PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"Sometimes you don’t realize your own strength until you come face to face with your greatest weakness." - Susan Gale

Hands up all those who know their weaknesses and acknowledge them! If you can show your child that you can overcome obstacles and issues, let them in on the journey, then this helps build resilience.

**Play Equipment:** students can only use the equipment with a teacher present. Parents cannot legally supervise on our school equipment.

**SHOES:** all students have to wear shoes in the playground even if supervised by parents. These are WH&S issues that insist on safety in the schools. Shoes should not be soft canvas but hard leather like quality.

**Family Fun Night** – it tried to rain on our parade but the sun shone as did the event. Well done to our P&C for their vision & organisation. It was wonderful getting to know so many parents and helping build bridges of trust over a sausage and some play. IF you missed it make sure you come to our next whole school event.

**FUN RUN 21st March** – the P&C are hosting an ADIDAS FUN RUN day where all students will gather at the school flats in town to complete a set course with activities. It is a fundraiser for the school and we are asking all students to participate. If they raise over $10 they get a prize plus help their school P&C!

**Congratulations to our new SRC:** all class representatives are listed within but a special mention must go to our executive elected on Monday – President Ruby Crane, Secretary Abby Allen and Vice President Ben Raison. Already they have decided to support Red Cross mufti Day Friday 1st March – gold coin donation for wearing red & white. They are also working on a Harmony Day ceremony to kick start our Fun Run day, a new Talent Quest format and they have taken over the notice board on the hall wall for student news.

**Parent Information Nights:** here is your chance to meet your teachers and the stage executive. It is an information sharing session, so come with questions. Dates and times in Important Stuff! See you there.

Michael Honeywood

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**Important Stuff:**

Camp Quality free puppet show Monday 25th Feb in Hall. K-2 from 12.45 to 1.15pm
Years 3-6 from 1.55 to 2.40pm

**Parent Information Evenings:**
Tonight: Wed 20 Feb:
5.30pm – 5K, 4/5S
6pm – 3F/L, 3/4D, 2/3B, 4H
6.30pm – 6E, 5/6C
Mon 25 Feb:
Kinder @ 5.30pm, Year 1 @ 6pm
& Year 2 @6.30pm

**CYBERSMART**
Free talk: 5.30 – 6.30pm in school hall for all parents
TUESDAY 19TH MARCH-child care provided & a prize
ADIDAS FUN RUN is coming to KIAMA Public School! 29 DAYS TO GO

RED CROSS MUFTI DAY FRDAY 1st MARCH – gold coin donation & wear Red &White
HIGHLIGHTS & GENERAL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS NEW 2013 SRC reps are:
President: Ruby Crane
Secretary: Abby Allen
Vice President: Ben Raison
6E  Anakin Araya
5/6 C  Jai Sala
5K  Cayceey Stratton  Julian McDonald
4/5S  Jayden Davies  Rennaye Peacock
4 H  Marlo Lewis  Mitchell Micallef
3/4 D  Evie Allen  Grady Willis
3 FL  Lily Hoyt-Bull  Deakin Davidson
2/3 B  Abbey O’Connor  Bea McDonald
2 P  Broc Callaghan  Mica Heslop
2 C  Bella Mainey  Angus Munroe

The new SRC will be officially welcomed at our next whole school assembly Tuesday 26th Feb. The SRC Representatives, as well as House Captains, will receive their badges at this assembly.

VOCAL GROUP – (DIVAS) 2013
Students who expressed an interest last year in being a member of the 2013 KPS Vocal Group, were sent an email and given detailed notes concerning the organisation for this year. The return slip is due by Friday 22 February. Please hand these in at the office.
Our first rehearsal is Friday 1 March.
Any other boys or girls who might be interested in joining would be most welcome, and are invited to collect a note from the office. To be a member, you need to be in Years 5 or 6.
The commitment required includes: being willing to stay for rehearsals every Friday afternoon after school from 3-4, being in the school choir, (if there is a choir involving Stage 3 in 2013) and attending performances – some are during school time, others are out of school time and could be on a weekend.
Mrs. Maude (Vocal Group Tutor)

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL ACTIVITIES
Jigsaw OOSH will be running Active After School Activities this term on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons for the children attending out of school hours care. Enquiries can be made at the Bombo room or by email to kiama@jigsaw.com.au

SCHOOL PHOTOS
School photo day is Monday 11th March. Every student will receive a prepaid envelope for individual and class photos next Monday, 25th February. Every student will be in his or her class photo whether he or she returns an envelope or not. If you would like to have a sibling photo (a photo with all children from the one family who attend our school) as well as an individual and class photo, you will need to complete a separate sibling envelope. These are available from the office. Please return a separate envelope for each student on Photo Day, Monday 11th March. The photographer uses these envelopes on the day when organising their schedule. Please remember that all students are to wear their summer school uniform for photo day. For the girls this includes the gold polo shirt and royal blue culottes. (No school dresses). Please have children with black shoes and white socks and for the girls, royal blue or gold hair accessories.

STUDENT NEWS

POSITIVE STUDENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have earned their special awards as follows:
BRONZE: Brooke Farnworth, Jasmine Rowe and Charli Callaghan

DIARY

TERM 1 WEEK 4
Wednesday 20 Feb
Parent information evening
Stage 2 & 3
Canteen – Pat Cairns, Nathal McEvoy

Thursday 21 Feb
Canteen – Kath Tanner, Jackie Fjellstad

Friday 22 Feb
Vocal Group notes due
Canteen – Jodee Wilson, Zoye Britton

TERM 1 WEEK 5
Monday 25 Feb
Canteen: Meredith Gabbott, Sarah Nette, Adam Nette

Tuesday 26 Feb
Canteen – Narelle Micallef

Wednesday 27 Feb
Canteen – Cath Burg

Thursday 28 Feb
Canteen – Tracey Wilson

Friday 1 March
Vocal group rehearsals start today from 3-4 pm.
Canteen -

CYBERSMART
Free talk: 5.30 – 6.30pm in school hall for all parents
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SPORT

District Swimming Carnival Wednesday 27th February Children who came 1st 2nd or 3rd in their age 50m race or 1st or 2nd in the other strokes are eligible to attend the Tongararra District swimming carnival. They should have received notes this week. We enter the times for the Individual Medley and the 100m freestyle. We then wait to see if those swimmers have qualified. Information regarding the event schedule will be given to students once the school has been advised of these times.

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 Tongararra 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. Coming up: Girls Cricket, AFL, and Boys soccer.

Thanks Jim
fatalbert@exemail.com.au

Boys Cricket
District trials for boys cricket were held on Monday at Shellharbour Public School. Baxter Kane, Jacob Laughton, Mitchell Deans and Beau Simpson were selected to attend. We await news of their efforts. Six students from the district trials will be selected to try out for the South Coast team on Thursday.

AFL
The following students have been selected to attend the district AFL trials. Baxter Kane, Brayden Holland, Mitchell Deans, Devante Kona, Thomas Walter, Jye Paring, Cameron Wills and Daniel McCombe will be looking to impress selectors at Bonaira Oval on Thursday. Successful competitors will gain a spot in the Zone tryouts. Several students from Kiama Public School reached the South Coast trials for AFL in 2012. We wish them the best of luck.

Andrew Ellsmore

CLASS REPORT

K/1 TURQUOISE
K/1 Turquoise have settled in well to class routines and are making new friendships.
Kindergarten have started reading and are keen about reading with ‘crisp’ pointing. They are doing a great job.
In guided writing lessons we are learning to say words slowly, to hear sounds in words and to write letters and words.
In maths we are practising counting and playing games to match numbers to a group.
Year one are learning to work independently and get along as a group. They enjoy being with their Year one friends to do other activities such as Library, Band and HSIE.
The children love doing sport on Fridays. The activities are so much fun. Some games they do by themselves, some with a partner and some as our whole class.
K/1 Information Night is on Monday at 5.30pm. I hope you can come.
Mrs Osmond – Class Teacher

P & C

FAMILY FUN NIGHT
It was a magnificent night last Friday evening, with around two hundred attending in perfect weather for our annual Fun Night. The free Sausage Sizzle this year was a hit, with 400 snags finding their way to happy tummies! Thanks to all those who helped out on the night, especially Belinda Murphy and Melinda Ellis for their organisation, and Laurey Davidson selling boxes of uniforms! Thanks also to the teachers that attended. Mr Corbin and Mr Carney did an awesome job running the games for the kids. Thanks heaps! A great way to kick off the year.

ADIDAS FUN RUN
By now your child should have brought home a sponsorship book for this event happening on Thursday 21 March at Black Beach. It’s easy to register on the website and ALL STUDENTS who raise $10 or more will choose a prize from the ‘catalogue’! Only a month to go - it’s going to be a great event, so get collecting today!
CANTEEN
To all the wonderful people who have volunteered for the canteen this year the new roster will be out either at the end of this week or early next week. We still have Friday with no volunteers so we might have to close on that day. Rosters will be distributed via kiddy mail.
Drinks at the canteen have been selling at $1.50 since the start of the new year. Money will be returned in lunch bags if there are insufficient funds to cover the price rise.
Happy Munching
Lynne Roberts

ADVERTISING
LANIS HOUSE - ENROL NOW FOR 2013
Lanis House a Home of Early Learning, is a Family owned and operated Early Learning Centre that is committed to providing high quality care for all families and children aged 0 to 6 years. We are open Monday to Friday from 7:30 am-6:00 pm and provide all home cooked meals, nappies and linen. Lanis House also offers a comprehensive school readiness program to ensure a smooth transition to kindergarten for your child. For more information and enquiries please call Lisa on 42 33 17 47.

DROP OFF THE KIDS AND ROLL OUT YOUR MAT
9.30 am Yoga with Riana – Mon, Tues, Thu, Fri – fantastic way to get rid of the morning stress and stay balanced and in harmony for the rest of your busy day. Mums n Bubs, 11 am Friday. Early bird yoga 6 am Mon-Fri – see the sun rise!
Intro Offer 3 classes for $20 (10 day expiry). Come and join us at DEVINELY FIT YOGA & LIFESTYLE, Level 1/44 Manning Street, Kiama. For information call 0425 77 88 44. Find us on www.facebook.com/devinelyfityoga
Make yoga part of your life in 2013.

HOUSEPROUD CLEANERS
Houseproud Cleaning offers weekly cleaning, fortnightly cleaning and once-off home cleaning services. All cleaning services are carried out by trained, fully insured professional cleaners who will meet your highest expectations, leaving your home cleaner and brighter with our citrus based cleaning products.
Please call 1300 880 198 for a free quote or visit www.houseproud.com.au

WEP – EXPERIENCE THE JOY OF HOSTING
Invite another culture into your own home by becoming a volunteer host family. Students from many different countries will be arriving in July 2013. For more information ph:1300 884 733 or visit www.wep.org.au

GERRINGONG BREAKERS FOOTBALL CLUB REGISTRATION
Saturday 23rd Feb 10am – 12pm and Tuesday 26 Feb at the Breakers Clubhouse, Bridges Road, Gerringong. Online registrations also available at www.myfootballclub.com.au. For more information visit www.gerringongbreakers.com

THERAPEUTIC DEPRESSION & ANXIETY GROUP FOR ADULTS
CatholicCare is running a therapeutic group for men and women in Wollongong over 5 Thursdays from 6pm – 8.30pm, 7th March to 4th April. For more information call 4227 1122

KIAMA JUNIOR BASKETBALL
Registration is now open for the 2013 season, which starts at the Kiama Leisure Centre in the week commencing March 18. Mixed comps on Monday (Yrs 4-6), Tues (Yrs 7-11) and Wed (Yrs 2-3). Visit www.kiamabasketball.com.au for more info.

LIGHTEN THE LOAD FOR LAUREN
Lauren is an 8 year old local Gerringong girl who attends Ss Peter & Paul. Lauren has been diagnosed with leukemia. A fundraising event will be held at the Blue Diamond on Friday 22nd Feb at 7pm. Pre purchased tickets are on sale for $20 or will be available at the door for $25. There will be local entertainment, lucky door prizes, raffles and an auction. Our goal is to raise $2000 much needed funds for the family so please come and help support this worthy cause. For more information contact Natalie 0413 183 888 or by email:natalieoz@bigpond.com. Tickets are available from Greg Norris & Associates and Kiama and Gerringong Newsagencies.
Are you considering Wollongong High School of the Performing Arts as your choice of secondary school? If so, come and meet us at Expo Evening. You will see that we offer a first class comprehensive education as well as excellent opportunities in the performing arts.

Date: Thursday 28 February 2013
Time: 5.30-7.00pm
We look forward to meeting you. Principal’s address at 5.30 in WHSPAC.

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Academic Excellence : Excellence in the Performing Arts : Quality Teaching
Outstanding sporting opportunities : Brilliant HSC results : High Expectations

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Kiama Relay
Auction and Dance

Friday, 22nd March 2013
7pm-11pm
Kiama Showground Pavillion

Entertainment
Raffles ★ Games
Dancing ★ Auctions

Music by the Dan Usher Band

Tickets available from Kiama Tourism Information Centre or to enquire....phone 02 4232 3322

Tickets: $20.00 EACH All proceeds to Kiama Relay for Life

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