

## UPCOMING EVENTS



### SCHOOL

**MONDAY DEC 16:**

K-4 Water Fun Day  
 Stage 3 Aquasplash

**WEDNESDAY DEC 18:**

Last day of school for students

**THURSDAY FEB 6:**

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL K-6



ABOVE: Mr Mark Nash's Year 4 class have been creating amazing designs in Canva.

FROM THE  
**PRINCIPAL**

## WHAT A YEAR!

**T**he past week has been busy finalising class programs and some classes changing rooms ready for 2025. The students have been a great help and enjoyed assisting with the move, especially guessing who is teaching what grades!

This week all students should have received an end of year academic report via school bytes. If you would like a paper copy of this, please contact your class teacher. Congratulations to all the students on a tremendous year of learning and I am sure there are some very proud parents.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK



Education breeds confidence. Confidence breeds hope. Hope breeds peace.



- Confucius

Our OFFICE HOURS are  
**8.30am – 3.15pm**

MAKE A PAYMENT

[LINK](#)

Uniform Shop  
**NEW HOURS**  
 Tuesdays 8:30am-9:30am  
 Thursdays 2:30pm - 3:30pm

**SECURITY HOTLINE**

**1300 880 021**

**CANTEEN ONLINE ORDER**

[www.flexi-schools.com.au](http://www.flexi-schools.com.au)

[LINK](#)

## Conservatorium of Music visit

On Monday morning the conservatorium of music came to our morning assembly and played a few familiar tunes on some wind instruments that will be a part of our newly established school band.

The children enjoyed learning about some of these instruments and we had lots take up the opportunity to give some of these instruments a trial. Some students took home notes indicating what instruments they were successful blowing into. If you would like to know more, please contact the conservatorium or the school.

In term one, 2025 we will commence the school training band, this is open to all students in years 3-6 and they do not need to have any music experience or knowledge.

## Year 6 Farewell

On Tuesday evening we celebrated our Year 6 students at their farewell. This was a fantastic night full of fun singing, dancing, eating and hanging out with their friends.

The staff were impressed with everyone's behaviour and were so happy that they enjoyed this special occasion. Thank you to the Year 6 teachers for organising this event and of course the parents who assisted on the night with decorations and the impressive lolly bar and cupcakes. This all helped make the night special.

## SDD 2025

Next year all our staff will return to school on Friday January 31, 2025, for 4 days of staff development. These school development days provide our teachers time to best prepare individually and collectively to implement the curriculum.

School development days will operate the way they always have. Students do not attend on these days as there are no timetabled lessons.

All students including our new kindergartens will therefore commence school on Thursday February 6.

## 2025 classes

Thank you to the many parents who put in requests for 2025 regarding social interactions. All these requests have been dealt with in the best possible way. Please know that not every request is able to be accommodated completely but we have tried our very best. I am sure that all the students will be happy with their new teachers and

friendship groups. Teachers take a lot of time to carefully place students each year ensuring that they have at least one close friend.

Have a lovely weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone here next week for a fun-filled last 3 days.

Don't forget the water fun day at school, on Monday for our K-4 students!



By **TONI SKINNER**  
Kariong Public School  
PRINCIPAL

# FROM OUR ASSEMBLY TODAY...



ABOVE: State Athletics Awards and BELOW Value of the Month winners.



## SCHOOL NEWS

### SECOND HAND UNIFORMS IN OFFICE

There is a table in the Front Office with second hand uniforms. A gold coin donation per item to the Office.



Unlocking the Library  
with Mr. Brown

# PREMIERS READING CHALLENGE

The PRC has officially closed for 2024. According to the final tally, Kariong Public School had 411 students complete the challenge, which is an amazing 82% completion rate. Every year our numbers continue to climb, and it won't be long before we reach that elusive 100% mark.

Many milestone awards were handed out this week - gold certificates for students who have completed the challenge for four years, and platinum certificates for those dedicated students that have completed the challenge for seven years.

Congratulations everyone on your terrific achievements.

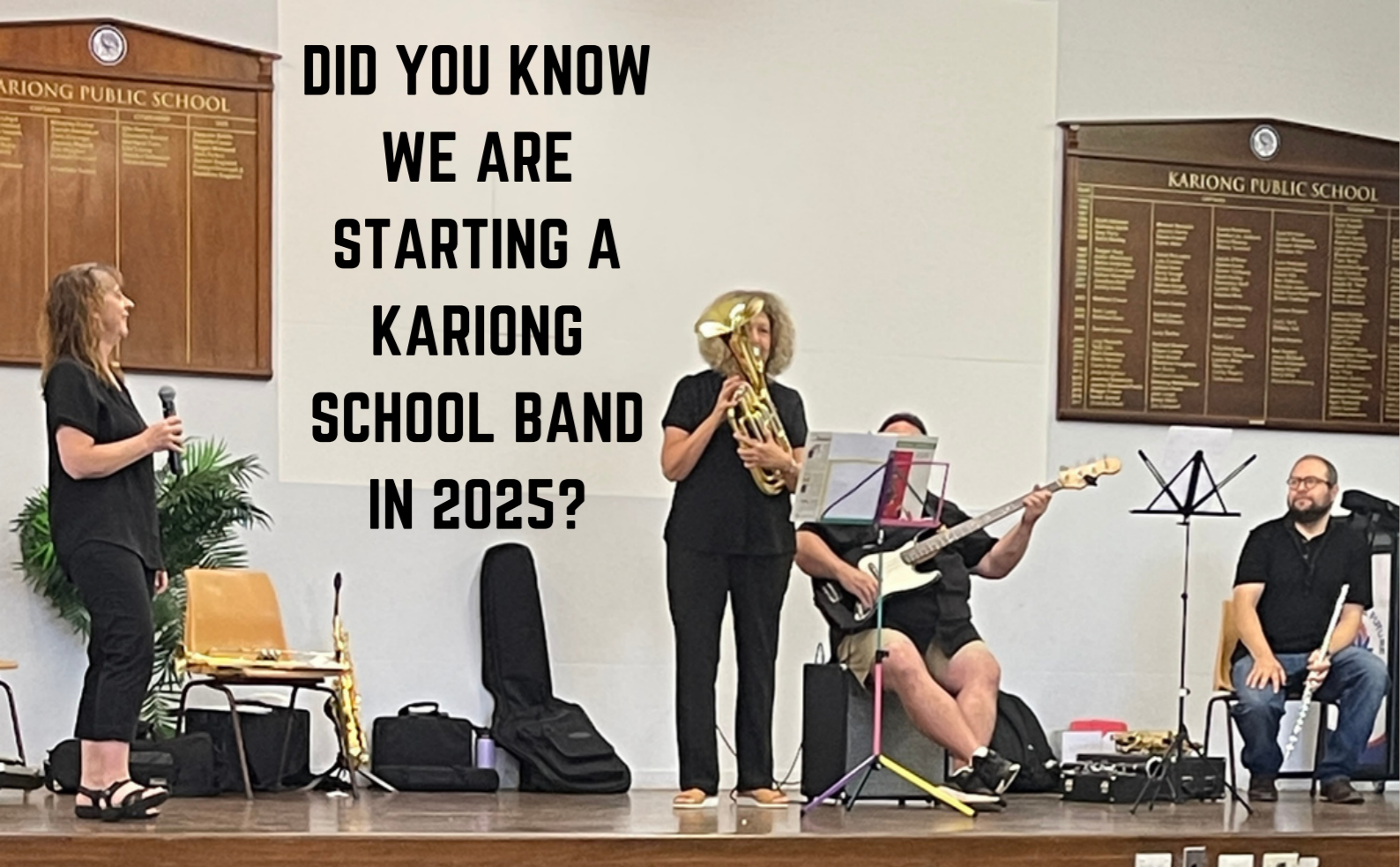
Reading rules!

**411**  
STUDENTS  
COMPLETED THE  
CHALLENGE


**This Week's Library Riddle**  
- Which one of the Seven Dwarves is the only one whose name is not an adjective?



**DID YOU KNOW  
WE ARE  
STARTING A  
KARIONG  
SCHOOL BAND  
IN 2025?**



**Visit the website at  
[www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au](http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au)  
(choose Schools Program) or call 02 43247477**

  
 Central Coast  
 Conservatorium  
 Of Music

## Schools Program

Do you want to learn an instrument and play in a band? Come and be part of a fun and engaging learning environment while experiencing the educational benefits of learning a musical instrument.

**Program includes:**

- One-to-one or small group lessons at school with Conservatorium teachers
- Whole band rehearsals with Conservatorium conductors
- Performance opportunities at school and external events including Central Coast Band Festival.

**Bendigo Bank**  
Proudly Supported by Bendigo Bank Community Bank  
 Branches, East Gosford, Lisarow and Kincumber

**Join more than 600 young musicians from 20+ schools across the Central Coast**

Register your interest

To register your child's interest in our School Band Program send a text with their details to 0402 000 757. Alternatively scan the QR code (below), phone 4324 7477 or visit our website.

**Want to know more?**  
 Join our online parent information session:  
**Wednesday 27 Nov, 7pm**

Scan QR Code for Zoom link and to enrol

For more information phone 4324 7477 or visit our website:  
[www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program](http://www.centralcoastconservatorium.com.au/schools-program)





# THE Callers

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# THE CALLERS

Do something life-changing!  
Volunteer as a Primary Ethics teacher

"Teaching my child's class ethics is my time to slow down, listen well, think deeply and leave more hopeful"

Primary ETHICS  
primaryethics.com.au/volunteer

## Do you have an hour a week? Volunteer as an ethics teacher here at Kariong Public School!

Ethics classes can only be offered to our children if we have volunteer teachers. We are currently looking for new volunteer teachers at KPS in order to expand our program to additional stages in 2025.

In ethics lessons, students explore everyday issues suitable for their age. They learn to think and listen carefully, to make decisions backed by good reasons and evidence, to discuss and disagree without putdowns. As an ethics teacher, you'll get a lot out of it too!

**Our volunteers come from all walks of life.** They can be parents, grandparents, uni students or local community members. You don't need past teaching experience. Primary Ethics offers full, free training, lesson scripts and ongoing teaching support.

**Curious?** Email Rachael Lewis at [rachael.lucy.lewis@gmail.com](mailto:rachael.lucy.lewis@gmail.com) or scan the QR code to visit [primaryethics.com.au/volunteer](http://primaryethics.com.au/volunteer)

# THANK YOU MELISSA

We will miss your  
smiling face in the  
school canteen.



Congratulations on 12 fantastic years  
of managing our school canteen

Best wishes for the future  
from everyone in  
Kariong Public School



# Busways



### Getting to school by bus in 2025

Will your child be catching the bus to school next year? Applications are now open for a 2025 School Opal cards. As it's a busy time of year, we highly recommend you make this application before the end of this year. It's also good to check the bus timetable to make your child's journey to school as easy as possible. Here is how it works:

### School Opal cards

- All students catching the bus in 2025 will need a School Opal card.
- Under the [School Student Transport Scheme \(SSTS\)](#), eligible students can apply for free or subsidised travel between home and school.
- For more information about the SSTS and how to apply for a School Opal Card, visit <https://apps.transport.nsw.gov.au/ssts/#/> from a desktop computer, and click 'apply for a school travel pass'.

### Bus timetables

Busways is the school bus operator that runs your schools' bus services. To find your child's school bus timetable visit the Busways website by using the following steps:

1. Go to [busways.com.au/nsw](https://busways.com.au/nsw)
2. Click on 'school services' in the navigation bar and then proceed to '[school timetables](#)'
3. Enter the school's name in the field that says 'enter a school name'
4. Select the school's name and the timetable should open on your device. If you are unable to find or search for the school's name, use the drop-down menus on the same web page to find the school.
5. Once the timetable is opened, you will be able to identify which school bus services are available in your area for your child to use.



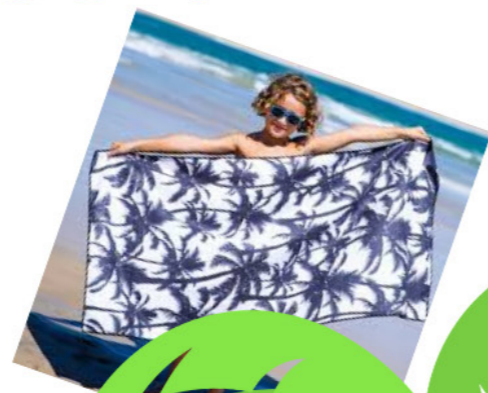
Kindy to Year 4

**MONDAY 16TH DECEMBER**

**WATER**

**FUN DAY**

You will need...



bonjour



comment  
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# French Lessons



Ms Alex Ducarme  
LCF LANGUAGES

Every Tuesday morning  
Kariong Public School  
Starting Term 1, 2025  
8:00 am - 8:45 am



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

-  Ages 5-10
-  23/12/24 Monday
-  9.00am - 3.00pm
-  Erina Highschool, 152 The Entrance Rd, Erina NSW 2250
-  \$49



**REGISTER HERE**

Come and have a bash at cricket. Fast paced, no equipment required. Lots of skill development activities and modified game based play

For more information contact [Emily.Watts@cricketnsw.com.au](mailto:Emily.Watts@cricketnsw.com.au)



# SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

-  Ages 5-10
-  30/01/2025, Thursday
-  9.00am - 3.00pm
-  460 The Entrance Rd, Bateau Bay NSW (EDSACC SOUTH)
-  \$49



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A festive illustration on a green background featuring a gingerbread house with a red door and windows, decorated with colorful candies and a candy cane. Above the house are several Christmas ornaments in various colors and patterns, including a yellow star. To the right of the house is a gingerbread man holding a lollipop.

**KARIONG CHURCH**  
Please Join us in  
Creating You Own  
**GINGERBREADHOUSE**  
Sunday 1st Dec 2-4pm  
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Mt Penang Kariong  
Book on Facebook  
or call/txt Simone  
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\$20 per House

THE LAST FRIDAY MORNING  
OF THE MONTH, FOLLOWING  
MORNING ASSEMBLY

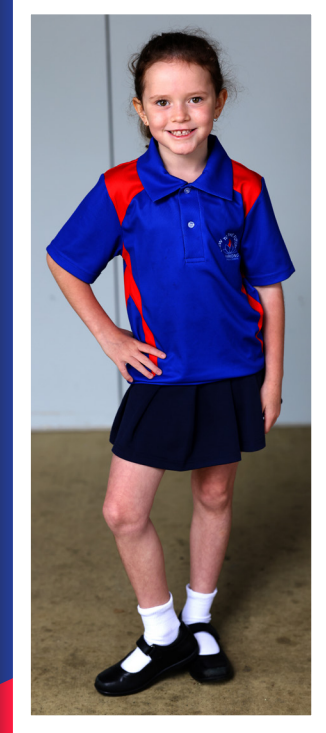
*Kariong  
Coffee  
Club*



PARENTS, CARERS, BUBS AND GRANNIES  
ALL WELCOME FOR COFFEE AND CHIT-CHAT

# 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**