



Kariong Public School
VIEW TO THE FUTURE

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NEWSLETTER

5 December 2014, Week 9 Term 4

Principal's Report

Parents at School

We always welcome parents at our school to support and participate as a partner in their own child's education. Unfortunately I feel I must again remind parents and friends about respectful behaviour in the school grounds. This includes to each other, to children and to staff members. At Kariong PS **Respect** is an expectation for all children and the same must be applied to adults as well. Children learn from examples and they should always be exposed to good examples of acceptable and appropriate behaviour.

If there is an issue between your child and another child in the school, the correct procedure to follow is to make an appointment with the school to speak with your child's class teacher about your concerns. This allows your child's teacher to follow up any issues in line with departmental policy. Under no circumstances should a parent approach or reprimand another person's child within school grounds. As always your cooperation and understanding is appreciated.

Arrival Time at School

Just a reminder that **there is no supervision of students before 8:30 am in the morning**. Therefore children should not arrive at school before that time. If parents need to have children at school earlier than this time there is an excellent *Before and After School Care* facility at Kariong Neighbourhood Centre that offers appropriate care. Your children's safety and care are our first priority. Many thanks for your cooperation with this matter.

Presentation Days

Next week is very exciting for so many students as we hold our Presentation Days for each Stage. This is a great time to celebrate the achievements of all students throughout the school. Full Summer school uniform is to be worn by all students. It is expected that all students will remain at school after the presentation ceremony.



Citizen of the Month

Keanu S. from KK (pictured) was absent during our recent 'Citizen of the Month' assembly for **RESPONSIBILITY**. Keanu received his certificate on Thursday this week and will join our December **PERSONAL BEST** 'Citizen of the Month' recipients at our special morning tea which will be held in Week 11 of this term. Congratulations Keanu!

Year 6 Orientation Day

Year 6 students attended their local high school orientation day on Wednesday. They met their peer support leaders and experienced a variety of lessons presented by high school teachers. They all enjoyed the day and I am sure they are looking forward to starting high school next year.

2015 Classes

We are hoping to move children quickly into their new classes in 2015. Children in Years 1-6 will remain in their 2014 class if possible for the first few days of school next year until numbers have been finalised. Once numbers are confirmed, we will endeavour to form classes quickly.

If your child/children will be absent from school at the beginning of Term 1 2015, could you please send written notification before the end of this Term, with their date of return.

School News

Dates for your Diary

Day:	Date:	Name:
Monday	8 December	Kindergarten Presentation Day – 9:15am in School Hall
Wednesday	10 December	Stage 3 Presentation Day – 9:15am in School Hall
		Stage 2 Presentation Day – 11:45am in School Hall
Friday	12 December	Year 1 Presentation Day – 9:15 am in School Hall
		Year 2 Presentation Day – 11:45am in School Hall
Tuesday	16 December	Value of the Month Assembly – PERSONAL BEST
		Year 6 Farewell – 6pm to 9pm
Wednesday	17 December	Last day of school
Wednesday	28 January 2015	Years 1 to 6 students return
Monday	2 February 2015	Kindergarten 2015 students commence

Stationery Packs for Years 3 to 6

In previous years we have sold 'stationery packs' to students in Years 3 to 6 and we are aware that many families like to purchase stationery needs over the holidays. Therefore we will not be selling 'stationery packs' for students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. Listed below are the required stationery items for each year; please be aware some items will need to be replaced during the year. Remember to label your child's name on each item. *NB: Left handed scissors will be available from the school.*

Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6
HB lead pencils pencil sharpener pair of scissors coloured pencils ruler (not metal) Glue sticks eraser	HB lead pencils red pens blue pens pencil sharpener pair of scissors coloured pencils ruler (not metal) Glue sticks eraser	HB lead pencils red pens blue pens pencil sharpener pair of scissors coloured pencils ruler (not metal) Glue sticks eraser	HB lead pencils red pens blue pens pencil sharpener pair of scissors coloured pencils ruler (not metal) Glue sticks eraser

Students in K-2 will still purchase stationery packs through the school next year.

KPS Robotics class

The KPS LEGO robotics program started last week with sixteen very excited Year 5 students taking part in the program. It is held on Monday afternoons in Mr Nash's classroom from 1:35pm to 2:55pm each week. These students will also be part of the 2015 robotics class.

Educational robotics is now a proven teaching resource for helping Primary and Secondary students collaborate and persevere when solving problems. It offers students big 'E' engagement that is tactile, interactive and fun. Students are often self-motivated to seek out solutions on their own and thereby gain authentic learning.

Last Monday, the robotics students were put in pairs to build their first robot called 'The Harvester'. Each team had one kit with 40 minutes working together to follow a set of instructions and at the end have a successfully built robot. This week the same pairs were given tutorials and guidance in using



laptops to program their 'harvester robot' to move forwards and backwards in a straight line. Most groups successfully completed this task before the end of school bell rang.

The aim of the program is to provide opportunities for the students to compete in robotics competitions in 2015 and beyond.

Robotics Class Feedback from students:

Luca M: *The robotics class is the best subject in the school. I have learnt lots about speed, time, rotations and how my robot works. It also has taught me how to work better with a partner and how you can achieve so much more working cooperatively.*

Cameron B: *It has been a great experience so far and I've made new friends.*

Miranda S: *When I was told I was in KPS robotics class I was thrilled.*

Mr M. Nash

Lego Robotics teacher

Kariong Public School P & C Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month
Parents & Community members are welcome to attend.

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Awards

Principal's Gold Book Recipients: 3/4T Zac C, 2P Richie V, Jacob W, 2TJ Thomas Y, Ella H, Nathan W, Logan B, Aaron B, Braith M, 2C Tara Jane W, Imogen W, Gemma-Lee B, Cody H, Eloise R, Bailey P. 4PB Paige H, Caleb W. 2B Georgina R, Hamish McA, Kynan H. 6C Jesse E, Michael Y, Michael M, Jackson G, Daniel H. 6B Bailey G, Karina B, Stephanie P, Rhianna R, Caitlyn F. 6R Brendan J.

Congratulations!!

Assembly Award Winners!

3A	Kyeisha A-P.	Amelia N.	4PB	Nicholas S.	Jaiden G.
3L	Jett F.	James S.	3/4T	Jack W.	Aliyah F. Peggy-Anne B.
4B	Madelyn G.	Holly H.	4R	Tylah C.	Ryan C.

This week's Student School Banking winners are: Gabby A. from 1M & Jacinta E. from 1G!



2014 Canberra Excursion

Australian Government assistance for National Capital excursion

Year 6 students from our school have recently undertaken an educational tour of the National Capital. While on this tour we participated in a variety of educational programs focussed on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit their National Capital as part of their civics and citizenship education. To assist parents in meeting the cost of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$20 per eligible student under the

Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program toward travel and expenses incurred. This contribution will be paid directly to the school on completion of the excursion and was taken into consideration when the initial costing for the excursion was completed.

We would like to thank the Australian Government for their support of the program.

Canteen Online Ordering System

The Canteen online ordering system has been up and running for nearly two weeks now. Flexi-schools is an easy-to-use online system that allows ordering of items for recess and lunch up to several weeks in advance if needed. The Canteen will soon be transitioning to full online ordering so if you wish for your child to order their recess or lunch from the Canteen at any time, please sign up to Flexi-schools as soon as possible. In recognition of families who have signed up for Flexi-schools the Canteen is offering the following promotion:

- The class who has the most students registered for Flexi-schools by Mon 15 December will receive one of these fabulous 'fruit cakes' for the class
- The class who has had the most online orders for the last 3 weeks of the term will also receive a 'fruit cake' of their choice



OURIMBAH SURGERY IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS!

Dr. Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to announce they are now taking new patients ☺ We Bulk Bill all Health Care Card Holders, Pensioners and children aged 16 years and under. For enquiries and Appointments please call (02) 4362 3162.

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!

January Tennis Camp

Where: Peninsula Tennis, Umina

When: Monday 5th - Friday 9th January & Monday 19th - Friday 23rd January

Time: 9am-3pm (gates open @ 8am) ½ day 9am-1230pm

Cost: Week \$75, ½ Day Wk \$40, Full Day \$25, ¼ Day \$15

Included: Racquets, BBQ Lunch, Drink & Ice Blocks on the Thursday and Prizes on the Friday

The camp will be predominately tennis with other activities such as soccer, cricket, Athletics etc to keep the children occupied. The camps are held wet or fine with indoor activities provided. Bookings are recommended and all enquiries can be made by phoning 0410828278.



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