



**Kellyville High School**  
Learning | Excellence | Integrity

# The Marella Muse

We are a vibrant and innovative learning community that is committed to delivering excellence within a rich and diverse learning environment. Every student has the opportunity to achieve their personal best through engaged, active learning in a safe, respectful and supportive school.



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## CALENDAR

### 2021 | Term 2

<b>W1A</b>	Mon 19 April	School Development Day-Staff Only
	Tue 20 April	All Students Return
	Fri 23 April	ANZAC Ceremony
<b>W2B</b>	Mon 26 April	Year 7 Camp
	Tues 27 April	Year 7 Camp
	Wed 28 April	Year 7 Camp
	Fri 30 April	School Photos – All Year Groups
<b>W3A</b>	Tue 4 May	KHS Athletics Carnival P&C Meeting 7pm - Library
<b>W4B</b>	Mon 10 May	SCOUT Test for High Potential & Gifted Program (Year 6 2021)
	Tue 11 May	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
	Wed 12 May	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
	Thu 13 May	NAPLAN Years 7 & 9
	Fri 14 May	NAPLAN (Catchup)
	Sat 15 May	Hills Relay for Life
<b>W5A</b>	Tue 18 May	Macquarie Zone Cross Country Carnival
<b>W7A</b>	Mon 31 May	Macquarie Zone Athletics Carnival
	Tue 1 June	Macquarie Zone Athletics Carnival P & C Meeting 7:00pm
<b>W8B</b>	Wed 9 June	Sydney West Cross Country Carnival
<b>W9A</b>	Mon 14 June	Queen's Birthday Public Holiday
	Tue 15 June	Subject Selection Year 8 @ 5pm and Year 10 @ 7pm
	Thu 17 June	Year 10 Vaccinations
	Fri 18 June	Year 8, 9 and 10 reports published
<b>W10B</b>	Tue 22 June	Years 8, 9 & 10 Parent Teacher Night (3.30pm – 7.30pm)
	Thu 24 June	Leadership Induction
	Fri 25 June	Year 7 reports published

**\*Please be aware that these dates may be subject to change.  
You will be notified if any changes occur.**

## PRINCIPAL'S ADDRESS

### YEAR 7, 11 AND 12 PARENT/ TEACHER AFTERNOON

Thank you to all the parents/carers and teachers who attended this important event in our students education. It was pleasing to be able to hold face to face dialogue, especially for our new Year 7 parents.

Congratulations to all our students who have engaged positively in their education throughout Term 1. I look forward to working with our students, staff and families in Term 2.

Have a safe and happy Easter.

*Mr T O'Brien*  
**Principal**



## HARMONY DAY CELEBRATIONS

On the 19th of March, Kellyville High School conducted our annual Harmony Day celebrations. Harmony Day has always been one of the highlights of the KHS calendar, filled with happiness, fun, and most importantly - harmony!

This year, we started off the day with a smoking ceremony, an ancient custom among Aboriginal Australians. This ceremony was



conducted by Aboriginal Elders from our community. The Student Executive Council, House Council and executive staff got to witness this event. It was extremely eye opening to see the complexities of Aboriginal traditions and culture and learn how important it is to acknowledge the First People of Australia.

Next, we had the highly anticipated part of Harmony Day the performances! This year, we had a large number of students present a slice of their culture for the school to see. We had performances from nations such as Japan, China, all over India, Africa, and even Australia! There was singing, dancing, martial arts, interactive drumming sessions, and much more. We also had volunteers from the Community Migrant Reserve Centre to apply henna on students during Lunch 1.



Both the junior and senior students thoroughly enjoyed the assemblies, showing their support

through cheers and applause after every performance.

This event would not have been possible without the enthusiasm and endless support of Mrs Thomas. Her efforts were what made Harmony Day even more special and successful. We would also like to extend our gratitude to the students who volunteered to perform - it is not easy to perform in front of the entire school, but these students did it with ease!

We cannot wait for next year's Harmony Day!

*Gayathree*  
**Year 11**



Harmony Day 2021 was a long-anticipated wait for the school community. COVID 19 had impacted the plans for 2020, meaning that this year, it was going to be the biggest yet. And it delivered! Opening with a traditional Aboriginal Smoking Ceremony in the morning, Kellyville High School paid tribute to the traditional owners of the land - the Dharug people of the Eora nation - as well as the Aboriginal community in our school. Following this, an array of performances were put on for the students, with many students sharing cultural dances and traditions with the wider community. During lunch, a team of skilled volunteers from CMRC offered Henna for those interested. There was also a celebration of the Australian BBQ with a free sausage sizzle for all.



Harmony Day 2021 highlighted all the diversity and multiculturalism that makes Kellyville High School great. Students were encouraged to come together to recognise the differences of each and every person, and how those differences make us stronger together.

*Ms. G Maait*  
**English Faculty**





## DUKE OF EDINBURGH'S INTERNATIONAL AWARD - AUSTRALIA

Our Duke of Ed Participants are great examples of this year's **youth week nsw** theme – 'together more than ever'; 16 - 24 April.

Last year undeterred by the challenges of fires, floods and the global pandemic; 32 Participants and Mr Thomas created innovative ways to complete their Award Sections including sewing face masks for our school community, supporting library staff to keep the venue COVID-Safe and maintain our beautiful local parks and gardens.

The Duke of Ed is a global youth development program, empowering young Australians aged 14 to 24 to explore their full potential. In the past six years Mr Thomas has supported over 130 Award registrations. Congratulations to all involved, if you would like to register for the Award contact Mr Thomas.

*Mr I Thomas*  
**Duke of Ed Organiser**

## SENIOR BOYS BASKETBALL



Back row: Michael, Arsam, Marko, Aiden, Nathan  
The Front row: Thomas, Vesal, Brooklyni, Mansoor.

The senior Boys basketball team has achieved some amazing results in the commencement of the 2021 Kellyville High School sporting season.

On the 9<sup>th</sup> March, the team travelled to Hawkesbury Indoor Basketball Stadium. The Boys versed Rouse Hill HS in round one 34 – 17. Round two KHS won 36 – 20 against Glenwood HS and round three we came away with another win 41 – 28 against the Ponds HS. In round four we played a team that we had not versed before in Richmond HS. The KHS boys won the match 59 – 43, scoring us a place in the Grand Final. Kellyville versed Crestwood HS in the Grand Final. It was a very hard fought match, with Kellyville HS coming away victorious with a 44 – 40 win.

All of the boys played with outstanding sportsmanship and demonstrated amazing team work and skill. The boys represented Kellyville HS with pride and integrity. Congratulations to these fine young men on their achievement at the Macquarie Cup carnival.

At the conclusion of the carnival, after we had been announced as winners, the convenors announced representatives that were selected to represent the Macquarie Zone at the Sydney West carnival. Congratulations to Michael, Marko and Vesal who were selected to be in the team to play again on Friday 19<sup>th</sup> March. The Macquarie zone team came in a very competitive and close 2<sup>nd</sup> place at the Sydney West carnival.

After representing Macquarie Zone at the Sydney West carnival, Marko was selected to be in the Sydney West Team to play at the Combined High School carnival in Tamworth at the end of April. Marko is the youngest player to be selected in the team and he is in the starting line up. Congratulations to Marko on this amazing achievement and good luck for the upcoming carnival.

Macquarie Zone Representatives at the Sydney West Carnival. Congratulations to Michael, Marko and Vesal.



Sydney West representative to play at the CHS carnival. Congratulations to Marko.



On Monday 29<sup>th</sup> March, the Boys played in the Senior Boys Knock out competition. The Boys won all 3 matches in the lead up to the carnival, securing them a place in the competition. (Wins against Rouse Hill, the Ponds and Richmond High

Schools). The boys won 44 – 41 against Merrylands HS and unfortunately lost their 2<sup>nd</sup> round match 33 – 40 against Penrith HS. In round 3, we versed Glenmore Park HS and lost in a very competitive match.

Congratulations again to these fine young men on their outstanding achievements.

*Miss K Graham*  
**Basketball Coach**

## FROM THE DEPUTY DESK

This term, the staff and students have had many exciting opportunities in addition to the quality teaching that occurs in classrooms. The many and varied whole school events are always well received by our students and another example for them to uphold the school values of engaged and active learning. Thank you to all the staff and students who have been directly involved in leading these events - too many to name.

The end of term is a timely reminder to all families that every day the school is open, students are expected to attend, except if there is a medical reason. Teaching and learning continue until the end of each day, even the last day of the term. Expectations remain the same also for uniform and behaviour - students are expected to be in full school uniform as per regular school policy. Parents, we ask for your support in ensuring strong attendance practices for your child during their high school years.

As we begin to move into the cooler months, please use the vacation period to ensure students are well prepared with the correct uniform, including hard leather shoes. Hoodies as layers underneath school clothing are not part of the school uniform code. In response to feedback from the school community, a new school fleecy lined jacket has been added to the uniform options available for purchase.

For our Year 12 students, these holidays mark the end of their first semester of their HSC, with only two terms left. It is important that Year 12 have a chance to rest and recharge, however, not to be too switched off from their learning. They should be allocating some time to revising course material, engaging in some development with their major projects, formulating study notes and practising past HSC examination papers.



The commencement of Term 2 will see the implementation of the new school plan and with it, some new initiatives - more information to come early next term.

We would like to wish our school community a safe and happy Easter. Enjoy the time with family and friends.

*Mrs J Roberti / Mrs D Maloney*  
**Deputy Principals**

## MEDIA TEAM NEWS

The show must go on. That's the saying isn't it? And that is exactly what happened on the wettest weekend since the 1960s.

The Media Team began filming its latest project, one that was put on the backburner since last year when COVID put a stop to most things. The first scenes were filmed at a priory run by the Tyburn Nuns and a sports club. Although conditions were terrible, the rain actually added to the mood of the scenes and enabled us to capture some outstanding footage. Our actor came from the other side of Sydney and she was very keen to shoot in the rain.

Our first scene at the priory was treacherous. Mr Cheney constructed a sign to be used in the scene and with the downpour and wind, we had limited time to film a particular take before the paint on the sign began to run or sign blew away. I don't know how but we managed to get it done (there were a few close calls), but we did; a great team effort. The Nuns had blocked out a two hour time span for us to film in the priory. They removed everyone inside so we could film and even vacated their meeting room so we could set up our camera and sound equipment. Thank you Sister Francesca. Prior to moving to our next location the nuns were keen to have a photo with us.

With wet feet and excited spirits we made our way to the sports club. We were receiving reports of flooded roads on the way to this destination, however all was good. Here at the sports club carpark there was no cover. We worked hard to keep the equipment dry and to shoot our scenes looking "natural".

A huge thanks to Mr Caprarelli, and Mr Cheney for their clockwork organisation of the day and for looking after us.

Our next stage in the timeline is a rehearsal on the 1<sup>st</sup> May and shooting throughout May and June.

*Ryan*  
**Year 11 Media Team.**





## KHS P&C

The next P&C General Meeting will be held **May 4<sup>th</sup>** in the Library from 7pm, within current COVID regulations. Looking forward to seeing you there.

The P&C also run a second hand uniform shop each **1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday** of each month, from 8.15am to 9am.

Please come and grab a bargain at second hand uniform shop. The prices are only between \$10-\$25 depending on the item. (cash only). More donations are always welcome! You can leave them at the school office.

Due to the health reasons there is no return or exchange for second hand clothes so choose carefully! No exceptions!! See you all there!

## RESERVE BANK IEF COMMUNITY ACCESS

In Term 1, IEF classes have been completing work developing their money skills, budgeting and Financial Literacy. Part of IEF 5's travel training, students attended an excursion to the **Reserve Bank in Martin Place**.

This is what the students thought of the outing:



**Myah:** *The best part was going to the bank. We walked, caught the Metro Train as well as a regular train. My favourite part was looking at the money on display at the Reserve Bank.*



**Jorja:** *It was kind of fun. We had lunch at the MLC Food Court. I learnt some cool things about bank notes such as*

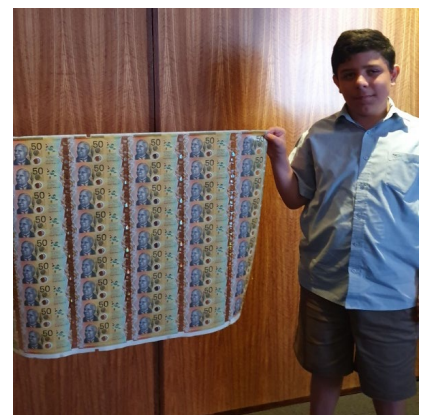
*how they make coat hangers when old notes are recycled.*

**Shahan:** *It was cool and we got a ripped up \$5 notes as a key ring and special blue light to see the security features on the notes.*



**Ronell:** *Yesterday for community access I felt great at the Reserve Bank Museum. Here I am holding \$50 notes ready to be cut up and used.*

IEF 5 students learnt about the history of Australian money, including that the polymer notes we have



today have features for vision impaired people, security and that CSIRO spent 20 years developing the technology. Australia also prints money for many other countries. Worth a visit!

*Ms Alalikin and Ms Valderzate*  
IEF Staff



