



Karuah Public School

NEWSLETTER

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Respect, Responsibility, Pride

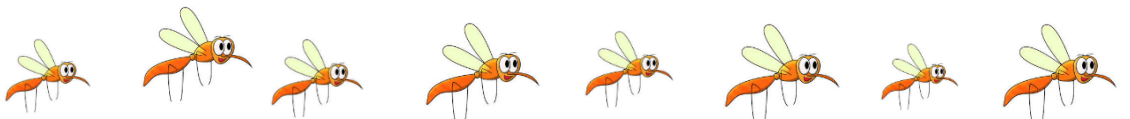
Term 1 Week 5, 28th February 2020

Principal's Report



On Sunday our wonderful hard-working P&C held a Bunnings BBQ and raised \$890 for our school!!! On behalf of our Karuah Public School Community, I would like to say a huge thank you to all who volunteered on the day – we truly appreciate everything you do to assist the students of our school. A shout-out goes to April, Pete, Rachel, Kyle, Lea, Kelly, Xavier, Jen & Jasmine for giving up your time at short notice to volunteer on the day. A warm thank you also goes out to everyone who came and supported Karuah Public School.

MoSquiToS!!!



Unfortunately, our friendly neighbours have invaded our playground (and beyond!) and are proving a nuisance to students during lunchtime and recess. Parents encouraged to apply insect repellent to your child/ren before coming to school and students are permitted to bring mosquito repellent to school – though it must be **for personal use only**. These items **CANNOT** be shared. Roll on products or creams are preferred as **no aerosol cans or liquids are allowed**.

Attendance Policy:

Karuah Public School staff **must abide by the DoE Attendance Policy** and encouraging regular attendance is our **core school responsibility**. When your child is absent, by law, an explanation is required to be given to the classroom teacher or school office. The policy states that *when the absenteeism is high or frequent, the school is required to refer the matter to the Home School Liaison Office*. 85% attendance is considered satisfactory for meeting law requirements. **85% attendance or lower is considered unsatisfactory and required by law to be acted upon.**

SASS staff, class teachers, executive staff and the school Principal are responsible for ensuring that attendance records are maintained in an approved format and are an accurate record of the attendance of students. The Principal is also responsible for ensuring that when frequent absences (both explained absences due to illness or absences left unexplained) fall below the recommended 85% attendance requirement, the procedure for monitoring improvements in attendance and informing parents is engaged. At Karuah Public School, the *Attendance Policy* and our attendance data is reviewed in Weeks 5 and 10 and follows the following procedures:

1. Courtesy letters are sent home to inform of the 85% or less attendance rating.
2. If needed, consultation occurs with parents regarding the health care needs of the student. Where there are ongoing concerns, medical certificates are required or approval from parents to contact the student's doctor so the school has all relevant information regarding the student's health care needs.
3. Strategies are developed between home and school to ensure regular attendance at school.
4. If no improvement is recorded, a **First Letter of Attendance Concern** is generated in the following data collection period (Weeks 5 and 10 each term).
5. If the attendance percentage is still below 85% with no recorded improvement, a **Second Letter of Attendance Concern** is generated in the following data collection period.
6. Referral to Home School Liaison Officer is submitted in the following data collection period when the percentage remains below 85%.

Courtesy notes will be sent home next week to all students currently below 85%. The courtesy letter is designed as an awareness letter and no other action is required if improvement is made. All letters are automatically generated by the school Sentral computer software and reflect roll records only.

Why is attendance at school of paramount importance?

Regular attendance and engagement in school is strongly linked to the likelihood of students experiencing success in learning. Students who have poor patterns of attendance are at risk of not achieving their potential and are disadvantaged in the quality of choices they are able to make in later life.

Parents of children from Kindergarten to Year 12 must ensure their children attend school every day. On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- Being sick or having an infectious disease
- Having an unavoidable medical appointment
- Being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- Exceptional or urgent family circumstances e.g attending a funeral



Explanations for absences should be received by the school within 7 days from the first day of any period of absence. Where an explanation has not been received within the 7-day timeframe, the school will record the absence as unjustified on the student's record.

Students who attend school regularly have greater opportunities to develop social-emotional skills and positive relationships. Friendships, meaningful connections with teachers and ongoing engagement in school activities help foster a sense of belonging that attracts continued attendance. In other words, attending today makes it easier for a student to attend tomorrow, next month and next year.

Regular attendance promotes positive cycles of engagement that reinforce and accelerate learning and continuity of learning, friendships, wellbeing and belonging.

Even relatively few absences on a regular basis add up over time. A student who is absent from school one day a fortnight - or four weeks per year - misses out on more than one year of education over the course of their schooling.

TERM 2 SPORT:

Commencing in Term 2 will be a change to our weekly sports program with Friday afternoons being allocated as WEEKLY FRIDAY SPORT PROGRAM. Children 3-6 will be provided with a selection of sporting options and participate in sports choices that utilise some of the sporting facilities situated in and around our local community. Whilst some sporting choices may require a small fee to pay for facilities, there will also be free options provided to alleviate financial stress and ensure all children can participate. Kindergarten – Year 2 children will also engage in sporting activities in this time, however will remain at school to participate in school based physical skills activities. **Participation WILL BE COMPULSORY.** School Policies state that students in Years K-10 must participate in a minimum of 150 minutes of planned, moderate activity with some vigorous physical activity across the school week. This time includes planned weekly sport. Further information will be sent home at the end of this term – WATCH THIS SPACE!!

Parent/Teacher Interviews

Parent/teacher interviews notes went home for all classes two weeks ago. The interviews will take place in Week 6. These interviews provide an opportunity to learn about your child's progress and gain important information about their education this year. The interview process is designed to collaborate and work as a team to reflect on your child's learning and identify any goals for this year. We will be discussing how they have settled in, their strengths, areas for development and review work samples. Please have a think in advance about any questions you have, or any information you'd like to share with us that may assist with learning or school in general. If you have not made an appointment, please contact your child's teacher ASAP.

Hunter River High School – Leaders Morning Tea

Our incredible school leaders most certainly did us proud on Monday 24th February at Hunter River High School for the 2020 School Leaders Morning Tea. Our students were addressed by special guest speaker Dr Kelvin Kong, Australia's first Aboriginal surgeon. Dr Kong grew up in Port Stephens and delivered his message to inspire us to believe in ourselves and to 'be who you want to be'. ♥

Hunter River High School – Leaders Morning Tea Cont..d



P&C Fundraising Event: Firey's Bush Fire Appeal and Out of Uniform Day

P&C held their fundraising event in our school today to say **ThAnK YoU!** to our firefighters and emergency services personnel. It was a gold coin donation day with \$143 being raised! A very warm and heartfelt thanks goes out to our school community for your support.



Student Awards:

CLASS	KINDER	YEAR 1	YEAR 2	YEAR 3/4	YEAR 4/5	YEAR 5/6
NAME	Imogen Jahkari	Grace Alirah		Cameron W Bella	Rachel Ava	Eva M Alexis

AWARDS	BRONZE	SILVER	GOLD	MEDALLION	PRINCIPAL	PBL
NAME	Cooper K Chace James x 2 Bridie Xavier Lachlan W Mariah Avah Mia C	Elijah			Eva M Thomas William Isaac	Summer

Week 6	WEEKLY CALENDAR OF EVENTS
RCH	
Monday 2 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews - Year 1
Monday 2 nd	Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 4/5
Monday 2 nd	Weekly Assembly @ 2:30pm in the School Hall
Monday 2 nd	Homework Centre ~ 3pm – 4pm
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Teacher Interviews - Kindergarten
Tuesday 3 rd	Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 5/6
Tuesday 3 rd	K- 2 ~ Ship of Fools Show ~ Kindly supported by Hunter Water
Tuesday 3 rd	Afternoon Sports ~ 3pm – 4pm
Thursday 5 th	Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 2
Thursday 5 th	Parent Teacher Interviews – Year 3/4
Thursday 5 th	Tae Kwon Do ~ Family members are welcome to come along and watch the students participate in this activity

YEAR 2 News

Year 2 have had a fantastic few weeks settling into their new classroom environment. It has been so wonderful getting to know them all and chatting to them about their interests and goals for the year.



Over the past few weeks we have been working hard to develop interesting characters in our narrative writing. Year 2 have done an amazing job providing feedback to each other about how to make their writing the best it can be. Our next step is to work on publishing our wonderful writing on the school laptops.



Year 2 have had a lot of fun exploring place value and three-digit numbers using manipulatives such as blocks, playdough and paddle pop sticks. It has been wonderful to see their excitement, enthusiasm and willingness to support each other during our fast-paced number warm-ups each day.



We have also been learning all about nutrition and what it means to eat a healthy, balanced diet. Year 2 planned a balanced meal and gathered natural elements from the playground to create their own bush salad. They used leaves for vegetables, flower petals for protein, flower buds for fruit, sand and sticks for grains and rocks for dairy foods like cheese.

Their creations looked almost good enough to eat!



Mrs Dibley



Karuah Public School P&C News

Email - Karuahp_c@yahoo.com.au Facebook - Karuah P&C Association



Would you like to see the canteen open on Mondays along with Fridays?

Then we need you! We need more volunteers so we can provide a canteen service more than 1 day a week.

If you can help out in the canteen please contact the school office, message us on Facebook or emails us at Karuahp_h@yahoo.com.au.

Next P&C Meeting Wed 11/3 @ 1.30pm in the School Hall.

TRIVIA NIGHT

Karuah Public School P&C would like to invite you to our

Trivia night on Saturday 14th March 2020, 7pm at the

Karuah RSL Club

Tickets \$10 per adult and \$5 per child.

Maximum table of 8 people.

Lucky door prize & raffle prizes.



Thank you to the volunteers that helped out at our Bunnings BBQ on Sunday the 23/3. Also a big thank you to the families that came to Bunnings to support our amazing P&C. We were able to raise an amazing \$890

I would like to give a extra special thank you to Rachel Year 5, Xavier Yr 2 and Jasmine who is in Kindy for their help and the wonderful job they did representing the school. All 3 of these students demonstrated the school values Respect, Responsibility & Pride!



Easter egg Raffle Drawn on 8/04/2020

If you would like to donate to the raffle please leave at the school canteen on Fridays.



The P&C would like to thanks Big W Raymond Terrace for your kind donation towards our Trivia Night on Sat 14/03 @ 7pm



Canteen News

On Fridays the canteen is run by 2 volunteers who are catering lunch for anything up to 100 meal orders across lunch and recess. This is a big job to get done within a some small space of time.

In order to make it a little bit easier for our wonderful volunteers, the P&C asked that your child's lunch and recess orders are in the canteen by no later then 9am on Friday mornings. If your child's food order is received after this time, we won't be able to guarantee your child will get what they have ordered.

What also will help, is if you can already have brown paper bag filled in as below. (Please note you will save yourself 10 cent per bag if you provide your own paper bag.) Please ensure that the child name is clearly noted along with their class and whether the order is for lunch or recess.

Also note clearly what the child is ordering and the cost. Please try not to send in \$50 notes as the canteen has limited change in the morning.

Student Name	Class	Lunch or Recess
1 Chicken Burger		\$ 3.50
1 Choc Milk		\$ 1.50
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		\$ 5.00

2020 School Photos

School photos will be held on Wednesday 1st April, 2020. Photo packages were given to each student today. Photo envelopes are due back on photo day and are to be handed to the classroom teacher. Family package envelopes are available from the school office. If you did not receive a photo package, please come and ask at the office.



Karuah Public School 2020 School Photos

2020 School Photos can be ordered online.

To view packages and to place your order please visit
www.newcastleschoolportraits.com
and enter your code.

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Orders to be done before photo day to avoid late fee.
Payments can be made with any Mastercard or Visa cards.

School Packages

Qty Ordered	A Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$65	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in BW & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	Softcover Album 8x10" 30 page to store many years of photos
Qty Ordered	B Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$45	Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in BW & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	
Qty Ordered	C Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$38	1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets	Free low res Digital Image of individual.
Qty Ordered	D Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo.
	\$26	There are no individual photos in this package.	
Qty Ordered	E Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page.
	\$22	1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & low res digital image	
Qty Ordered	F Pack		Cover, Traditional Class Photo, Composite Class Photo, Principals Message & Autographs Page.
	\$65	Portraits included: Colour 1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets with an extra set in BW & a 8x12" Enlargement & Free low res Digital Image of individual.	
Qty Ordered	Photo Album		8x10" 30 Page Photo Album
	\$25	A great way to store your child's photos over the years. Photo Album is available for purchase without purchasing a photo pack. These albums contain no photos.	

Family Package are also available online but must be ordered by 9pm the night before Family photo day.

Family Packages

Qty Ordered

Family A Pack

\$25

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & Digital low res image of family

Qty Ordered

Family B Pack

\$35

1-(5x7") 2-(2.5x3.5") 4-Wallets & 8x12" Enlargement & Digital low res Image of Family

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