Dear Parents/carers,

‘Respect, Responsibility and Pride’
Great to see the majority of students wearing their full school uniform every day. Considering the poor weather over the past weeks this has been a positive for our school community. However, red cards have increased. The staff at Karuah Public School endeavour at all times to implement the school values and Aussie 5 Rules, in the classroom and the playground. They are fair, friendly and firm and when red cards have to be written, so be it. Please remind your children of our PBL expectations.

BONSER LANE
As you may have noticed, Bonser Lane has become a one way street. Please be respectful of the residents that live along Bonser Lane and use the street the correct way. There are signs at the top of the street informing everyone that it is a one way street. Please do not park along the street when dropping off or collecting your child as you may be fined.

LEADERSHIP
It has been noted that many of our students are displaying great ‘leadership skills’ regardless of their grade or year level. These students are speaking politely, looking after their school environment etc. I believe that it can be the decisions or choices that you make that change or shift for the better.

REPORTS
Student reports will be sent home this week in regards to your child’s progress for Semester 1, 2019.

Please contact the school office if you would like to meet with your child’s class teacher to discuss the report.

HOLIDAY SAFETY
It has been a very busy term. Thank you to all students, staff and volunteers for your input and effort over the past ten weeks. We are blessed to have such a wonderful school looking towards the beautiful Karuah River. I never take this view for granted and I am constantly reminded by visitors, parents and carers about how lucky we are as well as the dedication that the staff members at our school show.

NAIDOC DAY CELEBRATIONS
There has been a change of date for this year’s NAIDOC Day celebrations at Karuah PS. The reason for the change of date is that we are working on completing the ‘Yarning Circle’ in the Aboriginal garden area in front of the sandpit on the western side. This process does not happen overnight as many procedures and applications have to be implemented through DoE and Asset Management. The new date is Thursday July 25th, 2019.

ZONE ATHLETICS
The Zone Athletics for the track and field events will be as follows. Field events will be held on Tuesday 30th July and Track events will be held
on Friday 2nd August. The events are being held at Vi-Barnett Oval, Raymond Terrace.
All the information regarding the zone days will be in the permission note that will be sent home to successful students in Week 1, Term 3.

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.

CODE OF CONDUCT
From time to time, parents and/or community members may have concerns regarding staff or students. At such times it is always important to arrange a time to talk with school staff. If the concern is regarding a student other than your own child, it is always a good idea to speak with your child’s teacher in the first instance. It is important that community members do not directly approach another child in the school grounds regarding the concerns. At our school we value the strong partnership we have with our community and we work hard to ensure procedures are in place so that we can continue to maintain our safe, harmonious school environment.

BREKKIE CLUB
Thank you so much to Mrs Demirjian and the volunteers that have assisted with Brekkie Club during Term 2. It is with sad news that Mrs Demirjian will not be able to continue as the Brekkie Club Co-ordinator, therefore we will be looking for a new co-ordinator to run our Brekkie Club starting Term 3. We will also be looking for some volunteers to assist with Brekkie Club. If you are able to spare some time from 8am – 9:15am on Monday – Thursday mornings, please contact the school office and leave your details. If there are any parents/carers willing to take on the co-ordinators role, please contact the school during office hours on 49975341.
We hope to be able to fill these roles as the students really enjoy this wonderful program.

Please be safe over the holiday period and report any suspicious behaviour, in regards to Karuah Public School, on the School Security Hotline number of 1300 88 00 21.

Kind Regards,
Kath Henry
Relieving Principal

PBL NEWS
This week in PBL we are concentrating on holiday safety. We will discuss with your child about stranger danger, following the road signs and water safety.

We will speak about all of the Aussie 5 rules and most importantly our school values of Respect, Responsibility and Pride. How are these values used at school and in the community.

The children who have not received a red card will participate in the rewards activity on Thursday afternoon. This will be sports rotations and an ice-block.

PBL COMMUNITY
Congratulations to Mia and Branden. They were our PBL community recipients for weeks 8 and 9.
A community member at football nominated Mia for helping her brother at the canteen. She was also observed encouraging a child to come and play with her to entice him away from an argument. Well done Mia.

Branden received his award for his outstanding bus behaviour. Branden is always displaying respect, responsibility and pride to the bus driver, peers and teachers. He is a great role model to have a Karuah Public School.

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  

## STUDENT AWARDS

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**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**  
Eden K  
PBL AWARD  
Charlotte

**PRINCIPAL’S AWARD**  
Emma C  
PBL AWARD  
Aaron

Congratulations to the above students 😊

## UPCOMING EVENTS/REMINDERS

### JULY
- Wednesday 3rd - NAIDOC Day meeting  
- Friday 5th – P & C Colour Run  
- Friday 5th – Last day of Term 2  
- Tuesday 23rd – Students return for Term 3  
- Thursday 25th – NAIDOC Day celebration  
- Friday 26th - National Tree Day  
- Tuesday 30th – Zone Athletics -

### AUGUST
- Friday 2nd – Zone Athletics -

## 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)
## CERTIFICATE AWARDS

### WEEK 8
**BRONZE**
- Will
- Eva M x 2
- Thomas
- Cooper K
- Jorja x 2
- Rachel
- Myles
- Emma C
- Noah
- Isaac
- Jett
- Banks
- Detroit
- Stanley x 2

### WEEK 9
**BRONZE**
- Thomas S
- Charlotte
- Chelsie
- Grace
- Kiama
- Banks
- Ethan
- Alirah
- Chaise
- Billy
- Charlie
- Iden
- Detroit
- Gypsy
- Kyrah
- Bella
- Mariah
- Isabella S
- Isla
- Branden
- Jake D
- Malayna
- Max
- Simon
- Rachel
- Makayla
- Heidi x 3
- Aaron U x 2
- Thomas L
- Andrew x 9
- Levi x 2
- Matthew S x 3

**GOLD**
- Jasper
- Isaac

**GOLD**
- Emma A
- Avah
- Chace
- Thomas L
- Mya
- Andrew

**MEDALLION**
- Thomas L
- Mya
- Isaac

Congratulations to the above students 😊

## LIBRARY NEWS

Lots of students have made contact with me in regards to overdue books, thank you!! We appreciate the effort everyone is making to track down those missing books.

Please keep reading and enjoying the wonderful books we have on offer in the Library.

Kind Regards
Cherie Edwards and Hollie Dean
INSTRUCTIONAL LEADER NEWS

Several weeks ago we attended training on how to implement effective writing strategies to support student engagement and improvement in writing. Since this training, we have developed a whole school scope and sequence for teaching writing throughout Term 3. Towards the end of Term 3 we will evaluate the success of our writing program and use this data to plan ‘where to next’ for Term 4. It is anticipated that we will have a strong focus on imaginative writing during Term 3 and informative writing during Term 4.

Our new program will be implemented in every classroom, from day one, Term 3. For the first several weeks of the term, students will develop a thorough understanding of how to successfully write a ‘sizzling start’. Please talk regularly with your children about what they are learning in writing and encourage them to share some of their ‘sizzling starts’ with you.

As mentioned in our previous newsletter, Karuah PS is taking part in the Early Action for Success, Oral Language Project. This intensive program is aimed at supporting the improvement of oral languages skills in our younger students. I will work with small groups of students over an eight-week period throughout the term.

As always, if you would like further information on our writing program, The Oral Language Project or any other aspect of our literacy and numeracy programs, please don’t hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,
Mrs Heaney
Instructional Leader

CLASS REPORTS

KINDERGARTEN
We have reached the end of Term 2 already! All students in Kindergarten have been working consistently and making progress in all social and academic areas.

There have been a few changes in routine for Kindergarten these last few weeks; however, they have taken them in their stride and have continued to display respect, responsibility and pride.

In Maths, the students have been learning about position, using the terminology of right, left, on top, underneath, beside and what they mean.

In writing, the students are becoming more confident in using the butterfly chart to write sentences using the known sight words and their knowledge of letter sounds to try and spell unknown words.

Reports go home this week, if you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact me via Class Dojo or call the office to make an appointment to see me.

Kind Regards,
Miss Druce

1/2
Here we are at Week 10! Term 2 has been very busy with plenty going on. The children put an amazing effort into their speeches. I was very proud to see all of the children write their speech and then present it to the class.
Congratulations to 1/2 for your speeches and all of your hard work you have been doing during Term 2. I am looking forward to Term 3 to help you continue to grow.

Reports will go out this week. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me with any concerns.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a very safe and happy holiday. If you find the time, can you please encourage your beautiful
children to keep reading? They have been doing so well in class.

Take care,
Lisa McGowan

2/3
Well done to the 2/3 students on a fantastic term! I am so proud of all of the students efforts this semester. The students have done a fantastic job during geography and are now looking forward to focusing on history. Next term we will be focusing on imaginative writing, concentrating on the seven steps writing program. I hope the students are looking forward to a relaxing (and safe) break! They’re definitely looking a little weary compared to Week 1. I look forward to seeing their refreshed faces on Tuesday 23rd July!

DEAR PARENTS
TAG YOU’RE IT!
LOVE, TEACHERS

Sincerely,
Miss Blair

3/4
Where has Term 2 gone?

Literacy has been split between spelling, grammar, punctuation, reading and writing. Students have been learning about dialogue in particular speech marks. They enjoyed creating a comic strip of Mr and Mrs Twit using pictures, speech bubbles and speech marks. We will be wrapping up information reports with students sharing their published work to create a class information book on animals. It was pleasing to see many children borrowing books from the Library in the past week for students to then read during D.E.A.R time.

In Mathematics, we have revised multiplication facts including 4 and 8. The main focus has been on addition and subtraction involving money. Students have enjoyed adding and subtracting amounts of money and then rounding these amounts to the nearest 5 cents and one dollar. It was great to see the students so engaged, focused and motivated during mathematics this past fortnight.

In Geography, we investigated and researched Indonesia to find out information and compared it to Australia. This week we will look into the country of India and compare it to Australia. We will also be creating some artworks for NAIDOC Week celebrations.

Last Friday 28th June, the whole school got together in the hall to watch the other classes dance and practise the finale for the upcoming performance. It was fantastic to see such enthusiasm when dancing and support for our peers as they showcased their dance to us. Likewise students attended the debate held in the hall between Dungog Public School and Karuah Public School. It was great to see such a lively debate between the two schools and congratulations to both.

This Friday is our whole school colour run. I cannot wait to see all students running around, having fun and throwing colour on each other. Remember to wear light coloured clothes and return your notes ASAP.

For those families who are heading away during the holidays I wish you safe and happy travels. I am looking forward to seeing all students come Term 3 and hope they all have a fun and relaxing holiday.

Thank you for a great Term 2!
Mr Freeburn
4/5/6

Week 10 already, 4/5/6 have had a successful Term 2.

In English, we have been finalising our unit on informative texts. The students have covered many text types such as, newspaper articles, information reports and factual recounts. We will be moving onto imaginative texts next term.

In maths, students have been enjoying the ninja activities. They enjoy doing the hands on activities each day and being aware of what they need to do to achieve the next ninja belt. This week we have been revising area. Students have been using their grid books to accurately draw and measure shapes.

This week is our class party. The whole class is very excited to celebrate what they have achieved so far this year especially the dioramas they have created in geography. The dioramas have been a popular part of our geography unit. They will be sent home this Thursday.

Have a safe and relaxing break
Kind Regards,
Miss Murray

5/6

Term 2 is already coming to an end. This term has absolutely flown by. I hope everyone has a safe and well-earned rest. It is important students continue to read daily to maintain any growth we have made over the first semester.

Public Speaking
Congratulations to Jorja Lamb who has made it through to the Zone round of the Public Speaking competition. Good luck Jorja!

Art
This week the 5/6 students will be making ‘mini glitter globes’ out of recycled glass jars. We have been conducting research on improving recycling at Karuah Public School. This will be an ongoing focus for the rest of the year. Last week we brainstormed ways we can minimise waste, promote recycling and encourage students to be more aware of the impact waste is having on our planet.

Goodbye Miss Croker!
This is the final week for the fantastic Miss Croker. Miss Croker is on a 4 week teaching practicum from Newcastle University. She has fitted in very well in the 5/6 classroom, it will be sad to see her go. Best of luck in your teaching career!

Science Road Show
Last Wednesday Mrs Benwell from Hunter River High School visited 5/6 to conduct a science lesson. It was a great experience for everyone involved. Students witnessed the power of static electricity, made ‘Elephant tooth paste’ and learnt about tea bag bottles, as well as setting them off! Thank you Mrs Benwell.

Children’s University Open day.
Children’s University open day is being held today, Tuesday 2nd July. Students will attend the University of Newcastle with parents to experience university life. There will be activities and stalls to visit. I hope everyone has a great time.

That’s all for this fortnight!

Kind regards,
Mr Lawless
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 has now finished. We will still be collecting the stickers until Thursday. 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.

The final tally count will be in the next newsletter ☺

HOMEWORK CENTRE

The homework centre students are to be commended on their dedication to attending every week and working hard to complete their homework every Tuesday afternoon.

Thank you to Mrs Young for the wonderful work and effort she puts in every week to assist these students.

This free service will continue next term; however, new notes will go home for everyone to fill in and return early in Term 3.

Kind regards,
Miss Duce.

AFTERNOON SPORTS

We have had a fantastic first term of running afternoon sport. We had so many students wanting to participate that we ran two afternoon sessions of soccer. Thank you to Miss Blair and Miss Waterhouse who coached and taught the students the fundamentals of soccer.

In Term 3 we will be running afternoon sport and teaching the fundamentals and skills of netball. A note will go home early in Term 3 to fill out if your child/ren are interested. It will be the same as last term, the first notes in will be the first students in the group. At this stage we are just running Monday afternoons, however if numbers are large enough, there is the possibility that it will be Tuesday afternoons as well.

Kind regards,
Miss Duce
P&C NEWS

Next Meeting
Wednesday 7/08/2019
9am School Hall

IMPORTANT DATES JULY
- Colour Run is this Friday at 1.45pm
  we need lots of volunteers, around 25
  to assist with putting the colour on students
  as they run the course. Any help would
  be appreciated.

JACKETS ARE ON STILL ON SALE FOR $30 LIMITED STOCK.
Uniform shop is open this Thursday 8.45 to 9.15. There
are also order forms available at the office to fill in &
hand back or alternatively to purchase items please
come to the Canteen on Friday and we can help you
then.

STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE ........

GOALS AND ACHIEVEMENTS
Our next step in creating the wooden totem for the school is to
choose some wood to be carved. This will be happening in the
next few weeks. The design for the totem was also shared with
staff for them to be able to learn about the story the totem will
tell by its carvings of the animals that connect to the Worimi
tribe.

Only 2 days till the Colour Run. The event will
start at 1.45pm at the school oval. Last chance
to fundraise so jump online to
www.myprofilepage.com.au& share the profile
page using the share buttons. Don’t forget to
dress your child in a white shirt these are
available at Best & Less for $3 & older pants &
shoes you don’t mind them getting colour on,
They will also need a change of clothes and a
bag to put the clothes in from the Colour Run.
The colour used is biodegradable and non
Toxic. HOW TO ORDER PRIZES: complete the
back page of the sponsorship form & return to
school on this Friday or log into your child’s profile
page, you have until the 11th of July to order.
Junior Taggers
SCHOOL HOLIDAY CLINIC
PORT STEPHENS / NELSON BAY

Tuesday July 16th
Salamander Sports Complex
Salamander Bay, 2317
9:30am – 1:00pm
Ages 5-14 Boys & Girls

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Take A Closer Look At The Wetlands

Guided Canoe Tours for Families - Monday 8th & 15th July
10.30 am - 12.30 pm $20 per person Bookings essential phone 4951 6466
View the Wetlands from the water as you paddle to the Rainforest Shelter. Two &
3 seater canoes available. Children must be 4 years & accompanied by an adult.
Wear enclosed shoes. Bring a hat, water bottle & snack.

Buggy Tours for Families - Tuesday 9th & 16th, Thursday 11th & 18th July
9.30 am - 12 noon $5 per person (plus $5 Wetlands entry). Book at Reception on the day.
Take a closer look at the Wetlands on a 30 minute guided buggy tour.

Behind the Scenes Tour (for 8-12 year olds) - Wednesday 10th July
10 am - 12 noon $20 per person. Booking essential. Book online www.wetlands.org.au
Help out & learn what happens behind the scenes at the Wetlands - prepare the food for the
ducks & reptiles, clean enclosures, prepare seedlings & pull out weeds.
Wear enclosed shoes, work clothes & a hat. Bring a water bottle & snack.

Waterbird Drawing with Alison Ellis (8-12 year olds) - Thursday 11th July
9.30 am - 11 am $15 per person. Bookings essential, online www.wetlands.org.au
Observe birds looking at feet, bills and body shape. Learn how small details can
bring your picture to life.

Bird Watching with Hunter Bird Observers Club - Mon 8th, Thurs 11th, Tues 16th & Thurs 18th (Free)

Every Day
- Explore the Wetlands – Pick up a Scavenger Hunt List & go exploring.
- Discover what's on the pond – watch the birds being fed (10.30am daily).
- Ride around the Wetlands – bring your bike & ride to the Rainforest Shelter.
- Climb the Egret Tower.
- Check out the Discovery Playground.
- Take a closer look at the reptiles in the tanks at the Visitor Centre.

Bring the family to the Hunter Wetlands Centre
Open 9 am to 4 pm
Entry: $5 Per person, Children 3-5 yrs $2 & Children under 3 free.
More details at: www.wetlands.org.au
Gift Shop: Ice-creams, drinks and affordable gifts for children & adults.
Wetlands Cafe: Open 9.30 am to 2.30 pm daily
Closed in shoes, hat, sunscreen and insect repellent recommended.