Principal’s Report

Community Spirit at Killara
Community spirit is alive and well at Killara in so many different ways! Last Saturday we had an extremely dedicated group of parents and children join us for our first Maintenance Day for 2013. They worked incredibly hard weeding, mulching, pruning, clearing garden beds and cleaning drains just to name a few of the jobs. We are so appreciative of the help we receive from all members of our community. It goes a long way in ensuring our school is the best learning place possible for our children. Many thanks go to Daniella Paynter for her coordination of this very successful event. A full list of our wonderful Maintenance Day volunteers is included in this newsletter.

Our Stage 2 Dance Group on the Big Stage
Congratulations to our Stage 2 Dance Group, led by Miss Katherine Dean, who have been participating this week at the Northern Sydney Region Dance Festival. The group have been performing a fun and energetic item titled ‘Good Times’. The students have been tremendous ambassadors for our school and I would like to congratulate them on this wonderful achievement. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of Miss Dean. Extra-curricula programs, such as our Stage 2 Dance Group, would not occur without our hardworking teachers volunteering their time to coordinate these programs. These programs often involve a much larger commitment than just coordinating weekly rehearsals but involve a large amount of administration. We are extremely fortunate to have such a large number of staff coordinate these additional programs which makes the opportunities that we are able to provide for our students so much richer. If your child takes part in any extra-curricula programs, please take the time to thank and acknowledge the large amount of time and effort that our teachers volunteer on a weekly basis. I look forward to attending this evening’s performance and cheering for our wonderful Stage 2 Dance Group!

Semester 1 Student Reports
Next Wednesday Semester 1 reports will be sent home with your child. The reports provide you with a summary of your child’s achievement over the last two terms in all areas of learning and other aspects of school life. My thanks go to all teachers who have put so much time and effort into ensuring the assessments and comments on each report are well informed and thoughtful. If you require more than one report for your child please contact the school office.

pSchool Grounds Work
During the holiday break we will be having some significant work completed to improve our school grounds. This will include the installation of shade sails over the new seating area, the installation of a musical playground, painting work, major car park extension and major landscaping work to the front of the school to increase student play space. The majority of this work has been funded by our hard working P&C through fundraising projects and grants received. I would like to sincerely thank the P&C and our parent community for their ongoing commitment to improving the learning environment for our students at Killara Public School.
End Of Semester 1 BBQ
Next Friday 28 June (last day of school for Term 2) Melissa Lynch-Hill and Sam Lynch from McGrath Real Estate have very kindly offered to organise and donate a sausage sizzle for every child at KPS. We are very fortunate to have such generous support from both Melissa and Sam.

Farewell
Our best wishes and thanks to Mrs Cathy Roberts and Mr An Nguyen who will be leaving us at the end of this term. Mrs Roberts and Mr Nguyen have been valued members of KPS teaching staff for several years and on behalf of the community I would like to thank them both for their contribution to the school and wish them every success and happiness in the future.
I would also like to wish Mrs Julie Renwick all the best for the upcoming birth of her first child. Mrs Renwick will be taking maternity leave from the end of this term.

Thank You
As this is the last newsletter for the term, I’d like to thank parents, staff and students for a fabulous term. It has been an extremely busy term. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and deserves a well-earned rest over these holidays. We look forward to seeing the students return refreshed and ready for another exciting term on Tuesday 16 July.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

An Eggcellent Time In Kindergarten!
KR and KH are lucky enough to have a chicken hatching program in their classrooms for the next two weeks. As part of our Unit of Inquiry about “Life” and living things, the children have been observing the chicks hatching and taking responsibility to address all their needs.
We have found out that the chicks need warmth, food, water, exercise, sleep, air and like all babies, cuddles! We all have special jobs to do like feeding the chicks, raking the pen, changing the water and holding them. We have a pen for the older chicks and a special heating machine called an incubator for the eggs and newly hatched babies.
At first when the eggs hatch, the chicks look very tired and wet from the fluid in the shells. We have been surprised at how quickly the new chicks get fluffy feathers and then stand up and walk! They are very different to human babies!
Once their feathers fluff up, we put them in the pen to play with their friends. Our pen has a special lamp to keep the chicks warm and cosy. So far KR have 12 chicks and KH have 11. We are so excited to see more chicks hatch in the next few days and the children are doing an ‘eggcellent’ job looking after them.

Victoria Rampton
KR Class Teacher
Knitting in Term 3………………. “Wrap with Love”
For 10 years children in our school have learnt and knitted squares to make into “wraps”. These are distributed all around the world, including Sydney, through the charity “Wrap with Love” to people who don’t have something to keep warm and it’s their own. Girls and boys who can knit and those in years 1 – 6 who would like to learn to knit are welcome to come to join the group in Term 3. Any adults associated with our school are also welcome to join us during our lunch hour (to be specified) either to help or learn as well. The more knitters we have the more squares we can knit!

_Ruth Collett_
Wrap With Love Coordinator

Multicultural Public Speaking Competition Local Finals
Killara Public School has the pleasure of hosting the Local Finals of the Multicultural Public Speaking Competition. The finals will be held on Wednesday 26th June in the school hall from 10am-3pm. Students from schools across the Northern Sydney Region will be competing at this event. We would like to congratulate the finalists from our school: Stuart P (5/6H), Anna G (6M), Bryce M (6M), Caitlin B (4B) and Blair W (3/4T). These students amazed the adjudicators in the school competition with their thoughtful content and excellent presentation skills. We would like to commend all students who participated in our whole-school public speaking competition earlier this term. You all certainly made it tricky for the adjudicators!

_Jeremy Hart and Nicole Mooney_
Debating and Public Speaking Team

Volunteers for Maintenance Day
We would like to thank the following families for their hard work on our Maintenance Day last weekend. The office has a lot of lost property from Maintenance Day, please come and collect your tools.

Nakagama family Mi/Lee family Chen family
Kwak family Zhu/Zhang family Kearley family
Cui family Kim family Rao family
Liu family Ito family Sinclair family
Wang family Jopson family Paisley family
Zheng family Kagawa family Kovach family
Jung family Prasad family Millen family
Scholefield family Sun family Gardiner family
Martyn family Yuen family Ferry family
McDonnell family Lorken family Dunne family
Sadlier family Yue family Kennedy family
Shen family Jones family Lander family
Grobler family Hogan family Navarro family
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Merit Awards

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Certificate Of Merit

The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Evan H, Hwany C, Desiree L, Tania M, Joshua L, Sandra C, Madison W, Ellen W, Bella C, Haimee C, Freyja K, Anisa R, Benson S and Zachary N.

Up And Coming Events

- 24 June – Reports go home
- 26 June – Multicultural Public Speaking Regional Final
- 28 June – Last day Of Term-Sausage Sizzle
- 16 July – Students resume for Term 3
- 22 July - Blanket Drive for Smith Family
- 22 July - Drama Workshop K-2
- 23 July - Leadership Assembly
- 24 July - Drama Workshop K-2
- 29 July - Education Week
- 30 July - Blanket Drive Finished for Smith Family
- 31 July - ICAS English