Deputy Principal’s Report

Our School Mission Statement

The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Committee met on Tuesday 15 March to develop our school’s new Mission Statement. This is a succinct statement that embodies Kariong Public School’s main purpose and was developed as a direct result of input received from our students, staff and the P&C. Our new school Mission Statement is:

**Kariong Public School strives to create a positive, engaging and supportive environment where all students are valued and motivated to learn.**

The next step in our PBL implementation is to decide on our three core values that will underpin everything we do at Kariong Public School. As with our mission statement, we will be gathering input from our students, staff and the P&C to assist with this process.

Visitors to our school

Throughout the year we have many people who visit our school for a variety of reasons. It is a requirement by the Department of Education and Communities that all visitors to the school sign in at the front office so the school is aware of their presence on the school premises. Please be aware that whilst on the school premises, all visitors are bound by the Department of Education and Communities’ Code of Conduct. **Under no circumstances can anyone visiting the school site approach or reprimand a student for any reason.** If any parent or visitor to the school site has an issue or concern, they must speak with their child’s class teacher in the first instance or with a member of the school executive. Thankyou for your co-operation with these guidelines.

Lost Property

All lost property found or handed in will be placed in the Lost Property area which is located against the wall within the school Courtyard, just past the main office. Each Friday any unclaimed lost property will be cleared away; unnamed clothing will be washed and placed in the school clothing pool and other unnamed items will be given away to a new home. If your child loses any of their belongings through the week, please check the lost property area for their lost items by Friday afternoon. To avoid your child’s clothing or personal items being misplaced, please label your child’s items clearly with their name and class to facilitate their safe return.

Justine Abell

**On Friday 21st March we’re celebrating Harmony Day!**
Choir Performance for Senior Citizens Week

On Wednesday 19th March, the Kariong Public School Choir performed for the first time this year at the Kariong Public Library for Senior Citizens’ Week. We had a delightful time walking on a beautiful sunny day. After we quickly settled, everyone was ready to hear our set of five songs.

The choir did a great job, behaved beautifully and had a lovely time singing for an appreciative audience. I love it when an audience gets touched to the point of tears (of joy that is!) They didn't mind the morning tea either, served by the Kariong Mountains High School students. Lovely morning!

Great job, choir!

Wearing of School Uniform

The full uniform policy is able to be viewed on the school website. The policy has been endorsed by the school P & C and is designed to ensure safety is being observed. This includes the wearing of a hat for sun safety and suitable protective shoes. Approved jewelry for school includes wrist watches and studs for pierced ears for personal safety.

Uniforms can be purchased from the Uniform Shop, which sells new and second hand uniforms at a very reasonable price. In the final two weeks of this term, the classes that are consistently wearing full school uniform will receive bonus playtime on the Oval using the vast range of sporting equipment we have on site. Thank you for supporting us.

Low Waste Day

Congratulations to 3/4T for their wonderful efforts in being the proud winners of the Oscar Award. Amazingly they had only 15 pieces of rubbish! A big thank you to all the families who support this initiative each term and hopefully you are making a difference at home placing more recyclable items in your yellow bin. Keep up the great work Kariong Community!
Recycling News

Last year the school purchased recycling bins for each class which are filling fast. Each week, 5G collects these bins and transfers this into our large recyclable bin for the weekly collection. It is pleasing to note this bin is full each week. Congratulations to the students and staff who are making a difference to our environment. I would also like to extend my appreciation to the wonderful 5G class who have the job of overseeing this.

Linda Glare

Premier’s Reading Challenge 2014

Kariong Public School is again participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2014. This program aims to promote the love of reading through quality books. Students can log on and start recording books they have read from September 1, 2013 using their existing DET User ID (Portal username) and password on https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html.

Go to the website to check a list of books recommended for your child’s age group. To successfully complete the challenge, K-2 students need to read at least 25 books and students from Years 3-6 need to complete at least 20 books from the list. Their entry needs to be submitted on or before 22nd August 2014 to qualify. Please read the complete rules for this challenge on the PRC website https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html.

If you need assistance in logging on, or for a copy of a personal reading log form, please come and see either Mrs Ferrie or Mrs McGann in the Library at school or send an email to lesley.ferrie@det.nsw.edu.au.

Happy Reading!

Mrs Ferrie and Mrs McGann.

Free parent workshop in Gosford LGA - Understanding Bullying

Bullying in Australian schools is a huge concern for teachers, parents and students. While schools are promoted as a safe place for children and anti-bullying policies are in place, there is a gap in linking parents and school professionals to work together in understanding and providing early intervention.

This workshop will assist parents in identifying bullying, the different forms of bullying and what proactive strategies can be implemented. With appropriate support and intervention, the impact of bullying can be lessened and children can feel safe at school.

Date: Monday 7th April, 2014 Time: 5.30pm – 8.30pm Venue: Kariong Public School - Langford Drive, Kariong NSW 2250

Cost: FREE for parents and carers To Register: Call (02) 8568 8200 Bookings essential.

* Proudly supported by Woy Woy RSL Club.

P&C Easter Raffle

The wonderful annual Easter raffle is on again! Please send in your donations of Easter eggs, chocolate bunnies, cellophane and ribbon to help us make some yummy raffle prizes. Please give all donations to your child's teacher and your SRC representatives and Student Leaders will collect them from each classroom.

Also, keep an eye out for your Easter raffle tickets coming home on Friday 21st March. Every family will receive one book of tickets but there will be more books available from the office. Tickets are 50c each or 3 for $1 (book value is $3.50).

Please return your tickets (sold & unsold) and donations by Wednesday 2nd April. Please put money and tickets in an envelope with your child’s name and class on the front. Raffle prizes will be drawn DAILY from Monday 7th April - Good Luck!
Awards

Week 8 Assembly Award Winners!

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School Banking Winners this week are: **Lachlan G. from 4D & James P. from KC**


**Deputy Principal’s Award Week 8:** Cameron B. from 5N & Montanna G. from 5J

Dear Parents and Caregivers.

Change and loss are issues all of us face at some stage in 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 eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program concludes with a ‘celebration’ session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

Seasons for Growth will commence in Term 2. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate, please fill in the form attached and return it to the office. Please also include a brief reason for participation e.g. divorce, separation, death etc.

For more information on Seasons for Growth, please go to the Kariong PS website and click on the link.

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: ____________________________________________________________________
Crunch&Sip Snippets

Some kids love small, raw broccoli florets for Crunch&Sip. Broccoli has many antioxidants, anti-inflammatory and detoxifying nutrients as well as having high levels of immune boosting vitamin C. Start by trying your kids with a few small, raw florets alongside another Crunch&Sip favourite to get them used to it. Use it raw in salads too.

A small slice of corn-on-the-cob is a great option for Crunch&Sip. Most kids love corn. Save a slice or two from dinner the night before, just cool and refrigerate after cooking. Alternatively, a small can of corn kernels is an option, look for low salt varieties. Don’t forget a fork or spoon and make sure your child can cope with opening the can and any liquid that that may be in there.