Principal’s Report

P&C Bush Dance
The P&C have organised a fantastic bush dance for the families at our school. The bush dance is on Friday 11 March (next week) from 5.30pm – 7.30pm. There will be a live band and the cost is only $5 per family. There was a mistake on the initial letter sent home which caused a little confusion about price. Notes and money were due in today but we will be extending this to Monday 7 March. I encourage all families to attend. There will be a BBQ available on the night and the P&C will be selling sausage sandwiches and drinks. Pre ordering of food is required. A yellow note was sent home to each family last week. Sausage sandwiches will be $2.50 and drinks for $1.50. Payment for the BBQ is not required until the night of the bush dance.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to our ten Student Leaders for 2016 who have eagerly stepped 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.

School Attendance Policy
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.

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. Thank you for your understanding of this matter.

Zone Swimming Carnival
Good luck to all students competing in the Zone Swimming Carnival on Monday. Kariong students are often acknowledged at these events for their sportsmanship and school spirit.

Anaphylaxis
Currently we have students attending our school who have 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 families please refrain from sending nuts or any nut-based products to school with their child, including peanut butter and Nutella.

NAPLAN Dates Year 3 and Year 5: Tuesday 10th May – Thursday 12th May
Positive Behaviour for Learning PBL Lessons

Every week students participate in lessons which focus on how everyone can demonstrate our three school values when in a particular area of the school. Currently the focus has been on appropriate behaviour when using the toilet area.

Please have a look at the ‘Glogster’ poster to see what the students have been learning about in class.

Debating Workshop – Premiers Debating Challenge

On Thursday 3 March, eight students represented Kariong Public School at a Debating Workshop. The students were Alisha G, Zoe K, Kalani S, Zhayla W, Norah S, Jessica A, Lowri R and Lachlan G.

These children spent the day at Narara Public School learning all the things you need to know about debating including rebuttal, arguments, definitions and speakers’ roles, as well as a few games and activities. Each child had an opportunity to give a short debating speech and get some feedback.

The children had a fantastic day and learnt so many new Speaking and Listening skills. They all should be very proud of their efforts, everyone displayed respect, responsibility their personal best. Well done Kariong!

Kate Fitzpatrick
Debating Co-ordinator

Ripper Reading

To kick start our ‘Ripper Reading’ Home Reading Program, Mrs Rayner and Mrs Hoyle held a parent information session on Friday 19 February in ways to assist children with their reading.

We looked at the very useful tool of The 3 P’s: Pause, Prompt and Praise and the ways our volunteer reading helpers can make a real difference to the reading confidence and skills that our KPS students develop in the early years as a reader.

A big thank you to the many parents who attended this session, it was fantastic to see so many parents/grandparents interested and actively involved in reading with our children and the home reading program.

We remind all helpers to first sign in at the office prior to coming into the classroom. There you will be assigned a special parent badge which is to be worn during your stay with us. Once you have finished listening to the children read, simply return to the office to sign out.

If you would like to be involved in this worthwhile program please contact your child’s teacher and go to the office and complete for the ‘Working with Children Check’ declaration – this is mandatory for all volunteers working within NSW Public Schools.

It is never too late to volunteer!
Stage 1 Assembly News

Each Wednesday the students from Year 1 and Year 2 meet to celebrate their learning and the achievements of the past week.

Every week one class hosts the assembly, which is a perfect opportunity to hone our oral presentation skills. We always look forward to awarding Merit Certificates, Sport, Birthday and PBL canteen awards to our worthy recipients!

Don’t forget to read our weekly KPS newsletter to read about our Merit Certificate Winners!

Louise Hoyle
Assistant Principal Stage 1

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 – 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: _____________________________ Parent / Caregiver Date: / / 2016

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The Annual Easter Raffle has arrived!!

A book of raffle tickets was sent home to every family today. Additional books are available at the office if needed. We are asking that every family please donate an Easter treat (Easter eggs, bunnies, cellophane or ribbon).

All donations, monies & raffle tickets (clearly marked with child’s name & class or a contact number) need to be returned by Friday 18 March. The Easter prizes will be drawn at the morning assemblies from 21 March to 24 March.

### School Diary Dates

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### Merit Awards

#### Principal’s Gold Book

| Chelsea W | Cate M | Amelie S | Laura K | Tamsen E |

#### Merit Award

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### School Banking Winners

| Tamsen E | Dane |

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**Kariong 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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