Principal’s Comments

School Council Elections
As we received four nominations for the remaining two parent vacancies for School Council we are now holding an election. Voting papers have been sent home to each family and if two parents wish to vote an extra ballot paper may be requested from the school office. Voting closes at 4 pm on Monday 2nd March.

Parent Member Category Nominations for the two vacancies:
Tegan Crick, Andrea Haley, Jo Hough and Rebecca Young.

School Council Meeting:
Monday 2nd March at 7 pm and the Annual General Meeting is on Monday 23rd March at 7 pm.

Friday Open Air Movie Night
Thank you to all of the families who attended the ‘Lego Movie’. Melbourne produced one of the nicest evenings possible for an outdoor movie and all who attended had a great time.

Congratulations to the Fundraising Committee for organising another successful community event and thanks also to staff for setting up and supervising the activities. The children had a really fun night!

Student Wellbeing
As you are aware the school has been successful in gaining a grant to be part of an e-Smart Anti-Bullying program. To support positive wellbeing we run a number of cyber safe programs to assist students to feel safe. This week we welcomed John Pearce who worked with the Year 3-6 students and last night provided an evening session for parents.

We encourage our students to share with their parents any communications that they have on mobiles and the internet with friends. At times friendships can become jaded and unkink words are sent that are hurtful to children. We work with our students encouraging them to be respectful at all times. Please monitor your child’s communications.

Parent Teacher Getting to Know You Interviews
If you did not get a chance to meet with your child’s teacher during this week’s Getting to Know You Interviews, please make contact and arrange for a mutually convenient catch-up.

Student Accident Insurance/Ambulance Cover
Parents are reminded that the Department does not provide personal accident insurance or ambulance cover for students. Parents and guardians of students who do not have student accident insurance/ambulance cover are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including the cost of ambulance attendance/transport and any other transport costs. Private property brought to school by students or visitors is not insured and the Department does not accept any responsibility for any loss or damage.

Captains
Congratulations to our School Captains Zac and Rhianna and our House Captains for accepting their badges and certificates at assembly. It was great to have them and their parents attend Morning Tea where we reinforced the message that each of them has already shown leadership, initiative and responsibility. They have united as a strong team and exhibit the Karoo values of Respect, Responsibility, Honesty, Excellence, Tolerance and Understanding.

On Monday 2nd March there will be another whole school assembly when badges will be allocated to our Junior School Council Representatives and Vice Representatives, Art Captains, Science Captains, Environment Captains, Music Captains, ICT Captains and Library Monitors.

Irene Harding
Principal
CLASS AWARDS

Prep— Year 2
Week Ending—20th February, 2015

Level 1—Ollie J & Arielle P—0B, Sage B & Lachlan E—0E, Sebastian N & Blake W—0T, Taya M & Chloe P—0U.


Indonesian : Prep T, 1M and 2RD

Year 3—6
Week Ending—20th February, 2015


Indonesian—3D and 4M

MUSIC NOTES

Instrumental Music lessons

The hills were alive with the sound of music last week when Online Music Solutions 2015 instrumental classes resumed. Enrolment forms for guitar, keyboard, drum and wind instruments are still available from the office. We are also considering introducing violin and cello depending on interested numbers. For more information you can pick up an Expression of Interest Form from the school office.

Music Captains

Interested enthusiasts from Year 6 have submitted an Expression of Interest for the role of 2015 Music Captain. Badges will be presented at Assembly on 2nd March.

State Schools Spectacular

More exciting news is the September 2015 Victorian State Schools Spectacular will again feature Karoo students in the Massed Dance! Twenty one Year 5 students were last week measured for their costumes!

John Oldham - Performing Arts

INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENT FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS) 2015

For over thirty years The University of New South Wales has run the International Competitions and Assessment for Schools (ICAS). ICAS provides students in Year 2 to Year 12 the opportunity to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. We will be offering Digital Technologies, Science, Writing, Spelling, English and Mathematics. All participating students receive a certificate and individual student report. If you would like your child/children to participate in ICAS this year, permission notes will be available from the office from Tuesday 3rd March.

Fiona Marker— ICAS Co-ordinator

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS NEWS

District Swimming Competition Results

Well done to the 24 Year 3-6 students who represented Karoo at the swimming competition on Monday. All students were wonderful ambassadors for our school and swam capably. At the end of competition Karoo was placed 4th out of the 8 schools competing. This is a fine effort considering there was only one 12 year old girl in our team and therefore in 5 events we could not enter a competitor. Brayden R and Callum V will now go to the Division Competition to swim on their individual events as they placed first. Samuel V and Dilon H will also attend this competition to swim with Brayden and Callum in the Boy's Medley Relay Team. Thank you to the parents who attended and assisted as marshals.

Karoo Cross Country Parent Helpers Needed

Our annual school cross country for Year 3-6 students will be held on Thursday March 19th. More details about the event in next week's newsletter. Parent helpers to attend stations around the course are needed on the day. If you can assist between 11:30am - 1:30pm on March 19th and the back up day of March 26th, please complete the form overleaf and return it to the general office.

Sharon Lee—PE & Sports Co-Ordinator

FUNDRAISING NEWS ...

FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

A big thank you to the team of volunteers that helped coordinate and implement a great movie night on Friday evening. Jo Scott, Sarah Lawler, Michelle Fleming, Mel Hedley, and Rachael Rockstro did a wonderful job in coordinating the event. Thank you for the wonderful efforts of Graeme Scott, Adam Hough and Andrew Fleming for taking care of the screen and audio setup and to Daniel Lawler for assisting the boys pack up. Jo De Filippis who stayed on the gate for most of the evening. Di Richards for getting the canteen ready, Tracy Johnston, Simone Lancashire, Maria Simos, Sarah Lawler, Jo Scott and Michelle Fleming for running the canteen. Mick Sharry and PFD foods for their generous donation of hot dogs. It was truly a team effort and the Karoo community are lucky to have such great support.

Thank you Sue Baxter for all of your help, you are a great support to the fundraising team and we couldn’t do it without you. We truly appreciate you sticking around and being available for any need that arises.

Jo Hough - Fundraising Convenor

OFFICE NEWS...

Money Matters

When sending money to school with your child to pay for incursions/excursions, could we please ask that you provide the correct money? We do not carry a large float and are not always able to give change. Your assistance in this is appreciated.

Sick Bay

Thank you to the one parent who volunteered to help with the sick bay washing this year. If anyone else is able to assist, please contact the office.

Thank you, Office Staff

Wellbeing at Karoo ...

ALL CHILDREN DEVELOP AT THEIR OWN PACE AND IN THEIR OWN WAY

You are the active sculptor of your child’s growing brain

As adults, we shape our community through the values and attitudes we promote and tolerate. Children’s experiences influence their relationships, their beliefs and their behaviour. The experiences we give our children will stay with them forever.

The Wellbeing Committee
COMMUNITY NEWS

WAVERLEY VICTORY FC—Information Day: 1st March 2015
10am-2pm at Brandon Park Reserve, 649 Ferntree Gully Road, Glen Waverley.
Offering Sat morning (girls & boys): Mighty Mites (5-8yrs), MiniRoos (9-11yrs) and Sun moning (girls & boys): MiniRoos 7-11yrs, Boys U12-U15, Girls U12-U18. For more information visit waverleyvictory.com.au

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2. FIND: Click the ‘Find Boxes’ and type Karoo Primary School into the search bar. Select us from the results.
3. TICK: Click the grey tick on the boxes that apply to you. When the tick turns green, you’re connected.
4. INBOX: Click on the Inbox icon. This is where you will receive our instant messages, news and events.

St Simons Vacation Program
Monday 30th March – Friday 10th April 2015
Early Bird Bookings close 13th March 2015

Come along and enjoy the holidays with your friends at St Simons Vacation Care Program. The program is open from 8am -6pm from Monday 30th March to Friday 10th April inclusive. There will be exciting excursions to Jump Deck, the movies and a sports extravaganzan run by Proactivity. Drumming experts will bring the rhythm of Africa to the program. Plenty more themed days such as Comicon/Superheroes, The Amazing Race, Grand Prix, loads of Easter activities and a giant Easter egg hunt. Don’t miss out! To make a booking please call: (03) 9763 0136 or email: admin@zubees.com.au

INDONESIAN NEWS

During the assembly on 8th December 2014, some boys and girls from 3/4V played the song, "Merry Christmas" on the angklung. They worked hard and practised during their lunch times for a few weeks. They gave a good performance and were well synchronised.

Ibu Lim.
Indonesian Teacher.

KAROO CROSS COUNTRY

Name: ………………………………………………………………………   Phone: ……………………………………………..

☐ I am able to assist with the cross country at one of the checkpoints around the course.

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