PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"The difference between what you were yesterday and what you will be tomorrow is what you do today." – Stephen Pierce

JAZZ FESTIVAL: well done to our band for being a highlight of the Kiama Jazz Festival. The newest members were particularly excited and the parents very proud to see them perform ensemble. Miss Friedmann is working on a video for all to see to attach to our website. If not we will make it available. Thanks also to Mr. Ellsmore for his energy and tutoring.

FUN RUN – the major P&C initiative is on and a flyer goes home today. Let’s get behind the event and support our school – every cent raised goes back into the school through the P&C so you can have a voice in how it is used.

REMINDER: The P&C Annual General Meeting is on 25th March 7pm in the Bombo building. All positions will be declared vacant and we call for nominations from the floor to stand for positions. Please come along and have your say, you don’t have to take a position but you can support those who do so much for KPS.

“Shave for a Cure” a charity that aims to find a cure for Leukaemia. Jim Carney and I went under the shears yesterday. Thank you to Michelle Springett for her organisation & passion, and the lovely Liza Chapman for shaving us. The students were very excited with the whole event. Mr Carney’s family finally know what he looks like under the beard! It’s all for a good cause. We know funds are tight so we are not expecting donations but aim to try and create awareness. If you can then thank you. http://my.leukaemiacfoundation.org.au

FRIDAY is NATIONAL ANTIBULLYING DAY: we will join people across Australia on Friday in classes with activities on “Take a Stand” against bullying and the SRC will assist classes on the day get this positive message. We will follow this up next Tuesday with…….

CYBERSMART: I urge every parent to attend this meeting next Tuesday at 5.30pm in our school hall. This is an excellent free presentation that will inform you and help you keep up to date with the children using technology. No matter what age your child is it is important information that will educate all. Free child minding is provided by Jigsaw OOSH from 5.30pm -6.30pm for this event.

Well done to our Rugby League boys who played well yesterday and 4 were chosen in the district side (read the sports section) Good luck to our Netball girls on Thursday in Nowra.

Have a wonderful week – Michael Honeywood
**HIGHLIGHTS & GENERAL NEWS**

**WE NEED YOU!!! VOCAL GROUP RECRUITMENT DRIVE**

This week the 9 current Vocal Group members are on a recruitment drive, endeavouring to find 6-8 more members from Stage 3 to keep this group operating! At the close of 2012, the viability of this group continuing in 2013 seemed a certainty. Seven students, who did express an interest in continuing or joining up, have changed their minds, throwing the future of a group in 2013 into jeopardy.

As distinct from a ‘sing-a-long’ experience, choral arrangements involving part-singing are taught and performed. With such young voices, there needs to be a mix and a balance of parts.

This group costs nothing! All you need is a voice and a desire to sing. Why not try it or give your child the encouragement they could need to try it! The group rehearses after school on a Friday from 3-4 p.m. If you are interested in joining the vocal group, collect a note from Samantha in 5-6C or the office.

Mrs. Maude
Vocal Group Tutor

**Public speaking**

Does your child suffer glossophobia? Fear of public speaking is common. Try creating opportunities for your child to present speeches to the family, without putting pressure on them to perform. Here are some tried and true tips to make your child’s next speech a success.


**Science starters**

Did humans live with dinosaurs? Does the moon disappear in the day? Kids love to know the answers to life’s mysteries but there are a few facts they often get wrong in the name of science.


**REMINDER PARENTS OF YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6 STUDENTS**

Kiama High School is holding **OPEN NIGHT for YEAR 5 AND YEAR 6** students and parents on **THURSDAY 14 MARCH 2013** commencing at 7.00pm in the school hall.

This is a very busy night and we suggest you arrive between 6.30pm and 6.45pm to be seated by 7.00pm. Because of the large number of students coming into Year 7 next year, the hall will be extremely full. To allow as many people to be seated as possible, we are asking that, where possible, parents make alternate arrangements for brothers and sisters and that only Year 5 and Year 6 students and their parents attend.

During the evening, information about the school will be provided by staff and SRC leaders, you will be entertained by the school band, vocal and drama groups, and there will be an opportunity to tour the school and see displays of students’ achievements as well as students at work.

*We look forward to meeting with you on the night.*

**BAND PERFORMANCE AT KIAMAJAZZ FESTIVAL**

Our school band once again performed at the Kiama Jazz and Blues Festival on Saturday in what is becoming an annual tradition. All band members did a fantastic job in preparation for the event. It is always difficult to assemble a collection of well rehearsed songs so early in the year, particularly with the loss of experienced students who have moved on to Year 7 and the recruitment of new members who are still finding their feet. Nevertheless, the band showed professionalism beyond their years to entertain the crowd with 5 songs. A special mention goes to Samantha Luke and Ewan Stevens who without prior warning, were required to play solos as part of an encore performance when the Master of Ceremonies rallied the crowd.

Mr Ellsmore
ANAPHYLAXIS REMINDER
We have students enrolled at our school who suffer from Anaphylaxis. Such students have an anaphylactic, allergic reaction to eggs and any form of nuts. Without putting too fine a line on things, such students will be severely ill if they come into any sort of contact with eggs or nuts. This will result in breathing difficulties and students will require immediate hospitalisation. Due to this potentially life-threatening situation, our canteen will continue to support Anaphylactic students by not stocking or selling any food line that contains nuts.

Anaphylaxis is a severe allergic reaction that results in:
- Difficult or noisy breathing
- Swelling of the tongue
- Swelling and tightness in the throat
- Difficulty in talking
- Wheezing or persistent cough
- Loss of consciousness or collapse.

We are making a special plea to all students’ parents in relation to products that contain egg or nuts. Anaphylactic students have been well drilled in relation to foods they must not eat. We are also appealing to all parents to help out by not packing peanut butter sandwiches or other products that contain nuts or eggs. Please also remind your child that while they are at school, they should eat their own food that you have prepared and not share or trade with others. Students should also wash their hands before returning to the classroom after lunch and recess breaks.

I don’t think it is too much to ask each of us to give up food items to ensure that all of our students are safe at school. We have a caring community here at Kiama and I am sure that we would all like to ensure that we can make our students safe in every aspect of their school life.

STUDENT NEWS

PLEASE NOTE: Class 4/5S will conduct the whole school assembly and perform their item in Week 9 instead of at the Stage 2 assembly in week 8.

Stages 2 & 3 (Years 4 – 6) Tuesday at 2.15 (even numbered weeks). Class Items will be presented and parents are welcome to attend.
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**Stage 1 (K – Year 2) Fridays at 9.30 (odd numbered weeks).** These assemblies are generally just for staff and students. Songs and dances may be taught during this time for a future performance for parents.

**Stage 1 Fridays at 9.30 (even numbered weeks) assemblies.** Class items will be performed and parents are welcome to attend.

**Stage 1 assemblies for Term 1 as follows:**

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**HAT AWARDS**

Congratulations to the following students for receiving a hat award this week.

Zac Davies, Jazmin McTaggart, Jack Lancaster, Camryn Kona, Elliott Simpson, Kristina Tuohy, Jesse Cliff, Tully Yates, Lily Howard, Alli Nicholl, Hannah Jackman, Hamish Tanner

**SPORT**

A lot of sporting trials have taken place over the past two weeks and KPS has been well represented on each occasion. District trials for rugby league were held on Monday at Croome Road. Harry Wallace, James Francis, Brody Foster and Jackson Irwin-Cordner tried out for the U11’s team while Baxter Kane, Brayden Holland and Mitchell Deans trialed for the Opens. All boys put in a big effort. Brody Foster was successful in gaining selection in the U’11’s team as were all three boys who trialed for the Opens.

Mitchell Deans has been selected to represent the Southern Illawarra Zone in AFL at the upcoming South Coast trials. Baxter Kane will also travel to Bateman’s Bay for South Coast cricket after an impressive performance for the Tongarra district team. In addition, Riley Nicholl has been selected as striker for the Tongarra football (soccer) team and will be looking to impress selectors at the Southern Illawarra Zone trials later this month.

**CLASS REPORT**

**3 FAULKS/LEE**

Students in 3F/L have settled in well this year. Mrs Faulks teaches on Monday and Tuesday, and Ms Lee teaches for the rest of the week. We are reading the novel ‘Victor’s Quest’ about a prince who must travel through a spooky forest to prove that he is ready to take over from his mother, the Queen. Our HSIE topic this term is ‘Being Australian’. Students are preparing a speech on an Australian icon of their choice. This is due in Week 10. In Science we have pulled apart flowers to look at each part and this week we start investigating Australian animals. The favourite maths activity at the moment is singing the times tables, which is done with great enthusiasm. In the Bounce Back program we are talking about being resilient and respectful. Each Friday, students are enjoying the Sport in Schools Australia program. Our classroom is bursting with books and the students often hear, "I think we have time to squeeze in another book!"

If any parents or carers would like to assist with reading groups, please contact us. We’d love to have you in our room. Mrs Faulks and Ms Lee – Class Teachers

**P & C**

**FUN RUN 2013 - Forms/money due back THIS FRIDAY!**

Ensure you get your sponsorship form and any cash donations returned in an envelope to school this Friday. And, if you raised $10 or more, be sure to note which prize you are selecting for your efforts! Still 2 days to go - the top fundraisers in each year will be acknowledged in the post-FunRun assembly on 26 March. And it's ice creams to the classes who get most forms back on Friday, plus the class who raises the most!

**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED** - check out the flyer which went home today and if you can help out, fill it in and return it ASAP. Thanks!

**LUNCH ORDERS on FUN RUN DAY** - The Sebel will be supplying some yumtastic lunch options to order prior to the day. These include wraps, fruit salad and muffins, as well as juice/water and other snacks available on the day. Look for the #4 of the RunDown newsletter going home this Friday and also next Monday for an order form. Orders need to be back to the school by next Tuesday.
Canteen
Thankyou to everyone who has donated easter goodies for the canteen Easter raffle. Please keep them coming in as the more we receive the more prizes we can make to raffle off. Tickets in the raffle are 50c or 3 for $1.00. If you would like to purchase some tickets you can send in the money in a sealed envelope with Easter raffle written on it clearly with your name and class and amount included. We will get your tickets back to you before the draw on the 28th March.

Advertising
Stingrays Girls Football Clinic
For girls aged between 7 – 14 years. Thursday 18th & Friday 19th April at JJ Kelly Park, Keira Street, Wollongong. $45 per participant. For more information or to enrol call 131302

Botanic Garden
Victory Gardens - Monday 15 to Friday 19 April. 10am – 1pm at the Wollongong Botanic Gardens. Activities suitable for children aged 3 – 12 years. Children must be accompanied by an adult. $8.50 per child, family package available. For more information or to find out about other workshops and guided tours visit Wollongong.nsw.gov.au/botanicgarden

Kiama Uniting Church
Kids Fun Day for children years K – 6
Pupil Free “Music” Day, Mon 29th & Tues 30th April 8.30am – 3.30pm. Cost: One day: $15 1st child, $10 2nd child in family. Two days: $30 1st child, 2nd child $20. For more information and bookings which are essential. Contact Thelma 4237 7768, Marion 4233 2490 or Val 4237 7559

Gerringong Breakers Football Club
Late registrations still being accepted for some age groups. For more information contact Matt on 0438 888 857 or check out the website www.gerringongbreakers.com