Principal’s Report
To say that our school has been a hive of activity over the past week is an understatement. As students, staff and parents have worked together on a number of wonderful end-of-year events.

Inspirational Student Leadership at Killara
A huge congratulation goes to all 21 candidates who nominated to stand for leadership positions in 2014. All students presented strong and persuasive arguments highlighting how they have demonstrated key leadership qualities. This enthusiastic response clearly shows the diligent and responsible nature of our students. It definitely made the voting process extremely hard as all candidates would undoubtedly make great school leaders. Stay tuned - the 2014 leadership positions will be announced at our Presentation Evening on Tuesday 10 December.

A ‘Dreamy’ School Spectacular
School life is full of many memorable experiences and we endeavour at Killara Public School to provide our students with as many of these experiences as possible. We were so proud of the efforts of our RSS Choir, our Stage 3 Dance Troupe and our amazing violin soloist, Ken, who performed as part of the Ryde Schools’ Spectacular at the Opera House last week. Mrs Wurth, Miss Mooney and Mrs Whiteman were extremely proud of the performances of every child, as well as their conduct throughout the evening. Special thanks to Mrs Whiteman who was the artistic director and choir conductor for the production. With over one thousand students on stage for the finale it was certainly a performance that will be treasured by all involved!

Save the Date...
It’s that time of year when we have lots of end of year events scheduled. Remember that our annual Presentation Evening is on Tuesday 10 December at 6.30pm at Killara High School. At this event the achievements of all children in Years 3-6 will be acknowledged, some of our performing arts ensembles will entertain us and we will induct our 2014 school leaders. All parents and friends are invited and I encourage you to join us for this special evening. Our K-2 Graduation Assembly is also coming up on Friday 6 December in the school hall at 9.30am. All classes from Kindergarten to Year 2 have been busy rehearsing their class items and I am looking forward to a fabulous celebration of student achievement.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
What’s Happening In Music
It has been another busy year in music at KPS. The choir have performed beautifully at a number of special assemblies including Seniors Day, Anzac Day, 75th Showcase, Remembrance Day, and 25 of the choir performed in the Opera House at the Ryde Schools Spectacular. They are becoming consummate performers and have a beautiful blended tone.

The Infants Choir continues to make the mums cry with their gorgeously cute renditions of favourites like ‘The Bear Necessities’ and ‘Inchworm’.

The Band has been reborn with the addition of Directions in Music managing and directing all our beginner instrumentalists. The String Ensemble has had some fun workshopping with Killara HS orchestra fun pieces like ‘Clocks’ by Coldplay.

PA camp was a huge success with 108 students singing, dancing, playing and acting their way through 3 fun filled days of activities.

The musical talent of our students was on display at the Young Musicians Award with Haruka S and Ken K winning the great honour of playing at our Presentation night on December 10 at Killara HS. Ken also represented our school with great maturity and expertise playing his solo at the Opera House for the Ryde Spectacular.

Year 2 and Year 6 have been on excursions to hear the Sydney Symphony Orchestra and the whole school enjoyed a live performance by Oz Opera of ‘The Magic Flute’.

A highlight for the whole school was singing ‘Keep On’ accompanied by guitars, violins and Year 2 recorders for the Music Count Us In day which aims to lift the profile of music education in Australian schools.

I am lucky to work with such motivated and musical students

Mrs Whiteman
Music Teacher

Lifeline Food Hamper Collection
Our annual food collection for Lifeline will commence 2nd December. A note will be sent home soon.

News From HQ
Year Books are now ready to be ordered. To enable the print company to have the books delivered back to the school before the end of term we need final orders by this Friday. The Disco raised $1208.20. This money was donated to the Salvation Army Bushfire appeal and Stewart House.
Band News
Killara PS Band are going from strength to strength this term. I am impressed with the quick progress students are making and we now have five pieces of music in our repertoire this term. The Senior ensemble have been such a welcome addition to our rehearsals and have been busy working on their own repertoire too.

Band should be practicing: Jingle Bell Polka, Bunyip Blues, Power Rock, Bop and Beethoven’s 9th
Senior Ensemble should be practicing: Jingle Bell Polka and I Feel Good

Upcoming performances
The Band and Senior Ensemble will be playing in an Assembly on Tuesday 3rd of December at 2.30pm
Presentation Evening Tuesday 10th of December at 6.30pm
Ms Wilson’s Star of the Week Award week 7 goes to Yashika B. for good musical knowledge and focus during rehearsal. Well done.
Enrolments for 2014 Junior Band are now due. Enroll online at www.directionsinmusic.com.au or call the office on 9662 – 2211 with any questions.

Heidi Wilson
Program Manager
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Year 3 GAT Workshop at Killara High School
On Tuesday 19th November 2013 a group of 23 gifted and talented students from our local primary schools attended an art workshop with Ms Paula Sherras at Killara High.
The students started the day designing some amazing drawings based on nature themes which were then transferred to a printing plate made of foam. The plates were applied with brightly coloured ink and then run through a large printing press where the designs were transferred to an array of coloured papers. We then added some items to our plates to give it an additional texture and alter our original creations these are known as collographs. Lastly we created some more textured plates using items like lace, leaves, paper cut outs to create more prints known as monoprints. The students had a great day learning some new artistic skills and created some fantastic pieces of art to take home and proudly display.

Ms. Paula Sherras
Killara High School Teacher
Term 4, Week 8

27 November 2013

Merit Awards

**Term 4 Week 4**

KH  Hamish H, Mia G  3/4T  Isobel H, Maxi Z
KR  Emily M, Ben H  4B  Caleb C, Daiju K
K1/M  Aisling K, Lucy C  5W  No recipient
1D  Desiree L, Josh H  5/6H  No recipient
1M/C  Stella J, Calum W  6M  Pierce P, Dominic R
1/2B  Sofia K, Benson S  Sport  No recipient
2C  Jack H, Darcy P  Music  Lucy C, Sarah B
3B  Georgia M, Marcus G  Library

**Term 4 Week 6**

KH  Chloe L, Victoria N  3/4T  Belinda Y, Mitchell R
KR  Jack M, Alexandra M  4B  Ailin L, Ben H
K1/M  Jimmy S, Daniel H  5W  Sara M, James H
1D  Desiree L, Adam O  5/6H  Ray W, Isabella F
1M/C  Kai J, Max C  6M  Thomas M, Eileen Y
1/2B  Sofia K, Eloise K  Sport  No recipient
2C  Kate H, Zac S  Music  Gustar N, Charlotte P
3B  Tom E, Emilia L  Library  Aisling K, Jennifer Y

Up And Coming Events

28 Nov  -  Mini Fete
2 Dec  -  Stage 2 to Powerhouse Museum
3 Dec  -  PSSA Summer Sports Assembly
3 Dec  -  Year 5 C.A.R.E.S Excursion
4 Dec  -  P & C Meeting 7.30pm Library
5 Dec  -  Year 6 C.A.R.E.S Excursion
6 Dec  -  Killara High School Gala Day
6 Dec  -  K-2 Graduation 9.30am – 10.30am
9 Dec  -  K-2 Multicultural Day
10 Dec  -  Presentation Evening

12 Dec – Combined Scripture Christmas Service at 9:30am
12 Dec  -  Thank you morning tea – 10.45am
13 Dec  -  Year 6 Farewell
17 Dec  -  End of Year BBQ
18 Dec  -  Students Last Day
29 Jan  -  First Day Of School (Yrs 1 to 6)
29 to 31 Jan  -  Kindy 2014 Best Start
3 Feb  -  First Day Of School Kindergarten

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