



## DATES TO REMEMBER:

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
	15 December	Mufti Day Christmas colours. Gold coin donation
Wednesday	16 December	Yr 6 Assembly & Walk of Fame
	<b>16 December</b>	<b>LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS</b>
Thursday	<b>28 January 2010</b>	<b>SCHOOL BEGINS YEARS 1 - 6</b>
Thursday	<b>4 February 2010</b>	<b>KINDERGARTEN BEGINS</b>

## PRINCIPAL'S REPORT



## SEMESTER TWO REPORTS

Today every child should be bringing home his/her school report for Semester Two. Please read it thoroughly and discuss the results with your child. If you need to discuss an aspect of the report with the class teacher, please phone the school to make an appointment.

## Seasons Greetings

I cannot believe that the term is almost over and that my stay at Kariong Public School is drawing to a close. Where has the time gone?

My time here, albeit short, has been very enjoyable and I would like to thank everyone who has made me feel welcome.

I wish all the boys and girls and their families a safe and happy holiday season and all the best for next year.

Evan Campbell – Relieving Principal



## DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

### SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY

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**STAFF NEWS**

On Wednesday we will say farewell to our Early Stage One Assistant Principal. Mrs Williams's outstanding knowledge of early childhood education and the teaching of literacy has been recognised in her appointment as a Reading Recovery Tutor through the Merit Selection process. Mrs Williams will return to study at university next year before returning to the coast to assist teachers from across the Hunter/Central Coast who are training as Reading Recovery teachers. Mrs Williams has a long association with our school as a parent, P&C member, Teachers Aide, Class Teacher and Assistant Principal. I would like to thank Mrs Williams for her outstanding contribution to Kariong Public School in all of these roles over the past twenty years. I know that the school community wishes you every success in your new role and I know you will be missed by students, staff and parents. Farewell Mrs Williams – an outstanding educator.

Farewell to our cleaner Mr Brian Theobald who will retire from his position at the end of the year. On behalf of the staff and students I would like to thank Mr Theobald for his work at Kariong PS.

Congratulations to Mrs June Mallarky who graduated this week from her training as a Reading recovery teacher. Well done, Mrs. Mallarky.

**YEAR SIX FAREWELL**

I was fortunate to attend our Year Six Farewell held on Wednesday evening. I feel that the students in Year 6 are a little like my own children as I have a daughter the same age and when they started Kindergarten I started at Kariong. The students were either handsome or gorgeous in their fluro coloured clothing. A wonderful evening was had with a fine meal, a beautiful farewell cake and lots of dancing. The occasion certainly was the best in staff and parents working together to give our Year 6 students a farewell to remember. At the conclusion of the evening, many parents were also able to share a special DVD of moments from the Year 6 students schooling over the past years. Many thanks to Mrs White for compiling this. Congratulations to the Farewell committee for their excellent work.

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**PARENT HELPERS MORNING TEA**

The new date for the Parent Helpers Morning Tea is Tuesday 15 December. If you have assisted the school throughout 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!

**YEAR 5 STUDENT ELECTIONS**

Our successful candidates in the Year Five elections were:



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| ✓ Nathan | ✓ Casey    |
| ✓ Kallen | ✓ Sophie   |
| ✓ Ben    | ✓ Matilda  |
| ✓ Blake  | ✓ Montanna |
| ✓ Toby   | ✓ Chloe    |
| ✓ Rhys   | ✓ Jordan   |

The student leadership team for 2010 will be invested at our Stage 3 Presentation Night on Monday night.

## **ANNUAL PRESENTATION CEREMONIES**

Our Annual Presentation Ceremonies are nearly completed with only the Stage Three Presentation Night on Monday to be held. Unfortunately attendance is by invitation only due to the limited space in our hall.

## **K-6 REPORTS**

All students will have received their student reports for Semester 2. If after reading your child's report you have any queries, please contact your child's teacher.

## **ENJOY YOUR HOLIDAY**

I would like to wish all staff, students and parents a very Merry Christmas and a happy holiday season. There have been many highlights in a busy and interesting year at Kariong Public School but none better than all the younger students all crowded in our new sandpit and having a wonderful time. Thanks so much to Mr Broughton for his time and efforts in building the Taj Mahal sandpit. It is a winner. I would like to thank all our staff including the teachers, office staff, learning support officers, the canteen staff, Mr Broughton and our cleaners Mrs Jackson and Mr Theobald for their efforts on behalf of the school community this year. Many hearts do make a school -so enjoy a well earned rest. I hope that as parents you will enjoy the break from routine and get to enjoy your children over the holidays. .

Toni Formby  
Deputy Principal.



## **MUFTI DAY - LAST CHANCE TO DRESS UP FOR THE YEAR**

**Tuesday** 15 December 2009

**Gold Coin** Donation

Dress in your **Christmas colours!**

Looking for creative, interesting, fun.

## **NOT MANY MORE SLEEPS YEAR 6**

Sometimes it seems like yesterday and other days so l-o-n-g ago when the Kinders of 2003 arrived at Kariong Public School. Some were crying, others confident, brave, confused or not sure what the fuss was all about. But I do remember that the nearly 100 students were little.

For the next two years they were in Stage One where I had the pleasure of being the supervisor and teaching 29 of them in Year 2. At that end of year presentation I wished them the best as they were moving on to Primary and I noticed they were more confident and a bit taller than previous years. I was again their supervisor when they were in Year 4 and remember waving the very excited students good bye as their bags were packed and they were heading to Milson's Island for their first overnight excursion. And for their final year here I again supervise and teach this grade.

I want to take this opportunity to wish Year 6 all the best at High School and thank you for all the memories you have given me over the last seven years. And to the parents, I hope you will enjoy the next chapter in your life, your children as teenagers and high school. I notice for many families this is your last child in primary school this year so it will be your final year also at Kariong PS. Enjoy your new adventures together.

So to the students, as your last few days at Kariong draw to an end on behalf of the Year 6 teachers, Mrs Bagnat, Mrs James, Mr Matthew, Mrs Pugh and myself thank you for a great year. You were wonderful students who were proud, kind and co-operative students.

Therefore I am sure you will understand that on Wednesday as you parade around the Courtyard on your Walk of Fame tour there will be one teacher (at least) with a tear in her eye as the Class of 2009 leave us ready to embark on your new challenges and she remembers your years here and sees that you are such confident, capable and taller students ready to face the world. Remember to come and visit us sometime and tell us about High School. – Amanda Taylor, Stage 3 Supervisor.

### **YEAR 6 FAREWELL**

Thank you to the parents of the Farewell Committee for all your hard work throughout the year in making the Night so successful and enjoyable for the students. It was the Night of Nights. Now you can get some sleep and stop thinking fluoro colours all the time! We are looking forward to seeing and buying the photos as the colours of the outfits were amazing. The DVD will be wonderful where it includes photos of days gone by and the moment where the colourful entourage walked up the stairs to sit and eat their meal. It was a rainbow over the COLA. And did all of Kariong hear the screams of delight as you opened the Hall doors to reveal the decorations? Who would have known there was such a range of clothes, shoes, hats, braces and ties in such bright colours! Thank you once again it was worth all the effort!

Rebecca Pugh and Amanda Taylor

### **CITIZEN OF THE MONTH**

Students have been recognised by their ClassTeacher for displaying Integrity in their classrooms. Congratulations to these students. They were recognised at assembly and their photos are displayed in the front foyer.

### **Bricks and Pavers Fundraiser**

The engraved bricks and pavers which everyone ordered at the school fete will finally be delivered to the school at the beginning of next year. We held off on their delivery until the top playground was returfed and all the paving work was finished. It will now be decided where to build the wall and hopefully that will be done before the end of the term. Thank you to everyone for their patience and their generosity in purchasing these bricks and pavers. We will let you all know when you can come and peruse the finished product. Marilyn

**STUDENT BANKING WINNERS-** Class 1/2B -39 Deposits. Lily 1/2B & Alice 3H

### **P & C PRESIDENTS REPORT**

I wish to give my heart felt thanks to all the volunteers that have given up their time over 2009, you may have volunteered at the fete, or at the disco's, in the canteen, on Mother or Fathers day stalls, in home reading or in many other ways. This time is greatly appreciated by everyone, especially the children, without you there are so many things that would not be accomplished.

The P & C would like to wish everyone a very happy and safe break and we look forward to seeing you all in 2010.

Julie Thow  
President

### **CAN YOU DO SOMETHING SPECIAL THIS CHRISTMAS?**

At the Australian Red Cross Blood Service we know that Christmas means different things to different people. For many it is a time for religious celebration and reflection, a time to shop for the perfect gift, a time to gather with friends and family.

You can help those in need this festive season by donating blood over the Christmas holidays.

This is a precious gift that unlike most gifts over Christmas can't be bought.

Your generous blood donation during the holiday season will help us ensure Central Coast patients have the lifesaving blood and blood products that they rely on for survival or quality of life.

The Central Coast Australia over 500 blood donations every week and with every blood donation helping to save three lives, you really can make a difference this Christmas.

One in three people will need blood at some stage during their lifetime but only one in thirty people currently give blood. Do something special this Christmas. Give blood.

To make an appointment call **13 14 95**.

**CANTEEN HELPER ROSTER 2010**

14 <sup>th</sup> December	15 <sup>th</sup> December	16 <sup>th</sup> December	17 <sup>th</sup> December	18 <sup>th</sup> December
J Muldoon 11am V Duval	K Krix D Stewart	M Holmes T Campbell A Camp	NO STUDENTS	NO STUDENTS
	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>		
		<b>27<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> January</b>	<b>29<sup>th</sup> January</b>
		<b>STUDENT FREE DAY</b> Uniform Shop Open 10am – 12pm	K Morrison	H Scott (morning) <b>HELP NEEDED</b>
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<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>HELP NEEDED</b>	<b>SCHOOL</b>	<b>HOLIDAYS</b>

