Happy Mother’s Day       Principal  Jonathan Moxon
A big Happy Mother’s Day to all of the wonderful mothers in our community. I hope all of our students look after their mothers by doing some extra chores around the house and make Mother’s Day this Sunday a super special event. Don’t forget our special Mother’s Day breakfast on Friday May 9 from 7:30am.

Attendance
As per normal school routines, the school executives have conducted an attendance audit. Classroom teachers and assistant principals will be in contact with parents over the coming days to discuss students who have increasing numbers of days absent from school. Did you know that if your child attends school for:

90% of the school year they actually miss around 20 days;
85% of the school year they actually miss around 30 days; (That is over half a term)
75% of the school year they actually miss around 50 days; (That is a full term)

It is important that students attend school every day where they are fit and able. If your child is away due to illness or an unavoidable event please ensure that a note is submitted to your child’s classroom teacher within 7 days of the absence. Otherwise the absence becomes listed as unjustified and staff are required to contact parents/carers where several unjustified have been recorded next to a student name. This is a legal requirement.

As winter and the flu season approach it is important for all of us to remember these important attendance issues and try where possible to work together and support students to receive their best possible education.

If you are planning to take leave of 5 or more consecutive days, please contact the front office and complete an application for leave form. If approved, the leave will then not be listed against your child’s name on the Semester Reports.

Cross Country
The School Cross country will be on tomorrow Thursday May 8. Students 2-6 will be competing. As the cross country is a part of our sporting program and onsite, permission notes will not be issued. An information note has already been sent home outlining the requirements for the day. If your child is unwell and you wish them not to participate in the event, please write a letter in to your child’s teacher.
NAPLAN
The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy for Years 3 and 5 will be on the following days:

- **Tuesday May 13**: Language Conventions and Writing
- **Wednesday May 14**: Reading
- **Thursday May 15**: Numeracy

It is important that students are at school on time for these assessments as specific rules and regulations for these assessments have been issued by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting authority. If you have any concerns please contact your child’s teacher prior to the assessment dates.

Reminder – Selective Opportunity Class Placement 2015 (Year 4 Students)
Late last term all students in Year 4 were issued with an information note regarding Selective Opportunity Class Placement for 2015. (Please note Killarney Vale PS does not have an Opportunity Class onsite) Listed below are the important dates:

- **Monday April 28**: Online application opens or Application information and forms are available in schools.
- **Friday May 16**: Return paper application to principal or Online application closes
- **Wednesday July 9**: Test centre advice received by parents or carers
- **Wednesday July 23**: Opportunity class placement test
- **October 2014**: Outcome advice sent

Please note the High Performance Students Unit will not accept late applications.

Skoolbag App
Congratulations Killarney Vale, we now have 224 confirmed downloads of our school ‘app’. The ‘Skoolbag’ school ‘app’ allows the school to push out urgent information and friendly reminders about upcoming items and newsletters. The ‘app’ is a fantastic way to keep in touch with the school, as it has several inbuilt functions to contact and send information to the school. The ‘app’ is available on both Android and Apple devices.

Stage 2 and 3 Camp notes are going home this week
Information notes for the upcoming Stage 2 and 3 camps will be coming home this week. Parents need to act quickly to secure their child’s spot as places are strictly limited due to buses and accommodation. A $50 non-refundable deposit is also required at the time of booking so Killarney Vale can secure our excursion.

- **Stage 2**: will be visiting The Great Aussie Bush Camp at Kincumber while
- **Stage 3**: will be visiting Canberra

These excursions are a fantastic opportunity and are not to be missed.

Quality Work with Mr Moxon
Late last week I was asked to visit 2/3B to see their class engaged in some wonderful learning centres. Students in the classroom were engaged in a variety of activities from visual arts to comprehension and a small group even had some time on the Nintendo Wii as part of being the best class in the assembly from the previous week. As a Principal, it is fantastic to walk into my classrooms and see all students actively engaged in their learning. Keep up the great work.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon
60 Seconds with?

KVPS is starting a journalism style team with the current school leaders. They will interview community members and staff for 60 second spotlight interviews. Who will be the first person interviewed. The 60 second spotlight interview will be appearing soon.

60 Second with...
I would like to see a 60 Second interview with:

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Please return to the front office!

Cross Country 2014

Our annual School Cross Country will be held on THIS THURSDAY, May 8th 2014 at Killarney Vale School Oval. The Carnival will commence at 12.30pm. All students are encouraged to participate. Students need to wear their house colour shirt, joggers and a hat; they should also bring sunscreen and plenty of water. If your child does not wish to participate, please make sure they bring in a note and hand it to their teacher.

If the weather changes we will notify families on the skoolbag app and also on the website.

Yours in sport,
Kate Keyes

KILLARNEY VALE PUBLIC SCHOOL STUDENT ABSENCE NOTE

My child____________________________________of class__________

Was absent from school on_______________for the following reason:

________________________________________________________

Signed:________________________________________(parent)
CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 2 WEEK 1

CONTRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KD Ruby Showing STAR leadership in the classroom
KD Tristan Completing STAR quality work
KL Brigid Excellent reading during groups & being a helpful class member
KL Max Working well in groups and being a helpful member of KL
K/1G Allira Improved concentration and listening
K/1G Dylan A steady dependable worker
1RS Jackson Fantastic start to term 2, keep it up!
1RS Angel Wonderful expression when reading
1S Millie Her fabulous sentence writing, well done!
1S Naite Trying extra hard to complete all tasks on time
1/2K Emily Having a wonderful focused week, keep it up!
1/2K Jayden Excellent reading and comprehension results, you are a star!
2BR Charlotte Working well in reading groups
2BR Huney-Lee Beautiful and neat handwriting
2/3B Liam Impressive and brilliant work efforts
2/3B Liam A super start to term 2!
3L Cody Excellent listening skills
3L Jemma Always happy to work hard
4BR Tineka Trying her best in class at all times
4BR Tyeisha An enthusiastic student who tries hard
4G Bianca Persistence with all written tasks
4G Gary Clever contribution to our picture graph module in maths
5/6E Mycaela Fast, accurate maths answers
5/6E Hollie Consistently producing quality work
5/6M Daniel Enthusiastic acting during imovie production
5/6M Grace Enthusiasm during imovie production
5/6R Ryan Excellent attitude to work
5/6R Georgia Displaying excellent school leadership
KP Nathaniel Completing all set tasks
KP Talia Being a good sport!
K/2W AJ Having a great first week at our school
Mothers' Day Stall, Breakfast and Raffle

Don’t forget to put aside the 9th May for our annual Mothers’ Day Breakfast at 7.30am. Come and join us for a pampering session and a scrumptious breakfast. Calories don’t count on Mothers’ Day.

We will also be running a raffle, with all monies raised being donated to Breast Cancer Awareness.

On Thursday the 22nd of May (Week4) the environment committee would like you to bring in a plant that is either red, blue, green or yellow. Please pick what colour house you are in and bring in that colour plant.

We will be planting these plants around our school and are hoping to make the gardens look bright and exciting.

Now remember ‘When you put your pants on don’t forget your plants.’

Olivia and Ethan
Ministers for the Environment
RUGBY LEAGUE

We are very proud of our Stage 3 Rugby League Team, who competed in the Gala Day at Morry Breen Oval last Friday. After a few intense training sessions at school with Mr Moxon, the boys put their skills to the test against Wamberal Public School. Congratulations to the boys who displayed bucket loads of enthusiasm, good sportsmanship, determination and tight teamwork. Our team had experienced players as well as some boys who were playing their very first game of rugby league. Unfortunately we were defeated but we are very proud of our boys who never gave up and represented our school proudly.

Well done lads!!!

Mrs Michelle Reid

LIBRARY OPENING HOURS

MON:- 8.35AM—9.00AM - MILO MONDAY
CLOSED AT LUNCH TIME
TUES - THURS:- 8.35AM—9.00AM
OPEN AT LUNCH TIME
FRI:- 8.35AM—9.00AM
OPEN AT LUNCH TIME
General Updates

**NEW – Free Financial Counseling at St Vincent de Paul**
St Vincent de Paul provides FREE financial counseling at The Entrance and Wong Regional Centre at 47 Howarth Street, Wyong. Financial Counsellors assist consumers who are experiencing financial problems and hardship.
St Vincent de Paul also offers a hand up to clients by providing assistance and emergency relief to clients in crisis. For example:

- Vinnies shop
- Home visits
- Food vouchers and hampers
- Assistance with electricity and phone payments
- Referrals for personal counseling and family issues & mental health services

For further information regarding these services or to make an appointment for financial counseling please call the Wyong call centre on 4353 5614.

**Memory Lane Tucker Shop ‘Doing Things Together’ Program**
The Memory Lane ‘Doing Things Together’ Program is about reconnecting people with memory loss and their carers to their community and each other. All programs provide an opportunity to meet and socialise with others that are experiencing similar situations in a safe and friendly environment.

With the successes of the restaurant, cafes, coffee club and leisure club Comcare are adding another program to the Memory Lane Programs. The Tucker Workshop for male carers. Whilst the blokes are in the kitchen learning how to cook a simple and nutritious meal, their partners are pampered with hand massages, nail painting, conversation and laughter with cocktails and canapés. When the cooking is completed the blokes get to show off their new culinary skills by sharing the meal they have just prepared with their partners in a restaurant style atmosphere.

A complimentary cookbook with lots of simple, nutritious and easy to follow recipe ideas is available to take home to start creating their own delicious meals at home. The cost is $45 per couple and reservations are essential.

For enquiries or bookings for any of our Memory Lane Programs, please contact us on 4324 4244 or visit their website [www.comcare.org.au](http://www.comcare.org.au)
Central Coast District Community Pathways, Information and Referral

The Central Coast Community Pathways, Information and Referral Team are now operating for people residing in the Local Government Areas of Wyong and Gosford. The Central Coast Team provides information, intake and referral for older people and people with a disability and their carers. They also provide clear pathways to appropriate supports and services.

This function was previously performed by ADHC Intake Newcastle but has now moved to the Central Coast.

For further information contact Community Pathways, Information and Referral Team on 02 4321 7200 or email centralcoast.iri@facs.nsw.gov.au

Upcoming Events

NEW - Life Without Barriers ABBA Event
- **When:** Friday 16 May 2014
- **Time:** 6:30 pm to 9:30 pm
- **Where:** Mingara Recreation Club, Tasman Rooms 1 & 2
- **Cost:** $5.00 entry fee
  
  Any queries please call Narelle on 4343 8830.

NEW - Life Without Barriers Movies and Munchies Club

Join in for movie and lunch. Movie tickets will be paid for by LWB. Food and drinks at your own cost. Places are limited.

- **Where:** Events Cinemas, Tuggerah
- **When:** Saturday 24th May 2014
- **Time:** 10am – 1:30pm

To register telephone Narelle at Life Without Barriers on 4343 8837 or email narelle.lang@lwb.org.au

Prizes to be won. You must be over 18 years of age to attend. If you require assistance, you must be accompanied by a carer. Any queries please call Narelle on 4343 8830 or 0428 256839

NEW - Thursday Fun at Sam's Community Café

Musical Mahem:
Join Larry Daley who will lead the group in playing a range of percussion instruments to easy rhythms - shakers, blocks Djembe drums, clap sticks, beaters and more.

- **When:** First Thursday of every month, 10am - 12pm
- **Cost:** $20/head

Join in for Bingo and win some great prizes.

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Bingo:
Join in for Bingo and win some great prizes.
**When:** Second Thursday of every month
**Time:** 10am – 12pm
**Cost:** $5 for bingo only, $8 for bingo and morning tea or $10 for bingo and lunch

Art Mania:
Join art therapist Simone for a morning of Art Mania. Be inspired and create amazing artwork using a range of different mediums.
**When:** Third Thursday of every month
**Time:** 10am – 12pm
**Cost:** $10 per head

Café located at The Entrance, cnr Oakland and Battley Avenues. Bookings essential, please contact the Café Coordinator on 0429 548 604.

**Conference / Training / Expos**

**NEW - Contour College and Statewide Business Training Courses for Jobseekers**
Contour College and Statewide Business Training are joining forces to bring you some great training opportunities. Government funding is available to help you get the skills you need to do the work you love. Courses currently on offer are Hairdressing, Retail and Retail Makeup and Skin Care. The cost will be $106 for any registered job seeker and concessions are available for those meeting the requirements.
For further information contact Ryan Hartley on 02 4351 7550.

**Early Days Autism Behaviour Workshops**
Early Days, which is part of the Helping Children with Autism package are running two workshops in Terrigal as follow:
**Autism Behaviour Workshop** on Tuesday, 20th and 27th May, 6pm – 9pm (run over 2 evenings). Same venue as above. The focus of the workshop is on:
- Learning how to understand your child’s behavior
- Learning ways to manage behavior and teach new skills
- Learning ways to promote positive behaviours.

These workshops are free of charge. To register, please visit the following website: [www.autismspectrum.org.au/earlydaysworkshops](http://www.autismspectrum.org.au/earlydaysworkshops)
BUNNINGS BBQ - THIS SATURDAY 10 MAY

We really really need your help. With so many weekend activities on at the moment, we need extra hands to make this a success. This is a huge fundraising event for the P&C and a great day of fun for those who come along to lend a hand. If you can spare some time on Saturday, anytime between 8am and 5pm please send us an email, let Rhonda in the canteen know, or call/sms Patricia on 0406 228 951. All funds raised will help to pay for our new school fitness track.

Canteen News

- **New Menu**: The new canteen menu has now been sent home and took effect as of Monday 5 May. It can be downloaded from the P&C page on the school website or you can obtain an extra copy from the canteen.

- **Winter Canteen Hours**: During term two and three, canteen hours change slightly as we close for recess on Wednesdays. Trading remains unchanged on all other days. Our winter timetable is as follows: Monday and Fridays 8:35am till 2pm, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 8:35am till 12pm.

- **Lunch orders**: Please remember when ordering lunches to include your child’s class and full name to make sure that your child gets their lunch. Remember the new prices so make sure your menu has been updated as prices have changed.

Entertainment Books—Available Now!: Our P&C is excited to be offering the 2014/15 Newcastle Central Coast and Hunter Entertainment™ Book to raise funds for KVPs. Filled with hundreds of up to 50% off and 2-for-1 offers for the best restaurants, cafés, attractions, hotel accommodation, travel and much more! Purchase the book for only $60 and enjoy huge savings until 1 June 2015. Visit [https://www.entretenimentbook.com.au/orderbooks/345360](https://www.entretenimentbook.com.au/orderbooks/345360) to purchase your book and Killarney Vale PS will receive $12 from every book sold. Tell everyone about this great offer and help support our wonderful school.

Mothers Day Stall - It was a delight to see the children enjoying their shopping today and selecting just the right gifts for their mums, grand mums, aunties and friends. I hope the gifts will be well received. A huge thank you to the wonderful mums who came along to help out at our stall. The children were certainly in good hands. Thanks also to Nana Denise for donating some beautiful hand made cards and to everyone else who contributed with donations for our stall. Happy Mother’s Day to all of our wonderful Mums.

Canteen Roster

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