From the Principals Desk

Welcome back to the new term. I trust all our families had a wonderful relaxing break and enjoyed some quality time together. It was wonderful to see work on our long awaited outdoor kitchen space commence in the school holidays. Spanline constructed the shelter and concrete slab. The next stage will be the purchase of our outdoor cooking equipment and bench spaces with all classes keen to start utilising the area. Class 4/5 made good use of the undercover space this week as they harvested crops from our garden and engaged in a lesson with Mrs Phillips. Our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden Program was underway last term as all students engaged in planting in their allocated pods. All classes will continue to explore gardening, food preparation and healthy life style options throughout the year.

Student reports were sent home at the end of last term providing a professional judgment, based on evidence, of your child’s progress against stage outcomes and expectations. If you have any concerns or questions arising from your child’s report please contact the office and make an appointment with your child’s classroom teacher to work together in supporting your child’s growth and celebrating their achievements.

It is already shaping up to be a busy term so please keep an eye out for notes and read the newsletter regularly, this is our primary form of communication. It is essential that notes together with required money are returned by the stated due date as this impacts on school organisation in regards to ensuring adequate supervision of students attending events, at school and transport arrangements. Notes and money will not be accepted after the due date. The school’s online banking service will be ‘live’ as of July 25th providing another option for payment.

Thank you to families who have paid Voluntary Contributions. The contributions are $15.00 per term/$60 for the school year. These contributions assist our school in delivering many programs and resources for your child including (but not limited to) everyday classroom stationery items including workbooks, art supplies, maths resources, music equipment, Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden plants, materials and ingredients and bus cost for some identified whole selected school events.
The cold weather has certainly arrived please ensure your child has the correct school jumper, and that the jumper is labeled with your child’s name.

Woolworths Earn and Learn has begun again. Please collect the stickers when you purchase groceries at Woolworths and place them in the barrels provided within the store or drop them into the school office.

Education Week is celebrated in Week 3 of this term. Some events planned for the week include:

Monday 27th July: choir performance by all year 3 & 4 students at Park Beach Plaza
Tuesday 28th July: Parent Brekky prepared and cooked by our wonderful staff commencing at 8:00am. I would love to see you all join us for a bacon/egg roll, toast, juice and or cuppa! Families are then invited to visit their children’s classrooms from 9:00am.
Wednesday 29th July all our students will travel to Coffs Central to perform items and sons. Notes will be sent home next week.

Thursday 30th July is the Coffs Harbour District Athletics Carnival for students who gain selection after the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival.

Friday 31st July is our NAIDOC Day celebration. Miss Belinda Wood and Elliott keen are eagerly planning activities for to acknowledge and celebrate this day.

Our stage 2 Ukulele group commenced today and will enjoy lessons delivered by our volunteer dad – Paul Healy, every Friday lunchtime supported by our Music teacher Mrs Phillips. We look forward to seeing them present their talents at the end of term combined Dance/Ukulele group concert. Please ensure your child has their Ukulele every Friday. Thankyou Mr Healy.

It is the time of year when we start looking towards the coming year to prepare for Kindergarten Orientation. If you have a child who will be commencing Kindergarten at Karangi Public School in 2016 could you please inform the school office as soon as possible. If you have any friends or neighbours with children please ask them to inform our school office also. We need to inform the department of anticipated numbers and are also beginning plan dates and activities for our Kindergarten Orientation in order to send out information this term.

The Stage 3 Orara Valley Excursion to be held in week 3 of term 4 will be upon us quickly. Please ensure you are making regular payments if necessary. The date for final payments is Friday 11th September. Closer to the excursion date new notes will be sent home with an itinerary and list of requirements.

Ballroom Dancing
As you are aware students from Karangi Public School have the opportunity to participate in ballroom dancing lessons with Mrs Carol Myers from Pacific Dance Studio. These lessons will go for 8 weeks and will commence on Monday of Week 3 (27th July). Students will be doing a performance for parents in Week 10 in order to demonstrate their progress. A reminder that notes and money need to be received before the program begins. If children haven’t returned their note and money by Monday 27th July then they will observe the first lesson and will have the option to return their note and money by the 31st July in order to be a part of this program.

Students will be doing the dancing at the following times:

9:00 - 9:40 - Class 4/5
9:40 - 10:25 - Class 5/6
10:25 - 10:55 - Class 1
12:00 - 12:30 - Class 3/4
12:30 - 12:55 - Class 2/3

Musica Viva
On Monday 20th students from K-6 will participate in the Musica Viva – Tigurama Program. Notes and money must be returned to the school by Monday.

Orara Valley Athletics Carnival
On Tuesday we have 42 students participating in the Orara Valley Athletics Carnival which is held at the International Stadium. We wish our students well and look forward to hearing how they went on Wednesday!

PSSA Tennis – State Quarter Finals
Next Friday Ruby Pade, Charlie Pade, Majella Goulstone and Flynn Rousell will travel to Armidale to participate in the State PSSA Quarter Finals against Tamworth Public School. We wish them well!
**PSSA Tennis Fundraiser**
On Wednesday we will be holding a fundraiser to raise money to help our tennis team with transport costs. We will be holding a sausage sandwich and popper day which will cost $3. Lunch bags were sent home today and must be returned by Tuesday 21st if you would like your child to participate. A big thank you to the P&C who have kindly donated the poppers and to West High Street Butchery who have donated the sausages.

**PSSA Touch Football**
Next Friday both our boys and girls touch football teams will travel into Coffs Harbour to participate in the PSSA Touch Football Competition. Students will be accompanied by Ms Wood.

**Class 4/5 News**
In Term 2 for literacy we were busy exploring persuasive and procedural texts. We wrote many expositions and presented some fabulous persuasive speeches on variety of different topics. These included; Cats are better than dogs, Books are better than movies, Recycling should be compulsory, School uniforms should be compulsory, Computer games are a waste of time just to name a few. We also explored the art of advertising which lead to our end of term project, creating an advertisement for a current or made up product or service. We were able to utilise a variety of different technologies and programs to create our advertisements. Students used programs such as paint and word to create digital posters, Prezi an online presentation tool and the Ipads using imovie to create television commercials. This was a lot of fun and everyone really enjoyed this process.

In Mathematics we have been exploring measurement, in particular measuring mass and capacity. As a culminating activity we participated in a cooking lesson utilising our measuring skills and our ability to follow procedural text. We baked a variety of muffins, cupcakes and cookies and we enjoyed eating our final products.

**Premier’s Reading Challenge**
Just a reminder to all that the Premiers Reading Challenge closes on the 21st August. All students must complete their online Student Reading Record by this date. Student can login using their school login details. K-2 students goal is to experience 30 books, students can read the books on their own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to them. 3-6 students goal is to read 25 books, books must be read independently, but someone can help choose them. Good Luck!

**Education Week**
In Week 3 it is Education Week. This is a busy week for members of the Karangi Community with the following events taking place:

- **Monday**: Year 3/4 choir performing at Park Beach Plaza.
- **Tuesday**: Parent and students breakfast. You are invited to join us for a cooked breakfast commencing at 8am.
- **Wednesday**: All students involved in the Orara Valley Performance at Coffs Central.
- **Friday**: NAIDOC Celebrations

**Parent Online Payments**
The DEC has launched a new online payment portal linked to your school’s website to make it easier for you to pay for school related payments. This is a secure payment page hosted by Westpac. Karangi School has opted to join this portal and we have been informed this payment method will go live on 25th July. A note will be sent home to all families before this date with instructions and details explaining the Parent Online Payment system.
We are gearing up for cooking sessions this term and are really excited to see the start of our outdoor kitchen had ‘popped’ up over the holidays! Year 4/5 have been busy planting seedlings this week to fill the gaps in our garden pods.

A huge thank you to Sam Mihellfly of Me-Healthy Farm who generously donated the many seedlings last term to fill our pods, thank you Sam!

There are lots of little jobs piling up to maintain our garden and we are calling out to any parent/community members who would be interested in joining a casual Friday Garden Club, starting at 1.30pm and then parents can wander down to Friday assembly at 2.20 if they wish to. Please email the school or let Shaunagh know at the office and we will keep you informed.

P&C NEWS
Wow the first half of the year has flown by and term 3 is looking to be very busy. The P&C is kicking off the term with a

Pizza & Pinball Fundraiser . . . . . . .!!
This is your chance to play the pinball machines that were popular in the 70’s & 80’s. For one evening we will have access to a private collection of fully restored pinball machines (vintage/collectors machines) that are not accessible to the public.
The owners of the collection are donating the use of the venue, machines and will cook the Pizza’s on site, so that our school can raise some funds for P&C projects.
So please book your tickets, only $45/person for a great night out!! (see note attached)

Again Woolworths is running its Sam & Learn Program, so we are encouraging family & friends of Karangi PS to collect the stickers and either hand them in at the office or place them in the school box in store.

P&C Meeting will be on Monday 27 July 2015 in the school library 6.30 pm, we would love to see you there.

CANTEEN ROSTER WEEK 2 TERM 3 FRIDAY 24TH JULY
9.00 - 12.30   Eve Benton
9.00 – 2.30   Lisa Wood & Kirsten Jackson-Baldwin
COOKS: Eve Benton & Lisa Wood