Principal's Report

A Magnificent Sporting Event!

Huge congratulations go to all of our children who participated so enthusiastically in last week’s athletics carnivals. This year two separate carnivals were held; our primary carnival at Bannockburn oval and K-2 carnival held on the school oval. The sun finally shone for our primary carnival and it was a really enjoyable day for all involved. Well done to our house captains who led their houses with enthusiasm and stirred up some fantastic house spirit. Our K-2 carnival was another great day.

I was especially impressed with the spirit of participation and collaboration on the day. All children were involved and putting in their best effort, particularly in the ‘chuck the chicken’ event! Special thanks goes to Mr Thompson and Mrs Walker who coordinated the carnivals. We appreciate all of your efforts. Our Athletics Ribbons assembly will be held next Tuesday 27 August at 2:30pm.

This year we will be celebrating the achievements of our winter sporting endeavours at a special Winter Sports Assembly on Tuesday 17 September at 2:15pm. This assembly will celebrate the achievements of our Winter PSSA soccer and netball teams as well as the achievements at our winter cross country and athletics carnivals.

Connected Communities 21st Century Celebration

Earlier this year a team of eight teachers from Killara Public School participated in the CC21 project which investigated how digital technologies can enhance students’ creative thinking skills. The project was a tremendous success with the creation of wonderful digital stories using the iPads. The work of the Killara Public School team, along with the other sixteen participating schools, will be showcased at Macquarie University on Tuesday 10 September from 4pm. All members of our school community are invited to attend. Please see the flyer included in this newsletter if you are interested in attending this event.

Killara Green Thumbs Get Their Hands Dirty

Our Killara Green Thumbs gardening club have been very busy preparing the garden beds and planting a grove of citrus trees over the last few weeks. Our gardening club meets during lunch time on Fridays and is open for any student from Kindergarten to Year 6 who wish to get their hands dirty in the garden during lunchtime. The club is working to establish a large vegetable patch in the garden beds on the edge of the oval and are currently propagating seeds for a summer crop of delicious fruits and vegetables. This wonderful initiative is led by Ms Holland and Mrs Collett and I would like to thank the team for their dedication and time.

75th Birthday Celebrations

Our school 75th birthday celebrations are approaching rapidly with the school birthday party on Thursday 19 September. At 11:30am we will be holding a celebration concert in the school hall showcasing some of our Performing Arts ensembles followed by a special cutting of the cake and sausage sizzle lunch (kindly donated by Melissa Lynch-Hill and Sam Lynch from McGrath Real Estate). During the afternoon students will participate in tabloid games and a disco featuring some of the games and music from 1938 to 2013. A display of memorabilia will be in the PAC. If you have
any photographs or memorabilia or you are willing to assist in putting the display together please contact the school office or speak to Mrs Carruthers.

Unity Taylor-Hill  
Principal

What’s Happening In KH?
Every Tuesday afternoon, KH meets with our buddy class 5W. This is one of our favourite times of the week. At first we thought that the Year 5 children were so big and some of us were a little bit scared. But now they are our friends! We have been doing lots of different activities with our buddies including: taking funny photos and making them into an electronic story using laptops, designing and making Maths games, sharing stories, practising spelling and playing lots of games. 5W are great leaders and take good care of us, we are excited when we see them around the school. Thank you for being our buddies 5W!

Ella Holland  
Classroom Teacher

Maths Olympiad
Our third Maths Olympiad test was held on Monday 5th August. It was an extremely difficult paper and all the students worked hard to solve the problems. Momoko and Grace scored 5 out of 5. Joshua and Eric scored 4 out of 5. Well done to everyone for their wonderful effort. The next Maths Olympiad test will be on Monday 26th August at 8.30am sharp in 1MC classroom.

Helen MacDonald and Ruth Collett  
Maths Olympiad Coordinators

Connected Communities 21 Project: Technology, Pedagogy and the Australian Curriculum
As you know, Killara Public School has been participating in the Connected Communities 21 (CC21) project in partnership with Macquarie University. The focus of the CC21 project is to develop excellence in teaching practice related to the use of technologies and the new Australian Curriculum. At Killara Public School, the CC21 project targeted student development of essential literacy skills and the critical and creative thinking processes. Students in KR, K/1M, IMC, 3B, 5W and 6M participated in the project, using our brand new iPads to create their own digital stories. Their work is simply amazing and we are so proud of their efforts.

The work produced by our students, and the innovative projects of numerous other primary and high schools across Sydney, will be displayed as part of the CC21 showcase in Week 9. This showcase is open to the public and we would like to welcome students and parents to attend. Please see the attached flyer for details.

Nicole Mooney  
CC21 Project Leader

Wanted - Plant Cuttings
Do you have any rosemary, lavender or geraniums that need pruning? The Killara Green Thumbs have been planting seeds but now we would like to propagate some plants from cuttings. If you could help with donations of cuttings of these plants, please contact the school or Ms Ella Holland. Ideally we hope to use the cuttings on Friday 30th August.

Ella Holland  
Killara Green Thumbs
ICAS Spelling and Writing Competition.
Congratulations to the following students for their achievements in the ICAS spelling and writing competitions held on 17th June:

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Helene Brunker
ICAS Coordinator

Parking
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. This includes the school driveway where Ridgeland and Highfields meet.

Premier Reading Challenge
A reminder from the library that the Premier Reading Challenge will close for online entries this Friday 23rd August.

Jane Croft
Librarian
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Project Showcase
Pedagogy, Technology and the Australian Curriculum

Tuesday, 10th September 2013 | 4pm-6pm | Macquarie University

This project investigates the components of change employed by schools seeking to implement the new Australian Curriculum.

In a collective case study of local education from a range of primary and secondary schools in the Northern and Western Sydney regions, the project reports on pedagogy and the relationship between technology use and teacher professional learning. The project supports the identification and development of transformative pedagogies that allow the effective employment of modern digital technologies in effective pedagogy emphasizing 21st century participatory culture skills.

You are invited to view the project showcase at Macquarie University

Hear personal reflections from education leader and academics on why learning matters in the 21st century considering the learning needs of students and teachers and the capacity of research to bring communities together,

Wander around experience the CC21 journey through the eyes of 17 schools embracing 21st century learning:

- Each school has set up a station to share the highlights of their involvement in CC21
- Ask about what each school has done to embrace change and how they plan to sustain best practice into the future.
- View work samples and snapshots of students and teachers innovating with current technologies
- Talk to teachers, students and Principals.

RSVP NOW!

Register online at: www.tinyurl.com/connectedcommunities21
Or via our website at: www.mqict.edu.au

For enquiries please contact us at: mictssupport@lrii.mq.edu.au or on 02 9650 4310

Details:

- When: Tuesday, September 10, 2013
- Time: 4-6pm
- Location: Camps Hall, Level 5, C106A, Macquarie University, North Ryde, NSW
- Who: Open to all
- Cost: None

Light refreshments will be served.

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FUN FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT
Friday 6th September 2013

“PRINCESS BRIDE”

Cupcakes & lolly bags for sale

Movie starts 6pm in School Hall & finishes 7.30pm

Tickets are available using the canteen’s online system http://www.school24.com.au or an order form will be sent home this week to all children and must be returned to the office by Thursday 29th August.

Please note :- Children must be supervised by an adult at all times.
**Killara High School Invite**

Families of Killara Public School are invited to visit Killara High School (Students from Year 4 to 6 can accompany their parents), to meet the Principal, Dr Mark Carter and Senior Executive, talk to students and a tour of the school.

Date :- Tuesday 27th August 2013  
Time :- 9am to 10:15am  
Location :- A Block Reception

For further information please contact Ann Dixon, Transition Coordinator on 9498 3722 Voice Mail Ext 296 or Email – killara-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au

**Merit Awards**

**Term 3 Week 5**

| KH | Hamish H, Chloe L | 3/4T | Jake M, Aryan C |
| KR | Lyndon W, Robert T | 4B   | Caitlin B, Jordan P |
| K1/M | Julia L, Yang Y | 5W | No recipients |
| 1D | George V, Adele P | 5/6H | No recipients |
| 1M/C | Enya C, Archie H-R | 6M | Kevin Z, Anika V |
| 1/2B | Jade D, Tong C | Sport | James P, Jason Z |
| 2C | Claudia H, Kian T | Music | Darcy P, Ken K |
| 3B | Aryan K, Maxim A | Library | Mia M, Deen O |

**Up And Coming Events**

- **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
- **3 Sept** - 3B Assembly
- **3 Sept** - RSS Rehearsal 2
- **4 Sept** - Book Swap Day
- **6 Sept** - Movie Night
- **10-12 Sept** - Performing Arts Camp
- **10 Sept** - CC21 Showcase (Macquarie University)
- **11 Sept** - Playgroup for Kindergarten 2014 (9:30am)
- **16 Sept** - Maths Olympiad Test No 5
- **17 Sept** - PSSA Winter Sports Assembly (Years 3-6)
- **18 Sept** - P & C Meeting
- **19 Sept** - 75th Birthday Celebrations
- **20 Sept** - Last day of term (School resumes Tuesday 8th October)