



Principal's Message

A message from Mark

Hello parents and friends of Karonga. Welcome to our Term 3 Week 9 newsletter. It's been a fabulous term that is quickly coming to an end. Term 3 is always a good one, we've had numerous opportunities to share with the community about the learning our students. I am particularly pleased with the works done by the older students working with the TAFE teachers to complete a face lift for the chooks. It's awesome to see your handiwork. Students have continued to get out and about with weekly excursions to various opportunities including the YMCA gym, Carlingford Court, David Morgan Enterprises, representative athletics carnivals and much more. Looking forward to more great things in Term 4.

Karonga Concert 2018

Wednesday 12th September was a fabulous event. Our thanks to Mel, Jann and the team for the huge amount of behind the scenes planning and preparation required to put on such a show. Once again the show was a demonstration of what the kids can do, what is just right for them to perform. Jann and the teachers were very careful in their selection of songs and performance mode. I noted Room 6's joy at dancing with the bubbles, Room 2's singing of the Bounce Back song which won the staff choice award. Lovely to see how Dakotah engaged by glittering the stage.

Tell Them From Me Survey

<https://nsw.tellthemfromme.com/xw36m>

The Tell Them From Me Parent Survey is anonymous, voluntary, and easy-to-use. It is based on a comprehensive questionnaire covering parents' perceptions of their child's experiences at home and at school.

Insights into parent and staff communication, activities and practices at home, and parent voice on the school's support of learning and behaviour all build an accurate and timely picture that schools can use for practical improvements.

Staff Professional Learning - Karonga In The Zone

Murray, Karen, Sabrina have led a number of afternoon sessions on the use of the sensory profiling tools in the KITZ package. Staff are now using these tools to assess their students and use the information to drive changes to classroom programs and management strategies.




Our Newsletter is Going Digital

We've been increasingly excited to share the great work that is being done in classes at Karonga in meeting the needs of each of our students. We love celebrating the learning gains that our kids are making every day. This success is important to share and we're continually examining ways that we can do this efficiently and effectively. In this age so many of our parents

and community members are connecting with us through Facebook, Twitter and the Karonga Skoolbag app so we have decided to shift focus to our digital platforms to ensure that our parents and the community can see more of what we do. The paper based newsletter has a number of limitations that we are keen to move beyond and we are hopeful that moving to digital platforms will enable us to include more content.

As of Term 4 we will publish all newsletters through the app and on our website for everyone to view. We will continue to publish a newsletter each fortnight and look forward to sharing more of the great teaching and inspired learning from Karonga.



  	Celebrating Positive Behaviour for Learning Congratulations to:
	Jackson, Omar & Sharon for being Kind
	Room 1 for being Safe
	Zena, Chris S., Kugan and Room 6 for being Good Learners

Calendar

September

Wednesday 26 th	End of Term Assembly 9:30am
Friday 28 th	Last day of Term 3

October

Monday 15 th	Students return for Term 4
Friday 19 th	P&C Morning Tea
Thursday 25 th	Year 12 Graduation Dinner

Performing Arts Concert

From Melanie Currey, Relieving Assistant Principal

Last Wednesday 12th September, our entire school presented a Performing Arts Concert for Karonga's families and friends. The students did an amazing job dancing, singing, playing instruments, Key Word signing, and just generally performing for a very adoring crowd.



Above left: Julian is "happy" while playing the tambourine and dancing in the bubbles.

Above right: Sophia was very proud of her time on stage.

The aim of the concert was to be a "fancy assembly" run entirely by the students. Through our great new CommBox (interactive touchscreen), the students introduced each concert item, either by speaking, Key Word Signing, or pressing BIGmack Communicators. We were also able to showcase our students that were unable to be at the concert through video format.



Above: Vanes introduces some concert items through a video on our CommBox.

This Term, each class has worked solidly on their own very individual and unique concert items; the students and staff chose their items and decided what performing arts skills would be demonstrated by each student. There was a huge range of skills on display, with some students exhibiting multiple hidden talents!



Above: Room 5 rocked out on stage.



Right: Even Batman (Timothy) popped in for a quick song!

Some of the huge range of unique performances we had included construction workers singing and playing to Miley Cyrus, superheroes saving the day (including one very tall surprise superhero!), Disney princesses crooning to Prince, sweet young gentlemen showing a traditional Torres Strait Islander song, and some very small insects bopping to The Beatles.

A few special thanks must go to:

- **Kerry Mullins** at **Sei Pak** for creating our wonderful cardboard sets and props,
- **Kate** at **KLD Performing Arts** for lending us some beautiful costumes,
- **Andrew Taylor** at **AVT Technology Products and Services** for his assistance with set and technological set up,
- **Benjamin Currey** for photography,
- **Lowenna** for videography, and
- of course, our wonderful **Jann**, our music therapist.

Congratulations to all our students, and staff, for a fantastic Performing Arts Concert. You should all be so proud!

TAFE Horticulture Program

From Janelle Simpson-Goodwin, Assistant Principal

In an exciting initiative with Meadowbank TAFE, Karonga School has again secured funding to provide an authentic work experience opportunity for our senior students. This is a unique opportunity for our students to take part in a TAFE Horticulture taster course delivered by TAFE staff in a school setting.

Each Thursday senior school students work with two TAFE Horticulture teachers and our staff.



Above left: Chris pulling the old passionfruit vine off the fence.
Above right: Sara sweeping the pathway at the end of the session.



Right: Joseph raking the soil.
Below: John shovelling mulch.



Our project this Term is to redesign and rebuild the chicken run and fruit forest garden outside the Music Therapy room. An important part of the design is the deco-granite pathway, which will make the garden accessible for all our students and allow everyone the opportunity to feed the chickens, collect the eggs and harvest the fruit in the fruit forest.

The classes with students in years 9, 10, 11 and 12 are involved and this program is an important component of their Work and the Community Life Skills program. The focus is on developing landscape design skills, gardening skills, social skills, teamwork and the safe use of gardening and construction related tools.

Progress of the Project



Karonga P&C Bits and Pieces

The P&C had a very productive week 9 meeting. Thank you to the parents and community members that were able to attend. A highlight of the meeting was agreement from P&C to continue sponsorship of the Year 12 graduates at the upcoming graduation dinner and confirmed support of providing Year 12 jerseys and special shirts for the Year 6 students for 2019.

If you have any queries about the great work being done through our P&C please call Muriel on 0425 202 938 or via email at karonapc@gmail.com



End of Term Assembly

Save the date!

Family and friends are welcome to attend our Term 3 assembly. Details are:

Date: Wednesday 26th September, 2018
Time: 9:30am start
Venue: Hall



CARING FOR THE CARER

A 1-day workshop focusing on your health & wellbeing

Living with and caring for someone who has a serious illness, chronic pain, mental health diagnosis or a psychological disorder can be distressing.

Ultimately, carers need to care for themselves so they can care for others. This one-day workshop, facilitated by **Petrea King**, will focus on self-care and the 3 keys to leading a more resilient life:

1. **Acceptance** - learning to accept what has happened to us which allows us to become an active participant in meeting the challenge.
2. **Response** - moving beyond reacting out of despair to embracing the challenge before us.
3. **Forgiveness** - the inner process by which we liberate ourselves from the consequences of feeling wounded in the past.

You will leave this workshop with:

- the ability to manage the full range of emotions associated with being a carer
- tools for self-care
- the ability to maintain hope, humour and optimism

To book your ticket call
1300-941-488 or visit
questforlife.com.au/1-day-programs

In partnership with the Carer Support Service NSLHD



Health
Northern Sydney
Local Health District



DATE

Friday 7 December 2018

LOCATION

Kolling Building, Level 5
Norman Nock Room
Royal North Shore Hospital
St Leonards NSW 2065

Public transport recommended
Parking is available in Wilson Car Park at their rates

TIME

9.00am - registration
9.30am - 3.30pm

COST

\$15 per ticket (incl GST)
Bookings essential

INCLUSIONS

Light lunch provided
(Gluten free options included, welcome to bring own if preferred)

Petrea King, Founder and CEO
Quest for Life Foundation



Live Life Well @ School

A joint initiative between NSW Health and the NSW Department of Education and Communities.

Kids Love Carrots!!

Looking for a cost-effective option for your child's Crunch&Sip?

Look no further than the humble carrot. Carrots are a great source of vitamin A and fibre and best of all...they are fantastic value for money.



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