Principal’s Report
Cyber Safety Week at Killara
On Monday we were fortunate to have a facilitator, from the Australian Communications and Media Authority – Cybersmart Program, present a series of workshops for our students in Years 3-6, our teachers and parents. The focus of the student program was internet safety awareness with a number of practical strategies suggested to students so that they can stay safe online. It was fabulous to see so many members of our parent community attend the parent workshop on Monday evening. It is important that parents are aware of the age restrictions on many of the apps students are reporting to be using. If your child is using a digital device at home please take the time to talk with your child about the app they are purchasing and ensure the security settings are on. Many thanks to Mrs Kate Wurth for coordinating this program.

Ready, Set Go… 3-6 Athletics Carnival
Our annual Athletics Carnival will be held this Thursday, 19 June at Dunbar Park for all students in Year 3 to Year 6 (and children in Year 2 who are turning 8 this year). The details are as follows:
**Date:** Thursday 19 June 2014
**Venue:** Dunbar Park, Marsfield
**Who:** All students from Years 3-6 will be competing in the races. All students will participate in their 100m age race. Students also have the opportunity to participate in the 200m, 800m and long jump events
**Time:** The carnival will start at approximately 9:45am and students will return to school by 3.10pm.
**Equipment:** School sport shorts and a t-shirt in their house colours or school sports shirt, joggers, recess, lunch, drink, hat, sunscreen, a towel to sit on and jacket if the weather is cool.

Our Stellar Dance Groups Perform at the NSR Dance Festival
Congratulations to our Stage 2 and Stage 3 Dance Groups, led by Miss Katherine Dean and Miss Nicole Mooney, who will be performing tonight and Saturday evening at the Northern Sydney Region Dance Festival. The students have been tirelessly rehearsing for this performance and I would like to congratulate them on this wonderful achievement. I would also like to acknowledge the dedication and commitment of Miss Dean and Miss Mooney. Extra-curricula programs, such as our Dance Groups, would not occur without our hardworking teachers volunteering their time to coordinate these programs. These programs often involve a much larger commitment than just...
coordinating weekly rehearsals but involve a large amount of administration. We are extremely fortunate to have such a large number of staff coordinate these additional programs which makes the opportunities that we are able to provide for our students so much richer. I look forward to attending this evening’s performance and cheering for our wonderful Dance Groups!

**Semester 1 Student Reports**

Over the last few weeks our teachers have been completing the Semester 1 reports for your children. The reports were finalised by teachers last week and are being checked by our leadership team ready for me to sign. This process takes some time and it is important to bear in mind that the report covers the learning we have assessed up to midway through this term. Learning is assessed using a range of strategies which include collecting the work students complete in class, making observations of what they do and say and some common assessment tasks across the grade. Teachers then spend time together checking their judgements of students against the syllabus outcomes and against each other. Comments are constructed around the assessments and the outcomes from the syllabus. Students will receive their reports on Wednesday 25 June. Immense thanks go to all of our teaching staff who have put a lot of work into the assessments and reports.

**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 uniform every day. A few reminders:

- Black school shoes need to be worn by all children and white sports shoes are to be worn on sports days.
- All children need to wear a Killara school hat, jumper and jacket. As the weather gets cooler I have noticed some students coming to school in an assortment of coloured jumpers and jackets.
- Leggings are not to be worn under uniforms. Girls are to wear green stockings with their winter tunics or culottes.
- Please label each item of your child’s uniform.

**Thank You**

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 15 July.

**Unity Taylor-Hill**

**Principal**

**“Wrap with Love” Knitting**

It’s knitting time again at school beginning next term. For many years now girls and boys have learnt to knit and made squares which are joined together to make “wraps” for children and adults all around the world. Some have even been given to needy people here in Sydney.

“Wrap with Love” is a charity that was originally begun by a lady here in Sydney. Her idea was the “wraps” would be knitted and given to needy people and it would be their own and not have to be shared with someone else. Thousands of wraps are now knitted each year.
This is a wonderful opportunity for children in Years 2 – 6 to come and learn a new skill AND also be making something for someone else. Parents and other members of the community are welcome to knit and contribute squares. We will be meeting every Tuesday lunch time 1.15pm in the PAC. The squares need to be knitted in 8 ply “wool” with 4mm knitting needles.

*Ruth Collett*
“Wrap With Love” Coordinator

**KPS Spellathon**
Our 2014 Spellathon is being held on Wednesday 25 June. By now all students would have received their spelling words set by their teachers, along with a pledge sheet. We are raising money to go towards the purchase of up to 16 ipads for use by all our students from K – Yr6. It is a great way for the students to practise their spelling and literacy skills. There are many prizes to be won. We have individual prizes that will be awarded to each student who manages to raise $50 or more, and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd prizes will be given to the top three students who raise the most money. The class who raises the most money from K-2 and Yr3-6 will be rewarded with a sausage sizzle, and each class who shows 100% participation will be rewarded with an ice-block.

Please remember to return all pledge sheets to your child’s teacher on the day of the Spellathon, so their results can be recorded. These will then be handed back to each child in order for them to collect all monies. All students who hand back their pledge sheet and money by 27 June will be rewarded 5 house points and to be eligible for prizes, all pledge sheets and money must be handed back by 18 July which is the first week in Term 3. Details are clearly written on the pledge sheet. Please encourage your children to practise their spelling words. They have one more week to find sponsors/donations for this worthy cause.

**Netball News**
Congratulations to our Junior B Netball team for their first win. Their team work, netball skills and enthusiasm for the game resulted in a 5-0 win! Keep it up! Thanks to their coaches; Sophie, Sophie, Kara and Isabella who have dedicated their time and inspired this team to victory!

*Ms Brittany Olsson*
PE Teacher

**News From HQ**
Please remember that if you lose a note you can find it on our school website [www.killara-p.schools.nsw.edu.au](http://www.killara-p.schools.nsw.edu.au) either under *note to parents* or *sport*. Also if you missed a newsletter or want to catch up on past newsletters these are also on our website on the home page.

As Term 2 is coming rapidly to a close you might be concerned about your children being board over the holidays. There are a large number of holiday camps being advertised on the table in the office foyer. Please take a look, there seems to be something for everybody.

Our **2015 Kindergarten** students are enrolling now. If you have a sibling who is enrolling for 2015 please download the enrolment form from our website and enrol them as soon as possible.
What’s Happening in KMC

KMC has had an exciting two weeks observing some eggs hatch in the incubator and then watching the little chicks grow in their pen. We have had to feed them with chicken pellets and give them fresh water every day. We have also been able to have little cuddles.

This has been part of our Unit of Inquiry about “Life”.

Here are some stories about our chickens.

The chickens are excreting. The chickens are eating food. They drink water and eat food……. Macy

Chickens drink water. I like cuddling them. The eggs are in the incubator. They like eating pellets. They are the best chickens ever….. Madeline

The chickens hatch……. Tyrone

I held a yellow chicken…. Ethan

The chickens hatch from eggs…. Oliver

I like to hold a yellow chicken…… Grace

The chickens have got their food out of the bowl…. Isabel

I held a little yellow chicken… Hiroki

Chickens are eating….. Amos
### Merit Awards

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### Up And Coming Events

| 19 June | Athletics Carnival |
| 24 June | Junior Band Assembly |
| 25 June | Spellathon |
| 25 June | P & C Meeting |
| 27 June | Killara Café |
| 27 June | Last day of Term 2 |
| 15 July | First day of Term 3 |
| 28 July | Education Week |

| 29 July | ICAS English |
| 6 Aug | Zone Athletics Carnival |
| 12 Aug | ICAS Maths |
| 18 Aug | Book Week |
| 26 Aug | Author Visit – Aaron Blabey |
| 5 Sept | Fathers Day Breakfast |
Child & Adolescent Parenting

WHAT’S ON IN TERM 3 – COURSES/WORKSHOPS FOR PARENTS/CARERS

**Tuning in to Kids Course** (3-10yrs)
Help your child develop emotional intelligence, manage emotions & deal with conflict.
Chatswood 5wks/2.5hrs (13/8 – 10/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Triple P (Positive Parenting Program) Course** (3-8yrs)
Strategies to encourage desirable behaviour and manage persistent misbehaviour.
Chatswood 7wks – 5 group & 2 telephone (28/7 - 8/9, 7.00 - 9.30pm)

**NEW Communicating with Kids Workshop** (based on PET) (4-12 yrs)
Communication skills for building effective long term relationships with your children & family.
Chatswood (4/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Tuning in to Teens Course**
Emotional intelligence & communication skills to understand your adolescents’ needs & behaviour.
Chatswood 5 wks (12/8 – 9/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Toddlers Workshops** (1-3yrs)
Series of 3 workshops on Discipline, Tucker & Toilet Training, Speech & Sleep
Chatswood 7/8, 14/8 & 21/8 (3 wks/2.5hrs each, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Resilient Kids Workshop**
Strategies to accept & express feelings, develop optimistic thinking & coping skills
Chatswood (17/9, 7.00-9.30pm)

**Dealing with Teen’s Backchat Workshop**

WORKSHOPS ON REQUEST – PHONE 9887 5830  (2-2.5 hours)
★ Understanding Your Toddler/Discipline & Tantrums ★ Transition to School
★ Tucker without Tantrums/Toilet Training ★ Transition to High School
★ Speech & Language Development/Sleep ★ Triple P Seminar Series 1-
12 yrs & Teens ★ Communicating with Kids
★ Oldier Sibling – New Baby ★ Dealing with Teen’s
★ Bully Busting ★ Resilient Kids
Back Chat ★ Grand Parenting – Chatswood (15/9)

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