

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

View to the Future

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School Dates for your Diary:

Monday	12 th December	Kindergarten Presentation - 9.15am
Tuesday	13 th December	Years 3 & 4 Presentation - 9.15am
Wednesday	14 th December	Years 5 & 6 Presentation - 9.15am
Thursday	15 th December	Kariong Carols by Candlelight - 7.30pm
Friday	16 th December	LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS
Monday	30th January 2012	First Day for Students
Mon - Wed	30 th Jan - 1 st Feb	BEST START 2012
Thursday	2 nd February 2012	First Day Kindergarten 2012

RELIEVING PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Parent satisfaction survey

Recently we surveyed a cross-section of the Kariong Public School parent community, gauging parent satisfaction with various aspects of the school's performance. We sent out nearly 150 survey forms, of which 100 were returned. This represents about one quarter of our families. The results are shown in the table below.

When analysing the results, we want to do more than simply say that the overwhelmingly positive response indicates that there is nothing we can do better. Areas we will look at include student welfare and discipline, "challenging" programs, technology and school uniform. Your views will be sought on each of these areas next year.

Presentation Days

The round of Presentation Day ceremonies are well under way, with the achievements of Year 1 and Year 2 students being recognised earlier this week. Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Stage 2 and Stage 3 ceremonies are scheduled for next week. It has been a pleasure to welcome so many parents and grandparents to share these important occasions.

Year 6 Farewell

What an excellent night! Last Wednesday's Year 6 Farewell was a very enjoyable evening. Thanks must go to the Year 6 teachers and parent helpers for organising such a memorable night. The catering and music were excellent, and the hall and COLA looked stunning in its "black and white with a dash of red" theme.

John Barwick

Relieving Principal

STATEMENT	Strongly Disagree	<i>Disagree</i>	Agree	Strongly Agree	Don't Know
1. KPS is an attractive and well-resourced school.		2	57	41	
2. The school is connected to its community and welcomes parent involvement.	1	7	43	49	
3. Parents are encouraged to contact the school to discuss concerns.	1	4	52	42	
4. The school is friendly, tolerant and accepting of all students.		4	59	36	1
5. The students are the school's main concern.	1	6	52	38	3
6. The school has supportive welfare programs.	1	3	33	26	37
7. The school offers challenging programs.	2	4	50	29	15
8. The school maintains a focus on literacy and numeracy.		4	55	39	2
9. The school teaches and promotes core values.			60	37	3
10. KPS has competent teachers who set high standards of achievement.		4	57	38	1
11. A wide range of programs e.g. sport, music, drama, debating are offered.		7	47	37	3
12. There are strong technology programs and resources.	2	11	52	26	9
13. The school promotes a healthy lifestyle.		3	58	32	7
14. Fair discipline exists within the school.	3	7	58	29	3
15. The school promotes its uniform policy.	4	12	55	28	1



PRINCIPAL'S GOLD BOOK

Riley and Murray

RELIEVING DEPUTY PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE**STUDENT PRESENTATION ASSEMBLIES**

Next week the remainder of our Student Presentation Assemblies will be held. Invitations have been handed out to the recipients of awards inviting their parents or caregivers to come and join us on the day. Parents will be seated in the COLA area for the Stage 2 and 3 Assemblies.

CLASSES FOR 2012

As is the normal pattern for our school a great deal happens over the school holidays much of which is unexpected. Your advice is crucial at the start of the new school year if your family circumstances change. All 2012 Year 1 – Year 6 students will return back to their current 2011 Class Teachers, if at all possible, or to a Support Staff member who knows the class for Holding Pattern. The class name retains the teacher's initial and the year is changed. For instance, Class 2E would become 3E and 5W would become 6W etc for Holding Pattern. Students during Holding Pattern will review class and school routines and we will do our utmost to get all children off to a settled return to school. We also will be settling new Years 1-6 students into KPS.

Our Kindergarten classes commence on Thursday, 2nd February. Once our Kindergarten numbers are realised we hope to move all other students (Years 1-6) as quickly as possible into their new classes with their new teachers. If, however, we do not realise our anticipated Kinder enrolments we will have to go back to the drawing board to reconfigure all our classes for 2012. This has a tremendous impact on staffing. We continue to seek your understanding in these circumstances.

LEVEL ONE REWARD

Congratulations to all the children who have remained on Level One of our welfare system throughout this term, which is the vast majority of children. We hope you enjoyed your reward today.

YEAR 6 STUDENTS' AUTOGRAPHS

A timely reminder that under child protection rights students cannot sign clothing that is being worn by another person. If you wish to collect autographs this week you must do so on a piece of clothing, soft toy or book that has been brought from home and is approved by the parent or caregiver to be signed. Also any unwanted, clean school clothing can be sent to the school for use in the clothing pool.

SPORT AND GROUP PHOTOS

Pre purchased Sport and group photos have been delivered to the school by the photographer. They have been handed out to the students. If you have not received your order please contact the office.

REPORTS

Students received their Semester 2 report today. Enjoy the opportunity to sit down with your child/children and go through their reports. Even the youngest child will be proud of their achievements and will love getting a pat on the back from mum and dad. If there are areas for development, be positive with your child about next year being a fresh start and that you are sure if they work hard things will improve.

STATIONERY PACKS

In 2012 student stationery packs will once again be available from the school to purchase. These provide students with the equipment that the teachers deem to be essential to complete class work. A note stating provisions in each pack and costs will be given early next year. Students in Years 3-6 have responsibility for the equipment they receive in the pack when they purchase it. In K-2 teachers assume responsibility for the organisation of the equipment.

As all items in the pack are consumables there is very little left by the end of the year, if at all. The pencils after a year of sharpening are usually only stubs which are kept in the classroom as spares. As the leftovers are minimal or not in suitable condition we do not send items home at the end of the school year. All students will take their workbooks home.

Amanda Taylor

BANKING WINNERS -Molly 2/3J, Marcus 4H, Term 4 Class Winner – 2/3J**"THANK YOU FOR SUNDAY'S WORKING BEE."**

A big thanks again to the following people who gave up some of their Sunday to cut up and remove dead branches etc from the school bush area.



Tony Brierley, Brett, Rowena, Kalani & Keanu See
Bernadette, Kyle & Lachlan Grace, & Arthur Fun

Many Thanks!!!



On Monday 28 November, selected students from 5T decorated a Christmas tree at Erina Fair. These decorations have all been hand crafted by 5T and displayed to help raise money for 'Coast Shelter'. Kariong's Christmas tree, along with trees decorated by other schools, is displayed near Kmart until Friday the 23rd December. During this time individuals can vote for their favourite tree by making a gold coin donation. All contributions will help by making Christmas special for our local families in need. Please take the time to browse the trees and show your support for this good cause.

Rana Zrnica
Class Teacher

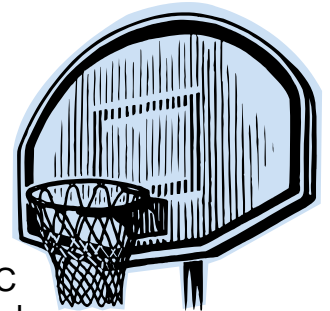
Sports Dates for 2012!

Below are the dates that we know of for our sporting carnivals for 2012.

Date	Carnival	Location
Monday 20th February 2012	KPS School Swimming Carnival	Peninsula Leisure Centre
March TBC	BWPSSA District Swimming	Peninsula Leisure Centre
Monday 12 th March 2012	Sydney North Swimming	Homebush
Wednesday 4 th & Thursday 5 th April 2012	NSW State Swimming	Homebush
Friday 27th April 2012	KPS School Cross Country	Kariong Oval
May TBC	BWPSSA District Cross Country	TBC
Thursday 14 th June 2012	Sydney North Cross Country	TBC
Friday 20 th July 2012	NSW State Cross Country	Eastern Creek
Wednesday 25th July 2012	KPS School Athletics	Adcock Park
Thursday 23 rd & Friday 24 th August 2012	BWPSSA District Athletics	Mingara
Monday 10 th September 2012	Sydney North Athletics	Homebush
Wednesday 17 th & Thursday 18 th October 2012	NSW State Athletics	Homebush

BASKETBALL GALA DAY

On Thursday 1st December 2011, Kariong Public School was represented by a boy's and girl's basketball team from Year 6 at the Graham Brown Memorial Basketball Tournament. Our teams played in a round robin format giving them a chance to play a variety of schools.



The girls began slowly, losing their first game to a highly trained CC Adventist 8-16. We picked up the pace in the second game and downed Point Clare 22-12. The next game against Valley View was the most exciting of the day. The girls were matched evenly in skills but we showed the "never give up" attitude and in the dying moments of the game we snatched a victory with a late basket to win by two points, 14-12. The girls then progressed to the semi-finals where they lost in a hard fought battle to Terrigal Primary School. Well done girls!

The boy's team also fought hard all day but their lack of experience with basketball allowed the other teams to overpower them. The boys showed a great spirit and celebrated a single basket like it was a championship win. They also showed great sportsmanship and team spirit. Even though the scoreboard showed a loss in their games they certainly should be proud of their efforts. Great work boys!

It has been a pleasure taking the Year 6 students to basketball this year and I hope they continue on with the same enthusiasm in high school. Good Luck!

Melissa Telfer
Summer fire safety

Summer has officially started and with it comes the increased risk of bush and house fires. If you live in a bushfire prone area, ensure you have taken the necessary steps to protect your property and family from fire. Download a fact sheet:

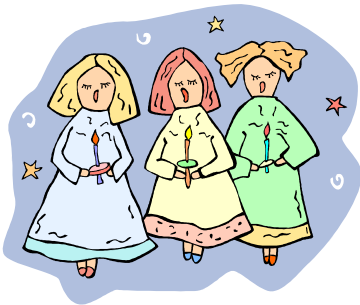
www.fire.nsw.gov.au/gallery/files/pdf/factsheets/02_bushfire_prep.pdf

It is now law that caravans and campervans be fitted with working smoke alarms. Check LPG gas bottles for leaks as this is how many barbecue fires start.

Many more tips on how to enjoy a fire-free summer are on the Fire and Rescue NSW website: www.fire.nsw.gov.au

Remember in the event of a house or bushfire always dial 000. If your mobile phone is out of range, dial 112.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



The Christian Churches of Kariong Welcome You!

KARIONG CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT

ALCOHOL FREE EVENT

Sausage Sizzle provided by Rotary! Come and celebrate Christmas with us Kariong Playing Fields (off Mitchell Drive)

THURSDAY 15 DECEMBER - 7.30PM

FELICITY URQUHART, KARIONG SCHOOL CHOIRS, GREAT BAND AND GUEST ARTISTS!

Bring Chair/Rugs, Candles & your friends!

If raining, held in adjoining Hill Youth Centre

Kariong Out of School Hours Care

Want to escape boredom these holidays? Would you like to meet some new friends and enjoy some great activities? Then come along to Kariong Vacation Care - experience the Movies, Drumbala, Pottery, Bowling, Horse-riding, Kidz HQ and bushwalking - these are just a few of the fun days organised for you!

What about 2012? Needing Quality safe but fun care for your children in the coming year? Book in for Before and After School Care where your children will be fed a balanced nutritional breakfast and a yummy afternoon tea! Enjoy arts, an array of outdoor activities, crafts and games. Child Care Benefit for fees and Relief is available from Centrelink to make it more affordable for you. Hope to see you in 2012!

For all information please phone Katie or Kate on 4340 4561

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Christmas Word Search

G C S S E F Z Y
 Y I S L B E V Y
 L S F A E A R L
 L V V T N I B T
 O L J W S T G Y
 H M I E G G A H



baby
 gifts
 holly
 Santa
 sleigh
 tree

Hint: They all go diagonally

Christmas Word Search Puzzle

By Rachel Woods, <http://lds.about.com>

C O K I E S L E G N A S O P
 L I G H T S N O G F L A K E S
 O Y E G N O G H O L L Y C D
 V N A T I V I T G L O I Y K V E
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| BABY JESUS | HOLIDAY | NIGHT |
| BETHLEHEM | HOLLY | PRESENTS |
| CARDS | JINGLE BELLS | SERVICE |
| CAROLS | JOSEPH | SHEPHERDS |
| CHARITY | JOY | SNOWFLAKES |
| CHRIST | LIGHTS | STAR |
| COOKIES | LOVE | TREES |
| DECEMBER | MANGER | TURKEY |
| DECORATIONS | MARY | WISEMEN |
| EGGNOG | MERRY | |