

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

MONDAY FEB 17:

Swimming Carnival@Woy Woy Peninsula
P&C meeting@ 6:30pm in Staffroom

WEEK 5

WEDNESDAY FEB 26:

Parent/ Teacher info afternoon
2:30 Kindy classrooms
3:30 Kindy picnic
4pm Stage 1
4:30pm Stage 2
5pm Stage 3

FRIDAY FEB 28:

School Leader induction ceremony
10:15am Stage 3 only in the Hall



ABOVE: Meet our new student leaders for 2025 in this issue of the newsletter.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

WELCOME BACK!

Our wonderful KPS students have continued to have a settled return to the new school year and our classes are all up and running well. Our Kindergarten cohort have been amazing, and we are so proud of how they have settled into school life so easily.

We have many new students across all grades, and it has been great to see them all transition well into their new surroundings. Kariong office and teaching staff are here to support you and your children along the way and if you need any assistance with anything, feel free to ask by contacting the front office or your child's teacher.

As mentioned in last week's welcome note we will be hosting a meet and greet afternoon on Wednesday February 26 for all families.

QUOTE
OF THE
WEEK

I am still learning.



- Michelangelo

Our
OFFICE
HOURS
are
8.30am –
3.15pm

MAKE
A
PAYMENT

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Tuesdays
8:30am-9:30am
Thursdays
2:30pm – 3:30pm

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[LINK](#)

Years 1-6 Parent-Teacher Information sessions

Years 1-6 Parent-Teacher Information sessions will share general information outlining the class and stage organisation and events taking place during 2025.

Please remember that if you have specific concerns about your child's progress or have other information which you feel the teacher should be made aware of, please make an appointment through the school office or with the teacher directly for an individual meeting.

All meetings will begin in the hall, library or classrooms.

Stage One (Years 1& 2) **Wednesday February 26** - 4:00pm - 4:45pm.
Please meet in the classes 1T and 1J.

Stage Two (Years 3 & 4) **Wednesday February 26** - 4:30pm-5:15pm
Please meet in the library.

Stage Three (Years 5 & 6) **Wednesday February 26** - 5:00pm - 5:45pm
Please meet in the classes 6F and 6A.

Please see a map of the classrooms further in the newsletter.

Kindergarten parents are invited to come along to a welcome picnic and classroom visit.

Our Kindergarten teachers will meet parents in the classrooms from 2:30pm -3:00pm for a curriculum information session followed by open classrooms till 3:30pm. After this we invite all the kindy families to stay for a picnic which will be provided by the school in the courtyard. We look forward to seeing you on this day!

Attendance at school Matters

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. **Justified** reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g. attending a funeral.

Parents must provide an explanation for absences to the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unexplained on the student's record.

Please use our school bytes and messaging system to explain absences as soon as possible.

Attendance at school is crucial for several reasons:

- 1. Academic Success:** Regular attendance helps students keep up with lessons, understand the material, and perform better academically. Missing school can lead to gaps in knowledge and understanding, making it harder to catch up.
- 2. Social Development:** School is not just about academics; it's also a place for social interaction. Daily attendance helps students build friendships, develop social skills, and learn how to work collaboratively with others.
- 3. Routine and Structure:** Consistent attendance establishes a routine, which is important for children's development. It helps them learn the value of commitment and responsibility.
- 4. Engagement and Participation:** Being present in school allows students to engage fully in the learning process, participate in discussions, and take part in extracurricular activities that enhance their overall educational experience.
- 5. Long-Term Benefits:** Regular school attendance is linked to higher graduation rates and better job prospects in the future. It sets a foundation for lifelong learning and positive habits.

As you can see encouraging daily attendance not only supports academic achievement but also fosters personal growth and community involvement.

At Kariong Public School we acknowledge and celebrate great attendance. Each week the class with the highest percentage of attendance will receive a special reward that will be explained next week to all our classes! Classes will not be penalised for students being absent for **justified** reasons.

Swimming Carnival Monday February 17

Wishing all our students attending the carnival on Monday the best of luck It's a great opportunity to showcase your skills, have fun, and enjoy the spirit of teamwork. Remember to do your best and most importantly, have a fantastic time! Any student, not attending the carnival are required to come to school as normal.

Selective High School and Opportunity Classes 2026

Applications are now open for selective high school and opportunity class entry in 2026.

Applications close 21 February 2025.

Please follow the link for information if you are interested.

[Application process](#)

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be held on Monday evening February 17. The meeting will begin at 6:30pm in our staffroom and everyone is welcome.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.



By **TONI SKINNER**
Kariong Public School
PRINCIPAL

From today's assembly:



Welcome to our new families and welcome back to our existing school community. I'm anticipating another exciting year in the library and I'm really looking forward to going back to fulfilling a more traditional librarian role. I have recruited an amazing group of Library Monitors for this year, and they will be called upon to assist in the running of Book Club, Book Fair and everyone's favourite, Book Week.

As always, I will be encouraging students to make the most of our terrific school resources and borrow consistently. To do so, they must come with a suitable library bag that will keep the books safe and in a good condition. I will also be encouraging all students at KPS to complete the Premiers Reading Challenge. The challenge helps to advocate a love of reading for leisure and pleasure in students, and to enable them to experience quality literature. I will be reading texts during library lessons, and I will assist students in entering these books on their challenge lists. However, I would also like to see the students take greater ownership of the PRC and regularly borrow, read and log their own titles. The number of students that complete the challenge has increased every year that I have been the school librarian, and I hope it continues to rise this year.

Next, is how to order books through Book Club. The first issue has already gone home, and I need to explain the ordering process for our new families and those that might not be familiar with the online ordering system. We use Scholastic's 'Loop' system, as cash orders are no longer accepted. Here are the steps to follow:

1. If you are new to Book Club, follow the Wizard to set up your profile
2. Click the ORDER tab, and select your school and child's class
3. Add your child's first name and last initial
4. Enter the product item number shown on the Book Club catalogue
5. Make payment via credit card.

If anybody experiences any difficulties with the 'Loop' system or if you have any questions about the library in general, feel free to contact me or come up and say hi.

2025 is already shaping up to being a fantastic year. Bring it on!

This Week's Library Riddle - 'Who is the youngest of all Winnie the Pooh's friends?'

Why attendance matters



When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to:

- Learn
- Make friends
- Build skills through fun

Days missed = years lost

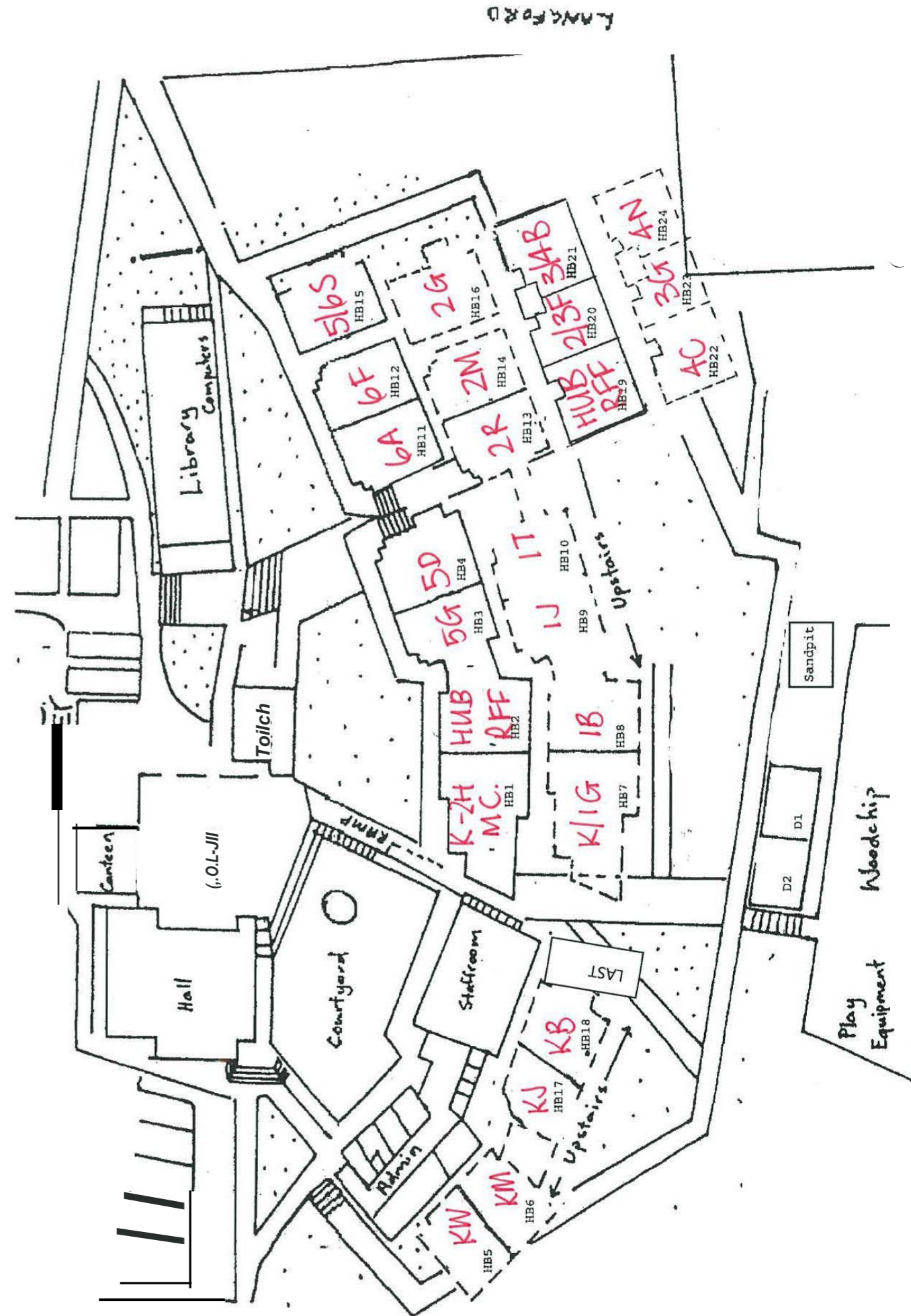
A day here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss weeks per year and years over their school life

1 day per fortnight = **4** weeks = Over **1** year missed

1 day per week = **8** weeks = Over **2.5** years missed

KPS Class Locations 2025





**MEET OUR NEW
STUDENT LEADERS
FOR 2025**

**BRYLAN B.
NATASHA S.**
[ABSENT]



AMELIA M.
[LEADER]

ELLIE D.
[LEADER]

ALICE C.
[LEADER]

BELLA F.
[LEADER]

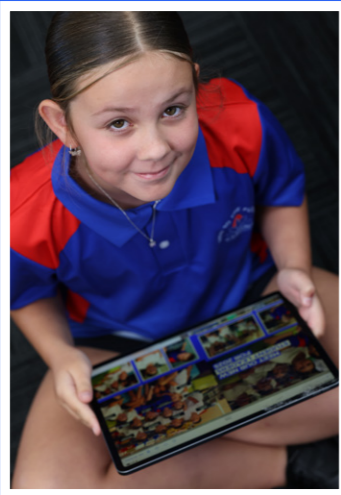
KARLIE M.
[CAPTAIN]

HARRISON B.
[CAPTAIN]

ZADE G.
[LEADER]

ROY K.
[LEADER]





GOOD NEWS!

WE ARE INTRODUCING A SPECIAL SECTION IN THE NEWSLETTER EACH WEEK: A "GOOD NEWS STORY" TO CELEBRATE THINGS OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL THAT CHILDREN HAVE ACCOMPLISHED.

WE PUBLISHED A BOOK ON AMAZON

DURING THE SCHOOL HOLIDAYS ROWAN (5G), ISA (4C) AND SIDH (KW) R. HAVE LEARNT HOW TO PUBLISH A BOOK IN AMAZON AND AFTER 4 WEEKS IT CAME LIVE AND IS AVAILABLE ON THE LINK BELOW FOR AUSTRALIA.

<https://amzn.asia/d/haWo8mz>

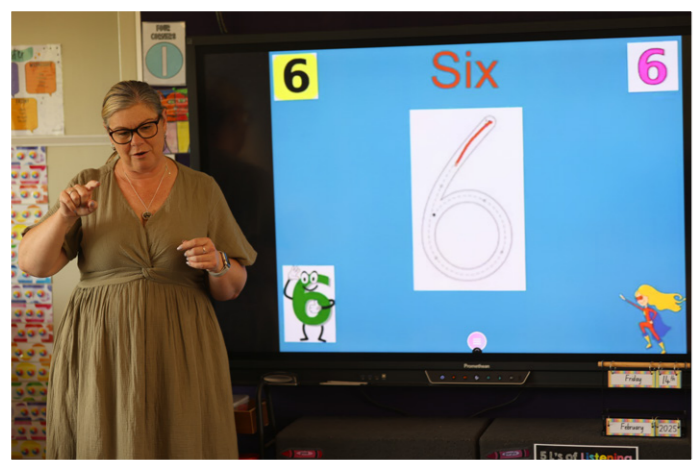
It is also world wide on the other Amazon links.

The book is meant to inspire future engineers, builders, architects and decision makers on initiatives that could make the world more sustainable, but in a crazy fun way.

This was made possible as they learnt how to use tools such as Canva in class last year, so big thanks to their teachers as well, Mrs Buckton and Mr Nash.

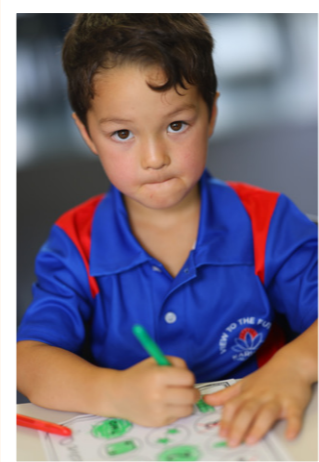
We are proud to see our students at KPS take such initiatives and hope you enjoy it.

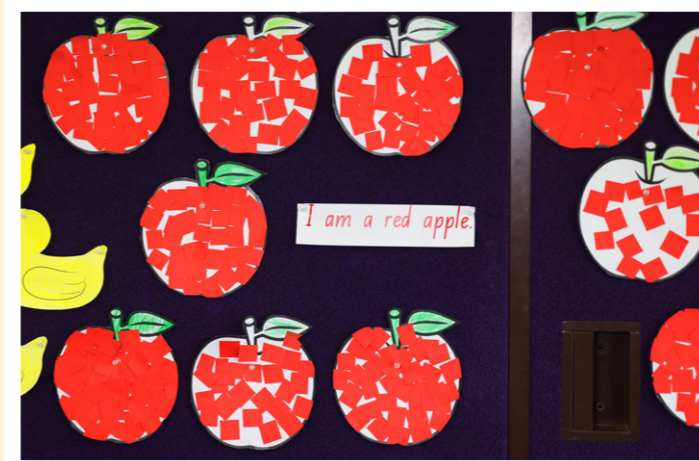


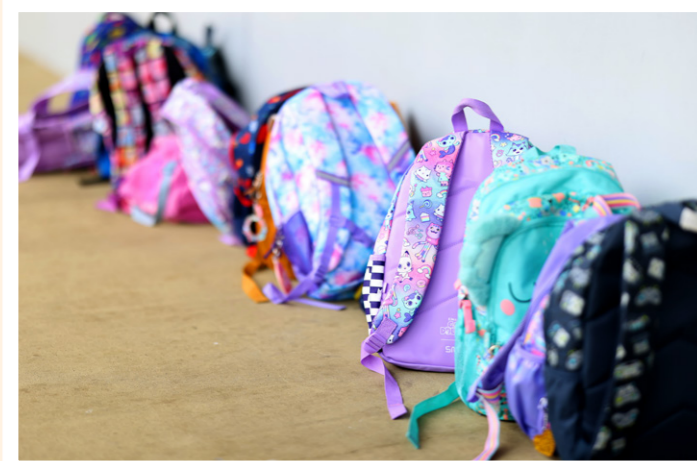
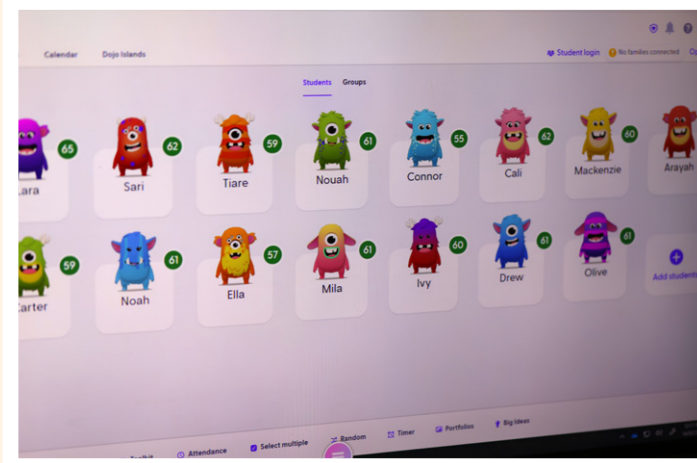


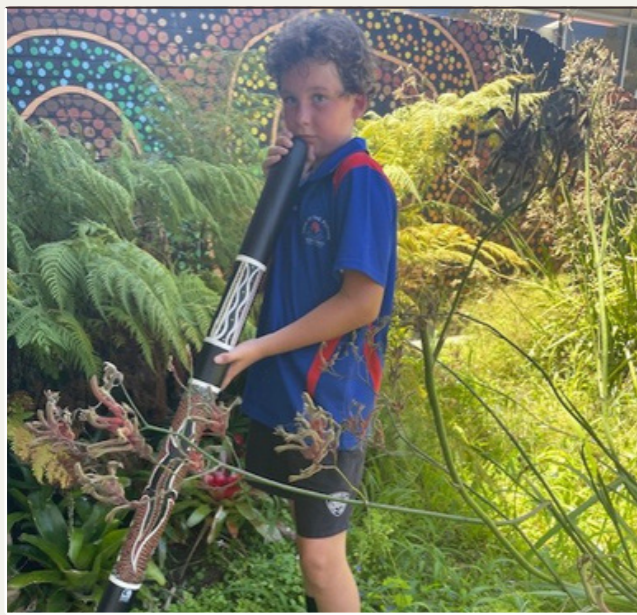
WELCOME TO KJ

Kindy!









Cooper's new didgeridoo



Wanted:

Uncles/Aunts/Elders to teach our Aboriginal students how to play the didgeridoo and other instruments. Please contact school office if interested.

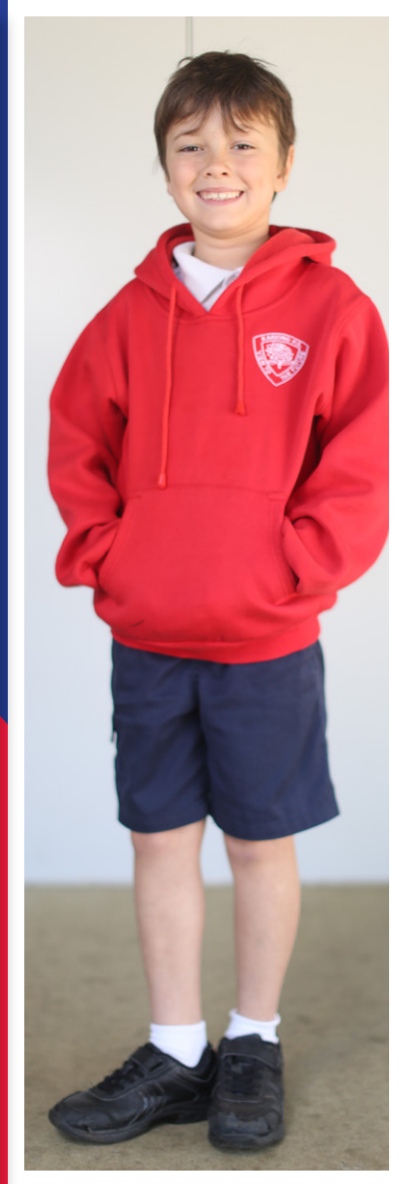


Thea and Madison with Thea's new clapping sticks



Summer Uniform

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- A-line red, white and blue checked **dress**; or navy skort with a white **blouse**, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- White **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red and navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**

Boys

- White **shirt** with white collar button through, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- Navy **shorts** to the knee, without side pockets
- White or navy **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red & navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**