

Karonga Courier



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School

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Principal's Message

A message from Mark

Hello parents and friends of Karonga. Welcome to our Term 2 Week 3 newsletter.

Student Achievement

Welcome to some new students – Talia, Jake, Jayden and Anaya. They are all settling in well and enjoying the opportunities available at Karonga.

Thank you to Cassandra for your leadership at the Anzac Day ceremony in Beecroft during the holidays. You represented the school brilliantly.

Well done to all students in Room 1 and 8 who have managed a change of classroom this week. Big thanks to the staff who helped out with the move – much better spaces for both sets of students!

Thank you to Massa for fixing my blue Lego! I love your creativity.

Staff Development and Professional Learning

On Wednesday evening teachers and SLSOs were trained in the first part of Phase 1 Key Word Sign led by Ruth. Developing a whole school approach to the support of communication forms a significant part of the school plan and also allows staff to develop greater skill in providing for the communication needs of all students. We are all very excited to be able to solidify our current understanding and skills that have been developed over the past few years through regular updates from Sam and Emma and the opportunity to complete this important registered training.

Key Word Sign workshops are offered to parents in Term 1 of every year. If you'd like to find out more please call and speak with Ruth.

P&C Meeting

The next general meeting for the P&C will be held on *Monday 21st May 7.30pm*. We are seeking a number of parents to nominate for occasional school daytime meetings to act as representatives for all parents.

If you are potentially available during the day can you please let the school office know.

Swimming

We love using the pool and this winter will be the most comfortable ever with the changeroom heating panels working beautifully.

I'd like to remind parents and carers that for all students who have continence issues it is a requirement that the student wears swim nappies or appropriate swim pants. This keeps our pool safe for all users. If you have any questions about this, please do not hesitate to call the school.

Swim school for Karonga students will operate from the 28th May to the 8th of June. This will impact some of our regular swimming programs.

Senior Information Night Years 7-12

Tuesday 22nd May 5.30pm – 6.30pm we will host our annual senior information evening. This evening is designed for parents of students in Years 7-12. We will have opportunity to hear from Transition Education Coordinator Suzanne Lawrence and also from a parent guest speaker about their journey post-school. Riverlink and Minimbah will share about options post-school. School staff will also explain the various different programs in place to support our year 7-12 students.

Calendar

May

Monday 21 st	P&C Meeting 7:30pm
Tuesday 22 nd	Senior Information Evening 5:30pm

June

Monday 11 th	Public Holiday – Queen's B'day
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July

Wednesday 4 th	End of Term Assembly
Friday 6 th	Last Day of Term 2

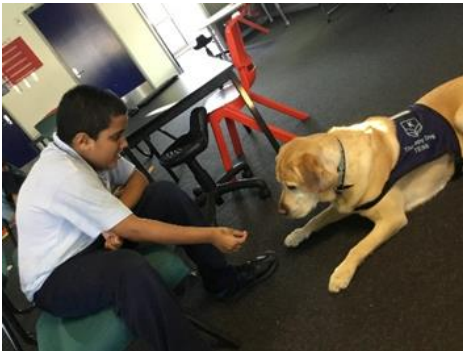
Room 7

From Pragati and Kamaldeep

Room 7 students have started Term 2 on a high note and are working hard towards achieving their Semester 1 goals. This term Sidney joined our room and has settled into the class routine very quickly.

We have continued our focus on 'The Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL) Framework' and its three mission statements of being Kind, Safe and a Good Learner.

We also commenced Pet Therapy with Tess, our school guide and witnessed some exceptional interactions between the students and Tess. Rajveer was particularly curious and gentle in his interactions.



Left: Rajveer being very kind with Tess.



Right: Tomochiko during swimming lessons.

During structured class activities, students have been learning about interpersonal relationships, by sharing the same learning space, and following visual supports to take turns and complete a task.

We have also been encouraging our students to connect with nature and environment as this can provide motivation to learn and care for the space.

Students have been regularly using the school oval for daily walks, attending modelled breathing practices and exploring the sense of touch, smell and sight during the gardening sessions where they can feel and smell different herbs and flowers from our school nursery.

Hydrotherapy, Music Therapy, regular visits to the sensory room and Library sessions are some of the other activities that have been keeping us very busy.



Above left: Ria engaged in an art activity.

Above right: Sidney engaged in a class activity.

Room 4

From Debbie and Vidhya

Room 4 has been enjoying sensory stories, hydrotherapy, cooking, gardening, music and many other activities.

Jayden has been impressing everyone, especially Dianne (our hydro therapist), with his independent turning and sitting on the pool step. He has been a lot calmer in the hall; listening and responding very well to a reassuring voice. Jayden has also shown improvement in his walking sling with independent stepping and some turning.

Dakotah has responded well during communication work, by supplying appropriate comments and finishing our sentences on occasions.

Isa has been making a huge effort with his walking, improving in his balance and turning.

Zena is looking and listening well during stories and is a cooperative and calm class member.

Room 4 students are looking forward to our community access to Carlingford Court to purchase our cooking needs.

We look forward to welcoming Alkira and Nada back and wish them a speedy recovery.



Library

From Janelle Simpson-Goodwin
Assistant Principal / Teacher Librarian

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

A great way to foster a love of reading is by borrowing books from the school library and reading together as a family. May is National Family Reading Month, a huge celebration of reading!!



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.

There have been changes to student groups and classrooms this Term, so below is a guide to when your child needs to bring their library bag to school.

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

New Student – Talia

Karonga School and Room 8 warmly welcome Talia.

Talia is a happy, confident and involved learner. She displays a keen interest in books and has enjoyed the start of her hydrotherapy program.



We look forward to supporting her and watching her grow and develop in her learning journey with all of us at Karonga.

Anzac Day Assembly 2018

From Janelle Simpson-Goodwin
Assistant Principal / Teacher Librarian

On Tuesday 8th May, with the Australian flag at half-mast, the Senior School attended an Anzac Day Assembly in the School Hall.



This semester, in their history lessons, the senior students have been learning about the Gallipoli Campaign and the origins and importance of Anzac Day. The students have discovered the symbols and traditions associated with Anzac Day and what they mean. Using their knowledge during class discussions, the students decided what should be included in our school Anzac Day Assembly and made poppy wreaths in preparation.

Our special guest was Bob Whitson who plays the bagpipes with the Castle Hill RSL Pipe Band. He played two traditional pieces during the assembly.



Several students took part in the Assembly including our School Captains Adrian and Cassandra, Vice Captains Jacob and Joshua, and senior student Kimberley. Congratulations to all these students who were excellent in performing their responsibilities.

After the Assembly our Principal Mark and our school leaders were piped out of the hall down to the flag poles at the front of the school where they laid the poppy wreaths.



Thank you to students in Rooms 2,4 and 14 for making Anzac biscuits for all to share.

A special thank you to Debbie who supplied a magnificent floral arrangement and to Jennifer our horticulturalist who has nurtured our pine trees which have been seeded from the pine tree at Gallipoli, the namesake of Lone Pine ridge. The students are familiar with the story of Lone Pine and we were able to feature one of the commemorative pine trees this year.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour for Learning

For being:

Kind	Jordan (Rm 12) Ria (Rm 5)
Safe	Titan (Rm 6)
A Good Learner	Gianni (Rm 1) Harry (Rm 7) Aria (Rm 13)

Circus Quirkus Presented by Ryde Rotary Club

Once again, Ryde Rotary Club are hosting their annual Circus Quirkus show. It is an entertaining mix of Circus acts brought to you from all over the world: clowns, jugglers and acrobats deliver funny and engaging acts.

Circus Quirkus does not use animals in its performances.

The show is suitable for audiences of all ages and the venue accommodates wheelchairs. The duration is approximately 90 minutes, including an interval.

Details are:

Venue: Blacktown Workers Club (55 Campbell Street)

Dates: Sunday 15th July – 11am and 2pm

Sunday 26th August – 11am and 1:30pm

Tickets are on a first come, first served basis. Every effort will be made to secure tickets however this cannot be guaranteed. Every person attending requires a ticket.

If you would like to apply for tickets please complete the form below and return it to the school office no later than Friday 25th May.

Further details are available at the Circus Quirkus website:

www.circusquirkus.com.au

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Circus Quirkus

If available, I would like to apply for tickets to the session indicated.

Date and Time	Number of Tickets
Sunday 15 th July – 11am	
Sunday 15 th July – 2pm	
Sunday 26 th August – 11am	
Sunday 26 th August – 1:30pm	

Student Name (please print)

Class

Date