Welcome to Term 4! It is lovely to be back and we are looking forward to a very enjoyable term. Our value pencils have arrived and they look amazing as you walk through our gates. It is a reminder to all students and school community to show respect, act in a responsible manner and do your personal best at all times at school and out of school. We are in the process of organising photos for a collage to go along our front gate to promote our values. The launch of Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) at Kariong PS will take place next week. During this launch all students will be shown an informative video explaining what PBL is and showing them how they can demonstrate our three core values of RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST.

Fluoro Fitness-Athon

Our Fluoro Fitness-Athon is on Friday 24 October and should be a fantastic day for all. The Athon is the school’s fundraising highlight of the year. Everyone loves to be involved and enjoys the activities organised on the day.

Kindergarten Transition Program

Our Kindergarten Early Bird Transition Program starts on Monday. This program allows us to get to know our future students and ensure their transition into school will be as smooth as possible.

P&C Trivia Night

Our P&C committee members have been working extremely hard to organise a terrific Trivia Night on Saturday 18 October. The trivia night is a great opportunity for parents to get together and enjoy a fun-filled night. The emphasis of the night is on FUN and enjoyment. Please try and organise a table (10 on a table). If you can’t gather enough people to form a table then contact Danielle Beckman (0414748074) who will try and accommodate you on a table.

School Photos

All students were dressed immaculately for their photos today. Thank you to all parents who ensured their child was dressed in the correct uniform, including black school shoes, and looked beautifully groomed. I am sure you will be thrilled with the photos.

Footsteps Dance Program

The Footsteps Dance program commenced this week for all Year 5 and 6 students. They thoroughly enjoyed the lessons and learnt some great dance moves. I was so impressed with the active participation of all students. Well done Year 5 and 6.

School Planning 2015-2017

Over the next three years Kariong Public School will move into a new planning phase. We have already started the process and have gained valuable information from parents at our Orientation Day, P&C meeting, K-2 Athletics Day and from students across various classes. If you haven’t completed a survey, please fill in the online one using the link below. During this process our focus will always be on our students and providing them with the opportunities they need to be successful learners and individuals now and in their future. The survey will close on Friday 24 October.

ONLINE SURVEY LINK: https://goo.gl/F21GuA
Year 1 and 2 Excursions

There are some very excited children who can’t wait to go on their excursion next week. Year 2 will be going to the Australian Reptile Park on Monday and Year 1 will be going to Oakdale Farm on Tuesday. I am sure they will all have a fabulous time.

School Uniform

All children are expected to be in Summer school uniform this term. This includes their school hat. Now that the warmer weather has arrived many children are putting on sunscreen as they get dressed in the morning. Please note: students are allowed to bring their own sunscreen to school to reapply during the day but they are not allowed to share it with others.

Primary Parent Planner

Our school is pleased to introduce an innovative and convenient way for you to organise and plan school events. We are organising a new smart phone application (App) called Primary Parent Planner which allows you to download all important class and whole school dates to your smartphone, synchronise them with your calendar and receive regular alerts before each event. Additionally, Primary Parent Planner allows us to send messages to your smartphone regarding any important information as well as upload Newsletters, Forms and Canteen information. More information will be sent out next week about what you need to do to access this App.

Enrolling or Leaving?

Thank you to parents who have informed me 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 make sure that you fill in the form below and return it to the office as soon as possible if you are NOT returning to Kariong Public School in 2015. (Year 6 students do not need to let us know).

As Early Bird transition sessions commence on Monday for 2015 Kindergarten students, all students should now be enrolled. If you have a child who you anticipate will be attending Kindergarten in 2015 but has not yet enrolled, please return the enrolment forms to school immediately.

Classes for 2015

During the coming weeks, staff will be looking at the formation of classes for 2015. If you have any concerns about your child’s placement for next year, please indicate in writing those concerns and submit to the Principal by Friday 24 October. It is important your concerns are submitted every year as circumstances change from year to year. Requests from previous years will not be looked at.

Please do not send requests asking for specific teachers for your child as it would not be appropriate or equitable for us to accommodate these requests. Teachers spend many hours placing your child in the most appropriate class.

Vicki Redrup

Kariong Public School - Anticipated Enrolments For 2015

PLEASE PRINT

My family WILL NOT be attending KPS in 2015: ☐ (Please tick if correct)

There is a POSSIBILITY that we may be moving: ☐ (Please tick if correct)

Child’s Name: _______________________________________ Current Class: ____________

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Parent’s Name: ______________________________________      Signature: _______________________________

Please return this form to the office ASAP

PBL

The pencil signs that display our 3 values RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST are now at the entries of our school. These pencils were chosen by parents, staff and students in a recent survey. We thank everyone for their input and we hope you agree that they look great!

Next week will be the launch of PBL across our school. In stage assemblies students will be informed of what changes will be happening at Kariong Public School in regard to our new positive behaviour system. They will also watch an introduction video about PBL which was created by the PBL team and the students.

Fluoro Fitness-Athon is coming!

This year our fundraising Athon will be highlighting the PD/H/PE and Sports component of the curriculum. We invite you to come and be part of the Kariong Fluoro Fitness Athon next term on Friday, 24 October. Be sure to pencil it in your diary and wear your favourite fluoro or bright coloured clothes for fun filled fluoro madness! The students have received their sponsorship card and letter detailing the requirements of the Athon to enable them to collect sponsors.
ICAS Mathematics Test

Congratulations to the 24 students who participated in the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS) Mathematics test during Term 3. These tests are extremely challenging and our students performed commendably, achieving 8 Merit certificates and 4 Credit certificates as follows:


CREDIT – Dominic A, Joshua E, Bailey G and Rhys O

Classroom Behaviour Management Review

The Student Support Committee is conducting a review of the current classroom behaviour management strategies at Kariong PS. As an integral part of the review process the Committee will be gathering input from all stakeholders to ensure our classroom behaviour management strategies are tailored to meet the needs of students, parents and staff. We value your input! Please use the link below to access and complete the online Parent feedback form:

PARENT FEEDBACK FORM: https://goo.gl/oXWmeo

A reminder that the Trivia Night Raffle tickets are to be returned to school by Wednesday 15 October.

Thankyou!

Dr. Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to announce they are now taking new patients. We Bulk Bill all Health Care Card Holders, Pensioners and children aged 16 years and under. For enquiries and Appointments please call (02) 4362 3162

Our friendly staff look forward to welcoming you and your families to our practice!

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