PRINCIPAL’S MESSAGE

"We do not believe in ourselves until someone reveals that deep inside us something is valuable, worth listening to, worthy of our trust, sacred to our touch. Once we believe in ourselves we can risk curiosity, wonder, spontaneous delight or any experience that reveals the human spirit." - E.E. Cummings. A wonderful teaching & parenting tip.

District Swimming – by all reports a brilliant showing by our student and a terrific parent support team. Mr Corbyn & Mr Ellsmore are to be congratulated for their diligence on the day. We await the full report of the swimming heroes in the sports report but everyone who enthusiastically gave their all deserves our praise.

Personal bests are more important than first in a race
Congratulations Senior Girls Relay Team
(from left Zeffani, Lydia, Marlo and Abbey)

New Families Parent Morning Tea – last Friday we invited new families to share a cuppa and have a chat at the café “Milk & Honey”. It was a good turnout with many staying for a couple of hours to discuss their move to Kiama and the difference it has made. What a wonderful part of the world we share!

Grandfriends’ Day and Harmony Day – this year we are inviting Grandparents and grandfriends to school to celebrate senior citizens week and to show our appreciation for the wonderful work grandparents do with their families and our students. Friday 14 March will also be our Harmony Day so from 10.40am the grandfriends will be invited into the classes to share a class Harmony day activity and then have lunch with their grandchildren on the green. It is only for grandfriends and not parents or other family members, as we want to make it special.

VOLUNTEER GARDENING – we need your help each 1st Tuesday of the month. From 8.30am to 10.30am a team will work the Bong Bong ST garden to help maintain the garden to a manageable level. Steve Lewis does an amazing job with the time he is given but he needs help in some areas. Please support the program.

CYBERSAFETY: staff are concerned that there are students as young as Year 3 using their own Facebook accounts and Kik Apps. Facebook is supposed to be for over 13 year olds and Kik is an App that is causing issues around NSW with students. Even though these issues are outside school hours it can impact on school. We are setting these values of responsible & respectful behaviour.

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA Friday 28th Feb from 12 pm
GRANDFRIENDS & HARMONY DAY
10.40 am Friday 14th March
School Photos
Monday 10th March

Year 5 & 6 Minnamurra Rainforest Excursion 28th Feb

VOCAL ENSEMBLE -rehearsals commence Friday 28 Feb 3-4pm.
If you are passionate about singing here is your chance to shine. Mr. & Mrs. Maude are wonderful tutors.

Bong Bong St Garden Club
Tuesday 4 March 8.30-10.30am
Meet in the garden

P&C Annual General Meeting
Monday 7pm staffroom
24th March

Still Waiting at The Door: a few parents are still staying around the door in the morning after drop off. Some are having conversations 5-10 minutes after the bell immediately in front of a classroom. PLEASE take the conversation somewhere else so students can get on with learning.

Have a wonderful week
Michael Honeywood
Reminders: **School Starting time:** Any students here prior to 8.40 am should be in the OOSH – there is no teacher supervision until 8.45am. At present 3 families are dropping students off early each day. Please use the OOSH and then students can be dropped off as early as 6.30am. **ROAD SAFETY - WHY?** Why drop the students off on the other side of the road when we have a Kiss and Drop zone this side? It’s not crowded, it’s not inconvenient and it means you know no one is going to be hit by a car while you drive off waving farewell. **LATENESS:** if a student is even 5 minutes late to school they will need a late note. Students without an acceptable reason or routinely late will be given an “Unjustified Absence”. We need to set life skills in practice – punctuality is important.

**2014 VOCAL GROUP REHEARSALS BEGIN**
All students who indicated an interest in being a member of the 2014 Kiama Public School Vocal Group are reminded of the need to have returned their notes to the school office and that the **first** scheduled rehearsal is **Friday 28 February from 3-4 p.m.** in the school hall. Mr and Mrs Maude - Vocal Group Tutors

**PHOTO DAY**
Photo envelopes were sent home this week. Please return with your child on photo day. Check out the online payment option for your convenience.

**MESSAGE FROM SCHOOL COACH**
Hello parents, just a reminder that I am available at the school to discuss any concerns, share any successes and generally support you and your child at school. You constitute 2 of the most important components of our school community. The other being our dedicated teachers and other staff. Schools work best when we all work together to bring out the best in our kids. Be assured that this is my priority – to assist in any way I can in making our school a happy, safe and effective learning environment. It is your kids other home for much of the working week. It’s where they sample the world in all it’s diversity and challenge and it plays a big role in how they find their place I in the world. If you are happy and confident in what we do and how we do it – then so will your children be. Conversely, if you’re not. So let’s work together in achieving all we would wish them and let us model how we would like them to be. Open, assertive and encouraging. Thanks for reading, Will Worthington – School Coach

**CONVERSION OF VCR TAPE TO CD**
Do we have a clever parent who has the appropriate technology to convert some school VCR tapes to CD? They are no longer available to purchase so it is legal to copy them. We have about 10 to convert. Please phone the office if you are able to help.

**TARGETTED LEARNING GROUPS:** Notes will go home this week inviting selected students to be in Literacy, Numeracy & Spelling groups to work on improving student skills. These small groups will target those identified from NAPLAN tests that require some strategies to improve their results. Mrs Payne & Ms Sellars will take the groups in the special Learning room.
STUDENT NEWS

ASSEMBLIES
Stages 2 & 3 Tuesday at 2:15 (even numbered weeks). Class Items will be presented and parents are welcome to attend. Stage 2 & 3 assemblies as follows:

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Stage 1 Fridays at 12.30 pm (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 assemblies (even numbered weeks). Class items will be performed and parents are welcome to attend from Term 2.

SPORT

Last Friday students from all over the area travelled to Albion Park Pool to compete in the Tongarra District Swimming Carnival.
All students swam their very best, helping KPS to score an overall third place in the Carnival.
Well done to Marlo Lewis, Abbey Winterton, Piper Cowen, Max Shelley, The Junior Girls Relay Team (Tahlia Koorey, Jasmine Mole, Ciara Phillip-Rudd and Piper Cowen) and the Senior Girls Relay Team (Abbey Winterton, Lydia Kaye, Zeffani Koorey and Marlo Lewis) all who made it into the Regional Carnival.
By Zeffani Koorey

CLASS REPORT

5T Newsletter Item  Wow! What a busy start to 2014! 5T have been extremely busy in all areas of their learning. Literacy groups are up and running and the students are enjoying the range of activities. Maths has been challenging and we are focusing on mixed worded problems and improving our speed on our times tables. In library and in class we are learning about rainforests. We are thoroughly enjoying the range and choice of activities for our presentations in library. 5T were lucky enough to have Mrs Cullen come in and help us start designing and creating a rainforest on our back wall as part of our rainforest unit. This is a work in progress and we are using all our knowledge of what we have learnt so far in the unit to design it. We are so excited about our excursion this Friday to Minnamurra Rainforest. 5T have settled in well and everyone is giving their best.

P & C

New parent coffee morning a hit
Good to see a large crowd of KPS parents last week at the new parents coffee morning at Milk & Honey, one of our school's community supporters. Thanks also to the long standing KPS parents who turned up to mingle with them and to Mr Honeywood and Mr Worthington who joined us for a quick cuppa. It was a good morning and we hope you all felt welcome and made a few new contacts and feel comfortable to come and join in others P&C events as the year unfolds.

Second hand uniforms
A big KPS cheer to Laurey Davidson for many years of serving the school with second hand uniform coordination and a thanks in advance to Karen Mion for responding to our call out for someone to fill Laurey's shoes. Karen will be coordinating the second hand uniform pool and can be contacted by calling her mobile 0418455697 Uniforms to be donated to the uniform pool can be left at the office. Second hand uniform items are $3 each.

Want to play a role on the KPS 2014 P&C?
The next P&C meeting is the AGM (March 24) at which all office bearer positions will be declared open and elected, followed by a General meeting for general business. The following Office bearer positions will be elected from members of the association:

**The President:** Ensures the P&C Association achieves its objectives, is part of the decision-making processes in the school, acts as the association’s spokesperson publicly and with the Principal and chairs P&C meetings.

**The Vice President(s):** The VPs act as a support to the President undertaking tasks to assist in achieving the P&C objectives.

**The Treasurer:** Manages the associations finances through maintaining financial records, accounts and reporting.

**The Secretary:** Performs the administrative tasks related to the decisions of the meetings, including undertaking minutes, corresponding on behalf of the association within the school community and externally.

**The Canteen President:** The Canteen operates as a sub-committee under the P&C association. The President manages the tasks related to the effective operation of the canteen including managing canteen employees and volunteers, canteen promotion, and acting as a conduit between the canteen and the P&C association and executive.

For more information regarding the P&C association or office bearer roles please check out the school website at [http://www.kiama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/p-c-roles-and-membership](http://www.kiama-p.schools.nsw.edu.au/p-c/p-c-roles-and-membership) or contact the current President Amanda Koorey deano.manda@bigpond.com

Have a go and make a difference......

**ADVERTISING**

**UPCOMING EVENT**

Screening of the Movie “The Big Picture” Rethinking Dyslexia. Provides personal and uplifting accounts of the dyslexic experience from children, experts and iconic leaders. The film not only clears up the misconceptions about the condition, but also paints a picture of hope for all who struggle with it. Date: Wednesday 12 March 2014, Time: Registration from 6pm, Movie Starts 6.30 pm, Venue: Wollongong West Public School Hall, Phillips Avenue, West Wollongong, Cost: voluntary donation, Register: wollongongwestpac@gmail.com, Wollongong West Public School ph: 4229 2096, for more information visit: [http://thebigpicturemovie.com](http://thebigpicturemovie.com)

**Blondies Hair Salon – For Gorgeous Hair**

20% off all services every Tuesday and Wednesday until the end of March.

Style cuts, Blow waves, Straightening, Permanent Colours, Semi Permanent Colours, Foils, Children’s Cuts, Hair Treatments, Lash and Brow tints and Eyebrow Sculptures. Excludes Perms and Spray Tans.

Book Now...4232 1929 2 Collins Lane Kiama. (behind the terrace houses)

**TUTORING SERVICE**

Hello, my name is Gwilym Price and I am offering high quality tutoring services to high school and primary school students in the Kiama area at your earliest convenience. I am extremely flexible with times and locations. I attended Kiama High School and was Dux of Year 12 in 2013.

Available subjects:

**Preliminary and HSC Courses:** General Mathematics Mathematics Maths Extension 1 Chemistry Physics

**Years 7-10 (Junior):** Mathematics Science **Primary School:** Mathematics

Happy to discuss matters further with parents and/or students!

Phone: 0421 107 145 (Text or call) E-mail: gwilym.price@gmail.com

**TUTOR IN LITERACY SKILLS**

I am new to Gerringong with 12 years experience as a Learning Support Teacher in Nowra. I have recently trained in the Multisensory Structured Language method (as recommended by the Australian Dyslexia Association). This method has proved very successful with dyslexic students and those with learning difficulties.

Contact Sue Berry 0431 134 067.
KUNG FU CLASSES
Kids aged 5-10 from 4-4.45pm and Juniors aged 10-15 from 5-5.45pm every Monday and Wednesday in Kiama. Classes taught by International Kung Fu Master and fully qualified Personal Trainer, Alan Baxter. Also Kung Fu classes for adults from 6pm every Monday, Wednesday and Friday. For more information www.illawarrakungfu.com.au or phone 0414 445 579.

NAN TIEN “SUNDAY CHILDREN FUN PROGRAM”
Held every Sunday afternoon from 2-4pm. Activities include Mandarin learning, Buddhist Meditation and ethic stories, arts and crafts, tea ceremony and drumming. Ages 6-12 years. Register at nantien@gmail.com

KIAMA JUNIOR AUSTRALIAN FOOTBALL CLUB
The Kiama Junior Australian Football Club offers a family friendly winter sport for children aged 4 to 16 years. New members to the club will receive a sports pack containing over $70 worth of value. Auskick payers will receive an Auskick pack including $60.00 worth of value. The season commences on March 30 and the season is completed by September. 2014 Registrations open now. Registration online at www.kiama junior afl.com.au.

GERRINGONG BREAKERS FOOTBALL CLUB INC
Register online at www.myfootballclub.com.au. All players can register online but NEW players will also need to attend one of the registration days in person to show proof of age. 2014 fees U6, U7, U8 - $90, U9 - $100, U10, U11, U12, - $110, U13 girls, U15 girls, U17 girls - $115, Youth (13 – 14 boys), Premiers (15 – 16 boys) - $115, Senior Men’s, Ladies and Over 35 Men’s teams - $220 (U18 $160). For more information please call Tiffany on 0431 471 433 or tcassen@bigpond.com.

INTERNATIONAL WOMEN’S DAY
Women’s Wellness Festival, for women, their families and friends, 21 March 1pm – 7pm TAFE Illawarra Nowra Campus. Workshops and Performances, Information and Market Stalls, Food, Giveaways and More!!!!

JIGSAW OOSH – 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 and after school care program. Breakfast and afternoon tea provided, qualified and caring staff, children aged 5-12 years, child care benefit available, fun variety of activities. Location: Kiama Public School, Bong Bong Road, Kiama. Opening hours: 7-9am and 3-6 pm Monday to Friday. Phone: (02) 4232 1964. www.jigsawoosh.com.au