Term 1, Week 10

Newsletter

2nd April 2014

Principal’s Report

Our Year 6 Leaders Shine at Young Leaders Day
On Monday 31 March our 2014 Year 6 Leaders had the opportunity to attend the National Young Leaders Day at the Sydney Entertainment Centre. Our Leaders were joined by over 5000 other Year 6 leaders from across New South Wales and heard from an inspiring line-up of speakers including Bob Carr, Ita Butrose and Andy Griffiths. Many thanks to Mrs Wurth and Lyn Bessemer who accompanied our leaders on the day.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
It has been excellent to see parents in and about the school meeting teachers for the Term 1 parent/teacher interviews. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank our teaching staff who have given up many extra hours this week to conduct the interviews. We all appreciate their efforts. If you have been unable to make an appointment, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange one. We would like to ensure we have had the opportunity to talk to all parents before the end of term.

School Development Day Next Term
A reminder to all parents that there is a school development day at the beginning of next term. Monday 28 April will be a student free day and all students will return to school on Tuesday 29 April for the beginning of Term 2.

Winter Uniform Reminder
We are always so proud of our students when they arrive at school each day in full school uniform. Wearing our full school uniform and looking neat and tidy sets an excellent tone in the school. It fosters pride in our school and individual appearance and helps ensure children are ready for focused learning. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in full school uniform every day. All children are expected to begin Term 2 in their winter uniform.

Winter PSSA
Last year the Ku-ring-Gai PSSA Association made a decision that from 2014 all PSSA competitions will participate in morning competitions. This means that our winter PSSA netball and soccer teams will be involved in a morning competition during Terms 2 and 3 with students back at school by 11am each Friday.

Finally, I will be taking a short period of Long Service Leave for the remainder of Term 1. Ms Gill Appave will be the Relieving Principal whilst I am out of the school. 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 29 April.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
ANZAC Day Assembly

Our ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Tuesday, 8th April at 2.30pm in the hall. The senior choir will be performing and student representatives from each class will be presenting floral tributes. Parents and family war veterans are invited to attend this special assembly, which marks the centenary of the outbreak of World War 1. Seating will be available under the hall COLA for parents and their guests. We would remind attendees that they should be mindful of the special nature of this assembly and maintain a respectful demeanour whilst the assembly is in progress.

Helene Brunker
Assistant Principal/ANZAC Day coordinator

Kindergarten Needs Your Help!
Kindergarten needs help from parents who would be able to cover some new books for the Kindergarten classrooms. We have purchased a set of Julia Donaldson books which tie into our literacy unit. These books will be used for guided reading in line with the Kindergarten curriculum and are filled with lovely, rich language. Please come to Ms Appave’s classroom before or after school if you are able to help.

Gilliane Appave
K-2 Assistant Principal

News From HQ
Our website now has a multilingual button at the top of the home page, it provides an option to translate our website into many different languages.

Maths Olympiad
During Terms 2 and 3 Ms Honeybourne will be running Maths Olympiad for interested students for Years 5 and 6.

Maths Olympiad is a series of 5 tests, each with 5 difficult problems students have to independently solve. Students have approximately 5 minutes to solve each problem. In addition to the 5 scheduled tests, we will work on past papers, and learn and discuss strategies for solving the problems.

Sessions will run every Monday morning from 8.20am until 9.00am, beginning Monday 5th May in the PAC. Students will be given a 10 minute break before the school bell goes. It is expected that if students choose to join the team, they are making a commitment to attend all the sessions and that they will be on time every Monday morning.

If your child is interested in joining the Maths Olympiad team, please ensure they complete the permission slip attached to the Maths Olympiad letter which will be given out next week.

Sophie Honeybourne
Maths Olympiad Coordinator
Band News for week 10

Senior Band performed two pieces yesterday at assembly. This is their second performance of the year already and I am very pleased with the progress that is being made. We performed a difficult piece called *Ghosts in the Graveyard* and *Firework*. I would like to commend our clarinet section who are each learning a different part and are excelling at confidently playing on their own.

**Practice**

Senior Band should be practising their new piece *We Are Young*. Seniors should still 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 all of page 8 and 9 and the separate Band Challenger sheet. It is very important for Junior students to get into a habit of regular practice. They should be listening carefully to the sound they are making and controlling the volume and length of the note. It is not just about playing the notes of Hot Cross Buns!

Junior Band Students: Remember to fill out your practice chart and complete your Reading Music theory sheet.

My Star of the week Awards go to:

- **Senior Band**
  - The whole clarinet section for great independent learning
  - Ethan K for diligently learning his difficult snare drum parts.

- **Junior band**
  - Caitlin B for outstanding progress on clarinet

- **Upcoming Performance**
  - Monday 12th May, 8am – Both Bands to perform in our Hot Cross Buns Concert

Happy Practicing!

**Heidi Wilson**

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New Facilities for Killara High School

As a community, we have all watched our new building take shape. The work has progressed rapidly and we are all really excited at the beautiful building which has so enhanced the learning facilities of our school as well as its appearance.

We have now moved into our new “C Block”. Completion of this building has been far quicker than anticipated allowing us to take early occupation at the start of the term. Whilst there have been some small details that have required ongoing attention, we have largely been able to run classes in the new facilities since the start of the year. The landscaping has recently been completed and will shortly be open for student use.

The new facilities include a wood technology room, a metal technology room, an automotive workshop, two art workshops, two computer laboratories, a dark room, a welding area, a kiln room, six general learning spaces and a CAPA staffroom. There is also the provision of store areas more in keeping with modern technology classes as well as a studio space and several large covered areas allowing for small group and even large group meetings as well as protected recreation areas. An elevator provides disabled access to all three levels of the building.

The many pieces of equipment provided in the workshops are all new and “high tech” and staff and students have been excited to be able to test their skills.

At the rear of G Block, facing down towards Jubilee Oval, we have a tiered landscaped area which will provide not only additional learning areas (I have visions of A Midsummer Night’s Dream being performed there) but also additional recreation areas for students.

Over the holidays, the majority of B Block where the original workshops were housed was “gutted” to allow for its refurbishment. This too is ahead of schedule. A new commercial kitchen is being installed to replace the workshop on the ground level and there will be nine general learning spaces on the first floor in addition to the new staffroom for the TAS faculty.

One of the outcomes is that we will lose some, although not all, of the demountable classrooms freeing up valuable playground area. This area will need refurbishing once the buildings are removed but we look forward to the time when we have access to our oval returned.

There will be an official opening of the new facilities but this will not take place until after the work on B Block is completed. It will be an exciting time for us all.

We are greatly indebted to our P&C and community without whose support in gaining approval for the building of these new facilities, we would never have realised this dream for Killara High School students.

Judith Paszek, Acting Principal
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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: Gordon L, Calvin L, Bella H, James P, Surjot S, Maxi Z and Josh H.

Up And Coming Events

- 03 Apr - Easter Scripture Service
- 03 Apr - Parent/Teacher Interviews
- 03 Apr – Tabloid Sport K-Year 6
- 08 Apr – ANZAC Assembly 2:30pm
- 11 Apr - Easter Hat Parade
- 11 Apr – Last Day Of Term 1
- 29 Apr – First Day Of Term 2 For Students
- 1 May – Cross Country Carnival

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