Principal's Message:
Welcome to Semester 2. Like every other term, this one too will have great teaching and learning and activities that will enrich our students’ school experience. Thank you to all students, parents and community members who participated in our 100 Days of Learning. It was a very special day and I am sure everyone enjoyed a nice cupcake. Thank you to Ms Dooner for the cakes. Also a big thank you to the Hall family for bringing in more cupcakes!!

The teaching and learning that happens in our classroom everyday never fails to impress me. I am very proud of my students and the teachers who are doing such a wonderful job. Almost every day I have students in my office, showing off their learning. I can see the pride students take in their work. Following is a snapshot of some outstanding work by KM students.

On Wednesday, the Acting Director of Schools - Liverpool, Mr Magriplis visited our school. I took him to 5/6C and he was highly impressed with the level of learning and engagement. He was full of praise for the students and of course the teachers.

We continue to have teachers visit us from other schools. We are more than happy to showcase our programs and our pedagogy. The feedback that I receive from all visitors is always very positive. I often get told how pleasant and respectful the students are in general.

I would like to thank all those parents and carers who attended our Athletics Carnival. It was a wonderful day and all students participated well and gave their best. I wish the very best to those students who have qualified to represent the school at the zone level.

Finally, I am looking forward to our dance and drumming groups perform at the Festival. The students have been practicing for over a term and are now ready for the big day. I wish them the very best.
The **Partners in Learning** parent feedback survey

Our school will be participating in the *Partners in Learning* parent survey on student engagement. Running this survey will help our school understand parents’ and carers’ perspectives on their child’s experience at school. This valuable feedback will help our school make practical improvements.

The survey is conducted entirely online at home or on public computers. The survey will typically takes 15 minutes or less to complete and is *completely confidential*. The parent survey will be conducted between 17 August and 16 October. Participating in the survey is entirely voluntary; however, your responses are very much appreciated. Parents and carers access the survey via this direct link: [https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent16910&j_password=Car4360](https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/j_acegi_security_check?j_username=parent16910&j_password=Car4360)

**K-6 Disco**

The stage 3 students and teachers would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the students who attended the recent disco. We raised funds which will go towards the Year 6 Farewell. The glow sticks, bracelets and glasses were a great success. We would particularly like to thank Ms Thai and the canteen staff for their very kind donation which went towards the purchase of drinks. Ms Thai also organised for the chips to be donated which was extremely generous. Lastly these events would not go ahead without the assistance of our wonderful staff. Well done to all! Look out for the next fundraiser which is coming very soon.

**Athletics Carnival**

Our athletics carnival was a wonderful day with exceptional weather. Our students once again showed tremendous sportsmanship and competed to the best of their ability. A special mention to our house captains who demonstrated excellent leadership on the day. Extra congratulations to the following students who all broke a running record: Liam Armstrong, Jayda Foster, Hayley Samels and Brandon Kumar.

Our field events are almost finished and results of these will be in the next newsletter.

**Jeans for Genes Day**

The SRC would like to thank everyone who participated in Jeans for Genes day this year. Every dollar raised helps scientists at Children’s Medical Research Institute discover treatments and cures, to give every child the opportunity to live a long and healthy life.
Stage 3 Canberra Excursion

Years 5 and 6 students went on a 3 day excursion to Canberra at the end of last term. This excursion complimented their unit on Australian government and democracy. They visited many attractions throughout the 3 days including Parliament House, Australian Institute of Sport, Questacon, Australian War Memorial and the National Museum of Australia. Mr Haywood and Mrs Cox would like to thank all of the students who attended for their maturity and excellent behaviour while on camp.

Implementation of Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability

In 2015, all schools in Australia will participate in the Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with disability. This national data collection will collect information about students with disability in a consistent, reliable and systematic way. An information flyer has been distributed to all students. If you would like further information please visit the below sites:


www.schooldisabilitydatapl.edu.au

100 Days of Learning

All students at CPS celebrated 100 days of learning during Education Week this term. Thank you to our parents and community for visiting our school and joining in on the activities and celebrations.
Small Steps

Small Steps is a free anxiety awareness program for NSW primary school teachers and parents.

Did you know?

- An anxiety disorder affects one in ten children.
- Anxiety impacts on a child’s social, family and school life.
- Early intervention may assist in preventing the onset of more serious problems including depression and substance abuse in adolescence.
- Children with anxiety are generally not disruptive in class or at home.
- Anxiety disorders can be resolved with timely information, care, treatment and support.

Presentations last between one-two hours and cover:

- The difference between normal anxiety and anxiety disorders.
- Types of anxiety disorders.
- Signs and symptoms of anxiety disorders.
- Our free Small Steps presentations involve:
  - A visual presentation by a speaker from Mental Health Association NSW.
  - Reference materials and information.
  - A recommended reading list.
  - A Question and Answer session.

We’re holding a Small Steps presentation for Parents!

When and Where

Date: Thursday 22 October 2015
Time: 10.00 am
Location: Miller Pathways - Mission Australia
88 Shropshire St. Miller NSW 2168
RSVP: 15 October 2015
Ph: 9732 6502

Co-ordinated by The Mental Health Association NSW with the support of NSW Health and Centacare.
Do you care for a child who has ADHD?

Come along to our parent support group where you will be able to chat with other parents and learn practical strategies to help with managing challenging behaviours. This relaxed and friendly group is held every six weeks on a Friday from 10am-12noon.

Please call Debbie on 9732 6502 to find out the date of the next session.