

TERM 4 WEEK 8

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UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

Week 9

Tuesday DEC 5:

Stage 3 Presentation Day 9:30am

Wednesday DEC 6:

Kindergarten Presentation Day 9:30am

Stage 1 Presentation Day 11:40am

Thursday DEC 7:

Stage 2 Presentation Day 9:30am

Friday DEC 8:

Diamond Rewards Day

Week 10

Monday DEC 11:

SRC gift handover @ morning Assembly

Yr3-6 Drama Group Xmas Play Performances

K-2 11:45am

3-6 1:45pm



EXCURSION

Tuesday December 5:

Year 3 Excursion to Mosman



ABOVE: The Year 6 Mini Fete was a huge success today.

FROM THE
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

YEAR 6 MINI FETE

With only 2 weeks left in the school year, the days are jam packed with final events and special celebrations. This week one of our students Dylan C from 4B achieved outstanding success becoming a National Athletics Champion. Read all the details further in the newsletter. Congratulations Dylan, you are an inspiration to your fellow students.

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2024 School Leaders

On Monday, all students attended house meetings to listen to Year 5, 2024 House Captain nominees deliver their speeches. This was followed by members of Houses voting for their future captains.

Our leaders will be notified prior to Presentation Day if they have been successful in gaining a School Leader or House Captain position for 2024. Our school captains will also be announced at the special Presentation Day assembly.

Special Religious Education (SRE)/Special Education in Ethics (SEE)

On Thursday was our last SRE/SEE classes for the year. Thank you to all the wonderful volunteers who have given up their time to provide these lessons to the many students at Kariong Public School. A special mention goes to Mrs Barbara McCarthy who has taught senior Catholic classes over many years. Yesterday was her final day with us at Kariong and we wish her well.

Thank you, Morning Tea for Parents/Carers and Volunteers

A special morning tea to thank parents/carers and volunteers for their ongoing support of school programs was held in the staffroom on Thursday. We are very appreciative of our community who provide their time and resources to assist. Many learning experiences and opportunities for the children would not occur without this support. Students and staff thank our community, and we look forward to continuing our partnership in 2024.

Presentation Day Assemblies

Our annual Presentation Day assemblies will be held next week in Week 9. All assemblies will be hosted in our school hall, and anyone is welcome to attend. Our Stage 3 Presentation event is on Tuesday December 5 starting at 9:30am. On Wednesday, December 6 our Kindergarten assembly will begin at 9:30am, followed by Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) at 11:40am. Thursday, December 7 our Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) assembly will begin at 9:30am. We look forward to sharing the student achievements with you.

Reports

End of Year Reports are now being finalised and will be sent home on Wednesday, December 13. All reports will also be available via SENTRAL on this day. The children are looking forward to sharing their achievements for 2024.

Mini Fete

Today was an amazing experience for the students and staff with our Year 6 Mini Fete a great success. With a variety of stalls, food, physical challenges and just hard-core fun, Year 6 demonstrated their organisation and leadership skills to put on a great day. Well done to all our Year 6 students and their parents and teachers who have supported the students to ensure the day was such a success. Their fundraising efforts go towards their farewell and gift to the school.

SRC Christmas Drive

Thank you to many families who have brought items in for our SRC Christmas Drive. The Christmas Tree in the library has gifts galore around it and there is still one more week that items can be dropped in. These gifts will be picked up by Care Connect whose aim is to ensure over 2,000 Central Coast & Hunter children will have a gift under the Christmas tree this year. Gifts should be brand new & unwrapped.

Diamond Awards Day

This week has seen many of our students reaching their Diamond Award with certificates and pins being presented throughout the week. Final arrangements for Diamond Rewards Day are being completed with very excited students looking forward to celebrating together on their excursion. A special thank you goes to Mrs Priest for organising this event. As the coordinator of PBL, Mrs Priest has worked tirelessly with her team to support students and recognise those exhibiting the school values of Respect and Responsibility and giving their Personal Best.

Christmas Play

The Stage 2 & 3 Drama Group have been practising during recess and lunchtimes this term to be ready to perform the play, 'The Grinch Reinvents Christmas'. The Grinch's diabolical plans to put Christmas on hold indefinitely are prevented by Rudolph's shiny red nose, a potion that doesn't quite work and a Christmas Angel that needs to work her magic. Skilful reindeers, crazy elves and Santa with a Ho Ho Ho, Merry Christmas! remains calm through all the mayhem, ensuring Grinch can reinvent Christmas for the better. The play will be performed for 2 sessions on Monday 11 December with K - 2 having the opportunity to watch the show in the middle session from 11:45 am and 3 - 6 in the afternoon from 1:45pm. Parents and families are welcome to watch either of these shows at the back of the hall.





With only 2 weeks left of the school year, may you enjoy a restful weekend or a necessary busy one with family and social events on the calendar.



By **SONDRA BROADHURST**
Kariong Public School
DEPUTY PRINCIPAL



GOLD BOOK	
Nate C	KJ
Matilda E	KJ
Sophia S	KJ
Aryanna K	KJ
Sonya L	KJ
Henry G	KJ
Helen E	KJ
Logan W	KJ
Lachlan C	KJ
Audrey M	KJ
Isla M	KM
Ashton J	KM
Milan K	KM
Jaxon M	KM
Thea L	KM

SILVER AWARDS	
Bentley B-L	5/6R
Davinya Al-K	5/6A
Achilles A	5/6A
Roxy H	5/6S

GOLD AWARDS	
Evie H	2F
Harrison B	2F
Leo H	2F
Isla P	2F
Jake M	5/6A
Heidi A-H	4B
Elsie B	4B
Harrison B	4B
Dylan C	4B
Natasha S	4B
NJ L	4B
Roy K	4B
Abigail L	4B
Brianna L	4B

Kobe J	4B
Coby B	4B
Aiden B	4B
Ava H	4B
Lisbeth L	4B
Indie P	4B
Brigitte A	4B
Alice C	4B
William L	4B
Kyle A	4B
Oscar R	4B
Shreyan T	4B
Sofia F-P	4B
Aston K	4B
Joshua W	4B
Thomas B	5/6C
Dev K	5/6C
Max H	5/6C
Callan H	5/6C
Flynn M	5/6C
Lincoln M	2F
Imogen S	2F
Victoria G	2F
Lucus B	2F
Isaac S-W	2F
Gisele R	2F
Nathan J	2F
Flynn K	2F
Layla H	2F
Josie B	2F
Harley M	2F
Nathan M	2F
Joshua H	2F
Mikah H	2F
Niara K	2F
Thomas H	2F
Hamish I	2F
Bryce V	2F

DIAMOND AWARDS	
Imogen S	2F
Victoria G	2F
Lucus B	2F
Gisele R	2F
Nathan J	2F
Layla W	2F
Nathan N	2F
Joshua H	2F
Hamish I	2F
Bryce V	2F
Rocco A	5/6G
Jake M	5/6G
Ella B	5/6G
Noah C	5/6G
Madeline E	5/6G
Eden W	5/6G
Talia B	5/6G
Kirra Q	5/6G
Zoe D	5/6G
Ryan K	5/6G
Khushi S	5/6G
Evie P	5/6G
Evie B	1T
Elias B	1T
Peta S	1T
Ava M	1T
Zoe Mc	1T
Charlotte A	5/6R
Ashleigh B	5/6R
Georgia O	5/6R
Nate G	5/6R
Noah H	5/6R
KatarinaF-P	5/6R
Niara K	2F
Thomas H	2F
Isla S	KJ
Nate C	KJ

Owen V	KJ
Kobe A	KJ
Allyana M	KJ
Susie E	KJ
Logan W	KJ
Henry G	KJ
Cooper B	5/6A
Sarah B	5/6A
Jacob M	5/6A
Matilda H	5/6A
Charlotte T	5/6A
Scarlett B	5/6A
Bianca F	5/6A
Lincoln M	2F
Isaac S-W	2F
Flynn K	2F
Josie B	2F
Harley M	2F
Mikah H	2F
Indiana G	5/6S
Ellie G	1B
Harrison S	1B
Omar T	1B
Luke S	1B
Eva V	1B
Molly H	5/6R
Katelyn G	5/6R
Summer W	5/6R
Eliza E	5/6R
Grace F	5/6R
Jacob G	5/6R
Rhyder H	5/6R

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.



CHRISTMAS TOYAPPEAL

Help bring Christmas joy to over 2,000 vulnerable Central Coast & Hunter children

WE CARE CONNECT



SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR CHOIR

5099 students
709 staff members
418 roll classes

These were the stats of the people involved in this year's Schools Spectacular. If you wanted to be part of something bigger than yourself, this was it and it was Fabulous!

Wednesday 23 November kicked off show week at the Qudos Bank Arena and what a big week it was! Our choir were amazing, singing in 27 songs with 2500 public-school students from primary and high schools across the whole of New South Wales.

We saw high quality performances by some of the best student musicians in the state. Not only were there wonderful singers but the whole orchestra was also made up of public-school students. We were so excited to see our silver astronauts from Kariong shine on stage, dancing to **When I Get My Name in Lights**.

A highlight was going down on stage to sing the feature choir song, **Louder than Words**. We moved on with efficiency and accuracy and looked spectacular in our pink and orange scarves. We sounded even better. The moment was electrifying and was over far too soon. Good thing we got to do it four times.

Some of our favourite dances were Absolutely Everybody and Milky Way. A special act was a talented guitarist playing Over the Rainbow with a lovely colourful dance to match.

Aboriginal Welcome to Country was heartfelt and beautiful and so was the last Aboriginal dance which was also a student composition.

SpecFest was a great way to fill in our time when we weren't in the show. We ate good food, played games and were entertained by excellent performers.

It was great to be a part of the atmosphere where everyone was friendly and helped each other. Some even made lifelong friends. We were lucky to get some photos with the Spectacular puppets made by some very clever grandparents in our school, John and Julie Deacon. Thanks guys, that was so special!

If you missed out in watching this Fabulous! spectacle, be sure to tune in to Channel 7 on December 9 at 7 o'clock to catch our singers and dances on this huge stage and enjoy the fun!





SPECTACULAR!





PERFORMING ARTS

A FABULOUS WEEK OF FRIENDSHIP, DANCE, AND PASSION AT SCHOOLS SPECTACULAR

KERRY HANSARD
Kariong Public School
TEACHER

Wow: being in the spotlight of the 2023 School Spectacular Fabulous! performance, a group of talented young dancers—Bella M, Aaliyah W, Chelsea B, Emily A, Lucy T, Emma S, Lisbeth L, and Hannah K—had an unforgettable week. Amidst the electrifying atmosphere, they formed new bonds in the holding room, savoured delectable treats at Specfest, playfully engaged in tunnel antics, and dazzled the audience with their dance prowess in the main

arena as part of the combined primary dance group.

The performance featured over 430 primary school kids, gracefully moving to the rhythm of ‘When I Get My Name In Lights’ and seamlessly collaborating with high school dancers for the enthralling ‘You Don’t Even Know It.’ This four-day extravaganza, attended by thousands, stood as a testament to the unwavering dedication, motivation, and passion displayed by these remarkable girls.

A heartfelt acknowledgment goes to the unsung

heroes behind the scenes: Mrs. Sumner, whose dance skills enriched the performance; Mrs. Priest, the organisational maestro; Mrs. Rayner and Mrs. Hansard, providing invaluable guidance; and Mrs. Kyle, facilitating seamless transportation. Gratitude extends to all the teachers who diligently supported the practices.

This transcended beyond being merely an event; it unfolded as a remarkable experience. As we bid

farewell to the festivities of this year, we’re filled with anticipation for the wonders that await us in next year’s School Spectacular!

Catch the excitement of this year’s spectacular event airing on Channel 7 on December 9th at 7 pm. Don’t miss it!



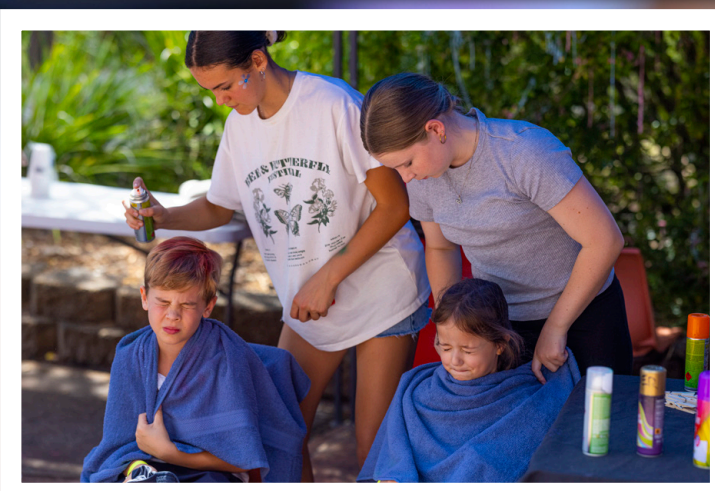
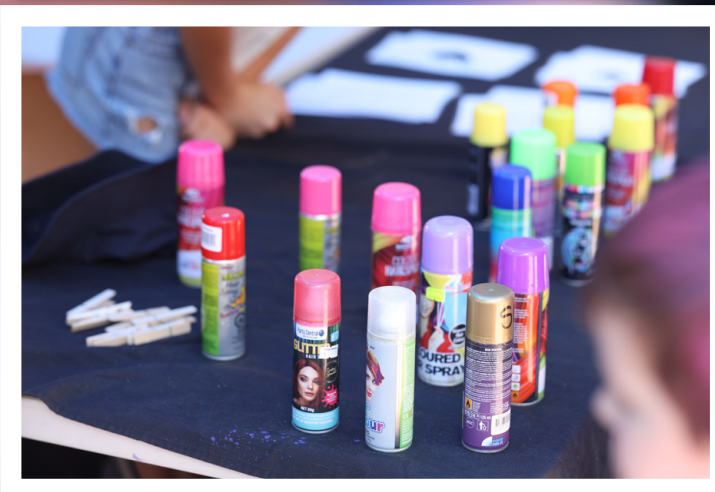
**OUR
RESIDENT DUCKS
LAST FRIDAY**

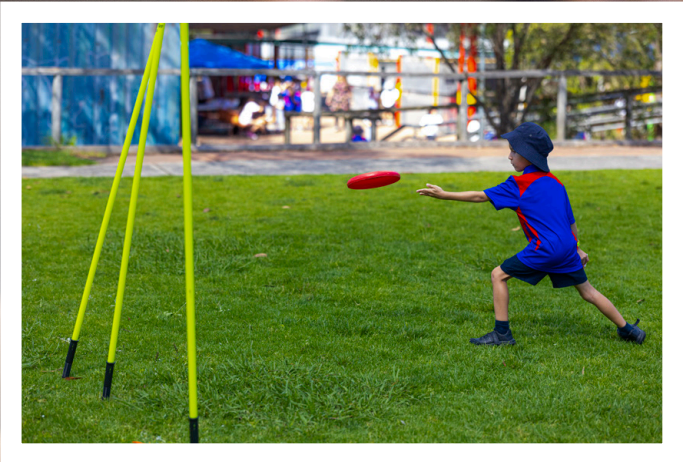
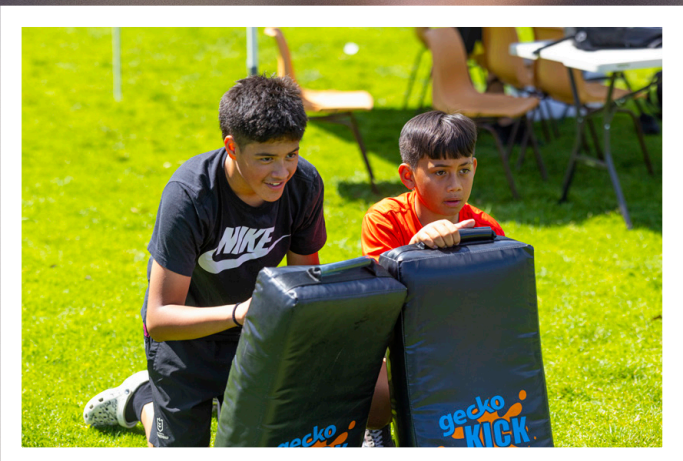
**THE MALE (FOREGROUND)
HAS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL
PLUMMAGE.**



PRESENTING THE YEAR 6 MINI FETE







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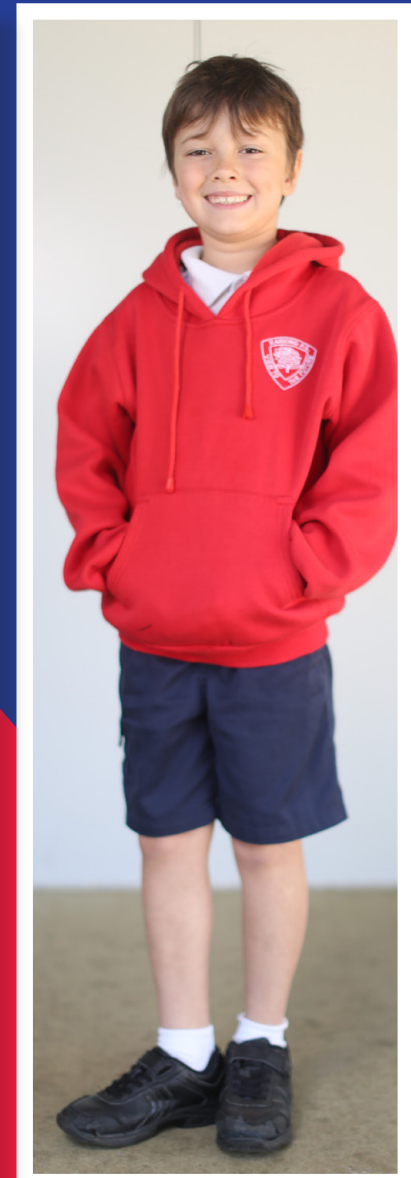
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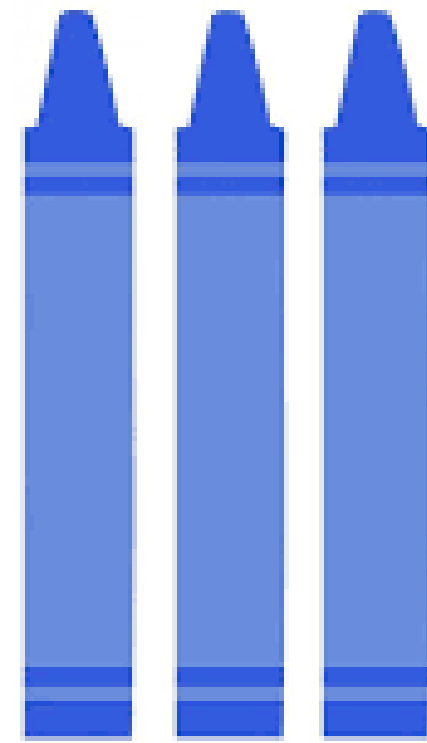


Girls

- 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**



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

SENSATIONAL SUMMER SALADS



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Information about LCF Fun Language Clubs Australia

TOGETHER WE ARE CREATING GLOBAL CITIZENS!

LCF Fun Languages is wholly Australian owned and operated. It is the leading provider of language learning in Australia.

We have been running language classes for Aussie kids for more than 10 years and operate in a number of schools and childcare centres across Australia.

We offer Before, After-school or Lunchtime Fun Language Clubs.

LCF Fun Languages Methodology:

Children just love the LCF fun approach to language learning which involves lots of games, songs, drama and other lively activities. You will be amazed at how much they learn and how quickly!

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- Music and games
- Role-play
- Drama
- Board games and card games
- Plenty of popular lively games

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The Club's method makes learning fun and stress-free. While children play games, sing songs, act out role plays and interact with each other, they absorb the new language without consciously thinking about it. Naturally this all takes place within a carefully structured progressive sequence which enhances learning.

For more information about LCF Fun Languages, please look at our website www.lcclubs.com.au

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