Clean Up Australia Day
On Sunday the Clean Up Australia campaign celebrated 25 years of volunteer action across Australia.
Last year, thanks to an estimated 572,406 volunteers they cleaned up 15,708 tonnes at 7,140 sites across Australia.
Since the national event started in 1990 Australians have donated more than 27.2 million hours taking to their streets, bushland, parks and waterways on Clean Up Australia Day, removing an estimated 288,650 tonnes of rubbish from 145,754 sites across the country.
Karangi Public School will be having our Clean Up Australia Day activity at school on Wednesday 4th March. It is asked that every child brings in gloves and a plastic bag for this worthy event.

Mid North Coast Tennis Trials
Several students travelled to Grafton today to participate in the Mid-North Coast Tennis Trials. We look forward to hearing about their endeavours!

Coffs District Soccer Trials
We have a number of students’ trialling for the Coffs Harbour District Soccer Trials on Thursday after the event was washed out last week. We wish them well!

Coffs District Swimming Carnival
On Monday we had quite a few students who participated in the Coffs District Swimming Carnival. Congratulations to all students for the way that they represented not only our school but also the Orara Valley. Your sportsmanship on the day was fantastic! From this carnival we had a number of students progress onto the Mid-North Coast Swimming Carnival which was held on Thursday. A big thank you to Shakira Cheers, Tasha Pleasance, Charlie Pade and Charlie Geddes for your assistance on the day helping timekeepers, marshals and recorders. Your assistance was greatly appreciated!

Mid-North Coast Swimming Carnival
Following on from our Coffs Harbour District Swimming Carnival on Monday, the Mid-North Coast Swimming Carnival was held on Thursday at the Coffs Harbour Memorial Pool. We had a number of students from Karangi participate in this carnival, including: Tayah Teale, Bella Teale, Milly Hill, Lilly Geddes, Tylani Hickman, Jack Mihelffy-Hughes, Tom Mihelffy-Hughes, and our Junior Girl Relay Team including Ruby Pade and Lauren Grocott. Once again the performance of all students was outstanding and they are all to be congratulated for their wonderful achievements and sportsmanship.

North-Coast Swimming Carnival
On Wednesday 4th March Tayah Teale, Bella Teale,
Tylani Hickman, Jack Mihelffy-Hughes and Milly Hill will travel to Lismore as part of the Mid-North Coast Swimming Team to participate in the North Coast Swimming Trials. We wish them every success!

**Karangi Public School Cross Country**
Our school cross country will be held on site next Tuesday 10th March commencing at 9am. A note was sent home last week with details regarding this event.

**Year 4/5 News**

It has been a busy start to the year and 4/5 has hit the ground running. In literacy we have been exploring the picture book and animated film The Lost Thing by Shaun Tan. We have investigated how graphics, sounds and animation impact our understanding and interpretation of the text. We have also been writing some great descriptions about the characters and settings in The Lost thing. In art we have created some amazing artworks based on Romero Britto’s pop art. I am so pleased how these turn out, they have really brightened up our classroom.

**CLASS MERIT AWARD WINNERS**

K-2 MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5

YR 3-6 MERIT AWARD WINNERS WEEK 5
P&C NEWS

Karangi Fete:
So.... to have our planned Karangi school Fete happen we need YOU!
Looking for: 2 P&C members, a teacher representative & at least 2 parents from each class to work together to ensure this is a raging success! The role will be primarily to coordinate volunteers & a class stall for the day.

Term 1 is well under way now!
Thank you to all who have volunteered for canteen duties; it is great to see so many new helpers :) If you are still thinking about joining in; there is still room for you! Let Suzanne Webster know what you can assist with. Suzanne’s number is 0459791528

Also....one of THE most important days of the year is fast approaching.......
Mother's Day (of course)! Continuing in true Karangi style we will once again be offering the Mother's Day stall to offer the opportunity for our darling little cherubs to feel wonderful about purchasing a gorgeous gift for their well-deserving mama or nan or someone else so special! So, for this to happen; who is it that would love to volunteer to help with this? Once again - call Suzanne Webster to discuss the details (browsing catalogues, ordering some gifts, wrapping them prettily and VOILA!!).

Speaking of shopping: remember the 'Shop For Schools' promotion is still happening at Park Beach Plaza - shop till you drop!

Lastly, our P&C AGM is fast approaching: 6:30PM March 9 is the evening YOU DO NOT WANT TO MISS!! Come along, we are always keen for new ideas, energy and contribution......WE WANT YOU! Bring a plate to share and see what all the fun is about!!

Final Word: "No kid is unsmart. Every kid’s a GENIUS at something. Our job is to find it. And then encourage it." - Robin Sharma, author.

CAR RALLY
On Thursday 26 March our school will have a unique opportunity to view the Sids & Kids Rally Cars as they travel through our picturesque Valley. In fact the P&C is hosting a luncheon for all the rally drivers . . . so we are seeking HELP from all those talented parents who like to cook. If you are able to provide a cooked dish, salad or desert on the day please let Suzanne Webster on 0459 791 528 or suzannewebster01@gmail.com
Thank you to Ben Hall (Sariah’s dad) for all your hard work in keeping our school banking going. We welcome Nicky Owner (Blake and Niam’s mum) to the role of 2015 Karangi School Banking Co-ordinator. We will recommence School Banking this Friday when all the necessary paperwork from the Commonwealth Bank has been finalised.