Principal’s Report

PRESENTATION DAYS

Thank you to everyone who attended one of our five Presentation Ceremonies. Our Presentation Day Ceremonies acknowledge the work, effort and progress our students have made over the year. Congratulations to all the major prize winners and to every student who has worked hard and achieved significant progress throughout the year. I would like to sincerely thank all staff in our school for the tremendous work they have done this year. The dedication and passion to teaching displayed by our teachers is amazing.

Our 2015 student leadership team, Cameron R, Charlotte H, Claudia A, Indianna H, Jack L, Maggie F, Michael S, Nikita M, Rory MC and Ryan R, will be excellent role models for younger students and I am looking forward to working with them next year. Our 2015 captains, Maggie and Jack, will be outstanding leaders for school.

YEAR 6

I would like to take this opportunity to wish Year 6 students (and their parents) all the best as they embark on the next chapter in their lives, as a teenager and high school student. I notice for many families that next Wednesday will be when their last child will finish primary schooling and this may have been their final year associated with Kariong Public School. Therefore, thank you for being a part of the KPS community and enjoy your new adventures together.

So to the students, as your last day at Kariong Public School approaches, on behalf of the Year 6 teachers, Mrs Champion, Mr Brady, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Bowen, thank you for a great year. You were wonderful students who showed respect and responsibility and displayed your personal best. You are ‘legends’

STAFF CHANGES FOR 2015

Rebecca Claridge will be on maternity leave, Rebecca Pugh has been successful in gaining a permanent position at Central Mangrove School, Linda Heffer and Dick Bridge are retiring and Belinda Johnson will be returning to Putney. I know that you all join me in wishing all of these valuable staff members all the best.

Staffing of classes for 2015 is currently under way, and a full list of teachers and their roles will be published in an early Newsletter next year.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!

This is the final newsletter for the year - how quickly the term has flown! Students will have their final school day for 2014 on Wednesday 17 December. I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a safe and happy holiday. Staff and students have all worked hard this year and I hope everyone is able to have a well-deserved rest.
Year 6 Graduation Ceremony

There will be a Graduation Ceremony on **Wednesday 17 December at 2.15pm** in the Hall. Year 6 parents are invited to attend and watch as the Year One students will have the opportunity to say a special goodbye to their Year 6 buddies. This event will be in the Hall. The Graduation Ceremony will be followed by the Walk of Fame at 2.40pm.

If you are coming to view the Walk of Fame, we ask that you do not occupy the Courtyard area (including the steps) as they are used by the students. You are more than welcome to view this event from the balconies and the COLA. Please leave a walkway to the steps so the Year 6 students can access the parade area.

Year 6 Students’ autographs

A timely reminder that under child protection rights, students cannot sign clothing that is being worn by another person. If you wish to collect autographs this week you must do so on a piece of clothing, soft toy or book that has been brought from home and is approved by the parent or caregiver to be signed. Any unwanted, clean school clothing can be sent to the school for use in the clothing pool.

SRC

This week we had our last SRC meeting for 2014. It has been an extremely successful year for the SRC. Congratulations to all the students who had the opportunity to be an SRC leader this year. A reminder to all Term 4 SRC leaders, their perpetual badge needs to be returned ASAP.

Victoria Priest (SRC Leading Teacher)

Stationery Packs for Years 3 to 6

In previous years we have sold ‘stationery packs’ to students in Years 3 to 6 and we are aware that many families like to purchase stationery needs over the holidays. Therefore we will not be selling ‘stationery packs’ for students in Years 3, 4, 5, and 6. Listed below are the required stationery items for each year; please be aware some items will need to be replaced during the year. Remember to label your child’s name on each item. **NB: Left handed scissors will be available from the school.**

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Students in K-2 will still purchase stationery packs through the school next year.
As is the normal pattern for our school, a great deal happens over the school holidays much of which is unexpected. Your advice is crucial at the start of the new school year if your family circumstances change. All 2015 Year 1 – Year 6 students will return back to their current 2014 Class Teachers, if at all possible, for Holding Pattern for the first week of school. The class name retains the teacher's initial and the year is changed. For instance, Class 2B would become 3B and 5N would become 6N etc for Holding Pattern. Students, during Holding Pattern, will review class and school routines and we will do our utmost to get all children off to a settled return to school.

Our Kindergarten classes commence on Monday 2 February. Once our Kindergarten numbers are confirmed we hope to move all other students (Years 1-6) as quickly as possible into their new classes with their new teachers. Student numbers have a tremendous impact on staffing and the number of classes in the school. We continue to seek your understanding in these circumstances.

CONGRATULATIONS

The Reading Recovery program is a vital part of our literacy program. It gives targeted students in Year 1 specialised one-on-one teaching in reading and writing, and is very successful.

A special ceremony was held today for two of our teachers. This year Kerry Rayner completed her two years of training, and Rachelle Myers completed her first year of training. Both have made a significant difference this year to the reading and writing skills of the children in their charge, and both received the plaudits of their peers at the graduation ceremony. Congratulations Kerry and Rachelle.

School Banking

Thankyou to everyone who has banked throughout the year. We would like to let you know that for those who have ordered projector cups, these are on backorder and will be delivered in 2015.

We are also looking for banking helpers, Wednesdays from 9am for approximately 1 hour. Please leave your name and contact number with the school office and we will be in contact.

We would like to wish you and your families a happy Christmas and a very happy new year!
Our 2015 Kariong Public School Student Leaders!

Bottom row L – R: Maggie F, Michael S, Nikita M, Rory McN. & Ryan R.

Kariong Netball Club 2015 Netball registration day will be held at Kariong Public School on Saturday 31st January 2015 from 9am until 2pm.

Fees for 2015 are: Net Set Go $85 5-7yo, Nettas $140 7-9yo, 10yos $170, Juniors 11-17yrs $175 and Seniors $180.

Registration can be done before hand online by going to www.kariongnetballclub.com and following the links on the registration page.

All players in the 2015 season are required to play in our new uniform which can be tried on and purchased on registration day for $85.

Further enquiries can be made by contacting the Secretary, Marg Allen on 0401390506.

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