**PRINCIPAL’S NEWS—Kirsty Squires**

**Allergy and Anaphylaxis Management Update**

All schools were issued with a safety alert last week in regards to allergies and anaphylaxis which states that "schools must not use peanuts, tree nuts or any nut products in curriculum or extracurricular activities. This does not include foods labelled as may contain traces of nuts."

It is important for the community to know that we will be strictly adhering to these guidelines.

At this point in time we do not have any students affected by this so it will not affect food students are sent to school with.

**Uniforms**

A reminder to all that school uniforms are to be worn at all times, unless otherwise stated (as in the case of the swimming carnival tomorrow where students are able to wear their sports house colours).

As per our uniform policy, summer uniforms are to worn on all days other than designated sports days. For girls that is the summer dress, black school shoes, white socks and a school hat. The girls’ sports uniform is a gold polo, brown shorts/skorts, joggers, white socks and a school hat.

For boys it is the gold polo shirt, brown shorts, black school shoes, white socks and a school hat.

**Designated sports days are as follows:**

- K/1/2 – Friday
- 3/4 – Wednesday
- 5/6 – Tuesday

It would be greatly appreciated if all students could come to school in the correct uniform. We are a proud school, let’s be proud of our uniform.

**P&C Meeting**

Thank you to all who came along last week. It was great to see some new faces.

The new 2015-2017 Strategic Plan was discussed and some productive discussion was had around the strategic directions that we should be taking in the future. Thanks to Nigar Till, Jenny Tinworth and Wendy Paxton for volunteering to be part of a working party to help develop this plan.

Our next meeting is the AGM where there are a few positions up for grabs. If you are able to help, please come along to the meeting on the 4th of March. All help is greatly appreciated!

**Swimming Carnival**

Tomorrow is our annual swimming carnival. This is always an enjoyable day, with students of all swimming abilities being catered for. All family members are invited to come along and support our students. We will also be looking for help with a variety of...
jobs so if you can help it would be greatly appreciated.

Class Newsletters
On Friday all classes will be sending out class newsletters. These aim to provide parents with information regarding their child’s class and what is happening throughout the term.
If you have any further questions please do not hesitate in contacting your child’s teacher via email, phone or in person as we are only too happy to answer any questions.

Drop & Kiss
For the safety and welfare of children please adhere to the Drop & Kiss Zone rules. Please do not park in the drop zone as it prevents the safe flow of traffic especially on busy mornings.

Band
Well, we’re off and running with the beginners making some beautiful noises. Please encourage your child to practise daily to make the most of this opportunity.
When woodwind players first start they tend to damage their reeds quite regularly. Replacements are available from the school office for a reasonable cost. Clarinet $5 each and Saxophone $5 each.

Library News
It’s pleasing to see the level of borrowing so far this year. Students need to bring a library bag or similar.
I’m asking for volunteers from Years 4-6 to become library monitors. This will involve dedicating one-half of a lunch time per week.

Did you know?
Rabbits and parrots can see what is behind without turning their heads.

Quote of the week!
I am a good sport; I follow the rules, take turns and play fair.

Office News

- Band Fees are now due.
- Absence notes.

P & C
Contact information
somersbypandc@gmail.com
Nicki Ward 0417 721 435

Uniform Shop
Thursdays 8.30am—9am
Mrs Kirrilly Green
Email: heycat1@bigpond.com

Canteen News
6th February
Party Food.
13th, 20th, Feb
Pizza
Ham & Cheese with S/chilli.
Ham & pineapple.
Nachos.
27th Feb & 6th March
Chicken burgers.
13th & 20th March
Fried Rice.
Ham & Cheese Pasta.
27th March
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Year 3/4
I’m looking forward to our first formal homework being handed in on Thursday as I know a lot of students have been working hard on it.

Our class newsletters will be in your child’s homework book on Friday. Please don’t hesitate in contacting me at any time if you are unsure of anything.

Kirsty Squires
K/1/2
We’ve had another great week in the K/1/2 classroom. We have been very busy learning lots of new things. Homework and home readers will be sent home on Friday. Please send in an A4 plastic envelope or large pencil case (not sheet protectors) in which books can be transported. Thank you

Jade Cranstone

Office News
Family update forms have been sent home today and we ask if you could check all numbers and details and especially the health information also attached. Please make any changes necessary SIGN and DATE then return as soon as possible please.
Invoices are also attached and are due. For ease of payments why not check out our website for the convenience of POP (parents on-line payments). Locate the icon “Make a Payment”, enter your child’s name, date of birth, activity/fee and the amount. Please note that each child and each activity/fee needs to be completed and entered separately.
It is very pleasing to see the number of students participating in school banking this term so keep those bank books coming to save, save, save !.

Jade Cranstone

Environment Group
We are once again looking for enthusiastic, hard-working nature lovers to become part of the 2015 Environment Group. Anyone who is interested will need to write a short letter stating why they think they would make a good Environment Group member and hand them to Mrs Cranstone by the end of this week. Members will be asked to sign a contract committing themselves to completing all of their duties throughout the year. A duty roster will begin early next week. We look forward to working towards becoming Environmental Small School of the Year in 2015.

Julie Broome

P&C News
Cookbook fundraiser
The P&C is considering the viability of publishing a fundraising cookbook. If you have any experience of similar projects, we would love to hear from you. We’re looking for all stories both positive and negative! Please contact Jenny Tinworth on 0411 443 555 or email somersbypandc@gmail.com.

AGM & P&C general meeting
Wednesday, March 4
The AGM will be held in the library at 7pm on March 4. A new executive team will be elected at this meeting. Please consider whether you might be interested in working with the school as part of the P&C, especially as some of our current team need to step down from their roles due to work and other time commitments or because they have reached the end of the maximum three-year term allowed for the position. P&C positions include:

- President
- Vice president (x2)
- Treasurer
- Secretary (can be split into minutes and correspondence)
- Publicity officer
- Canteen officer
- Fundraising officer
- Uniform officer
- Central Coast Council of P&Cs rep
- Country Fair rep.

The usual monthly meeting will be held at the end of the AGM.
Kariong United FC invites past and future players to register to play soccer with us in 2015. We have teams for both boys and girls aged from Under 5 (born in 2010) to Over 45. Players of all skill levels and experience are welcome, and are encouraged to have a go.

Register NOW on line at www.myfootballclub.com.au and pay via credit card on line.

If you can’t access the internet you can register and pay in person as follows:

2015 Registration Dates

Saturday Feb 7th, 9:00am-1pm at Kariong Youth Centre
Saturday Feb 14th, 9:00am-1pm “The Hill”
Monday Feb 16th, 6:30pm-8:30pm Mitchell Drive, Kariong

2015 Registration Fees

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*Register and PAY IN FULL by Friday Feb 20th, 2015 to receive a 10% discount off the Normal fee.
Families with 3 or more players will receive a 5% discount off their total registration costs*.

For more information please visit our website at www.kariongunited.com.au

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**OURIMBAH SURGERY IS OPEN TO NEW PATIENTS**

Dr Heather Reid and Ourimbah Surgery would like to welcome
Dr Mary Graham to our Practice!

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Registration Days: 7th & 14th February @ Wyoming Shopping Centre,