



Kiwaniis[®]

CLUB OF SYDNEY

Newsletter

February 2024

#Kids need Kiwanis#

Kids are curious, lovable and hilarious. They are also wild, impatient and vulnerable. Kiwanis is looking out for kids in every corner of the globe with more than 550,000 volunteers who serve their communities through local clubs.

Back to School Packs

Kiwaniis Sydney, through a contact of Belinda's, contacted Lidcombe Public School to understand if they had any students who needed help with the return to school basic items. The Assistant Principal Lindsay told us they had 12 students out of 27 in the support unit that the teachers nominated as needing assistance. The school has 900 students with 3 special education classes. These students have complex sensory, learning and behavioural needs.

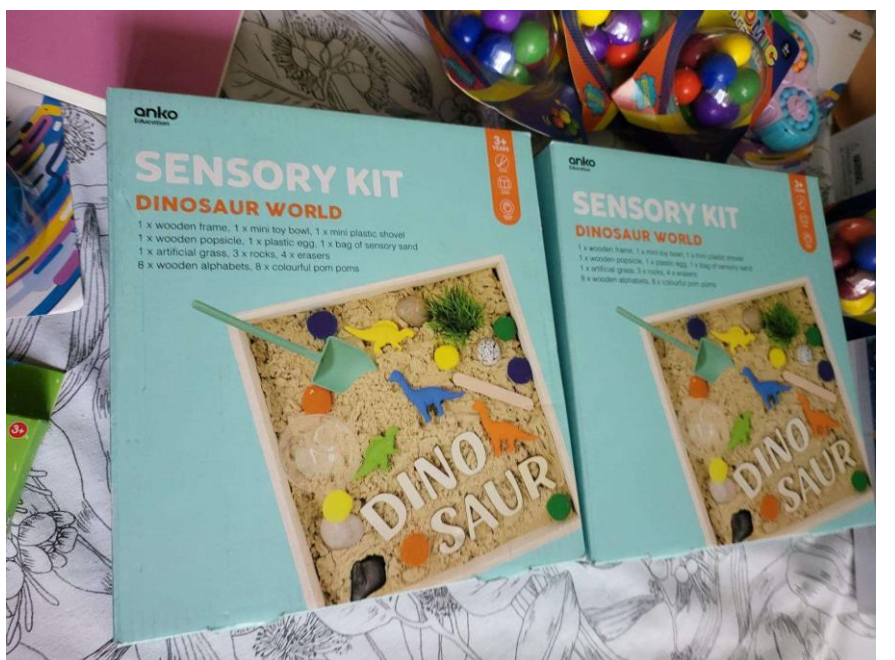
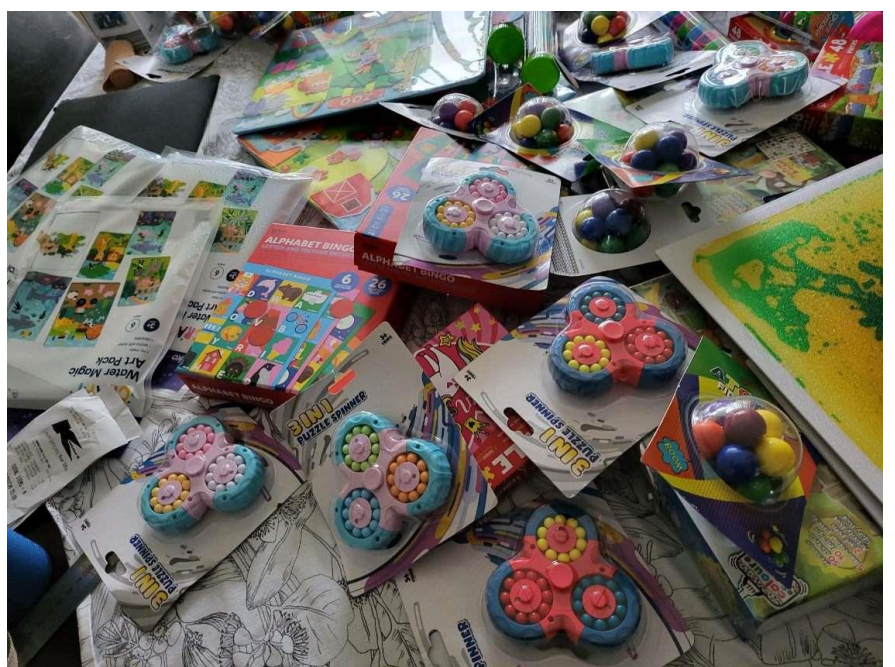
Angelique took on the challenge at short notice to purchase the 12 backpacks and contents. She also delivered the packs to the school in time for the start of term.

The packs included drink bottles, lunch boxes, sensory toys, glue sticks, pencils and other items. We also provided a class basket of sensory toys for sharing.

Lindsay also raised other ways our club may help in the future. These included music therapy instruments, sensory toys/tools, art and craft supplies and their life skills program that is based around shopping, cooking, clothes washing, sewing and gardening. We will research these needs and the board will decide what extra support we can give.

This initial contact promises to lead to a longer-term relationship with Lidcombe Public School.





Mini Convention at Tea Gardens

The Division 2 Kiwanis Mini Convention was held at Tea Gardens on 16th and 17th February. All five clubs of Brisbane, Newcastle, East Maitland, Beachside Newcastle and Sydney were represented although overall numbers were down this year. Kiwanis Sydney had Belinda and Jeff attend.

As usual the business session was limited to 3 hours on the Saturday morning and the rest of the “convention” maximises the fun and fellowship. Governor Ian Randall and his wife Angela attended and addressed the Kiwanians at the business session.





Our Naz was elected as Lieutenant Governor Elect Division 2 for 2024-25. Congratulations Naz!

The Saturday night dinner at Hawks Nest Golf Club saw all dress in the “Wild West” theme.

Kiwanis Sydney joined with East Maitland club to cook the bacon and egg rolls for breakfast on Sunday as people prepared to depart for their journeys home.

Thanks to Bryen and Gaile Smith for organising these conventions over many years.

Beryl

Unfortunately, our Beryl has suffered a stroke and is currently in Royal North Shore Hospital recovering. At the same time she broke her right wrist. She still has her great smile and the stroke doesn't appear to have affected her speech or arm movements.

She is happy that the staff are all looking after her and is happy to see visitors, although she tires easily.

We wish Beryl all the best for a speedy recovery.



Pot to School Packs

Our donations “pot” at the January and February Bunnings barbeques went to Exodus Foundation and to School Packs respectively raising \$50 and \$60 to these causes. Thanks to the public for their generous donations.

Harding Miller Foundation (Following text and pictures are taken from HMEF Newsletter Term 1)

Kiwanis Sydney has supported HMEF with a donation in each of the last 5 years.

Following are extracts from their recent newsletters.



'We are excited to announce that we have awarded 223 new scholarships in 2024 which is the largest number of scholarships we have ever offered and takes the total number of scholarships awarded since 2016 to over 1,200. This year we will have 698 scholars on our program from Year 9 to Year 12, including these newest scholars. Of the 223 girls receiving a new scholarship in 2024, 90 are from New South Wales, 56 are from Queensland, 32 are from Victoria, 17 are from South Australia, 13 are from Tasmania, 11 are from Western Australia, 3 are from the Australian Capital Territory and 1 is from the Northern Territory.'

Laptops and scholarship packs were sent to all new scholars at the beginning of Term 1 and we are looking forward to meeting our newest group of scholars at our upcoming awards events in Melbourne, Brisbane and Sydney.

The Harding Miller Education Foundation is extremely proud of the excellent results our Class of 2023 scholars achieved. We would like to take this opportunity to congratulate all our scholars.

An impressive 36% of the 55 Harding Miller scholarship recipients who sat their HSC exam in NSW this year, were recognised on the HSC Honour Roll 2023.

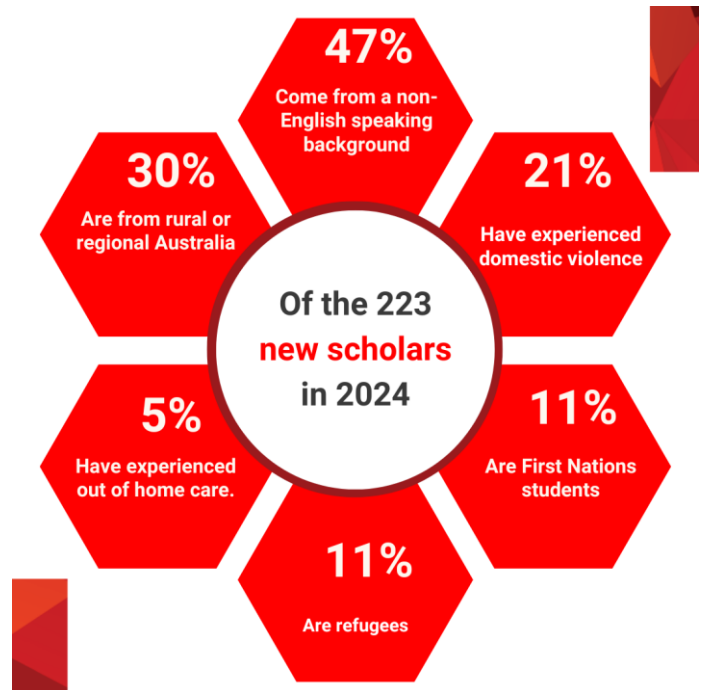
In New South Wales HMEF had one scholar receive the All-Round Achiever Award for students who attained 90 or above (Band 6 or Band E4) in at least ten units of study.



We also had one scholar receive the Top Achiever Award for students who achieved one of the highest places in an HSC course or VET examination and also achieved a result in the highest band (Band 6 or Band E4).

In addition, we had another 20 scholars receive Distinguished Achiever Awards for those students who achieved a mark in the highest band for one or more courses.'

'We want to confirm that when we say that 100% of donations go directly to the students, we mean every, single cent. Each year, we are independently audited to confirm it.'



| What do your donations cover? | What is covered by the Founders? |
|--|---|
| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Laptops & laptop repairs • Tutoring • Online homework help • School expense cards • Academic enrichment • Data coverage • Crisis support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Administration, postage, printing and software subscriptions • Audit and accounting fees • Event travel costs and venue hire • Employment expenses • Insurance • Marketing and advertising • Staff telephone, internet and office space • Volunteer recruitment, management and training |

A truly worthwhile foundation that Kiwanis Sydney supports. www.hardingmillereducationfoundation.org.au

Rainbow Childrens Home

Recently Kiwanis Sydney sent its' annual donation to Rainbow Childrens Home in Pokhara, Nepal. We have sent donations to support RCH for 9 years since 2015. Also 5 of our members went to RCH in 2019 while we were in Nepal for ASPAC Convention in Kathmandu.

Goma is the principal and reports back on the activities of the orphanage as below.

'On 14th February 2024, we celebrated "Saraswati Pooja", worship of Goddess Education and Wisdom or Saraswati. This festival celebrates that children start school today and start to write and read. Children who are studying at any level also celebrate this festival. In the Hindu religion it is believed that Goddess Saraswati will bless you with more knowledge, intelligence and motivation for reading and writing, In some educational institutes, groups and institutional worship programs will be organized. Every year our children also organize a worship program in RCH. I have attached a few photos of the same for you.'



New POS

We obtained a new Point of Sale (POS) from the Commonwealth Bank just before our latest barbeque. It was free and the CBA set it up already linked to our Kiwanis Sydney account.

It links to any smart phone via Bluetooth via an app called Smart Mini. You simply enter the amount of the sale and the POS accepts the electronic payment from credit card, phone or watch. The fact that it links to any

smart phone means that more members can work the payments. The other bonus is that the fees are only 1.1% whereas we have been paying 1.9% using Square.

There is some loss of functionality in that we cannot use it like a cash register where it sums the sales against specific items and it doesn't sum the cash sales. However, with it being simpler we expect that there will be less issues on the day.

ASPAC Kiwanis Convention

The Kiwanis Districts of Australia, New Zealand-South Pacific, Japan, Taiwan, Nepal, Southern Philippine, Philippine Luzon, Malaysia plus Korea, Singapore, Hong Kong, Guam, Pakistan and India will all come together at an ASPAC Convention in Adelaide in the coming week. Senior Leaders from Kiwanis International and from Kiwanis Childrens Fund will also attend.

There are over 430 people registered to attend the Adelaide Convention Centre. Punching above our weight is Kiwanis Sydney with 12 attendees.

We are looking forward to meeting old friends from around the world, learning what is happening in Kiwanis and how we can better serve the community.

Change of Meeting Venue

Unfortunately, our meeting venue at The Roseville Club has ended, as the club is being demolished to build apartments and a new club.

From Tuesday 12th March we will meet in the **Pennant Hills Community Centre, 423 Pennant Hills Rd, Pennant Hills**. As some of our members have to travel from the CBD and Bondi we have also pushed the start time of the meetings to 7pm.

Aktion Club – looking for members! www.aktionclub.org

Kiwanis Sydney wants to sponsor a new Aktion Club and we are looking for potential members. Members with a disability will be part of their own club to fundraise and perform work in the community to help others in need. The Aktion Club will also organise their own social activities to get to know other members and have fun.

"WHERE
DEVELOPMENT
KNOWS NO
DISABILITY "



If you know of someone who might like to be part of, or benefit from this club, then please contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au.

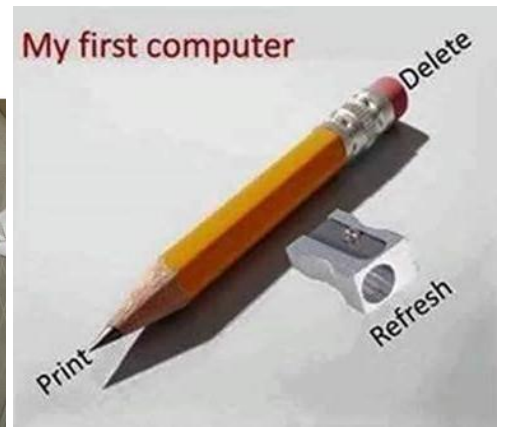
#Kids need Kiwanis!

Do you want to help kids? Kiwanis Sydney needs your help to continue our work in the local, Australian and world communities. Come along, obligation free, to one of our monthly meetings, or a Bunnings barbeque to meet the team, or simply meet with one of our members over a coffee and hear about what we do and how you can help. You will meet new friends and get that warm feeling from helping kids in Sydney Children's Hospital, HeartKids, Sir Eric Woodward School, Nepal or others. Contact us at sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Hope you enjoyed the newsletter. If you have an article to include in future newsletters, please forward to sydney@kiwanis.org.au

Joke Corner

I woke up this morning determined to drink less, eat right and exercise... But that was 4 hours ago...when I was younger and full of hope.



Events Coming Up: 2023/24

Sun 3rd Mar 2024 – Clean Up Australia Day – cleanup in your local area

7th to 9th Mar 2024 – Kiwanis ASPAC Convention – Adelaide Convention Centre

Tues 12th Mar 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Community Centre

Sat 23rd Mar 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Tues 9th Apr 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Community Centre

Fri 12th Apr 2024 - BGS Terrific Kids Presentation Day for end of Term 1 - TBC

Fri 12th Apr 2024 - SEWS Terrific Kids Presentation Day for end of Term 1 - TBC

Sat 20th Apr 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sat 11th May 2024 – Mother's Day flowers and cards Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home

Tues 14th May 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Community Centre

Sat ??th May 2024 - Mother's Day Cake Stall at Cherrybrook Shopping Centre - TBA

20th to 26th May – National Volunteers Week

Sat 25th May 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Tues 11th Jun 2024 – Kiwanis Sydney Meeting 7pm – Pennant Hills Community Centre

Sat 22nd Jun 2024 - Bunnings BBQ Artarmon - 8.30am to 4.00pm – Reserve Rd Artarmon

Sun 14th Aug 2024 – City to Surf manning drink station #2

| Deserving Causes Kiwanis Sydney has helped | 2022-23 | 2023-24 |
|--|---------|---------|
| Sydney Children's Hospital Randwick - Comfort Care Cases | ✓ | |
| Sir Eric Woodward School - Terrific Kids and gardening | ✓ | ✓ |
| Broderick Gillawarna School – Terrific Kids, Fun Day and Formal | ✓ | ✓ |
| Warrah Specialist School – Terrific Kids, loom support and sensory equipment | ✓ | ✓ |
| Children First Foundation - life changing medical help for children (District Project thru' KADCF) | ✓ | ✓ |
| HeartKids Australia - research into children's heart disease (District Project thru' KADCF) | ✓ | ✓ |
| HeartKids Two Feet and a HeartBeat, Sweethearts Day, Super Heroes Day and local respite | ✓ | ✓ |
| Aussie Helpers – assisting farmers and their children in need | | ✓ |
| Acute Lymphoblastic Leukaemia in Children (District Project thru' KADCF) | ✓ | ✓ |
| Share the Dignity Bags – for women and children in refuges or doing it tough at Christmas | ✓ | ✓ |
| Rainbow Children's Home Nepal - house and educate orphans | ✓ | ✓ |
| Harding Miller Foundation – part sponsorship of a Yr 9-11 girl for High School studies | ✓ | ✓ |
| Exodus Foundation Rev Bill Crews - helping the homeless | ✓ | ✓ |
| Father Chris Riley's Youth off the Street | | ✓ |
| Kiwanis Children's Fund - various worldwide projects – annual club gift | ✓ | ✓ |
| Kiwanis Australia District Charitable Foundation – annual club gift | ✓ | ✓ |
| Caroline Chisholm Nursing Home – Mother's day cards and flowers | ✓ | |
| Street Care for Homeless Newcastle – provide clothing and food to homeless | ✓ | ✓ |
| Gunasekara Child Development Centre Sri Lanka | ✓ | |

The Objects of Kiwanis International

- 1. To give primacy to the human and spiritual rather than to the material values of life.**
- 2. To encourage the daily living of the Golden Rule in all human relationships.**
- 3. To promote the adoption and the application of higher social, business and professional standards.**
- 4. To develop, by precept and example, a more intelligent, aggressive and serviceable citizenship.**
- 5. To provide, through Kiwanis clubs, a practical means to form enduring friendships, to render altruistic service and to build better communities.**
- 6. To cooperate in creating and maintaining that sound public opinion and high idealism which make possible the increase of righteousness, justice, patriotism and good will.**



Kiwanis Club of Sydney