Welcome back to a fantastic Term 3!

Staff Development Day

Thank you to all parents for making alternate arrangements for your child/children on Monday. Our Professional Development Day was very successful. Teachers completed the Nonviolent Crisis Intervention Training Course and then worked in stage groups to plan units of work and assessment tasks for our English units.

Footsteps Dance Program

The Footsteps Dance program commenced for all K - Year 4 students last Wednesday. Students received a note regarding payment for this activity last term and all payments are now due in. Please collect another note from the office or download it from our website regarding payment before next Wednesday if necessary.

Peer Support

Our Year 6 students have just completed two days of Peer Support Training. They are very excited about their role as Peer Support Leaders within the school and are looking forward to their first Peer Support session with their group next Friday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Interviews will be in Week 2 and 3. Please remember to book online this year. This is a very easy process. The link to the website and the event code are on the school website. Bookings close on Sunday 20th July. As Mrs Heffer is currently away, interviews for 1H will be held in Week 5 (11th August to 15th August). 1H parents will still need to book in now.

Education Week: NSW Public Schools - Creating the Future

Education Week is from Monday 28th July to Friday 1st August. We have planned a number of events throughout the week. You are more than welcome to visit some or all events.

Tuesday 29th July: Grandparents Day for Kindergarten Students

Kindergarten students have already sent out invitations to their grandparents to attend this special day. We are looking forward to seeing many grandparents and I know the Kindergarten students are ready for their performance and very keen to show their grandparents their work and classroom.

Wednesday 30th July: Kariong Mountains Learning Community ‘Day of Excellence’

Parents and community members are invited to attend the Kariong Mountains Learning Community ‘Day of Excellence’ at Kariong Mountains High School in the school hall. There will be performances from a number of students from Somersby PS, Peats Ridge PS, Kulnura PS, Spencer PS, Kariong PS and Kariong Mountains High School. Our choir, junior and senior dance groups will be performing. The performance starts at 10am.

Thursday 31st July: Open Day.

Parents and friends are welcome to visit their child’s classroom and look at children’s work from 1.45pm – 2.45pm. During this time classes will be displaying various aspects of learning in the classroom.

Friday 1st August: School Tour for 2015 Kindergarten parents.

All new parents are asked to meet in the school Hall at 9.30am. Our Year 6 students will be taking parents on a School Tour. New parents will have the opportunity to view the school and classrooms, watch our Dance Groups perform, listen to our School Choir and have morning tea with the Principal.

P&C Meeting - Our next P&C meeting is this Monday 21st July at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Vicki Redrup
Kindergarten News

Kindergarten sport day will now be held on Wednesdays. Kindergarten students may wear their sports uniform to school on Wednesdays.

**Kindergarten Excursion Term 3!**

This term in Week 6 Kindergarten is going on an excursion. We will be attending the Muogamarra Environmental Education Centre in Ku-ring-gai Chase National Park where the students will be having a Teddy Bears’ Picnic with their teddies and learning all about meeting ‘needs’. The cost of the excursion will be $30. A permission note will be sent home to all Kindergarten students shortly.

*Kerry Rayner* - Assistant Principal - Early Stage One

**Opportunity Class Test**

The Opportunity Class Placement Test held annually for Gifted and Talented Year 4 students wishing to qualify for OC placement in Year 5 and 6 is to be held on Wednesday 23rd July. The Opportunity Class placement Test is to be held from 9am to 11.15am at Gosford High School. All parents of this year’s applicants should have received a letter from the selective schools, which outlines required information about the test.

**Congratulations to our Senior Dance Group**

Our dancers excelled with their performance at the Laycock Theatre last term. They displayed outstanding commitment and behaviour during the term. Well done!

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**Peer Support**

On Thursday and Friday of Week 1, the Year 6 students enthusiastically participated in a Peer Leader Training Workshop, to enable them to lead the Peer Support Program.

A big thank you to Mrs Cameron and Miss Roseby for assisting in running the training workshop!

*Year 6 Teachers*
As you may be aware, a meeting was held on Wednesday by the Kariong Progress Association to address progress of the new intersection at Langford Drive and Woy Woy Road. Gosford Council and the RMS (former RTA) reviewed traffic numbers and pedestrian crossings at the Langford Drive and Woy Woy Road intersection in 2012 and the number of pedestrian crossings were very low. As a result, along with other factors, a roundabout with no additional pedestrian crossing facility has been proposed as a solution for this intersection.

We are trying to support Council by providing them with information that has not been collected in their data. Any data collected thus far shows only who they “observed” crossing the intersection, NOT who would cross at this intersection if there was a safe way of doing so.

We have put together a quick survey to provide Council with community feedback of the “potential” pedestrian traffic at this intersection which we hope will change the plans from a roundabout to traffic lights with a pedestrian crossing. Please take two minutes to provide your input and help Kariong get a safer intersection.

Please go to: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/XQMMPQ9 to complete the survey.

The survey will be open from Friday 17th July to 12pm Wednesday 23rd July. Time is limited so please get in quick. We will also have representatives collecting responses at the school on Tuesday 22nd July so please give them your feedback when you see them at the gates.

The Council and RMS have committed to reviewing these numbers again and your support is appreciated by completing the survey, the results will be forwarded to council and the RMS to consider.

The survey has been coordinated by Kariong parents, Michele Clarke and Amy Plaister, in conjunction with the Kariong Kids Club, Kariong Public School, Kariong Neighbourhood Centre and the Kariong Intersection Action Group.

Thankyou for your time.

Michele Clarke.

Attendance at School

Did you know? Going to school every day is important. If your child misses as little as 8 days in each school term, by the end of primary school they will have missed a year of education.

If your child misses school they miss information, their learning routine is broken, they lose confidence and they miss out on building their friendships.

You have a legal responsibility to send your children to school every school day. Students are legally required to attend school during school times, this includes attending learning activities such as excursions organised by the school. Regular attendance is most important. Class rolls are legal documents and teachers are required to complete them daily.

Written notification must be given to explain absences on the day the student returns to school.

If your child has to be away from school, due to illness, religious or family circumstances please either tell your child’s teacher or send a signed note explaining the reason for their absence as soon as possible.

Has your child brought home someone else’s property?

A reminder that all items of clothing need to be clearly labelled with your child’s name and should any items arrive home by mistake, could they please returned to school the next day please. Your assistance in this matter is much appreciated!

Week 1 Assembly Award Winners!

| KC  | Charlotte A. | Rabi S. | KK  | Emily W. | Portia T. |
| KG  | Joshua H. | Kately W. | KQ  | Evie-Rose P. | Noor T. |
| KH  | Tane Q. | Bella B-M. |  |  |  |

Congratulations!

Community News
School Banking. New rewards released in term 3.

The School Banking program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit.

To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarmites token, and once they've collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

Rewards available in term 3 are:

- Handball *(whilst stock lasts)*
- Scented Pencils *(whilst stock lasts)*
- Shark or Penguin Keyring
- Whale Shark Pencil Case
- Moneybox *(new release)*
- Swimming Bag *(new release)*

Please send in your redemption card and tokens on banking day. Rewards will be delivered in 1-2 weeks. Pooling of tokens is not allowed.

If you wish for your child to participate in the program Youthsaver accounts can be opened at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank, or by calling 132221. Existing customers with NetBank access can open accounts online.