



Principal's Message

A message from Mark

Hello parents and friends of Karonga. Welcome to our Term 3 Week 5 newsletter.

Celebrating Positive Behaviour for Learning

Congratulations to:	For being :
Joshua	Kind
Joseph	Safe
Kimberley	Good Learner

Staff Professional Learning

This week's Karonga In The Zone professional learning saw Murray lead teachers through a series of tools and teaching strategies to support a variety of learning styles in meeting their sensory processing needs. It's been a great opportunity for teachers to share their knowledge and experience in working to support some of our most complex learners.

A group of staff have met to discuss making changes to the class merit awards to bring our systems and processes in line with PBL. Staff have been considering how we use our award systems to teach desired school behaviours, how we encourage them to be kind, stay safe and to be a good learner. We are hoping to launch the new look awards in the coming weeks – keep an eye out!

Last Friday, Ruth led a group of paraprofessionals consisting of speech therapists, external service providers, teachers and SASS staff in the Level 1 Key Word Signing course. Ruth will run this course for parents again in Term 1 2019.

On Tuesday 21 August, Karonga played host to Griffith based SSP Kalinda School executive and teaching staff as they visited several SSPs across NSW. The team were working to investigate a variety of practice across SSP settings and seeking to spark ideas for their own space. The team led by Principal Angela Sampson spent time talking with various staff and visiting classrooms and participating in briefing from Karonga executive staff. The Kalinda team left with a raft of new ideas and learnings that they hope to use as a foundation for some further work at Kalinda School.

Olive Grove Orchard

Last week Jennifer, John McEwan and Jim finished off most of the work required in the olive grove and mixed fruit orchard. With a bit of extra help from the NAB management team volunteers this week it's all but finished.



Jennifer's expertise has been greatly appreciated. She has selected a mix of fruits that we will see fruiting in different months throughout the year giving student the opportunity to see fruit growing and being harvested year round. Looking forward to some great produce.

Penno-Renno

Over the past few weeks there's been a lot of effort put into a revamp of Pennant Parade so that we can continue to provide great learning spaces for all of the students working in and with Karonga. John spent a full 2 weeks pressure washing the space to make ready for painting which was finished in the school holiday break. The students have just filled their new garden beds with Jennifer's help. The whole space is looking fantastic.



Calendar

September

Wednesday 12 th	Concert
Friday 28 th	Last day of Term 3

October

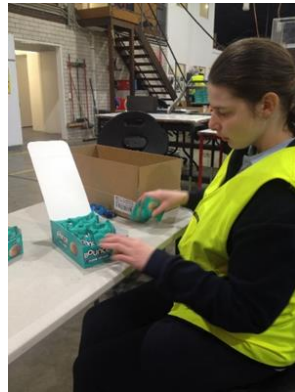
Monday 15 th	Students return for Term 4
Thursday 25 th	Yr 12 Graduation Dinner

Room 14

From Janelle, Sherie and Peter

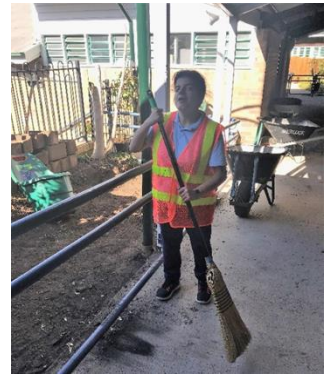
As senior students and school leaders the students in Rm 14 have an exciting and varied program both at school and in the community.

On Fridays they are accessing post-school option centres with particular emphasis on strengthening their transition skills related to independence, communication, work and social skills. Several students are visiting Studio Artes in Hornsby where they have a range of activities to try including dance group, music, art and cooking. Two students are having work experience at David Morgan, an Australian Disability Enterprise, where they are packaging products as varied as pharmaceutical items to chocolates.



Above: Vanes (left) and Kimberley (right) participating in their respective Friday activities.

We are very pleased that we have secured funding again for our Year 9 to Year 12 students to participate in the TAFE YES Gardening Skills program. It takes place every Thursday and is delivered by two experienced TAFE teachers from their horticulture team. The project for this Term is to rejuvenate the chicken run and fruit forest area, and in particular to create a pathway to enable access for all students to be able to feed the chickens, collect the eggs and harvest the fruit.



Above: Adrian (left) and Sara (right) enjoy the gardening program with the visiting TAFE teachers.

During Education Week Open Day, Rm 14 was given the task of preparing and serving the parent morning tea in the Independent Living Centre. They made a passionfruit slice in their Food Technology lesson which was a huge success with several parents wanting the recipe



Above (L to R): Jacob, Kimberly, Vanes and Adrian serving morning tea.



The students are also developing their creative skills by making Fathers Day presents and rehearsing for the school concert.

We hope all our Dads have a wonderful Fathers day and hope to see our families at the school concert in a few weeks.

Above: Sara rehearsing for the school concert.

Room 2

From Sabrina and Jenny

Term 3 of Semester 2 has commenced for Room 2, with an extension of their learning programs in the form of a taste tester course with TAFE and using a train to commute during community access on Mondays.

In Semester 1 the students were developing gardening skills and they are extending these this semester with TAFE instructors teaching them about: safety in the workplace (wearing vests, gloves, using equipment safely, etc.); how to use a shovel, a wheelbarrow, create a concrete path, water plants and follow instructions from their supervisors. The students wear safety vests and gloves each Thursday afternoon and work diligently by taking turns at various tasks.



Above: John and Jaehyun

Having gained confidence in negotiating their way around the Carlingford Court Shopping Centre in Semester 1, the students in Room 2 are now using public transport (Sydney trains) to access Westfield Shopping Centre in Chatswood and practise skills learned in Semester 1 in a busier setting. They are making excellent progress learning about the school rules 'Kind', 'Safe' and 'Learn' in this context.



Above: Omar at Chatswood Community Access

Room 2 is particularly proud of two of our students who are in the Karonga Signing Choir, which represented the school at the SEPLA (Special Education Principals and Leaders Association) Conference at the start of Term 3. John and Omar were fabulous at maintaining focus while facing an audience of teachers and principals. No small feat! Joshua made us proud too, when he represented Karonga at the Epping Club Volunteer Day, in his role as School Leader.

The class also showcased their learning to parents during Education Week Open Day, where they demonstrated their ability to read a table of their duties on the class board; transfer photos of duties onto a schedule board and proceed to complete these with minimal assistance. The class and school duties include: hoisting three school flags, collecting clothes for washing from classes; running the washing machine, putting clothes on a drying rack, folding the washing, delivering it to classes, sorting student worksheets, filing these in correct student folders, taking messages to classes for class staff, taking / collecting the roll to / from the office respectively, etc. The students then showed the parents their folders of work in all Key Learning Areas (KLAs).

Room 2 also commenced learning about the NAIDOC theme this year: 'Because of Her, We Can'. This culminated in a fabulous school wide celebration in the hall, with students learning about Aboriginal songs, animals, stories, traditions and artwork.



Above left: George working on a NAIDOC related worksheet.

Above right: Joshua helping prepare a banner for Room 2's concert items.

We are currently preparing for the Athletic Carnival at Homebush on the 31st of August, where we will be representing Karonga along with Room 14. Alongside our commitments to our learning programs, we are also busy preparing for our school concert item: The Bounce Back Song. We hope to see you there!

Canteen Reminder

Canteen will be held at school this coming Wednesday.

Please bring along \$2 to make a purchase.

Education Week

From Ruth, Deputy Principal

What a great turn-out we had at this year's 'Education Week Open Day' on August 8th. School leaders welcomed families to the event and later escorted them to various venues around the school. After a brief talk, Mark led the families and carers on a tour of new, refurbished and developing areas of the school before giving families the opportunity to join classes at the pool, having music therapy, and gardening and in classrooms. At the morning tea that followed, families were able to spend time together, and were waited on by one of the senior classes. This was a great opportunity to showcase this year's theme: 'Today's schools- creating tomorrow's world'



Above: Brendan participating in Education Week activities.

Karonga P&C Association Morning Tea Invitation



Please join us in the Karonga Parents' room for morning tea on Monday 27th August from 9am to 11am.

Bring a friend along and come for a chat and a cuppa. It's the best place around to share experiences and bounce ideas off each other on any topic close to your heart, whether it's the school or the NDIS, medical professionals or therapists, respite or community access, or anything else you would like to talk about.

We look forward to catching up with you!!
Please RSVP Muriel on 0425 202 938 or
karongapc@gmail.com

Marist Sony Foundation Children's Holiday Camp 5 – 8 December, 2018

St Joseph's College Hunters Hill will be hosting this children's camp, which is a free four-day residential camp for children between the ages of 5 and 15 with special needs.

Whilst at the camp volunteer senior students from St Joseph's College (Hunters Hill), Marist Sisters College (Woolwich) and Brigidine College (St Ives) will be allocated as carers and personal companions for the duration of the camp. Each volunteer has been interviewed and selected with great care.

Volunteer students are supported by staff from each school.

High standard medical facilities are available at St Joseph's College Health Centre. The camp will be staffed by a team of volunteer registered doctors and nurses on a 24 hour basis, ensuring all medical needs will be catered for.

The camp can accommodate approximately 35 campers.

While applications are available at the Karonga School Office, completed forms need to be returned directly to St Joseph's College as soon as possible. An application does not guarantee a place on the camp as numbers are limited.

Further information can be obtained from:

Helen Peters: 9816 0808 email: hpeters@joeys.org

Lesley Maher: 9816 0898 email: lmaher@joeys.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/maristsony.camp

Live Life Well @ School

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

Try to include the 5 food groups in the lunch box

It's really important your kids eat the right amount of fruit and veg and good from all 5 food groups.

Bread and cereals: Try wholemeal bread, wraps and pita.

Fruit: It's high in fibre, vitamins and minerals. Serve the fruit in fun ways, try fruit kebabs or cut in to small pieces.

Vegies: Pack a veggie slice or carrot and celery sticks with hummus or salsa.



Reduced fat dairy: A slice of cheese, low or no sugar yoghurts and custard are great lunchbox items.

Lean protein: Include a variety of sandwich fillings, cooked chicken, tuna, egg or roast meat. Legumes like red kidney beans and chickpeas are a good source of protein and a great source of fibre to.



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