Term 3 Week 10  

Principal’s Report

Stage 3 Camp

Last week I had the pleasure of accompanying 82 excited Year 5 and 6 students as they headed off to camp at Katoomba. Over the three days students were involved in a wide range of activities including abseiling and orienteering. Students also enjoyed the thrill of the scenic railway and a bush walk to learn about rainforests. On Tuesday we headed out to the Bathurst Goldfields where students enjoyed panning for gold, making mud bricks and cooking damper. It was a fabulous three days with the program complementing the work that has been done in Stage 3 classrooms this term. Camp provides students with the opportunity to develop social skills, independence, challenge themselves and enjoy the benefits of an active lifestyle. In 2015, our Year 4 students will have the opportunity to participate in a three day overnight excursion to the NSW Academy of Sport in Narrabeen in November and our Stage 3 students will be heading to Canberra. A big thank you to Mrs Kate Wurth, our Stage 3 Assistant Principal, for coordinating this excursion and Mrs Mammarella and Mr Hart for all their efforts over the three days.

Kindergarten 2015 Playgroup

Today we welcomed over fifty of our Kindergarten 2015 students to Killara Public School for our playgroup session. The playgroup was a fantastic opportunity for the children to make some new friends and get a taste of ‘big school’. It was also a great chance for the parents to get to know each other and meet some of our teachers. If your child is ready to start school next year please speak to the school office about enrolling your child and finding out about the next events in our Kindergarten Orientation Program.
Term 4 Staffing
From the beginning of Term 4, Mr Luke Thompson will be taking on the role of PE Teacher and will be coordinating our schools sports programs. Ms Kerry Cheetham will be the 2T class teacher in Term 4. Mr Thompson and Miss Clayton will also be working to support our K-2 classes. I would like to warmly welcome Ms Cheetham and Miss Clayton to the team here at Killara.

Safety Around Our School
This week we have been focusing in class about how we can be safe when travelling to and from school. On Monday we welcomed two police constables who spoke to all students about some of the important road rules. Our P&C Traffic Committee have developed a wonderful brochure outlining some of the important road rules around our school that went home to all families this week. Please ensure you take the time this week to discuss with your child how they can be safe when travelling to and from school.

Congratulations to our Debating Team who participated in the regional finals of the Premier's Debating Challenge at Collaroy yesterday. Our debating team has had a very successful year and I am very proud of their achievements. I would like to thank Mr Hart and Ms Honeybourne for coordinating the debating program this year. I would also like to take this opportunity to wish Miss Bennett all the best for her wedding during the upcoming school holidays. Miss Bennett will be taking a short period of leave after the school holidays and will be returning on Monday 13 October as Mrs Micallef. Finally I would like to congratulate Mrs Kate Wurth who is expecting her first baby in February. As the end of Term 3 approaches I wish all families a happy and safe holiday. I look forward to an exciting final term for 2014.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
Congratulations to our fabulous Debating Team
On Tuesday 16th September, Sophie D, Niamh B, Euihon L and Kacey S represented the school at the regional zone finals for the Premier’s Debating Challenge. The team entered the zone finals undefeated, winning all 4 of their qualifying debates. 97 teams entered the competition and our team managed to reach the final 16, which is an incredible result!
In the zone final, our team faced Lane Cove Public School in a debate titled ‘People under the age of 18 should be banned from competing on reality TV shows’. Taking the negative side, the students developed some excellent arguments and rebuttals, and spoke with confidence. They were only just beaten by Lane Cove.
As regional zone finalists they were presented with a medal to celebrate their success in the competition. We are very proud of these hard working students who represented our school with passion, pride and determination (and who sacrificed two terms of lunch breaks to practice!). Well done!

Jeremy Hart & Sophie Honeybourne
Debating Coordinators
What's Happening in Music

Senior Choir
It's been a busy year of music making for our students at KPS. The Senior Choir is over 100 voices strong and the beautiful sound they are making is a result of their ability to work as a cohesive and co-operative group. They have performed this term alone at Open Day (29 July) St Martins Education Service (3 August) and the Ryde Spectacular singers have been rehearsing very hard for their upcoming performance in the Sydney Opera House next term on Monday 13 October.

Next term choristers will have the opportunity to participate in a full day choral workshop on Thursday 27 November where they will be working with experienced singers and conductors. This workshop will allow students to polish their performance pieces for Presentation Night on 9 December and also experiment with different styles of singing and repertoire.

String Ensemble
The String Ensemble were very fortunate to have a visit from Andrew Haveron - Concert Master of the Sydney Symphony Orchestra on 2 September. He very generously came to our early morning rehearsal and workshopped our pieces which we performed at the School Assembly later that day. The students and I benefitted so much from his expertise and clever tips - we hope he comes back for another visit.

The strings will also be going to a workshop at Killara High School next term to work with other primary school students involved in the local network of schools and the students from Killara High School. This will be a great opportunity to play in a larger ensemble with the full range of string instruments.

Upcoming Events
Young Musicians Award 2014
Auditions will be held on Thursday November 6 and the Finals Thursday 13 November. Students will be able to audition for piano solo, instrumental solo, vocal solo, duet and ensemble.

Music Count Us In
The whole school will be learning the Music Count Us In song ‘Paint You A Song’ for the Australia wide performance on 30 October.

Year 2 Visit The SSO
Year 6 went to see the SSO in concert in May this year and on 17 October it will be Year 2’s turn. They will be hearing music by Mozart, Bizet and Vivaldi which they have been studying during their weekly music lessons.

Jenny Whiteman
Music Teacher
Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners
This term students have been immersed in our PBEL program, with explicit in-class lessons as well as regular whole school discussions. Students are beginning to use the language of PBEL and are becoming more confident in exemplifying our three core expectations in all areas of our school:

- At Killara Public School we are **MINDFUL**
- At Killara Public School we show **RESPECT**
- At Killara Public School we **ENDEAVOUR**

Here is what some of our students are saying about the PBEL program so far:

“*I like PBEL because it teaches us how to work well around the school so we can be safe and happy.*”  Sebastian E.

“I like the PBEL lessons in class because we get to go outside and do some acting to practise how we should behave.”  Liam G.

“I like PBEL because we can all be role models and hopefully help the whole school to start doing the right thing.”  Amber L.

“I like the PBEL passport because it encourages me to work hard and listen in all of the lessons.”  Joshua C.

**PBEL Staff Team**

World of Maths Roadshow
Last week students from Kindergarten to Year 4 enjoyed participating in some fun hands-on maths activities at the World of Maths Roadshow. Students worked in small groups to complete a range of stimulating activities which challenged them to think ‘outside the box’ in order to find solutions to the problems. It was wonderful to see so many parents attending all the sessions and, in particular, assisting the younger children with reading the instructions. It was terrific to see our students so excited about mathematics.

*Helene Brunker*  
*Assistant Principal*
Killara Public School Band Program

The holidays are quickly approaching and I want to say a massive thank you for all your hard work in making every performance this term a success.

Next term we have lots of performances planned including an assembly performance, the End of Year Concert and the Presentation Evening at Killara High School, so lots to work towards before the end of the year.

What to practise!

Senior and Junior Band
Some new music is on its way for next term which you will get the first week of Term 4. In the meantime keep practising all the music we have done so far this year, including the new piece for Junior Band Firework!

Practise tip!
Use your music diary! Ask your teacher to write down exactly what you need to practice each week, and then READ IT AT HOME – specific goals will help you focus more easily as you practice. Make a note of the practice you get through and set a challenge for yourself to try and increase it by a little extra each week.

Section of the week
This week it goes to the………
Clarinet section!!!
Great work boys and girls, have a great holiday and see you next term.
Keep practising!!

Richard Sandham
KPS Program Manager

Sydney North Athletics Carnival

Well done to Maxi Z of 4C, and Michael G of 4B, who represented the Zone PSSA athletics team at Homebush on Monday. Michael participated in the high jump event, and Max was in the shot put and discus, placing 2nd and 3rd. Max will now compete at the NSW championships early in Term 4.

Well done to both boys on this outstanding achievement.

“Wrap with Love” Knitting.
We have finished our knitting term for this year. Thank you to all the children who have been persistent and knitted squares. Thank you too, to other people who have also knitted squares to add to our supply. If you are still knitting, you can bring your finished squares at any time to KMC room. Remember, your contributions will give someone a “wrap” to keep them warm.

Ruth Collett
Wrap With Love Coordinator
News From HQ
As the holidays are fast approaching if you are struggling with ideas to keep your children amused, please come into the office foyer. We have lots of brochures on activities in our local area.

Certificate Of Merit
The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Niamh B, Maxim B and Yasmin P.

Merit Awards

Term 3 Week 7
KM/C Amos L, Jad A
KH Sophie N, Oliver N
K/1A Mia F, Jack M
1D Matthew Y, Salena Z
1W Sophia M, Ewan M
2B Zachary C, Jenny K
2T Joshua L, Enya C
2/3M Chloe M, Ryan M
3B Eve M, Eloise K

Term 3 Week 9
KM/C Ryan K, Madeline W
KH Jonathan W, Mugdha M
K/1A Sophie L, Richard R
1D Blake W, Chloe Z
1W Mika’il A, Yasmin P
2B No recipients
2T No recipients
2/3M Emily B, Nate C
3B Raydon M, Kian T

Up And Coming Events
18 Sept - Yr 2 Swim Scheme
19 Sept - Yr 2 Swim Scheme
19 Sept - Last Day Term 3
7 Oct - First Day of Term 4
13 Oct - Ryde School Spec

17 Oct - SSO Year 2
20 Oct - School Photos
21 Oct - School Photos
22 Oct – Kindy 2015 Info Night
25 Oct - Trivia Night