

UPCOMING EVENTS



SCHOOL

TUESDAY APR 1:

Sydney North Swimming Carnival

WEDNESDAY APR 2:

School Photo Day

THURSDAY APR 3:

Kindergarten 2026 Open Day

FRIDAY APR 4:

PSSA Boys & Girls Soccer Knockout

MONDAY APR 7:

Cross Country Carnival

FRIDAY APR 11:

K- 2 Easter Hat Parade
Crazy Hair Day Year 3- 6
(Gold Coin Donation)
LAST DAY OF TERM 1

WEDNESDAY APR 30:

Students resume School for Term 2



ABOVE: Congratulations to our Swimming Award recipients today.

FROM THE
PRINCIPAL

SWIMMING AWARDS

Another great week at Kariong Public School with lots of engaging classroom lessons and playground activities. Our students are displaying our school PBL expectations of RESPECT RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST each day and we could not be prouder of their wonderful behaviour both in and out of the classrooms.

Our
OFFICE
HOURS
are
8.30am –
3.15pm

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Parent Teacher Interviews

We would like to remind you that interview booking times are now open on School Bytes, however, will close tonight. These interviews are a valuable opportunity for you to discuss your child's progress and development with their teachers, so we encourage you to book a time that suits you. If these times do not suit you, please reach out to organise another date. Just a reminder that 4C will be next term.

Teachers are looking forward to meeting with you over the next two weeks.

Swimming Carnival Celebration

Today we held a celebrations assembly to acknowledge the achievements for our swimmers at our annual swimming carnival. Thank you to the many parents who could join us this morning, it was fantastic to see so many parents and caregivers joining us to celebrate their children's accomplishments. The enthusiasm and support shown by our school community truly enhance our students' experiences and motivate them to strive for excellence. We certainly have some talented swimmers here at KPS.

Next Tuesday April 1 the Sydney North Swimming carnival will be held and I would like to wish our 7 competitors all the best of luck.

Cross Country Carnival

Our cross-country carnival will be taking place here at school, on Monday April 7. This carnival is for all students K-6 providing everyone with the chance to showcase their running skills and team spirit. We encourage family members to come along and cheer on our athletes. The canteen will be open on the day and the P&C will be selling sausage sandwiches for \$2.50. Please see the flyer in the newsletter for approximate times each grade will race.

Easter Raffle

Don't forget to keep selling the raffle tickets for our Easter draw. This is a great way to get involved and support our school community. Money raised will go towards musical instruments for all our students to enjoy. We are grateful to the parents who have already brought in Easter raffle donations; your generosity enriches our school events and helps us create memorable experiences for our students. Good luck to all the families who have purchased tickets, there are lots of prizes!

Kindergarten Open Day 2026

We are excited to invite families who have a child ready for Kindergarten in 2026 to our Open Day at Kariong Public School on Thursday April 3. This is a wonderful opportunity for families to explore our school, meet our dedicated staff, and ask any questions.

We encourage families to bring children along so they can experience the joy of learning in a supportive environment. Light refreshments will be provided.

Please see the flyer at the back of the newsletter and let anyone you know that may be interested or ready for the school journey to please come along.

Enrolments are now open, and we encourage anyone with a school age child to enrol now to keep up with the latest news.

Photo Day

Don't forget school photo day is next **Wednesday April 2**. Don't forget to order and pay online direct to MSP.



Attendance Award

The winning class for attendance this week was 6A followed closely by 2G.

6A will receive their prize next week, Congratulations!

Consistent attendance at school is crucial for your child's academic success, social development, and overall well-being. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

The Importance of Arriving on Time to School

Our school starts here at KPS at 8:55am, students can be on school grounds from 8:25am which is when teachers are on duty.

When students arrive at school and class on time, it ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day, helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine, gives students time to greet their friends before class and reduces classroom disruption.

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents. If your child is late to school, they must present at the front office accompanied by a parent.

P&C news

Our next meeting is in Term 2 on May 19 in the staffroom from 6:30pm. Everyone is welcome. P&C news and updates will go out on our school Facebook page and in the newsletter.

Have a great weekend and I look forward to seeing everyone next week.



By **TONI SKINNER**
Kariong Public School
PRINCIPAL

NSW Department of Education

Why attendance matters

When your child misses school they miss important opportunities to...



Learn



Make friends



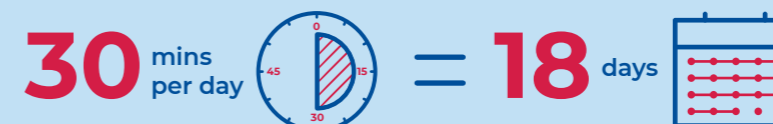
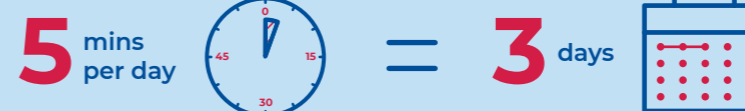
Build skills through fun

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Minutes lost = days lost per year

A couple of minutes here and there doesn't seem like much, but...

When your child misses just... they miss days per year



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Patterns of lateness can have a serious impact on your child's education.



SWIMMING CARNIVAL AWARDS









SOLVING ORGANIC WASTE

NEW ORGANIC WASTE PROGRAM LAUNCHING MONDAY

By **TAMMY BUCKTON**
Kariong Public School
CLASSROOM TEACHER

We're excited to announce that our SOW (Solving Organic Waste) program will officially begin on Monday! Our school is proud to be part of the pilot program supporting schools to reduce waste and protect the environment.

From Monday, all organic waste from student lunches – such as fruit peels, vegetable scraps, sandwich crusts and other food leftovers – should be placed in the new green bins located in the COLA. Please remind your children that these bins are for food scraps only, with no packaging or rubbish.

A dedicated Green Team of student leaders will soon be announced. They'll help guide this initiative and support others in making environmentally friendly choices during break times.

Together, we can all do our part to create a cleaner, greener school community!



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KINDY BUDDIES



PRIMARY DEBATING WORKSHOP SUCCESS!

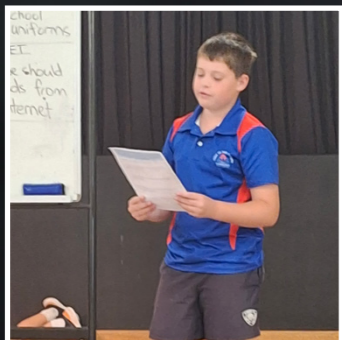
By **TAMMY BUCKTON**
Kariong Public School
CLASSROOM TEACHER

Yesterday, some of our newest members to the debating team, Lisbeth L, Alice C, Owen J and Ryan G, attended The Arts Unit's Primary Debating Workshop, held at Erina Heights Public School. It was an enriching experience that provided students with valuable coaching and practice in key debating skills. The workshop covered essential elements such as rebuttal, argument development, definitions, and speakers' roles, all delivered by some of the state's most experienced adjudicators and coaches.

Our students worked incredibly hard

throughout the day, participating in activities and games designed to enhance their debating abilities. Each student had the opportunity to deliver a short speech and receive personalised feedback, helping them refine their skills for future competitions.

We are incredibly proud of their dedication and enthusiasm. This workshop has undoubtedly prepared them well for the upcoming Premier's Debating Challenge, and we look forward to seeing their continued growth and success in debating.





SRC INDUCTION

We are excited to share that on Monday, March 24th, 2025, our Semester 1 Student Representative Council (SRC) members were proudly inducted as school leaders during a special morning assembly. This memorable event took place in front of their peers, teachers, and parents, where the students received their badges, marking the beginning of their leadership journey.

These enthusiastic students have been actively participating in fortnightly meetings at Friday lunchtime. During these sessions, they have been discussing important matters related to our school community and brainstorming ways to make a positive difference.

We encourage you to keep an eye out for our upcoming fundraising event, which our SRC will be organising. It promises to be an exciting opportunity for our school community to come together and support a great cause.

Thank you for your continued support, and congratulations to our new SRC representatives!

Warm regards,

SRC TEACHERS

MRS HOYLE, MRS ROBERTS, MRS MCGANN AND MISS DEWAR.



P&C EASTER RAFFLE

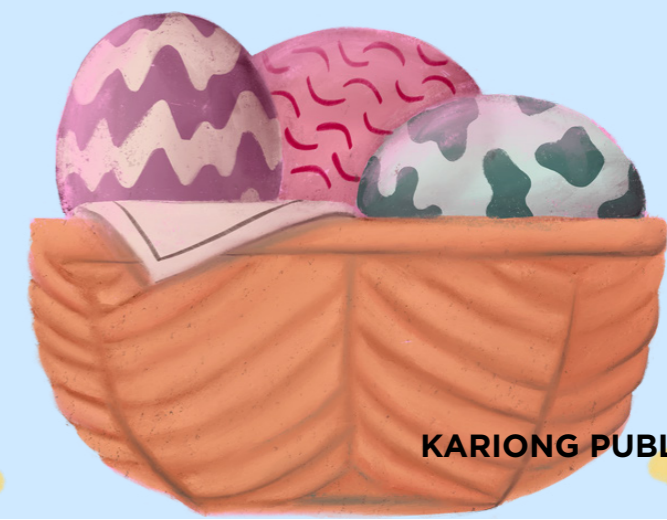
DELIVER EASTER EGG DONATIONS TO THE
SCHOOL OFFICE BY
WED 2 APRIL 2025

Tickets are \$1 each

or

\$10 per book of tickets

Return all tickets and money
by 9 am Friday 4 April



OPEN DAY

3rd April 2025

9:15am



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SCHOOL PHOTO DAY

WED 2 APRIL

Kariong Public School



SHARE OUR SPACE



FREE PROGRAM

- ✓ Perfect for boys and girls aged 5-12
- ✓ Develop fundamental cricket skills in a fun and inclusive environment

📍 Kariong Public School Langford Dr, NSW 2250

📅 Saturday 12/04/2025

🕒 9:30 AM - 3:30 PM



Register here

Sydney Sixers are proud to be a Share Our Space activity provider. Share Our Space is an initiative of the NSW Department of Education.

For more information contact Emily.Watts@cricketnsw.com.au



GEAR UP FOR LIFE ON TWO WHEELS

Start their cycling journey with AusBike.

Whether they're just off training wheels or more confident riders, AusBike is designed to improve kids' skills and confidence in a fun and active way.

AusBike School Holiday Program

Kariong Public School

Date: 13 April 2025

Time: 10am - 11:30am (Beginner) & 12pm - 1:30pm (Advanced)



Let's get pedalling

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K-6
EVENT



KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

CROSS

COUNTRY

Start Time

9:15AM, for a 9:30AM start

Running Order:

7 year olds (from Year 2) boys

7 year olds (from Year 2) girls

8/9 year old boys

8/9 year old girls

10 year old boys

10 year old girls

RECESS 10:55AM

11 year old boys

11 year old girls

12/13 year old boys

12/13 year old girls

LUNCH 12:55PM

Kindergarten boys

Kindergarten girls

Year 1 boys

Year 1 girls

MONDAY
7 APRIL

ALL
WELCOME

SCHOOL
OVAL

BRING A
CHAIR
OR PICNIC
RUG

P&C
SAUSAGE
SIZZLE
\$2.50



K-2 ASSEMBLY

STARTING TERM 2 2025

We would love for parents to join us at our K-2 Assembly in Term2

The assemblies will take place on **odd** weeks only

Fridays at 2:00pm

Week 3 - 16/5/25

Week 5 - 30/5/25

Week 7 - 13/06/25

Week 9 - 27/06/25 (No kindy's due to excursion)

Assemblies will take place in the school hall.

We respectfully request parents please be mindful of the students hosting the assembly and keep noise levels to a minimum

IS IT BULLYING?

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's

RUDE

When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's

MEAN

When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it - even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset - that's

BULLYING



Kariong OSHC 2025 April Vacation Care Program

★ 14th April 2025- 29 April 2025 ★

Coast Community Connections offers high-quality vacation care programs that provide children with fun, engaging, and safe experiences during school breaks. From outdoor adventures to creative activities, our programs are designed to inspire growth and foster community.



Enrol Now!
Bookings are limited
02 4343 1888
Link to Enrolment Form

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Service Details

Kariong Public School, Truscott Drive Kariong
 7:00am- 6:30pm (During School Holidays)

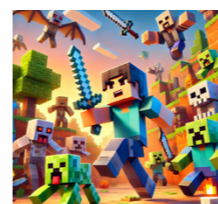
Vacation Care Program

- Excursion
- In Service

Monday 14th April

Minecraft Movie Magic!

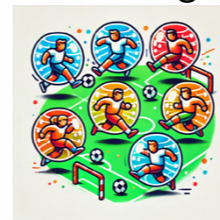
Dive into the blocky world of adventure with a special Minecraft Movie screening! Watch as your favourite pixelated heroes embark on an epic journey.



Tuesday 15th April

Bubble Soccer

Get ready to bounce, roll, and score in an action-packed game of Bubble Soccer! Suit up in giant inflatable bubbles and enjoy a hilarious twist on the classic game.



Wednesday 16th April

Silly Olympics!

Get ready for a day of wacky fun at our Silly Olympics! Children will compete in quirky and hilarious games, from egg-and-spoon races to three-legged sprints, all while having a blast and cheering each other on!



Thursday 17th April

Tonz of Fun!

Get ready for a day of non-stop fun at Tonz of Fun! Children will enjoy climbing, sliding, and exploring in a safe, exciting indoor play environment



Friday 18th April




Monday 21st April



Vacation Care Program

 Excursion


 In Service

Tuesday 22nd April 

Exploring Japan!

Experience the excitement of Japan with a fun-filled Japanese-themed day! Children will try their hand at sushi making, challenge each other in sumo suits, and enjoy a variety of activities inspired by Japanese culture.



Wednesday 23rd April 

Exploring the Frog Park!

Hop into adventure as we visit the Frog Park! Children will explore nature, enjoy the peaceful surroundings, and discover all kinds of froggy fun,



Thursday 24th April 


Sun Valley Park!

Join us for a fun-filled park excursion! Children will enjoy outdoor games, exploring nature, and having a blast with friends in a spacious, safe park setting.



Friday 25th April




Monday 28th April 

Trivia & Disco Day!

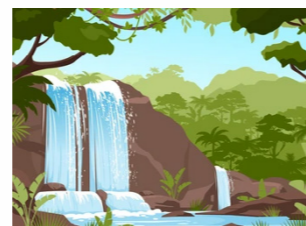
Test your knowledge in a fun trivia challenge, then hit the dance floor for a disco party with music, lights, and great vibes! Dress up and get ready to boogie!



Tuesday 29th April 

Girrakool Loop with Jake Casser

Join us for a captivating bush walk excursion, where children will explore the beauty of nature while learning about the land's history. Jake Casser will share fascinating stories and facts about the area



SEE YOU SOON!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The daily fee is \$99.00

Our operating hours are 7:00am – 6:30pm on weekdays
Book via the OWNA app or reach out to the service before the 4th of April 2025 to secure your position.

Fees required to be paid 2 weeks in advance as per fee policy.
All sessions are eligible for Childcare Subsidy. To learn more visit <https://www.servicesaustralia.gov.au/child-care-subsidy>
Licensed for 60 children with a ratio of 1:15.

We are expecting 40 children daily; staffing will be adjusted to suit.

Please ensure you pack; A hat, refillable drink bottle, morning tea, lunch, afternoon tea, Enclosed Shoes and Clothes that cover shoulders.

**We do not supply ANY food during Vacation Care period.
Children need to come with plenty of food packed for the day.**

Service Contact: Jessica Farrell

Ph Number: 02 4343 1888

Email: Childcare@cccl.com.au

Risk Assessments for each day are available at the service,
Please speak to Jess the Nominated Supervisor if you wish to access these.

Seasons for Growth®



Summer Uniform

KARIONG PUBLIC SCHOOL

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Change and loss are issues all of us face at some stage of our lives. At Kariong Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons For Growth runs for 8 weeks in school hours and each weekly session is 40-45 minutes. The program concludes with a 'celebration' session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for a further session to build on their earlier learning. There is no cost involved.

Seasons For Growth will commence Term 2 for Years 1-6. For children to benefit from the program, it is recommended that the change/ loss will have occurred at least 12 months ago. If you would like your child to participate, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this, then fill in the form attached and return to the office by Wednesday 9th April. Please also include a brief reason for participation e.g. divorce, death etc. Students who have not participated in the program before will be given first preference.

If you require further information or have any questions, please contact me at school on 4340 1885.

Kariong Public School is pleased to be able to offer this important program and we are confident that it will be a valuable learning experience for those who request to be involved.

Sue Gasper

Seasons For Growth Site Coordinator

I _____ give consent for my son/daughter _____ to attend the Seasons for Growth program. I have discussed this with him/her.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Child's signature: _____

Reason for participation: _____



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**