Principal’s Report

Parent-Teacher Interviews
Communicating regularly with parents regarding your child’s learning goals, progress and areas for development is a key priority for our school. In 2015 we will be holding parent-teacher interviews in Week 9 of this term. This will allow you to talk in detail with your child’s class teacher about their progress. Notes will be sent home next week for each class with the availability of your class teacher and an opportunity to book a time. I encourage all parents to book an interview. The partnership between home and school is vital in maximising the learning of your child.

Principal For the Day
Yesterday I spent a fabulous day sharing the job of principal with Mr Oreb, Mr Oreb and Mrs Oreb. They were kept very busy during the day with meetings, working on the computer, meeting students and teachers in classrooms, conducting an evacuation drill, inspecting the ice blocks in the canteen and they got very sore hands signing all the merit awards for our assembly. Thank you Mr Oreb, Mr Oreb and Miss Oreb for a great day!

Save the Date
It’s that time of term when we have lots of events scheduled. Next Wednesday, 11 March, we will be holding our first School Tour for Kindergarten 2016 families at 10am. If you know of any families considering enrolment at Killara Public School next year please encourage them to contact the office to book into the tour. On Tuesday 17 March, we will be celebrating Seniors Week with a special concert at 9:30am followed by open classrooms, a book fair and a delicious morning tea at 11am. On Friday 20 March we will be celebrating Harmony Day and all children will be encouraged to wear a splash of orange with their school uniform. Our students in K-2 will also participate in our annual Easter Hat Parade on Wednesday 1 April. I look forward to seeing all the colourful and creative Easter bonnets.

Lorin Nicholson
All students in Years 1-6 will be participating in a special presentation by Lorin Nicholson on 25 March. Lorin’s list of achievements are remarkable; he is one of the nation’s most successful independent artists, a Golden Guitar finalist, best-selling author, Australian record holder in cycling and Australian of the year nominee. But there’s something else that makes Lorin’s story even more intriguing, he was born with Retinitis Pigmentosa and has been legally blind his entire life. We are fortunate to have Lorin Nicholson come and speak and inspire our students and I look forward to his presentation.

Harmony Day
Harmony Day is celebrated in March each year 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. 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 20 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, hat, wrist bands, etc. 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.

Finally I would like to wish all our Zone Swimmers the best of luck at the Kuring-Gai Zone carnival tomorrow at Kuring-Gai Aquatic Centre.

**Unity Taylor-Hill**  
**Principal**

**Seniors Day and Book Fair – Tuesday 17 March**  
Students’ grandparents and guest senior citizens are invited to attend our special assembly on **Tuesday 17 March at 9:30am** in the school hall. There will be performances from our K-2 students, our junior and senior choir, band and string group. Following the concert, grandparents and visitors are welcome to visit the classrooms, where they will be able to join in activities with their grandchildren. A morning tea will be provided for our special visitors at 11am.

During the day, there will also be a **Book Fair**. Grandparents are invited to donate a book to the school, by purchasing from the wide selection which has been specially selected to suit the needs of our school. Visitors will be able to pay by cash, credit card or cheque. When a book is purchased and donated on behalf of a child, a bookplate stating the details of the donation will be attached to that book, and the child will be the first to borrow it once it has been processed into the library.

We look forward to meeting our students’ grandparents and guest senior citizens at 9:30am on Tuesday 17 March.

**Mrs Brunker, Mrs Whiteman and Mr Stone**

**Premiers Reading Challenge**  
Each student will be receiving an information note about the 2015 Premiers Reading Challenge (PRC). I highly encourage all students to participate in the challenge, as reading a wide range of books will improve their vocabulary, literacy and general confidence in reading. All students who complete the challenge will receive an impressive looking certificate, with 4 years of completion gaining a gold certificate, and 7 years of completion gaining a platinum level certificate. The challenge runs until August 21.

For more information, please visit the Premiers Reading Challenge website:  
[https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home](https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc/home)
What’s Happening in 2M?
Last week in Mathematics, 2M were thinking about how whole numbers can be represented and organised in visual ways. We jumped outside to make some ‘human graphs’, and then interpreted each data set carefully by answering questions. Take a look at some of the ‘human graphs’ we made! Can you interpret the data to answer the questions?

Hair Colour in 2M

How many hair colours are represented in 2M?

Which hair colour is represented the most in 2M?

Favourite Colours in 2M

How do you know that purple is the most popular colour?

How could this data be useful?
PRINCIPAL FOR THE DAY REPORT

Miss Oreb, Mr Oreb and Mr Oreb have been lucky enough to be principals for the day on Tuesday 3 March 2015. We had the best time but it has been very busy. We have only been walking around for an hour and we have experienced the great work of Killara students and how smart the Kindergarten students are with their reading. We were also very impressed with how the senior students knew all the answers to the questions.

P.B.E.L

As principals we have been very impressed with how students have been showing our three core expectations for P.B.E.L which are; to be respectful, to endeavour and to be mindful.

PSSA

PSSA has been a great opportunity for teams to get out and play other teams and to get involved in a competition. We try to win but that isn’t always easy against the other teams. Throughout the year in 2015 students in Years 3-6 will have the opportunity to play in PSSA teams in touch football, cricket, soccer and netball. They are all very fun!

From HQ

There has been a number of incidences during the morning drop off and pick up. Please remember the drop off area in the morning is just that, a drop off. The driver must not get out of the car. The children must be already to go, no going to the boot, no hair combing etc. Also remind your children to only alight from the passenger side door not the driver’s side. In the afternoon please do not park in the staff carpark or in the turning circle. If you must get out of your car please park safely in the street. We have had a number of residents living in Calvert Ave and Fitzroy Street complaining about the lack of respect from parents dropping off their children. Please don’t park across driveways or too close to the corners of the street. If necessary leave home a little early and park in either Norfolk or Spencer Streets and enjoy the short walk. Or better still the child can walk the short distance on their own.

We have had a number of families wanting the bus. We have contacted the bus company and they will contact NSW Transport on our behalf to put forward our request for a bus. When we have more detail on times, route etc we will let you know.

Margaret Quick & Wendy Bright
Term 1 Week 6

Up And Coming Events

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Invitation

Families (K to 6) of Killara Public School are invited
to visit Killara High School
(Students from Year 4 upwards may accompany their parents)

Date:       Monday 16 March 2015
Time:       9.00am - 10.15am
Location:   A Block Reception

- Meet the Principal, Jane Dennett, and Senior Executive
- Tour the school
- Talk to students

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