

# KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

*View to the Future*

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## DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday	30 November	Final Day to pay for End of Year Movies
Thursday	3 December	Yr 5 Final Speeches & Voting
	3 December	Yr 6 Orientation to High School
Friday	4 December	Stage 3 Out of School Sport
Monday	7 December	Yr 1 Presentation Day – 9.15am
	7 December	Parent Helper Morning Tea - 11am
Tuesday	8 December	Yr 2 Presentation Day - 9.15am
	8 December	Stage 2 Presentation Night 7 pm
Wednesday	9 December	Movie Day Year Kinder – Yr 2
Thursday	10 December	Kinder 2010 Play Day 9.30am -11am
	10 December	Combined Scripture Service K-3 & 4-6
Friday	11 December	Movie Day Yr 3 - Yr 5
	11 December	Kinder Presentation Day 9.15am

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### Important Survey

In our efforts to improve the service that Kariong Public School offers, we are keen to hear your views about some aspects of school life. Today you should receive a short survey which asks you to identify some of our strengths and suggest any improvements that could be made. The survey should only take a couple of minutes to complete and it is important that we get as big a response as possible. Please take the time to complete it and return it to school before Friday of next week (4 Dec).

Parents of children in some classes will also receive a second short survey on the back of the survey sheet. This relates to literacy programs within those classes and I would request those parents to find a little extra time to do that survey as well.

Results of these surveys will be published in the 2009 Annual School Report.

### High School Nearing Completion

No doubt you have noticed the development of the Kariong /Mountains High School buildings and can see that they are getting close to completion. Unfortunately the buildings won't be ready for the start of the year so, for the first couple of weeks, they will be using other facilities.

This is a very exciting time for Kariong and must give those who pushed for a high school for many years a great deal of satisfaction. Having the high school so close also provides exciting new opportunities for Kariong Public School. Mrs Vine, the high school principal, has made it very clear that she is very open to developing a very close relationship with KPS and having students from this school use the facilities they will have.

The RTA is going to provide either a bridge over the highway or an underpass to enable direct access to the high school. The crossing will be near the soccer fields at the end of Langford Drive. The RTA will be seeking public comment regarding these two proposals and I would urge you to support the underpass if you are inclined to comment. The bridge will involve a couple of hundred metres of ramping which may discourage many children from using it and have them "running the gauntlet" with the traffic. The proposed underpass is a wide, open and light passage, not at all tunnel-like and would provide a more natural link between both sides of the highway.

Evan Campbell – Relieving Principal

### **Principal's Gold Book**

**Tyler, Jemma, Elana, Laura, Courtney, Jayden, Aaron, Chris, Aaron, Harry**



## **DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT**

### **Year 5 Student Leader Speeches**

The calibre of our Year 5 speeches at morning assembly this week has been outstanding. Our school's public speaking program is definitely having a powerful effect on our students. Congratulations to all the following candidates who stood for election. You have all been a credit to yourself, your school and your family.

### **Voluntary School Contribution**

It is never too late in the year to pay your school contribution. This money makes a large difference to the school budget in being able to purchase resources for classroom use. Thank you for supporting your child's education if you have already paid this amount.

### **The International Day of People with a Disability**

The annual celebration of International Day of People with a Disability (IDPwD) will be held the 3 December. IDPwD brings together people with disability and the general community and aims to:

- Showcase the skills, abilities, contributions and achievements of people with disability
- Promote a positive image of people with disability
- Involve people with disability and the broader community in activities to celebrate and raise awareness of IDPwD.

To check events taking place in your area or for more information visit the website at [www.idpwd.com.au](http://www.idpwd.com.au)

### **Help When You Need It**

The current edition of School Parents Magazine shows families how they can seek emotional help and support when they need it. Whether it's face to face, on the phone or via email, there is a service that could help and some are ready to help at any time of day, seven days a week.

If it's an issue affecting the whole family a good place to start is the school counsellor. School counsellors are available for all students from K to 12 and their families.

For more information and a list of services that can help visit the School Parents Magazine at [www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/magazine/yr2009/issue05/help.php](http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/news/magazine/yr2009/issue05/help.php)

Toni Formby

### **LAST DAY FOR MOVIES PAYMENT**

***No payments for the movies will be accepted after Monday 30 November. Cost is \$24.***

### **VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY**

The Uniform Shop is in need of volunteers to manage its opening hours of 8:30am - 9:30am Mon & Wed. We are hoping to get some regulars so if you have a spare hour or two each week/fortnight then we would love to hear from you. The processes are all in place and ready to go!

If you have wanted to help out in the Canteen but have toddlers then this could be for you. The Uniform Shop can be separated from the Canteen so OH&S issues with young children can still be adhered to.

If you are interested please contact Marilyn at the Canteen or Jodie Williams 0414 896 191.

**TERM DATES**

Parents are reminded that the last day of the 2009 school year for students will be **Wednesday 16 December**. **School Development Days will be held on the last two days of Term 4, 2009 (Thursday 17 December and Friday 18 December)**. School Development Days at the start and end of semesters allow teachers to undergo further professional training.

**Thursday 28 January** is the first day back in 2010 for most NSW students and **Thursday 4 February** is when students return in the western division of NSW.

**STUDENT BANKING**

The last day for student banking this year will be **Friday 4 December 2009**. Banking will resume again in Week 3 of Term 1 2010.

**STUDENT BANKING WINNERS-** Monique and Hayden.

**MOVEMBER**

**Monday 30 Movember – The SHAVE will take place.**



Kariong Progress Hall - Woy Woy Rd Kariong  
 There will be plenty for the whole family to enjoy  
 Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> of December  
 Between 10-2pm  
 Raffle  
 Lucky Dips  
 Face Painting  
 Temporary Tattoos  
 BBQ and Refreshments  
 And the Biggest Garage Sale  
 With lots more.....

The Kariong Mountains High School will be holding a fundraising day / garage sale on the 6th of December at the Kariong Progress Hall on Woy Woy road where the tennis courts are, between 10am to 2pm.

If anyone has quality bric- a- brac that they would like to donate to raise funds for the New Kariong Mountains High School it would be greatly appreciated.

If you would like to donate please call Shannon on 43401195 to arrange a drop time.