Dear Parents/carers,

‘ADOPT A FARMER’ INITIATIVE
Karua Public School was shining again! Not only did 95% of the school dress up in ‘farmer wear’ but we managed to raise just under $200 with the gold coin donation. Thank you to Mr and Mrs Shearman for bringing along the cute baby lambs, mother sheep and the friendly goat. The line-dancing stint went well and Dawn stole the show in her ‘get-up’. The students from 3 / 4 wrote a message to the struggling farmers and this one really was heartfelt.

Dear Farmer, Karua Public School wants you farmers to have a great life, that’s why we have a Farmers Day. We can’t just let you sit there in the darkness, that’s why we are giving you a lift to the bright side and we are going to push those clouds so you get some rain.

From Ava

ZONE CROSS COUNTRY
Karua Public School had an excited troupe of twenty students participate in the annual Zone Cross Country Carnival at Lakeside Sporting Complex, Raymond Terrace. Thank you to Karua RSL for the mini bus to transport the students, Mrs Heaney and Mrs Johnson for managing and supervision and parents & caregivers for supporting their children.

Congratulations to Archer Watt, who came fourth in his race. He is now representing Port Stephens Zone at Regional level on the 31st May, 2019. His brother, Cooper Watt, who is now in Year 7 at Hunter River High School, is also participating at Regional level. Good luck to both boys.

KARUAH PUBLIC SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL RIBBONS AND MEDALLIONS
Congratulations to the following students:-
Juvenile Boy Champion - Xavier
Juvenile Girl Champion - Mariah
Junior Boy Champion - Archer
Junior Girl Champion - Milly-Lee
Senior Boy Champion - Owen
Senior Girl Champion - Lakeia
GENERAL CONTRIBUTIONS
A reminder to go into the draw for the $100 Marketplace gift voucher. Yearly contribution fees need to be paid by this Friday 24th May, 2019. The school contribution for 2019 is $25.00 per student or $45.00 per family (2 or more students). These contributions help cover school costs and include items like photocopying, books and pencils etc. Payments can be made in the school office using cash or eftpos. Payments can also be made online using POP. The gift card will be drawn next Monday afternoon at our weekly afternoon assembly.

WALK TO SCHOOL SAFELY DAY
Mr Lawless, Miss Blair, Mrs Robards, Mr Wilson and I were waiting patiently at 8.25 am, outside of Karuah Cemetery. Out of the blue, a myriad of students on foot, bike and scooter swarmed us in numbers. Yes, the highest in numbers yet - 39 (students, teachers and parents) walking sensibly as a group to reinforce the safety aspect of arriving at Karuah Public School safely.

ANNUAL SPORTS CARNIVAL
We will be holding annual Athletics Carnival at Lionel Morten oval on Thursday 6th June. Permission notes will be sent home next week.

NAPLAN
Well done to all of the Year 3 and 5 students on completing their assessments last week. This week will consist of completing missed assessments for those students who were absent for their NAPLAN tests. Thank you to Mr Lawless and other Karuah PS Staff for organising and supervising the students.

NAIDOC MEETING
There will be a NAIDOC meeting held on Wednesday 22nd May at 2:30pm in the school hall to discuss NAIDOC Day for 2019. Everyone is welcome to come along to this meeting 😊

Kind Regards,
Kath Henry
Relieving Principal

YEAR 5/6 CAMP NEWS
Just a reminder that the next instalment of $100 for the Year 5/6 Sydney excursion is due by this FRIDAY 24th May, 2019.

The dates for the excursion are Wednesday 21st to Friday 23rd August, 2019.

Payment instalments need to be paid up to date to be able to secure your child’s position on this excursion.

If you have any questions regarding the excursion, please arrange a time at the office to see Mr Lawless

Kind regards,
Mr Lawless
PBL NEWS

Our PBL for Week 4 is all about using strategies instead of violence and punching. Students will understand the need for respect by keeping their hands and feet to themselves. Students will then be aware of the consequences if they choose not to follow the PBL.

Each week when we talk about the PBL we then ask the student’s how this would look in the community and consequences if they do not keep their hands and feet to themselves.

Our Aussie 5 we are focusing on is I Can Control What I Do and Say.

During Week 5 we will be talking about the importance of being honest and truthful everywhere, everyone, every time. This includes an understanding of vandalism and looking after school property.

Once again we will talk about what this looks like in the community.

PBL Community

I am so proud of the recipients for the PBL community award. They are so deserving, Week 2 award went to Lakeia Saunders for her outstanding representation of Karuah Public School at the ANZAC Day dawn service.

Week 3’s award went to Jacob Mansfield. Jacob proudly represented Karuah Public School at the Zone cross country. As he was participating in his race, he noticed one of the participants fall over. Instead of continuing the race, Jacob helped his peer up and stayed with him to make sure he was ok. We are very proud of Jacob for being such an amazing community member.

Kind regards,
Lisa McGowan

WEEKLY ACTIVITIES

Monday
Brekkie Club
Weekly Assembly
Scripture
Afternoon Sports

Tuesday
Brekkie Club
Homework Centre
Mindfulness
Afternoon Sports

Wednesday
Brekkie Club

Thursday
Brekkie Club

Friday
Canteen

UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

MAY
- Tuesday 21st – Drama workshop
- Wednesday 22nd – NAIDOC meeting at 2:30pm in school hall
- Wednesday 22nd – P & C Glo Disco
- Friday 24th – ICAS Competition notes and payments due
- Friday 24th – School Contribution payments due
- Friday 24th – EOI for Year 3/4 Taronga Zoo excursion
- Monday 27th – School Contribution Gift Card draw @ 2:30pm assembly
### STUDENT AWARDS

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#### PBL AWARD

| Award | Violet |

Congratulations to the above students 😊

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#### GOLD

| Eva M |

#### MEDALLION

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

SCIENCE SHOW
On Tuesday 15th May, we had a visitor from the Newcastle Museum come to our school and deliver different inter-active science shows. Kindergarten to Year 2 participated in a show all about the science of sound. They had their toes tapping and brains drumming! The students thoroughly enjoyed being able to play the instruments and make as much noise as possible. Year 3 and 4 were lucky enough to find out about the science of slime, exploring different solids, liquids and gases. They created four different types of slime to then dress up a skull. EKK! Year 5 and 6 had a fantastic show on light, which they were able to explore and generate different types of light. They were given a diffraction grating to view the different lights in which they could take home and continue the investigation. How fun! All shows linked to the current topics we are learning in science with Miss Denny and Mrs Edwards.

OVERDUE LIBRARY BOOKS
Thank you to those students who have been returning their overdue library books, please continue to do so. If you cannot find a book and believe it is lost, please contact the school.

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER NEWS
This week sees us settling back into normal routines after our NAPLAN week. Congratulations to Year 3 and Year 5 students for the positive attitude you displayed each day you sat the NAPLAN tests. We are very proud of you all! Any students who were away last week, will have an opportunity to sit the NAPLAN catch-up tests this week.

We are working hard to ensure consistency in teaching and learning across the whole school. Every classroom now has a visual daily timetable to ensure everyone is aware of routines, changes and expectations for the day. We are also creating consistency across K-6 in writing. All writing lessons begin with an explanation and discussion of the learning intention and success criteria. This way, all students are aware of what they are expected to learn and what they need to do to achieve success in the lesson. Next week, all teachers will be trained in Seven Steps for Writing Success and we are very excited about embedding this fantastic strategy into our writing programs across the whole school.

A big thank you to all the parents and grandparents who are volunteering their time and helping in our classrooms. We love having classroom helpers and we really appreciate your efforts. If anyone is interested in becoming a classroom helper, please contact the office, speak to the classroom teacher or come and speak to me personally. All help is greatly appreciated.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Heaney
Instructional Leader

Kind Regards
Mrs Edwards and Miss Denny
CLASS REPORTS

KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten students have been working very hard in all areas. In English they have been learning about the strategy of visualising, where they make ‘a movie’ in their minds of what they are hearing. The students have enjoyed the books Silly Billy and The Very Itchy Bear. Visit our classroom for a look at some of their writing!

Thank you to the fantastic response of parent helpers who continue to come in and listen to the students read. It is fantastic to have you all in and being part of the students learning. If you haven’t already and are available for an hour a morning, please come and see me or contact me on dojo.

In Maths, the students have been exploring 2D shapes and learning their properties. They have been particularly enjoying creating pictures out of different 2D shape blocks.

In Art, the students painted their self portraits. They did a fantastic job!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school to make a time to speak with me.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

2/3
2/3 has had a wonderful start to the term! Well done to all of the Year 3 students who participated in NAPLAN. Last week we were lucky enough to have a visit from the Newcastle Museum, who presented a science show based on slime! It was safe to say that all of the students were highly engaged.

Literacy:
For the next 5 weeks we will be focusing on informative text types during writing. The students will have multiple opportunities to choose a topic that interests them. I can’t wait to see their finished products!

Numeracy:
The students have been doing well during our number talks and have been building on their additive strategies. It’s great to see every student getting involved and sharing with the class. This week we will be focusing on fractions. This means hands-on activities, which the students just love! Next week we will be focusing on area.

Let’s have a great term!
Thank you,
Miss Blair

3/4
Year 3/4 have had the wonderful Mr Wilson in their classroom for his second year teaching experience. Mr Wilson has established rapport with the students and his lessons have engaged the students. Thank you Mr Wilson.
This week and next week, students are delivering a speech to the class about 'My Family and families in general'.

In English and literacy lessons, the students are completing tasks in grammar based on proper adjectives. This week, the class will be concentrating on adjectives of degrees e.g. pink, pinker and pinkest. Literacy rotations are covering reading school magazine articles/books and comprehension questions, questioning what the students have read. The writing tasks are now based on narratives. The students are using the Seven Steps to Writing approach to improve their overall writing skills. They wrote about Opo, the orphaned dolphin from New Zealand.

For Mathematics, the students completed tasks based on area, perimeter and using informal and formal measurement units. This week we will look at reading the time, timetables and calendars. The tables focus is 5X and last week was 4X.

In Geography, students will continue in Term 2 studying the unit, 'Places are similar and different'.

PDHPE lessons this term will be based on 'Personal Health Choices' (drug education). Sport involves athletics skills and 'Playing the Game'.

Science lessons are taught by Miss Denny and Mrs Edwards. The unit the students are learning about this term is based on the physical world.

In Creative and Performing Arts, students will be learning to perform in a whole school 'Mini-Musical Extravaganza' based on Peter Pan.

As reported in the last newsletter, the Stage 2 excursion for 2019 will be the Taronga ZooSnooz program and Australian Reptile Park, Central Coast. It has been confirmed that the 11th and 12th September are Karuah PS allocated dates (Term 3). An expression of interest note has been distributed this week. The cost per student is $185. Please return to the office EOI note by Friday 24th May, 2019.

UNSW ISAC ASSESSMENTS 2019
Students from Years 2 to Year 6 have the opportunity to participate in a variety of assessments based on different subject areas throughout Terms 2 & 3. Interested students will be handed an information note informing them about dates and costs this week. Please return notes and monies by Friday 24th May, 2019.

Kind Regards,
Kath Henry

4/5/6
The past 2 weeks in 4/5/6 have been very busy and it's hard to believe that it's Week 4 already!

4/5/6 have been working on showing respect to all staff and visitors to the school and understanding that the way we treat other effects the way they treat us.

In literacy, we are moving on from imaginative texts to informative. Over the next few weeks we will be studying bottle-nose dolphins and deserts in Australia and America.

In maths, the class has been extremely engaged in our numeracy activities. You may have heard the students talking about what colour ninja they are. This is because the students are grouped into different colour levels, they have been very motivated to graduate to the next ninja belt colour.

This term in Geography we have been studying biomes. This week we will be starting to create dioramas based on each groups chosen biome,
such as deserts, rainforests and the ocean. Please remind students to bring in any materials they may need.

Congratulations to all of the Year 5 students who have completed NAPLAN. Everyone I spoke to about the tests has a great attitude about the effort they put in.

Kind Regards,
Miss Murray

5/6
Congratulations to the Year 5 students who completed NAPLAN last week. This was the first year of online testing. The students seem well prepared and motivated.

The Year 6 shirt has been ordered. We expect a 3 week turn around for the shirt to be made and delivered. We can’t wait!

In writing we are now focusing on informative texts. We will be looking at Information reports, procedures and explanations.

Our Geography unit on the Great Barrier Reef will be continuing this term. Students will be transforming recycled goods into different forms of artwork. Thank you to the parents who have brought in containers, bottles and jars. Later in the term, students will be completing a project where they must turn something old into something new. It might be a good idea to start searching the internet for ideas. There are plenty of great recycling ideas!

Our sport focus for this term is athletics. We have been conducting whole school rotations. All the students are having a ball. The athletics carnival will be later in the term. We hope to see you all there.

Next Wednesday, 3 of our students will sit an enrichment class test for Hunter River High School. Good luck to these students!

That’s all for this fortnight!
Kind regards,
Mr Lawless

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**AFTER SCHOOL SPORTS NEWS**

The response for afternoon sport has been overwhelming! It is fantastic to see so many students interested in developing their soccer skills this term.

On Monday afternoons, I take the session and on Tuesday afternoons, Miss Blair takes the session with Miss Waterhouse assisting both days. There is currently a waiting list for both days so ensure your child attends every session and displays respect, responsibility and pride to keep their position.

If you have any questions about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the office to make a time to speak with me.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

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**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

This year we will be participating in the Woolworths Earn & Learn program. Through this program, we will be able to get new educational resources for our school – and all we need you to do is shop for your groceries at Woolworths.

From Wednesday 1st May to Tuesday 25th June or while stock lasts, we are collecting Woolworths Earn & Learn Stickers. You will get one Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker for every $10 spent (excluding liquor, tobacco and gift cards). Place the Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker onto a Woolworths Earn & Learn Sticker Sheet and when it’s complete, the Sticker Sheet can be dropped into the Collection Box here at the school or at your local Woolworths. Sticker sheets are available from your local school.

At the end of the promotion, we will be able to get some great new equipment. The range is extensive and offers lots of items ideal for our students – including resources for Maths, English, Science and some fantastic fun supplies for Arts & Craft, Sport and for our library. If you would like to know more visit woolworths.com.au/earnandlearn
**P&C NEWS**

**Next Meeting**
Wednesday 12/06/2019
1pm School Hall

**IMPORTANT DATES MAY**
- Glo Disco 22nd May 5-7pm
- Thompson’s pie drive order forms due Monday 27th May

**JACKETS ARE ON SALE FOR $30 TILL STOCKS RUN OUT.**
Uniform shop is open this Thursday 8.45-9.15. Just come see Kylie or order forms are available at the office to fill in & hand back. Payment can be made pay via cash or bank transfer.

**GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS**

Our Election cake stall on the weekend raised $683.10. A huge thank you to everyone who baked and donated goods to our stall especially Matthew and Summers Mum Lea and their Nan Erin who baked a massive amount of slices, Liliana’s Mum Emily who baked cookies, a cake and cupcakes, Amanda Toby & Maddi’s Mum who baked a cake, cupcakes and banana bread, Cooper and Bridie’s Mum Michelle who baked jam drops, date loaf, rocky road, mud cake, brownies and slices & the family who donated 2 cake mixes.
The Hustle movie fundraiser and raffle raised $500 towards reducing the cost of Years 3/4’s camp to the zoo. Thanks to Levi and Ava’s Mum Olivia for planning and organising the event.