PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Kinder Orientation
Our final visit from our Kindergarten 2015 students was today. We look forward to seeing them start their schooling with us next year.
Thanks must go to Mrs Cranstone for organising a wonderful Orientation Program and making our new students feel so welcome.

Year 7 Transition
Kariong Mountains High School 2015 Year 7 students began their transition program today. They had the opportunity to take part in ‘taster’ lessons, giving them a chance to meet teachers, navigate their way around the school and meet their fellow Year 7 classmates.

Year 6 Leader Policy
The Year 6 Leader Policy was tabled and discussed at last week’s P&C meeting. Thanks to those who completed our survey and who attended the meeting as we now have a final policy that will be put on our school website and sent home to our Year 5 students today. Year 5 students who would like the opportunity to become a Year 6 Leader for 2015 will be asked to prepare and give a speech at our next assembly, Friday, 28 November.

Directors’ Meeting
I will be attending a meeting next Monday, 24 November hosted by the Directors of Education NSW from the Wyong and Gosford Principals’ Network. Mrs Henderson will be teaching Year 3/4.

Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Expo
Mrs Cranstone and I will be attending the PBL Expo on Thursday. We will be showcasing what we do at our school. It will also give us the opportunity to see what other PBL schools are doing.

Staffing
I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate Ms Robyn Hamilton who was successful in applying for the School Administrative Manager’s position at Nords Wharf PS. This is a full time position and will start at the beginning of next year.
This is a wonderful opportunity for Robyn and we wish her all the very best. She will be sorely missed here at Somersby PS but we know that she will do a fantastic job in her new school.
All the best, Robyn!

Kirsty Squires
Year 5/6 News
Orientation for KMHS Year 7, 2015 was an interesting experience for our students. They took part in a range of ‘taster’ lessons from the various departments. The second orientation morning is next Tuesday.

CSR, through the mother of Sunny in Kindergarten Wendy Hunter, has donated Hebel blocks for sculpting. Due to their generosity we will begin planning and commencing our works. We will be enlisting the expertise of Libby Bourke who proved so helpful with last year’s totem poles.

The final Year 6 meeting for the year will be held on Tuesday, 25 November at 3:00pm. Please do your best to attend.

On Friday, 28 November Year 5 will be conducting the year’s final assembly. Their planning will be done under the watchful eyes of the experienced current school leaders.

On the same afternoon Year 6 will be running a car wash within the school grounds on the main oval. Year 6 parents, could you please be prepared to donate materials.

Swimming Scheme
Swimming Scheme commences in Week 9. Please ensure that notes and money come in on time. More information will be provided in next week’s newsletter.

Basketball Challenge
All permission notes and entry need to be returned by tomorrow so that transport arrangements can be made. A big thank you to Cory Gerard for giving up his time to coach the boys. This is the first experience of basketball for a number of the boys.

Band/Recorder/CWA
Both musical groups gave wonderful performances for the members of the CWA last Wednesday.

Library
Weeks 7 and 8 will be our last weeks to borrow for 2014, this is so that books don’t get spoilt with wet clothes during Swim Scheme. All books need to be returned by the beginning of Week 10 in time for stock take, if you have overdue books which need replacing please contact Mrs Knight or Mrs Broome for prices.

Did you know?
750,000 wild camels roam Australia’s deserts. One of the largest herds on earth. There are 3.3 times more sheep than people living in Australia.

Quotes of the Week
A dog is the only thing on earth that loves you more than he loves himself.

Josh Billings

Cats are intended to teach us that not everything in nature has a purpose.

Garrison Keillor

Good Luck, Monet
Tara Anglician School will be hosting their Equestrian Day next Saturday. Somersby PS will be represented by Monet. We wish her all the best of luck. We know you will do our school proud.

Thursday Soccer
It is yet to be confirmed, but we believe Thursday afternoon soccer has been permanently cancelled. We are doing our best to confirm this, and advise as soon as we know.

P&C News
Thanks, Craig!
A big thank you to Craig Hall who donated his time and machinery to do the groundwork for the new P&C shed.
The final fundraising BBQ for 2014 will be at the Mangrove Mountain Golf Club this Saturday. Helpers are urgently needed from 8.30am for about 4 hours. If you can help, please contact Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435. Senior school children are able to help as long as they are with an adult.

**P&C Social Night - Thursday, 4 December**

The P&C will wrap up its year with a ‘barefoot bowls’ night at Ourimbah RSL on Thursday, 4 December. Even if you don’t come along to P&C meetings, consider coming along and joining in the fun on this occasion. Enjoy the bowls, and order a meal at the club. To book, phone Nicki Ward on 0417 721 435.

**Carols night - Friday, 12 December**

Mr Paul’s band will again provide music at this year’s carols night on Friday, 12 December. Last year’s event was a very popular, relaxed occasion. Bring a picnic dinner and relax on the oval while the band plays.

**Christmas Raffle**

The P&C will be holding a Christmas raffle which will be drawn at the Carols Night. If you have items you would like to donate as raffle prizes, please leave them in the basket in the school office.

**P&C Officers for 2015**

A number of our current P&C officers will be retiring at next March’s AGM. Please consider becoming involved in your P&C. Somersby Public School provides a very nurturing environment for our children and this is because of the strong relationship between the staff, school families and the general community. The P&C plays an important role in this dynamic. Being involved with the P&C is a way to learn more about what’s happening in the school, as well as providing opportunities to meet and connect with other school parents.

As well as general membership, official positions you might like to consider volunteering in are:

- President
- Vice-president
- Treasurer
- Secretary (minutes and/or correspondence)
- Publicity officer
- Fundraising officer
- Uniform officer
- Canteen officer
- Country Fair rep
- Central Coast Council of P&Cs rep.

**Canteen News**

This week’s lunch order is Chicken Burgers. We are currently running our stock down in anticipation for the end of the term, as such there are no more slushies or large playwaters available for the rest of the term. New stock will be ordered in for next year.
CWA Somersby Branch
Handicraft Competition

The Junior handicraft competition is open to all juniors up to 18 years of age who reside in NSW
All work MUST be entirely the Exhibitor’s own work.

Section B1—Any article of craft made by junior 8 years and under.
Section B2—Any article of craft made by a junior 9 to 13 years.
Section B3—Any article of craft made by a junior 14 to 18 years.
Your age must accompany the article, age is at 1st May 2015.

The judging will take place at Somersby Hall on Wednesday 11 February 2015.
All articles will need to be delivered to school prior to this date so they can be collected.
Please do not make articles too big as they need to transported to and from the hall.
For more details please phone Judy Grenfell 4376 1247

Somersby PS P&C
Christmas Raffle

The much anticipated Christmas Raffle will once again be drawn at the
Carols Evening - Friday, 12 December 2014
The P&C are asking for donations of non perishable Christmas items to be included in the Christmas baskets.
Items such as: crackers, nibbles, soft toys, serviettes, Christmas decorations, Christmas puddings/cakes, confectionery. Any donation would be greatly appreciated and be left at the school office.

PBL Wall of Fame

Congratulations to last week’s
Happy and Friendly
Dylan G (Week 6)

Somersby School Lanyard with 8 gig USB drive
Only $15
Please visit the school office if you or child would like to purchase one