**Principal’s Report**

### Welcome back for Term 4

A warm welcome back to everyone! What a fabulous end to Term 3 with our School 75th birthday party. It was a truly wonderful celebration and certainly a highlight for me this year. I am looking forward to the P&C 75th Fundraising night on Saturday 9 November. I trust that you had a restful and enjoyable holiday break with family and friends. It has been a delight to chat to the children over the last week to hear about their holiday adventures. It is hard to believe we only have 10 school weeks left for 2013! We have a busy term ahead of us, particularly for our Year 6 students. Our teaching staff spent time at the end of last term planning exciting learning programs for all classes and I am confident your children will have a great term both academically and in all other aspects of school life. Learning programs were outlined in the term letter written for each grade which were sent home earlier this week. Our Year 2 students have had a fabulous time at Swim Scheme this term enjoying the wonderful spring weather!

### NAPLAN

Results from the National Assessment Program (NAPLAN) for students in Years 3 and 5 in literacy, writing and mathematics will be sent home this week. If you would like to discuss any aspect of these results please contact your child’s class teacher to make an appointment.

### Coming or Going?

We are currently in the process of finalising enrolments for the 2014 school year. Enrolment numbers affect staffing and resource allocations to the school and planning for 2014. While next year seems some way off, this planning has already commenced which is why the school needs a clear picture of the number of students we will have enrolled next year. It is important that all families let us know if you are not intending to return to Killara PS in 2014. Occasionally families return for the new school year after the official start date, particularly if you have travelled overseas. In order for us to hold a place for your child at the school next year we need confirmation in writing of your return date. This can be done by completing the form that was sent home earlier this week. It can also be accessed on our school website. This form does not need to be completed for Year 6 students moving on to high school.
Selective School Applications for 2015
Students in Year 5 have received information about selective school applications for 2015. All applications should be made online through an internet connection. We have a limited number of application packages which will be provided to parents who do not have internet access. Please ask your child for the selective schools information note and return the expression of interest to the class teacher by 18 November.

School Evaluation
Each year we are required to conduct an annual evaluation survey to gain feedback from students, parents and teachers about school programs. There are a number of mandatory areas which must be evaluated including school satisfaction. The information gained from these surveys is used to inform school planning for the following year and will appear in our Annual School Report. Next week I will be sending home this year’s annual school evaluation survey which should be returned to the school office. It should take around 15 minutes to complete. It would be great if we had over 100 families participating! Please feel free to contact me if you have any further questions regarding school evaluation.

Alternate Staff Development Day
The last day for students this term is Wednesday 18 December. Teachers are required to participate in two Staff Development Days at the end of Term 4. The teaching staff have decided to hold one of their Staff Development Days on Saturday 30 November with their last day of the 2014 school year being Thursday 19 December. This change does not affect your child as their last school day will be Wednesday 18 December.

Due to a clash with Year 7 Orientation Programs the date for our Year 6 Mini Fete has been changed. The new date for the Mini Fete will be Thursday 28 November. Finally Miss Dean will be taking some Long Service leave this term from Monday 28 October and will return to 1D on Wednesday 6 November. Miss Michaela Laming will be taking 1D during Miss Dean’s leave.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

What’s Happening in the Library
It is hard to believe that it is Term 4 already! Our library continues to buzz with new books and Ms Brown works tirelessly to process new arrivals so that they can be borrowed as quickly as possible. Our students continue to read an impressively wide variety of literature. Our most in-demand books include the Percy Jackson series, Captain Underpants and anything by Andy Griffiths. Our younger students continue to enjoy reading about princesses and fairies and Star Wars! Our school has recently purchased an amazing array of new readers for literature circles in Stage 3. These students are very fortunate to have access to such carefully chosen, quality literature. I look forward to a busy and productive Term 4 in the library.

Jane Croft
Relieving Teacher Librarian
Sydney Symphony Orchestra

Yesterday all of Year 2 went to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra at the ABC studios in Ultimo. We listened to five pieces. The five songs were The Little White Donkey, The Fandago, Punchinello and Siegfried Interlude. My favourite piece was the Fandango because it sounded quite graceful to me. It makes me feel joyful and happy. I really liked it when we got to dance to the music.
Sarah Cornwell 1/2B

Yesterday we went to the Sydney Symphony Orchestra. Those tunes were so peaceful they nearly made me fall asleep. It was amazing. As usual there were the four groups; percussion, strings, woodwind and brass. The conductor was Jessica. There were songs to dances like Fandango and Punchinello. Boy, that orchestra’s persuaded me to start playing the Bassoon or the French horn. Thank you Mrs Whiteman for taking us to see this amazing orchestra.
Zac Smith 2C

Band News

We are off to a great start with Band rehearsals and tutorials in full swing. Last term we had two fantastic performances at the Performing Arts Camp and the 75th Anniversary Celebration. We are now busy preparing lots of new pieces of music for our next concert. Students should be practicing Power Rock, Bop on, and two new pieces Bunyip Blues and Beethoven’s Ninth.

This term the Band and Directions in Music will put on a Band Demo for our Year 2 students. This will give them a chance to see and hear all the different instruments they can choose to learn next year in Band. More details of the Band Demo and next year’s enrolment will follow.

I would like to award Ms Wilson’s “Star of the Week” award to Emilia L for excellent progress in band. I am very pleased to see such enthusiastic practicing and attention this week. Well done Emilia!

Young Musicians Award 2013

Finals will take place on Thursday 24th October in the school hall from 10:00am. An approximate timetable is set out below but please be aware that these times are not exact. We will have professional musicians and teachers adjudicating the performances of our Years 3 to 6 students and the performers will also have an audience to support and encourage them. Please note that this year’s program is the same as last year, with our junior participants (K-2) performing after lunch.

Approximate Timetable

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YMA Finalists 2013

**Junior**

**Piano solo**
- Yang Y K/1M
- Hannah L K/1M
- Joshua L 1/2B
- Simone W 1/2B
- Sarah C 1/2B
- Jack H 2C
- Zachary S 2C
- Joseph H 2C

**Instrumental Solo**
- Simone W 1/2B
- Kian T 2C

**Duet**
- Joshua and Ethan C

**Vocal**
- Aisling K K/1M
- Sofia K 1/2B
- Eloise K 1/2B
- Zachary S 2C
- Joe B 2C

**Intermediate**

**Piano solo**
- Anton L 3B
- Finn T 3B
- Haruka S 3/4T
- Jennifer Y 4B
- Sophie S 4B
- Yashika B 4B

**Instrumental Solo**
- Jake K 3/4T
- Alec L 3/4T
- Benjamin H 4B
- Ying C 4B
- Yashika B 4B
- Alice J 4B

**Senior**

**Piano solo**
- Billy Y 5W
- Cindy F 5W
- Maxime A 5/6H
- Ray W 5/6H
- Huiju N 6M
- Eileen Y 6M
- Momoko H 6M

**Instrumental solo**
- Ken K 5/6H
- Lewis H 5/6H

**Vocal Solo**
- Wendy C 5/6H
- Taylor B 5/6H
- Marcus F 5/6H
- Pika K 5/6H
- Melanie McD 6M
- Sarah G 6M

**Duet**
- Taylor B, Pika K
- Matthew B, Thomas M
Wanted: Adult Helpers for the Vegetable Gardens.

Can you spare some time at drop off or pick up to help us look after our new vegetable gardens? The Killara Green Thumbs have planted lots of new seeds and seedlings and we would really like these to get established by being well-watered. If you would like to help us be watering the gardens please contact Ms Holland of KH.

_Ella Holland_
_Killara Green Thumbs Coordinator_

**News From HQ**

There are still a small amount of 75th Birthday Note Card packs available for sale. You can purchase them from the office for $12.00 per pack. What a wonderful way to remember our special year.

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**Performing Arts Ensemble**

**END OF YEAR CONCERT**

_Kerrabee Hall_

_Thursday 14th November 2013_

7.00 pm-8.30.pm

- Stage Bands
- Concert Bands
- Vocal Ensembles
- Strings
- Orchestra

Children and families from our local primary school especially welcome
Lindfield/Killara Parish Social Justice Talk:

Building Positive
Mental Health and Resilience
in Young People

Young people today face stresses that we can only imagine – drink spiking, drugs at local shopping malls and transport hubs, cyber-bullying, HSC and academic stress and family breakdown are just a few. These are children 12 to 18 years old. They may live in your suburb or street. They don’t necessarily look like they’re in trouble.

Find out what we can do to help the young people in our lives develop positive mental health and resilience. Find out about and support this free service that operates in our community.

When: Monday, 4th November 2013 at 7:30 pm
Where: Lindfield Holy Family School Library
        (park behind Coles, Lindfield)
Cost: Donations to support KYDS work
RSVP: email rsvp.kyds.talk@gmail.com with number attending

Tea and Coffee to follow.

YOUR PRESENTER-
David Citer has been with KYDS since 2007, firstly as an Adolescent and Family Counsellor, and as Service Manager since 2009. Prior to joining KYDS, David was a Drug and Alcohol Counsellor and Health Education Officer with Hawkesbury District Health Service, and also worked with the Ted Noffs Foundation, as a residential counsellor in their Life Management Program.

KYDS Youth Development Service, Inc., located in Lindfield, is a not for profit and non-government organisation. KYDS provides free and confidential counselling for young people living in Northern Sydney. It also delivers in-school programs for teenagers on topics including alcohol, drugs, conflict resolution, bullying, body image, and young men’s and women’s programs. It also runs a support group for children of parents with mental illness. KYDS relies on donations from the public and donations over $2 are tax deductible.
Parenting Programs
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHATS ON IN TERM 4 - COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CAREERS

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-6yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 8wks/2.5hrs (7/11 - 5/12, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course** (0-3yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7sessions over 8 wks - 5 group & 2 telephone (16/10 - 27/11)

**Communicating with Kids Course** (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood 6 wks/2.5hrs (21/10 - 25/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks/2.5hrs (29/10 - 26/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-2yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 17 - 31/10 (3 wks/2.5hrs (7.00-9.30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (13/11, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**
Learn how to maintain a respectful & positive relationship between you & your teenager
Chatswood (22/10, 7.00-9.30pm)

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST - PHONE 9887 5830 (2-2.5 hours)

- Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums
- Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training
- Speech & Language Development/Sleep
- Older Sibling - New Baby
- Bullying
- Resilient Kids

- Transition to School
- Transition to High School
- Triple P (PPP) Seminar Series
- 1-12 years & Teens
- Dealing with Teen’s Back Chat

Enquiries: Child & Adolescent Parenting 9887 5830

NSW Local Health District

Health
Up And Coming Events

16 Oct - Year 2 Swim Scheme
16 Oct - P & C Meeting 7:30pm in Library
17 Oct - Year 2 Swim Scheme
18 Oct - Year 2 Swim Scheme
22 Oct - K/1M Assembly
23 Oct - Kindy Information Evening 7pm
24 Oct - Young Musicians Award Finals
25 Oct - Killara Cafe
29 Oct - KR Assembly
30 Oct - Kindergarten (KH & KR) Year 5 & 6 Sculpture By The Sea
31 Oct - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation
  5 Nov - Stage 3 Drama Assembly
  7 Nov - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation
  9 Nov - P & C 75th Fundraiser Cocktail Party
11 Nov - Remembrance Day Assembly
12 Nov - KH Assembly
14 Nov - 2014 Kindergarten Orientation
18 Nov - Ryde School Spectacular 7pm
20 Nov - Year 5 & 6 Malaysian Lunch
20 Nov - P & C Meeting
25 Nov - Year 3 & 4 CSIRO – Force & Movement
26 Nov - Year 6 Leadership Team 2014 Elections
28 Nov - Mini Fete

Kids!! Have fun learning to speak Mandarin

Mandarin Language Club at Killara Public School for 2013!

The Mandarin Stars program offers:
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes on Thursday afternoons
3:30pm – 4:30pm for K-2 Students
4:35pm – 5:35pm for Year 3-6 Students

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