Dear Parents,

The School Opening School Mass was celebrated on Wednesday morning in the Edwina Taylor Clarke Auditorium. This is always a joyous liturgy as the School Community comes together to pray for the year ahead. Mrs Johnston-Croke addressed the community at the commencement of the Mass and her message to us all was to be joy givers and joy bearers throughout the year.

The Parent Information Evenings this week have been well received by parents and staff. The teachers have appreciated the opportunity to meet with many parents and begin to build those relationships between home and school that are so critical in ensuring a positive and enriching learning experience for your child. If you were unable to attend please contact your child's class teacher in order to receive any information sent home. Parents are also very welcome to make individual appointments to meet with their child's class teacher.

Next Wednesday 19 February is the Joigny Parent Information Night. The Joigny staff look forward to welcoming the parents of our ELC students and talking with them about the new and exciting learning journey their children are embarking on this year.

The Years 3-6 students have been eagerly preparing for tomorrow's Swimming Carnival in the Blann Family Pool. All parents should have received information concerning this Carnival. Parents are very welcome to attend during the time their child's grade is competing as well as for the House Cheers commencing at 2pm.

Again, I remind all parents and carers of the importance of your child/ren being on time for school. We understand that re-establishing the morning routine can take time. It is critical that every child is ready to begin learning time at 8.25am. In most classes but particularly K-2, this is the commencement of their literacy block and a child who is consistently 5-10 minutes late is missing valuable input. I would ask for your continued support in this matter.

Email Communication
Could I ask all parents sending emails to the class teacher or phoning Junior School Reception outlining a change in pick-up arrangements for that day, to do so by 12.00pm, so that messages can be communicated to the relevant teachers in time. Teachers often do not read emails after lunch as they are teaching and away from their computer or classroom and late messages regarding pick-up arrangements can inadvertently be missed. I look forward to seeing many of you tomorrow at the Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival.

Maryanne Carrick (Mrs)
Head of Junior School
Year Two Music Lunch
The Year Six Music Committee, Jordyn Brassel, Despina Tsolakis, Tara Manandhar, Natasha Wong and Sophia Muollo, would like to invite any interested Year Two students to eat lunch with them in the Junior School Music Room next Wednesday, 10 May. They plan to share some of their favourite music with the children and play some games during the first half of lunch. Then they will go out to the fields to play.
This will be an enjoyable way for children to get to know their Year Six leaders.
Mrs Ann Henrich
(Music Co-Ordinator K-6)

Peer Tutoring
The 2014 Peer Tutoring Program is currently being organized. The Program operates in the Junior School Library on Mondays and Tuesdays from 3.00 – 3.30pm and is open to students from Year 2 to Year 6. Tutors from Year 10 assist Junior School students with homework, reading and organizational skills. Places in the Program are limited. Please contact the Junior School Library if interested.
Ms Helen Webster
Teacher Librarian

Martial Arts Accomplishment
Martial Arts "Kung Fu Action" is on each Thursday afternoon with Sensei Josie and Master Michael. New students can commence this term and are most welcome. Please phone 0405142922 or 0407453145 for more details.

Art Accomplishment
We will do Tie Dying in Week 4, so just a reminder to send 1-2 white cotton garments (t-shirts are $1 at Kmart, leggings $3) to school with child’s name as soon as possible.
I recommend children wear an OLD change of clothes to ALL art classes to keep uniforms safe - art smocks are not always effective and they are hot as we are located above Junior school library - great view but the area faces west. Please pack a snack and drink for afternoon tea. I will collect the children from their classrooms
Mrs Charisse Devine
Art Accomplishment Teacher (devinec@krb.nsw.edu.au) 0408 768 248

Speech/Communication Skills, Group Drama and Acting in Pairs
Drama for Years 3-6
We still have places available in Group Drama for Years 3-6 on Mondays 3:30-4:30pm. Group Drama is a great way to build confidence and creativity in a fun and supportive environment.
If you would like to join or have any questions, please let me know.
Ms Sandra Price
Speech/Communication Skills and Drama Accomplishment Teacher (prices@krb.nsw.edu.au)

Year 1 Parent Cocktail Party
Parents and carers in Year 1 are warmly invited to the Year 1 Cocktail Party, to be held at Mrs Sippy in Double Bay on Friday, 21 March at 7.30pm. Formal invitations will be sent via email. This is a reminder to book your babysitter for what will be a fantastic night!
Year 1 Class Reps
Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival
The Years 3-6 Inter-House Swimming Carnival will be held next Friday, 14 February at the Blann Family Pool at Kincoppal-Rose Bay. The Carnival structure at KRB will remain the same as per below. However, we will be selecting the fastest 8 swimmers in each age group to participate in Age Championship races at the Years 7-12 Swimming Carnival on Tuesday, 4 March at Homebush. These children will also be given the opportunity to break Junior school records. We realize that this is the day before the IPSHA Swimming Carnival but we intend to only have the children at Homebush from 8.30am–10.30am (transport supplied if necessary). Please note that this has changed from the original information sent out at the beginning of the year.

The structure of the Carnival tomorrow, Friday, 14 February was as follows:

8.45am-10.45am  All 12 Years & 11 Years Boys and Girls (Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke & Butterfly)
11.15am-1.00pm  All 10 Years, 9 Years & 8 Years (Freestyle, Breaststroke, Backstroke & Butterfly)
1.00pm  Relays
1.30pm  Lunch
2.00pm  House Cheers & Spirit Cup

* Please note that students will compete in the age group they turn in 2014.

Age Champion Trophies will now be presented at Assembly on Friday, 7 March after the Age Championship races at Homebush.

The IPSHA swim team will be selected from the Years 3-6 Swimming Carnival at KRB on Friday, 14 February.

What to wear to School and to the Carnival: Full sports uniform with Colour House T-shirt.

What to wear when competing: All swimmers must compete in the Kincoppal-Rose Bay swimsuit (or the KRB Speedo racing suit which is available to competitive swimmers at the school shop) and colour house cap and goggles.

What to bring: Sports bag with a drink bottle and a healthy packed lunch and snacks for the day. Any required medication needed – eg. EPI-PEN’s, Asthma Puffers etc.

All parents are warmly invited to attend the Carnival during the allocated times above that your child will be competing. As we have minimal space in the pool area, we ask that the spectator area be for parents only of the children competing.

K-2 ESFA SOCCER
All students in K-2 were recently given an information letter outlining the requirements and registration forms required for your child to play Soccer for Kincoppal in the Eastern Suburbs Football Association (ESFA). For new players, please ensure you complete and return the following documents by the due date: KRB ESFA Soccer Nomination Form, FFA Form, Accident & Support Program Form, passport sized photograph and a copy of your child’s ID i.e. Birth Certificate/Passport. Spare copies of the FFA Form and the Accident and Support Program Form are located at the Junior School Office.

For players who registered and played ESFA Soccer in 2013 they must complete and return the following documents: KRB ESFA Soccer Nomination Form, FFA Form and Accident & Support Program Form. Please ensure all these forms and documents are completed and returned by the due dates (refer to information letter previously distributed).

Kindergarten training will commence from Thursday, 27 February and Years 1 & 2 from Wednesday, 26 February on the School's Sports Field. The first round of ESFA Saturday matches commence on Saturday, 5 April. Please refer to the weekly Bulletins for further updates.

“2014 Boys’ Big Day Out” – Years 2 to 6
On Saturday, 22 March, the ‘Boys’ Big Day Out’, for fathers/father figures and sons in Years 2 – 6 will be held at Land’s Edge, Chowder Bay.

Land’s Edge is one of Australia’s leading providers offering professional outdoor educational programs to schools and organised groups. Land’s Edge Centre is based in the sheltered cove of Chowder Bay (Mosman) with spectacular views of Sydney Harbour and surrounding native bush land and historical military fortifications. We are pleased and very excited to offer an outdoor adventurous experience that you will share with your son and other KRB families at Land’s Edge. This is a full day event packed with fun and challenging outdoor recreation activities.

The day’s objective is for father/father figures and sons to bond with each other and other families by participating in fun and challenging outdoor pursuits and activities. Those attending the event will be involved in all of the scheduled activities and tasks professionally tailored and run by qualified staff at Land’s Edge.

All boys in Years 2-6 will be given an information letter, reply slip and medical form shortly to complete. These documents need to be completed and returned to the Junior School Office.
Kindergarten - Year 2 Swimming

K-2 will be involved in a Swimming Program commencing in Week 7. Information regarding this program will be sent out closer to the time.

If you have any queries regarding your child's sporting activity in Term 1, please contact the relevant PDHPE teachers below:

Mrs Kim Toomey: Years 4-6 Soccer toomeyk@krb.nsw.edu.au
Mr Saxon Moseley: Years 3-6 Cross Country moseleys@krb.nsw.edu.au
Mr Craig Millard: K-2 Soccer & 3-6 Boys' Sport millardc@krb.nsw.edu.au

All important sports information will appear in the weekly Junior school bulletin.

Accomplishment Tennis, Gymnastics, Dance, Martial Arts and Yoga will commence shortly. If you have any queries regarding these classes, please contact the Teacher of the classes on the email address below:

Tennis: Jed Gould gouldj@krb.nsw.edu.au
Gymnastics: Karina Jones gymnastics@krb.nsw.edu.au
Dance: Dale Pope dale@dalepope.com.au
Martial Arts: Michael D'Arcy arjuku@gmail.com
Yoga: Kate Agnew kategnw@gmail.com

I wish all students the very best for 2014 in all areas of Sport.

Mary-Kate Churcher
Head of Sport P-12)