From the Principals Desk

**Teaching Appointments 2016**

I would like to formally announce Mr. Paul Macpherson as successful in gaining the position of Permanent Assistant Principal at Karangi Public School commencing 2016. This position was filled following the rigorous Merit Selection process with applicants submitting CVs addressing school criteria, referees contacted and interviews with prospective applicants. Paul has relieved in this position since July 2014. Congratulations Mr. Macpherson.

Mrs Tamara Robbins has gained appointment as a permanent classroom teacher to Karangi Public School commencing 2016. Mrs Robbins is currently placed at Coramba Public School and we are looking forward to welcoming her to our school next year.

**School Attendance**

Whist there are many end of year activities including school day out, yr 6 day out, Presentation Evening and lead up practices and Special Swimming Scheme our teachers are still hard at work teaching, assessing and consolidating student learning. All students in Kindergarten to Year 11 are required to attend school until Wednesday 16 December, the last day of teaching for Term 4 2015. Prior to this date, students in all year groups will be engaged in meaningful work based on the curriculum and syllabus requirements.

**2016 Classes**

A number of parents have begun discussions around 2016 class formations and structures. Whilst as a school Principal it is certainly in my mind in planning it is important our students remain focused on the learning for the remainder of 2015. Possible class structures and teacher placement will be formed based on student numbers and our school staffing allocations. In week 1 next year all students will be placed in year groups for Thursday 28th and Friday 29th January. This will enable our school to have definite numbers of students returning and any new in zone arrivals over the Christmas holiday period. Students will be placed in class groups from Monday Week 2, 1st February.

With the year rapidly drawing to a close there are many events planned. Please keep an eye on the newsletter and check your child’s bag regularly for notes. Please keep to the closing date for money and notes to be returned as the school needs to organise adequate duty of care for students attending and non-attending activities, as well as students numbers impacting on logistics such as bus costs.

**Christmas Raffle**

Karangi Public School is organizing an end of year Christmas Raffle and are seeking donations to add to a Christmas Hamper, any non-perishable items will be accepted, along with extra stand-alone prizes. Thank you to Tom Rothsey, Latitude30 Restaurant voucher forwarded by the Karangi P & C Association and Amart Sports (Community Kickbacks Program) who have made donations for extra prizes to be added to our raffle.

**Remembrance Day Assembly**

Students, staff and community members attended Karangi Public School’s Remembrance Day Assembly on Wednesday 11th November. Students brought in war memorabilia to share with the school community and Year 5 and 6 wrote about the significance of Remembrance Day and shared this with the school and its community members.

Thank you to Miss Callagher and the Year 6 students who organised this special event.
Year 1 News

During this term we have been learning about sight and sound in Science. Miss Buckley did some fun experiments with us while she was here. The strangest one was using a coat hanger and some string which we put around our ears so the vibrations were increased.

Conjunctivitis

There have been a number of incidents of conjunctivitis this week. Some facts on conjunctivitis from the Department:

- **Time from exposure to illness**: 1-3 days
- **Symptoms**: The eye feels scratchy, is red and may water. Lids may stick together on waking.
- **Do I need to keep my child home?** Yes, while there is discharge from the eye.
- **How can I help prevent spread?** Careful hand washing; avoid sharing towels. Antibiotics may be needed.

Intensive Swimming

Intensive Swimming will commence on Monday 16th November and conclude on Friday 27th November. Students attending will need to bring their swimmers, a towel, goggles if required and clothes to change into. Students may come to school dressed in their swimmers (or with their swimmers under their uniform). The bus will depart Karangi Public School at 9:00am each morning and return to school by 10:55am. Students attending will be accompanied by Ms Hart, Mrs Lee, Ms Wood and an SLSO.

Week 8 Canteen

In Week 8 our Canteen we will be holding a special order day with students having the option to order sushi and a popper for $4. This will be preordered and order bags will be sent home next Friday 20th November and will need to be returned to school no later than Wednesday 25th November. More information will be in next weeks newsletter.

Well-Being Information Night

Staff at Karangi Public School will be hosting an information session for parents on Wednesday 25th November. The evening session will run from **5:30pm-7:00pm** and we will be discussing things such as:

- Student Welfare Policy
- Kids Matter
- Live Life Well
- Attendance Policy

Supervision will be provided on the night for children with a DVD being shown and a teacher supervising this.

Book Fair

Karangi will be holding our annual Bookfair this term over 2 days in the library, 24 - 25 November. Parents and carers will be able to have a look at the Bookfair from 8.00- 9.00am and 3.00- 3.30pm on these days and maybe purchase some early Christmas presents. Students will be able to purchase books in class time with their teachers.

School Contributions due

A reminder to those families yet to pay the School Contribution for 2015 school year that we would really appreciate this money in before the 30th November as the school financial year finishes on this date. The $60.00 fee asked for each student equates to only $15.00 per term and is crucial to the school’s budget, covering textbooks, exercise books, subsidised bus costs, SAKG and art supplies etc.

Thank you to those parents who have paid this amount already and looking forward to receiving this from any parents who may have overlooked this account.

Regards
Shaunagh (Karangi Admin Manager)
Parent / Carer volunteers are invited to come along and help in the kitchen or garden next Monday!

### 18th Orara Valley Primary Schools Tennis Day

**Date:** Friday 27th Nov 2015  
**Time:** 4pm to 7pm  
**Venue:** Westside Tennis Club  
(Cnr of King & William Streets, Coffs Harbour NSW 2450)

**Cost:** $15 per student (participating students each receive 2 slices of pizza & 1 small slushie)  
Please note this is not an official school event so payment **cannot** be made via the online option.

Karangi students’ names & money to be returned to Karangi school office by:  
**Wednesday 25th Nov 2015**  
Alan Pade will be collecting all entries on this day.

**Note:** Students will be graded into A Grade, B Grade & C Grade on the day.

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### P&C NEWS

Our next P&C meeting will be held on Monday 16th November at 6.30pm and we encourage all parents to attend. At this meeting we will be discussing the plans and needs of the P&C for the school in 2016. If you have any ideas or would like to be involved please feel free to join us.

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### ORARA VALLEY FOOTBALL CLUB NEWS

The Orara Valley Football Club has recently launched a new mobile app. Follow the steps to download and register onto your phone. This is how we plan to communicate to all our members going forward. This app is FREE and simple to operate.

1. Go to App Store or google play store, then search: Orara Valley Football Club - download
2. Allow all push notifications
3. Register your details (takes 1 minute) and link yourself to relevant team or coach.
4. Tick ‘remember your password’ and then just press the OVFC icon on your phone.
5. Under the ‘more’ you will have direct links to fixtures, results and wet weather info

Thank you, OVFC Committee