Principal’s Report

Education Week 2014- Lighting the way to a brighter world

Congratulations to all of our performing arts groups who participated in our Education Week Assembly last week. It was an impressive performance and is such a wonderful reflection of the breadth of student opportunities here at Killara. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jenny Whiteman, our music teacher, for her dedication to the performing arts program at our school. It was fabulous to have so many parents and grandparents join us in our classrooms sharing in the learning and achievement of our children. Each classroom was buzzing with engaging learning experiences with some sticky collages in Kindergarten, some interesting scientific research in Year 4 and a historical investigation in Year 5.

Killara High School Open Day

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage families to attend the Killara High School Open Day which will be on Monday 18th August 2014 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm. From 3pm-5pm, performances from the various Killara High creative and performing arts groups will take place in the Kerrabee Theatre. All curriculum areas of the school will be open from 12:00pm to 3:00pm with students at work in class. The Annual Visual Arts Exhibition will also be open which will showcase this year’s Higher School Certificate major artworks. Mrs Jane Dennett has been invited to speak at our next P&C meeting on Wednesday 27 August. Mrs Dennett will be speaking at 7pm about her vision for Killara High School and commitment to the partnership between our two schools.

2015 Kindergarten Enrolments

The places we have available for students starting Kindergarten in 2015 are filling quickly. This week I have begun meeting with all our new students and their families as I conduct enrolment interviews for our Kindergarten 2015 students. Invitations for the playgroup will be sent home shortly to the children who have submitted an enrolment form. If you have a child or know of a family considering enrolling at Killara in 2015 please encourage them to contact the school as a matter of urgency. Our next School Tour takes place this Friday 8 August which will provide families with an opportunity to have a “stickybeak” into life at our wonderful school.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
**What’s Happening in 5/6W**

This term 5/6W have been researching how texts have changed through time and to demonstrate this the class created a timeline that ranged from Egyptian hieroglyphics in 3500 BC to iPad book apps in 2008 and Vine videos in 2012.

The timeline posters were carefully designed to ensure they would engage the reader and provide sufficient information about the type of text. The timeline was developed by the class to be an interactive showcase with some groups including QR codes on their poster to be scanned and allow the audience to be linked to a relevant website or video. There were also examples of digital texts created by 5/6W throughout the year such as radio ads, Claymation movies and silent films.

The students were particularly excited to show the visitors on Open Day the results of their hard work, impressing their parents and friends.

“It was tricky in the beginning to make the poster but then at the end it ended up being really fun.” James

“I really enjoyed helping other people create QR codes because it allowed them to show their audience a website that they had wanted to show.” Hayden

“I really enjoyed making the DigiEd movies because it was exciting and I learnt a lot of things about how to make movies and how difficult it was. This helped me making my other short films.” Benjamin

“It took a long time to make the poster and it was fun to make and do the drawings for the poster.” Aileen

“I think making the silent movie was a good experience to see each other’s techniques and knowledge about making movies and editing the scenes.” Kailani

“The poster was challenging because sometimes things didn’t go right but it was good to find out more about graffiti and its history. It was fun to design the poster because we got to paint graffiti on it.” Bella and Annabelle
“People really enjoyed making the silent movies because it gave them a chance to work with Adobe Premiere Elements to edit their films which was really fun and everyone worked really hard.” Sara

“When making our posters it was really fun to be able to learn about something we were interested in and knew a lot about but getting to extend our knowledge about it. The posters were really different because people used their creative ideas to present in an interesting way.” Anastasia

Kate Wurth
Classroom Teacher

**What’s happening in Enrichment this term?**

This term I am supporting teachers to deliver extension and enrichment to students in the areas of working mathematically, problem solving and real-world Mathematics.

I am also running two sessions based around the new Australian Curriculum cross curriculum priorities and general capabilities in the PAC on Mondays.

Years 1 & 2 students have been nominated by their teachers to attend a ‘Creative and Critical Thinking’ session, which involves critical and creative thinking activities designed to support students to look at an object from a number of different perspectives and work out how they could re-imagine and re-design it. The process teaches students how to think ‘around’ problems using a clear sequence of steps.

Years 3-6 students have also been nominated by their teachers to attend a ‘S.O.L.E (Self Organised Learning Environment) where they have just over an hour to explore a ‘big’ question in a group of their choice, develop a response and then present it. This term we are focusing on the cross curriculum priority of ‘Asia and its engagement with Australia’. Students will explore different countries in Asia, issues that the Asia region currently faces, then work towards developing their own questions to answer later in the term.

Sophie Honeybourne
Enrichment Teacher

**Performing Arts News**

Congratulations to all the students who were involved in our Education Week concert last Tuesday afternoon. It was a wonderful display of the musical talents we have at KPS - in band, strings, recorder and choir.

**Performing Arts Workshops Term 4**

This year, the Performing Arts Committee has decided to run workshops rather than hold a 3 day camp in Term 3 as has been done in the past. Our Stage 3 students have camp this term and there are a lot of activities and events already happening on the school calendar.

We have decided to hold separate workshop days in the performing arts areas listed below.

**Drama Workshop- Wednesday October 29**

This workshop will be an intensive day preparing for the school drama performance on Tuesday November 4

**Choir Workshop- Thursday November 27**

Members of our Senior Choir will be invited to attend a full day workshop presented by choral specialists and tutors. They will be using this time to extend their vocal skills and prepare repertoire for Presentation Night

More details about each of these workshops will follow next term.

Performing Arts Committee.
**School Photos**

Our school photos will be held on Monday 18th and Tuesday 19th August. All students are to wear their full winter uniform (boys must wear their ties) on Monday and on Tuesday every student must wear their sports uniform. Next week your child will receive a personalised photo package from their class teacher. Please ensure all details on the envelope are correct, especially the spelling of your child’s name. Family group photo packages will be available from the school office next week. If you require a family photo package, please collect one from the office before Monday 18th August.

_Helen MacDonald_  
_School Photo Coordinator_

**ICAS Maths:**

A reminder that the ICAS Mathematics competition will take place next Tuesday, 12th August at 8:00 am. Participating students will be advised, by the end of this week, about what they need to bring with them and where to go. Please arrive promptly so that we can start on time.

_Helene Brunker_  
_ICAS coordinator_

**Senior Choir Performance**

Last Sunday 17 singers from our Senior Choir performed at the St Martins Education week service. It was lovely to have so many students proudly representing Killara Public School and they looked very smart in their winter uniforms. The choir sang two of the songs they performed at our school Education Week Concert- ‘Love is the Key’ in a 3 part round and ‘Where the Mountains Meet the Sea’. We received many compliments from the congregation—particularly on how beautifully our singers projected their sound in the church. We were lucky enough to witness a baptism of a baby girl and also hear interviews with Vicki Blackwell (KPS scripture teacher), Matt Mulready (Killara High School scripture teacher) and Rob Hughes (Assistant minister at Scots College). The service was led by Alan James and we also heard Matt Heazlewood speak. It was a lovely service and was followed by a delicious morning tea. Thankyou very much to Miss Somerville for coming to support the choir and also to the wonderful parents who brought our students to perform. A big thankyou to the KPS kids who gave up their Sunday morning.

*Year 3* - Sarah C, Joe B, Eve M, Jessica T  
*Year 4* - Rose S, Diego C, Lainey B  
*Year 5* - Jennifer Y, Hwany C, Ying C, Caitlin B, Leroy D, Eric C  
*Year 6* - Kacey S, Linda L, Sophie D, Billy Y
World Vision Day – Thursday 14 August

At Killara Public School, we are proud to sponsor a child in Bangladesh through World Vision Australia. Our special little boy, who is called Tanvir Hasan, is about to turn eight and we will be holding a mufti day, next week, on Thursday, 14th August to help celebrate his birthday. We would like all students to wear their green sports shorts and a red t-shirt to represent the colours of the Bangladesh flag. In order to fulfil our school’s commitment to Tanvir, all students are asked to bring a $2 coin donation to school on Thursday. Members of the Student Representative Council will collect your donations and the money will be sent to World Vision to help provide an education for Tanvir.

Tanvir has sent us this message and picture:

As Tanvir’s sponsors, we have an on-going commitment to support him and his community. The money we raise is used by World Vision to help Tanvir obtain an education as well as assist with his health care and immunisation; our contributions can also help to improve the supply of fresh, clean drinking water and improve sanitation in Tanvir’s community.

The Student Representative Council thanks you for your support for Tanvir and his community.

Helene Brunker
SRC coordinator
K-2 Mathematics Parent Workshop
If you have ever heard the words "we don't do it like that anymore!" or "that is the old maths and this is the new..." then this workshop is for you.
We are are holding a K-2 parent workshop in Mathematics for any parent who is interested in learning about the new Mathematics syllabus.
This workshop will cover:

- The development of an understanding of number in children
- The new NSW Mathematics Syllabus and the NSW Numeracy Continuum
- The changes in how we teach Mathematics and what we expect from our students
- An explanation of Working Mathematically and why it is at the core of our teaching and learning
- Time for questions

The workshop will be held in the K/1A classroom from 11:30am - 12:30am on Friday 24th of August.
We look forward to your presence at the workshop and your continual support in maximising your child's potential in Mathematics.

Gilliane Appave
K-2 Assistant Principal

Killara Public School Band Program

Hello!!
My name is Mr Sandham and I have been lucky enough to meet most of you now, but I just wanted to say another big hello as I begin working with the bands here at Killara Public School.

Well Done
Well done to the Senior Band that recently performed in the school's Open Day assembly.

What to practise!
Junior and Senior Band
Both Junior and Senior Band will be getting some new music in the coming weeks, so in the meantime keep on top of the pieces you already have in your folders.

Practise tip!
Make sure you have everything you need for practising. This will help you concentrate and stop any distractions!

Section of the week
New for this term, I shall be awarding a section of the week that has demonstrated the best improvement over all areas of their band performance.
This week it goes to the.........**Flute section!!!!!**
Keep practising!!

Richard Sandham
Program Manager
Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners
This term the focus for our new behaviour management system, Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners (PBEL), is the explicit introduction of expected behaviours in all areas across Killara Public School. Students are visiting each area of our school and identifying specific ways that they can embody our three core expectations:

- How can I show respect when I am lining up after recess and lunch?
- Is there an opportunity to be mindful when I am at the canteen?
- What does it look like to endeavour during assembly?

Students are using their PBEL passports to track their progress over the course of this term. They are answering questions such as:

- How can I show respect when I am lining up after recess and lunch?
- Is there an opportunity to be mindful when I am at the canteen?
- What does it look like to endeavour during assembly?

PBEL Team
Mandarin Language Club
The Mandarin Stars program offers:
- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

Classes on Thursday afternoons
3:30pm – 4:30pm for K-2 Students
4:30pm – 5:30pm for Yr 3-6 Students

Contact us today for a free lesson
enrol@mandarinstars.com.au

ANNUAL OPEN DAY
and Visual Arts Exhibition
(Opening Night 15th August at 6pm - includes HSC Artworks)

Monday 18th August 2014
12.00pm – 5.00pm
❖ Students at work
❖ Classes to visit in all curriculum areas
❖ Individual and group student performances
❖ From 7pm – Year 12 Music Night in the Theatre

Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome
GREAT BOOK SWAP fundraiser for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

On Monday, 25th August, Killara Public School will be holding a GREAT BOOK SWAP to raise money for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation.

Can you imagine not being able to read a newspaper, a road sign or directions on a bottle of medication? Sadly, this is a reality faced by many Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders living in remote communities today.

Did you know?

- Over one third of 15 year old Indigenous students do not have basic literacy skills
- 60% of Aboriginal children are significantly behind non-Aboriginal children by the time they start Year One
- Only 35% of people living in a remote community have access to a library?

About The Indigenous Literacy Foundation

- The Indigenous Literacy Foundation (ILF) aims to raise literacy levels and improve the lives and opportunities of Indigenous Australians living in remote and isolated regions.
- Books and literacy resources are provided to Indigenous communities and broad community awareness of Indigenous literacy issues are raised.

How the GREAT BOOK SWAP works

Between now and 20th August, the children are encouraged to bring in a book from home that they have read and enjoyed, that is still in good condition and that they are happy to part with. They will need to place it in an assigned box in their classrooms. They can fill in a bookplate and stick it inside the book to explain why it was a good read.

The books will be on display and available to buy on Monday, 25th August and Wednesday, 27th August. The children will donate a gold coin in order to be part of the GREAT BOOK SWAP. All donations will go straight to the Indigenous Literacy Foundation to help provide literacy resources and books to children in remote communities.

We hope to raise lots of money for this amazing cause and Killara children will also benefit from a lovely new book to read.

Please support us in this worthy cause.

Elena Mammarella and Mitchell Stone

News From HQ

Thank you to all the families who have paid their Term 3 Invoice, especially those that paid via our online payment system (POP). Those parents who have not paid we encourage you to try our new online service. All you need to do is go to our website click on the online tab and this takes you to a secure Westpac site and just follow the prompts. If paying the whole invoice you only need to make the one entry, you don’t need to separate the amounts or the children just use the “other” tab and write “family invoice”.
The theme in 2014 for Book Week is...

**Connect To Reading**

At Killara we are celebrating Book Week during Week 7 of Term 3. To celebrate Book Week we have an art opportunity for our students! All entries will be displayed in our library!

K-6 Art Opportunity … Create your favourite book character for 2014 that you have connected with. Use varied art materials (paint, sequins, glitter, material, etc.) to create your character. Be creative and colourful.

Book awards will be presented to two students in each stage in recognition of excellence in the presentation of their art piece. Students may choose any character from a book released in 2014.

Points to Remember …

- The character and the ‘touch of space’ can be presented as separate art pieces (ie: the two art pieces do not need to be attached).
- Your art work must be able to be pinned up.
- Print your name, class and book character clearly on the front of the art piece.
- Please bring your art work to the library as soon as you are finished – no later than 26 August.
Certificate Of Merit
The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Oliver M, Sophie D, Ewan M, Samantha H, Hamish H, Yuki K, Arun S, Lucy B, Claudia H

Merit Awards

Term 3 Week 2
KM/C Madeline W, Ryan K
KH Jonathan W, Bridget L
K/1A Jesselyn T, Juho C
1D Julia L, Benjamin H
1W Penny D, Max M
2B Hero H, Young C
2T Alex M, Halle M
2/3M Kristina S, Felycia T
3B Joseph H, Arun S
4B Blair W, Parmida M
4C Jake M, Genevieve M
5H Alice J, Nicholas T
5/6W Saiwai Z, Kailani A S
6M Ethan K, Ned D
Music Mia G, Katie S
Library Ben B, Emily B

Up And Coming Events
8 Aug - Kindy 2015 School Tour
12 Aug - ICAS Maths
18 Aug - School Photos
18 Aug - Book Week
19 Aug - School Photos
21 Aug - K – 2 Athletics Carnival
22 Aug - Premiers Reading Challenge closes today
25 Aug - Indigenous Book Swap
26 Aug - Author Visit – Aaron Blabey
27 Aug - Indigenous Book Swap
27 Aug - P & C Meeting
28 Aug - K-2 Public Speaking Final
29 Aug - Killara Café
1 Sept - Old School Museum 2B & 2T
2 Sept - Old School Museum Year 1
2 Sept - String Ensemble Assembly
5 Sept - Fathers’ Day Breakfast
8 Sept - Stage 3 Camp
8 Sept - Year 2 swimming Scheme starts
9 Sept - Stage 3 Camp
9 Sept - World Of Maths K - 4
10 Sept - Stage 3 Camp
10 Sept - World Of Maths K - 4

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