Principal’s Report

Welcome back to Killara for Term 2. I trust that you and your children all had a great holiday and were able to spend time with family and friends. We are looking forward to a really exciting Term 2. It was great to discuss the exciting learning programs our teachers have planned for your children during our planning sessions as part of our Staff Development Day this term. In addition to a core focus on developing the literacy and numeracy skills of all of our students, there are some great units planned in Science, HSIE and Creative Arts. Stage Term Newsletters were sent home on Monday with detailed information regarding the learning programs for each class. These newsletters are available on our website.

I would like to warmly welcome Mr Mitchell Stone, our new permanent Teacher/Librarian, to our teaching team here at Killara. Mr Stone will be working with each class from Kindergarten to Year 6 in the library as part of our RFF program from Monday to Thursday.

PBEL Takes Off

PBEL or Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners is part of our whole school target in 2014 focusing on student well-being. In 2013, a PBEL team was established and the team participated in two days of training. PBEL is a school-wide program that is all about creating a positive and encouraging learning environment where children know what is expected of them, they have the skills to do it and see the benefits in behaving responsibly and respectfully. PBEL is a prevention model; it is based on the premise that all students can benefit from well implemented, evidence-based practices for improving student behaviour.

During Term 1 all staff participated in training as part of our Professional Learning Program and developed three core expectations for our school. Positive student behaviour is developed through the application of these core expectations. Our core expectations are; we are mindful, we show respect and we endeavour. These core expectations will replace our school rules and students from Kindergarten to Year 6 will explicitly learn about our core expectations as part of our Personal Development programs this term. Students’ developing an in-depth understanding of our core expectations is the initial step in the implementation of PBEL. Updates on our PBEL program will be included in our newsletters each fortnight and a parent information evening will be held before we launch PBEL later in the year.

Creative Writers of Year 5

Students from Killara enjoyed a creative writing workshop at Killara High School on Monday 5 May. They learnt the essentials of all good stories and shared their exciting ideas with the group. These students excelled in creativity and came up with fantastic ideas for their stories.
This program is part of our ongoing partnership with Killara High School and is a wonderful opportunity for our students.

**Ethics**
Last week a note was sent home with all of our non-scripture students regarding the introduction of Ethics. Ethics classes are now available in NSW public primary schools as an option for children who do not attend Scripture. The NSW government has authorised Primary Ethics, a not-for-profit organisation, to design curriculum and deliver these classes. Ethics classes at Killara Public School can commence if there is enough demand. Please return the Expression of Interest Slip, available on the school website, to the school office by Friday 9 May.

**Congratulations On A Terrific Cross Country!**
Congratulations to all those students who participated in the annual School Cross Country on the 1 May. Students who were placed in the top 6 will have the opportunity to compete at the Zone Cross Country on the 29 May. Thank you to the parents who assisted Miss Olsson organise such a terrific event. Ribbons will be presented at assembly on Tuesday 13 May. Please join us for this special celebration.

**Opportunity Class Placements**
Parents seeking opportunity class placement for Year 5 entry in 2015 are required to submit an application by 16 May 2014. A note went home last week with all Year 4 students requesting that they notify the school of their intention to apply so that a school assessment score can be calculated. Parents of students currently enrolled in a NSW public school with access to the internet, a printer and their own email address (not the student’s) should apply for opportunity class placement online by going to this internet website: www.schools.nsw.edu.au/ocplacement. All other applicants must complete an official printed application form. Late applications will not be accepted after the closing date of 16 May 2014.

**Kindergarten 2015**
Enrolments have opened for students wishing to enrol in Kindergarten in 2015 at Killara Public School. Information about Kindergarten 2015 at KPS can be accessed on our school website and our front office. This flyer includes details of school tours, playgroup session and our orientation program in Term 4. Children can enter Kindergarten if they turn five by 31 July 2015. Please let friends and neighbours know about this flyer and that enrolment forms are available at the school office.
Annual School Report
Our 2013 Annual School Report is now available on the school website. The Annual School Report is a reflection of our achievements and the learning opportunities we provided in 2013. It also provides clear direction about our plans for the school over the next year and some of the exciting initiatives we will be embarking on.
Finally, Mr Luke Thompson will be taking a period of Long Service Leave from next Monday 12 May and will be returning to KPS on the 23 May. Mr Richard Worboys will be teaching 2T whilst Mr Thompson is on leave.
I am eager to hear our two school bands perform at their first combined performance of the year at our Breakfast Concert next Monday 12 May in the school hall at 8am. I look forward to seeing our “band families” at the concert bright and early.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

What’s Happening In KR
In KR we have been having fun reading the lovely book “Elmer” by David McKee. It is all about a special elephant that is not elephant colour. He is patchwork and all different colours. In the story Elmer gets tired of being different and wants to be the same as all the other elephants!
We had fun retelling and role-playing the story. At the end of the story Elmer knows that he is special and that it is good to be different.
In KR we know that we are all special and different and we should be proud of our uniqueness.
We created our own beautiful patchwork Elmers. We coloured some squares and then collaged them to make our elephants extra special!

Victoria Rampton
Classroom Teacher

Mothers Day Stall
Our very popular Mother’s Day Stall will be running again this year and will be open for business on THURSDAY 8th MAY. We have a lovely selection of gifts this year for children to purchase for $5. During the day each class will be given the opportunity to visit the stall and buy a special gift for Mum. Please send $5 to school with each child so they can bring it along to our stall and enjoy making their own purchase.

ICAS
A reminder to parents of students in Years 2 - 6 that this Friday (9th May) is the last day for returning ICAS permission notes. Notes received after that will not be processed.

Helene Brunker
ICAS Coordinator
News From HQ

Term 2 excursion/incursion invoice went home on Monday. Prompt payment would be appreciated. Don't forget you can now make payment via our website. For any enquiries regarding the Online Payment process please contact the School Office.

KPS Fun Family Movie Night
Friday 23 May 2014 in the School Hall

FROZEN rated PG

Gates open 6pm for a BBQ. Movie to start 6.45pm and finish 8.30pm.

Sausage + roll, satay chicken sticks + roll (nut free), water, popper and popcorn available for pre purchase. You can pre purchase food / drink using the canteen’s online system www.school24.com.au OR complete the form below and return your order and payment to the school office (cheque payable to KPS P&C) by Friday 16 May.

Children: BYO bean bags, pillows, onesies or pjs. Seating will be provided for adults. Children must be supervised by an adult at this event.

Only popcorn will be available for sale on the night. Only popcorn and drinks to be consumed in the Hall.

KPS Fun Family Movie Night – Friday 23 May 2014.
Please tick to pre purchase food / drink:

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**Certificate Of Merit**
The following student has received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Charlie S

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