Principal's Report
The school is buzzing with a myriad of events and activities this week with less than four weeks left until the end of the 2014 school year. Just this week we have enjoyed a fabulous performance from ‘The World According to James’ as part of the P&C Musica Viva program, we have celebrated the wonderful progress of our Junior and Senior Band at our assembly, Stage 1 students have participated in an incursion finding an amazing variety of minibeasts in our school gardens and Kindergarten have gone on their first excursion to Wannabes Playtown.

Our teachers are working hard at the same time to finalise and assess the learning and progress of every child and are writing the end of year reports. Great learning is continuing in classrooms across the school and I have been fortunate this week to share in some wonderful journal entries written by some of our Year 4 students from the perspective of convicts following an excursion to Elizabeth Farm earlier this term. I have also been impressed with the amazing work of the students in 5H as I was invited to share in a Literature Circles session today. Literature Circles has been an initiative introduced into classrooms in Years 3-6 in 2014 and provides students with the opportunity to explore author perspective and develop inferential comprehension skills.

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. This week I will be emailing this year's annual school evaluation survey which will be an online survey this year. It should take around 10 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.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
What’s Happening In 3B
We have had a fantastic year in 3B and are all feeling a little sad that the year is almost to an end. Our highlight last term was learning all about endangered animals, particularly the orang-utan and other endangered animals from Indonesia. We transformed our room into an Indonesian rainforest which looked amazing.

This term our class has been looking at history in the local and Sydney area. We have had a couple of guest speakers in to tell us about Killara’s past. An Aboriginal speaker told us about the Aboriginal clans that used to live in this region and some historians showed us lots of old photographs of what Killara and Gordon was like many years ago.

Last Monday our class visited Elizabeth Farm in Rosehill and got a taste of what it was like to be a convict worker back in 1828. We all put on our aprons and hats and then we were set to work. We had to wash clothes using wash tubs and scrubbing boards before hanging them out to dry. We learnt how to set the table in the formal dining room and help in the kitchen. Some of us had to grind spices with a mortar and pestle while others were shown how to prepare and make fresh scones which we ate for morning tea. We had a fabulous day and learnt a lot.

Cathy Bodergraven
Classroom Teacher

What’s Happening In The Library
Stage 3 Reading Challenge
Well done to all students who are working their way through the Stage 3 Reading Challenge. The challenge was created to encourage students in Stage 3 to continue reading during Term 4. Congratulations to the following students who have already completed their challenge:

5/6W
Hwany, Finn, Daniel, Min, James, Ben, Edan, Sammy, Hayden, Annabelle, Bella, Liza and Sophie.

5H
Yashika, Angel and Jennifer.

6M
Isabella, Kara, Kristen, Niamh, Michelle, Josh, Linda, Sophie, Calvin, Zoe, Ethan, Albert, Yasha, Kacey and Cindy.
YMA FINALS 2014

INTERMEDIATE- YEARS 3 & 4

Piano Solos
1st Haruka S
2nd Bradley
3rd Jaiden L

Highly Commended
Tony Song
Darcy P
Claudia H
Jessica Y
Lucinda E

Instrumental Solos
1st Kian T (violin)
2nd Finn T (sax)

Vocal Solos
1st Zachary S
2nd Haimee C

Duet/Ensemble
1st Chira M, Mia M, Phoebe S, Ella T
2nd Sebastian E, Andreas J
3rd Sarah C, Georgia L, Jessica T, Kate H

SENIOR- YEARS 5 & 6

Piano Solos
1st Aileen L
2nd Vincent C
3rd Sarah W

Highly Commended
Yashika B
Ray W

Commended
Sunny Z
Jennifer Y
Billy Y

Instrumental Solos
1st Alice J (violin)
2nd Frances E (violin)
3rd Ying C (clarinet)
3rd Ethan K (drumkit)

Highly Commended
Hayden B (violin)

Commended
Finn C (sax)

JUNIOR- KINDERGARTEN, YEAR 1, YEAR 2

Piano Solo
1st Hannah L
2nd Joshua C, Ethan C, Bryan T
3rd Nadine W
4th Nicole V, Joshua L, Jenny K, Brendan M

Highly Commended
Leo C
Julia L
Noah P
Salena X
Ellen W

Commended
Isabelle L
Sophie L
Maya T
Kai J

Instrumental Solos
1st Nathan Z (guitar), Jessica L (violin)

Vocal Solos
1st Adrian C
2nd Desiree L
3rd Madeline W, April H

Duets
1st Hannah L, Isabelle L
2nd Bella H, Halle M
3rd Ethan C, Josh C

Overall Winners
Junior- Haruka S
Senior- Aileen Lui
Killara Public School Band Program

We already have a great number of enrolments for Junior Band in 2015 so it is looking like we are going to have a great year in 2015!

Both Junior and Senior Band have a number of performances to look forward to next year, so as soon as you get your new music start practising straight away in order to get the best result.

Performances to look forward to next year……

Hot Cross Bun Festival, End of Term Concerts, joint workshop with Killara High School, Daceyville Big Band Bash, Sydney Eisteddfod, and many more!

Up Coming performances!
Both the Junior and Senior Band are busily preparing for the End of Year Concert on the 4th December.

What to practise!

Senior Band: Senior Band will be performing, Evening at the Symphony, Funkytown and Mambo No 5

Junior Band: Continue to work on Beethoven’s Ninth and Power Rock, as well as The Frog’s Song and Shoo Fly from your red book, and their new piece Evening at the Symphony.

Practise tip - Remember, it’s not a race!
Keep in mind that each person learns at varying speeds, some are quick learners while others take time to progress. Don’t be ashamed if you feel you’re progressing slower than your classmates. The best musicians reached their level of success through determination and patience.

Section of the week
This week it goes to the……..Percussion section!!!

Last Junior Band rehearsal is on Thursday 4th December and the final Senior Band rehearsal on Monday 8th December with tutorials finishing on Tuesday 2nd December.

Richard Sandham
KPS Program Manager
Art Workshop at Killara High School

On the 20th of November 2014, a group of 21 Year 4 gifted and talented students from the local primary schools joined us at Killara High to learn how to create and develop some dry point etchings. Ms Sherras chose us to be her assistants for the day. At first, the students were very silent and shy, but as the day progressed they became chatty and enthusiastic and made some new friends.

First, the children dropped their bags off in G11 and quickly ran downstairs to collect leaves and samples for their artworks. They then scratched their designs based on the leaves and natural objects onto some etching perspex and gathered around Ms Sherras who demonstrated the inking process. Soon black ink up to their wrists and some on their faces! The etched perspex was then placed on some damp paper and put through the printing press. The artworks produced by these Year 4 students were AMAZING and by far better than some of our fellow students in Year 8 classes!!!

After a delicious morning tea, the students coloured in their artworks with watercolour pencils and were ready for their next activity. This time the students spread turquoise ink on to the back of their original etching plastic and placed feathers and leaf skeletons to create another textured art work called a monoprint.

We had lots of work to do. From controlling and making sure no fingers were squashed in the printing press to cleaning up the mess left behind, it was a lot of fun and we even had time to make some prints of our own. Thanks to Ms Sherras the Year 4 students got to experience high school art and we got to experience helping to teach children for the day! 😊

Written by Taylor H and Zoe L

Lifeline Hamper

Again this year we will be supporting the Lifeline Christmas Hamper Appeal. This is a worthwhile appeal that helps families that due to circumstances would not be able to have a Christmas day lunch. You can donate, tinned ham (especially), mince pies, crackers, soft drink, Christmas pudding/cake, long life custard, assorted sweets, tinned pineapple, shortbread biscuits, bon bons etc. Basically, anything that you would enjoy on Christmas day yourself. Please check use by dates, they cannot put things in the hamper if the use by date has expired.

All donations need to be placed under our Christmas tree in the office foyer before Tuesday 16th December.
Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury 2014 Christmas Food/Gift Drive

make this Christmas special for others

Many people in our community are experiencing financial hardship and you can help by creating a Christmas Hamper for a family in need, the following items are suggested:

- Mince pies
- Crackers
- Soft drinks
- Mixed nuts
- Tinned fruit
- Chocolate
- Bon Bons
- Christmas Cake
- Tinned ham
- Tinned pineapple
- Assorted sweets
- Potato Crisps
- Shortbread biscuits
- Long life custard
- Tinned salmon/tuna
- Beetroot

We also accept gifts for all ages

Donations required before Tues 16th December
(Allow time to pack and give by 22/12)

For Lifeline enquiries, please call 9498 8805
Financial donations can be made at 4 Park Ave Gordon or via www.lifelinenorth.org.au

Please do not include any food items that contain alcohol and ensure that all food items are within the Use By Date
SRC School Disco
Our annual school disco was held on Friday, 7th November. Ably led by the SRC class representatives, students from K to Year 6 enjoyed an evening of dancing and fun. The SRC is proud to announce that the disco raised $1390.54. This amount has been donated to Stewart House and Save the Children Australia – Ebola Crisis, with each charity receiving $695.27. On behalf of the SRC, I would like to thank our school community for the support you have shown to our activities this year and look forward to an equally successful 2015.

Mrs Brunker
SRC co-ordinator.

Merit Awards

Term 4 Week 7
KM/C    Isla T, Ryan H
KH      Melisa M, Alexander J
K/1A    Holly vT, Juho C
1D      Jodie I, Jessica L
1W      Josh C, Aisling K
2B      Bella H, Jimmy S
2C      Russ L, Young C
2/3M    Olivia G, Sebastian E
3B      Nicole X, Jake D

4B      Maxim A, Alex J
4C      Finn T, Chanel L
5H      Vincent C, Ruth L
5/6W    No recipients
6M      Sophie M, Albert L
Music    Nicole V, Mitchell R
Library  Ashleigh K, Kate H
Sport    No recipients

Up And Coming Events

26 Nov – P & C Meeting
27 Nov – Choir Workshop Day
2 Dec - 2015 Leadership Team Elections
2 Dec - Year 6 Gala Day (2015 KHS Students)
4 Dec - Mini Fete
4 Dec - End Of Year Band Concert
5 Dec - K-2 Graduation
5 Dec - Summer Sports Assembly
9 Dec – Presentation Evening Rehearsal
9 Dec - Presentation Evening
11 Dec – Combined Scripture Xmas service

11 Dec – Thank You Morning Tea
12 Dec - Year 6 Farewell
16 Dec – Final 2014 Assembly
17 Dec – Year 6 Walkout (2:30pm)
17 Dec - Last Day Of Year
28 Jan - First Day Of School (Yrs 1 to 6)
2 Feb - Kindergarten First Day Of School