Our 2015 to 2017 School Plan
In 2014, a comprehensive process was undertaken across the school to review current practices using survey data from staff, students and parents as well as holding two community forums. This process included an examination of recent research into student learning and opportunities and areas for development across the school. As a result, three key strategic directions were identified as a basis for a shared commitment to future development at Killara Public School.

Our three key strategic directions include;
1. Successful and Confident Learners
2. Innovative and Collaborative Professionals
3. Engaged Community in the Language of Learning

The Killara Public School 2015-2017 School Plan flows from these key strategic directions and sets clear improvement measures. It forms the basis for the school’s improvement and development efforts for the next three years in partnership with all members of the school community. From the beginning of Term 2 the 2015-2017 School Plan will be available on our school website and I would like to encourage all parents to spend some time familiarising themselves with the plan. Updates on the progress of our school plan will be included regularly in our school newsletter and I look forward to sharing with you our progress and achievements.

Farewell Mrs MacDonald
This week we will farewell Mrs Helen MacDonald after 15 years at Killara Public School. Mrs MacDonald has made an enormous contribution to our school community in a variety of roles and will be greatly missed by all as she transitions to retirement. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs MacDonald for all that she has done to enrich the educational community here at Killara.

Parent-Teacher Interviews
It has been excellent to see parents in and about the school meeting teachers for the Term 1 parent/teacher interviews. I would especially like to acknowledge and thank our teaching staff who have given up many extra hours in the last week to conduct the interviews. We all appreciate their efforts. If you have been unable to make an appointment, please contact your child’s teacher to arrange one. We would like to ensure we have had the opportunity to talk to all parents.

School Development Day Next Term
A reminder to all parents that there is a School Development Day at the beginning of next term. Monday 20 April will be a student free day and all students will return to school on Tuesday 21 April for the beginning of Term 2.
Congratulations Sofia- State Champion!
Last Thursday, Sofia represented Killara Public School at the NSW PSSA Diving Competition at Homebush. Sofia competed in the Girls 10 Years Springboard competition and the Open Platform and completed four dives on the day. Sofia was awarded first place for Girls 10 Years Springboard competition and a bronze award for Open Platform. She will now be representing NSW at the Pacific School Games in Adelaide in November. We are all very proud of Sofia’s achievements and we all wish her the very best as she works towards the Pacific School Games later in the year.

Happy Holidays
As this is the last newsletter for the term, I’d like to thank parents, staff and students for a fabulous term. It has been an extremely busy term. Everyone has worked incredibly hard and deserves a well-earned rest over these holidays. I would like to wish all of our Killara families a happy and safe holiday break. Thank you for all of your support and hard work in ensuring Term 1 has been fabulous for your children and for our school as a whole. We look forward to seeing the students return refreshed and ready for another exciting term on Tuesday 21 April with all students in full winter school uniform.

Mrs Unity Taylor-Hill
Principal

What’s happening in 5C?
This term 5C have been investigating how electricity is generated, transferred and transformed. We have learnt about energy and electricity, discovered how a torch operates, experimented with circuits and predicted and discovered conductors and insulators in the classroom! Here are some experiments we did in class.
Thank You Parent Helpers - From the Library
Thank you very much to all the parents who have helped out in the library with various roles, including covering, shelving, scanning and returning books. If you are interested in becoming involved next term, please come into the library to see me.
Thank you to: Sharon, Kristine, Mavis, Heike, Tamara, Carolyn, Claire, Sam, and Kate.
Mr Mitchel Stone
Librarian

ANZAC DAY special assembly
Our special ANZAC Day assembly will be held on Friday, 24th April, commencing promptly at 11:45am in the school hall. The choir and string ensemble will be performing, with the assembly being presented by our student leadership team. Parents, relatives and community members are very welcome to attend, and we would especially like to extend this invitation to relatives or community members who are veterans.
Mrs Brunker
Assistant Principal

News From HQ
The office again has had another phone call from a neighbour about parents parking across her driveway. This is unacceptable behaviour and the council has informed the neighbour that when it happens again she has their permission to take a photo of the offender's numberplate and forward it on to the rangers at council for further action.

Thank you to all the parents who have paid their school invoices. There are still a number of invoices outstanding; it would be appreciated if these could be paid before Thursday (tomorrow).
Mrs Margaret Quick
Office Admin Manager
Certificate of Merit Awards

Term 1 Week 8
1B  Audrey
2J  Madison

Term 1 Week 10
3B  Calum
4B  Kate
4B  Ryan
5C  Parmida
6/5F  Yashika
6/5F  Marcus
6/5M  Blair

Up And Coming Events

1 April – Easter Hat Parade
2 April – Last day Term 1

Term 2
20 April – Pupil free day
21 April – Children return
23 April – Cross Country Carnival
24 April – ANZAC Day Assembly
2 May – Maintenance Day
7 May – Mother’s Day Stall
12-14 May – NAPLAN testing for Year 3 and Year 5