

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SCHOOL

**WK7:**

**MAR 10:** Rumbalara visit and waste audit

**WK8:** Harmony Week

**MAR 17:** School Harmony Day Celebration

**TERM 1:** Gymnastics for Kindergarten and Year 1



### SPORT

**MAR 5:** BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival



### P&C

**MAR 15, 7pm:** Meeting



### High School

**MAR 11:** Selective High School Test



*ABOVE: Some of our Value of the Month children.*

## Acting Deputy Principal's Report

### Free Play Friday

Today we held our First Free Play Friday for the year. On Free Play Friday, students can play in any playground area they choose. The students really enjoy this as it gives them an opportunity to play with their older or younger siblings. It also gives our Kindergarten and Year 1 students an opportunity to play with their buddy at recess or lunch.

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Our OFFICE HOURS are  
**8.30am – 3.15pm**

MAKE A  
 PAYMENT  
[LINK](#)

Uniform Shop  
**NEW HOURS**  
 Tuesdays  
 8:30am-9:30am  
 Thursdays  
 8:30am - 9:30am

**SECURITY  
 HOTLINE**

**1300 880  
 021**

**CANTEEN  
 ONLINE  
 ORDER**

[www.flexis-schools.com.au](http://www.flexis-schools.com.au)

## Value of the Month

Congratulations to our first Value of the Month recipients for 2021 who were selected from their class group for demonstrating the value of RESPECT. It is always an absolute delight to enjoy morning tea with our Value of the Month students and listen to the many reasons why they believe they were selected to receive this award. Congratulations to all students who received a Value of the Month award today.

## Scripture and Ethics

SRE (often referred to as 'Scripture') will commence on Thursday next week. Our SRE teachers volunteer their time and work hard to ensure these sessions are interesting and engaging for students. SRE sessions run for 40 minutes each Thursday as follows:

- Kinder, Year 1 and Year 2: 10.15am to 10.55am
- Years 3, 4, 5 and 6: 11.35am to 12.15pm

This year there will also be an Ethics class for Kindergarten students. See the section further in the newsletter for more information.

## Zone Swimming Carnival

Today I had the privilege of attending the Brisbane Waters PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival at Peninsula Leisure Centre with Mr Gilks and 30 swimmers. All students gave their Personal Best and proudly represented KPS. Congratulations to all students who competed today. The results of today's carnival will be shared in next week's newsletter.

## Primary Parent Planner App

Have you signed into the Primary Parent Planner App? We use the Primary Parent Planner App to communicate school events and post newsletters. This App allows parents to inform the school of student absences. More information can be obtained from the office with detailed instructions on how to download and use this App. If you do not have a family key to access and set up the App, please contact the school office.

## Student Attendance at School

All children from the age of 6 years are required by law to attend school every school day. If a child is absent from school it is the responsibility of the child's parent or caregiver to contact the school via a written note, telephone, email, Class DoJo or in person with an acceptable explanation for the child's absence (e.g. illness, urgent family situation, special religious ceremony). If an absence is unexplained or if the explanation for an absence is unacceptable, the school will work with parents and caregivers to address the issue and focus on improving the child's attendance. If continued unacceptable absences occur, the Department may take further action to rectify the situation. Please refer to the school attendance policy. [Kariong Public School attendance policy](#)

**Kerry Rayner**

ACTING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

## Online Enrolment

We are excited to announce the roll out of the new Online Enrolment System. The Online Enrolment System is designed to provide flexibility for our parents to submit an enrolment application online and at the time that best suits you. The application can be accessed on all browsers and mobile devices including iOS and Android.

The online application process is currently restricted to:

- Enrolments into local schools only
  - Children who are Australian citizens,
  - New Zealand citizens or permanent residents
- Children who live in NSW.

We offer our support and encourage you to complete your application to enrol online. If, however, you do not feel comfortable completing an application online, a paper copy will be available for collection from our front office or can be downloaded from the Department's going to a public school site.

Further information about online enrolment can be found on our school website under the 'Enrolment' tab. If you require further information, please call Kariong Public School on 024340 1885.

## Online Payments

It is very easy for parents to make online payments to the school via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa, MasterCard credit or debit card, and can be made via computer, tablet or mobile phone. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner; these details are not passed back to the school. The DoE preferred method for all money coming into the school is the Payment On-Line facility (POP) through the school's website: Kariong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.

## Item categories

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (these include band, drama and dance). There is also a category called 'Other' to cover items not covered in the previous headings, 'Other' can be used to make a complete payment of a school Statement of Account.

When you access the \$ Make a payment you must enter:

- the student's name
- date of birth

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system.

You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.

## Helpful Hints

- If a POP payment is made before 6pm, your payment will be processed on the next day's school statement.
- If it is made after 6pm, the school will be notified two days later.
- Please ensure that on your child's permission note, you fill in the section for POP which will require the receipt number.
- At the bottom of every note that requires payment, there is a section for cash, cheque, and Payment On Line, for your convenience.
- Please do not make payments for uniforms on this site. The Uniform Shop is privately run and their website for ordering is: [gtschool.com.au](http://gtschool.com.au).

## REMINDER ABOUT MONEY COLLECTING PROCEDURES:

All cash money sent to the school is to be brought to the Administration Office and placed into the letterbox slot that is on the front wall near the counter. This will allow payments to be placed securely, even when the office is not open. Please do not leave money on the counter. We ask that the envelope be marked with your child's name, class and what the payment is for, to allow the payment to be processed. The office staff will administer all money and a receipt will be issued to the family, which will go to the student's class teacher to send home. This

procedure ensures better handling of all monies and reduces disruption to teachers and students. We provide a variety of ways to make payments within the school, to make it easier for families and alleviate some students bringing large amounts of money to school. EFTPOS payments may be processed at the Administration Office between hours 8.30am – 3.00pm. We no longer are permitted to take EFTPOS over the phone. For any enquiries regarding the online payment process, please contact Kariong School Administration Office.

# Unlocking the Library with Mr. Brown

**News** – Children’s Book Council of Australia (CBCA) – Last week, the Children’s Book Council of Australia released its list of ‘Notable Books’. These books will be explored further and then shortlisted, before the prestigious ‘Book of the Year’ awards for children’s literature are announced in their respective categories. The six categories are: Older Readers, Younger Readers, Early Childhood, Picture Book, Eve Pownall Award and CBCA Award for New Illustrator. Each of the 95 Notable Books is an amazing representation of Australia’s people, landscapes and histories, and typify the CBCA Book Week theme for 2021, ‘Old Worlds, New Worlds, Other Worlds’. Keep a lookout for these titles in our Library and stay tuned for the shortlists and winners to be announced.



## Scripture and Ethics



### **Book Reviews**

#### **‘One Runaway Rabbit’ by David Metzenthien**

“There was a cute little bunny.  
I didn’t like the fox that tried  
to eat the bunny.”  
Chloe D (KW)



“I liked when the bunny escaped. There was a fox  
and I wanted to see if the rabbit got eaten.”  
– Harry T (1T) ★ x 1000

“I liked the ‘deadly chase.’” – Andrew B (2M)  
★★★★★

### **This Week’s Library Riddle**

In Graeme Base’s classic book ‘Animalia’, what animal is used for the letter ‘X’?

## **SPORT REPORT**

Thanks to Kyle R, Bailey P and Nate H for showing off our new representative Swimming Caps. All students who represented KPS at the BWPSSA Zone Swimming Carnival wore one of our new caps.

It was wonderful to see our school representatives giving their Personal Best. The results of the day will be in next week’s newsletter.

MR GILKS

On Thursday 11 March 2021, Scripture and Ethics classes begin for the year. K- 2 classes will be at 10:15 – 10:55 and 3 – 6 classes will operate from 11:35 – 12:15 each week. At our school we have approved providers for Combined Churches and Catholic denominations to operate classes in Scripture.

Your child has been placed in a group according to last year’s arrangements. Students not attending Scripture classes will be provided with supervised alternative, meaningful activities which may include reading, private study and homework. A parent/carer may at any time notify the school in writing that they wish to change their decision. Kindergarten students have been placed according to their enrolment information.

In 2021, Special Education in Ethics (SEE) has been provided as an option for parents/carers of Kindergarten students who do not wish for their children to attend Scripture classes. Ms Tisa, a trained teacher of Primary Ethics, the Department of Education’s authorised provider of SEE, has volunteered to take a Kindergarten class in Ethics at Kariong PS this year.

To extend the Ethics program beyond the Kindergarten class, volunteers are needed with training and support provided by Primary Ethics. Visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au) or contact Carey Francis on [carey.francis@primaryethics.com.au](mailto:carey.francis@primaryethics.com.au) for more information.

**Mrs Sondra Broadhurst**  
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

# HARMONY WEEK 2021

MONDAY 15 - SUNDAY 21 MARCH

[www.oml.wa.gov.au](http://www.oml.wa.gov.au)

## What is Harmony Week?

Harmony Week is a time to celebrate Australian multiculturalism and the successful integration of migrants into our community. Australia is one of the most successful multicultural countries in the world and we should celebrate this and work to maintain it. The message of Harmony Week is **everyone belongs**. It is about inclusiveness, respect and belonging for all Australians, regardless of cultural or linguistic background, united by a set of core Australian values. Here at Kariong PS, we are looking forward to continuing our support of this wonderful initiative.

The canteen will be offering a variety of different foods from various countries which your child can order. On **Wednesday 17th March**, students are encouraged to wear their traditional cultural dress. Those who do not have a cultural dress can wear orange. Students will participate in lesson plans that will have a diversity focus. We invited students from Non-English speaking backgrounds to bring something significant that symbolises their culture/country. A PowerPoint presentation has been created and will be shared across the entire school. Such celebrations create opportunities for all of us to think, talk about and recognise how our differences make Australia a great place to live.

We would like to invite any family members who would like to visit the school as a guest speaker to contact Ms Glare via the school office. A visit to a class can then be arranged. Your visit would be a highly valued learning experience for the students.

## Why orange?

Traditionally, orange signifies social communication and meaningful conversations. It also relates to the freedom of ideas and encouragement of mutual respect.

## Facts and figures

Here are some fascinating statistics about Australia's diversity:

- Nearly half (49 per cent) of Australians were born overseas or have at least one parent who was
- We identify with over 300 ancestries
- Since 1945, more than 7.5 million people have migrated to Australia
- 85 per cent of Australians agree multiculturalism has been good for Australia
- Apart from English, the most common languages spoken in Australia are Mandarin, Arabic, Cantonese, Vietnamese, Italian, Greek, Tagalog/Filipino, Hindi, Spanish and Punjabi
- More than 70 Indigenous languages are spoken in Australia.

(These facts are taken from ABS 2016 Census Data. Check out the Australian Bureau of Statistics website).

We all look forward in celebrating Harmony Day.

## Ms Glare

EAL/D Teacher

## PBL Update

At Kariong Public School, we show respect, responsibility and strive to do our personal best. Today, all students were excited to welcome back **“Free Play Friday”**. During PBL lessons this week, students have been learning about being respectful, responsible and doing their personal best for **Free Play Friday** and using the **Fixed Equipment**. This week’s PBL Focus has been: **Free Play Friday and The Fixed Equipment**



## CHANGE OF DETAILS

If you have changed your phone numbers, address or emergency contact numbers, please phone the school office (4340 1885) or send a note to the office with updates. You can also email changes to: [kariong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:kariong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au).

Are you receiving our newsletter by email? If not, please contact the office.

PLEASE NOTE: Payments to the Uniform Shop need to be made to: [gtschool.com.au](http://gtschool.com.au) as it is privately owned and NOT through school POP. Thank you.

If your child has a medical condition and you haven't completed forms with the office, please also contact the office.

IF YOUR CHILD HAS ASTHMA AND CARRIES THEIR OWN PUFFER, PLEASE ENSURE THE OFFICE HAS A SPARE PUFFER for YOUR CHILD.

## GOSFORD TAILORING UNIFORM SHOP

### OPENING TIMES

Tuesdays and Thursdays,  
8:30am to 9:30am

Take a look at our FaceBook Page: [kps uniformshop](#).

Note the Uniform Shop is owned by Gosford Tailoring.

The ONLINE shop to order uniforms is: [gtschool.com.au](http://gtschool.com.au). Payment through this site is via Paypal or credit card. Please do not make payments to the school website for uniforms. Orders will be available the next day that the Uniform Shop is open. If you are unable to pick up at that time, items will be available for collection from the school office.

Payments can be made with cash or Eftpos at the Uniform Shop or Paypal/Credit Card if ordering online.



Principal's Gold Book Award					
Imogen Mc 1J	Travis L 1J				
Merit Awards					
Layla W 3B	Emmy G 3B	Ryan K 3B	Hallie C 3B	Tyrell A 3C	Ashna D 3C
Sophie S 3C	Ziva W 3C	Luke C 2/3F	Paige G 2/3F	Eden W 2/3F	Sophie G 3/4H
Veronica C 3/4H	Finn S 4M	Charlotte A 4M	Shuji Y 4M	Katelyn G 4M	Emily A 4RG
Tyra V 4RG	Dev K 4RG	Ella B 4RG			

## Value of the Month Respect



Lincoln M - KD, Josie B - KH, Kayden R-C - KM, Eden F - KW, Kalea B - 1G,  
 Harry T - 1T, Liam V- 1J, Oscar R- 2K, Brigette A - 2M, Brianna W - 2D, Bella M -  
 2/3F, Cullen G - 3C, Amelia S - 3B, Amber B - 3/4H, Indiana G - 4RG, Krisha B -  
 4M, Jake M - 4/5F, Jett T - 5G, Maya N - 5/6D, Ella Y - 6G, Jasmine S - 6T



CENTRAL COAST  
MARINE DISCOVERY CENTRE

PARKLIFE  
COFFEE

## Junior Science Academy comes to the Central Coast for the first time this Easter break! 7th April - 15th April 2021

Is your child ready to experiment, ask questions, wonder, investigate and - maybe - get a little messy? They'll do all this and more as they explore science, technology, engineering and maths (STEM) concepts through fun, hands-on activities. At the Macquarie Junior Science Academy, primary-school age children can explore the world in a new light through engaging and interactive experiences. Developed by experts and delivered by experienced educators, the program is aligned with the NSW Science and Technology Syllabus and the Australian Curriculum. Classes are relevant and age-appropriate with new courses released each program.

The Macquarie Junior Science Academy is operating these coming holidays at the Central Coast Marine Discovery Centre, Terrigal. Classes include Let it Grow (K -Yr 1), We Do Robotics Beginners (Yrs 1 - 2), Fish You Were Here (Yrs 3 -4), Float My Boat (Yrs 4 - 6) and I'm a Survivor (Yrs 4 - 6). Please see the academy timetable and overview of classes further in the newsletter. For more information and bookings see their website or follow this link.

[www.mq.edu.au/about/campus-services-and-facilities/childcare-centres/junior-science-academy](http://www.mq.edu.au/about/campus-services-and-facilities/childcare-centres/junior-science-academy)





Timetable for JSA @ the Central Coast  
Marine Discovery Centre, Terrigal  
APRIL 2021

Monday 5th	Tuesday 6th	Wednesday 7th	Thursday 8th	Friday 9th
PUBLIC HOLIDAY	--	Let It Grow Years K-1	We Do Robotics Beginners Years 1-2 Creative Kids Eligible	--
Monday 12th	Tuesday 13th	Wednesday 14th	Thursday 15th	Friday 16th
--	Fish You Were Here Years 3-4	Float My Boat Years 4-6	I'm A Survivor Years 4-6	--

Daily Schedule for CCMDC Terrigal:

<b>Drop off</b>	<b>7.30am - 9.30am</b>
<b>Activities</b>	<b>9.30am - 4.30pm</b>
<b>Pick-up</b>	<b>4.30pm - 6.00pm</b>
<b>Cost</b>	<b>\$130</b>

Class Title	Class Description
<b>Fish You Were Here</b> Years 3-4	<p>Learning experiences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn the basics for keeping freshwater fish in a home aquarium</li> <li>Explore essential aquarium equipment on a working fish tank</li> <li>Experiment with water chemistry, purifying tap water and adjusting pH to make it safe for your fish</li> <li>Create a happy and peaceful tank community as you learn about fish compatibility</li> <li>Put your learning in action and let your creativity flow as you design your own aquarium</li> <li>Discover the nitrogen cycle, learning how to do water tests and water changes to keep your fish healthy</li> </ul>
<b>Float My Boat</b> Years 4-6	<p>Learning experiences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Discover the science of sailing, learning about density, buoyancy and other water forces</li> <li>Learn who Archimedes was and why he loved taking baths</li> <li>Will it sink or float? - Experimenting with buoyancy</li> <li>Create a density tower</li> <li>Design your own cargo boat challenge - Who can carry the most cargo?</li> <li>Experiment with gravity using sails and keels and test your design in a boat race!</li> </ul>
<b>I'm a Survivor</b> Years 4-6	<p>Learning experiences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Learn the essential skills for survival in this practical class on the science of survival</li> <li>Survival means we need water, food, shelter and fire - Take part in a dramatic scenario to survive your day!</li> <li>Discover how to find and purify water</li> <li>Find out about edible bush tucker and how to keep yourself nourished in a survival situation</li> <li>Make a trap you could use to catch food</li> <li>Learn how to create a shelter and fire</li> </ul>
<b>Let It Grow</b> Years K-1	<p>Learning experiences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The science of gardening - Do you know what it takes to grow?</li> <li>Rainbow flowers - Experiment on how plants use water</li> <li>Learn about edible gardens</li> <li>Why do leaves change colour?</li> <li>Garden Scavenger Hunt</li> <li>Make your own grass head to take home!</li> </ul> <p>Learning activities finish 4pm. Care is available until 5.30pm. Children can be picked up between 4.00pm-5.30pm</p>
<b>We Do Robotics Beginners</b> (Formerly: Robotics 1) Years 1-2	<p>Learning experiences include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>This is the first class in our We Do Robotics Series</li> <li>This is a beginner level class. Children should complete this class before doing other We Do classes</li> <li>Solve real-life problems using robotics!</li> <li>Use Lego Education WeDo 2.0 sets to build and code your own robots</li> <li>Construct a cooling fan and program the motor to turn at different speeds</li> <li>Build a spy robot</li> <li>Design and create a slithery snake</li> <li>Challenge yourself by building a satellite that can turn and change direction</li> </ul>

# Nutrition Snippet

## WHAT IS THE HEALTHY LUNCH BOX?



**A one-stop-shop for everything you need to know about packing a healthy lunch box.**

**Here's what you'll find on the website:**

- Interactive lunch box builder that helps parents and kids plan and pack a healthy lunch with foods they like.
- Lots of quick and easy recipes and snack ideas.
- Informative blogs about healthy eating for the family.
- ◆ Sign up to receive the Healthy Lunch Box e-newsletter for ideas, updates and recipes.

**[healthylunchbox.com.au](http://healthylunchbox.com.au)**



**Cancer Council**  
Healthy Lunch Box



# **NEW** Childcare Services at Kariong Public School

## Outside of School Hours Care & Vacation Care

Coast Community Connections is pleased to announce in partnership with the Kariong Primary School community a brand-new childcare service for students, conveniently located on the grounds of Kariong Public School.

**Before & After School Care** Weekdays  
between 6:30am - 9:00am, 3:00pm - 6:30pm

**Vacation Care**  
7:00am - 6:30pm during school holidays

### **For Bookings**

Please contact Teresa Read on **0413 849 927**





# Kariong Out of School Hours Care

## *Bek and Nat*

We would like to welcome Bek and Nat back on the floor working alongside your gorgeous children



**THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

# Colour In and Win!

\$50 Egg-cellent hamper full of Easter Goodness

To Enter:

1. Download a stencil from our facebook page or by scanning the QR code below.
2. Have your budding artist colour in the picture
3. Take a photo and email, text or post it to the details below.

\*T&C's apply



Wiseberry Real Estate

7 4-8 Mitchell Dr, Kariong

t: 0423 863 843 e: kariong@wiseberry.com.au

\*Entry closes 31/3/21 5pm & winner will be drawn 1/4/21.

\*To be eligible you must complete question on the stencil name, number, address



[www.kariongnetballclub.com](http://www.kariongnetballclub.com)

## Play NETBALL in 2021 with Kariong Netball Club

Kariong Netball club has a few places available in our 10-year-old team to play in the 2021 Saturday Competition.

Meet new friends and enjoy being part of a team.

If you are interested in playing –

Email Sandra, Club Secretary: [karncsecretary@outlook.com](mailto:karncsecretary@outlook.com) - name, age and previous playing history or simply if you would like any further information.

**Tell your friends, spread the word.**

Once these limited positions are filled all our Junior Kariong teams are full.



