Principal’s Report

Harmony Day – Together We Can!
On Harmony Day we think and talk about the different cultures and languages that people contribute to our country. It is a day to celebrate, learn and understand how all Australians from diverse backgrounds equally belong to this nation and make it a better place. It is a day when we celebrate the values of tolerance, respect and working together. In our Killara school community we have families from many different cultural backgrounds. Tomorrow, Thursday 20 March, we will be celebrating Harmony Day and I would like to encourage all students to wear a national costume, colours of the flags of their cultural background or orange which is the official Harmony Day colour. A short assembly will be held at 10am and then each class will participate in a variety of classroom activities on the theme of Harmony Day. Everyone has been asked to bring in a small snack to share for morning tea, from your cultural background, to share. This will give children the opportunity to sample and enjoy foods from the many different cultures that make our school so special. Due to dietary restrictions we ask that no snacks containing shellfish, nuts or nut products are prepared.

KPS Celebrating Seniors Week
This Friday the 21 March the school will celebrate Seniors Week with a special assembly and some light refreshments for all our grandparents and grandfriends. The day will begin with a special assembly at 11.45am in our school hall followed by classroom visits and then a cup of tea and some delicious refreshments under the PAC COLA. A big thank you to Angela and Sharon for coordinating the refreshments for our visitors. All parents are encouraged to provide a plate of food to share with our visitors on Friday, please deliver to the canteen. Please make sure you clearly label your containers and remember to collect your plate from the office foyer on Monday.

Parent/Teacher Interviews
Communicating regularly with parents regarding your child’s learning goals, progress and areas for development is a key priority for our school. In 2014 we will be holding parent/teacher interviews in Week 10 of this term. This will allow you to talk in detail with your child’s class teacher about their progress. Notes were sent home last week for each class with the availability of your class teacher and an opportunity to book a time. I encourage all parents to book an interview. The partnership between home and school is vital in maximising the learning of your child.

Parents in Partnership
I would like to remind all parents that our P&C Meeting will be held this evening at 7:30pm in the school library. During the meeting this evening I will be giving a short presentation on the use of a new online payment system that we are introducing at Killara Public School called POP (Parent Online Payment). This system will be available from 26 March. See News From HQ for further information regarding POP.

Welcoming our new families – School Tour Next Week
Next Tuesday, 25 March, we will host our first school tour for 2014 for children and their parents starting school in 2015. We will begin with a short welcome and from there our Year 6 leaders will take new families on a tour of the school where they will get to see a whole range of learning experiences happening in our classrooms and look at our fantastic facilities. If you have a child...
starting school in 2015 I encourage you to contact the school to submit an application. Please encourage any families you know who are interested in enrolling next year to do the same. Further school tours will be held in Terms 2 and 3.

I am delighted to announce that Ms Rampton is expecting her first child due in June with Ms Rampton taking leave from Week 7 of Term 2. I would also like to remind families that we will resume in Term 2 wearing full winter uniform. Finally I would like to wish Finn good luck at the Area Swimming Carnival next week!

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

What’s Happening In 1D
This term 1D has been developing efficient strategies for numerical calculation, recognising patterns and describing relationships. We have been using the resources in our numeracy boxes in a variety of ways to help us with this. 1D are very grateful to our mums and dads for cutting out our domino and number cards. 1D has really enjoyed using them to play a variety of a mathematical games. Below are a few of our favourites.

“You need to pick four cards and then one at a time you look for cards that end in zero or a five and put them in order. The first person to do it wins. You do this because we are counting in 5s. I like playing this game because it teaches me more about my numbers.” Salena

“Choose two cards and put them down and then your partner picks some and the person with the highest number gets to keep all the cards. The winner is the person with the most cards. We like
playing this game because you can learn numbers that are higher or smaller.” Alexandra and Hamish

Katherine Dean
Classroom Teacher

What’s Happening in…Library
Premier’s Reading Challenge is on again this year, and some students have already made a great start getting through their list. Students in K-2 will receive their paper reading logs to start recording the number of books they have read, and 3-6 have the ability to log-on and keep track of their books online. There are just a few rules that I thought I would remind students about when completing the Challenge.

- The PRC runs from 3 March to 22 August.
- Students in K-2 need to have read or experienced 30 books to complete the Challenge – a minimum of 25 from the PRC list, and 5 books of personal choice.
- Students in 3-6 need to have read 20 books to complete the Challenge – a minimum of 15 from the PRC list, and 5 books of personal choice.
- Books read from 1 September 2013 can count towards the 2014 Challenge.
- Books with the word “The” at the beginning of the title need to be entered as follows: example: Witches, The.
- Authors are also entered last name FIRST, and then first name. Example: Dahl, Roald.
- In an approved series, any 2 books from the series can be read as part of official PRC reading. Up to 5 books from the same series can be read as personal choice books.

Please come in to the Library and speak to Miss Salinas or Mrs Brown if you have any questions.
Happy reading!

Jen Salinas
Teacher Librarian

News From HQ
As from 26th March parents will be able to make online payments to the school for amounts owing for students, via a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Payments can be made using either a Visa or MasterCard credit or debit card. The payment page is accessed from the front page of the schools website by selecting $ Make a payment

Items that can be paid include voluntary school contributions, subject contributions, excursions, sales to students and creative and practical arts activities (eg drama and dance). There is also a category called Other this is to cover items not covered in the previous headings, Other can be used to make a complete payment of a school invoice.

When you access the $ Make a payment you must enter the students name and date of birth. Reference and Invoice Numbers are not necessary.

These details are entered each time you make a payment as student information is not held within the payment system. This is a secure payment system hosted by Westpac to ensure that your credit/debit card details are captured in a secure manner, these details are not passed back to the school.
You have the ability to check and change any details of the payment before the payment is processed. Receipts can be emailed and/or printed.
Details of the payments are passed daily to the school where they will be receipted against your child’s account. As a receipt has been issued from the payment page a further receipt will not be issued by the school.
For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.

**Merit Awards**

**Term 1 Week 6**

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**Certificate Of Merit**

The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Lucy C, Oscar H, Alice J and Jennifer Y.

**Up And Coming Events**

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Band News

Both Bands are busy preparing for their first performances this term. The Senior Band will be performing at the Seniors Day this Friday 21st March.

Practice
Senior Band should be practising *Firework* and *Ghosts in the Graveyard* and students will receive their new piece *We Are Young* in Band. Seniors should be warming up with their Bflat concert scale and arpeggio. This scale should be played at least 5 times and can be played in a variety of ways (slow, fast, tongued, slurred, loud, soft etc.)

Junior Band should be practising Hot Cross Buns and other pieces from page 8 and 9. Concentrate on your mouth position this week and while practising stand in front of a mirror to make sure you don’t have puffy cheeks. Percussion students I’m sure you don’t have this problem!

Remember: Students should aim to practise 5 times a week to ensure progress is being made

My Star of the week Awards go to:
- Senior Band
  - Yashika B. for excellent practice and attention to articulation (the different sounds we make) and dynamics (louids and softs)
  - Sam M. for working really hard on perfecting his articulation and low notes.
- Junior band
  - Kristen F, Sarah C and Darcy P for good progress and practice.

Upcoming Performances
- Friday 21st March, 11.30am – Senior Band Performance, Grandparents Day
- Tuesday 1st April, 2.30pm – Senior Band Assembly Performance
- Hot Cross Buns Concert – Due to many students joining Junior Band late I would like to delay the performance to ensure the newer students have time to prepare properly. Date to be confirmed.

Happy Practicing!

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Invitation

Kindergarten to Year 4 Families of Killara Public School are invited to visit Killara High School (Students from Year 4 may accompany their parents)

Date: Friday 28 March 2014
Time: 9.00am—10.15am
Location: A Block Reception

- Meet the Acting Principal, Ms Judith Paszek, and Senior Executive
- Tour the school
- Talk to students

For further enquiries, please contact Ms Ann Dixon, Transition Coordinator on 9498 3722
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