

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

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DATES TO REMEMBER:

Monday	15 November	Stage 2 Surf Ed
Monday	15 November	Yr 5 Student Leader Nominations Begin
Tuesday	16 November	Kinder Transition Gp.1 9am-11.30am Gp.2 11am-12.30pm
Thursday	18 November	RAW Art Stage 1
Friday	19 November	Stage 3 Out of School Sport
Friday	19 November	RAW Art Stage 1
Monday	22 November	RAW Art Stage 1

PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

Dear Parent/Caregivers

While teachers are working hard on the end of year reports I am working hard on planning for 2011 and beyond. First let me talk briefly about the end of year reports. I recently heard a parent claiming that their child's end of year report was being written by a computer. He was almost right, the end of year reports are written ON (not by) a computer. We have a software program called, "*Easy School Reporting*" though some of us are not so sure about the "easy" bit. It helps teachers organise assessment results to produce meaningful reports and it also helps us store report comments on a data base so that for example if a parent comes to talk to me about their child's performance I can quickly refer to the last few reports by looking on my desktop computer in the office (no more searching for copies and no more wasting paper on multiple copies to file in even more filing cabinets.)

The report comments section has always been difficult for teachers. In the old days we'd write them out by hand and in my case hope that parents, could decipher my scrawl. We'd also struggle with writing "could do better if he made an effort" (direct quote from most of my school reports) or something similar, ad nauseum.

Now teachers produce a "comment bank" to cover all of the various remarks that they want to write on student's reports. Then they can fill in each student's report using comments from the comment bank and adding additional things as needed. This saves writing the same things many times on many different reports and produces a greater consistency between reports. It's still time consuming but it is using the time much more effectively. So reports are not written by computers and children are not taught by computers. Any teacher who can be replaced by a computer obviously should be!

As to 2011 and beyond we are working on a school organisation that will build on the success of 2010. It looks at the moment as if we are going to have a very similar organisation of classes to what we have this year. I hope to make up the 2011 class lists in the second last week of this term. That's in about three week's time. We'll have to wait and see if any big change in our numbers happens at the start of the year (as it did in 2010) to change things but at this stage I am planning on starting the new classes from day one.

Our class organisation will reflect our commitment to lifting the performance of all students including those who have been doing well. We intend in fact to put a new emphasis on our provision for gifted and talented students and this will be reflected in the way that our composite classes in particular are organised. It's going to mean doing things a little differently to the way they have been done at Kariong but making things work better is one of the great challenges in any organisation.

In late news, because I write this on Wednesdays, our discos were a great success. We raised lots of money and the children had a fantastic time. Everyone was well behaved and a credit to their families and their schools. Well done Kariong kids you are just the best! Many thanks, to Mrs Kelliher and her band of parent volunteers for putting on four discos in two days. Thanks also to the twenty or so teachers who gave up their time to help with supervision. I know how hard they are working on reports so this was much appreciated.

Ivan Pagett
Principal

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S REPORT

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The students had a wonderful time dancing at the discos that were held this week. Thank you to all the parent volunteers and teachers who helped to make them a fun occasion. Special thanks to Lynda Kelliher for being our parent contact who co-ordinated everything.

STUDENT ELECTIONS FOR 2011 (YEAR 5 STUDENTS ONLY)

The process for electing our school officials for 2011 commences on Monday. All Year 5 students who have an excellent behaviour record are able to seek election. All Year 5 students will attend a meeting on Monday with Mrs Taylor and Mr Nash outlining the process and the school's expectations of the student leadership team. Year 5 students will receive a note outlining the election procedure on Monday.

STAGE 3 OUT OF SCHOOL SPORT

Stage 3 students commenced their Out of School Sport Program today. Thank you to Mrs James for her organisation of this excellent program. Senior students should realise that this is a privilege to attend this program and poor behaviour could see students excluded from attending.

KINDERGARTEN 2010 TRANSITION

The last week of our Kindergarten Transition Program will be held on Tuesday 16th November. Thank you to everyone who has been involved with the program to help make it a success for our future students.

SUMMER UNIFORM

Students should now be wearing the full summer uniform. We ask parents to assist us in ensuring our school uniform is worn correctly and with pride. Year 6 students are allowed to wear their fabulous souvenir shirt.

The only jewellery to be worn, apart from medical jewellery, is a watch, signet ring, sleepers or stud earrings. Other necklaces and dangly earrings should not be worn as they may endanger the wearer in playground games and sport lessons and it is very much a safety issue. All students are expected to wear their **school hat**. A cap is not considered by the Cancer Council to be appropriate school headwear.

Paula Harmer-Watkins
Relieving Deputy Principal

STUDENT BANKING WINNERS- Erin and Mitchell

REPORTED CASE OF SCARLET FEVER -Scarlet fever is an illness that sometimes occurs when your child gets **strep throat**. Kids with scarlet fever have a fever, rash, and a 'strawberry tongue'. Kids from five to fifteen are most at risk for contracting scarlet fever. Scarlet fever was once considered a life-threatening illness, but antibiotics have made it far less intimidating. Still, scarlet fever is very serious and needs to be treated by a doctor. Scarlet fever is caused by a strain of streptococcus bacteria. Streptococcus bacteria also cause streptococcal sore throat, or strep throat.

IS SCARLET FEVER SERIOUS? -Scarlet fever is rare, but serious. Left untreated, scarlet fever can result in infections of the heart, lungs, kidneys, skin, and nervous system. Complications of scarlet fever include rheumatic fever; bacteremia, a bacterial infection of the blood; an infection of the lining of the heart; and **meningitis**, inflammation of the brain and spinal cord, are less likely to occur if your child is treated soon after getting sick.

If your child has scarlet fever, keep them home until she/he is better to prevent the illness from spreading.

HOW DO I KNOW IF MY CHILD HAS SCARLET FEVER?

Scarlet fever is almost always accompanied by a sore throat and high fever. It usually comes on suddenly and may include symptoms such as:

- **Nausea and vomiting**
- **Headache**
- **Difficulty swallowing**
- **A rash may appear on the second day of the illness.** The rash looks a bit like sunburn and appears on the neck and torso, and in the folds of the arms, legs, and groin. The rash will probably last between two and five days and your child's skin might peel after the rash goes away.
- Kids with scarlet fever might also have a symptom called '**strawberry tongue**', where the tongue looks redder than normal and the bumps on the tongue are bigger, making the tongue look a bit like a strawberry.

HOW DO I TREAT SCARLET FEVER?

Scarlet fever has to be treated by a doctor. Your child's doctor will probably give her antibiotics for the infection. You can give them paracetamol for fever, sore throat and body aches. Your child will probably be irritable and miserable, so make sure that they get lots of bed rest and liquids while she/he is sick. You can try using calamine lotion for the rash if your child is uncomfortable. Keep them away from other kids until they have been treated with antibiotics for at least one day to prevent spreading scarlet fever to others.

STUDENT BANKING

10 silver tokens can now be exchanged for 1 gold token so please send in your silver tokens & we will swap them for you.

It has been brought to our attention that, in order to receive a backpack, students need to have individually made a minimum of 28 deposits - unfortunately families are unable to pool their tokens! Information regarding this can be found at www.coombank.com.au/schoolbanking If you are unsure of how many deposits your child has made please contact us & we will let you know.

Thank you. Banking Ladies.

STUDENT EXCHANGE AUSTRALIA NEW ZEALAND is a not-for-profit secondary exchange organisation which is registered with education authorities in each State and Territory. You can find out more about our organisation by visiting www.studentexchange.org.au. In January 2011 Student Exchange Australia New Zealand Ltd will be receiving exchange students from Japan, Europe, the USA and South America. Our new arrivals will live with a host family and attend a local school for 3-10 months. As we plan for their arrival, we are keen to hear from suitable families who might be interested to host a student. Host families come in all shapes and sizes, backgrounds and ages. To this end, we would be grateful if you would place a notice in your newsletter/bulletin or mention it on your website. Please note that all our host families are interviewed in their homes and carefully checked for suitability.

You can download the newsletter notice here in [Word format](#), as a [JPG](#) or in [PDF format](#). For more information please download the Host an Exchange Student Flyer in [PDF format](#).

All students have at least basic levels of English, would attend a school in your local area and live the life of a local. Our group of students cover a wide variety of interests and hobbies ranging from playing the guitar, drawing Japanese animations to skiing. If you would like to provide your students, parents or language teachers with further information on our inbound students you can also download some student profiles in either [Word format](#), as a [JPG - Page 1](#) / [JPG - Page 2](#) or in [PDF format](#). This is just a small sample of all the students who will be arriving. Our staff members will be happy to discuss which student might be best suited to a family.

Hosting an exchange student can be a truly rewarding experience. It allows a family to experience a foreign culture first hand, be exposed to a new language and pass on a bit of our own culture. They might even make a friend for life! If you have any questions about hosting an exchange student or would like to view profiles of students arriving from other countries, you can either respond to this email or call our office on 1300 135 331. No obligation.

SELECTIVE HIGH SCHOOLS APPLICATION

Applications are now being accepted for student placement in Year 7 at a selective high school in 2012. Parents of Year 5 students who wish their child to be considered for placement in 2012 must submit an application.

- Read the 2012 application package
http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/media/downloads/schoolsweb/learning/k_6assessments/ss/ss_apppackage.pdf
- Apply online at <https://secure.itcimage.com/selective/>

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**DO YOU WANT TO GAIN CONFIDENCE?
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RETURN TO THE WORKFORCE**



YOU NEED TO JOIN THE (CEEW – Career Education and Employment for Women Course) CERTIFICATE II IN SKILLS FOR WORK AND TRAINING COURSE AT GOSFORD TAFE

- * Is an 18 week course **THE TAFE NSW FEE DOES NOT APPLY**
(school holidays off)
- * Runs from 9.30 am to 1.00pm **TO THIS COURSE AND EVERYONE ENJOYS IT**
- * Four days a week

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PHONE: PAULINE EADE at Gosford on 43 482282

course for Men and Women at Wyong TAFE – get a head start on a career change now!

FREE course for Women only at Wyong TAFE – get a head start on a career change now!

Both courses...

If you have been out of the workforce for a while, made redundant or just want a career change, this is the course for you!

Wyong TAFE has developed the **MACE** (Mature Aged Careers and Education) and **CEEW** (Career Education and Employment for Women) programs to meet the needs of **men** and women who are eager to undertake a career change, launch back into the workforce or take the first step towards training.

These courses provide students with a Certificate II in Skills for Work and Training and are run over 6 months, 4 days per week within school hours.

Previous Cert II in Skills for Work and Training students who are now working or studying at University and TAFE state that the course was a fantastic way to build confidence whilst investigating career options, broadening experience and developing skills essential in the workforce in 2011.

Come along to an information and enrolment session on Monday 31 January

MACE at 1.00pm in NG3A, Wyong TAFE. - Give Bronwyn McCallum a call now to register your interest on 4350 2375.

CEEW at 10am in NG9 at Wyong TAFE. - Give Trish Cuzner a call on 4350 2208 to register your interest.

(for information about similar courses at Gosford TAFE, contact Pauline Eade on 4348 2282) Thanks for your support of our programs and the students they benefit. Regards