PRINCIPAL’S NEWS

Dear Parents and Carers
Welcome back to the new school year. We hope that your family had an enjoyable and relaxing holiday. Please let me extend a very special welcome to our new students and their parents.

Thank you to all of the school community who have made me feel so welcome. This week I have enjoyed chatting to parents and students and catching up with school routines. I am very impressed with how settled the students are with returning to school. Our new kindergarten children are making friends quickly and adjusting to their new surrounds and routines.

Thank you to Mr Pye for the wonderful job he did as relieving principal in 2012.

Classes and organisation for 2013
Principal Julie Hubbard
K/1 Mrs Woolley
1/2 Mr Pye
3/4 Mrs Henry
4/5/6 Ms Robarts
Learning Support Teacher Mrs Johnson
Librarian Ms Chyzy

Parents and carers Morning tea
I would like to extend a warm invitation to all parents and carers to come along to our assembly, 8th February, followed by a ‘meet and greet’ morning tea.

Meet the teacher sausage sizzle
Parents and carers are invited to our meet the teacher sausage sizzle on Tuesday morning, 12th February, starting at 8am. Teachers will give a brief overview of their class routines and answer any of your questions. If you are unable to attend please feel free to make an appointment for a mutually convenient time.
8am Parents and carers to visit classrooms
8.15 Sausage sizzle
8.30 Cricket game
9.15 Students return to class

Swimming carnival
Our school swimming carnival will be held on Wednesday 13 February at Tea Gardens pool. Children 8 years and older will be attending. Students are reminded to bring their swimmers, towel, hat, sunscreen, recess, lunch and enough drinks for the day. Parents are most welcome to attend.

Newsletter
During term 1 we will be trialling the Newsletter every second week. The newsletter will also be available on our website.

Warm regards
Julie Hubbard
CALENDAR

Weekly Activities

Monday  Brekkie Club  Scripture 1.45 – 2.30pm
Tuesday Brekkie Club  Library K/1, 5/6  CMIT Groups (11:30am-12:15pm)
Wednesday Brekkie Club  Library 1/2, 3/4
Thursday Brekkie Club  Interest Groups (12noon – 1pm)
                         Sport  K- 6  1:45 – 3:00pm
Friday     Assembly  CANTEEN

UPCOMING EVENTS/ REMINDERS

- Canteen begins this Friday 8th February
- P & C meeting – Tuesday 12th February in the Multi-Purpose room 9:15am
- Meet the Parents BBQ Brekkie – 8am
- Swimming Carnival – Wednesday 13th February at Tea Gardens Pool
- Billy G’s Cookie Dough – due Friday 1st March
  (Payments must be enclosed with order)
- School Photos – Wednesday 27th March,
- Please return all green notes that are sent home with your child/ren.

Scripture Classes
Our scripture classes will begin next Monday afternoon. During this time scripture teachers will visit classrooms between 1:45 and 2:30pm.
Any parents or caregivers that do not wish their child to attend these classes need to write a short note and return it to their class teacher before this Friday.

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENTS

Merit Awards Term 1 Week 1

K/1  Kane Considine  Margaret Stewart
    1/2  Cooper Watt  Jack Lilley
    3/4  Heidi Farley  Ashley Walker  Brittnee Cox  Zoe Egginton
    5/6  Ben Purdon  Sebastian Walker

Well done to the above students

SCHOOL PORTRAITS

Our 2013 School Portraits are being taken on Wednesday 27th March, 2013. An information envelope will be sent home over the upcoming weeks. School photos will be taken by Newcastle School Portraits.

FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS

1st  Cooper Watt  Margaret Stewart
    4th  Latifah Taylor
    7th  Kane Bolton
    8th  Madison Fodeades
    15th  Hayley Egginton
    16th  Melika Perry
    19th  Shian Perry
    22nd  Tahlia Farnsworth
    27th  Jai Stewart
    29th  Haylee McApline

Happy Birthday to the above students !!!
SPORTS NEWS

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Our Swimming Carnival will be held
On Wednesday 13\textsuperscript{th} Feb, 2013 at
Tea Gardens Pool.

**Notes were sent home with your
child on Monday**

Notes need to be returned to your class teacher
in a clearly marked envelope with your child’s
name, class and money enclosed by Monday 11\textsuperscript{th}
Feb, 2013. Students will be travelling by bus. The
bus will leave KPS at 9:00am and return back to
school at approximately 2:45pm.

Please make sure your child packs recess and
lunch as there will be no food supplied.

If you didn’t receive a permission note please ask
at the office.

This is a school event therefore all students from
Yr 2 – Yr 6 are expected to attend and travel by
bus. Parents are welcome to travel on the bus at
a cost of $6.00, (including pool entry). Seats are
limited so please contact the school office and
leave your name. Students will need to wear
sports uniform or wear their house colours. If
your child is unsure of what house they are in,
please ask at the office.

SWIFT – RED

KINGFISHER – BLUE

PELICAN – GREEN

HOUSE CAPTAINS

On Monday students voted and selected their
house captains for 2013, below
are the results.

SWIFT
Thomas Tukana – Kane Bolton

PELICAN
Jason Devine – Hayley Egginton

KINGFISHER
Bonnie Jarmain – Heidi Farley

Congratulations to the above students!!!

Students will be presented their badges on Friday
at our morning assembly.

BOOK CLUB ORDERS

Book Club order forms are due back to school by next
Friday 15\textsuperscript{th} February. Please return your orders with
payment to the school office in a clearly marked
envelope with child’s name
and amount enclosed.
YEAR 5/6 TAEKWONDO

Last Friday our school was lucky enough to have a special visitor, Suhhee. Suhhee has a Korean heritage and has studied and practised Taekwondo for many years earning a black belt. She has taught Taekwondo to many students across NSW for 15 years.

Suhhee introduced the Yr 4/5/6 students to the foundations of Taekwondo. Students were introduced to the discipline by first learning respect for each other and their instructor. They learnt the correct way to fold and wear their uniform with pride.

Following this, students began meditation, as this is a very important part of Taekwondo. Next they learnt the breathing activity called “Kai”. This breath comes from deep within the stomach and is let out as a short sharp yell with a Taekwondo move made simultaneously.

I was extremely proud of the behaviour and attitude of all students. Thank you Suhhee Yr 4/5/6 students are looking forward to Week 4 when lesson two will take place.

Miss Robarts
Yr 4/5/6 Teacher

BILLY G’S COOKIE DOUGH

KPS is holding a Billy G’s Cookie Dough fundraiser. Billy G’s Cookie Dough are delicious gourmet cookies & biscuits that you bake fresh at home.

There are seven (8) exciting flavours including three (4) new flavours of Raspberry White Choc, Mint Triple Choc, Shortbread and Cherry Choc Delight.

The tubs are $16 each and each tub makes around 50 cookies.

Order forms are attached to the newsletter and will need to be returned to the school office by Friday 1st March, 2013. Payment will need to be enclosed with your order.

The delivery will take 2 weeks to arrive, so orders will need to be collected from the school canteen on Thursday 21st March, 2013 from

We hope you will support this wonderful fundraiser !!!

CRUNCH & SIP

Don’t forget to send Crunch & Sip to school with your child/ren as this program is an important strategy to encourage them to eat more fruit & vegetables.

Together with “Good for Life” we have implemented a policy which will be displayed in each classroom, for more information please feel free to browse the policy or log onto www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au

Contact number 1300 657 197
CLASS REPORTS

Kindergarten/Year One
Welcome to all our new families for 2013. Our new Kindergarten students are slowly settling into the routines of our school with the help of our Year One students who do a great job in class as well as their buddies who do a fabulous job helping them in the playground during recess and lunch. This Friday our buddies will be joining us for a craft activity after lunch so we can spend a little extra time together. This year I have introduced a class pet, Clifford the dog. A student will be chosen to take Clifford home with them overnight and write (or draw) about what he did at their house. We’re looking forward to hearing about Clifford’s adventures.

Kind Regards
Mrs Ruta Woolley

Year One/Two
As the Year One students have moved rooms from Mrs Woolley’s class we have been organising new seating arrangements and group work areas in our classroom. The first three days of Week One sped quickly past as students enjoyed coming back together to share holiday news and many hellos. We have 20 students in our class and all students have made a great start in being ready to take on new learning. Well done all students! Our first homework assignment is due this Friday. This is a short spelling assignment to practise our weekly spelling words.

Kind Regards
Mr Rod Pye

YEARS 3/4
What a fantastic start to 2013! I am really impressed with all the students in ¾, particularly in the way they have started the year. They are great listeners, keen learners and enthusiastic students.
We have been busy organising routines, rosters, monitors and completing assessments. The class have been issued with all necessary books for 2013. Students are able to cover their books if desired but not a necessity.
We have already discussed the ¾ camp to Wangat Lodge (Environmental Camp) planned for Term 4, 2013. More information will be available later in Term 1 this year.

Kind Regards
Mrs Kath Henry

YEARS 4/5/6
Students have settled in well to Term 1 2013 and are busily beginning work in literacy and numeracy as well as work in a COGS unit titled “Symbol Systems”. Students are beginning work on their HSIE topic of “Gold” and we are hoping to link our end of year camp to this topic. Homework has been sent out this week and is due every Friday. Students are enjoying the Class Dojo reward system and are enthusiastic members of the Karuah Public School Community. Many of our class members are school leaders, sports captains and buddies; continuing to set a good example for our younger students. I am happy to report that all behaviour has matched our 6L’s school rules. Please ask your child if you are unsure about what the 6 L’s stand for as I’m sure they can tell you!

Well Done Year 4/5/6, keep up the great work!
Miss Megan Robarts
Library News
Welcome back! I have been impressed this week by all classes and their attitudes in the Library. Please remember to bring a library bag for borrowing to insure that books stay safe. Our school will also be following a new library borrowing incentive program where a raffle will be drawn each Wednesday for two lucky borrowing students. These students will be entitled to a prize from the library treasure box. I look forward to some exciting reading adventures in the Library this year.

Library Days
Tuesday: Year 4/5/6 and K/1
Wednesday: Year 3/4 and Year 1/2

Miss Anne–Maree Chyzy

COMMUNITY NEWS

CLARENCE TOWN FOOTBALL CLUB

SOCCER REGISTRATIONS 2013
All players are invited to register for the upcoming 2013 soccer season by going online at: myfootballclub.com.au
Register online then come along to our registration days at Reg Ford oval Clarence Town.

Saturday 9th February 9am–12pm
Saturday 23rd February 9am –12pm

New players need to bring a copy of their birth certificate to one of the registration days. Grassroots players Under 6’s receive a free training ball and shin pads. This year all team players also have their name on the back of their shirt which they get to keep at the end of the season.

For more information call our registrar Scott on 0467 789 205

P & C NEWS

The P & C welcome all our new and returning students and families to Karuah Public School. We are looking forward to a wonderful 2013.
Our committee meets once a month and our first meeting will be next Tuesday 12th February, at 9:15am in the Multi-purpose room (behind the school canteen).
We would love to see some new faces so please come along to our meeting!

CANTEEN NEWS

Canteen will be starting this Friday. The canteen opens from 8:30am and orders need to be in by 9am.
Canteen lunch bags can be purchased from the IGA, Woolworths of Coles. We have attached an example of how to fill out your lunch orders as this saves not only time but makes it easier for our volunteers to organise recess and lunch for students. Please remember that recess and lunch orders need to be in separate bags, as does each individual child’s order.
The new canteen menu is attached to the school newsletter, make sure you keep your menu in a safe place.

CANTEEN ROSTER
8th Feb Kylie Bolton & Nicole Holden

Canteen volunteers are needed, if you think you would be able to assist in the canteen on a Friday, please see Kylie & Nicole on Friday morning.

Your support is greatly appreciated 😊

Uniforms will also be available from the school canteen this Friday morning.

Kind Regards
P & C Committee