternate Wednesday.

Ms Nicky Fuchs, currently coordinating at Emanuel Woollahra Preschool, will be commencing her role as Preschool Coordinator next term. Ms Fuchs is very excited about her appointment and comes to us with a deep understanding of the new frameworks and a philosophy of play and learning that echoes those of Masada College.

We look forward to welcoming both ladies into the College at the commencement of Term Two.

We also wish to acknowledge the contributions of Mrs Carol Nagel and wish her all the best as she leaves us for her new appointment next week.
Junior School

Year 6 Fete
The impressive leadership demonstrated by the Year 6 Students and Parents in raising $5000 for the school. Clearly whilst Year 6 are the key organisers, everyone else has to be the “big spenders” for the fete to be a success and despite dismal weather, with some activities considerably moderated, the students did us proud.

I thank all the parents for their support for this major fundraiser and look forward to the arrival of the first of our new furniture for the Junior School classrooms in Term Two.

Every week is an exciting time in the Junior School – read on and enjoy!
Junior School

Maths Mania in Yr 3

This term we are focusing on developing and enhancing each student’s math’s facts and strategies. We were delighted to receive our new equipment and are enjoying using it to explore a variety of mathematical concepts. At the start of each lesson the students complete a timed ‘addition frenzy’ aimed at increasing the automatic recall of facts to 10, 20 and beyond. The students are engaging in practical, hands-on, problem-solving activities. Our classrooms are alive with children playing mathematical floor games, using the IWB, and a variety of exciting on-line maths games to reinforce the skills taught. Each child has received a pair of die to take home to encourage learning through games. What a superb start to the year!

Yr 3 Mathematics teachers
Mrs. Grauman, Mrs. Gordon and Mrs. Ross
Wednesday, March 14th 2012 - JOINT MEDIA RELEASE: Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) – NSW Police and the Neighbourhood Watch groups active within its command.

FACEBOOK ADDS EYES AND EARS!

Facebook will now have the ‘eyes and ears’ of those citizens in the Kuring Gai region.

Kuring Gai Local Area Command (LAC) has launched ‘Project eyebatch’, an online community policing concept using Facebook to combat crime and engage with the community at a local level. Neighbourhood Watch is keen to adopt the technologies and sees it as a welcome reinvigoration of a 25 year-old, tired programme. Neighbourhood Watch volunteers from the area are holding a stall (details below) as part of Seniors Week, where the public can see a demonstration of ‘Project eyebatch’: “After all, we are the ‘eyes and ears’ of this crime prevention partnership”.

‘Project eyebatch’ will allow the Kuring Gai LAC and the community to exchange information using the Kuring Gai LAC – NSW Police Force homepage on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/#!KuringGaiLAC.

‘Project eyebatch’ provides another avenue for information to be passed onto Police and vice versa. The use of smart phones, as well as the Facebook product, provides a timely two-way means of communication. Additionally, the utilisation of Facebook’s ‘Closed Groups’ provides a secure discussion platform for organisations (such as Neighbourhood Watch, Apartment Complexes, or Shopping Malls), allowing communities to ‘meet’ and ‘talk’ wherever they may be.

Where? When?

9am – 3pm, Thursday, March 22nd 2012: Neighbourhood Watch is among those stalls invited to partake in the Ku-ring-gai Council’s Seniors Expo, as part of Seniors Week, hosted by St Ives Shopping Village, St Ives. Kuring Gai LAC will have a Police vehicle on display. Neighbourhood Watch volunteers will demonstrate the use of ‘Project eyebatch’, as well as advise on local solutions. Police personnel will be attending during the day. It’s an exciting combined promotion between the Police and NHW: ‘Project eyebatch’ and a 21st Century Neighbourhood Watch, again working together for safer communities!

NHW’s new leaflet: ‘Our 20 Favourite Crime Prevention Tips for Seniors’ will be available at the stall.

“Neighbourhood Watch is very much alive and kicking, and prepared to use the technologies available to the best advantage. It really is a partnership with our Police. It’s fantastic to know that an individual in Ku-ring-gai has the facility to receive on their smart phone an immediate alert via facebook regarding a crime, Crime Prevention, or emergency situations.” Julia Eagles & Carroll Howe: Kuring Gai Civilian ‘Project eyebatch’ Precinct Coordinators/Neighbourhood Watch.

Police remind the public that if it’s an urgent matter, to contact police directly through Triple Zero (000) or Crime Stoppers on 1800 333 000 to provide anonymous information and the Police Assistance Line 131 444 to report non-urgent crime.

For more information, contact:

Supt Jeff Philippi, Commander Kuring Gai LAC, Hornsby Police Station (02) 9476 9799 or Julia Eagles, (02) 9499 7412 julia.eagles@optusnet.com.au.
Health Psychology Unit

Managing HSC Stress Program

The Higher School Certificate can be stressful for many students. However, there are things that you can do to get through Years 11 and 12 with less stress and reduce the impact that stress has on your academic performance.

The UTS Health Psychology Unit has been running Managing HSC Stress programs for many years now and is pleased to be able to offer this program again in Term 2 2012.

The Managing HSC Stress program is a group program that assists students to better manage the stress of the HSC by teaching a broad range of skills that can be helpful in any stressful situation. Students also have the opportunity to learn from and assist each other.

The program can also be useful for students who are struggling with anxiety, low self-esteem or low mood.

When? Tuesday afternoon 8th May, 15th May, 22nd May, 29th May

Time? 4 – 5.30pm  
Afternoon tea will be provided.

Where? Health Psychology Unit  
Ground Floor, 174 Pacific Highway  
St Leonards  
The Health Psychology Unit is a 5-10 minute walk from St Leonards train station. Buses 252 and 290 stop right out the front. Metered & time-limited street parking is available in surrounding streets.

Cost? $90.00 ($22.50 per session)  
Private Health Insurance may apply.

Register? Registration is essential as numbers are limited.  
To register call 9514 4077 or email Health.Psychology@uts.edu.au
PARENT FORUM

Monday 26 March- “Making the Grade, is there Life during Study?”


Time: Monday 26 March (6.30 pm to 8.30 pm)

Speaker: Judith Wheeldon AM

Cost: $5.00 per person (donation to KYDS)

RSVP: Please RSVP via email to youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au or 9424 0837

Further Information: Email David at kyds@bigpond.com or go to the website www.kyds.org.au

What the forum will cover:

There is more to raising a teenager than good school, good grades, caring parents, playing sports, and accumulating possessions.

In order to thrive at school, an adolescent needs to be able to spread their wings and feel the wind blowing in their face. They need to work through the shaky stage of wobbly wings wondering if they can stay in the air.

Issues that impact on them include peer relationships, acceptance by teachers and older members of their family, being heard, and risk taking.

What is at stake is their wellbeing, self-esteem, healthy relationships, ability to communicate effectively in the world.

This interactive presentation will leave people with a tool box and a map to support the young person to thrive in all respects at school.

About the presenter: Judith Wheeldon AM

Former Principal of Queenwood School for Girls Mosman and Headmistress of Abbotsleigh, Trustee of the Museum of Applied Arts and Sciences (the Powerhouse), Director of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council (formerly the Carrick Institute), member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on HIV Aids, Aboriginal Sexual Health and Hepatitis C (Hep C subcommittee) and Director of the Montessori Children's Foundation and the Masterman Trust.
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  - Effective Partnerships: Making it a Positive Experience
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Parent Forums
Understanding your teenager


NEXT FORUM: Monday March 26
Making the Grade - Is there Life During Study

SPEAKER: Judith Wheeldon
Former Principal of Abbotsleigh and Queenwood school for Girls, Trustee of the Powerhouse Museum, Director of the Australian Learning and Teaching Council, Member of the Ministerial Advisory Council on HIV Aids, Aboriginal Sexual Health and Hepatitis C and Director of the Montessori Children’s Foundation.

Each forum is held on a Monday from 6.30pm - 8.30pm (registration from 6:15pm) at Ku-ring-gai Council Chambers, Level 3, 818 Pacific Highway, Gordon.

Parent forums

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Ku-ring-gai Council Youth Services on 9424 0837 or youth@kmc.nsw.gov.au

For more information on the forums contact KYDS on 9416 9824 or visit www.kyds.org.au
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3. GENRE: □ Singer □ Solo Musician □ Band/Group □ Dancer/s □ Comedy
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   • I am/we are submitting the act as a DVD or CD-R (NOTE: sound MUST be clear)
   • My/our video clip is no longer than 5 minutes
   • My/our entry is either original or Israel-related

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