



DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday	7 December	Yr 1 Presentation Day – 9.15am
Tuesday	8 December	Yr 2 Presentation Day - 9.15am
	8 December	Stage 2 Presentation Night 7 pm
Wednesday	9 December	Movie Day 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
	11 December	K-6 Reports Out
Monday	14 December	Stage 3 Presentation Night 7 pm
	14 December	Level 1 term Reward – Peppermint Park
Tuesday	15 December	Kariong Candles by Candlelight
	15 December	Parent Helper Morning Tea 11am
Wednesday	16 December	Yr 6 Assembly & Walk of Fame
	16 December	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

2010 Student Leaders

Having listened to the candidates for the student leadership positions for next year, I can confidently say that the students of Kariong Public School will be well represented in 2010. The boys and girls who have put themselves forward for selection have all overcome their nerves and spoken with great confidence about what they can offer if selected for a leadership role. Well done to you all!

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

At the end of each year, the teachers at KPS like to show their appreciation for all the help that is given to the school in so many ways by holding a morning tea for all the wonderful volunteers who give up their time. This year the Parent Helpers Morning Tea will be held at 11am on Tuesday, December 15th (the last week of term). Teachers will be sending out invitations over the next week.

With so many parents helping in such a variety of ways, from Canteen work and P&C membership to listening to children read and providing transport, it is inevitable that we will miss out on inviting one or two people who should have received an invitation. If you are one of those people, please don't be offended but come along to the morning tea anyway.

I am looking forward to the opportunity to thank you personally for your contribution to school life at Kariong this year.

Evan Campbell – Relieving Principal

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

School Development Day

This year the government has gazetted that the last two days of Term 4 will be for school development. Staff will engage in learning activities over Thursday and Friday on using interactive whiteboards, Keep Them Safe Training, Aboriginal Education Policy and Mathematics. No students will attend on Thursday 17 and 18 December.

New School Sign on Langford Drive

Our school sign is now shining brightly down on Langford Drive. We are hoping that it will be able to help the community informed of school events. It is programmed to switch on at 6am and turn off at 9pm. If you have any feedback on those times please let me know.

Parent Helpers Morning Tea

The new date for the Parent Helpers Morning Tea is Tuesday 15 December. If you have assisted the school through out the year please come to the Hall on that day at 11am. Invitations were sent out this week but if yours has not yet arrived or is in the bottom of the school bag we would love to see you. Please come along!

Library Stock take

The Library is now officially closed for stock take. If your child has any books at home please return them ASAP.

Year 5 Student Elections

Yesterday our remaining candidates gave their speeches to students, staff and visitors. All of the candidates and the audience should be congratulated on their efforts at this special assembly. Our final candidates were: Casey, Sophie, Emily, Matilda, Kayla, Montanna, Laura, Chloe, Aleena, Jordan, Nathan, Kallen, Ben, Jordan, Blake, Jacob, Toby, Rhys, Jake and Jordan. The results of the election will be given next week with the student leadership team for 2010 invested at our Stage 3 Presentation Night on Monday 14 December.

Annual Presentation Ceremonies

Parents and family members are invited to join us in the hall next week for four Annual Presentation Ceremonies. Dates and times are on the school calendar on the front page of the newsletter. All students K-2 receive a certificate at each grades Presentation Ceremony. In Years 3-6 there are book prizes and certificates for those students who have been identified by staff as having had a successful academic year. Due to a large number of students in Stage 2 & 3, attendance at these presentations is by invitation only.

Movie Days K-5

Movie days for all students in Kindergarten to Year 5 are also on next week. Please ensure that notes and money are already returned.

K-6 Reports

On Friday 11 December all students will receive their student report for Semester 2. If after reading this document you have any queries, please contact your child's teacher.

Toni Formby

Tips for keeping your cool

With temperatures already having hit record highs, here are some tips to stay cool and comfortable this summer:

- Include frozen drinks, plenty of water and fruit in your child's lunchbox
- Ensure they wear factor 30 sunscreen, a hat and light cotton clothing
- Plan your day to stay out of the heat
- Stay indoors or in the shade during the hottest part of the day. (10am – 2pm)
- If you can't avoid strenuous activity like sport, home improvements or gardening, keep it for the cooler parts of the day such as early morning or evening
- If you must go out, stay in the shade. Wear a hat and light-coloured, loose-fitting clothes, preferably made of natural fibres. Wear sunglasses and apply sunscreen with a sun protection factor of 30 to exposed skin. If you will be outside for some time, take plenty of water with you
- Ensure your pets are also well hydrated and have plenty of shade when they are outside

NSW Health has fact sheets on heat-related illnesses such as heat exhaustion and heat stroke. Go to: www.health.nsw.gov.au/factsheets/environmental/heat_related_illness.html

New rules for children in cars

From March 1 next year, children up to the age of seven must travel in approved child car seats or wear restraints. These new laws have been passed to address the high rate of injuries from children travelling in cars.

Research shows that younger children using adult seat belts greatly increase their risk of injury. For around \$100 for a booster seat, families can reduce the risks and save lives.

The RTA has produced an information brochure to assist in choosing suitable child restraints and seats. The 2009 Safer Child Restraints Guide is available from motor registries on 13 22 13 or www.rta.nsw.gov.au/roadsafety/children/childrestraints/

Toni Formby

STAGE 3 UPDATE

Although the end of year is fast approaching it is a busy time for the students of Years 5 and 6 at Kariong Public School.

On Thursday it was **High School Orientation**. The students of Year 6 are moving on to secondary schooling in 2010 at more than 6 different High Schools. The majority will be embarking on a most exciting experience, that of being part of a NEW High School. Kariong Mountains High School will be recognised in future years as a centre of fantastic, diverse learning with many vast opportunities for the students who attend. Thank you to my fellow Year 6 teachers who guided our students across The Central Coast Highway and being part of Year 6's transition to High School. It was a valuable educational experience where we were introduced to the workings of the High School and what the students could expect next year. Thank you to Mrs Vine, Mrs Matthew and their team who gave their time and knowledge to assist our students feel more relaxed and confident about next year. We have forged the beginnings of a great partnership in middle schooling philosophy. Thank you to the parents who took their children to the Out of Area High Schools so they now know what to expect for 2010 and beyond.

During Week 8 (next week) students in Stage 3 will participate in **High Interest Groups**. Over the course of the week they will engage in 7 different diverse activities to enrich their lives and develop their skills in a variety of activities and working as a part of a team to explore different educational outcomes (with a bit of fun in the bargain).

Thank you to Mrs James and the Stage 3 team for your contribution to **Out of School Sports** this year. The children have enjoyed the range of sports and presented themselves at the variety of venues in a manner that reflects highly on Kariiong.

Finally, not many more sleeps until the night of nights...**The Year 6 Farewell**. Thank you to the hard working parents who have given up many hours to organise this special night. I know I have my fluoro outfit ready for this amazing occasion. Invitation acknowledgement slips need to be returned to your child's class teacher by Tuesday. Hopefully your child has ordered their DVD as a reminder of the many happy times they have spent at Kariiong P. S.

Amanda Taylor
Stage 3 Co-ordinator

Australian PSSA Athletics Championships

On Monday 30 November, Paige and Jaimee competed at the Australian Athletics Championships at Homebush. Paige competed in the Junior Girls Discus and finished in 3rd place - an outstanding effort 3rd in Australia. Well done Paige!! Jaimee competed in the 11 Year Girls Discus and finished 3rd, another outstanding effort. Congratulations to Paige and Jaimee! 3rd in Australia in their respective events - Kariiong Public is very proud of you!

Active After School Sport

After School sport has now finished for 2009. A BIG thankyou to our coaches Mrs Powell, Edward Lumby, Lauren Hanley and Amy Phillips for their hard work. Thank you to everyone who supported the program this year. The AASS program will run again next year. Information will be available the first few weeks back. Miss Conwell.

TERM DATES

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 WINNERS- Jackson and Adam.