From the Principal

Welcome to the New School Year

Welcome back everyone! I hope you enjoyed the break with your children over the holidays. After a chance to rest and recharge the batteries, the students and staff are ready to move full steam ahead into the 2016 school year.

A special welcome to all the new students and families who join our school community for the first time this year. This includes a record number of 63 Kindergarten students who started 'Big School' today. I hope your transition to our school is a smooth one and we are really happy to welcome you to the Keiraville Public School community.

Staffing News

We have two new staff members this year and we welcome them to our school also. As advertised at the end of last year, Ms Minh Tran was appointed through the merit selection process and began her appointment as a classroom teacher at our school on the first day of term. Following Miss Harding's promotion to Principal at Figtree PS, Mrs Low will be Relieving Assistant Principal until a new AP is appointed. The new AP will take the 3M class when he/she is appointed but until that time, we welcome Mr Greg Maxwell to our school. Mr Maxwell is really excited to be working at Keiraville and I’m sure the students in 3M will love having him as their teacher.

This year, we also welcome Ms Olechnowicz back to our school after her year off in 2015. Ms Olechnowicz has a special role this year teaching music to all classes K-6.

Class Placements

It was great to be able to form the new classes so early this year with students moving into them on Friday last week. Starting a new year with a new teacher and different classmates can sometimes be difficult and students may be a little apprehensive at first. This almost always quickly passes and I would like to thank parents as they assist with the transition by reassuring your child(ren) that they will be fine and a new teacher and new class groups are positive things, bringing new ideas, different ways of thinking and a fresh approach. Teachers have been sharing data and information about student needs and academic progress to assist with their planning for 2016. If your child has particular needs, or if there is something your child’s teacher should be aware of, I encourage you to make an early appointment with the teacher to discuss it with them.

Teachers will be holding class information sessions in the coming weeks. More information about times will be sent home with students via a special note. I strongly encourage parents to attend if you can as all classes operate slightly differently from year to year and important information is given to parents at these meetings.
New Kindergarten Students

Our new Kindergarten students began their primary school journey today. It is always very special to be part of a child’s first day at school and we hope there are 63 happy smiles when the day ends. Miss Murray, Ms Veitch, Mrs Whitehead and Mrs Maranesi are the Kindergarten teachers this year.

Unfortunately, there has been a delay in the demolition of the old ‘cottage’ building to make way for the new demountable which will be the third Kindergarten classroom. While we are waiting for the new classroom to arrive, Miss Murray will teach her Kindergarten class in the library. This will mean some changes to the way students borrow and exchange books until the new classroom is ready. We want to make sure that Miss Murray’s class is not disturbed during those important first weeks of school when they are settling into their routines and learning.

Library

While the library is being used as a Kindergarten classroom, students will have opportunities to borrow and exchange books at lunchtimes each week. Years 1-6 can borrow and exchange on Tuesdays and Wednesdays while Kindergarten will have their opportunity on Thursdays.

Band

Our Band and Instrumental Program kicks off in Week 4 this term. Many thanks to Mrs Thompson who continues her fabulous work coordinating this important school program in 2016.

Breakfast Program

Our very popular breakfast program starts up again tomorrow morning and will continue each Wednesday this year. We hope many students come and enjoy breakfast at school on Wednesdays. Thank you to Mrs Sara Di Noro who coordinates the Breakfast Program.

Swimming Carnival

Our School Swimming Carnival will be held this Friday at the University Pool. We hope many parents and friends can come along to cheer the students on as they compete and have fun throughout the day. In the event of bad weather, please check the school’s website for organisational changes. A notification will also be posted on the School App.

P&C Meeting

The first P&C Meeting for the year will be held in the library this Monday night, 8th February at 7pm. We hope many existing and new parents will come along. This is a great opportunity for new parents to find out more about our school, meet new people and get involved if you want to.

Teachers Are Learners Too!

Teachers began their year with the School Development Day on Wednesday 27th January. On that day, staff spent time planning the year ahead and working in Stage Teams. We also completed a mandatory Child Protection update.

David O’Connor
Principal
TERM 1 FEES
Parents
Term 1 fees will be sent home in week 3.
Remember that you can pay on-line at home.
Just go to the school website—$Make a Payment and you can pay by credit card.
Fees can also be dropped into the office mailbox in a clearly marked envelope.
If there are reasons why fees cannot be paid on time, please contact Mr O'Connor or the office so we are aware of your situation.

Thank you

Band News

What a great year we had in 2015 with the instrumental program at the school. This year the instrumental program will begin on **Wednesday 17th February, Week 4**. If your child is using their own instrument, please remember to send it in with them on this day. If you have any questions or queries about the band or instrumental program please leave a message at the office for me. We look forward to a fabulous year of music this year.

Katrina Thompson
*Keiraville Public School Band Coordinator*

Hi Boys and Girls

It is lovely to see your smiling faces after the holidays. I am also very excited to see all the new Kindy students. I know that everyone will make them feel welcome and that they will love being at Keiraville.

Please remember to cross the road at the 'zebra' crossing. Julie, the school crossing lady, is also there to help you before and after school.

Keep safe
Kirrhi
FROM THE SPORTS DESK.....

KPS SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The annual school swimming carnival will be held this Friday at the University Aquatic Centre. Permission notes for this went out last Friday and are due back to class teachers by tomorrow – Wednesday 3rd February.

Pending the weather all Years 3-6 children will walk to the University pool and back to school OR private transport home. Only confident swimmers who are 8 or turning 8 years old in Year 2 will be invited to attend. If it is raining a bus will be booked for competitors only and all non-swimmers will remain at school.

Parents who are able to help on Friday, please return the parent helper note or see Miss Pigram.

‘WEETBIX’ SURF GROMS – BEFORE SCHOOL ‘FREE’ PROGRAM

Through a sporting schools grant that we have received, we are lucky enough to be offering our students a before school surfing program at North Beach, North Wollongong.

The program will run every Tuesday OR Wednesday morning from 7:00 – 8:30am for 4 weeks. The day will depend on the age, skill and ability of the students and parents will receive a phone call from AST Surf School to determine the day your child will participate.

The program is FREE, even though on the website for registration it says there is a cost. The grant will be paying for this. Students will also receive a ‘Weetbix Surf Grom’ back pack with lots of goodies.

The program is ONLY open to the first 64 students registered online.

Please follow the URL link below to register your interest.
https://www.surfgroms.com/g/7096

Please note this program will start in Week 3 (Tuesday 9th February) and will run for four consecutive weeks. Remember first in best dressed!

Please also note that this program is not being run by the school and will be coordinated and supervised by AST Surf School, not school staff.

If you have any questions about this please feel free to come and see me or call 1800 711 189.

Michelle Pigram
Sport Coordinator
Uniform Shop ........

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The Uniform shop will be using credit card facilities only on Friday mornings. Thursday nights, we will still accept cash. Orders can also be placed via the front office and it normally takes 5 working days to fill your order.

If you would like to volunteer once a term or even once a year at the uniform shop, please contact Kimberley Humphries on 0417473842.

Canteen News....... 

The Canteen will be open Wednesday, Week 3.
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Day on Thursday 31st March 2016,
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League Tag Illawarra

DO YOU HAVE GIRLS INTERESTED IN PLAYING LEAGUE?

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For more information contact:
Brian O’Rourke - Colleagues Dogs
Tel: 0431 527 752

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