PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"May you have the hindsight to know where you’ve been, the foresight to know where you’re going, and the insight to know when you’re going too far." - Irish Blessing for Saint Patrick’s Day

I have had need for this wonderful adage of late as I started the year in a new school. Knowing when and how fast to implement any change can be tricky. Knowing what costs parents would be asked to deliver in term 1 is another issue and I thank you for your understanding. Next year I will be sure to heed the wisdom of this year. I want you to tell me in person what issues you have so please attend the P&C Annual General Meeting 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.

The Band Played On – the students went to Blue Haven on Monday to entertain the elderly. This follows up from last week’s Jazz festival and the growth of these students in such a short time is remarkable making our two wonderful band leaders, Mr Ellsmore and Miss Friedmann very proud.

HARMONY Day – an assembly prior to students going to the Fun Run will be held in the hall to recognize Harmony Day lead by our school captains and SRC. The theme for this year’s Harmony Day is Everyone Belongs: Many Stories – One Australia.

FUN RUN – the major P&C initiative is on tomorrow. Well done to those students who went beyond the normal call. Every cent raised goes back into the school through the P&C so you can have a voice in how it is used. One young lady walked the business centre of town to raise almost $200 in personal sponsorship and I’m sure she will enjoy the prize she nominated. A reminder there is a legal obligation to get all funds back to school if collected for the Fun Run using the school’s name.

CYBERSMART: On Tuesday the Cybersmart course was delivered to Students in Years 5 & 6, staff and parents. Staff was amazed at how much access Year 5 & 6 had to technology. 60% said they had access to internet in their rooms! It made me question how trusting we are and how much we know about our children’s lives – or cyber lives. 60% were on Kik, 100% use YouTube regularly, vast numbers used sites and communications too numerous to recall. Ask your child what they know, what they use & what access they have. Then, if you are worried, go to the website link below. Thank you to the 28 parents who attended last night. It is a very important topic, one we should prioritise as much as sport, dance or other activities. Ask yourself this question – how much time does your child spend using technology & with that same thought, how important is it for you to understand the effects it has?

CROSS COUNTRY is being held next Thursday, 20 March – I implore every student to do their very best. Not everyone is born a distance runner but while we are able to run we should. Please encourage all students to participate to their maximum. The Fun Run was designed as a good warm up event.

Have a wonderful week – Michael Honeywood
HIGHLIGHTS & GENERAL NEWS

DIVAS
The Divas are still in need of more members. This is a wonderful initiative from Mr & Mrs Maude who are providing professional lessons and direction for free in their own time. The girls always seem to enjoy the performances and have so many opportunities to shine. Please if you have interest in the Divas speak to the current members or ask at the front office.

OPPORTUNITY ‘C’ CLASS for 2014
For academically gifted children. Parents of gifted and talented children currently in Year 4 are invited to attend an INFORMATION EVENING 6.00pm, Tuesday 9 April 2013 at Illaroo Road Public School
A Year 5 Opportunity ‘C’ class will be formed in 2014 for gifted and talented students who are in Year 4 in 2013. Phone Bob Lowe, deputy principal, on 4421 0422 for more information.

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 Tuesday at 2.15 (even numbered weeks).
Class Items will be presented and parents are welcome to attend.
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Stage 1 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).

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NETBALL
Last Thursday, 14th March, 18 girls participated in the Netball NSW Schools Cup at Nowra. The girls formed 2 teams which consisted of both seasoned players and some who had never played before. All the girls represented Kiama Public School with sportsmanship, enthusiasm and our renowned “Have a Go” attitude. The skills were impressive and for the girls who had never player before, the development was astonishing. Caycee Stratton summed up the day perfectly by stating “At the start of the day I only knew how to play one position and now I know how to play five!” The Kiama Blue team won 3 out of 5 games – losing one game by one goal! The Kiama Yellow team won 1 out of their 5 games and in the process gained much satisfaction with their improvement. Well done girls!
In other netball news, Abbey Murphy and Samantha Luke were selected to represent K.P.S. at the District Netball Trials last week. Against some very tough competition, Samantha was selected in the Tongarra District team. She will play in that team at the Zone Trails on the 26th March. Good luck Samantha!

LIBRARY

UNSW COMPETITIONS
UNSW competition entries are due in by this Thursday, 21st March.
Thanks. The notes have been put on the website under the Notes section for parents looking for them.
Robyn Davis Teacher Librarian

CLASS REPORT

KINDERGARTEN RUBIES
This week in Rubies we have started Home Reading. All children are now on Level 3. A note went home on Monday with their home reader and a red record book. Please read the note and record each day the book that your child has brought home. They will get 3 – 4 new books each week and a re-read book 1 – 2 times a week. They MUST bring back their book each day to get a new book. The books are also needed for other students. Students will also bring home a weekly sheet with four sight words to practise. These are yours to keep. Read them and if your child likes, practise writing them. Please keep it short and fun though as they have worked hard all day!
Our big book is called Dan the Flying Man and we are looking at the letter /sound ‘i’. Children have also been working very hard in the engine room reading books, and writing words and letters.
In Maths we have looked at all numbers to 10 and practiced saying all the numbers from 1 – 20 and back again. We have had a go at solving problems and started Maths Groups. We will be discussing 2D shapes and volume with full and empty.
The Hat Parade is coming up next week and Rubies are busy practising our dance with the rest of Kinder. Don’t forget to send in some craft materials to share with the class. Our Buddies are coming to help us make the hats next week.
We are all looking forward to the Fun Run on Thursday.
Thank you to all the parents and grandparents who come in so regularly to read with our class. We love seeing you.
Gail Baker - Teacher of Kindergarten Rubies

P & C

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR FUN RUN SPONSOR FORM???
Remember, by getting at least $10 donated, you get to choose a prize! Well done to the 200+ students who DID return their forms last Friday. The two lucky classes winning ice creams for most money raised and most forms (%) returned will be announced next week in assembly, along with final $$ raised and other awards.

FUN RUN IS ON TOMORROW from 10:30am
The weather is looking great for tomorrow, so come along and support the students as they walk/jog their way around the course down at Black Beach. The fun run itself will go for 1 hour - sunscreen and hats will be provided, along with water stations. Students will each have a lap card, stamped on completion of each lap. This will also act as their ‘ticket’ to a free ice block at the end of the race! It’s going to be heaps of FUN!

FOOD TOMORROW
If you missed out on pre-ordering your lunch, you will be able to purchase it on the day (i.e. - tomorrow). Students, just bring money with you. Parents attending also have the option to purchase lunch for themselves. This includes the yummo wraps/muffins prepared by the Sebel.
LAP OF HONOUR STUDENTS
Before things kick off tomorrow, a lap of the short course will be completed by Mr Honeywood and teachers - joined by the following students, who all raised the most in their respective classes…
Mya Ovenden (Baker), Charlotte P (Friedmann), Chloe W (Osmond), Cooper L (Hand), Lukas B (Toohey), Eli P (Clifford), Grace S (Paloff), Charlie B/ Bearte M/ Clara M (Blanch), Jack W (Faulks/Lee), Georgia K (Duncan), Myfanwe P (Hall), Harry W (Shearer), Harrison S (Corbyn), Abby A (Carney), Arabella H (Ellsmore).
WELL DONE TO THESE STUDENTS AND ALL WHO RAISED MONEY FOR OUR FUN RUN! Have FUN tomorrow!

CANTEEN
EASTER RAFFLE
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, class and amount included. Thank you 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.

PRICE INCREASE
The canteen is still receiving orders for milk/juice/water at $1.20. Please note that all drinks have had a price increase and are now selling for $1.50. If there is insufficient money in the lunch order to cover the difference than the $1.20 allocated to the drink is returned to your child in the lunch bag.

ADVERTISING
LADIES NIGHT OUT
A fashion night out! If you would like some tips on freshening up your wardrobe, a peek at upcoming winter fashions or would like to know about layering and accessories, then you are invited to join us. Tuesday 9th April, 6.30. For more information contact: michelle@inspiringwomen.org.au and to book tickets www.iwkpr.eventbrite.com.au. Bring a friend for free…. Get in early for the Early Bird Offer.

CIRCUS MONOXIDE
Family clown workshop (4yrs to adults) Sunday 14th April from 10am – 12pm. $40/family of 4. Teen clown workshop 16th April 6pm – 8pm. $50 both sessions. For more information ph:4285 0066 or visit info@circusmonoxide.com.au

KIDS FISHING WORKSHOP – THURSDAY 18TH APRIL
The day will run from 10am – 2pm for ages 8 – 14. Cost $40. Bookings essential. Ph:4220 8484 or 0438 245 190 or email Stephen.thurstan@dpi.nsw.gov.au

AUSTRALIA’S FIRST COLOURED COMMEMORATIVE COIN
For a $10 donation the $2 Poppy Coin will come with a certificate of donation. This has been unveiled by the RSL and the Royal Australian Mint. All funds raised will go to support vital RSL programs which help thousands of “Veterans” and serving defence personnel and their families in homes and communities across Australia. For orders ph: 02 6248 7199.

APRIL SCHOOL HOLIDAYS AT IPAC
Arena Theatre Company, one of Australia’s best creators of theatre for young people, has made a musical comedy like no other – Cautionary Tales For Children. A time-travelling musical troupe of four are on a mission to teach today’s rascally kids a thing or two about the importance of being well-behaved, and are armed with Hilaire Belloc’s classic poems about wayward children and the outlandish fates that befall them. This family production is proof that learning lessons about good behavior has never been quite so hilarious! See it at Illawarra Performing Arts Centre, Wollongong, on 23 & 24 April. Kids aged 8 – 13 can also get a look behind the scenes at our One Day Creativity Camp on 24 April. You’ll see the show and participate in a range of fun activities inspired by it, including creative writing, drama and visual arts. Plus travel through time in a time machine that you helped create! For more information and to book, call the box office on 4224 5999 or visit www.merrigong.com.au.

HOLIDAY CAMPS AT BERRY
The Office of Communities, Sport and Recreation is hosting the holiday camps at Berry this year between 16 April and 26 April (flyer was sent home on 20 March). The camps offer social, life and active skills for kids and are taught by qualified instructors.
Kiama Relay Auction and Dance
Friday, 22nd March 2013
7pm-11pm
Kiama Showground Pavilion

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
B.Y.O. DRINKS/SUPPER
LET YOUR DEEDS SHINE

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Young Stars

Berry 18th & 19th May 2013

*Camping with your son in the bush
*Putting your tent up together
*Playing games, laughing, having fun
  together with other boys and dads
*Open fires, stars and stories
*Others doing the cooking and
  organizing
*Precious undistracted time to revel
  in the joy and exuberance of –
  your boy being a boy with you, his hero!

Testimonial:
*My son and his grandfather have just returned home ... Nathaniel was filthy, small, exhausted and HAPPY! My dad on the other
  hand, had a tear in his eye ... He was moved by the whole
  experience and impressed that he and my son were not made to
  feel like the odd ones out (not being father and son)... With so
  many thanks* Kalli G.

For boys aged 6 to 10
years old and their
father or male mentor
 Cost?
$300 per pair covers food,
staff, venue & all materials
Accommodation?
Camping - BYO tent
Food?
Yes, it's all provided
Also...
Young Stars is a mobile phone
and 'work stuff' free zone!

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