I would like to congratulate 6 students who received our first Principal awards for 2015. This year our Principal award is awarded to one student from each class at each whole school assembly. I collaborate with all our staff members to nominate students who are demonstrating our school expectations of being a safe, respectful learner consistently in their school life.

Week 5 the following students received their Principal award.

KW - T J               S2D - Tamika
1S - Tayla            S23R - Amy
2K - Emily            S3W - Angel

Ms Katrina Berwick
PRINCIPAL’S REPORT

I enjoyed our first coffee, cake and chat morning last Wednesday with many of our families joining me and Mrs McFarlane. We discussed hopes and dreams for our students at Kingswood Park. It was also a great opportunity for us all to get to know each other and have a laugh about family life.

Helmet and safety on wheels

Your child must wear a helmet when riding a bike in any public place - it’s the law. Your child’s helmet must comply with the Australian Standards. It must be securely fitted and fastened on their head. Check that your child wears a bicycle helmet whenever playing or riding on wheels - bikes, foot scooters, roller skates, skateboards or rollerblades. The helmet should be firmly buckled so it fits without wobbling or slipping to the sides. It must protect the forehead. Children under 12 and adult riders accompanying and supervising them may ride on the footpath. Cyclists must keep to the left and give way to pedestrians. At intersections, children must dismount and wheel the bicycle across the road as a pedestrian, following the “STOP! LOOK! LISTEN! THINK!” procedure.

As of term 2, 2015 any student arriving to school without a helmet when riding their scooter or bike will be asked to leave the wheels at school. Parents will be notified and the wheels will be returned to the parent or when the child brings a helmet to return home with. I am increasingly worried about the road safety of our Kingswood Park students who ride wheels to school without a helmet. I am sure you will support me in our efforts to keep kids at KPPS safe.

Bronze Awards week 5

The following students received their Bronze awards at our week 5 assembly. Students conferenced with their class teacher and reflected on our Bronze expectations of being Safe, Respectful Learners in term 1 2015. These students have consistently demonstrated our school expectations and will continue to maintain Bronze until term 2. For our students who didn’t receive their Bronze award they are working towards our expectations and will conference with their teacher for our week 8 whole school assembly. Each term students have two opportunities to conference with their teacher on how they feel they are demonstrating our school expectations. By term 3 it is expected students have gained their gold award. During term 4 students who maintain their gold award will experience Gold Day late in the term.

KW
Atilla, Kahlia, Taliah, Luca, TJ, Janayla

1S
Charlotte, Hayley, Luatasi, Armani, Tayla, Nioka, Kyeisha, Lilly, Isaiah, Isabella, Kiaminda

2K
Emmason, Emily Caitlin, Aliyah, Shannais, Bridget, Makayla, Kyra, Cameron, Kate, Bella, Bhodi

S2D
Leyla, Bella, Haylee, Montanna, Braedan, Noah, Eric, Holly, Jake, Deacon, Jarome, Lillian, Max, Tamika

S23R
Isobel, Amy, Alyssa, Angelina, Axle, Tiana, Grant, Ruby D Gabrielle

S3W
Jad, Leonie, Angle, Ethan, Kashish, Amber, Ashlie, Taya, Ryan, Faith, Cameron

Incursions and Excursion

As you are aware we have asked every child at KPPS this year to pay a fee for Incursions and Excursion for 2015. This term our students have participated in “How full is your bucket” workshops and will continue to have workshops with Kathryn throughout 2015. All our students have been participating in Dance 2 be Fit each week this term. **We ask that you make a contribution to your child’s fee by the end of week 6**, otherwise they will not be able to continue to participate in Dance 2 be fit. This will also have an impact on your child being involved in future incursions and excursions throughout 2015. For those families who opted to pay $10 per week the minimum that needs to be paid this term is $50. Please ensure you continue to contribute.
to this scheme. This provides opportunities for all our students that parents and students requested in our feedback sessions in 2014.

P&C
It was lovely to see such a great turn out for our P&C meeting this week. I would like to thank our 2014 executive committee for their dedication, hard work and passion they displayed in 2014 for our community. We have a new executive committee lead by our President Kim Tisdell with our co-president Elizabeth Whale. Rebekah Guy and Samantha Crutcher will be our Vice Presidents. Charmain Richardson will be our Secretary and Jade Shead will be our Treasurer. I’m sure you will join me in congratulating our executive committee and support them throughout 2015.

Mobile Dentist visit
Last Friday every class was visited by the Australian Mobile Dental Care Tooth and lady. Each child received a note explaining the program that provides a free assessment and basic dental treatments to students covered under Medicare. The mobile Dentist will be coming to our school in week 10. We ask all families who are interested in this FREE service to return the form provided. Our office has more copies if you need one. We require all forms to be returned to the office by Friday 27th February.

STAGE 1 NEWS
Hi all. The children of 1S and 2K have settled well into their classes and the learning is now in full swing. Both classes have intensive reading and groups on all days and all children are enjoying these activities and are developing their skills and abilities in many areas.

Please parents it is very important that your child is at school on time, ready to learn as these groups start straight away in the morning. If your child is late they are missing important instruction and consolidation of skills.

Children from both classes have had their login details for both Mathletics and Reading Eggs sent home. These are both excellent resources, so if your child is able to access these from home it is a fun way to engage your child in Maths and English learning.

Home Reading commenced last Tuesday and the book changeover will occur Tuesday’s. The children can leave their folders in the box on Tuesday morning and a new book will be ready to take home on Tuesday afternoon.

1S and 2K are involved in other programs throughout the week. The Panthers on the Prowl Healthy Lifestyle Program on Wednesdays is about keeping the students fit and active it is important they bring a hat and water on this day. As well as Friday when we have our stage sport. Also on Thursdays the children have been enjoying Dance to be Fit in the hall. Parents please remember that your child can only participate in this excellent program if you have paid or started to pay your excursion levy.

If you have any questions regarding your child’s learning or life at school do not hesitate to contact Mr Kean or Mr Sargeant.

Thank you for ongoing support.

Mr M Kean

MESSAGE FROM MRS PHILLIPS
The student’s in 1S have been enjoying learning in our language room. They have been working with a teacher in small groups, working on writing, how to hear different sounds in words and how to problem solve with partners. It is lots of fun and their buckets are always full when they leave. Here are some photos of them working together.
APOLOGY DAY 2015
KPPS Students were lucky enough to be invited to attend the 'Apology Day 2015' celebration at Muru Mittigar, Castlereagh. The day was organised by some local services/agencies. It was a great day to celebrate. Some of the activities included were a Smoking Ceremony, Artwork, Dancers, Storytelling, Workshops & Yarning Circles. There were 17 excited Indigenous & Non-Indigenous students that attended this great celebration. Penrith City Council kindly provided us with a bus to and from the venue. Everyone had a great day!

Mrs McFarlane