Dear Parents/carers,

HARMONY DAY
What an amazing day of performances from our Karuah school kids. It was fantastic to see many of our students enjoy learning about different cultures. We had a fantastic turnout with many community members here.
A big thank you to our special guests, Nick Papasavvas representing Cyprus, Kay Nelson from First Chance, Maurice Perry and the Aboriginal dance group, DJ and his family, Thank you to Lizamaree and Mrs Willis who cooked some traditional Phillipino food that represented the Philippines, Mrs McGowan, who cooked some delicious food that represented Cyprus, Ms Bennett and Ms Lamb for their organisation and finally Mr Shearman and Mr Weatherall for cooking the BBQ.

School Holidays
Students break up on Friday 12th April and return to school on Tuesday 30th April, 2019. Have a safe and happy holiday.

TWILIGHT CINEMA
KPS will be holding a Twilight Cinema Movie Night on Friday 5th April starting at 6:30pm – 8:30pm. Tickets cost $5.00 entry (popcorn included on entry).
The Movie on the night will be Willy Wonka & the Chocolate Factory.
There will be sausage sandwiches, drinks and confectionary for sale on the night.
Bring along a rug, chair or pillow and get ready for a great night!
Funds raised from the Twilight Cinema will go towards the Year 5/6 Sydney Excursion.

EASTER HAT PARADE
The annual Easter Hat Parade will be held on Thursday 11th April at 12pm.
The Easter hats are being decorated in the classrooms this year. Students will be very busy decorating their beautiful Easter hats.
The P&C Easter raffle will be drawn after the parade.
Everyone is welcome to come along and see our children parade their fantastic creations.

COMMUNITY ANZAC SERVICE
Students and families are invited to the Karuah ANZAC Service on the 25th April on the river front. Students will need to be in full school uniform at the IGA by 5.30am. Students and their families who attend will be invited to an afternoon tea at school on Wednesday 1st May at 2.30 pm.

CONGRATULATIONS
Congratulations to Ms Murray who become Mrs Robards last Saturday. Ms Murray was a stunning bride.
SCHOOL ANZAC SERVICE
The school ANZAC service will be at 10am on Friday April 12th. Please come along.

SCHOOL TERM CALENDAR
Attached to the newsletter is a Term 2 School Calendar. The calendar has information on what is happening during Term 2. Please be aware that there may be some changes during the term so keep an eye out in the newsletter for any changes that may arise.

SCRIPTURE
Our combined Easter Assembly is on Monday 8th April at 1.50 pm, in the hall. The school assembly will follow directly after this. Parents/Carers and community members are invited to come along.

SCHOOL SONG REVAMP
Ms Lee Clayton, a known musician and song writer in the area, is composing a new school song. If you would like to contribute any ideas or meaningful Karuah words, could you let me know this week please?

Kind Regards,
Julie Hubbard
Principal

UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

APRIL
- Friday 5th – School Cricket @ Paterson
- Friday 5th – Outdoor Cinema Fundraiser
- Monday 8th – Cross Country Carnival leaving school at 10:30am
- Monday 8th – Combined Scripture
- Tuesday 9th – ANZAC Service @ Civic Theatre Years 5 & 6
- Thursday 11th – Easter Hat Parade
- Friday 12th – ANZAC DAY service @ 10am
- Friday 12th – LAST DAY OF TERM 1
- Thursday 25th – Anzac Dawn Service – IGA/Tony King’s 5:30am.
- Monday 29th – Staff Development Day
- Tuesday 30th – Students return to school for Term 2

MAY
- Wednesday 1st – Afternoon Tea for Anzac Day Service attendees on April 25th
- Thursday 2nd – Back Up date for Cross Country Carnival

YEAR 5/6 CAMP NEWS

This year 5/6 will be heading to Sydney for a three (3) day excursion. The dates for the excursion are Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd August, 2019.

Just a reminder that your child’s expression of interest and $100 non-refundable deposit is due to the school office by this Friday 5th April, 2019.

The deposit secures your child’s position for this excursion. If you are suffering financial hardship please make an appointment to discuss payment options with Mrs Hubbard.

Kind regards,
Mr Lawless
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### Principal's Award
- Week 8: Jarrah
- Week 9: Charlie
- PBL Award: Harmon
- PBL Award: Kane

Congratulations to the above students 😊

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### Gold Award
- Lakeia

Congratulations to the above students 😊

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**Crunch N Sip**

Don’t forget to send Crunch & Sip to school with your child/ren as this program is an important strategy to encourage them to eat more fruit & vegetables.

For more information please feel free to browse the policy or log onto [www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au](http://www.goodforkids.nsw.gov.au)
LIBRARY NEWS

Just a reminder for students to return their Library books before next Friday.

Kind Regards
Mrs Edwards and Miss Bennett

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER NEWS

Using our assessment data to guide our planning, we are currently focusing on writing as a target area. Students in Year 1 to Year 6 are working hard in classrooms to learn to use effective strategies for writing persuasive texts. I had the pleasure of working with 1/2 last week and I was so impressed with their convincing arguments for why ‘children should be allowed to stay up late!’ I am currently working with a Year 3 writing group and a Year 5 writing group to enhance their strategies for narrative writing. The progress made in a few short weeks is outstanding and the students’ ability to creatively use rich descriptive sentences is a credit to their determination to always improve. Kindergarten are not left out – they are working hard to learn their ‘butterfly’ words and are developing an understanding of how to write a sentence.

Call out for classroom helpers! If you can spare as little as half an hour a week, we would love you to volunteer in our K-2 classrooms to listen to students read. Please contact the office or speak to me in person if you would like to volunteer some time to listen to students read. Your support is very much appreciated.

If you would like to speak to me about the Early Action for Success Initiative, our literacy and numeracy programs or about your child’s progress, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make an appointment.

As this is our last newsletter before the holidays, I would like to thank the Karuah community for so warmly welcoming me into the school. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first term here and look forward to continuing to work with you to support literacy and numeracy growth for all students.

Have a safe and restful holiday!

Kind Regards,
Mrs Heaney
Instructional Leader

CLASS REPORTS

KINDERGARTEN

In Kindergarten, we have been learning the story of Jack and the Beanstalk and also Snow White. Come into our classroom to have a look at the beanstalk and ‘magic’ beans that we have been growing on our window.

Kindergarten children have begun to learn about different feelings and if they are comfortable feelings or uncomfortable feelings.

Remember to continue to practise the words on the butterfly (yellow) card that was sent home at the beginning of the year with your child.

Kind Regards,
Miss Duce

2/3

Congratulations to all students who performed at the Harmony Day presentation. 2/3 did a wonderful job at performing their Aboriginal Dance and the Mexican Hat Dance. It has been a busy couple of weeks here in class, and the students are definitely looking forward to the upcoming holidays.

This fortnight during writing, we are focusing on step 5: “show, don’t tell”, from the seven steps writing program. The students have been very engaged using the seven steps and are enjoying learning new methods to enhance their writing.
During our grammar lessons, we will be concentrating on the use of adjectives and continuing with tense.

Our focus for numeracy in Week 10 is chance and probability, which will involve open-ended challenges and hands on activities. In Week 11, we will revise what we have learnt this term, and prepare for term 2.

Have a wonderful week,

Kind Regards,
Miss Blair

3/4
This week students are able to prepare and deliver a speech to the class about ‘My Favourite Book’. The students are more at ease in completing this talking and listening task.

In English and literacy lessons, the students are completing tasks in grammar based on indirect speech and noun groups. Literacy rotations are covering reading levelled texts and comprehension questions, retelling what the students have read. The writing tasks are continuing with persuasion. The students are using more detailed vocabulary and using modal words to convince the reader.

For Mathematics, the students will complete tasks based on reading and recording time in one minute intervals and converting between hours, minutes and seconds. They also will be learning to interpret simple timetables and schedules. The tables focus is the 6X tables.

In Geography, students are studying the unit ‘Places are similar and different’.

PDHPE lessons are based on ‘Playing my part’ (relationships and communication). Sport involves continuing on with striking and fielding games.

Science lessons are taught by Miss Bennett and Mrs Edwards. The unit the students are learning about is ‘Feathers, fur and leaves’.

In Creative and Performing Arts, students are completing a display based on Austria and Harmony Day 2019. Music and musical instruments will also be another area of investigating. We will commence this week.

As reported in the last newsletter, the Stage 2 excursion for 2019 will be the Taronga Zoosnooz program and Australian Reptile Park, Central Coast visitation. It has been confirmed that the 11th and 12th September are Karuah PS allocated dates (Term 3). An expression of interest note will be distributed within the next few weeks. A $50 deposit is needed to verify your child’s placement for this exciting excursion.

Kind Regards,
Kath Henry
This term has absolutely flown by. It has been a great start to the year and 4/5/6 are working well in all areas. We have recently finished reading Roald Dahl’s, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The whole class really enjoyed reading this and showed great interest in the story. It has worked out very well with this being chosen as the movie for the 5/6 fundraiser movie night!

In literacy, we have been focusing on persuasive writing. The class has been pulling apart how to write a text and everyone has improved greatly since the start of this topic.

In maths, we have been looking at measurement and this week we will move on to number patterns. The whole class has been participating in NAPLAN practise and getting used to reading word problems. This is also a part of the homework and should be practised every night.

I recently had time off to get married, it was a great day. The class have all been very excited for the wedding and I can’t wait to share photos with them. Thank you 4/5/6 for my very thoughtful wedding card!

It has been a great term, looking forward to a productive final 2 weeks!

Kind Regards,
Miss Murray

5/6
It all happens this week! KPS will be hosting an outdoor cinema fundraising night this Friday night. The students from Years 5 and 6 will be assisting in the making of lolly and popcorn bags, to sell on the night. Invite your family members and friends. Lookout for the flyer for more information.

Thank you to the students who have returned the Expression of Interest and their deposit for the 5/6 Sydney excursion. If you have not done so, please complete and return ASAP. Thank you to the families who have already begun payment of the excursion. It’s looking to be a very exciting excursion. We all can’t wait.

Year 6 shirts have been designed and are now ready to be ordered. A sizing pack will be used to find your child’s correct shirt size. The shirts will be $40. Notes will go home this week.

Hunter River ‘Drama Workshop’ is on Thursday. If there are any students in Stage 3 that are interested in attending please contact Mr Lawless for a note. The workshop will need students to be confident and outgoing when performing in front of a group.

The children’s university program is off to a great start. Passports have been handed out to all 5/6 students. The program is aimed at encouraging students to seek further education experiences in a engaging way. When your child reaches 30 learning hours, they are then invited to attend the Newcastle University for Graduation. In 2018 there was 10 students involved. In 2019 we now have over 40! More information will be sent home this week.

That’s all for this fortnight!
Look forward to seeing you all Friday at 6:30.

Kind regards,
Mr Lawless

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Karuah Public School
Twilight Cinema
Friday 5th April
6:30PM – 8:30PM
Karuah Public School Oval

Tickets $5
Including popcorn on entry
Family tickets (2 or more) $20

Sausage Sandwiches
Drinks
Confectionary

Bring a picnic rug! Bring a chair! Get ready for a great night!
RESPONSIBLE PET VISIT

On 19 March we had a visit from the Responsible Pet Ownership Program/Living Safely with Dogs. All students in classes Kindergarten, 1/2 and 2/3 participated in this presentation and learnt valuable information. Thank you to the NSW Government for providing this presentation free of charge.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL NEWS

This year, Karuah P.S. will be holding their annual Cross Country Carnival on Monday 8th April, 2019 at Lionel Morton Oval, Karuah. Permission notes were sent home today. Please return all permission notes ASAP and be organised for the day. Students will leave school at 10:30am and return around 1:15pm.

All necessary information is included in the permission note. For more enquiries, please contact the school office during school hours.

If there is inclement weather the carnival will be held on Thursday 2nd May, 2019 (Term 2).

Regards,
Kath Henry

HOMEWORK CENTRE NEWS

Homework centre this term has been held on a Tuesday afternoon from 3-4pm. The last session for this term is today, 2.4.19. Homework centre will run again, with no cost, in Term 2 for students in Years 1-6. A note will be sent home at the beginning of Term 2 for you to fill out if you would like your child to attend.

Kind regards,
Miss Druce

SPORTS NEWS

GYMNASTICS PROGRAM
Through Sporting Schools, Karuah Public School has received funding to provide students with three sessions of gymnastics coaching from Gym Matrix. The students are thoroughly enjoying these sessions.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

HEAD LICE

There has been an outbreak of head lice at the school, and your child may have contracted the condition. We are asking that all parents examine their child’s hair for signs of lice infestation. The lice themselves are often hard to find because they move around on the head. Therefore, you should be looking for the eggs or nits. These appear as tiny silvery white specks attached to the hair shaft near the scalp. Dandruff and hairspray may look similar but these are easily brushed away. The eggs are not. Other signs of lice infestation may be a red rash and scratch marks on the scalp, nape of the neck or behind the ears.

If your child has contracted head lice do not be alarmed. Although the condition is unpleasant, it is easily treated with a specialised treatment available from the chemist. After using the treatment (according to the directions on the pack), use a fine tooth comb to remove the dead lice and eggs. It is also suggested that bed linen be washed in hot water.
Karuah Public School

Twilight Cinema

Friday 5th April
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Karuah Public School Oval

Tickets $5
Including popcorn on entry

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At our fundraising meeting last week we discussed our plans for Term 2 and what events we will focus on in this time.

Next Meeting
Wednesday 15/05/2019
Location TBA
All welcome.

Important Dates March
- Easter raffle drawn Thursday 11th April
- Mothers Day stall 9th May a range of gifts available for purchase

Goals and Achievements
We had an Election Day BBQ and cake stall last Saturday at the school.
We had a BBQ Breakfast on the 30th and 31st March at Big 4 for the Goldwings Motorcycle Club.

Easter Raffle: We are after any donations of Easter Eggs, Bubble Wands, Toys, Craft, Colouring Books etc. Any donations are greatly appreciated & can be left in the canteen.

Update on hours: the uniform shop will be open
Week 11, Wednesday 13th April, 8.30-9am. Order forms are available at the office to fill in & hand back. Payment can be made pay via cash or bank transfer. You can also go and speak to one of the volunteers at the Canteen on Friday mornings to purchase uniforms.

School Uniforms

Update on the New Playground:
After consultation with staff & students the style has been chosen. The cost for this is $20570 with delivery & installation approx $6000. We have already raised $15000 towards this as well as continuing to give back to the school and students. This will be our major focus over the remainder of the year.
Community Partner Newsletter
Important updates and information
March 2019

Important information...

Inside this issue
• Community Partner Updates
• Useful Links

Parent - Child Relationships

As I write this today, 19th of March is World Social Work Day. The theme this year is "Promoting the Importance of Human Relationships". I thought I would take the opportunity to dedicate this issue of the newsletter to Parent-Child relationships, as this is one of the most important relationships that we can influence in our Communities for Children work.

There has been a lot of research and work done in the parent-child relationship space over a long period of time but it all points to ‘positive parent-child relationships are important for success in all aspects of a child’s life’.

See the useful links section for some interesting information on parent-child relationships.

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Raymond Terrace and Karuah is funded by the Australian government and Facilitated by The Smith Family

thesmithfamily.com.au
Community Partner Updates

DRUMBEAT – Samaritans
DRUMBEAT is currently running on Thursday mornings at Raymond Terrace Public School
Contact: Janelle Wheatley on 0407 481 735 or janelle.wheatley@samaritans.org.au

Steps to Starting School - KU
Wednesday 9:05am – 11:05am, Tanilba Bay Public School
Thursday 9:00am – 11:00am, Grahamstown Public School
Contact: Sandra Cameron on 0419200628 or sandra.cameron@ku.com.au

Play2Learn – Save The Children Australia
Tuesday 9:30am – 11:30am, Tanilba Bay Public School
Wednesday 10:00am – 12:00pm, Raymond Terrace Public School
Contact Carly Clarke on 0418676132 or carly.clarke@savethechildren.org.au

Parent Support Activity – Interrelate
Circle of Security at Mallabulla Hall
Mondays 9.30am-11:30 pm
May 13th to June 24th (weekly for 8 weeks).
Contact Carmel Smith on 0455 085 244 or carmels@interrelate.org.au

Our Health Rules! – Family Action Centre
Walking Group and virtual walking challenge
Wednesdays 9:30am,
1st of May to 26th of June
Riverside Park, Raymond Terrace
For more information on upcoming OHR! Programs please contact Anne.
Contact Anne Hills - 0437 459 598 or anne.hills@newcastle.edu.au

Communities for Children Facilitating Partner
See the calendar for upcoming important dates.
Useful Links

Emerging Minds – Parent - Child Play and Mental Health promotion

Emerging Minds developed this resource for practitioners working with families of children 0-12 years old.

"Child-led play is an ideal way for parents to engage with their children. It requires the parent to tune in to what their child is communicating, thinking and feeling without distraction. When parents observe or join their children in play in this way, they are given a unique opportunity to see the world through their child’s eyes. This practice in taking the child’s perspective can support parents to reflect on their child’s experiences and needs.

When practitioners support parents in child-led play, they can begin to have rich conversations about the child’s individual preferences, strengths and needs. The practitioner’s ‘expertness’ is set aside during this process, and they can ask the parent about their hopes, strengths and concerns regarding their relationship with their child. Practitioners report that this prevents them from stepping into centred or authoritarian practice and establishes a parallel process, where parents focus on their child and practitioners are led by the needs of the parent.

Often, through this practice, parents will begin to evaluate their current relationship with their child and the need to make time for them. This can create a space for practitioners to talk with parents about any concerns they may have relating to how their own challenges may be impacting upon their child."


Raising Children Network – Relationships and Child Development

"Relationships let children express themselves – a cry, a laugh, a question – and get something back – a cuddle, a smile, an answer. What children ‘get back’ gives them very important information about what the world is like and how to act in the world – how to think, understand, communicate, behave, show emotions and develop social skills."

https://raisingchildren.net.au/newborns/development/understanding-development/relationships-development

"Good family relationships are an important part of strong families. Strong families grow from love, security, communication, connection – and a few rules and routines too."

https://raisingchildren.net.au/teens/family-life/family-relationships/good-family-relationships