Principal's Report

2016 School Leaders

I am constantly amazed at the ability of our students in public speaking. The quality of the leaders’ speeches was outstanding. It was a pleasure to announce our leaders this week and I have no doubt they will be great role models and inspirational leaders. Congratulations Lachlan G, Ben P, Madelyn G, Kalani S, Alisha G, Jessica A, Zoe K, Brock N, Norah S and Caitlin H.

Robotics

Congratulations to our two Robotics teams who participated in ‘The 2015 challenge Trash Trek’ last Saturday at Macquarie University. The 2015 challenge Trash Trek is joined by more than 290,000 children from over 80 countries in exploring “the fascinating world of trash”. Each team tackled the challenge in three parts:

1. The robot game, where children built, tested and programmed an autonomous robot to solve a series of missions using LEGO mind storms;
2. The project, where they worked together as scientists and engineers to solve a real world trash problem;
3. First LEGO League's Core Values which focus on inspiration, teamwork and gracious professionalism.

Both teams performed at a very high standard in all areas and thoroughly enjoyed all challenges. Thank you to Mr Nash and Mrs Sanders who coached students throughout the year and for supervising children on Saturday. Many thanks to all parents who helped transport students to the venue and who supported our teams throughout the day.

Fundraising Activities

Many charities approach the school about fundraising opportunities at Kariong Public School. These charities are referred to the school SRC for discussion. The SRC has a fundraising policy in place to establish a framework that will enhance co-ordination and management of fundraising activities across the school. It is recognised that the benefits of fundraising must be balanced with the impact on the school community in terms of the effort involved in organisation and the financial burden on parents/carers. For further information please refer to the SRC Fundraising Policy available on the school’s website.

School Winter Uniform

We are looking at modifying our girls’ school winter uniform. We have a sample in the office area for parents to view and give feedback. This new style will be in the office for the next two weeks until Friday 20 November. The response from students has been overwhelmingly positive.

Spelling Bee

Good luck to Justin D from 4CB who is competing at the State Spelling Bee final in Sydney next Wednesday!

Vicki Redrup
Year 5 Bathurst Camp

Last week all of Year 5 went to Bathurst. The bus ride was noisy and long, but I was very excited to get there. My favourite part was visiting a river where we searched for gold. Some ‘lucky ducks’ found specks of gold. I didn’t find gold, but it was fun searching. We also visited a mine. It was interesting because we learnt about all the dangers of mining. I got to keep a piece of coal to take home. The food was yummy. We ate a full breakfast in the morning. I loved the pancakes with maple syrup. Don’t miss out on the Bathurst excursion when it’s your turn to go or you’ll regret it.

Benjamin Polson 5FP

The Bathurst excursion was great. First, we went on the Scenic Railway (World's Steepest Railway) at Scenic World - it was awesome. Then we arrived at Bathurst and watched a sheep and cattle show which was really cool. Some people got to milk a cow! The food was pretty good and the dorms were really nice. We had a trivia night and my team tied first with another. I loved Bathurst.

Kalani See 5FP

On Wednesday morning two busloads of children went on a five hour trip to Bathurst. First stop was at The Three Sisters, which are three tall rocks in the Blue Mountains. After that we went to Scenic World. At Scenic World we got the experience to ride on the world’s steepest railway. I loved it!!!!! When we got to our accommodation we saw a sheep and cattle show. That was my favourite, we even got to pat live sheep. The next morning we set off to go gold mining. Some of the activities we did there were making damper and making mud bricks. The ride home was great too. We even went bushwalking. Altogether I had a great time and would love to do it again. Thank you to all the teachers who came along too.

Jess Atkins 5FP

Last week Year 5 went to Bathurst for their school camp!

We got to do many fun activities such as watching a sheep and cattle show, riding on the back of a tractor, lots of activities at the Bathurst gold fields, like panning for gold, and my favourite: going on the Blue Mountains Scenic Railway.

We all had lots of fun and it was a great experience!

Lachlan Grace 5FP

Keeping Our Children Safe

Please be aware of new signage at both Langford and Truscott drop off points to our school and remember, by following the guidelines you are helping keep our whole school community safe.
A reminder to start placing your orders to redeem your School banking tokens as soon as you can to ensure delivery before the end of year!
Our week in Photos!