Principal’s Report

Celebrating our Stories – Education Week 2013

Last week’s Education Week celebrations were a wonderful opportunity to positively reflect on the values and qualities which make our school and the broader public education system so good. It was fabulous to have so many parents and grandparents join us on Tuesday to spend time in our classrooms sharing in the learning and achievement of our children. Each classroom was buzzing with engaging learning experiences with some sticky collages in Kindergarten, science experiments in Year 2 (which left some parents a little wet!) and complicated problems with fractions in Year 6. It was also fantastic to see over fifty parents attend our Education Week Parent Forum which explored the use of iPad technology with children. Our Art Exhibition, which ran over three days, was a fabulous culmination to our Artist in Residence program. Each artwork was accompanied by a QR code which was a recording made by each student reflecting on their time with Aunty Marg. Many thanks to our Visual Arts Coordinator, Miss Rampton, for putting together this exhibition.

75th Birthday Celebrations

Our plans for our 75th birthday are well underway with a number of exciting events planned which will culminate for students on Thursday 19 September. Next week information will be sent home regarding an exciting T-shirt competition with all students given the opportunity to enter a design for a T-shirt that all students can purchase and wear on September 19. We will also be using the wonderful artistic talents of our students in the creation of a pack of commemorative KPS gift cards.
On the 19 September there will be a special display of the school’s memorabilia, a showcase assembly and a tabloid afternoon for all students which will feature playground games from across the decades organised by our SRC. I am interested in making contact with anyone who is a former teacher or student from the school or anyone who may have any photos or memorabilia. Please email the school office if you are able to help.

**Kindergarten Enrolments 2014**
The places we have available for students starting Kindergarten in 2014 are filling quickly. Our transition to school program begins on Wednesday 11 September with our Playgroup Session. This session will be the first opportunity for our Kindergarten 2014 students to meet each other and become familiar with our school environment. Invitations for the playgroup will be sent home shortly to all the children who have submitted an enrolment form. If you have a child or know of a family considering enrolling at Killara in 2014 please encourage them to contact the school as a matter of urgency to complete an enrolment form so that they can participate in our transition program.

**Leading 21st Century Schools: Engage with Asia**
Next week I will be attending the Asia Education Foundation’s National Conference as part of my participation in the Leading 21st Century Schools project. The purpose of the project is support schools in the implementation of the Australian Curriculum’s Asia and Australia’s engagement with Asia priority which assists students to become responsible local and global citizens, equipped through their education for living and working in an interconnected world. Our 2012-2014 School Plan articulates the importance of developing this global understanding and will be a school improvement target in 2014.

**Enriching Mathematics in Stage 3**
Yesterday afternoon teachers participated in a Professional Learning Conference at Killara High School which was the culmination of the Killara Schools Partnership Middle Years Numeracy Project. This year our Stage 3 teacher, Mr Jeremy Hart, worked alongside a Year 7 Mathematics teacher from Killara High School to investigate how we can enrich the mathematical opportunities of our Middle Years learners through problem solving and investigations. Working in partnership with Killara High and our surrounding primary school provides exciting professional learning opportunities for our teaching staff at KPS and further strengthens the transition from primary to high school for our students.
What’s Happening in 6M
6M created biopyramids after viewing and reading about Malala Yousafzai’s speech to the UN. We then created a Wordle using our writing. Wordles are a visual way of seeing key ideas in a subject, as the more times a word is inserted when creating the wordle the larger the word will feature in the finished product. Here are some examples of our biopyramids
To view your Wordle- go to this link and look for “Gallery” – wordle title “Malala” by anonymous http://www.wordle.net/show/wrdl/6902161/Malala

Malala
Fearless courageous
Difficult scarring troubles
Children’s rights for education
Fighting against the heartless Taliban
Recovering from a huge head injury
Giving a motivational speech to the world
Malala supports 57million children that can’t get an education
By Pierce B

Malala
Selfless Courageous
Fearful Determined Knowledgeable
Shot In the Head
Surviving a terrible brain injury
Making a speech to the UN
Not getting angry or revengeful at shooter
She gave every woman and child a voice
By Neena K

School Photos
Our school photos will be held on Monday 19th August and Tuesday 20th August. All students are to wear their full school winter uniform (boys must wear their ties) on Monday (19th) and on Tuesday (20th) every student must wear their sports uniform.
Next week your child will receive a personalised photo package from their class teacher. Please ensure all details on the envelope are correct, especially the spelling of your child’s name. Family group photo packages will be available from the school office next week. If you require a family photo package, please collect one from the office before Monday 19th August.
Helen MacDonald
School Photo Coordinator

Student Medical Forms
During Terms 3 and 4 we will be updating our medical records systems to ensure we have the most up-to-date information on your child’s health.
If you have a child with a medical condition you will receive a copy of the new forms via pupil post and will need to fill them out and return them to the office as soon as possible.
The good news is we have already started collecting some of this information, which means less for you to do. The new forms will help us collect your child’s important medical information and the introduction of new systems will mean we’ll be able to better manage the daily and emergency health needs of your child.
We appreciate your support as we start collecting the information, and if you have any questions please call.
Margaret Quick
Office Manager

ANNUAL OPEN DAY
Monday 19th August 2013
12 noon - 5 pm
❖ Students at work
❖ Classes to visit in all curriculum areas
❖ Individual and group student performances

Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome

Annual Visual Arts Exhibition
Kerrabee Hall

Opening Night:
Friday 16th August 2013 at 6pm

Guest Speaker: Caitlin Weston
KHS Ex-student & Visual Arts Teacher

There will be a Performing Arts Ensemble Stage Band Concert in the Theatre from 7.30pm.

The Exhibition will be open:
Saturday 17th August - 10am-2pm
Monday 19th August - 9am-5pm
Tuesday 20th August - 9am-3pm and 6pm-7pm
followed by a Year 12 Music Concert in the Theatre

ICAS Maths:
The ICAS Mathematics competition will be held next Tuesday, 13th August, at 8.00am. A reminder note, detailing the venues and supervising teachers, will be sent home on Monday to all students who are entered in this competition.
Helene Brunker - ICAS coordinator.
Temporary Closure of Ku-ring-gai Library Gordon
The Gordon Library at 799 Pacific Highway Gordon will be closed for refurbishment from 8th October until 18th October. Ku-ring-gai's branches at Turramurra, St Ives and Lindfield will be operating on extended hours to provide more opportunities for students to borrow and return books etc.

Parking in Calvert Avenue & Fitzroy Street
Again we remind parents when dropping off and picking up your child please be mindful of the local residence and do not park across their driveways no matter how short a time.

Smith Family Blanket Drive
Congratulations we collected 73 blankets. A sausage sizzle will be put on by McGrath Real Estate towards the end of Term 3. Due to the majority of donations being left anonymously at the office Mr Sam Lynch from McGrath Real Estate has decided to donate the $50.00 book voucher to the school library. Also the Stewart House clothing collect was our best ever. The counsellor's room opposite the office was so full you couldn't get through the door.

Merit Awards
Term 3 Week 2
There was no assembly in week 2.

Term 3 Week 4

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Certificate Of Merit
The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly- Parminda M, Cassidy N, Daniel T, Liam T.

Up And Coming Events
8 Aug - 3-6 Athletics Carnival
12 Aug - Stage 3 Incursion
12 Aug - 5/6 Dance School Spectacular Audition
13 Aug - Stage 3 SSO (Yr 6)
13 Aug - ICAS – Maths
14 Aug - Zone Athletics Carnival
14 Aug - School Tour (Kindy 2014) 10am
15 Aug - K-2 Athletics Carnival 10am – 12pm
19-23 Aug - Book Week
26 Aug - CSIRO 1/2B & 2C
26 Aug - Math Olympiad No. 4
27 Aug - Athletics Ribbons Assembly
27 Aug - School Tour (Kindy 2014) 10am
28 Aug - Space Jump (Whole School) Book Week Performance
29 Aug - Colonisation Excursion 3B, 3/4T & 4B
30 Aug - Father’s Day Breakfast