

Karonga Courier



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Principal's Message

A message from Mark

Hello parents and friends of Karonga. Welcome to the first official newsletter of 2018. The year is already shaping up to be an exciting one for Karonga with some fabulous learning well and truly under way.

Student Achievement

Congratulations to the entire Room 12 class; Christopher, Genesis, Jordan, Kuac, Mustafa and Oscar. Most are brand new to school and have been working hard with Liza and Rupak to settle into the routines and expectations of school life. It was great to see all the students moving between class and the playground or up to the bus lines really well. Oscar has been super helpful showing the new ones what to do. Keep up the good efforts Room 12.

Meet the teacher night

Parents are invited to meet with the teaching and some support staff on Wednesday 21st February. This is a fantastic opportunity to gain insight into the new class / new year and some of the things your child will experience in 2018.

The evening will start at 5.30pm in the school hall. Parents will be able to hear about therapy, creative arts, swimming, P&C, transition, integration and the exciting things teachers are learning to help our students learn. Following the brief meeting, parents will be invited to classrooms to meet the class teacher and find out about how the class will work in 2018. For students with a new room or new staff it's the perfect time to see what your child does every day, take a look at their room, talk to their staff, hear from and share with other parents. For students with the same teacher and same room this is a great opportunity to see and hear about new things for this year – don't miss it.

Ambulance Forms

Thank you to those parents who have returned the ambulance forms for updating. These forms are generated from the Department of Education database and it is important we review and update any incorrect information. If you have not yet returned the forms I encourage you to do so as soon as possible.

Karonga Fair: Save the date – Saturday 24th March: FREE ACTIVITIES FOR KARONGA STUDENTS AND SIBLINGS

Karonga Fair is our once a year opportunity to open the school to the wider community, to share who we are and enjoy a fun day. This year the fair committee would like to welcome Karonga students and their brothers and sisters by providing access to the petting zoo, jumping castle and pony rides absolutely **FREE**.



This year we are also opening the fair to a wider group of stall holders. If you have a business you can hire a stall space for \$60 or for food stalls you can do so for \$100. Community and not for profit organisations are welcome to hire a space for \$30. Please contact the school office for more details.
karonga-s.school@det.nsw.edu.au

The fair committee have decided to continue the fair in the main school – everything will be easy to access and see right in the front carpark and surrounding spaces.

Please share/like and generally spread the word on all social media about our fair. Donations will be needed for the 'White Elephant' stall, cakes and the gardening stall.

Calendar

February

Wednesday 21 st	Meet the Teacher 5:30pm-6:30pm
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March

Saturday 24 th	Karonga Fair 10am
Friday 30 th	Good Friday

Introducing Assistant Principal – Murray Graves



The year has started at a sprint and getting to know names of students, parents and staff has been the ultimate challenge.

I would like to introduce myself to the Karonga community, and share with you my excitement to once again be part of the Awesomeness that is Karonga School.

My name is Murray Graves, I accepted the appointment to Karonga as Assistant Principal on the last day of term 4, 2017. Some may know my first permanent teaching appointment was here at Karonga on 9th May 2001.

My connection with Karonga extends further back to 1999 when I began working in room 14 as a School learning support officer while completing my teacher training. I left Karonga at the end of 2009 after buying a house in Dubbo while on a holiday visit to my Wife's home town.

My time in Dubbo welcomed my son Connor (almost 7) and daughter Lucy (5) to our family. I continued my sporting passions playing first grade soccer, touch football and tennis.

My wife Ruth (a former Karonga teacher) works at Fowler Road School and my children attend Merrylands Public school.

I have experience teaching at Greystanes high school, as relieving head teacher at Dubbo college -Delroy campus (7-10 site) , Dubbo College- Senior Campus (stage 6 site) and returned to Sydney to Bridge Road school in Camperdown relieving as Assistant principal.

I am excited to be back at Karonga. So much has happened in the time I have been away. I would like to thank everyone for their support to make me feel welcomed to the Karonga family.

Kind Regards
Murray Graves

Room 13

From Susan and Sandiya

Hello from the Super Heroes of Room 13! As we said good bye and farewell to Reda last year, we warmly welcome Aria, a new addition to our class this year. Room 13 have otherwise remained the same - Alice, Geonwoo, Leron, Louisa, Sylvia and Timothy. They have quickly settled into the term.

Many hands make light work.... and what great helpers there are in Room 13. We painted a superhero flag together where the students chose their superhero symbol.



We have Leron, 'the lightning', who is quick and ready to learn. He is a 'wiz' at building legos, during Thursday afternoon cognitive play with Room 11.

Next we have Sylvia 'the heart', who has a passion in taking care of babies during imaginary play and dressing up.

Followed by Alice, 'the star' and Geonwoo 'the ring', they have been fantastic and responsible roll call bag monitors and messengers. Alice has been trying very hard to articulate her speech when doing the jobs, and great work in sorting colours in maths deskwork. Geonwoo enjoys joining in with the class, dancing around the room to the Bounce Back! song, showing good teamwork.

Next, Timothy, 'the moon' has displayed shining efforts in learning to spell words and using four to five word phrases when communicating his needs.

The ever lively Louisa, 'the flower', is 'blossoming' and 'blooming' when completing maths and English work tasks.

Finally, we have Aria 'the nimble thimble', happily greeting everyone in the class with a smile in the morning and offers a friendly hand shake or hi five. An enthusiastic and energetic dancer and singer all morning circle songs.

There are many upcoming events. Room 13 are waiting in anticipation to the exciting opportunity to go sailing next month. We are also getting ready to celebrate and dress into the Korean cultural costume for Harmony Day. We look forward to a busy, productive and great year ahead.



Above left: Louisa making a Valentine's day card.

Above right: Geonwoo and Aria designing and creating 'Bumchemc' characters.

Left: Sylvia and Alice in their chosen costumes during integrated imaginary play with Room 11.

Library

Reading is a wonderful shared experience that develops positive relationships between parents and children, encourages leisure time routines and can stimulate language development.



Two important ways to foster a love of reading is by borrowing books from the school library or purchasing books through the Scholastic Book club.

Borrowing Books

Borrowing books from the school library provides a wonderful opportunity to read with your child.

I would encourage all students and families to take advantage of the depth and diversity of our library collection - from picture books and chapter books to sensory books and board books, making the reading experience exciting and accessible for all our students.

Please send in a library bag with your child's name on it so that they are able to borrow. Books should be returned each week in order to borrow new ones.

Below is a list of library days for each class.

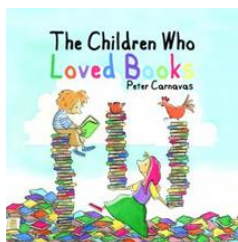
Day	Class
Monday	Rm 8 , Rm 11
Tuesday	Rm 2, Rm 5
Wednesday	Rm 4, Rm 12, Rm 14
Thursday	Rm 1, Rm 13
Friday	Rm 3, Rm 6, Rm 7

Scholastic Book Club

Twice a Term you will receive a Scholastic Book Club brochure.

Each brochure has a selection of books for different ages and abilities that may be suitable for your child, for other siblings or for relatives. This is a wonderful opportunity for parents to foster a love of books through students reading, or being read to.

If you have any questions regarding the library, please contact me at school.



"You may have tangible wealth untold; caskets of jewels and coffers of gold.

Richer than I you can never be- I had a parent who read to me."

Happy reading!

Janelle Simpson-Goodwin

Assistant Principal / Teacher Librarian



New Student - Jordan

Jordan is one of the new kindergarten starters this year.

Jordan easily settled in at Karonga School and can be seen loving the play equipment during play lunch.

In the classroom, Jordan has demonstrated an interest in doing a variety of tasks and is compliant when asked to sit and get involved in desk work activities. He is very motivated to doing activities that are sensory-based. He is a very observant boy and has good problem solving skills.

Room 12 Teacher – Liza

Coles – Sports for Schools Program



We are excited to announce that our school has registered to take part in the Coles Sports for Schools Program 2018. This will give us the opportunity to earn sports gear for the school. During the Sports for Schools program, families will be able to collect Sports for Schools vouchers for our school from Coles stores. When the program ends, our school can exchange the vouchers towards sporting equipment to encourage all kids to get healthy and active at school.

Therefore, if you shop at Coles, you will receive a voucher for every \$10 spent. You can then place the voucher in the collection box that will be in reception/ send it in your child's communication book.

Back to School Disability Support Hireup

Hireup is the online platform for people with disability or their families to find, hire and manage support workers who fit their needs and share their interests.

Find support workers for before school, after school, sporting activities, help with homework and more!

For more details visit www.hireup.com.au

NSW Government - \$100 Active Kids Program

Parents and carers of school-aged children enrolled in an approved sport or fitness activity can receive a \$100 voucher to cover registration and participation costs for that calendar year.

Parents/carers are able to apply for and download their vouchers from the Service NSW website.

Each child is eligible to receive one voucher per year for the next four years.

For further information visit www.nsw.gov.au

**After School Care / Vacation Care at Karonga School
Provided by Riverlink**

After School and Vacation care is for children and young people with a disability who attend school.

Riverlink is a not-for-profit organisation and NDIS service provider. It provides services designed to meet the needs of each participant and is committed to supporting participants to achieve outcomes.

It offers:

- A supportive and safe environment for participants to socially interact, make own choices and learn new life skills
- Participants take part in a number of different activities that are fun and supervised by trained staff
- Nutritious snacks for afternoon tea included in After School Care
- After School Care – Monday to Friday 3pm-6pm
- Vacation Care – Monday to Friday 9am-6pm

The following activities are available to participants:

- Ball games
- Art and craft
- Variety of toys
- Dress ups
- Board games
- Dancing

Please email your expression of interest to info@riverlink.org.au

An expression of interest form is available from the school office.

Service will be charged at the NDIS rate

Out of pocket costs (exclusive of NDIS charges) for:
After School Care is \$15 per day and for Vacation Care is \$20 per day.

For further information please contact:
Goodness – 9638 0999 or 0437 599 518