Success at the Pool!

The KVPS Swimming Carnival was simply sensational, a big thank you to Mrs Walpole, Mr Smith, Mrs Britten and our superb team of staff and community for making this event great. I would like to recognise the fantastic efforts of the ten high school students from Tuggerah Lakes Secondary College: Berkeley Vale Campus who came and supported our swimming carnival. These students supported the students and staff of KVPS and were great ambassadors from our secondary partner. On the day, students were dressed in house colours, chanted house songs and participated with enthusiasm making the day a standout event for the year. Well done to Killian C and Ryan V who each broke school records on the day. We are planning to hold the awards ceremony this Friday for swimming ribbons. Mrs Walpole has included a small blurb in the newsletter.

After School Procedures

It has been noticed that some students are waiting for parents either out the front of the school or on the bottom oval at the conclusion of the school day. It is school practice that students do not leave the school grounds unless they are being collected by their recognised parent/guardian or have been given permission by their parents to walk/ride home. Please remind your children, that if you meet them in a predetermined location and that you are not there, they need to return to the front office so that a contact call can be made. The wellbeing of our students is our primary concern, only together can we make this work.

Skoolbag Version 3 – A message from Skoolbag

Just a quick note to let you know that you now have access to Version 3 of Skoolbag. It will be ready for download soon in both the Apple App and Google Play Stores. Skoolbag as announced that this release fixes the issues with the current Android version, and also brings it up to date with the same features that have been on iPhone for some time. You can also now have a dedicated iPad version in the iPad App Store!

Parents/Community members, if you have an earlier version of Skoolbag installed on you devices, you will see this new version as an app update, and will install it as an update. Some users may already have automatic updates switched on, in which case the app will update itself.

New Version 3 features include:
- Supports iPhone 6 and 6 Plus resolution
- Rotation/landscape view when viewing landscape on larger resolution devices.
- New interface design and content navigation improvements
- Colour coded for each school
- Support for the Custom Form Builder
- iPhone Version has new Accessibility mode for visual impaired users.
- iPad Version!

We now have over 500 downloads of our school ‘app’. Keep spreading the word Killarney Vale!
The Tell Them From Me student feedback survey

I am delighted that this term, our school, like many others in the state, will participate in a Department of Education and Communities initiative: the “Tell Them From Me” student feedback survey. The survey aims to help improve student learning outcomes and measures factors that are known to affect academic achievement and other student outcomes. The focus of the NSW-wide survey is on student wellbeing, engagement and effective teaching practices.


The survey is a great opportunity for our students to provide our school with valuable and quick feedback on what they think about school life, how engaged they are with school and the different ways that teachers interact with them. Schools in Australia and around the world have used the “Tell Them From Me” survey to help improve how they do things at school.

I want to assure you that the survey is confidential and school staff will not be able to identify individual students from their responses. The survey is conducted online and will typically take less than 30 minutes to complete. It will be administered during school hours between 9 March and 2 April. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary.

A consent form and FAQs for parents/carers about the survey is being sent home with students. If you do not want your child or children to participate, please return the form to school by Friday 27 February. Copies of the form and FAQs are available from the website above.

Band 2015 with Ms Karen Williams

Once again KVPS will be able to offer our band program with Ms Karen Williams in 2015. If you are interested in learning to play any of the following instruments: Trumpet, Trombone, Clarinet, Saxophone, Flute, Bass Guitar, Drums or Guitar this program might be for you. Enrolment conditions apply and tuition fees are $150 per term. Students are encouraged to purchase their own instrument, but there is an arrangement for a limited number of instruments to be available for hire. Places are limited and if you are keen, please contact the front office and ask for an information sheet. As this is a private program run and operated by Ms Williams, no KVPS staff will be present for active supervision. All lessons this year will be conducted during the lunch time period. NO class time will be missed.

Quality work with Mr Moxon

This week I have been rushed off my feet with quality work samples lining up at my office door. I must admit, I do enjoy seeing all of the fantastic work that the students of KVPS create. This week some students from KR and 4P came to visit and they were worthy of a mention, although many others came close… In KR James wrote a great sentence with a capital letter and full stop. James did mention that he needed the full stop so that the letters would not run away. He also drew a great picture of a shark. Riley also in KR, read me his sentence that he had constructed and he too had a great picture of a rainbow fish. Jazmin in KR was very excited to show me her writing and picture of a horse. The picture was well illustrated and made me very impressed. Kindergarten, it is only week 5 and you are producing great work samples. Keep up the great work.

This week in 4P Zali A and Charlotte E visited the office to show me their excellent writing samples. Both girls demonstrated excellent bookwork, while focusing on the technical aspects of writing. Girls, keep up the great work, I am waiting to see more quality samples as the term unfolds.

Have a great week Killarney Vale!

Mr Moxon
1. How are you settling in to Killarney Vale Public School?

I have settled in to KVPS very well. The students, staff and parents have really welcomed me into the school community. My stage 3 team are amazing and I am looking forward to an exciting year. Being head judge at the swimming carnival has definitely been a highlight of my year so far.

2. What are your hobbies?

My hobbies are stand up paddle boarding and I also enjoy going to the beach. I'm a sporty guy who will have a go at any sports. I am really looking forward to coaching the Rugby League team this year.

3. Do you have any pets?

I have two ‘Fur Babies’. They are both Jack Russell dogs – one is named Baxter and the other Barnie. I enjoy hanging out with them on the weekends. Barnie is 10 years old and Baxter is 5 years old.

4. Who is your favourite superhero? Why?

It would definitely be Wolverine. I really like his hair style, it is so cool. I have been told that I look very similar to Hugh Jackman.

5. Do you prefer to teach Literacy or Numeracy? Why?

I enjoy teaching literacy because it can be a great way to express a creative mind. It is also great being able to link creative and lived experience into Numeracy teaching and learning. So I guess I enjoy teaching both literacy and numeracy.
CLASS ASSEMBLY AWARDS TERM 1 WEEK 4

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE STUDENTS BELOW WHO HAVE RECEIVED

ASSEMBLY AWARDS

KD  Trinity  Completing STAR quality work
KD  Indi  Using STAR manners at all times
KL  Harriet  Being a superstar class member
KL  Nate  Showing great star behaviour
KR  Jazmin  Showing STAR behaviour at all times
KR  James  Completing STAR quality work
1RS  Fynn  an outstanding theme book cover
1RS  Brydon  Presenting an interesting talking topic with conference
1M  Chloe  Reading with confidence and expression
1M  Jaki  A hardworking student who always follows our STAR rules
1/2K  Mia  A brilliant hands on Mini Beast talking topic
1/2K  Jolie  Displaying confidence when writing detailed sentences
2GB  Scarlette  An excellent power point presentation of mini beasts
2GB  Ashton  Showing enthusiasm and willingness to learn
2P  Kurtis  Star quality counting backwards and forwards by ten
2P  Mikayla  Wonderful web weaving
3L  Cobe  Quality listening of his partners fluency read
3B  Bethany  Awesome quality work. A superstar!
3B  Corey  Staying cool and not giving up!
4/5BM  Liam  A STAR attitude in class
4/5BM  Rhianna  Perseverance when completing Maths activities
4P  Logan  Working hard in literacy
4P  Alexis  Dedication and commitment to our 4P assembly item
5/6C  Laith  Well presented 'All about me' HOMEWORK TASK
5/6C  Tineke  Dedication to helping and caring for her peers
5/6E  Kate  A confident approach to all tasks
5/6E  Flynn  Enthusiasm during maths activities
5/6R  Joel  Enthusiastic leadership at the swimming carnival
5/6R  Ethan  A great helping hand at the carnival
K1P  Nathaniel  Being a caring and kind class member
1/3W  Meikah  Excellent spelling work
Super Star Day

Everyone is getting excited because Super Star Day is this FRIDAY!

This term our Star Slip Vouchers include:

- Classroom Swap (Negotiated with Teachers)
- 30 Minutes Free Time (Negotiated with Teacher)
- Free Choice Clothing (Mufti or Pyjamas)
- 30 Minutes Extra Play (1pm Primary Playground)
- Art Pass (Lunch Time - Art Room)
- Disco (Lunch Time - Hall)

If your child has a Free Choice Clothing voucher they are able to wear their choice of clothes to school on Friday. Please make sure they have proper shoes on, a shirt with sleeves and a school hat.

Congratulations to all our Super Stars at K.V.P.S.

Swimming Ribbons

The swimming carnival ribbons will be handed out at our Friday Assembly this week - 27th February. If your child placed 1st, 2nd or 3rd in their event then they will be receiving a ribbon. All races were timed and just because your child may have come first in their heat it does not mean that they came first in the overall event. The students attending the Zone carnival received their Zone notes yesterday.

Assembly starts at 2pm in the school hall. We look forward to seeing you there!

Sydney Swans Visit

On Tuesday morning, Killarney Vale Public School were visited by two players from the Sydney Swans. They talked about the AFL opportunities on the Central Coast for all students and the fun and excitement the game brings. A Flyer will be going home with more information about our local AFL club the Killarney Vale Bombers. We would like to thank the Sydney Swans and wish them all the best this year!
## Student Parliament—2015
### Meeting Agenda

**Date:** Tuesday February 17

**Minister reports:**

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<td><strong>Friday February 13—Black Friday. Everyone wore black and a bit of red to school. Black because of Friday 13th and the touch of red because of Valentine’s Day. Next day. We used posters and verbal reminders and it was a success.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Coming up:- Star award days</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Friday May 22 is Walk to school day. Students walk to school to learn about road rules and to keep healthy. Black Friday or Freaky Friday—dress up in ‘freaky’ clothes.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>During Bike Week we could have a race on the second oval as well as with 4 teachers spilt up with 2 teachers on each side.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Infants and primary sport day with a quiz at the end term 1 &amp; 2.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Thursday afternoon sport—students pick some sports they would like to do and maybe we could so some boys and girls separated sports, eg, hockey in the hall, etc.</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Friendly games against boys and girls sporting teams at school.</strong></td>
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### Ministers for Fundraising

**Oliva & Darby-Lee**

- Easter egg hunt
- Tiger day
- Cake stalls
- Boardies day
- We would like to try and do a cancer day including jeans for genes, breast cancer and a colouring-in comp
- Harmony day
- Saint Patrick's day
- Mufti days
- Crazy hair day
- An Aussie Christmas colouring-in competition

### Ministers for Environment

**Flynn & Jacob**

- Clean up Killarney Vale
- Bring a plant to school day with a gold coin donation
- Name canteen
- Start a vegetable garden
- Wear green to school day

### Ministers for Performing Arts

**Emily & Mark**

- "Wanna Be" day - term 1
- Dance Quest - term 3
- Talent Quest - term 2
- Red Faces - term 4

- Cartoon celebrity day - term 1
- Art Gallery - term 2
- Mufti day - term 3
- Activities day - term 4

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**Above are the minutes from our first Student Parliament Meeting for 2015.**

**Ministers submit ideas that then have to be approved by the Principal and staff.**
P&C Meeting - Tomorrow night - Thursday 26 February

Our first P&C Meeting for 2015 is on tomorrow night commencing at 7.15pm in the Teachers Staff Room. If you would like to hear what is happening in our school we would love you to come along and join our dynamic group of caring and supportive parents. Being a member of the P&C enables you to be involved in decisions that the P&C, as a committee, make to benefit our students, school and community. Membership is just $.50c per person per year. Forms are available from the canteen, can be downloaded from the school website, or email us and we will forward one to you. If you are unable to attend the meeting but would like to be informed of P&C activities, please complete and return a P&C membership form to receive regular communications from your P&C and to have access to our P&C Facebook page.

School Banking Account Opening Day - Monday 2 March

Killarney Vale offers the Commonwealth Bank School Banking program to all students. This program provides children with an opportunity to make deposits into their personal Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account at school each week. The program is about how often your child makes deposits, not how much they deposit. To encourage regular savings behaviour the program offers an exciting Rewards Program. Every deposit earns your child a Dollarsmites token, and once they’ve collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for a reward.

The Commonwealth Bank is holding an account opening day next MONDAY 2ND March from 8.30am – 9.30am. If you are interested in opening a Commonwealth Bank Youthsaver account for your child please bring along your current driver’s licence or another form of photographic identification. No identification is required for your child attending school, as the school will confirm their identity. Pat the dog will also be visiting everyone at assembly on Monday 2ND March to relaunch the School Banking program for 2015.

School Disco - Wednesday 18 March

The students have chosen the theme for our Term One Disco SPORT. The kids will enjoy a great night with their school friends when DJ Magoo returns to play all of their favourite chart songs as well as games, competitions and some delicious prizes. Venue: The school hall. Time: 5.30 till 7.30pm. Tickets: $5.00 each.

Can be pre purchased from the school canteen during disco week between 8.35am and 9.05am or at the door on the night. Refreshments: Sweets and juice cups will be available for purchase at the disco with prices starting from 20c (juice cups $.50c). Pick up/Drop off: Children must be dropped off and picked up from the school hall by a parent or carer. Supervision: Provided in the school hall only, for the duration of the disco by staff members and a limited number of parent helpers. Parent helpers: If you are available to assist on the night, please sms 0408 894 841 or email your details to the P&C. Siblings: For safety reasons, older and younger siblings are not permitted. This event is for KVPS students only.

Canteen News

Thompson’s Pies Order forms available from the canteen or email the P&C and we will forward one to you.

St Patricks Day Specials Coming Soon

Canteen Roster

26th Thur: Dee, Hazel, Natalie
2nd Mon: (9 -10 Mary) Christine, Sharon, Tanya
4th Wed: Denise, Lesley, Anita (PM Karen)

Election Day Book Stall - Saturday 28 March

If you have any books at home that you would like to donate to our book stall, please bring them into the canteen for us to sell on election day. This is a great opportunity to clear out your pre-loved books and to share them with other book lovers.
THE ENTRANCE HOCKEY CLUB is looking for new players in all age groups from U9, U11, U13, U15, U17 (boys, girls) women and men. We have our first training 26th February at Wyong Hockey Complex starting at 5.30pm. Best thing about hockey we play same time, same place every week and never get washed out. Please contact Club President Mick on 0418976428 or visit our Facebook page at The Entrance Hockey Club. We can also offer a payment plan for fees after initial Hockey NSW fee.

The Entrance Netball Club

Players are wanted in the following age groups
6, 7, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13’s years olds for the 2015 season
For all enquiries call Michelle - 0478093312
If unanswered please send a text and your call will be returned.