Term 3 Week 8

Newsletter

3 September 2014

Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Michael G. and Maxi Z. who will represent Kuring-Gai Zone next Monday at the Area Athletics Carnival at Homebush. It is a tremendous achievement to get to Area level and I wish both the boys all the best in their events. I would also like to wish our Junior A, Senior A and Senior B Netball Teams and Junior B Soccer Team all the best at the PSSA Grand Finals this Friday.

Recognition Week for our Administrative and Support Staff

This week is a special week in the Department of Education when we acknowledge and thank our amazing non-teaching staff members who form part of our Administrative and Support Team. School Administrative and Support Staff who work in the office, library, on the school grounds or in the classrooms are important, if not vital contributors to the success of our school. I think you would agree that Margaret Quick, Wendy Bright, Sarah Brown, Ted Neilson, Lesley Porteous, Louise Smith and Jane Woollett are the most wonderful support team a school could possibly hope for. They regularly go well above and beyond their job descriptions to help each of us in so many ways. Please let them know how much we appreciate their efforts if you see them this week – and any other week for that matter!

Focus on Mathematics

Today our 3-6 Team of teachers were released off-class to participate in a targeted professional learning program focusing on the implementation of the new Mathematics Syllabus in 2015. This program was led by our Assistant Principal, Ms Gill Appave. The 3-6 Team spent the day deepening their understanding of the Working Mathematically strand and differentiated programming. It was fabulous to see around 50 parents attend the K-2 Numeracy Parent Forum on Friday 22 August. It is a priority for us at Killara to work with families to develop a shared understanding of our learning programs and it was great to see so many parents participate in the forum.
KSP Leadership Day
On Friday 5 September, six of our SRC Representatives will be joining over forty student leaders from the Killara Schools Partnership schools on a special leadership workshop day. Students will be spending the morning at Killara High School working with their SRC leaders on developing their leadership skills and in the afternoon students will have the opportunity to visit Stewart House in Curl Curl. Stewart House is the chosen charity for our SRC and our representatives will be planning a series of fundraising initiatives in Term 4 to support the Stewart House Program.

Kindergarten 2015 Playgroup
On Wednesday 17 September we will be commencing our transition to school program for our students entering Kindergarten in 2015 at KPS. This session will be the first opportunity for our Kindergarten 2015 students to meet each other and become familiar with our school environment. Invitations for the playgroup have been sent home to all 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 to complete an enrolment form so that they can participate in our transition program.

Father’s Day Breakfast
I am looking forward to seeing over one hundred Killara dads at our Father’s Day Breakfast this Friday. Breakfast will be served from 7:45am and classrooms will be open from 8:30am-9am. THANKS to all the parents who have volunteered to come and help.

After School Supervision
I would like to remind all parents about our after school supervision policy. We do not provide supervision of students after the 3:15 bell. At 3:15 all students need to be either collected by their parent/carer, attend KK or walk home. If you are running late in the afternoon please ensure you contact the office so that we are able to provide supervision for your child until you arrive. Students are not to go on the play equipment after school unless they are directly supervised by a parent or carer.

Finally, next week I am looking forward to joining our Stage 3 students as we head off on a three-day overnight excursion to the Blue Mountains and the Bathurst Goldfields. Whilst I am out of the school our Assistant Principal, Mrs Helene Brunker, will be the on-site Principal at Killara Public School and will be off-class over these three days.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
**What’s Happening in 4C**

This term 4C has been learning about living things and how they are affected by and adapt to their local environment. We have been investigating endangered species in Australia and Malaysia and learning about some of the threats facing these animals. During our excursion to Taronga Zoo we gained a better understanding of the issues affecting our Earth’s animals. We met a couple of rescued animals and touched a valuable rhino horn. Did you know rhino horn is made of keratin, just like our hair and nails?

4C has been growing things at home and at school as part of their investigation into living things. We have planted bean seeds at school and have been amazed at how much they have grown! At home we have been watching a variety of things grow, including herbs, carrots, chilli, sunflowers and chickens. We are enjoying sharing our living things progress on our class Wiki.

*Donna Carruthers*  
*Classroom Teacher*

**Positive Behaviour Engaging Learners**

A key element of the PBEL program is the embedding of our core expectations throughout the whole school environment. Once PBEL is fully implemented, our students at KPS will be able to look around their school and see reminders of our core expectations to help them self-regulate their behaviour. Last week the PBEL staff team met with a graphic designer who will be helping us create dynamic signs, decals and symbols to use throughout the school. We look forward to seeing the work of the designer and sharing it with the student and parent community.

*PBEL Staff Team*
**ICAS Spelling and Writing**

Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Spelling and Writing competitions in June:

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*Helene Brunker*

*ICAS Coordinator*

**KPS Book Swap**

For the Indigenous Literacy Foundation

THANK YOU KPS Community!

Our book swap raised $644 for the Indigenous Literacy Foundation. That will buy a huge amount of quality books for Australia’s remote communities. We also hope you enjoy your new books. Happy reading everyone!

Mrs Mammarella and Mr Stone
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Information Mornings
for Year 7 2016

To assist parents, two Information Mornings
will be held in the School for those interested in
the 2016 Year 7 selective intake.

Friday 19 September 2014  9.30am – 11.00am
Tuesday 7 October 2014  9.30am – 11.00am

Please telephone the School on 9489 1077
for more information or contact us at:
normanhurb-h.school@det.nsw.edu.au
www.normanhurb-h.schools.nsw.edu.au
Certificate Of Merit
The following students have received their Certificate Of Merit for achieving 5 Merit Awards at Assembly: Abigail J, Samantha H, Natalia S, Eden S, Josie F, Genevieve M, Liam T, Sarah C, Liza K and Hannah L.

Merit Awards

Term 3 Week 6
KM/C Isla T, Aiden J
KH Audrey S, Derek C
K/1A Abigail J, Leo C
1D Lyndon W, Hannah D-F
1W April H, Mia G
2B Yuki K, Yi Zern N
2T Hannah L, Thomas H
2/3M Sofia K, Amber L
3B Jack H, Ethan M

4B Thomas H, Rose S
4C Chira M, Mitchell R
5H Finn R, Ying C
5/6W Sarah B, Annabelle B
6M Michelle H, Ray W
Music Surjot S, Kian T
Library Claudia H, Yuki K

Up And Coming Events

5 Sept - Fathers' Day Breakfast
8 Sept - Stage 3 Camp
8 Sept - Year 2 Swimming Scheme (2 wks)
9 Sept - Stage 3 Camp
9 Sept - World Of Maths K - 4
10 Sept - Stage 3 Camp

10 Sept - World Of Maths K – 4
11 Sept - RSS Rehearsal
16 Sept - Winter Sports Assembly
17 Sept - Kindy 2015 Playgroup
19 Sept - Last Day Term 3
7 Oct - First Day of Term 4

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