Principal’s Report

100 Days of Kindergarten

Our Kindergarten students have reached a great milestone completing 100 days of Kindergarten! This milestone was celebrated in classrooms with our Kindergarten students participating in a wide range of activities to commemorate this special occasion. Many children produced collections of 100 that mirrored the importance of 100. These showed great creativity. I appreciate the tremendous effort that children and parents applied to this little project.

Celebrating Education Week 2015

Congratulations to all of our performing arts groups who participated in our Education Week Assembly last week. It was an impressive performance and is such a wonderful reflection of the breadth of student opportunities here at Killara. I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mrs Jenny Whiteman, our music teacher, for her dedication to the performing arts program at our school. It was fabulous to have so many parents and grandparents join us in our classrooms sharing in the learning and achievement of our children.

Kindergarten Enrolments 2016

The places we have available for students starting Kindergarten in 2016 are filling quickly. Our transition to school program begins on Wednesday 9 September with our Playgroup Session. This session will be the first opportunity for our Kindergarten 2016 students to meet each other and become familiar with our school environment. Invitations for the playgroup will be sent home shortly to all the children who have submitted an enrolment form. If you have a child or know of a family considering enrolling at Killara in 2016 please encourage them to contact the school as a matter of urgency to complete an enrolment form so that they can participate in our transition program.
**Playground Design Workshop**

Last Wednesday our SRC and Year 6 Leadership Team had the wonderful opportunity to participate in a playground design workshop with Urban Designs. The purpose of this workshop was to work with the students in establishing how they use and move through two of our playground spaces as well as select some favourite playground designs that they would like to see at Killara Public School. This workshop was held as part of the P&C initiative to upgrade our playground spaces to provide a creative and stimulating playground environment for our students. I look forward to seeing the final designs later this year!

![Image of students working on a playground design]

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**Killara High School Open Day**

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage families to attend the Killara High School Open Day which will be on Monday 10 August 2015 from 12:00pm – 5:00pm. From 3pm-5pm, performances from the various Killara High creative and performing arts groups will take place in the Kerrabee Theatre. All curriculum areas of the school will be open from 12:00pm to 3:00pm with students at work in class. The Annual Visual Arts Exhibition will also be open which will showcase this year’s Higher School Certificate major artworks.

*Mrs Unity Taylor-Hill*

*Principal*

**News From HQ**

Thank you to all the families that have paid their **Term 3 Invoice**. Payment is now overdue, please make payment as soon as possible. Reminder invoices will be sent home with your eldest child later in the week.

It is wonderful to see all the children using our **school bus**. We are still waiting on the bus passes to arrive. As soon as we receive them we will distribute them to the students. It’s not too late to apply for a bus pass if you are eligible. Please come to the office to get your application form.

A reminder to please **respect our neighbours**, we had another neighbour advise us yesterday of a parent parking across their driveway in Calvert Ave. It is disappointing to see that after numerous reminders we still have parents doing the wrong thing.

If your child loses a **permission note** you can go to our website and download the note from “notes and forms” and then the relevant tab.
What’s Happening In The Library
Premier’s Reading Challenge – final weeks
The Premier’s Reading Challenge runs until August 21. All students are encouraged to continue their fantastic reading and working towards completing the Premier’s Reading Challenge. Many students are now finished, or almost finished, which is great news. All reading logs should be entered online, and if any students or parents are having difficulty logging on, I am able to easily reset the password and help with this. Please feel welcome to pop into the library to ask any questions or for help. The more students completing this great reading challenge, the better!

How do I change from the K-2 to the 3-4 Challenge?
For those K-2 students who entered the 3-4 Challenge, the Challenge Level needs to be changed to adjust the number of books students read from 30 to 20. Students change their Challenge Level in the online Student Reading Record by going to the tab “My Information”. For more information, please visit the Premier’s Reading Challenge website: https://online.det.nsw.edu.au/prc

Mitchell Stone
Teacher Librarian

School Photos
Our school photos will be held on Monday 17 and Tuesday 18 August. All students are to wear their full winter uniform (boys must wear their ties) on Monday. Students who participate in Junior PSSA sports teams or Senior PSSA Touch football will need to bring their sports uniform (including sneakers) to school on Monday 17 August.

On Tuesday 18 August all K-2 students need to wear their full winter uniform, students in Years 3-6 are to wear sports uniform.

Next week your child will receive a personalised photo package from their class teacher. Please ensure all details on the envelope are correct, especially the spelling of your child’s name. Students are to bring the envelope to school on Monday 17.

Family group photo packages will be available from the school office next week. If you require a family photo package, please collect one from the office before Monday 17 August.

Donna Carruthers
Photo Coordinator

World Vision Day – Wednesday 12 August
At Killara Public School, we are proud to sponsor a child in Bangladesh through World Vision Australia. Our special little boy, who is called Tanvir Hasan, is about to celebrate his birthday and we will be holding a mufti day, next week, on Wednesday 12 August to help celebrate his birthday. We would like all students to wear their green sports shorts and a red t-shirt to represent the colours of the Bangladesh flag. In order to fulfil our school’s commitment to Tanvir, all students are asked to bring a $2 coin donation to school on Wednesday. Members of the Student Representative Council will collect your donations and the money will be sent to World Vision to help provide an education for Tanvir.
As Tanvir’s sponsors, we have an on-going commitment to support him and his community. The money we raise is used by World Vision to help Tanvir obtain an education as well as assist with his health care and immunisation; our contributions can also help to improve the supply of fresh, clean drinking water and improve sanitation in Tanvir’s community.

The Student Representative Council thanks you for your support for Tanvir and his community.

Helene Brunker  
SRC Coordinator

**Athletics Carnival**

Our annual KPS athletics carnival was held on Wednesday 22 July at Dunbar Oval. The students were full of spirit, energy and enthusiasm, all looking forward to a wonderful day of competition. Although the weather was cool, the performances on the track were red hot! Some great rivalries continued this year in all the age groups, as well as many newcomers in Year 2 and 3 showed us that the future of Killara athletics is in good hands.

Some exciting starts and close finishes were the order of the day. All students in Burke, Sturt and Oxley cheered for their teams and displayed great sportsmanship after individual events.

Champions have been calculated and the winning house has been decided. All this will be revealed next Tuesday at the Athletics Awards Assembly at 2.30pm in the hall. We hope you can make it. A special thanks must go out to our parent volunteers on the day helping with various jobs, the extra hands are essential and we thank you for all your help.

Our 2015 Zone team has also been announced and the carnival is scheduled for next Wednesday 12 August at the Sydney Academy of Sport, Narrabeen. Notes will go home today and all the KPS community wish our competitors all the very best.

Luke Thompson  
Sports Coordinator

**Mandarin Language Club**

The Mandarin Stars program offers:

- An engaging program that will inspire a love for learning Chinese.
- An immersion based program that teaches strong listening and speaking skills in Mandarin.
- Language building activities such as role play, Chinese songs, rhymes and games!
- The teaching of Chinese characters, reading, writing and Pin Yin.
- The discovery of Chinese history, culture, festivals, Calligraphy, Tai Chi and even Kung Fu!

**Classes on Thursday afternoons**

3:30pm – 4:30pm for K-2 Students  
4:30pm – 5:30pm for Yr 3-6 Students

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dailin@mandarinstars.com.au
Term 3 Week 4

Killara Public School Band Program

Band News

Wow, what a busy start to the term we have had with the band program at Killara PS!

The Senior Band recently took part in the NSW School Band Festival and gained a bronze award. Well done to all that took part, your performance was of the highest standard and should be very proud.

This was then followed with a performance in the school Education Week assembly. Some great performances everyone!

Don’t forget to visit the school band web page on the Directions In Music website.

www.directionsinmusic.com.au

Term 3 Performances!

• Junior Spotlight, Junior Band - TBC

What to practise!

• Junior Band – Junior Band should now be starting to work towards page 14 and 15 for the end of the term as well as their new piece which they will be getting next week.
• Senior Band – Some new music will be handed out at your next rehearsal.

Practise tip aim to practise everyday

Even the best musicians strive to practice their instrument daily. Make practice a part of your daily routine. Determine when the best time for you to practice is. If you like practicing in the morning, get up at least an hour early so that you won’t be late for school. If you’re an evening person, do your practice before going to bed or before you become sleepy.

Section of the week!

This week it goes to the........Clarinet section!!!

Richard Sandham
KPS Program Manager
ANNUAL OPEN DAY
and Visual Arts Exhibition
(Opening Night 7 August at 6.30pm - includes HSC Artworks)
Monday 10 August 2015
12.00pm – 5.00pm
❖ Students at work
❖ Classes to visit in all curriculum areas
❖ Individual and group student performances
❖ From 7.00pm – Year 12 Music Night in the Theatre
Children and families from our local primary schools especially welcome

Merit Awards
Term 3 Week 2
3B Jimmy, Daniel and Alex
3L Yuki, Yang and Raymond
4/3C Natalia, Sebastian and Matthew
4B Jasmine, Matthew and Eytan
5C June, Maxim and Archie
6/5F Leyton, Sarah and Clive
6/5M Leroy, Caitlin and Michael
Sport Chloe (3B) Katie (6/5M) and Lucinda (6/5F)
Music Sebastian (4/3C) Andy (4/3C) and Genevieve (5C)

Up And Coming Events
Term 3
6 Aug – School Tour at 10am
12 Aug - World Vision Mufti Day
11 Aug – ICAS Maths
17 Aug – School Photos
18 Aug – School Photos
18 Aug – RSS Rehearsal
19 Aug – Yr 6 SSO Excursion
24 Aug – Book Week
24 Aug – Stage 2 Drama Incursion
26 Aug – P & C Meeting
4 Sept – Father’s Day Breakfast
7-18 Sept – Yr 2 Swim Scheme
9 Sept - Kindy 2016 Playgroup
16 Sept – Cinderella Incursion – K-6
18 Sept – Last Day Term 3
  6 Oct – Students resume for Term 4