Principal’s Report

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

Introducing ‘Lori the Lorikeet’ our PBL mascot.

This week our new school mascot ‘Lori’ was introduced to all students during our weekly PBL lesson.

Lori is an important role model and symbol for our school who will encourage students to be respectful, responsible and also strive to do their personal best at all times.

On Monday all students participated in a lesson which focused on how everyone can demonstrate our three school values when in a particular area of the school. This week’s focus was on transitions (how to move around the school). In this lesson school wide expectations were addressed and students were taught specific skills on how they can transition around the school correctly. These skills were reinforced throughout the week.

Please read this copy of the poster that is displayed around the school. This poster will act as a constant reminder to everyone about the expectations we have at Kariong Public School when transitioning around the school.

It is the responsibility of everyone at Kariong Public School to ensure these values are displayed at all times.

Vicki Redrup
School News

Kariong's Budding Tennis Star!

On Tuesday 10 March Bella C. from 5N competed in the Sydney North trials for tennis and played extremely well.

She played 6 games which were all very close. There were about 50 girls in her age group. Congratulations Bella on finishing 10th overall.

She played well and had a fun day.

Science News

The new Science K-10 Syllabus has been implemented into primary schools across NSW this year. It has a real focus on the skills of ‘Working Technologically’ and ‘Working Scientifically’. These are integrated into the knowledge and understanding of ‘Natural Environments’ and ‘Built Environments’. The content is divided up into stages; Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten), Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2), Stage 2 (Years 3 and 4) and Stage 3 (Years 5 and 6). With the exception of Early Stage 1, students cover the content over a two year period.

Mr Laming and Mrs Myers are currently teaching these Science lessons to the students. This semester students at Kariong Public School will be learning about ‘Living Things’, which comes under ‘Natural Environments’. Some classes have plants growing in their room as a part of their science experiments and are investigating how living things grow and what they need to grow. It is a very exciting time as students move towards more ‘hands-on’ based Science lessons!

Mrs Harmer-Watkins

Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival

On Monday 9 March 2015, 19 excited but nervous Kariong students participated in the Brisbane Water Zone Swimming Carnival. It was wonderful to see all students trying their personal best in all of the events they entered. The students behaved responsibly, when they were not swimming, showing the community how respectful they can be. Thankyou to all the parents who attended and helped at the carnival, your help was greatly appreciated. A big thank you to Mrs Ryan, and all her efforts, in organising the students.

A congratulations is in order for two students who will be continuing to the next level at the Sydney North Regional Swimming Carnival. Mikayley F who came 1st in the 9 year old 50m Freestyle and Jacqueline H who came 2nd in the Junior 200m Individual Medley. We wish these swimmers the best of luck next week at region.

Miss Chantel Taylor and Ms Kate Fitzpatrick

Kariong Public School P & C Association

Meets every 3rd Monday of the Month
Parents & Community members are welcome to attend.

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Harmony Day 2015 – Everyone Belongs

Harmony Day is held every year on 21 March to coincide with the United Nations International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination.

The message of Harmony Day is ‘everyone belongs’. It’s a day to celebrate Australia’s diversity – a day of cultural respect for everyone who calls Australia home.

We are asking the students to wear **orange** on **Friday 20 March** to celebrate Harmony Day. Classes will be participating in various Harmony Day activities.

If you have a multicultural experience you would like to share with your child’s class, please feel free to contact their teacher to make arrangements.

Hayley James  
Harmony Day Co-ordinator

EASTER HAT PARADE

The K–2 Easter Hat Parade will be on Thursday 2nd April 2015. It will begin at 2:30pm in the school courtyard and conclude at 2:55 pm where students will be taken back to their usual dismissal area.

All students will make and decorate their Easter hats at school prior to the parade. Kindergarten and Year 1 students will make their hats with their buddy and Year 2 students will make their hats in their classroom.

We hope you can come and join in the fun and we look forward to your company.

K – 2 Teachers

School Drop Off Zone

A reminder, in the interests of safety and traffic flow around our school, when dropping students at the drop off zone in Langford Drive of a morning please move your vehicle away from the area as soon as safe to do so. Parents and caregivers waiting in their cars to see their children entering the school gates are causing backlogs to traffic on this busy thoroughfare. If parents need to help their children out of the vehicle, talk to them once out of the car, or walk them into the school, could you please use the school entry gates on Truscott Avenue. Thank you.

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Dear Parents and Caregivers

Change and loss are issues we all face at some stage in our lives. At Kariong Public School we recognise that when changes occur in families through death, separation, divorce or related circumstances, young people may benefit from learning how to manage these changes effectively. We are therefore offering a very successful education program called Seasons for Growth. This program is facilitated in small groups and is based on research that highlights the importance of social support and the need to practise new skills to cope effectively with change and loss. The program focuses on issues such as self-esteem, managing feelings, problem solving, decision-making, effective communication and support networks.

Seasons for Growth runs for eight weeks and each weekly session is 40-50 minutes. The program concludes with a ‘celebration’ session. Later in the year each group will have the opportunity to meet for two further sessions to build on their earlier learning.

Seasons for Growth will commence in Term 2. If you think your son or daughter would benefit from Seasons for Growth, we would encourage you to talk to him/her about this. Should he/she decide to participate, please fill in the form attached and return it to the office. Please also include a brief reason for participation e.g. divorce, separation, death etc.

For more information on Seasons for Growth, please go to the Kariong Public School website and click on the link or visit the front office.

Sue Gasper - Seasons for Growth Site Coordinator