

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

View to the Future

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School Dates for your Diary:

Thursday	1 December	Scripture Christmas Service
Friday	2 December	Kinder 2012 Play Date 9.30am-10.30am
Sunday	4 December	Follow Up Working Bee
Tuesday	6 December	Year 1 Presentation - 9.10am
Tuesday	6 December	Year 2 Presentation - 10.10am
Wednesday	7 December	Year 6 Farewell 5.30pm
Thursday	8 December	VOLUNTEERS MORNING TEA 11am
Monday	12 December	Kindergarten Presentation - 9.15am
Tuesday	13 December	Years 3 & 4 Presentation - 9.15am
Wednesday	14 December	Years 5 & 6 Presentation - 9.15am
Thursday	15 December	Kariong Carols by Candlelight - 7.30pm
Friday	16 December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Monday	30 January 2012	First Day for Students
Mon - Wed	30 Jan -1 Feb	BEST START 2012
Thursday	2 February 2012	First Day Kindergarten 2012

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

P&C MEETING

Thank you to all those who attended the P&C meeting last Monday night. It was another positive and purposeful meeting, and we had another healthy turnout. The meeting was addressed by Helen Walton, the President of the NSW Federation of P&C Associations.

REPORTS

Teachers have been working very hard on writing reports. They are now all done, and Assistant Principals are busy checking them before they come to me. Reports will be sent home on Friday 9th December.

ELECTRONIC NEWSLETTER

I am very happy with the response to our offer of electronic newsletters- either by email or simply by parents reading the newsletter online. This has the potential to save the school- and the environment- considerable cost over the course of a year. Please continue to email the school if you would like to receive future newsletters in this manner. This 'mail out' will begin with next week's newsletter.

SOCIAL MEDIA

There is no doubt that today's technology has tremendous benefits, particularly for educational and positive social uses. However, it is important to be aware of the potential dangers associated with the use of the internet, particularly social media.

Children often do not understand the consequences of their actions on social networking sites. They may not understand that they are developing their own digital footprint which will stay with them for life. The awareness of privacy issues is also less well developed. All this is in the context of a technology that is instantaneous- things written in the moment will remain 'on the record' forever. The informal nature of social networking also encourages immoderate language that can be easily misinterpreted, and later greatly regretted.

Children should not participate in the online environment unsupervised. There are serious child protection issues which need to be considered. In addition, no child should have a Facebook account, or participate in Facebook exchanges (the minimum age is 13).

The Australian Communications and Media Authority website www.cybersmart.gov.au provides activities, resources and practical advice to help children and parents safely enjoy the online world.

INDUSTRIAL ACTION

The NSW Teachers' Federation **have decided not to go ahead** with the proposed one day strike Wednesday 29th November. School will operate as usual on this day.

John Barwick



PRINCIPAL'S GOLD BOOK

Jarvis, James and Jack.

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

PLANNING FOR 2012

At this time of the year KPS becomes a very busy place so please keep an eye on the calendar in the newsletter to make sure your child and/or children do not miss out on any special activities. If you have not formally advised in writing if your child/children will not be at KPS next year I certainly would appreciate your advice on Monday. This will allow the school the opportunity to plan our classes for next year with greater accuracy. To all who have advised the school of their plans for next year, thank you.

STUDENT LEADERS SPEECHES

My best wishes go to the Year 5 students who made their speeches yesterday to join the 2012 Student Leadership Team. I have listed our aspiring captains and student leaders alphabetically. Year's 2-5 students and staff enjoyed hearing the speeches presented. I certainly was very impressed and feel sure those elected will become role models as the current Captains and Student Leaders have been in 2011.

Again on behalf of the student body and staff, I offer congratulations to the following girls and boys:

- Hannah, Isabella, Courtney, Heidi, Holly, Emma, Jorja, Bonnie, Tayla, Ice.
- Nicholas, Nick, Adam, Logan, Harry, Dylan, Brayden, Mitchell, Bradley, Liam.

These students will be advised shortly on the outcome of the election and their parents will be invited to the Stage 3 Presentation Assembly on Wednesday, 14th December for their induction as members of the 2012 Student Leadership Team. In accepting office you will play a vital role in supporting all students K-6.

VOLUNTEERS' MORNING TEA

All our volunteers are highly valued at Kariong Public School. Their input in classes is immeasurable. The effectiveness of programs running in the class is often determined by the amount of assistance on which the teacher is able to call. Children also enjoy the extra attention they are able to get from having other adults in the room. The positive impact volunteers have across the school is immense and to show their appreciation teachers have organised a thank you morning tea for those who have given their time and energy throughout the year to ensure children at Kariong have the best possible learning environment. Our volunteers' morning tea will be on in the hall Thursday, 8th December commencing at 11am. Invitations have been sent out; however, when we have so many people giving of their time to assist around the school it is easy to miss someone. If this has occurred I apologise and extend an invitation to anyone who has helped, in any way, at school during the year to come and join us.

SHORT FILM COMPETITION

Bicycle NSW is calling all budding film makers to submit a three-minute video to promote bike riding as a sustainable, healthy and environmentally friendly form of transport and recreation. The film does not have to have dialogue and is free for all schools and students under 16. The prizes are \$1000, \$500 and \$250. Entries close 3 February 2012. For more information and to register:

<http://bicyclensw.org.au/content/calling-all-budding-film-makers>

SCRIPTURE SERVICE

Our wonderful scripture teachers have organised a Christmas Service for the students, which will be held on Thursday, 1st December. Ecumenical (including

Anglican, Baptist and Presbyterian) as well as Catholic students will attend this Scripture Service. The children will sing Christmas carols, watch a short play and listen to short talks which explore universal Christmas messages. We are therefore encouraging all students to attend, including the 'non scripture' students who have withdrawn from scripture classes for non religious reasons. If your child does not participate in the scripture lesson for non religious reasons, I ask that you provide permission for attendance at the Scripture Service using the form found within the newsletter

Amanda Taylor

UNIFORM SHOP

Next week the uniform shop will be open but will not have access to an EFTPOS machine. Please pay by cash or cheque if purchasing items next week. Thank you.

Tammy Barber
Uniform Shop Manager

STAGE 3 UPDATE

I would like to take this opportunity to thank, on behalf of the Year 6 students and the Year 6 Farewell Committee, those local companies who made very generous donations to the stalls at the Mini Fete. To the following companies and businesses, we wouldn't have had such a successful event if it wasn't for your support.

Soul Patterson Chemist – Imperial Centre, Gosford
The Reject Shop – Imperial Centre, Gosford
Priceline Pharmacy – Erina Fair Shopping Centre
Woolworths – Erina Fair Shopping Centre
Intensity – Erina Fair
Kmart – Deep Water Plaza, Woy Woy
Gloria Jeans – Deep Water Plaza, Woy Woy
Franklins – Deep Water Plaza, Woy Woy
Priceline Pharmacy – Deep Water Plaza, Woy Woy
Greater Union Cinemas – Westfield, Tuggerah



Year 6 Farewell Committee

There will be a Year Six Farewell Committee meeting on Tuesday 29th November at 3:05 in 6S room. This will be the final meeting before the big day so we need to finalise the plans. Please don't bring children along as we would like to keep our plans a surprise for them.

Sarah Bowen
Relieving Assistant Principal

**Kariong P & C Environment Club – Follow Up Working Bee**

Once again many thanks to the helpers who cleared debris from the bush area recently. We now need some willing workers to cut up the dead branches etc so that it can be put into the skip bins for removal. If you are able to lend a hand for an hour or two on Sunday December 4th **please contact Arthur Fun**
– Ph: 4340 4079

AP Award: Jarvis, Jacqui and Isabella

Bank Winners: Caitlin and Hayden

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL SPORT 2011

The last sessions for AASS for the year are next week. Thank you very much for supporting the AASS program this year. The program will run again next year. Information will be available the first few weeks back.
Thank you

PERPETUAL SPORT TROPHIES

All Age Champions from the Swimming, Cross Country or Athletics Carnival who have a perpetual trophy at home could you please return them to the office or to Miss Conwell by the 9th December.

**Kindy 2012 Play Date**

2012 Kinder students are invited to come to KPS to play with this year's Kindergarten students on Friday 2 December, from 9.30am – 10.30am. Future students and parents should assemble at the flagpole weather permitting.

Rachelle Myers

ADVANCE NOTICE: END OF YEAR MOVIE EXCURSION

On Monday 12th December all students in **Grades 3-5** will be attending **"Arthur Christmas"** at Greater Union Tuggerah.

On Tuesday 13th December all students in grades **K-2** will be attending **"Santa's Apprentice"** at Greater Union Tuggerah.



All grades will travel to Tuggerah by bus. The total cost of the excursion will be \$27 this includes the Bus Trip, Movie, Popcorn and a Drink.

Please do not send money in yet.

Notes will go home on Thursday 1 December.

Kerry Rayner & Simone Champion
Excursion organisers.

Australia Day film and photography competitions

Two competitions are currently open that celebrate what it means to be Australian.

The Australia Day Council's Living Australian online photography competition is running with the theme of 'Make your Mark Australia' for 2012. The junior division prize is \$1000 and a Canon EOS 600D DSLR Camera. The open division carries a cash prize of \$4000 with the winning image immortalized on an Australian stamp.

The Reel Australian Short Film Competition is also open. Students can submit an original short film in response to the question: 'What makes a mark on your Australia?'

There are three divisions: junior, open and mobile with prizes including cash, an iPad2 and a camera. Both competitions close on 6 December. More info at: www.AUSSIEVAULT.com.au

PERMISSION TO ATTEND SCRIPTURE SERVICE

(Non Scripture Students only need reply)

I _____ give _____ permission _____ for _____ my _____ child _____



_____ of Class _____ to attend the Scripture Christmas Service to be held in the school hall on Thursday, 1st December.

Signature _____ Date _____

Parent/Caregiver

KARIONG KINDY PATCH – CHRISTMAS WISHING TREE

According to Media reports there is a large increase in the number of families requesting assistance from the Salvation Army.



We have decided to help these families by collecting presents for the Salvation Army to distribute. All presents are to be wrapped and labelled with age and gender suitability.

**Please deliver gifts to KARIONG KINDY PATCH, 11 EYERS CLOSE.
Any questions ring Ann on 43402211**



My name is Pauly, I was found on the side of the road near the NSW town of Orange. No one knows how I got there... not even me. I was in a pretty bad state when I was taken to the local shelter. My fur was matted and dirty and I was cold and shivering from being outside for so long. When I was cleaned up, they discovered I only had one eye... this wasn't a surprise to me, but they were sure shocked!

I was just getting settled into life at the shelter when I was placed in a van and I went on a long drive. I travelled over the mountains to a much bigger shelter with lots more dogs and people to play with. I love people. I just hope that one of you might love me. I know I only have one eye but I'm counting on someone seeing that I would make a great pet. Until that time, will you be my Christmas Guardian Angel?

Christmas is a particular time of need for the RSPCA. Every year thousands of animals turn to the RSPCA for help and hundreds still remain in desperate need of financial support so they can find new homes.

SIMPLY CALL 1300 777 221.