PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"The best things happen at the exit ramp of your comfort zone."
Karen Salmansohn

This quote is particularly poignant for our values, RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY and, that which is utmost from the start, RESILIENCE. It is not healthy for our children to get all they want and not face disappointment. I know parents love their children and want the best for them but sometimes more harm is done by over protecting. I ask that you trust the school in making decisions this year and support us in creating classes. Not getting the class you want is sometimes the best thing that can happen. Make us aware by all means and we will use that awareness to assist us but please don’t assume we can juggle, swap and adjust every situation for the comfort zone of the children. We aren’t doing them a service. There may be tears but there will follow joy from new friends and they never lose the old friends as they are there each and every day.

Welcome back. We begin with new classes day one and renewed energy. Please note these classes may still need to change but we endeavor to make them work. There are a few issues with shared classes and several mixed classes but rest assured we have considered every variable to make the best of our strengths. Your child will have a wonderful education at Kiama Public School as the staff and I are determined to make it happen. The more parents work with us the better we become.

NEW WEBSITE: up and going and I know many are already using it (well done). Let us know what you think and help us to improve it – keep us on our toes.

NEWSLETTERS: We now email out the newsletter as requested, and attach it to the website and if you are still wanting a hard copy you can pick one up from the front office.

HOTMAIL – problems seem resolved with the providers now but if you find you’re not getting a response let us know.

NEW ENROLMENTS: over 20 new faces joined us today and next week almost 55 more from kindergarten. Almost 80 new faces to add to our wonderful school. It’s great meeting new parents and especially their children. To all our new families, welcome. Join us at the Blue Diamond Café on Monday at 11am for a “Tears & Tissues” morning tea.

NEW STAFF: welcome Mr Corbyn Year 5 and Miss Hand Year 1 who started officially on Tuesday. Welcome also to our new relieving General Assistant Steve Lewis who has done a terrific job over the holidays.

JIGSAW OOSH: Is now up and running in the Bombo building for children aged 5 – 12 years. Contact them on Ph: 4232 1964. Please note if you are dropping children off for OOSH before or after school, that there has been a parking area designated for this. Please keep staff parking and those parking spaces marked for special purposes clear.

MATHS WORKBOOKS: Money is due in for Maths workbooks by first thing next Tuesday morning but can be paid prior to then. Workbooks will be distributed on Tuesday. If your child has not paid for a book they will not receive one.

SWIMMING CARNIVAL: Students need to learn to “have a go” and try their best. I heard some students say today they weren’t going as they couldn’t win. That’s not the spirit of participation in carnivals. It’s an essential element of school life.

Michael Honeywood
SPORT

House captains 2013
House Captains were elected yesterday. The results are

**Bass**
- Boy's Captain Blake Rogers
- Boy's Vice Captain Kyah Buchert
- Girl's Captain Hannah Jackman
- Girl's Vice Captain Aimee Deen

**Dunstan**
- Boy's Captain Kalahni Hollands
- Boy's Vice Captain Brayden Holland
- Girl's Captain Samantha Luke
- Girl's Vice Captain Shauna Gray

**Flinders**
- Boy's Captain Dean Lancaster
- Boy's Vice Captain Reuben West
- Girl's Captain Chelsea Koks
- Girl's Vice Captain Tionne Harris

**Kendall**
- Boy's Captain Jacob Laughton
- Boy's Vice Captain Tom Walter
- Girl's Captain Jayden Murray
- Girl's Vice Captain Kira Loiterton

Weekly Sport.
During weeks 2-11 on Fridays Stage 1, Stage 2 & Stage 3 (K – 6) will be participating in a fundamental movement skills program. This program is delivered by Sport in Schools Australia. The cost is $45 per student for the 10 week program. A third child is free. Their flyer is being given to every student and the permission note and payment slip to be returned are on the final page of this newsletter.

School Swimming Carnival Friday 1st February
Our annual swimming carnival will be held on the above date at the Kiama Leisure Centre. All students in Years 3 – 6 are invited to participate and any Year 2 student who turns 8 this year and who is a competitive swimmer or is a member of a training squad. The only age races are the 50m Freestyle. All other events as per district regional and state are Junior (8,9, & 10 yr old competing together), 11yr and Opens. 

All races are timed finals. This will bring us into line with District, Regional and State carnivals.

Notes and entry forms were sent home on Tuesday. Parents were asked to check their child’s nomination to ensure that he or she can actually swim the distance and the event they have nominated. The cost of the carnival is $3.

PSSA Representative Sport.
Emails will be sent to children in Yrs. 5 & 6 to ask them if they wish to stand for representation in the District Teams. District coaches allow us to enter 3-4 children in each sport. Our Tongarra District teams then go onto Southern Illawarra Zone trials or South Coast trials depending on the size of the sport. Children selected in a South Coast team attend a 4 day carnival competing against the 10 other DEC districts and representative teams from Catholic schools and a representative team from Independent schools.

Mr Ellsmore will be facilitating the boys trials and Mr Corbyn the girls.

Thanks Jim fatalbert@exemail.com.au

DIARY

Term 1 Week 1
Friday Feb 1
Swimming Carnival Kiama Pool
Years 2 - 6
Canteen: Jude Downie, Michelle Gifford

Term 1 Week 2
Monday Feb 4
Parents “Tears & Tissues” morning tea at the Blue Diamond Café – 11am
Canteen: Michelle Gabbott, Neralie Lane

Tuesday Feb 5
Money due for Maths Workbooks
Canteen: Lisa Wallace

Wednesday Feb 6
Canteen: Helen Zwicker, Louise Hedge

Thursday Feb 7
Canteen: Mel Davis, Laurey Davidson, Jackie Fjellstad

Friday February 8
Canteen: Charmanne Holland, Chris Tomlinson
P & C
We have a very exciting year ahead planned by the P&C and we kick it off with the following activities...

- Mon 4th Feb - Kindergarten Parents Get Together from 11am at Blue Diamond, Sebel. Come along and share your first day tales with other people over a cup of coffee, or maybe you are in need of a glass of champagne! Just turn up when you can, for as long as you can, and get to know other parents in your child's year.

- Mon 11th Feb - first P & C meeting 7pm Bombo - all welcome. Come along and hear what is planned in 2013 for P&C activities in the school. Perhaps you are thinking of getting involved? Come and find out about elected positions and become a member so you can nominate for and vote in the Annual General Meeting (25th March) when all positions will become vacant. This is your school…. come and have a say and be involved.

- Fri 15th Feb - Family Fun Night - 5pm - this is all about welcoming new families and your kids having a chance to have fun together on a Friday night. Just bring a few dollars for a sausage sizzle and the whole family for some good old fashioned fun. Get prepared to team up with your kids for some tug of war or some sack races!

Look out for more details about school happenings here in newsletters to come!

CANTEEN
Welcome back to 2013!
The new menu comes into effect from Monday 4th February 2013. Please note there have been price rises on the milks, juices and bottled water. They retail now for $1.50, up 30c from $1.20. If you would like to volunteer at any time in the canteen please don't hesitate to contact me.
Happy Munching
Lynne

ADVERTISING
ILLAWARRA REGIONAL EISTEDDFOD
Location: Smiths Hill High School Syllabus can be viewed and downloaded from: www.illawarraregioneisteddfod.com.au Closure dates for entries: Friday 16th February Sections include: Dance, Drama and Singing.

KIAMA JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB 2013 REGISTRATION - U6 to U18
Online registration is preferred please go to myfootballclub.com.au $110.00 - 1st child, $100 - 2nd child, $90 - 3rd child of same family Registration closes Sunday 10 February. All NEW players can register online, but must attend registration day for photo and DOB verification (birth certificate, passport etc) Registration Days at Kiama Leagues Club on Saturday 2nd & 9th February 10am to 2pm www.kiamajuniorfootballclub.sportingpulse.net

BMX RACING
Have you ever wanted to have a go at BMX racing? Feel the thrills of having a go at the newest Olympic Sport. Well here is your chance. Southlake/Illawarra BMX Club located in the CROOME ROAD SPORTING COMPLEX located on CROOME ROAD, ALBION PARK is having a FREE Come and Try Day. Saturday 9th February 2013 From 10am to 1pm We have riders ranging in age from 4yrs to 64yrs so anyone can come and have a go. For safety reasons all participants must wear a FULL FACE HELMET, gloves, long pants, long sleeved top, shoes and socks. Please bring a road worthy bike with working brakes. We will have limited helmets and gloves available to use or you can bring your own. All riders also need to bring a drink. All participants will receive a BMX Australia showbag. For all enquires contact Andrea Dallinger 0418 245 268

SOUTHERN SUBURBS NETBALL CLUB
Anybody interested in playing netball?? Come join our friendly, fun and family orientated netball club. No experience needed!! Age from 6 years and up. Registration Dates for 2013 are as follows: Saturday 2nd February 9am - 12pm, Saturday 09th February 9am - 12pm Shellharbour City Stadium – Croome Road (Albion Park) Any enquiries please phone 0407 810 372
SPORT – TERM 1

Student Name ______________________________________________ Class ____________

Please circle whichever is relevant:
I enclose $45 cash for sport payment / I have completed the credit card slip below.

Parent / Caregiver Name (please print) ____________________________________________

Parent / Caregiver Signature____________________________________________________ Date ____________

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Credit Card Payment Only

Payment for: SPORT – TERM 1 Total Paid: $45

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