

Kariong Public School

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# Kariong Public School NEWSLETTER

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## Principal's Report

## 2017 School Leaders

I am constantly amazed at the ability of our students in public speaking. The quality of the leaders' speeches was outstanding. It was a pleasure to announce our leaders this week and I have no

doubt they will be great role models and inspirational leaders. Congratulations *Amber B, Amelia N, Amelia P, Amity S, Charlotte R, James H. Justin D, Monira A, Peggy-Anne B and Zac C.* 





# First Diamond Award Winner

Congratulations to Kaylee S who is our first student to receive her Diamond Award this year. This is such an exciting award to win. All Diamond Awards will be presented to students at our Friday morning line up assembly. It is wonderful to note so many children demonstrating RESPECT, RESPONSIBILY and PERSONAL BEST.

A huge thank you to 'Foreman 1 Properties' for sponsoring our Diamond Awards.

# Keeping Our Children Safe

Please be aware of the signage at the drop-off points on both Langford Drive and Truscott Avenue.

Remember, by following these guidelines you are helping to keep our whole school community safe. Please keep this area safe by dropping your children and moving off quickly to ensure there is little congestion for other cars.



# Class organisation for 2017

The placing of children into their new classes each year is a very complex process. Classes at Kariong Public School are not graded academically and each year we strive to ensure we have well balanced classes. The following factors are considered: gender, academic ability, language needs, medical needs, cultural background, behavioural needs and the class structure (composite or straight).

When this has occurred, we then try to ensure that each child has at least one friend in their new class. Children have been asked to nominate a number of children from their grade who they would like to be placed with next year. The school will then undertake to place each student with at least one of these



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children. This does not mean they will be placed with their best or closest friends or with their group of friends. In fact, often this is not appropriate.

Thank you to parents who have notified the school office if your child/ren WILL NOT be returning to our school in 2017 (we do not need notification for our Year 6 students who are going to High School). This has greatly helped in our planning.

If you are having an extended holiday and your child will return in 2017 but not in the first two weeks of the school year we need this information in writing as well. This helps the school let the Department know the exact number of students who will be at our school in 2017, to ensure we make the correct number of classes (we cannot count students in our numbers who are on holidays without written notice from parents indicating their return).

Although we discuss many options and develop many plans, class organisation cannot be finalised until we know exact enrolment numbers at the beginning of the 2017 school year. Children who will be in Years 1- 6 will remain in their 2016 class for the first few days of school next year until numbers have been finalised. Once numbers are confirmed, classes will be formed. We will endeavour to form classes as quickly as possible.

#### Semester 2 Reports

The Semester 2 reports will be sent home in Week 10 (last week of Term 4). Only the work covered this semester (Terms 3 and 4) will be included in the report. The Semester 1 report covered Term 1 and Term 2. When reading the report, it is important to remember that 'Sound' achievement indicates that your child is making sound progress in relation to what he or she was expected to learn over the last semester - your child is on track. Student reports also include information on your child's level of effort and teacher comments on progress in each Key Learning Area. If you wish to discuss your child's progress or any other issue, please contact your child's teacher to make an appointment. The last day of school for students is Friday 16 December. School resumes in 2017 for all Year 1 – 6 students on Monday 30 January.

2017 Kindergarten students start school on Thursday 2 February.

Vicki Redrup

## Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea

Invitations were sent out this week for our annual Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea. This is one way we, as a school, show our appreciation and thanks for the efforts and time given by the volunteers who support our school. If you do not physically receive an invitation, please accept this as a welcome to attend. <u>Save the date:</u> Thursday 1 December from 11am to 11:30am in 3H and 2/3G classrooms.

## Year 6 Students' Autographs

Please note that students are not allowed to sign clothing that is being worn by themselves or another person. If you wish to collect autographs you must do so on a soft toy, book or an additional piece of clothing, that has been brought from home and has been given approval to be signed, by the parent or caregiver.

Remember any unwanted, clean school clothing can be sent to the school for use in the clothing pool and sick bay.

## Extra Curricula Photos

Last week an order form letter was sent home via the students, regarding the extra curricula photos taken at the beginning of this term. These order forms were personalised to each student and lists the photos applicable to them. The cost of each photo is \$15, payable by completing the credit card slip at the bottom of the form. If you paying by cash remember to include the letter in the envelope. Alternatively, you could



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order online by using the shootkey. Any queries on how to place an order over the phone please contact MSP on 4966 8292. Closing date for envelopes to be returned to the front office is 28 November. If any order is requested after this date, you must contact MSP Photography directly.

#### Year 6 Farewell – RAINBOW THEME

Our Year 6 Farewell will be on Wednesday 14 December 2016 from 6:00pm – 9:00pm. This is a very exciting time for our Year 6 students and their parents. The Year 6 Farewell committee have been working extremely hard to make this a very special night for our Year 6 students.

#### **Presentation Ceremonies**

Our annual Presentation Ceremonies will be held this term in our School Hall on Friday 9 December for students in K-2 and on Tuesday 13 December for students in Years 3-6. This is an opportunity to acknowledge the vast and varied achievements of our many students throughout this year. All parents and caregivers of students in Kinder, Year One and Year Two are invited to join us on your child's Presentation Day. Due to the lack of available space in the Hall attendance at the Stage 2 and 3 Presentation Ceremonies is by invitation only. Invites will be sent out next Friday. It is an expectation that full summer school uniform is to be worn by all students.

Friday 9 December	Year 1	9.30am	Tuesday 13 December	Years 5 & 6	9.15am
Friday 9 December	Year 2	12 noon	Tuesday 13 December	Year 3 & 4	11.45am
Friday 9 December	Kindergarten	2.15pm			

#### Year 5 Bathurst Excursion

Year 5 students enjoyed a wonderful excursion to Bathurst. The teachers who attended commented on their fantastic behaviour! Students were able to write a recount of their experiences. I hope you enjoy reading these excerpts ...

Justin wrote: On the 3 November, Year 5 left Kariong to spend three days and two nights at Bathurst. The bus was scheduled for departure at around 7am but the battery was flat so there was about an hour delay. By the time everyone got on board it was around 8.30am. Our first stop was at Scenic World in the Blue Mountains. It has the steepest railway in the world and we went on it. It plunges 310 metres down and is at a 52-degree angle downwards. It wasn't scary as the only thing wrong was that everyone kept screaming. At the bottom you could either ride the railway up again or go through the 2.4km Scenic Walkway to the Scenic Cableway. Which is what we did. The 510 metre journey gently descended into the Jamison Valley and also returned us to the top of the escarpment. The Cableway's fully enclosed cabin provided a good vantage point for viewing the Three Sisters, Orphan Rock, Mt Solitary and Katoomba Falls. When all that was over we went to a souvenir shop and then ate lunch, ready to go to Bathurst.

The next day, we travelled to the goldfields, which was about ten minutes away. When we arrived, we were greeted by a woman imitating someone who lived on the goldfields back then. She showed us a Chinese Temple, the Holterman nugget (which is the biggest in the world), steam powered machines, a water pump and a blacksmith. She said that her husband, Dave, who was going to take us gold panning, was up to her waist in height. She must have been joking because when I saw him, he was taller than her. When we went panning, I found two pieces of gold. The last activity was both of those people telling us about their 'life' on the goldfields. When everything was done we went to the souvenir shop and began driving back to The Sheep and Cattle Drome Accommodation. On the way back though, we drove around Mount Panorama.

Zac recalled...Finally, we arrived at the place we were staying called The Sheep and Cattle Drome. We then all sat around the campfire and were introduced to the owner, Bruce. We then put our bags in the cabins and went to the sheep and cattle show. After that, we were all called over to dinner. The food was AWESOME!! We had chicken schnitzel and chips.



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Paula Harmer-Watkins

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Diary Dates					
Wednesday 30 November	Year 4 Colonial Day				
Thursday 1 December	KPS Volunteers' Thank You Morning Tea 11am				
Friday 2 December	VOTM Assembly – Personal Best				
Tuesday 6 December Public High Schools - Year 6 High School Orientation					
Friday 9 December	Year 1 Presentation 9:30am				
	Year 2 Presentation 12 noon				
	Kindergarten Presentation				
Tuesday 13 December	Stage 3 Presentation 9:15 am				
	Stage 2 Presentation 11:45 am				
Friday 16 DecemberLast day of school for staff and students					

Principal's Gold Book Recipients						
Austin H	Mitchell H	Hunter B	Lilith O	Braxton V	Samuel W	
Evie-Rose P	Ameliya G	Ellie B	Steve E	Ella Y	Cooper J	
Sam F	Alannah P					

Merit Certificates					
Jai B	Madeline P	Sienna A	Mikayla W	Layla C	Bailey P
Hannah F	Juliet A	Harry E	Connor G	Brodie F	Juliette M
Keanu S	Dane B	Alyssa C	Dean S	Holly M	Austen F
Jacob H	Jasmine C	Barry Z	Layla C	Arabella D	Toby P
Jasmine J	Stephen W	Lilith O	Will J	Lachlan S	Mia D
Zyenna H	Liam S	Kobe P	Bailey T	Dane S	Maya N
Travis M			·		<u>.</u>

PBL Silver Certificates						
Zac C	Dominic N	Abby C	Georgina R	Rhys G	Benji K	
Keira B	Rhiarna E	Tara-Jane W	Stephen W	Chelsea C	Angus B	
Fleet E	Shay M	Chayse S	Kaleb B	Jacob H	Jayden M	
Brody M	Oliver S	Zane W		•	•	

PBL Gold Certificates						
Amber B	Daniel M	Tamsen E	Madison B	Izabella F	Elliot B	
Billy D	Jaylen J	Vincent S	Isabellah L	Liam D	Jason H	
Jack S	Mya A	Leila E	Rylee P	Lily D	Samantha D	
Sienna E	Skylah S	Jai M	Blake O	Jessica A	Veronika C	
Hollie C	Riona K	Ella S	Jordan P	Sam F	Tahlia L	
Pria M	Jasmine P	Grace S	Jayden R	llia L	Bailey P	
Naomi D	Cody H	Kymani A	Abbi L	Skye C	Eloise R	
Portia T	Tristan G	Rylan Q	Katelyn W	Chloe R	Owen G	
Jillian D	Matilda H	Xavier H	Jai D			



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Kaylee S



