Principal's Report
From the Principal's Office

I met with our new school Principal, Marilyn Bourne, this morning. Marilyn was keen to meet with staff and to discuss school background and future directions for our students. She expressed a strength and passion for child welfare and for practice reflecting social/emotional programs and whole child development. Marilyn will be taking long service leave at the start of 2016 and will be beginning her new position at Killara Public School towards the end of Term 2. Until this date, I will remain in the role of Acting Principal and will ensure that staff and student welfare are prioritised and rigorous academic programs are maintained.

Staff and students are working towards seamless presentations for K-2 Graduation Day and 3-6 Presentation Night. We warmly welcome all parents who are able, to attend the respective end-of-year events and celebrate their child’s success.

Monday 23 November marked the end of the Beehive Transition to School program. Over the course of this term, children in attendance at Beehive Childcare have been visiting our classrooms and playground to familiarise themselves with a primary school setting. Thank you to the parents in the canteen who allowed the pre-schoolers to purchase ice-blocks and have a taste of primary school.

Our school ‘Bikram Disco’ was a great success. Thank you, again, to all parents who kindly purchased ice, brought in Eskies and helped to keep our children cool on an incredibly hot afternoon.

The SRC - organised event raised $721.55 for Stewart House and an equal sum for the Red Cross Refugees and Asylum Seekers in Crisis.

Yesterday evening was our school thespians time to shine with our annual Drama Club performance. Mrs Mammarella wrote an excellent script which was performed by our talented students. The play was enjoyed by all school students at a whole school afternoon performance and in the evening by many proud parents.

This term, our Killara High School partnerships program has provided some of our students the opportunity to attend workshops with high school mentors. Year 5 students from Lindfield, Roseville, Beaumont Road and Killara Public School produced their own timber pencil cases at a wood technology workshop on Monday 26 October. They learnt to measure accurately, hammer carefully, saw using a hand saw and assemble all the parts. They then decorated their pencil case by adding their own personalised latch design.
Thank you to Mr Brendon Francis for designing and presenting such an interesting workshop for Belinda Y and Maxim A. On Monday 16 November, Joshua B, Zachary C and Joshua C participated in 8 different Science experiments on topics including chromatography, air pressure, simple chemical reactions, indicators, electrostatics, distillation, microscopes and desalination. They were assisted by Year 9 students from Killara High School, who helped them to understand the theory behind their observations. Again, thank you to Killara High School for the opportunity to send our children on these enrichment program days.

Thank you for your continued support,

Ms Gilliane Appave  
Acting Principal

What’s Happening in 2/1S
What has Class 2/1S been up to recently?

Oh my goodness, what a busy time we have been having in our class this term! There has been plenty of active learning with lots of hands on experiences. To consolidate our English and Mathematics this term, Stage 1 went on an excursion to Taronga Zoo. Everyone enjoyed using their mapping skills to navigate around the different animals. We learned about how zoos have changed significantly over the years and used this understanding to help us design and create a shoe box animal enclosure. We thought about the needs and comfort of the animals, and made sure our enclosures housed happy animals! We used paint, collage and clay to create our amazing enclosures.

We have been learning about significant places, people and events in India. The children have enjoyed learning about a different culture – we even got to dress up in traditional Indian clothing!

The children also had fun re-enacting the story of ‘Rama and Sita’ when learning about the Hindu festival of light, Diwali. We are really looking forward to our Indian Dance incursion!

Sandra Hicks
**News From HQ**

Orders for the Yearbook close Friday 27\textsuperscript{th} November so please return your order to the Office if you haven’t already done so.

One of our Year 2 students, Lucy, is fundraising for the Ovarian Cancer Research Foundation. Her ‘Cookies For Cancer’ campaign will be held after school on Monday 7 December. All students, parents and teachers are welcome to come along and grab some delicious cookies for a gold coin donation.

![Congratulations!](image)

Sofia K, from 4/3C, competed in her first event at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide, did an amazing job and won a gold medal. So KPS can now boast a Pacific School Games Champion! She was so happy to be representing her school and bringing home a gold medal.

**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 2-7**

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**Up and Coming Events**

**Term 4**

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Music News- YMA
Young Musicians Concert 2015
Congratulations to all the students from K-2 who performed at this year’s Young Musicians Concert. It was wonderful to see so many budding musicians perform with such confidence and musicality. Well done to four selected students who will be performing at the K-2 Graduation Assembly. They are as follows:

KA
Derek L - Ode to Joy (piano)

1H
Isabelle L - Dripping fairy (piano)

2J
Daniel Z - Sonatina (piano)

2J
Jessica L - Danza Hellenica (violin)

PIANO SOLOS
KC
Jason P

KD
Martin L
Isabel L

1B
Kaeya J

1H
Mitchell Mc

2/1S
Leo C
Eliza L M-C
Joshua G
Salena X

2J
Nathan Z
Sophie L
Adrian C

2M
May S
Nicole V
Noah P
Maya T
Julia L
Erin P

INSTRUMENTAL SOLOS- violin
1H
Mugdha Mandadi
Madeline W

2M
Emily Mc
Erin P
Robert T
April H
Adrian C

VOCAL SOLOS
2J
Aisling K

DUETS AND ENSEMBLES
1H & 1B
Viridiana JM & Kaeya J

1B
Caitlyn S and Holly VT

1H
Rowan E and Oliver N

Jennifer Whiteman
Music Teacher
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.
Band News!

Well done to everyone that took part in the Band Spring Soiree last week, I thought both bands and soloists performed superbly. Well done for all your hard work. Especially to Leah for all her work over this year, we wish her all the best in her new job.

Don’t forget that Senior Band will be moving to after school in 2016.

Junior Band is looking great for next year, but we still have room if anyone still wants to join our band in 2016.

Upcoming performance!

• Presentation Day – Senior Band, 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

Practice tip - Take breaks, lots of breaks

Practicing can be physically demanding and often it’s easy to just keep going until you begin to physically tire. But practice also involves a lot of brain work and often we compromise our practice by not giving our brains time to absorb what we have accomplished physically. We’ve all become frustrated by particular sections of the works we’re practicing that just don’t work. It’s very important to have regular breaks to refresh the mind. I remember one of my teachers saying that I should be having a break from practice every half hour! Go for a walk, have a snack, a cup of tea, or anything to let your brain rest from all that concentration. You’ll soon see that taking regular breaks makes a real difference to the effectiveness of your practice.

Section of the week!

This week it goes to the……… Trumpet section!!!

Richard Sandham – KPS Program Manager
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:

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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.lifelineh2h.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.
Special Guest
Colin Buchanan
The Australian Waratah Girls Choir
Golden Kangaroos Concert Band

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

For more information: www.carolsinthepark.org