Principal’s Report

Introduction
For parents who are new to Killara Public School, I would like to introduce myself. My name is Ms Gilliane Appave and for many years I have been the Assistant Principal K-2. At the end of last term we sadly farewelled our amazing Principal, Mrs Unity Taylor-Hill, who accepted the responsibility of opening a new primary school campus. We wish her the very best of luck and know that the staff and students at the New Anzac Ave Public School will be in safe and caring hands.

I have taught many of the children at KPS in their younger years and cherish every class that I have been privileged to share a year with. I have the utmost respect for the level of commitment and professionalism demonstrated by all the staff at KPS so, having been reassured that my Kindergarten class was in the excellent hands of Ms Jen Salinas, I have accepted the role of ensuring the smooth transition for staff and students into 2016 as Acting Principal.

Miss Nicole Mooney will be relieving as K-2 Assistant Principal for the remainder of Term 4.

Stage 3 Camp
This term started with a trip to Canberra for our students in Years 5 and 6. The students were accompanied by Mrs Mammarella, Miss Cheetham, Mr Foo, Mr Thompson and Mr Stone. All teachers and students, despite varying levels of exhaustion, stepped off the coaches with big smiles and terrific tales. Below are accounts of two of these.

When we heard that we were going to the War Memorial, we knew that it was a place for remembrance. Our tour guide showed us around and told us many different stories of people who went to war. In the war, many people fought and died. Some people went to war with their siblings, some went with their friends, and others went by themselves.

The War Memorial is a lovely place to remember the people who fought for Australia. The Hall of Remembrance is my favourite and is a beautiful room with walls of mosaic and colourful patterned windows. On the walls are four people, each to represent someone in war; nurses, pilots, people who sailed the ships, and people who fought on land. The room is dome-shaped and the ceiling has magnificent coloured windows. On the edges are birds flying, which represents peace and hope. In the middle of the room is a polished grave of an unknown Australian soldier; and at the end of the room are four tall poles made of glass, stone, metal, and wood, to show air, water, earth, and fire. Leading to the Hall of Remembrance are two long walls that look like they would go on forever. The two walls together have 102,000 people’s names; those are the people who died in the war. Next to almost every name is a poppy. If you look at one end of the wall you can see what looks like a whole field of poppies.

A brave man named Leonard Keysor didn’t want the men that he fought with to die or be wounded by bombs and grenades. So every time a bomb landed on the ground, he would pick it up and throw it at the enemy so it wouldn’t explode on them. He did this for 50 hours straight!

Of course there wasn’t an endless supply of bombs, so what would people throw over? One soldier started making bombs out of jam containers.

The War Memorial was Charles Bean’s idea. They started building it in 1948, and in 1952 it was finished. The War Memorial is a place for commemoration, and we were very lucky to go there and learn so much.

By Ying Chang 6/5M
After dinner at the AIS we all got on our coaches and went to Questacon. Questacon is a science-filled building that is awesome and seriously fun! Because another school was already looking through the galleries we spent some time in the gift shop first. There were so many amazing gadgets and gizmos and there were also mini versions of cool stuff they had throughout the building. The first place we went to was called ‘Perception Deception’. This area had a lot of amazing illusions to do with sight. The second area was called ‘Wonder Works’. My favourite thing in this room was the two bars that you pushed the back of your hands against for thirty seconds. When you take your hands off, they will rise automatically. The next place we went to was the ‘Q-lab’. The Q-lab had lots of really cool fun things to do. It also had a big table and the guide would stand in the middle and tell us about the history of human skulls. In the next room, ‘Awesome Earth’, there were a lot of awesome things to do with natural disasters. (Really cool room). In this room was a spontaneous, caged lightning show, an earthquake room and a tornado maker! The next room could have possibly been the best and the name says it all. Excite! In this room there was air hockey against a robot, a thing that blasts air, tubes that fling pieces of fabric in the air, a four-way air hockey game and, drum roll… a 6m freefall! Altogether I loved our time in Questacon.

By Sam McCredie 6/5M

Write 4 Fun
Congratulations to all of the students in 6/5F. These children participated in a writing competition which encourages young student writers and artists by giving them the opportunity to publish top quality books. The competition was held throughout primary and secondary schools within Australia and 9,100 entries were received. 10 students in 6/5F have successfully progressed past the initial judging in the 2015 Writing Competition and Killara PS has been recognised for outstanding writing as less than 10% of schools showed this level of achievement. Well done Mr Foo and students!

Stage Newsletters
Our stage newsletters were sent home on Monday. These newsletters contain information on the organisation of the learning stages and timetabling for individual classes. More importantly they contain information on the targeted outcomes and content which will be taught across the Key Learning Areas. We value parent partnership in children’s education. As you read through the information, if there are any points that you would like clarified please speak to your stage supervisor. I ask particularly that parents with the advantage of two or more languages support our parents who have English as an additional language. We want our community to be comfortable with and involved in our children’s education.

Looking forward to a continued positive partnership with our school community,

Ms Gilliane Appave
Acting Principal
What’s Happening in Music

It’s been a busy year in music at KPS. The String Ensemble unfortunately lost a wonderful violinist when Alice Jeong returned to Korea but we have been lucky to welcome Mihail to our group. The strings have had two excellent workshops with Andrew Haveron (Concert Master of the SSO) which helped to prepare them for the Ryde Eisteddfod last term. He worked on ensemble playing techniques and expression which was evident in their performance.

The Senior Choir also participated in a fantastic workshop with Hester Wright in preparation for their Ryde Eisteddfod competition. The choir sang beautifully and received a 2nd place trophy for their efforts. The adjudicator complimented them on their sensitive interpretation and nice crisp singing.

Miss Somerville and the Junior Choir have been working very hard on their vocal tone and blend this year and some dedicated members have also been rehearsing towards the Ryde Schools Spectacular on November 2 - a much anticipated and exciting event on the music calendar. Our Year 6 students have also experienced a concert by the Sydney Symphony Orchestra, with Year 2 soon to enjoy an excursion to listen to them play in a few weeks.

The entire school spent Term 3 studying a student version of La Cenerentola (Cinderella) composed by Rossini. Opera Australia visited our school at the end of Term 3 to perform this opera - a very entertaining and funny version of the traditional story.

Of course this term, we have our Young Musicians award. Already many students have returned their audition forms. The auditions for Years 3-6 will now be held on Thursday November 5 (not Wednesday November 4 as previously advertised due to Stage 2 camp). Finals will be held on Monday November 9. The K-2 students will have the opportunity to perform at a Young Musicians Concert on Wednesday November 11.

I hope to see you at our end of year events - K-2 Graduation Assembly on Tuesday December 1 and Year 3-6 Presentation Night on Tuesday December 8.

Jenny Whiteman
Music Teacher
News From HQ
This week you have received by email your Term 4 invoice for excursions. We would appreciate payment by 6 November to assist us with our end of financial year on 30 November.

Thank you to the parent that brought to our attention a car parked up against one of our staff member’s car, to the point that the two cars were touching. For safety reasons staff members need a clear exit route. Please respect our staff safety and school protocol. It is disappointing to know that someone would have no respect for other people’s property. We are aware of the details of this car, however, we assume that this will not happen again.

ICAS Mathematics
Congratulations to the following students who participated in the ICAS Mathematics competition in August.

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Staying Cyber Smart at KPS

Focus: Online Gaming
The results of our KPS Student Technology Survey have highlighted that some of our students are using the Internet for online gaming 2-3 times per week. Many students indicated that they utilised privacy settings to help protect themselves and their personal information. However, a significant percentage of students are playing online games with people they do not know.

What is online gaming?
Online games are increasingly popular and can be educational or recreational. Some games involve chat and other interaction features, meaning that your child can be playing with other child, teen and adult players online. If children are using sites that enable direct interaction with others it is important to monitor and supervise their activities, and establish rules about positive and safe online behaviour. Comprehensive information, including age requirements, about a range of games, apps and social networking can be found at this link:


The information provided is sourced from the Australian Government eSafety website listed below. We strongly encourage you to gain further information by visiting this site, in addition to visiting the NSW DEC School A-Z site.


http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/technology-az/-/technology_glossary/7w0F/1673/Gaming

Please do not hesitate to contact the school should you have any questions or queries.

ICT Committee

Up And Coming Events
Term 4
15 Oct - Social Skills Program
19 Oct - Band Demo for Yr 2
19 Oct - Stage 3 Big Build Up
20 Oct - RSS Rehearsal
20 Oct - 3-6 Assembly (Dance)
21 Oct - Kindy 2016 Info Evening
22 Oct - Social Skills Program
26 Oct - Stage 2 Luna Park

27 Oct - 2M, 1B, and 2J Zoo
27 Oct - K-2 Assembly (Strings and recorder)
28 Oct - Kindy Orientation
28 Oct - 2/1S and 1H Zoo
29 Oct - Social Skills Program
30 Oct – Killara Cafe
31 Oct – Lego League Competition
When kids ask “the” questions...
Interrelate has the answers!

Interrelate is a specialist organisation with over 85 years’ experience teaching sexuality and relationship education in NSW schools. Interrelate educators are highly trained and skillful presenters.

The topic of sexuality is handled with sensitivity, openness and humour. The program offers an interactive approach to learning, with a variety of audio-visual materials, discussions and games.

Session 1: Where did I come from?
1-hour session: years 3-6

Session 2: Preparing for puberty
1-hour session: years 5-6
Years 3-4 can attend at parent’s discretion

Specialty books are available for purchase on the night.
Keep a look out for flyers (coming home with your child before the program) outlining session content.
Welcome back to Term 4!

Welcome back to Term 4 and what a great term of music making we have ahead of us!

All band rehearsals and tutorials are now under way and you should all have the music you need for this term. Remember to have everything you need for your tutorials and rehearsals so that we can get working straight away on your new music.

Don’t forget to visit the schools webpage on our website at - www.directionsinmusic.com.au

Upcoming performance!

- Band Expo – Senior Band, Week 3, Monday 19th October
- Band Spring Soiree – Junior & Senior Band, TBC
- Presentation Day – Senior Band, Week 10, Tuesday 8th December
- Band rehearsals and Tutorials last week – Week 9 (no rehearsals or tutorials in week 10)

What to practise!

- Junior Band – Junior Band will be starting to look at page 23 in the Tradition of Excellence Book in preparation for moving to Senior Band next year.
- Senior Band – Viva La Vida, Tequila, and The Simpsons

Practise tip – Use a metronome!

The metronome. That pest that lives on your music stand, taunts you while you play and usually gets left out of your instrument case. Typically when I play pieces at half speed I find strange mistakes, glitches or hesitations in my playing. Sometimes taking it at a slower pace can expose issues you didn't even know were there. The metronome is also useful when practicing technical work. Many students aren’t aware that their scales and arpeggios are not rhythmically secure.

Section of the week!

This week it goes to the……..Flute section!!!

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 AND BOOK A FREE TRIAL LESSON!
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