Deputy Principal’s Report

SEA FM Visit

Tuesday morning from 6am to 9am saw the Kariong School courtyard transformed into a makeshift radio station and entertainment area, with the arrival of SEA FM and their breakfast show. A number of staff members and students spoke live on air about the many wonderful features and facilities at Kariong Public School and a representative from the Central Coast Leagues Club donated a bag full of sporting equipment to the school. In conjunction with the SEA FM visit, the SRC ran a ‘My Hero’ fundraiser for the Bandaged Bear Appeal which supports the Children’s Hospital at Westmead. Staff and students arrived in an array of bright, interesting costumes depicting their heroes who ranged from fictional characters through to family members. Thank you to the P&C for organising and running the delicious breakfast sausage sizzle on the morning.

Staff Development Day

On Saturday 7 March Kariong staff will be participating in a Professional Learning Day at the school. Lindsay Moss and Romeo Sartor from Startime Studios will be working with staff to demonstrate how to use the school’s new digital video equipment. The new equipment has been given a dedicated space within the school, which will enable class groups to visit and use the green screen, iPads, box lights and boom microphone to create and edit digital video clips. Startime Studios will be back later in the year to run their very popular ‘Lights, Camera, Education’ program with a group of our Year 5 students.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to our ten Student Leaders for 2015 who have stepped eagerly into their new roles. Our Leaders have been capably managing a variety of rostered duties including running our morning assemblies, raising our Australian and Aboriginal flags each day, opening and closing the sandpit for our younger students and attending to other school service duties as required. Our School Leaders will be attending two leadership days this year: the Young Leaders’ Day in Sydney later this term and the Central Coast GRIP Conference in Gosford during Term 2.

Partnerships for Inclusive Learning Program (PILP)

Kariong Public School has a Speech Pathologist (Emily Armstrong) and an Occupational Therapist (Ruth Unwin) from Northcott working with teachers and some classes for the first half of this year. Emily and Ruth are providing a free information session for parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 2 on Tuesday 10 March from 2pm to 3pm. During this session they will outline their roles, talk about the program being run at Kariong PS, provide ways parents can support their child’s speech and language and their fine and gross motor development and suggest where to get help if you have concerns about your child’s progress. Afternoon tea will be provided, and there will be an opportunity to speak to the therapists and ask any questions you may have about your child’s development.
School Attendance Policy

I would like to inform parents and carers that there has been a change to the Department of Education and Communities School Attendance Policy. As part of the implementation of the National Standards for Student Attendance Data Reporting, holidays taken by students outside of school vacation periods will now be included as absences. A Certificate of Exemption can no longer be granted for this purpose. Families are encouraged to holiday or travel during school vacations. If travel outside of school vacation periods is necessary, parents will need to complete an Application for Extended Leave – Travel, at the school office, for the approval of the Principal. If the application is approved, your child’s absence will be marked as Leave. If you have any questions regarding the new DEC procedures please contact the school.

Justine Abell

School News

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

So far this year all classes have focused on revising the school’s three core values RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and PERSONAL BEST. The PBL team is currently in the process of establishing consistent positive PBL language and expectations targeting specific areas within the school. The PBL language and expectations will be reinforced to all students and staff through weekly lessons which have been developed by the PBL team. Next week all classes will participate in the first of these lessons which will concentrate on transitioning around the school. More information about this focus area will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

Next week our new school mascot will be introduced. Students are very excited and curious to find out what/who the school mascot could be. This school mascot was chosen from ideas and data that was collected from a survey that was completed by all staff, students and parents late last year.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

On Tuesday 3 March the SRC organised ‘My Hero’ day. Everyone at Kariong Public School joined together to ‘be a hero’ for children in need and raise money for the Children’s Hospital Westmead. On the day we had superheros, people who help us in the community, mums, dads, sport stars and movie stars. It was wonderful to see everyone go to so much effort and support such a wonderful cause. Congratulations to the SRC for organising such a successful event. A total of $685 was raised.

Victoria Priest and Chantel Taylor
SRC Teachers

Dates for your Diary

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**REMINDER**

**PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE 2015**

Kariong Public School is again participating in the Premier’s Reading Challenge for 2015. This program aims to promote the love of reading through quality books. Students can logon and start recording books they have read from **September 1, 2014**, using their existing DET User ID (Portal username) and password on [https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html](https://products.schools.nsw.edu.au/prc/logon.html).

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 30 books** and students from Years **3-6 need to complete at least 20 books** from the list. Your entry needs to be submitted on or before the **21st 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 logging in, or for a copy of a personal reading log form, please come and see either Mrs Ferrie or Mrs McGann in the School Library or send an email to [lesley.ferrie@det.nsw.edu.au](mailto:lesley.ferrie@det.nsw.edu.au).

We are also able to enter your child’s reading log if you would prefer.

Happy Reading!

*Mrs Ferrie and Mrs McGann.*

**Principal’s Gold Book**

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**Week 6 Assembly Award Winners!**

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**School Banking**

School Banking winners for Week 6 are Kyle R from KH & Hannah N. from 2E. **Well done!**

**Canteen Chatter**

If you would like to volunteer in the canteen once a month or term please contact Marilyn through the canteen or via a message on the Kariong Canteen Facebook page. Keep an eye out for St Patrick’s Day specials on Flexi Schools. Plenty of **Green Food** will be available.

*Friday 13 March – MYSTERY LUNCH! Information will be sent home today.*
P & C News

Over the next few weeks the P&C have a great deal of events organised to support the school and raise funds for classroom resources. We need lots of help from the school community, so please take a few minutes to read the following announcements and let us know where you can help.

The Annual Easter Raffle Has Arrived!

A book of raffle tickets was sent home to every family this week. Additional books are available from the Office. Could every family please donate an Easter treat (Easter eggs and bunnies, cellophane and ribbon) to the school for prizes. Prizes, raffle tickets and money to be returned to school by the 27 March. The raffle will be drawn at morning assemblies from the 30 March to the 2 April. Volunteers are also needed to help wrap Easter prizes in the morning on the 26 March. Please call Bronwyn Lewis on 0426 196 216 if you can help for a few hours.

2015 Nitbusters Program

The Nitbusters program is kicking off again on the 27 March. We need volunteers so please call Brooke on 0400 310 140 if you can help.

Election Day Stalls

On the 28 March we will be running a cake stall and BBQ at the school. This is an excellent opportunity for all of the Kariong Community to support our school and we need lots of cakes, slices and yummy treats to sell. All food must be sealed in a plastic bag or container and labelled with ingredients. Donations can be dropped off outside the Office on the 27 March from 2.30-2.55pm or to the stall on Election Day. We also need volunteers to sell cakes and man the BBQ. Please call Bronwyn Lewis on 0426 196 216 if you can help.

Dogs on School Grounds.

Did you know it is illegal to bring dogs and other animals into any school grounds in New South Wales? Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except where the Principal gives permission. If granted, dogs must be kept on a leash when in school grounds.

Dogs are not allowed on school grounds for many reasons including their unpredictable behaviour, people’s allergies to dog hair and people’s fear of dogs. The only dogs that are allowed on school grounds are police dogs, assistance animals (guide dog, reading dog, etc) or a corrective services dog. As a Government school, we are bound by Legislation and obligated to enforce and report any violations. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.