

TERM 4 WEEK 6

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Monday NOV 20:

Yr5 Leadership Speeches in Hall

Wednesday NOV 22:

Early Birds Final Session

HS Jumpstart 9-11

Schools Spectacular

Thursday NOV 23:

Schools Spectacular

Friday NOV 24:

School Spectacular

Monday NOV 27:

Y5 Sport Captain Speeches and
voting in House Meetings 2pm

Thursday NOV 30:

Parent/Community Morning Tea
Thank You 11:00

Friday DEC 1:

VOTM - Presentation
Year 6 Mini Fete



EXCURSION

Wednesday NOV 29:

Year 3 Excursion to Mosman



P&C

Monday NOV 20: Meeting @
6:30pm



ABOVE: Stage 2 students present a special TV broadcast simulation.

FROM THE

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

REMEMBRANCE DAY SERVICE

On Monday morning we held a special service hosted by our school captains acknowledging the significance of Remembrance Day. Thank you to our school leaders and staff for the lovely service which was held over the louder speaker system due to the inclement weather. This ceremony provided students with the opportunity to recognise and reflect on the sacrifice Australians have made from World War 1 and following conflicts. All students demonstrated Respect, Responsibility and Personal Best throughout the assembly.

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HOURS
are
**8.30am –
3.15pm**

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Early Birds Transition Kinder 2024

Our Earlybirds Program was held on Wednesday for the third week with there being one session left. Our new students for 2024 are already settling in beautifully to our school. They visited the canteen with a special order this week, helping them to further familiarise with the school organisation and routines. Our Earlybirds students were once again beaming and had a lovely day here at Kariong Public School.

If you know someone who has not yet enrolled their child for starting Kindergarten in 2024, please ask them to contact the office to ensure they obtain all necessary information and enrol as soon as possible.

Schools Spectacular Excursion Tickets Still Available

This wonderful show is fast approaching. The dance and choir children involved have given up many recess and lunch times with Mrs Hansard and Mrs Buckton practising all the songs and movements. If you would like your child to attend this performance and watch the show, there is an excursion organised for Friday 24 November. Please see the office to get a permission note or pay via School Bytes. Thank you to everyone involved, not long now until the show. I know you will enjoy this show immensely.

Presentation Days

We are very much looking forward to hosting our annual Presentation Days in Week 9 to celebrate and recognise the many great achievements of our students in 2023.

On Tuesday December 5 we will host our Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6) Presentation Ceremony from 9:30am in our school hall. On Wednesday December 6 our K-2 students will have their ceremonies starting with Kindergarten at 9:30am, and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) at 11:40am. On Thursday December 7 we will have the Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) Presentation Ceremony from 9:30am in the school Hall. Parents and carers are more than welcome to attend these assemblies and we look forward to seeing you on these days as we acknowledge the wonderful achievements of your children for 2023.

November P & C Meeting

This coming Monday, November 20 our P&C meeting will be held from 6:30pm in our staffroom. Everyone is welcome and we would love to see some new faces come along and have a say in a friendly environment.

Leadership speeches

On Monday morning, Year 5 students who would like to be Student Leaders in 2024 will present speeches to the school as part of the selection process for the 2024 Student Leadership Team. Following these speeches, students will have the opportunity to vote for next year's student leaders. The process for selection of 2024 Sport Captains will begin in the following week. Congratulations to all Year 5 students who have nominated to be a Student Leader in 2024 and best of luck with the process.

Parent Community Morning tea

On Thursday 30 November there will be a Volunteers' Parent Helper Morning Tea in the Staffroom from 11:00am – 11:30am. 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. Please accept this as a welcome to attend. This event is to acknowledge the support of the students and staff at Kariong this year.

Class Requests for 2024

If you would like to make a request regarding your child in 2024, please put this in writing and return to Mrs Skinner by November 24. Classes for next year will start to be established around this time. Although we try our best to accommodate all requests there are times where this is not possible due to many factors. Please do NOT request certain teachers as staff will change around each year and not necessarily be on the same grades as this year.

Enrolling or leaving?

Thank you to the parents who have already informed the school that their child is leaving us or commencing at our school next year. It is extremely important that numbers are as accurate as possible so correct classes can be formed and teachers appointed to start at the beginning of the school year. Please ensure that you let the office staff know as soon as possible if you are NOT returning to Kariong Public School in 2024 or if you are going to be away at the beginning of the 2024 school year. (Current Year 6 students do not need to let us know). Don't forget to let any families yet to enrol for next year to please contact the front office to start the enrolment process. Online enrolments are now available with a link on the school website.



By **KERRY RAYNER**
Kariong Public School
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

SCHOOL NEWS

SRC Christmas Drive

WHAT: Gifts for children aged 0-18 years from disadvantaged families in the Hunter and Central Coast

WHEN: Week 7, 8 and 9

WHERE: Please drop presents to the Christmas tree in the library.

We Care Connect Christmas Program

Our aim is to ensure over 2,000 Central Coast & Hunter children will have a gift under the Christmas tree.

Gifts should be brand new & unwrapped.

Presents are needed for girls & boys, newborn - age 18. Some gift ideas: Lego, cars and trucks, tea sets, board games, frisbees, footballs, beach toys, towels & sunhats, caps, cosmetics, STEM games, art supplies, puzzles, movie vouchers & gift cards. Stocking fillers like Uno, toiletries, craft, fidget toys, playdough, books, stickers. Each child receives a mix of bigger gifts, craft, books and stocking fillers – so around 10-12,000 gifts need sorting & packing – sadly, these gifts can often be the only ones that a really disadvantaged child receives.

We are often struggling to receive enough presents for the really little ones – the under threes. Gifts for babies, 1- and 2-year-olds are always needed, but we are very happy to receive gifts for all ages. As well as Christmas presents, we try to provide small (up to 2 m) Christmas trees and decorations for the families we are helping, so you might like to include that in your materials? We rarely get enough donations of these and often have to buy them.



Unlocking the Library with Mr. Brown

Book Returns

With the end of year looming, I just wanted to remind families, or more importantly the students, to please locate any long overdue books and return them to the library. Unfortunately, every year, we lose some of our precious library resources. And these are resources that we'd prefer to share with our school community. If a book has been lost or damaged beyond repair, the school charges a flat fee of \$15 to replace the book, and this can be paid at the office. Don't worry though, borrowing will still take place for one more week, until I begin our end of year stocktake. So, keep bringing in those library bags everyone and enjoy the wonderful books that we have available.

Japanese Lessons

With Stage 3



- “I've enjoyed learning Japanese and I think it will be very useful. When we get to high school, and we have to learn it, it will be easier because we already know quite a lot about it. It's been very interesting, especially the sentence structure.” – Marcus C (5/6S)
- “I've enjoyed Japanese because I feel like I've been connected to Japan and Japanese culture and learning some of the language. I've enjoyed the song that we learnt, 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes', and learning numbers and doing shopping. Learning Japanese has made me think that maybe I should learn some other languages, like German or Italian.” – Karise A (5/6C)
- “It's been fun and easy to learn for me. Knowing a bit of Hindi has helped me with some of the words. I enjoyed the 'number' song and 'heads, shoulders, knees and toes'.” – Khushi S (5/6G)

This Week's Library Riddle - Where does the Wizard live in The Wizard of Oz?



WE CARE

CONNECT

Christmas

Toy Appeal

Our goal is to ensure over 2,000
Central Coast & Hunter children will
have a gift under the Christmas tree

Gifts should be brand new &
unwrapped

Presents are needed for girls & boys,
newborn - age 18. Some ideas:

Board games, frisbees, footballs, beach
towels & sunhats, cosmetics, STEM
games, art supplies, puzzles,
movie vouchers & gift cards

Stocking fillers like Uno, toiletries, craft,
fidget toys, playdough, books, stickers

Please donate by Friday 8th
December so our volunteer
elves have time to get
everything ready!



CONGRATULATIONS

GOLD BOOK

Fletcher I	KW
Avannah W	KW
Zali C	KW
Isla S	KJ
Henry G	KJ
Mason W	KM
Jaxon M	KM
Bryce S	KM
Aria Q	KM
Madison A	KM
Milan K	KM

BROWN AWARDS

Angus M	5/6G
Kingston C	1B
Sophie K	5/6R

SILVER AWARDS

Penelope B	5/6A
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GOLD AWARDS

Leo M	1T
Madeline E	5/6G
Eden W	5/6G
Khushi S	5/6G
Aubrey B	1B
Mikayla C	1B
Hannah J	5/6R
Aaliya V D-S	5/6R
Sienna Mc	5/6C
Nick D	5/6C
David A	5/6C
Brooke D	5/6S
Hunter W	5/6S
Emma L	5/6S
Paige G	5/6S
Cooper B	5/6A
Matilda H	5/6A
Joel A	5/6A
Emmy G	5/6A
Terrell A	5/6A
Christian M	1T
Hayden S	1T
Jake M	5/6G
Kirra Q	5/6G
Zoe D	5/6G
Jett R	5/6G
Ryan K	5/6G
Hamish S	KB
Aida C	KB
Archer H	KB
Eli J	KB
Eevie M	KB
Colin Y	KB
Rory M	KB

Bodie Mc	KB
Tilly Mc	KB
Lachlan G	KB
Dax C	KB
Georgie H	KB
Poppy Y	KB
Skye R	KB
Matilda G	KB
Abi C	1B
Will L	1B
Conor G	1B
William B	1B
Harlow M	1B
Eva V	1B
Havanna H	5/6A
Bridie J	5/6S
Marcus C	5/6S

KARIONG COFFEE CLUB EVERY FRIDAY MORNING

Thank you to the many parents and friends of Kariong Public School who have joined us on Friday mornings after assembly for a hot beverage and a chat. We have enjoyed your company every Friday morning and we are very appreciative of the opportunity for our staff to spend some quality time with you in a relaxed environment.

THANK YOU!





GRANDPARENTS' & FRIENDS' DAY

Wow, we loved seeing our grandparents and friends at school last Friday. There were so many of you - almost 300 wonderful supporters of our students. Thank you so much for coming and joining in the fun with your treasured grandchildren.

We needed to get more seats from classrooms as the hall was soon full. The COLA

was also brimming with smiling faces and applauding grandparents as the students performed and danced.

Then we enjoyed your company in our classrooms and we even saw a few grandparents wandering around our beautiful gardens admiring the teachers' and

students' horticultural skills.

It was a very significant school event and we hope you enjoyed your visit to our fantastic school. See you next year (hopefully with a few more chairs).



INTERNATIONAL GAMES DAY AT KARIONG LIBRARY

By **MARCUS C.**
Kariong Public School
YEAR 5 STUDENT

On Wednesday 8 November, a selected number of students visited Kariong Library to play a table game. There were two tables set up with a forest setting displaying mini figures and trees, with 4 boys on one table and 5 girls on the second table.

I was on the boys' team, with our story about six rangers who went to explore the mysterious disappearance of the villagers and a fellow ranger. Our task was to find six clues. We had to explore an empty village filled with dangerous monsters and massive rats; our strategy was to split into two groups of two; my team was the wizard and street ninja, and the other team consisted of a sea guard and axe wielder.

The axe wielder was attacked by 5 huge rats and a skeleton. To save our teammates, the wizard used his spell potion to restore his health, and the axe wielder survived to fight another day.

While there was a second part, we didn't get time to play, but we are hoping to go back sometime to play the 2nd half.

Thank you to Miss Drabsch for organising this event, and thank you to Miss Glare for coming with us.



STAGE 2 TV NEWS SIMULATION



By **LOUISE HOYLE**
Kariong Public School
ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL

BREAKING NEWS

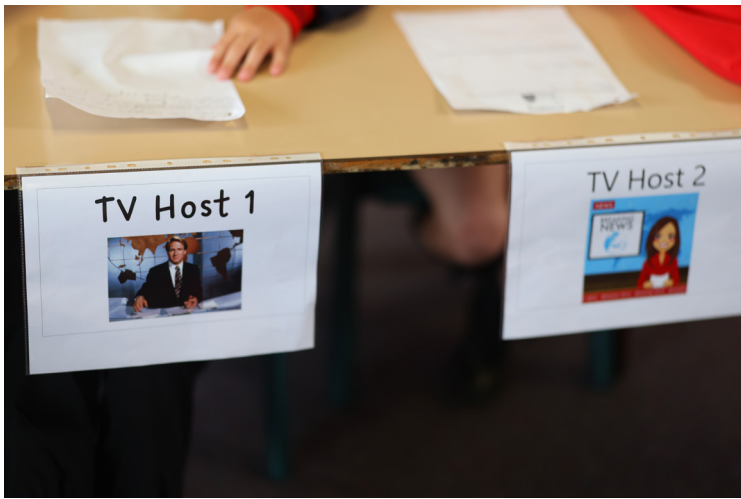
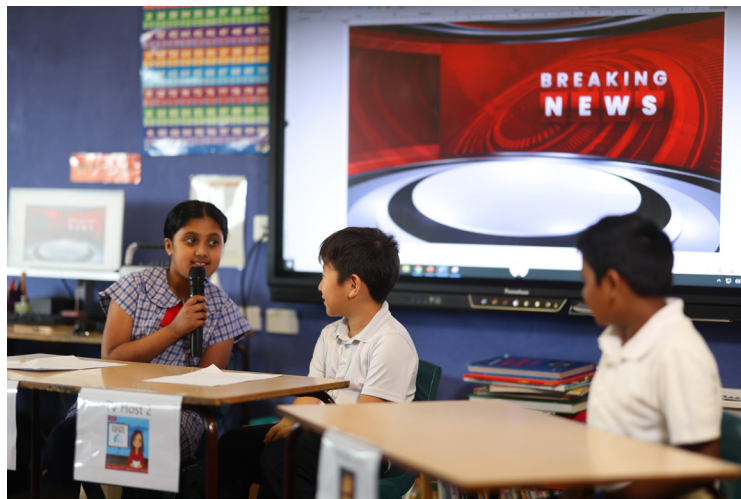
Congratulations to our Stage 2 students who have been studying Ancient Egypt and the discover of Tutankhamun's tomb. Today they pretended to be historical figures who were interviewed by a TV news panel of journalists. There were some challenging questions posed and insightful responses provided by the students.

Shrihan, in the role of King Tutankhamun, answered the question "How did you get malaria?" with "I ate too much junk food and I didn't take my coriander medicine properly".

Jasper, in the role of Lord Carnarvon, answered the question "What do you do as a hobby?" "I like like walking around my castle thingy?"

Saige, as the news presenter, asked Lord Carnarvon how many dogs did he have?

Molly, in the role of the TV host, asked Howard Carter: "How far did you have to dig to find the tomb?"



Summer Uniform

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



Girls

- A-line red, white and blue checked **dress**; or navy skort with a white **blouse**, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- White **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red and navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**

Boys

- White **shirt** with white collar button through, or a blue and red polo **shirt** (school logo only)
- Navy **shorts** to the knee, without side pockets
- White or navy **socks** (socks to be above ankle bones)
- Red **jumper**, red **cardigan** (school logo only) or red & navy school bomber **jacket**
- Black **shoes**

Year 5 Leadership Speeches

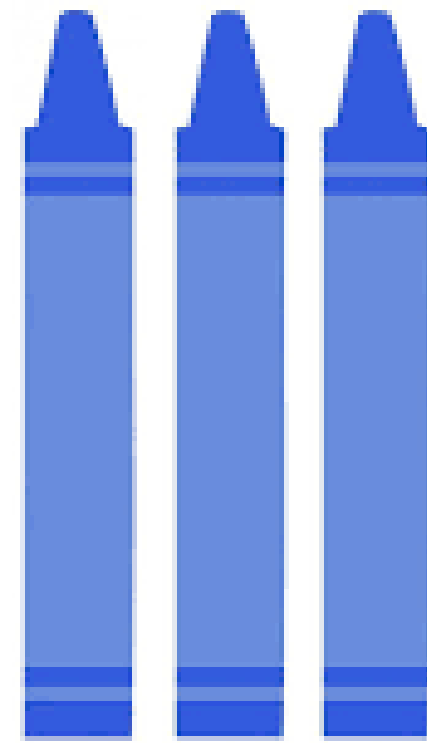
*Monday 20 November
9:30am in the Hall
Parents of candidates welcome to attend*

Year 6 Mini Fete

*Friday 1 December
Year 6 Students can wear mufti*

Year 6 Farewell

*Tuesday 12 December
Event Cinemas Tuggerah
5pm - 8pm*



things
that are
blue!



**We are collecting things that
are blue for a special whole
school reading event in 2024.
Please drop your blue bottle
lids into the school office.**

2024 school travel applications are now open

Students who need a new or replacement School Opal card or travel pass for 2024 can [apply](#) now. A new application will need to be submitted if they are applying for the first time, or if they are requesting an additional travel entitlement because of a new shared parental arrangement (e.g. joint custody).

Students who change address, school, campus location, have repeated a year or received an expiry notification for their school travel entitlement should [renew or update](#) their details **before the end of term 4**. This will ensure that schools can endorse applications, and travel passes remain valid for the start of the 2024 school year. School Opal card holders will have the changes applied to their existing card.

If a student's distance eligibility has changed based on their grade (i.e. grade two to grade three), the system will automatically update their entitlement if they meet the new criteria. If they do not meet the new [eligibility criteria](#), we will send an expiry notification via email. Students who have an entitlement approved under a medical condition that is due to expire will receive a notification advising them to re-apply. [Term Bus Pass](#) holders will receive a notification to re-apply. Students in the Opal network applying for an Opal card (including a Term Bus Pass) for the first time will receive their Student Opal card at their nominated postal address. Cards will be mailed out from January 2024.

Students living in rural and regional (R&R) areas should receive their travel pass at the start of the new school year from their nominated transport operator. It may come via the school or be sent directly to them at home. **Note:** some R&R operators do not issue travel passes. Students/parents should confirm with their nominated operator if they do not receive a pass.

Changes to your bus service provider

Within Greater Sydney, a number of bus service providers have changed their names. Parents intending to lodge an application for a School Opal card will need to visit [transportnsw.infotrip planner](#) to obtain the correct bus operator name servicing your area prior to lodging an application.

Travel from Term 1 2024

We ask that parents plan ahead and make sure their child knows which service/s to use and has a valid ticket to travel; either a School Opal card or Child/Youth Opal card (within Greater Sydney) or a School Travel Pass (outside Greater Sydney), from the start of the school year.

Applications for 2024 School Student Transport Scheme (SSTS) travel open at the start of Term 4 2023, so parents/students can [apply](#) or [update](#) details early and be ready for the start of the new school year.

Most students using the Opal network will not need a new Opal card and can continue travelling on their existing card each year. The start of the year is a busy period for local transport operators, and students travelling without a valid ticket make service planning and operations difficult.

We recognise that for some families last minute changes to school enrolments mean they may not have a School Opal card or Travel Pass for the start of term. In the Opal network, we strongly encourage these families to have their children travel with a Child/Youth Opal card until they receive their valid School Opal card. If outside Greater Sydney, parents should contact their [local bus operator](#) to discuss their travel needs.

Bus operators are flexible and understanding, particularly at the start of the school year, and will ensure students can travel safely to and from school. But to best support our operators we encourage all students to have a valid ticket, as early as possible, from the start of the school year.

Students using School Opal cards are also reminded that they must tap on and tap off in line with the [Student code of conduct](#) and [Opal terms of use](#).

Nutrition Snippet

FESTIVE FUN

Get the kids in the kitchen decorating their own healthy and tasty Christmas pizza.



Perfect for the lunch box, after school snack, party pleaser or dinner!

Our Christmas tree pizza recipe is a healthy and tasty lunch box item that the kids will love!

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*contact us to see if it will suit your family



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FRIDAYS @ 9AM

Kariong Coffee Club

Every Friday morning



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