PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires

Book Week
A big thanks to Mrs Knight for organising such a great Book Week. Today we had our annual Book Character Parade and didn’t our students look wonderful. Thanks must also go to our parent judges who had a tough job judging the competition.

School Development Day (SDD)
This Saturday, 23 August our staff will be joining with schools in our Local Management Group for a combined SDD at Kariong PS. This will be in lieu of one of the SDD at the end of the year. We will be focusing on the implementation of the new Mathematics syllabus. Presentations will be made to staff about consistent teacher judgement, statistics, teaching money to children through the use of the new syllabus, fractions, online support and unpacking the new syllabus.

Mountains Summit
This Thursday four of our Year 6 students will be going to the Gosford City Council Chambers to present their speech about issues they feel affect life on the mountain. Good luck to Sarah, Maddison, Amy and Mackenzie. We look forward to hearing the outcomes of these talks.
**P & C**

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**Uniform Shop**
Tuesdays 8am—9am  
Mrs Kirrilly Green  
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**Canteen**

- Chicken burgers

**Office News**

- Canberra excursion payments  
- K/1/2 Reptile Park payment and note  
- Absence notes

**Did you know?**
No piece of square dry paper can be folded in half more than 7 times.

**Quote of the Week**
Unless someone like you cares a whole awful lot, nothing is going to get better. It’s not!  
*Dr Seuss*

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**Zone Athletics**
Good luck to our competitors who will be representing the Small Schools’ at the Zone Athletics Carnival this Friday at Mingara. A note has been sent home today with some reminders for those who are attending the carnival. I will be going on the day.  
If you are able to help at the carnival either on the BBQ or acting as Team Manager it would be greatly appreciated. Please let me know if you can assist.  
Remember the carnival starts at 8:30am.

**Gardening Thanks**
Last week Mr Moxham delivered a rather large truck full of mulch for our gardens. It has certainly been a hive of activity in the environment area and it is looking fantastic. Well done to our busy beavers up there and a big thanks to Mr Moxham!

**Egg Auction**
At last Friday’s assembly we ran a silent auction for the first 4 eggs from our chickens. The lucky winner was Mrs Henderson with a whopping bid of $20! That will certainly keep our fluffy friends fed for a while to come.

**Targeted Early Numeracy (TEN) Training**
We have been offered the opportunity to have our Stage 1 teacher trained to run the TEN maths program at our school. The aim of this program is to ensure all students are on track with Numeracy by the end of Stage 1. Initial training will involve three full days and then classroom visits by the facilitator to ensure that the lessons being delivered are engaging and targeted. Mrs Cranstone will be involved in the training with the initial training days to be conducted on 25 August, 8 and 15 of September.

**iPads**
With the P&C pledging to purchase more iPads, Mrs Cranstone will be attending an information day at Niagara Park PS. The day will provide us with information on how to configure a bank of iPads, and various sessions regarding different apps and their uses in the classroom. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to expand our knowledge of iPads and their educational use in the classroom.

**Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation**
Congratulations to Ms Scott and Mrs Azzopardi on their nominations for a Central Coast Public Education Award of Appreciation. Your help and dedication is greatly appreciated.

*Kirsty Squires*
Debating
Congratulations to our Year 6 Debate Team, who have won their Zone and are progress- ing to the knock out stages. There has been a change to the information I gave you yesterday. We are now debating against Holgate Public School. Our debate is scheduled for Tuesday 26 August at 1pm. Please come and support our debate team.

Book Fair
Book Fair will close tomorrow Wednesday, 20 August. Thank you so much to all the parents who attended the 'parents only' session today. A special thanks to the Katrakilis, Foreman, Tinworth, Moxham, Huntington, Sebbens, Jones, Broadhead, Wise, Sammut and Green families who have donated a book to our library. Not only have you donated a book but a percentage of what you have spent goes towards buying more books, so thank you again.

Again a big thank you to our fantastic Library Monitors who have been helping out during Book Fair. One more day to buy books and support our school library.

Laura Knight

Year 5/6
Tomorrow our class will be at KMHS for a Science Day. Thank you to the parents who have offered to transport students.

Athletics Carnival
We have 18 students representing the Small Schools at the Zone Carnival at Mingara Athletics Centre on Friday. The carnival commences at 8:30am. Good luck to all concerned.

Neil Mitchell

P&C News
Father’s Day gift stall - Friday, 5 September
We will hold our usual Father’s Day stall on the first Friday in September. Gifts will be $4 each. Children will have the opportunity to buy extra presents after all students have visited the stall. Volunteers are needed to wrap the gifts at 9am on Tuesday, 2 September. Come along – many hands make light work!

Next meeting - Wednesday, 3 September
The next P&C meeting will be in the library at 7pm, Wednesday, 3 September. Everyone welcome!
In the Spotlight

Sophie and her pony Gidget represented Somersby PS at Arndell Interschool last Saturday. They had a fantastic day and were very happy to come away with Champion Open Primary Rider and Champion Open Primary Hunter.

Well done Sophie!

CWA Cookery Competition

Wednesday 10 September 2014

Entries will be collected by 9:15 from the school office.

Class A: 18 years and under
Crunchy Topped Lemon Loaf

Class B: 12 years and under
Speedway Cake

Recipes available from the school office

Kindergarten 2015

We are now taking enrolments for our 2015 Kindergarten Class. If you have a child eligible to start school in 2015, or know of a family with a child who is eligible to start school in 2015, please contact the school office.

PBL Wall of Fame

Congratulations to last week’s
Happy and Friendly
Playground winner:
Archy (Week 5)

Worthy Daily Living