Principal’s Report

2015 Kindergarten

We had a very successful school tour for our new Kindergarten parents today. The performances from our Junior and Senior Dance Ensembles and Choir were outstanding. Our new families were most impressed with the Year 6 Tour Guides and the Year 6 students who welcomed visitors at our gates. Year 6 students are to be congratulated on the way they confidently and enthusiastically presented information about the many different programs we have in our school. Thank you to our fantastic P&C for providing morning tea for our new families and making them feel very welcome in our school.

We are now in the process of taking enrolments for Kindergarten students for 2015 and organising Kindergarten Orientation and our Early Bird Program. I believe there are a number of families who are already at our school but have not yet enrolled their child for Kindergarten next year. If you have not handed your enrolment form to the office please try to do so as soon as possible. It is extremely important we know how many Kindergarten students will be starting in 2015. Please don't assume we have your child’s name already on our Kindergarten list.

Grandparents’ Day and Open Classrooms

Thank you to all parents, grandparents, relatives and friends who visited our school during Education Week. The children were very excited to have you here at their school.

School Administrative Manager

Congratulations to Mrs Debbie Walter who was offered and has accepted the permanent position of School Administrative Manager at our school. Mrs Walter will start in a few weeks and I am sure she will thoroughly enjoy her new role at our school.

Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation

Congratulations to Wendy Thomas, Karen Hill and Sue Gasper who have been nominated by this school to receive a Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation. They are all very worthy recipients and have made a significant difference to students at Kariong Public School.

Girls’ Soccer Team

Congratulations to our girls’ soccer team who have won their last two games. They now play Gosford PS next week. Well done girls!

School Leaders’ Website

Our school leaders have been working very hard to develop their own website. The website includes lots of different sections that engage students in various activities. Please take the time to visit their website at https://sites.google.com/site/kpsschoolleaders/ or access it from the link on our school website.

Footsteps Dance Program

The Footsteps Dance program commenced at the beginning of this term. We have been delighted with the enthusiasm displayed by students participating in the dance sessions. The dance instructor is highly motivating and students are learning new routines every week.

Athletics Carnival

Our Athletics Carnival is next Friday at Adcock Park for all students in Years 3-6 and students who are in Year 2 and turning eight in 2014. I am looking forward to seeing great sportsmanship and students performing at their personal best on the day. All notes were due in today. If you have forgotten to return your note please send it in on Monday at the very latest.

Good luck to all our Public Speaking Finalists next Tuesday.

Vicki Redrup
Girls’ Soccer

Congratulations go to the Senior Girls’ Soccer Team who beat Narara Public School 1-0 in the 3rd round of the NSW PSSA Football Knockout competition last Monday. The girls were sensational in defence and they will be trying hard to repeat their performance this coming Wednesday when they come up against Gosford Public School in the fourth round. Good Luck Girls! Sandra Clement (Soccer Competition Coordinator)

Peer Support

In Peer Support this week, children will look at qualities their friends may have and the concept that we choose friends based on the qualities we admire in them. They will also explore the skills required in a good friendship, specifically those of cooperating and listening. During the week please encourage your child to show they are interested in the person they are talking to by being an active listener.

Weekly Newsletter Distribution

The weekly newsletter is uploaded onto the school website each Friday. Alternatively, you can have an electronic copy emailed to you. If you wish to have the newsletter emailed to you please contact the school via phone or email on kariong-p.school@det.nsw.edu.au.
Touch Football Gala Day

Students attending the Touch Football Gala Day next Thursday 7th August at Adcock Park are reminded they must be at school by **8.30am as the buses are leaving at 8.45am.** Thankyou.

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**REMEMBER - PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2014**

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

Go to the website to check a list of books recommended for your age group. To successfully complete the challenge, **K-2 students need to read at least 25 books** and **3-6 students need to read at least 20 books** from the list. Your entry must 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](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/rules.html).

If you need assistance with logging in, 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.

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**Invitation to the Science Expo Evening at Kariong Mountains HS**

Showcase of Science at Kariong Mountains High School

**When:** Wednesday 20 August 2014

**Time:**  6.00pm – 7.30pm

**Where:** Science Laboratory E-Block

**Who:** Featuring Opening address by Dr Aaron Camp, Lecturer, Biomedical Sciences, School of Medical Sciences.

**Background:**
Now in its fifth year, the Science Week Expo Evening at Kariong Mountains High School follows a day of science discovery led by senior science students presenting science activities to the year 5 and 6 students from our local primary schools. The Expo will once again feature a variety of science demonstrations, a theatrette, displays from our primary schools and this year a special guest presentation from Biomedical Scientist, Dr Aaron Camp. For further information please contact Jamie Cartner, Head Teacher Science and BioScience by phoning (02) 43 400 246 or email james.cartner@det.nsw.edu.au.

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**PUBLIC SPEAKING COMPETITION**

During weeks 1 and 2 of this term, students have been presenting a speech to their class. Two students from each class have been selected as finalists to present their speeches in the KPS Public Speaking Competition Final. Grade finals will take place in the School Hall on Tuesday 5th August 2014.

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Parents of the class finalists are invited to attend their child’s grade final. **Good Luck to our Public Speaking Finalists! Rebecca Pugh** (Public Speaking Co-ordinator)
This week’s School Banking winners are Luke H. from 1G & Mikayla O. from 2C! Well done!

**Principal’s Gold Book Recipients Week 3:**

**Week 3 Assembly Award Winners!**

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