PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"And it’s easy when they’re faceless, to hate the other side….can’t we all just get along." Guy Sebastian

The Stage 2 & 3 choir was wonderful, singing such emotive lyrics for Harmony day. The captains & SRC presented a moving assembly. We were shown a video of students sharing their families’ cultural ancestry and Caycee presented a speech on the theme of “Harmony Day should be Everyday.” Simple but very effective in getting the message across. Most staff were very surprised to see how diverse our students’ ancestries are – one class had over 12 countries represented from grandparents to parents and of course students. We may ask the choir to do a second performance, as so many parents were busy helping set up for the Fun Run.

CONGRATULATIONS Fun Run: What an amazing event! The students were brilliant running around the course for over an hour. The parent support was excellent on the day. How amazing are our P&C for their organisation especially Belinda, Amanda, Campbell & Dean (with a special hats off mention to Melinda).

STUDENTS ARRIVING EARLY: as a timely reminder students are not to be on school grounds until 8.45 am when active playground duty begins. Some students have been sighted in school at 8am and this cannot continue. Parents are reminded there is before school care onsite in the Bombo building through Jigsaw OOSH. Phone Jigsaw on 4232 1964, otherwise students should not be here prior to the first bell.

P&C Annual General Meeting last Monday night reelected the current executive into the positions. Congratulations Amanda Koorey as president, Vice President Belinda Murphy, Secretary Melinda Ellis, Treasurer Campbell McConachie, Promotions Dean Koorey, Canteen Jackie McTaggart and Uniform Laurie Davidson. We are all very fortunate to have such an active team working for our school. It was good to have new members present and we are always happy to welcome parents to the team.

National Museum of Australia Robot Project– Kiama Public School was one of two schools across Australia chosen to participate in a new program with computers and Robotics. Students sat in Kiama library and manipulated robots far away. This program will be made available to others in the future but Mrs. Quill and her 5 trusted students have pioneered the way for Australia! Read the student report. Well done.

Mrs. Clifford’s 1/2 Class shone on stage Friday with Mem Fox, Dr. Seuss and two wonderfully whacky songs about a possum and a boa constrictor that had the staff and parents on their feet. Well done to all it was a delightful assembly.

Cross Country is being held Thursday (tomorrow) – After watching the fun run I know that all students can do it. I implore every student to do his or her very best. Not everyone is born a distance runner but while we are able to run we should. Please encourage all the students to participate to their maximum. The Fun Run was designed as a good warm up event.

The Annual School Report and School Management Plan are now attached to our website. You can also view the Myschool website to see how Kiama students compare to other schools in NAPLAN and funding. We are proud to make all these reports available to our community and the world. If you require a hard copy you can request one from the front office. If you need any of this explained or want to discuss it I am more than happy to take the time to assist.

Woolies Vouchers thank you to all parents who supported this scheme as staff last week received wonderful class items and equipment that will make the teaching and learning environment refreshed and progressive. Among the many items received were book racks, maths equipment, miniature white boards and storage containers for student work.

Our best wishes collectively go out to two teachers Mrs. Toohey and Mrs. Paloff, who were injured at separate incidents in school. We hope for speedy recoveries

Have a wonderful Easter break - Michael Honeywood

School returns Tuesday 2nd April. Holidays begin 12th April

IMPORTANT STUFF:

EASTER HAT PARADE

THURSDAY 28th March

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

THURSDAY 28th March

Term 2 starts Wednesday 1st May – due to 2 staff development days for new curriculum

CYBERSMART website:

www.cybersmart.gov.au

Positive Behaviour Motto: “At Kiama Public School we are respectful, responsible and resilient”

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GENERAL NEWS

LANDCARE ON THE BONG BONG STREET GARDEN
We are putting together a landcare team of students, staff and parents to work with Landcare to solve the weed infestation issue and reach a permanent solution. We plan to meet Thursday 11th April. More details soon.
Mr Hall and Mr Honeywood

Practise to be a journalist ……This website could definitely make practicing writing and spelling more interesting for all of us. Make a newspaper clipping with your own headline and story. Your child may even start imagining themselves as a publisher or journalist.
http://www.fodey.com/generators/newspaper/snippet.asp

Safety locks………..Between 2011 and the end of 2012, 39 children aged nine or younger were hospitalised in NSW as a result of window falls. New lock laws in apartment buildings will soon help to keep our kids safe. Child safety locks are now required to be installed on apartment windows.

Back by popular demand ……..Mention head lice and most of us instantly develop an itch. While head lice and nits, (the eggs of head lice) are certainly annoying and persistent, they’re not dangerous. Here’s everything you need to know to rid your kids of head lice and nits.

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.

TERM 1
Week 9
Thursday 28th March
Easter Hat Parade 9.45am
Cross Country 11.45am
Canteen: Maria Luke, Ruth McLean

Friday 29th March
Good Friday

Week 10
Monday 1st April
Easter Monday

Tuesday 2nd April
School returns
Canteen: Lisa Wallace, Kylie Wonson

Wednesday 3rd April
Canteen: Kathryn Mansell, Louise Hedger, Carla Quigley

Thursday 4th April
Canteen: Eiesha Rogers, Laurey Davidson

Friday 5th April
Canteen: Chris Tomlinson

Easter Hat Parade
And
Cross Country Carnival
Thursday 28th March
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STUDENT NEWS

HAT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students for receiving a hat award this week.
Tristan Lavis, Gus Fjellstad, Sylvie Baudy-Cameron, Sophie Hartley, Alexia McEvoy, Phoebe Glassner, Zavier Philp-Rudd, Beau Cruickshank, Brendan Cossa, Natalie Noakes, Lydia Kaye, Jordan Casson Jones, Anneka Vaughan and Zeffani Koorey

POSITIVE STUDENT AWARDS
Congratulations to the following students who have earned their special awards as follows:
BRONZE: Lucy Moore, Maggie Tomlinson, Alanya Delfino, Ainsleigh Blair, Sam Davis, Nicholas Hedger, Tyra Briggs, Tom Edwards, Zeffani Koorey, Amelia Moore, Chloe Burg, Will Deans, Liam Holland, Monique Potter, Myfanwe Patrick, Riahn Jackman, Sophie Chambers, Mathew L, Rennaye Peacock, Patrick Haig and Tully Yates

ASSEMBLIES
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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Stage 1 assemblies for Term 1 as follows:

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RUGBY LEAGUE 7S KNOCKOUT
Thank you to parents who assisted on this day with transport and/or managing teams. The boys all enjoyed themselves. There are a number of jumpers that need to be returned so could you please check under beds etc.
The next Rugby League Gala day will be on Wednesday 12th June. This is the Wednesday after the June long weekend.

CROSS COUNTRY
Our school cross country is tomorrow Thursday 28th March. The District Cross Country is Wednesday the 1st May. This year it is being run by Shellharbour PS. The venue is yet to be decided.
Thanks Jim
fatalbert@exemail.com.au
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TONGARRA BOYS AND GIRLS SOCCER
Riley Nicholl, Caycee Stratten and Ali Nicholl recently made selection into the Boy's and Girl's Tongarra Soccer Teams. On Wednesday, 20th March these students played several games at the Zone selection trials. They all played exceptionally well and tried very hard. They were excellent representatives for both Kiama Public School and the Tongarra district. It was a great experience for all involved.

TONGARRA HOCKEY REPRESENTATIVE
Congratulations to Sarah Raison on her selection in the Tongarra District Girls Hockey Team. Sarah attended trials held on Monday, 25th March where she played very well and made it through to the next round of selections. She will play at Croome Rd, Albion Park on the 6th May at the South Coast Carnival. All the best and good luck Sarah!

P & C
FUN RUN
A HUGE HUGE thank you to everyone who helped make our KPS Fun Run lots of FUN, and a big success. From the early birds that lug all the gear down to Black Beach, the fabulous team who set everything up, the amazing group on canteen, the drink station monitors, lap card stampers, the group who stayed to pack it all up again, and everyone else who made sure the kids had an awesome day to remember... THANK YOU!
Thanks heaps to Steve Lewis for organising all the gear; Robyn & Sue & our incredible office staff who are always FANTASTIC; our energetic teachers who got right into it; Becky G for making our great torches; Hamish & Abbey for organising our sound; Helen & Kath for organising our certificates; and Campbell for all the late nights counting money!

Our wonderful local business, The Sebel, catered a very scrumptious healthy lunch for students, parents & teachers. Everyone loved the delicious wraps, muffins and healthy fruit salad.

Thank you again to the Sebel for supporting our school. And please make sure as a community we support The Sebel by taking our business down to them.

And to Belinda and Deano ... a HUMUNGOUS thanks to you both for the tonnes of hours you have both put in to organise this really fun, awesome event. You rock! :-)

Students who ran the most laps in each class
K/1 Osmond - Finn - 23 laps , KF Friedmann - Jaylan and Cooper - 16 laps, KB Baker - Zane and Lake - 15 laps, 1H Hand - Max 19 laps, 1T Toohey - Joel - 18 laps, 2P Paloff - Finn - 17 laps, 2C Clifford - James, Sienna and Isaac - 19 laps, 2/3B Blanch - Abbey O'Connor - 17 laps, 3FL Faulks/Lee - Deakin - 9 laps, 4 Duncan - Tahlia, Louan L, Grady W and Brodey J - 8 laps, 4H Hall - Callum and Jaxon - 11 laps, 4/5S Shearer - Lachlan P & Lachlan S- 10 laps, 5K Corbyn - Fynn - 11 laps, 5/6C Carney - Jack Donnan - 11 laps, 6E Ellsmore - Brayden - 13 laps

Students, who raised the most in their respective classes - certificates
Mya O (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)

Highest percentage of forms and money returned by the due date – Miss Hand’s class – Wins a trip to the ice creamery
Highest amount raised by a class – Faulks / Lee – $1404. – wins a trip to ice creamery

ENTERTAINMENT BOOK IS COMING!!!!
The New NSW South Coast Entertainment Book is coming in Early April. Order before April 4 and have your Entertainment Book before the school holidays. Last year was a smashing success with families saving money on groceries & petrol at Woolworths and Coles, family outings including the Shoalhaven, Symbio & Taronga Zoo, Hoyts and Greater Union movies, and family dining, leisure and accommodation offers. Take advantage of $280 worth of Bonus offers when you buy your $55 Book before April 4. www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/28026u8

AGM NEWS
Monday night the P&C AGM was held. It was great to see new faces from our school community and many who have loyalty attended and participated in P&C throughout the previous year come and participate in the voting in of the the P&C executive for 2013. The following officers were returned to their positions for 2013: Amanda Kookey (President), Belinda Murphy (Vice President), Campbell McConachie (Treasurer), Melinda Ellis (Secretary). The team has worked hard together in the past year to bring some great initiatives and resources to the school and will continue to do so in 2013. Please support them as you can throughout the year.
**Canteen**
More helpers are still required especially on Fridays. Please contact the canteen if you are able to help out.

*Happy Munching*
Lynne Roberts

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**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.iwkapr.eventbrite.com.au. Bring a friend for free…. Get in early for the Early Bird Offer.

**National Parks Discovery Walks, Talks & Toos**
Deans Gap, west of Nowra burnt out of control on Tuesday 8th January. If you would like to take a look behind the scenes with a guide who helped manage this fire come along on Easter Saturday 10.30am – 12.30pm. For more information contact the South Coast Region Office on 4423 2170. For more Discovery activities visit www.nationalparks.nsw.gov.au

**GO 4 Fun**
Free program for children aged 7 - 13 to be fitter, healthier and happier. Weekly games and activities, improve nutrition, physical activity and self-esteem. Try delicious food and make new friends. Register now, places are limited. Free call 1800 780 900 or visit mendcentral.org/go4fun

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**Kiama Centre NOW OPEN**

At Jigsaw OOSH we provide children with an environment that makes them feel safe, gives them a sense of belonging and provides the children with opportunities to grow, develop and learn through the delivery of our high quality before & after school care program.

**Opening Hours**
7am-9am and 3pm-6pm, Monday to Friday
7am-6pm Monday to Friday during school holidays

**Breakfast & afternoon tea provided**
*Qualified, caring staff*
*Children aged 5-12 yrs*
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**Location**
Kiama Public School
Bong Bong Rd, Kiama

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