Principal’s Report
From the Principal’s Office
As we begin the countdown to the last few days of school I would like to congratulate all staff and students for the time they put into the K-2 Graduation Ceremony and the 3-6 Presentation Night. Both of these events were incredibly polished. The performances were outstanding and our 2015 School Captains, supported by the Year 6 Leadership Team, hosted the events with confidence.

Counting Down
Monday 14.12 - Your child’s Semester 2 School Report will be given to them by their classroom teacher.
Tuesday 15.12 – Year 5 students will run tabloid rotations for students in other grades in preparation for their leadership roles in Year 6.
Wednesday 16.12 – Years K-5 will spend a learning session with their 2016 teacher, where possible, and will then return to their classrooms to farewell their 2015 teacher before participating in the annual Year 6 walkout. All children will come home with a letter stating their 2016 class teacher and the class requirements list for 2016.

The first day of school for 2016 is:
Thursday 28.01.16 for Year 1-6 and
Tuesday 2.02.16 for Kindergarten
Parents in Partnership
Several parents have asked for a copy of the poem that I read in my Principal’s speech for K-2 Graduation. We are lucky to have a strong sense of community at KPS and this poem explains the partnership between parent and teacher beautifully.

"Whose child is this?" I asked one day
Seeing a little one out at play
"Mine", said the parent with a tender smile
"Mine to keep a little while
To bathe his hands and comb his hair
To tell him what he is to wear
To prepare him that he may always be good
And each day do the things he should"

"Whose child is this?" I asked again
As the door opened and someone came in
"Mine", said the teacher with the same tender smile
"Mine, to keep just for a little while
To teach him how to be gentle and kind
To train and direct his dear little mind
To help him live by every rule
And get the best he can from school"

"Whose child is this?" I ask once more
Just as the little one entered the door
"Ours" said the parent and the teacher as they smiled
And each took the hand of the little child
"Ours to love and train together
Ours this blessed task forever."

Author unknown

As the academic year draws to a close I would like to thank all parents for your support of our school programs and for your partnership with us in your child’s education.

Gilliane Appave
Acting Principal

What’s Happening in Sport
What has been happening on the Sporting field lately?

Presentation night saw our students rewarded for their effort throughout 2015. As our sporting year for 2015 draws to an end there are numerous groups that I would like to congratulate and thank. Firstly congratulations to all the award recipients at the presentation evening and all the students who received awards throughout the year at different assemblies. Congratulations to all the students who competed with such energy and enthusiasm in PSSA competitions and to all the students who worked so hard in PE lessons throughout 2015. To our new house captains, we look forward to working closely with you next year. A big thank you also to the teachers who spent so much time organising, coaching and encouraging our Killara students to be the best they can and finally to all the parents who provide the support for our school to be the best we can. Killara Public School had a great 2015 and we are looking forward to 2016.

Luke Thompson
LIBRARY NEWS
Library borrowing – ended
Library borrowing has finished for students. All books are now due back.

Book donations
The library will happily take donations of books that are no longer wanted at home. If you are looking to reduce the amount of books at home, and they are in good condition, please feel free to bring them into the library for us to check.

Mitchell Stone
Teacher Librarian

Merit Awards
Term 4 Weeks 8-10
3B Max C
4B Deen O
4/3C Liam G
5C Mitchell R
6/5F Medina O

Up and Coming Events
Term 4
10 Dec – Service/Thank you Morning Tea
11 Dec – Year 6 Farewell
14 Dec – Reports sent Home
16 Dec – Year 6 Walkout 2.30pm
Transport for NSW

Fact sheet: The School Opal card

Who’s eligible?
To be eligible for a School Opal card, students need to be NSW residents and may need to live a minimum distance away from their school:
• Years K-2 (Infants) there’s no minimum distance.
• Years 3-6 (Primary) 1.6km straight line distance or 2.3km walking or further.
• Years 7-12 (Secondary) 2.0km straight line distance or 2.9km walking or further.
Students completing secondary studies at TAFE, boarding school students and students temporarily in Australia may also be eligible for a School Opal card. The eligibility criteria for these students is available at transportnsw.info/school-students.
A School Opal card is provided to eligible students who need to travel within the Opal network. Paper travel passes are issued to eligible students who need to travel outside the Opal network.

Who needs to apply?
Most students or parents won’t need to apply for the School Opal card. The School Opal card will be sent to a student’s school automatically at the beginning of the new school year in 2016. However, a new application is required if:
• The student is just starting school or has not had a pass for travel before.
• The student is progressing from Year 2 to 3, or Year 6 to 7.
• The student is changing schools, including going between primary and secondary school.
• The student’s personal details have changed (e.g. address).
Applications must be made by a parent or guardian for children aged 15 years and under. Applications must be made by the student if aged 16 years or older.

How to apply
Step 1 Complete the application at transportnsw.info/school-students.
Step 2 Print, sign and submit the form to the school for endorsement.
Step 3 The school will then forward the application to Transport for NSW for processing. Once approved, Transport for NSW sends the School Opal card to the home address given in the application.
The application may take several weeks and the applicant’s email address is required.

If the student doesn’t qualify for free travel
They may be eligible for a Term Bus Pass which offers travel on buses between home and school at a discounted rate for the whole school term.
Apply at transportnsw.info/school-students.

Find out more
For more information on the School Opal card and the School Student Travel Scheme (SSTS), please visit transportnsw.info/school-students.
Lifeline Harbour to Hawkesbury
2015 Christmas Food/Gift Drive

You can help make this Christmas special for someone.

Many people in our community are experiencing financial hardship, social isolation and trying to cope with varying levels of distress. You can help by creating or contributing to a Christmas Hamper for a family in need, the following items are suggestions to include in a hamper:

Mince pies  Tinned ham
Crackers     Pasta and pasta sauce
Soft drinks  Assorted sweets
Mixed nuts   Potato Crisps
Tinned fruit Festive biscuits
Chocolates   Long life custard
Bon Bons     Tinned salmon/tuna
Christmas Cake Beetroot

We also accept gifts for all ages (our main target group are adults). Some gift suggestions are perfume, aftershave, jewellery, gift-cards, CDs and DVDs.

Donations are required before Tues 15th December
(Allows time to pack and arrange pick up by 21/12)
Drop off your donations at 4 Park Avenue, Gordon

For Lifeline enquiries, please call 9498 8805
Financial donations can be made at www.lifeline2h.org.au

Please do not include any food items that contain alcohol and ensure that all food items are within the Use By Date

Lifeline
Saving Lives
Crisis Support. Suicide Prevention.
Carols in the Park

Special Guest
Colin Buchanan
The Australian Waratah Girls Choir
Golden Kangaroos Concert Band

For more information:
www.carolsinthepark.org

Saturday 12th December, from 6pm
Ku-ring-gai Bicentennial Park, off Lofberg Road, West Pymble