Deputy Principal’s Report

Mobile Phone Policy

It is important that both parents and students are aware of Kariong Public School’s Mobile Phone Policy which provides the following clear guidelines on the inappropriate use of mobile phones at school:

**Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes:**

- using it in a way that disrupts or is likely to disrupt the learning environment or interfere with the operation of the school or institute
- bullying, intimidating or otherwise harassing others through SMS or text messaging or through photographic, video or other data transfer system available on the phone
- recording of conversations, including lessons, without the knowledge and permission of the teacher or those involved in the conversation [refer also to the separate section on Recording and Other Listening Devices]
- downloading or otherwise accessing inappropriate material on the internet such as child abuse or pornographic or other offensive material
- filming of fights or other criminal behaviour involving students that occur at school or the institute, during school or institute activities or while on the way to or from school or the institute
- using it in a way that threatens or is likely to threaten the safety or wellbeing of any person
- use that is in breach of any law

Kariong Public School’s full Mobile Phone Policy is included in this newsletter and can be accessed through the school’s website.

PBL

This week we started our new PBL reward program. A note went home with all students today explaining how your child’s progress can be monitored online. It has been wonderful watching students strive to demonstrate our school expectations of **RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY** and **PERSONAL BEST**.

Anaphylaxis

A student at our school has a severe allergy to peanuts and to anything containing traces of nuts. This allergy can be triggered by touch as well as from eating and can cause a life threatening anaphylactic reaction. The school is requesting that parents please refrain from sending nuts or any nut-based products to school with their child, including peanut butter and Nutella.

School Banking

Next Thursday 12 February Jane Cassidy from the Commonwealth Bank will be setting up a stand near the Kindergarten rooms (at the Langford Drive end of the school) for parents who would like to open a school banking account for their child. This opportunity will be open to all parents wishing to open an account for their child, including our new Kindergarten parents. Jane will be available from 8.30am and parents will need to show their current driver’s licence as proof of identity.

Justine Abell
Our Kariong Public School Value for February is **RESPECT!**

### Dates for your Diary

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### Updates to Family Information

A reminder to all families that it is important that you inform the school of any change of circumstance including the home address, phone numbers of parents and emergency contacts and family situations as soon as possible after the change.

### Student Assistance

The school is aware of the additional costs incurred by parents throughout the year. For those parents who are experiencing difficulty meeting costs of school programs, there are limited funds available to support parents. We do not want to exclude any child from activities on financial grounds. Further information and application forms for Student Assistance can be obtained from the office or by contacting Mrs. Redrup.

### Morning Assembly

Thank you to the parents who are waiting quietly at morning assemblies. We have student lead assemblies and it is difficult for them to proceed if there is additional noise. It is important that all students can hear the announcements so they can take any messages home and to be informed about the events for the day. To assist this process we do ask that if you want to wait whilst the assembly is taking place could you stand in the COLA to keep the walkways clear so we can exit the Courtyard Area safely and quickly. Thank you again for your support with this matter.

### Staff Carparks

Please be reminded that for the safety of our school students that when you are entering or leaving the grounds, please do not access any of the staff carparks. **CURRENT** permit holders must be parked within the gates by 2.45pm. Children and parents are requested to exit the school grounds via the pedestrian gates only and not through the staff carpark gates for safety reasons. Thankyou.

### School Gates

Please be advised that Langford Drive school gates will be locked during school hours, from 9:15am – 2:45pm. This is to ensure the safety and security of the students.

### Primary Parent Planner

The Primary Parent Planner App allows you to download all important class and whole school dates to your smartphone, synchronise them with your calendar and receive regular alerts before each event. Additionally, the App allows us to send messages to your smartphone regarding any important information as well as upload Newsletters, Forms and Canteen information. Additional information is available from the office.

Please note: Kariong Public School is not registered for LOOP.
Kariong United FC invites past and future players to register to play soccer with us in 2015. We have teams for both boys and girls aged from Under 5 (born in 2010) to Over 45. Players of all skill levels and experience are welcome, and are encouraged to have a go.

Register NOW on line at www.myfootballclub.com.au and pay via credit card on line.

If you can’t access the internet you can register and pay in person as follows:

2015 Registration Dates
Saturday Feb 7th, 9:00am-1pm
Saturday Feb 14th, 9:00am-1pm
Monday Feb 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm

at Kariong Youth Centre
"The Hill"
Mitchell Drive, Kariong

2015 Registration Fees
Early Bird* Normal
Juniors U5-U11 $139.50 $155
Juniors U12-U18 $166.50 $185
Senior Student Full Time Student $207.00 $230
Senior U19+ $265.50 $295

*Register and PAY IN FULL by Friday Feb 20th, 2015 to receive a 10% discount off the Normal fee.
Families with 3 or more players will receive a 5% discount off their total registration costs*.

For more information please visit our website at www.kariongunited.com.au

Australian Open Special
Have you been watching the tennis?
Did you know Australia’s hotshot of the year is from Peninsula Tennis Umina.

Introductory Offer - 2x Free group lessons
Followed by 2 group lessons @ half price!
Phone Kristy – 0410 828278

Offer only valid for first timers & students - not currently learning tennis.
Student Mobile Phone Policy 2015

Introduction
As a communication device mobile phones, when used appropriately, offer students and their parents many advantages in terms of ease of communication and a sense of personal safety. However, mobile phones have the capacity to have a negative impact on the learning environment and the safety and well being of students.

This policy aims to establish guidelines for the use of student mobile phones within the school environment and to outline the responsibility of staff, parents and students.

What Is Inappropriate Use?
The use of mobile phones in schools should not automatically be of concern. It is only if a mobile phone is used inappropriately that action will be necessary.

Inappropriate use of a mobile phone includes:
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Actions Taken for Inappropriate Use
If students use mobile phones inappropriately, principals have the right to take action. Depending on the circumstances, action can include:
- banning students from using mobile phones during the course of the school or institute day
- confiscating mobile phones from individual students
- in the case of schools, requiring students to hand in their mobile phones to designated school staff at the beginning of the school day for collection when students go home
- applying student disciplinary provisions
- reporting the matter to the police.

Responsibility for Mobile Phones
Students bring mobile phones to school at their own risk – the school and school staff members will not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage to mobile phones or for investigating loss or damage. Students must not lend a phone to another student for use as a phone, for text messaging or for use as a camera or video recording device. The student who owns the phone will be held responsible for its use.

Related Technology
The procedures applying to the inappropriate use and security of mobile phones, apply equally to the inappropriate use of portable computer games, Walkman, iPods and similar devices.

Introduction and Reinforcement of Mobile Phone Policy
- Teachers will discuss this policy with classes.
- When inappropriate use is detected it will be dealt with in terms of the policy, thereby reinforcing the policy.
- The community will be made aware of the policy in the weekly newsletter.
- The policy will be published in the handbook and given to all new enrolments.