Dear Parents/carers,

‘Respect, Responsibility and Pride’
Yes, these are the values of Karuah Public School. I really felt so much pride last Friday when the two Watt boys, Archer and Cooper, came to me after participating at Regional level for Cross Country 2019. Archie came 41st in his division and Cooper 6th in his race. Cooper who is in Year 7 at Hunter River High School will now attend at State level. Congratulations to both boys for their effort and I know that Mr and Mrs Watt would be ‘beaming ’ with smiles at their sons.

PUBLIC HOLIDAY ~ MONDAY 10th JUNE ~
Just a reminder that Monday 10th June is a Public Holiday. Staff and students will return on Tuesday 11th June. Have a safe and enjoyable Long weekend 😊

BUS SAFETY
This week’s focus in PBL is bus safety. There was a rumour that a new student or students would be riding on the bus in the afternoons. Yes quite right, however not students, instead teachers. Executive staff members are randomly riding on the bus to ensure student safety and wellbeing and taking in the beautiful sights around Karuah. By all reports, this strategy has had positive implications.

KARUAH PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS CARNIVAL POSTPONED
The Athletics Carnival that was due to be held this Thursday has been postponed due to inclement weather. The carnival will now be held next Thursday 13th June. Please return permission notes ASAP. A canteen will be operating on the day (hot and cold items are for sale) however, no pre-orders.

CANTEEN REFURBISHMENT
The painters are currently completing the job of painting the outside and the verandah of the school canteen. Terry and his team are busyly working on this refurbishment.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTION
Thank you to all our families who paid their voluntary contribution and went into the draw for the $100 gift card to BIGW. Congratulations to the Greentree family on winning the $100 gift card.

KINDER 2020
We are taking enrolments for Kindergarten children for next year.
If you have a child who will start school in 2020, please contact the office to leave your child’s information.
If you know of anyone who has a child ready for school who will not receive this newsletter, please let them know we are taking enrolments in readiness for Kinder.
Children who turn 5 before July 31st 2020 are eligible to commence next year.

Kind Regards,
Kath Henry
Relieving Principal
PBL NEWS

Most children participated in the Reward’s afternoon last week. The reward was movie, popcorn and juice. The students enjoyed participating. Some of the students who did not attend due to a red card were disappointed, however the afternoon was spent encouraging them to follow the school’s expectations. Hopefully they will attend the reward afternoon in week 10.

The PBL focus for this week is all about bus behaviour. This continues to be issue. Some of the teachers have been catching one of the buses to ensure students are following the correct behaviours and expectations. As always we will also discuss what this looks like in the community.

The Aussie 5 we are focusing on is ‘I Can Follow Instructions’.

Week 7 will be focusing on Resilience – Sportsmanship. Students will develop knowledge of fair play. Every student is responsible for their attitude and actions when engaged in school activities, and in particular sport and games both in the classroom and on the playground.

How does this look in the community? Discuss with students about their weekend sport.

PBL Community

Bella Dickson was week 4’s PBL Community recipient. She received the award for participating in Walking to School Safely Day. Bella joined the students and teachers at the meeting point and walked responsibly with the group. She was observed using great road safety skills and knew to stop at the driveways to make sure it was safe to cross. Bella is a great role model and to Karuah Public School, so it is great to see her using these skills in the community.

Week 5’s recipient was Heidi Reynolds. She was nominated by a community member for always being welcoming and very polite whilst serving customers. Heidi is always displaying ‘Respect, Responsibility and Pride’ in the community as well as at school. A very deserving award.

Please keep an eye out for our students in our community so hopefully you can identify some positive behaviour and then nominate the student.

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

MUSICAL NEWS

This week we will be holding auditions for the Peter Pan mini musical. Main cast roles are open to students in years 3-6.

Good luck!

Kind Regards,
Miss Murray
### UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

**JUNE**
- Wednesday 12th – AECG meeting @ RTPS
- Thursday 13th – Athletics Carnival, Lionel Morten Oval
- Wednesday 19th – Debating against Vacy PS

### STUDENT AWARDS

**MERIT AWARDS WEEK 4**
- **K**
  - Alirah
  - Thomas
- **1/2**
  - Eden
  - Chace
- **2/3**
  - Isla
  - Kaiden
- **3/4**
  - Noah
  - Jake
- **4/5/6**
  - Eva M
  - Stanley
- **5/6**
  - Owen
  - Jorja

**MERIT AWARDS WEEK 5**
- **K**
  - Kiama
  - Gypsy-Rose
- **1/2**
  - Mariah
  - Jharel
- **2/3**
  - Jasper
  - Summer
- **3/4**
  - Blake
  - Max
  - Noah
- **4/5/6**
  - Alexis
  - Beau
- **5/6**
  - Levi
  - Sophie

**PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**
- Matilda M
- Isabelle L

**PBL AWARD**
- **PRINCIPAL'S AWARD**
  - Dane
- **PBL AWARD**
  - Isaac

Congratulations to the above students 😊

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### CERTIFICATE AWARDS

**WEEK 4**
- **BRONZE**
  - James
  - Samantha D
  - Samantha S x 2
  - Levi x 3
  - Chelsie
  - Banks
  - Rubyann
  - Chaise
  - Gypsy-Rose
  - Charlotte
  - Ethan
  - Steve
  - Stanley
  - Robert x 2
  - Eva M
  - Riley W
  - Aaron
  - Thomas L
  - Matilda M
  - William

**WEEK 5**
- **BRONZE**
  - Grace
  - Charlotte
  - Detroit
  - Charlie C
  - Jarrah x 2
  - Kyrah
  - Emma A
  - Kyzaiah
  - Arthur
  - Archer
  - Kaiden
  - Molly-May
  - Alex S
  - Emma C
  - Rachel
  - Simon
  - Beau L
  - Heidi x 2
  - Malaya x 2
  - Shaleese
  - Cooper
  - Isaac
  - Mya
  - Aaron
  - Deejay x 3
  - Blake S
  - Dane
  - Mia

**SILVER**
- Thomas L
- Matilda M
- James
- Levi
- Robert
- Aaron
- Amelia
- Isaac
- Isla
- Harry
- Alirah
GOLD
Isla
William
Deejay
Jett
Samantha D

MEDALLION
Samantha D

LIBRARY NEWS
We would like to welcome Miss Dean to the Library for the remainder of Term 2. Miss Dean will be teaching Science and RFF.

Kind Regards
Mrs Edwards and Miss Dean

INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER NEWS
This week all teachers, and some of our SLSOs, attended an extended training session in effective strategies for teaching writing. During the session, we gained knowledge and skills to support us to effectively make changes to our current practices and to ensure students are engaged, creative and excited during writing lessons.

It is anticipated that from week 1, term 3, all classroom teachers will have a consistent, systematic writing framework embedded in their teaching and learning programs. This writing framework compliments our explicit and systematic spelling and grammar programs as it supports students to develop competencies in the ‘authorial’ side of writing. Our spelling and grammar programs support the development of competencies in the ‘secretarial’ side of writing.

If you would like further information on our writing framework or any other aspect of our literacy and numeracy programs, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Heaney
Instructional Leader

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
CLASS REPORTS

KINDERGARTEN
Kindergarten have been working very hard and been engaged in all areas. Although, I have had to remind them a few times recently to follow instructions the first time.

In Maths, we have been learning about Time. This has included the days of the week, ordering events that happen in a day and being introduced to an analogue clock and how to tell the time to the hour. The students are enjoying learning this new concept.

In English, we have been reading the book ‘Fancy Nancy’. The students have produced some writing with the goal of putting spaces between words and a full stop at the end of their sentence. Come into our classroom to have a look at the fancy display of the students’ fabulous writing and artwork on the wall.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

1/2
Welcome to week 6, that time of the term when all of the teachers are busy writing your child’s reports. We spend a great deal of time to make sure we give you an accurate academic picture of your child.

I would like to take this opportunity to say a big thank you to Susan Riddle. Susan has been working at Karuah Public School in the capacity of SLSO however the past 4 weeks she has been completing her final practicum for university. Susan has been amazing and the children formed a connection with her right from the beginning. She presented many learning opportunities for them.

I am so impressed with your children at the moment, they are so focused and try very hard each day, every day. They are so eager to practise their reading and move up the reading levels. Please support their eagerness and encourage them to read at home as well. Even though they most have agreed they find writing difficult, they continue to try hard during morning writing. We are working on OREO writing in class which is persuasive text. I’m teaching your child how to argue better 😏.

We have the athletics carnival the following Thursday 13th June. Please ensure your child comes to school ready for a great day of activity and fun.

As usual if you have any concerns or would like to have a chat about your child, please contact the school and we can organise a time that will suit both of us to meet.

Have a great fortnight.

Kind Regards
Lisa McGowan

2/3
It’s hard to believe that it’s week 6 already, the term is going by so quick! 2/3 has had an amazing couple of weeks, with every student really shining in class. Next week on Thursday Karuah Public will be holding its athletic carnival, good luck to all students!

Literacy
Students have had a great start with informative texts! This week the students will begin researching their chosen topic for an information report. I can’t wait to see their finished products. For grammar this week we will be focusing on verbs and paragraph use. Next week we will be moving onto adverbs and speech marks.

Numeracy
This week 2/3 will be exploring volume and capacity. This means a lot of hands-on activities, including building prisms, measuring litres and measuring, comparing and ordering various sized capacities. Next week the students will focus on position.

Well done 2/3! You’re all doing a fabulous job.

Have a great week,
Miss Blair
3/4
3/4 have been lucky enough to have had Mr Wilson in the classroom for the past 4 weeks and we hope he enjoyed his time. We also wish him the very best in his future endeavours and look forward to seeing him around Karuah Public School! Thank you Mr Wilson.

Mr Freeburn has finally joined 3/4 after sustaining an injury whilst playing soccer. 3/4 have been very welcoming and caring. The students are already working hard and looking forward to the next few weeks with Mr Freeburn as their teacher.

In Literacy, students have began reading and studying the text ‘The Twits’ by Roald Dahl and over the coming weeks will be diving deeper into the text. Informative texts, in particular. Information Reports are the focus for the next few weeks with students creating a detailed information reports about ‘Owls’ with Miss Dean. Likewise, the class researched animals which are at Taronga Zoo in preparation for our upcoming excursion in Term 3.

In Mathematics, students have been and will be practising 6x, 7x and 8x times tables. Students have enjoyed participating in daily times table drills, and it is fantastic to see all students eager and willing to improve their multiplication facts. This week's focus is measurement in particular millilitres, litres and cubic centimetres.

Miss Dean has taken over from Miss Denny in Science and the students were very excited to have Miss Dean back, but this time as a teacher! Miss Dean will continue to work through the science unit involving the physical world and heat.

Last Friday (31st of May) during our sport focus of athletics, 3/4 participated in shot put with many students demonstrating a great technique and understanding of shot put. Just a reminder that our athletics carnival is on the following Thursday and could all green notes be returned to the school office ASAP.

This last week has flown and I look forward to more great weeks in 3/4.

Kind Regards,
Mr Freeburn

4/5/6
Half way through Term 2 already! 4/5/6 have been working hard over the past 2 weeks.

In English, students have been showing a great understanding of the grammar focus each week and are able to show evidence of their understanding with ease.

I would encourage students to ensure they are completing their homework to ensure they understand the weekly spelling rules.

In Maths, we have been studying 2D shapes. We have done this through many hands on activities and the students seem to be extremely engaged and interested in these lessons. This week we will be looking at 3D objects.

In Geography, we have been studying different biomes, such as, rainforests, arctic tundra, oceans and deserts. The students have picked a focus area and have been creating dioramas based on these. This has been a very interesting and successful activity. The dioramas are starting to look amazing!

Kind Regards,
Miss Murray

5/6
The 2019 Year 6 Shirt has been ordered. There is an expected 3 week turn around. All students are very excited. Shirts will be able to be worn on Mondays and Wednesdays.

Touch football has been happening every Wednesday. The students of 5/6 have been loving the activities and learning the skills.

Children University - Could all students please bring their passports in on Friday. Ave from the CU will be coming for marking and check-up. If you would like an activity booklet that will allow for 5 more hours, please let Mr Lawless know.
There will be a University Open Day on the 2nd of July, for all Children University students. More information will be communicated soon.

Public Speaking: There will be no homework next week. This will allow students time to prepare their speeches for week 8.

That's all for this fortnight!

Kind regards,
Mr Lawless

**SPORTS NEWS**

**TOUCH FOOTBALL**
Through the Sporting School Program, we have received funding to have a Touch Football coach come to the school for 5 sessions this term and teach all students the fundamentals and skills of touch. The students have participated in two sessions so far and have been very engaged.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

**WOOLWORTHS EARN & LEARN**

Thank you to everyone that is supporting the Woolworths “EARN & LEARN” program. This program enables the school to purchase some new classroom resources.

The program will finish at the end of June. We will still be collecting the stickers. If you have any stickers, please send them into the school office and we can add them to our tally.

The more points that we receive will help us reach our goal in collecting classroom resources.

Keep an eye out in the upcoming newsletters for the final tally count.

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**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.

As head lice are highly contagious it is suggested that you examine and treat all members of the family at the same time.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.
IMPORTANT DATES JUNE

- Thompson’s pie drive orders are back this Wednesday we will contact people when orders are ready
- Colour Run is Friday 5th July booklet with info to come home next week

JACKETS ARE ON STILL ON SALE FOR $30 LIMITED STOCK.

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.

We are doing the 2019/2020 Entertainment Book Fundraiser again, these books are jammed packed full of great discount vouchers. If you are interested in the Entertainment book 2019/2020 you can enter the link below and pre purchase your Entertainment Digital Membership or Entertainment Book Membership. https://www.entertainmentbook.com.au/orderbooks/35m755

The Glo Disco was a great success with the students having a fantastic time dancing and playing games. We raised $400 from this event. Thank you to Mrs Henry, Mrs McGowan and Mr Lawless for giving up their time after school to supervise the event. We appreciate their support so we can continue to hold fun things like this in the future. Also thank you to Kylie for being at the entry of the disco welcoming everyone, Sam and Leah who sold the glo sticks, April, Donna and Amanda who organised and cooked the food and Veronica & Michelle who served all the hungry customers at the Canteen. We have fantastic members who work very hard to help.
Dear Parent/Guardian
RE: School Run4Fun Colour Explosion

We’re turning our event from bland to GRAND this year by adding an explosion of colour. The more money we raise the more we can provide for the students through vital school projects.

The School Run4Fun Colour Explosion will be held on Friday 5th July (time will be announced closer to date.) We do ask that you bring a spare change of clothes to school, most importantly a plain white shirt as the students will be covered in powder from head to toe. The afternoon focus is on fun and fitness with the added benefit of raising funds for our school. A permission note to participate in the colour explosion will be sent home over the next couple of weeks.

Colour Powder
The colour powder used in our event has been sourced direct from India, the home of Holi Powder. It is made of high quality corn starch and permitted food colours. It’s non-toxic, biodegradable, skin safe and environmentally friendly. Toxicological Risk Assessment and ingredient listings can be obtained from the School Office upon request. Students with asthma are advised to be careful in their decision to participate.

How Does My Child Fundraise?
Students must raise a minimum of $5 each to be able to participate in the event, but are encouraged to raise $10 or more to receive an incentive prize.
Students have been given a Sponsorship Form with instructions on how to raise money and order prizes. Students obtain donations in cash using the Sponsorship Form together with online fundraising.

Students who raise as little as $10 or more will receive an incentive prize for their efforts. But why not aim higher? You have the option to choose up to five (5) prizes and this will set your fundraising goal. Family and friends are your greatest supporters, so ask them first for your support. You will reach your fundraising goal in no time.

Student Profile Page
Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au which is unique to you. There are also some great features like recording your sponsorships and selecting your prize goal.
You can also register for online fundraising. It’s the easiest way to help your child raise money and to reach your fundraising goal sooner.

WIN A SHARE OF $200,000 WORTH OF FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS. Create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au and enter your unique code found on page five (5) of your Sponsorship Form to see if you’re an instant winner. Give your fundraising goal a kick start!

How to Order Prizes?
To reward your child for their efforts, they will receive incentive prizes based on the total amount of sponsorship dollars raised in cash, online, and if applicable, any FREE SPONSORSHIP DONATIONS won using the unique code on page five (5) of the Sponsorship Form. You have two options to place your prize order:

1. Login or create a Student Profile Page at www.myprofilepage.com.au. Once the fundraiser has finished, click the ‘ORDER MY PRIZE’ button and then confirm your total amount raised and order your prize/s, OR
2. Complete the back page of the Sponsorship Form and return to the school.

Please note, all donations need to be finalised on or before 4th July. Student prizes will be delivered shortly after. Thank you in advance for your participation, and get ready for a BLAST OF COLOUR! Happy fundraising!

Amanda
School Run 4 Fun Colour Explosion Coordinator