From the Principal's Desk...

Welcome back to a new term at Kurrajong North! I am very excited to be here. It has been somewhat of a shaky start for us all, with our school being closed for the first few days coupled with no phones however we have managed to soldier on through it all. Thank you all for your patience during this time. I would like to thank the students, staff and parents for making me feel so welcomed at this wonderful school. I hope that over the next few weeks I have the opportunity to meet each of our families and look forward to getting to know everyone in the near future. I look forward to working with you and your children in partnership, preparing them for life’s journey in such a beautiful community.

If at any time you have any questions or concerns, please see Mrs Cobcroft to arrange a suitable time to meet with me.

Anzac Service

This year we remember 100 years since the landing at Gallipoli. The students have been learning about the sacrifices our soldiers made for us then and now. Our Anzac Service was held last Monday. Mrs Hanly and our Year 6 students did a wonderful job organising this event. This occasion was a special tribute to all who have fought for our freedom during the last 100 years. We thank all parents who sent along flowers for the students to lay during this ceremony.

New enrolments

This week we have welcomed a new student to our school - Nate in Year 6! Nate has settled in really well and we hope he and his family will be happy here.
**Hawkesbury Show**

We had some outstanding results for our cake decorators this year. Special thanks to Lucy Baranowski for guiding our students and also driving down to the showgrounds to collect our entries. (Photos will appear in our next newsletter)

**Kindergarten and the ‘b’ sound**

This week Kindergarten have been focussing on the ‘b’ sound. As a part of our studies we looked at the way bees work to make honey. Thank you to Mrs Baranowski for bringing in a ‘frame’ from her hives and for letting us all taste her honey. It was YUM!

**KNPS Cross Country Carnival – Miss Malcolm writes …**

This year’s KNPS cross country carnival was held at McMahon Park last Wednesday, with many students arriving by bus and car. The fun and competition started for students 8 year olds and older at 9:45am, with all students extremely excited and energetic and ready to run. Every student, parent and member of staff worked together to make the day a remarkable memory. The fun activities for students concluded at 11:00am, before students left by bus to recover and reenergise with their recess and drinks back at school.

Well done everyone, and thank you to all students, parents and staff for your active participation and contribution to make this day such a success!

**NAPLAN (National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy) Testing**

NAPLAN testing will take place on Tuesday 12, Wednesday 13 and Thursday 14 May. Every year, all students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 are assessed on the same days, using national tests in reading, writing, language conventions (spelling, grammar and punctuation) and numeracy. For more information go to: [www.nap.edu.au](http://www.nap.edu.au)

**Opportunity Class Placement 2015**

Parents wishing their current Year 4 children to sit the placement test for the Year 5 2015 entry to opportunity classes will need to speak with me. An on-line application will then need to be completed. Applications close on Friday 15th May.

**Approaching Your School**

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- Discuss the progress or welfare of their own child
- Express concern about actions of other students
- Enquire about school policy or practice
It is therefore necessary to have procedures that will help solve problems as soon as possible so that a safe and harmonious school environment is maintained. The best results usually flow from working together. I have included some guidelines in this newsletter for your consideration.

**Kurrajong Dawn Service**

I would like to thank Linda & Ben for representing our school so proudly at the Dawn Service at Kurrajong on Saturday. I would also like to thank their parents who transported them to this event at a very early hour. Our school leaders and I were amazed by the number of people who were in attendance. In fact it was so crowded that we were unable to push forward to lay our wreath!

Kind regards,

Miss Rosemary Richardson

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**P & C News**

**Tea towel fundraiser update...**

Thank you to those families who ordered tea towels. We hope you are happy with the finished product. Some people have expressed an interest in ordering extra ones. The company are happy to print more however the minimum order for the school is 20. If you missed out on the first round or would like more, could you please let Gayle know. As soon as we have the minimum number, I will arrange an extra order. Please note: the additional order will not be back in time for Mothers Day. If you have any queries or questions, contact Liz Stirzaker- 0409241826.
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These guidelines aim to:

- provide a guide in order that concerns are dealt with in an open and fair manner.
- ensure that the rights of students, teachers and parents are respected and upheld.
- support sensitivity and confidentiality.
- help reach an agreed solution

On occasion, concerns may cause frustration and anxiety. At such times it is always important to organise a time to talk with school staff in an unhurried and confidential atmosphere.

*Approaching teachers when they are teaching, managing children or engaged in other conversations is not appropriate.*

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<td>* To convey information about change of address, telephone number, emergency contact, custody details, health issues etc. Please contact the office.</td>
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*At no time should a parent approach another child other than their own child to address an issue at school.*