Principal’s Report

Congratulations to Finn who represented Kuring-Gai Zone at yesterday’s Area Carnival at Homebush. Finn participated in the 50m freestyle event and it was a tremendous achievement to get to Area level. Well done!

KPS Celebrating Seniors Week

On Tuesday 17 March, Killara PS celebrated Seniors Week for all our grandparents and grandfriends. The day began with a special assembly and was followed by classroom visits and then a cup of tea and some delicious refreshments under the Infants COLA. A big thank you to the Year 1 parents for coordinating the refreshments for our visitors.

Morning Routine Reminder

A reminder goes to all parents and caregivers that when students arrive at school each morning that they are to move immediately onto the top playground. This is the designated teacher supervised area. The oval, infants COLA and playground equipment are out of bounds before school so it is important that no child be playing in these areas, even if they are accompanied by an adult. Teacher supervision is provided from 8:45 each morning. No student should be at school any earlier than this unless they have special school commitments such as choir or sports training. Remember that our morning bell goes at 9:10am so all children should be at school by 9:00am, ready to go into class at 9:10am.

Parents in Partnership

I would like to remind all parents that our P&C Meeting will be held next Wednesday 25 March at 7:30pm in the school library. During the meeting I will be giving a short presentation on our 2015-2017 School Plan. I look forward to seeing many of our parents at the meeting next week.

Winter Uniform Reminder

We are always so proud of our students when they arrive at school each day in full school uniform. Wearing our full school uniform and looking neat and tidy sets an excellent tone in the school. It fosters pride in our school and individual appearance and helps ensure children are ready for focused learning. We appreciate your support in ensuring your child is in full school uniform every day. All children are expected to begin Term 2 in their winter uniform.

Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal
What’s Happening in 3B?
This term 3B is learning about ‘Our Local Government and Community’. We have learnt that the Ku-ring-gai Council looks after Killara and the local suburbs providing many facilities and services. Last week 3B and 3L walked to the Council Chambers in Gordon to learn all about what the Ku-ring-gai Council does. While we were there we had a talk about pet registration. She also brought in her dog with her. He was very cute and even did some tricks for us. Some members of our class got to dress in the special council robes and sit in the chambers where the meetings are held. We had a mock debate about whether or not dogs should be allowed in National Parks. We all got to put forward our views and then students in the council robes voted on the issue. We all had a great time and learnt a lot.

Zone Swimming Carnival 2015
Our Killara Swim Team travelled to West Pymble on Thursday 5 March to compete at the Ku-ring-gai PSSA Zone Swimming Carnival. All of our wonderful team competed with drive and purpose, cheering their fellow team mates throughout the day. There were some great performances including a finals appearance for Maxi Z and Finn T. We are proud to say that Finn was fast enough to make it to the Area carnival on 17 March in the 10yr boys 50m freestyle event.
A great day and some great results. Well done to all the Killara students who attended and congratulations to Finn for progressing through to the Area carnival.
Killara Schools Partnership Strings Ensemble

On Monday 8 March 60 students from 6 schools: Killara Public, Killara High, Lindfield Public, Gordon East Public, Lindfield East Public and Roseville Public Schools came together to learn three new pieces. Some of our young students were a little apprehensive of what might be in store as our youngest performers were only 7 years old. All of the students were a credit to their school and family. After two hours of rehearsals, this group of young performers produced a superb half-hour concert to the delight of the forty parents, grandparents and teachers. In the audience were Year 2 students from Gordon East Public School who came to hear this wonderful performance. This is the second time Killara High School has hosted Killara Schools Partnership Strings Ensemble Workshop.

On Wednesday 20 May these groups will return to Killara High School in the late afternoon for a String Ensemble Showcase. Each school’s string players will perform a piece of their own choosing. This may be a duet if there are only 2 players. The finale will be the whole KSP Strings Ensemble playing together. What a fantastic sound they will produce!!

Harmony Day 2015 – Friday 20th March

Harmony Day has been celebrated in March each year for the past 15 years and is a Government initiative to promote Australia’s culturally diverse and cohesive society. Australia is made up of people who come from many different places. You might have come to Australia in the last year or your family may have been here for 3 generations. The message for Harmony Day is “Everyone Belongs”, which encourages inclusiveness and community participation. This is the day we will focus proudly on our family history and celebrate our similarities and differences.

Killara Public School will celebrate Harmony Day on Friday 20th March. Students are encouraged to show their support by wearing one orange item to school on the day, along with their normal school uniform for that day. Some ideas for an orange item are: ribbons, socks, hats, wrist bands, etc. We are also asking students to bring in an orange or orange juice to have for their morning recess.

Students will be participating in Harmony Day activities with their class during the day. The children will be encouraged to share stories about where their family has come from.

Sandra Hicks
Harmony Day Coordinator

Gardening Club

The Gardening Club is working hard to weed and get the Bush Tucker garden looking "loved" however when we only have a handful of children for half an hour each Friday, it is going to take us a long time to make it look tidy. The children are also not strong enough to dig out the big weeds. It would be very helpful if a few parents could give a couple of hours every so often to help dig out the weeds, either on a weekend or weekday time that suits.

If you are able to help, please contact Mrs Collett or Mr Stone.

Ruth Collett and Mitchell Stone
Gardening Club Coordinators
Killara Public School Band Program

Where to find information?

Did you know that the Directions In Music Website has a page specially dedicated to your school!

This is a great way of keeping up to date with what’s going on with the school band.

On the website you will find all the information you need regarding what you should be working on and any upcoming performances.

We also have an online shop so if you need any accessories such as reeds or valve oil you can order them online.

Visit our website at - www.directionsinmusic.com.au

Upcoming performance!

- The Great Hot Cross Bun Festival – Junior Band – 24th March

What to practise!

- Junior Band – Junior Band have now progressed onto page 8 of your Tradition of Excellence book.
- Senior Band – Evening at the Symphony, Procession of Hero’s and Let it Go!

Practise tip – Practice for at least 20 minutes daily!

Why 20 minutes? I find that this is a manageable time for beginners, it's not too short that you get nothing done and not too long that you end up feeling bored. Devote 5 minutes for warm-ups and 5 minutes for cool downs, just like a regular exercise. As your interest grows you'll find that your daily practice time will also extend.

Section of the week!

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

Richard Sandham
KPS Program Manager
News From Killara High School - HSC Results

The 2014 Higher School Certificate again saw Killara High School students achieving excellent results overall, and many outstanding individual outstanding individual performances.

From a cohort of 272 Year 12 students, seven students were among the state’s highest All Round Achievers with band six (the highest band) or equivalent in ten or more units. Overall 283 band six results were awarded to Killara High School students.

At least six students achieved an ATAR above 99, to the best of our knowledge as ATAR information is not provided to the schools. One obtained an ATAR of 99.95%, the maximum possible.

Killara High School was again the highest ranked comprehensive coeducational public school in NSW. This is a testament to the commitment and talent of the Year 12 students, and their expert and dedicated teachers.

Today a brochure from Killara High School will be sent home with all children from K-2. This brochure provides details of the wonderful breadth and depth of the extra-curricular programs on offer at KHS.

News From HQ
As the holidays are fast approaching we just wanted to remind you that we have lots of brochures in the office foyer giving you ideas on activities the children can do during the holidays. Whether it’s sport, art or even acting we have information on holiday programs. Thank you to all those families who have paid their Term 1 Invoice. As the holidays draw near payment of this invoice is overdue. Payment would be appreciated as soon as possible.

Up And Coming Events

20 Mar - Harmony Day
24 Mar - 4B Assembly
25 Mar - Lorin Nicholson Presentation
25 Mar - P & C Meeting
26 Mar - Parent Teacher Interviews
31 Mar - 1H Assembly
   1 Apr - Easter Hat Parade
   2 Apr - Last day Term 1
Australia’s preeminent youth motivational speaker, Lorin Nicholson, has received outstanding feedback in over 1400 schools, and performed for more than a million students throughout Australia and the globe.

We are looking forward to Lorin sharing his simple but powerful messages of perseverance, resilience, respect, inclusion and leadership that will greatly inspire every student to succeed in all areas of school and personal life.

Killara Public School

Wednesday 25th March 2015
2:00 pm

Many have been quoted as saying that this is, without doubt, the most motivational and potentially life changing presentation they have ever witnessed.

“You could hear a pin drop in our hall. Your show gave them more to contemplate in one hour than I could ever give them in my classroom.”

Lorin’s incredible guitar playing, coupled with his amazing life achievements growing up blind, will not only captivate and entertain, but will inspire each individual to take on a more positive attitude towards those around them.

We hope they will find strength within, to never give up on achieving our dreams.

www.lorinrichardson.com
# Killara Kids

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<td><strong>EASTER MONDAY CLOSED</strong></td>
<td><strong>Stufflers</strong> Create &amp; fill your very own Easter inspired stuffers! (like a build-a-beast). You will get to choose from Easter bunnies or teddies. More Easter inspired arts &amp; craft to fill the day! <strong>$50</strong></td>
<td><strong>Drumbeats</strong> Get ready to participate in a fun-filled drumming workshop using djembe drums &amp; other percussion. Learn some beats &amp; rhythms as well as some drumming games! <strong>$50</strong></td>
<td><strong>Party Day</strong> Come dressed up in some fancy clothes ready to party! Jump on the jumping castle, play party games &amp; dance to some beats. Popcorn &amp; movie in the afternoon. <strong>$50</strong></td>
<td><strong>Splatter Paint Workshop</strong> Catch the bus to Landfield to 4 Cats Art Studio to make a lot of mess! Make sure you bring some old clothes that you don't mind getting muddy! <strong>$65</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Monday 13&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</strong></td>
<td><strong>Sydney Cooking School</strong> Get ready to become a master chef when the Sydney Cooking School chefs come to us for some great kitchen activities. We will prepare such pizza &amp; decorate our own cupcakes! <strong>$50</strong></td>
<td><strong>Imax – Island of Lemurs</strong> Catch a bus to the Imax theatre at Darling Harbour where we will learn all about those cheeky Lemurs we love from Madagascar. Watch in 3D with your own popcorn &amp; juice <strong>$65</strong></td>
<td><strong>Wannabees Play Centre</strong> Get ready to role-play through the child size city. Visit the police station, local store or star on the local radio station. Rock climbing &amp; choice of airbrush tattoo or face painting included. Sandwich &amp; juice for lunch <strong>$45</strong></td>
<td><strong>Bubble Play Day</strong> Enjoy a bubble play session with the staff from bubble media! Watch an incredible show &amp; then join in some incredible bubble activities. <strong>$50</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Monday 20&lt;sup&gt;th&lt;/sup&gt;</strong></td>
<td><strong>Pupil Free Day</strong> Drama Toolbox Today the actors from the drama toolbox will come to play some great drama games with the KK kids. Dress up, use props &amp; learn some music styles to accompany your new acting skills! <strong>$50</strong></td>
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<td><strong>For more information please contact Katie at the centre on:</strong> Phone: 9418 1787 Email: <a href="mailto:killara.kids@bigpond.com">killara.kids@bigpond.com</a></td>
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*Please find booking forms at the Killara Kids premises. Payments for all bookings are due by Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> March or your booking may be forfeited.*