Deputy Principal’s Report

Value of the Month

Congratulations to the 23 recipients of this year’s first Value of the Month. Certificates and badges were awarded for demonstrating the value of RESPECT. It was particularly pleasing to note that every student who received a certificate was wearing neat and correct school uniform, clearly demonstrating one of the four expectations under RESPECT: ‘Take pride in yourself and your school’. It is always an absolute delight to enjoy a special morning tea with our Value of the Month students as they display beautiful manners and enjoy talking about the behaviours they have exhibited on a regular basis both in class and on the playground to earn their Value of the Month award. I would like to thank all of our parents for continuing to support our Positive Behaviour for Learning approach at Kariong PS. I am sure you are just as proud of your children as we are.

Parent/Teacher Interviews

This year Kariong PS will be holding Parent/Teacher interviews at the end of Term 1 to enable teachers to discuss each child’s progress with parents/carers well before the semester one progress report is sent home. Parent/Teacher interviews are an ideal time for parents/carers to ask any questions or raise and discuss any concerns they may have about their child’s academic, social and emotional progress. I would like to encourage all parents/carers to book a time to speak with their child’s class teacher in Week 11 of this term. Interviews can be booked online through the School Interviews site. Parents/carers will be notified of the required code to access this site and provided with instructions for the booking procedure later this term.

National Young Leaders Day

Our 10 School Leaders will be travelling by train to Homebush on Monday 29 February to attend the 2016 National Young Leaders Day. This annual event has been running for nearly 20 years now and continues to attract thousands of student leaders from Primary schools across NSW. This year the National Young Leaders Day will be held at the Allphones Arena at Sydney Olympic Park and our School Leaders will be listening to inspirational presentations from all walks of life including NSW Commissioner of Police Andrew Scipione, Paralympian Ben Austin OAM, youth speaker Nathan Want, author/illustrator Melanie Lee and television & radio presenter Scott Tweedie to name a few. Ms Poulson and I are very much looking forward to accompanying our 10 School Leaders to this event as we know they will represent Kariong PS with great pride, wearing neat and correct school uniform complemented by our representative school blazers.

Justine Abell
Kindergarten News!

All kindergarten students have settled into their new classes really well. The teachers have begun implementing the L3 program in all kindergarten classes. Home Reading has commenced and teachers are finalising their home reading volunteers. Thank you to all parents who attended the information session last Friday afternoon. We hope you found this very informative. We are very pleased with how quickly the students adjusted to sitting at morning assembly. We ask parents when the morning assembly is on to listen from the COLA area.

Kerry Rayner
Assistant Principal Early Stage One

Mathematics News!

This year all teachers across K-6 are implementing a new Maths Scope & Sequence. Each term all teachers will be focussing on two big ideas whilst teaching all strands of Mathematics. Our big ideas for Term 1 are:

- Numbers – The set of real numbers is infinite and each real number can be associated with a unique point on the number line.
- Shapes – two and three dimensional objects with or without curved surfaces can be described, classified and analysed by their attributes.

We encourage you to talk to your students about numbers and shapes and what they have learnt in Mathematics each day.

Kerry Rayner
Mathematics Coordinator

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**P&C News**

On Friday 11 March from 5:30pm to 7:30pm the P & C will be hosting a bush dance, which will be lots of fun for the whole family. There will be a BBQ available on the night selling sausage sandwiches and drinks. Pre ordering of food is required. A yellow note has been sent home to each family today, please fill in the slip and return to the office by Friday 4 March. The cost for the dance is $5 per family. Sausage sandwiches will be selling for $2.50 and drinks for $1.50. Payment for the BBQ is not required until the night of the dance.

**International Competitions and Assessments for Schools (ICAS)**

Students in Years 3, 4, 5 and 6 are invited to participate in the 2016 Digital Technology, Science, Spelling, Writing, English and / or Mathematics Competitions. The International Competitions and Assessments for Schools provide an opportunity for all students to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external assessment situation.

Each student will receive a Certificate and a detailed report highlighting their strengths and weaknesses.

If you would like your child to participate in any (or all) of the competitions, please fill in the slip below and return it with the entry fee by **Tuesday, 15 March 2015**. Payment must accompany each application.

**NO MONEY OR ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER THIS DATE.**

All cheques are to be made payable to Kariong Public School. EFTPOS facilities are available.

Please note students need to be at school on the day of the test. If students are absent on the day of the test they will not be able to participate in the test and no refund will be issued.

Paula Harmer-Watkins

[Permission Note]

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**PERMISSION NOTE – ICAS COMPETITIONS**

Return to Mrs Harmer-Watkins by Tuesday 15 March 2016

I give permission for my child ____________________________ of Class _____ to participate in the following competitions:

Child’s Date of Birth: / /  

Does anyone in your home usually speak a language other than English: YES / NO

Signed: ____________________________________________ Date: / / 2016  
Parent / Caregiver

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**TOTAL ENCLOSED**
Council Ranger

Another reminder that over the next few weeks a Council Ranger will be visiting our school during morning drop off and afternoon pick up times to ensure our students are kept safe around school traffic zones. Please familiarise yourself with the current zones around the school, in particular the new ‘Kiss and Drop’ zone in Truscott Avenue and the ‘Bus Zone Only’ on Langford Drive.

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Heard about Mad Cow Drama?

Our drama classes enhance confidence, form, and friendships through enjoyable exercises and specifically designed games. For 6 to 16 years old from beginners to advanced. Thought provoking games and laughter permeate the learning process. Caring, knowledgeable tutors guide the journey. We have no peer.

special offer: First week of dance classes free!

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Ages 2.5 - Teens

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- Hip Hop
- Jazz
- Contemporary
- Tap
- Lyrical

Phone: 0407782966  Website: www.bwdance.com

Are you new to P&C?

Are you wondering what the purpose of P&C is?
Do you want to know how to run a committee?
What’s the role of the President, Secretary & Treasurer?
I have ideas, how do I put them forward?
How do I raise an issue?
How much time is really involved?

Find these answers & more at....

P&C 101

Hosted by Central Coast Council P&C,
Berkeley Vale Public School and BVPS P&C

Monday 7 March 2016
6.00pm to 8.30pm @ BVPS Library

Please join us for supper at 6pm, starts promptly at 6.30pm

Berkeley Vale Public School
Pindari Rd, Berkeley Vale

RSVP: francischatwin@gmail.com or 0413 691 434

Karing Public School P&C Association
Meet every 3rd Monday of the month throughout the school term.

Parents and community members welcome to attend
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