Principals Comments

Class Parties
Class parties for all grades will be held next Wednesday 14th December. Please note that we are not able to heat up food and have very limited refrigerator space. Each class will be provided with a separate note from the teacher with all requirements listed.

Student Absences
If a student is absent from or late to school, it is the parent's responsibility to provide a note. As the Department of Education requires schools to archive these notes, it is extremely important that all unexplained student absences are accounted for in writing. A verbal message or text message is not sufficient. Diary notes are acceptable only if the parent's signature appears on the note. If your child has an unexplained absence you will have received a letter home this week requesting explanation. Please sign these letters and return them to the school office no later than Monday 12th December.

Christmas Stocking Raffle
The Christmas Stocking is in the foyer and already has a number of donations. We would appreciate if you are able to send along some goodies to help to fill the stocking! We have a number of excellent vouchers and some fantastic items that have been donated to the school that will be part of the prizes. Tickets are on sale now and are 10 tickets for $10. Please return your named ticket stubs and money by Monday 19th December to be included in the raffle which will be drawn at the Christmas Concert.

Karoo Christmas Concert Items:
Prep: Santa Wear Your Shorts
Year 1: I Want A Hippopotamus For Christmas
Year 2: The Santa Claus Song
Year 3: Five Days Till Christmas
Year 4: Karoo Year 4 Aussie Christmas Song
Year 5: Rocking Around the Christmas Tree
Year 6: All I Want For Christmas Is You

Junior Choir: Santa Medley (Santa Claus Is Coming, Santa's Hiccups, Santa Claus You Are Much Too Fat, Santa Claus Has Got A New Truck, Santa Baby)
Senior Choir: Jingle Bells Ukulele
Whole School: Christmas Macarena

Thankyou
To the wonderful team of parent helpers who organised the stationery boxes, we send a very special thank you and our appreciation for your efficient procedures. The waiting queue was kept short and everything flowed smoothly.

Another thank you to the KPA and to Janelle Toh for making our 2017 Prep parents feel so welcome at Karoo and for providing them with relevant information.

The Prep teachers have also prepared carefully and set up the prep unit to ensure the children settled in a happy and relaxed atmosphere. The children looked fantastic in their new Karoo T-shirts and certainly had a settled and enjoyable start to school.

Playground Issues
As the end of term is approaching we have needed to remind students to react calmly and to play in a safe manner. We are ensuring that staff carefully monitor the turf as in some instances students have been tackling during ball games. Tackling is not allowed at school due to the risk of injury.

There has also been a drink bottle game ‘Quench’ as seen on the ABC, which we have now stopped as some students were using half-full bottles of water which may become airborne; hence, possibly unsafe. We would appreciate your support to ensure we have a safe and happy end to the year.

KAROO CHRISTMAS CAROLS
Monday 19th December 2016 on the Turf from 6:00—7:30 pm

Irene Harding - Principal
Many thanks to the parents who assisted with the book sale yesterday. Despite a busy time of the year for everyone it is wonderful to receive support. Thanks to Class Reps for sending emails and to those parents who replied through the newsletter. In my absence I heard the day went well and that many of our 2017 Preps excitedly left the school with their book pack.

Leanne Vines
Assistant Principal

A note from Rhonda Luttrell
Student Wellbeing Officer at Karoo Primary School

Just a reminder to parents that you are invited to join Rhonda Luttrell, Student Wellbeing Officer for a Workshop "Why Family Traditions Matter". This will take a fun look at family traditions, and how they are important for building family cohesion, and great memories. This will be held on Thursday 8th December from 9am in the Community Centre. I hope you can join me.

Regards, Rhonda

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
REGISTRATION DAY FOR 2017 ENROLMENTS
TUESDAY 13TH DECEMBER
and WEDNESDAY 14TH DECEMBER
(if places are still available)
7:00 -10:00am and 2:30-6:00pm

Completed Enrolment forms must be presented with all supporting documentation enclosed and $10 enrolment fee to be accepted.

Existing families that currently use OSHC:
Your 2017 re-enrolment forms are waiting for you to collect from OSHC

Current Karoo families wishing to use OSHC in 2017: OSHC Enrolment forms can be collected from the office.

New Karoo families wishing to use OSHC in 2017: OSHC Enrolment forms can be collected from the office. Please also be aware that OSHC records are kept separately to school records, so some families may be asked twice for medical forms, etc.

BOOK COLLECTION
Uncollected book packs have now been packed away. Our next collection date will be Wednesday 25th January, 2017 from 10:00am-1:00pm. Fees can be paid at the office until Tuesday 20th December 2016; office will be open from Monday 23rd January

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS

Parent Sport Coaches for 2016
So that our interschool sport program can go ahead again in 2017 we are looking for parent coaches for our teams. If you are able to spare an hour on a Friday morning and can assist with coaching any of the following sports – tee ball, soccer, AFL rules football or netball, please fill out the form attached to the newsletter and return it to the main office. Even if you can only offer assistance every fortnight that would be most helpful. You don’t need to have a child in the senior school to volunteer any offers of coaching would be greatly appreciated.

Student congratulations...
Taylah Golfing Star
Last week Taylah R (5T) participated in a State ranked golf tournament. It was a mixed event and her golf coach asked her to be his playing partner. They played 6 rounds of golf in 5 days and from the starting 73 pairs they ended up in the final to be defeated by only a small margin. Taylah was the youngest player in the event this year. They did extremely well to make the final and it was a great experience. Taylah has been playing golf since she was 6 and now has a handicap of 14. Taylah will be surprised to see her photo here as she is very low key about her success, but we think her wonderful achievements are worth publishing!! Well done Taylah!

Sophie

Sophie A (3M) recently completed a 1km swim with Paul Sadler Swimming School. That is 20 lengths of a 25m pool! Sophie has represented Karoo over the past few years in our swimming team for the District Swimming competition and always tries her personal best. An amazing achievement Sophie!

Sharon Lee
PE and Sports Co-ordinator

Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) 2017

PLEASE NOTE: YOU MUST COMPLETE A NEW FORM EACH YEAR

To apply for the CSEF, please come in to the school office and request an application form.

- Funding of $125 per student is available for holders of a valid means-tested Centrelink Health Care Card, Veteran Affairs Gold Card, Pensioner Concession Card or foster parents.
- You must provide a copy of your valid card with your completed application form to be eligible.
- Cards must be valid as at 30th January 2017 and/or 18th April 2017.
- Applications for payment in March close 3rd March 2017. Applications made after this date will still be accepted up until 30th June, however payment will not occur until July.

For more information visit www.education.vic.gov.au/csef or see Anna in the school office.

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### CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS at your Library!

Christmas is just around the corner and we’re celebrating already!

Join us for these great events:
- Boronia Kids Club Christmas Workshops at Boronia Library
- Family Christmas Storytime at Ferntree Gully Library
- Christmas Concert with Celtic Harpist, Cath Connelly at Healesville Library
- Christmas Storytime Extravaganza at Bayswater Library

Explore our calendar online or call 1300 737 277 to book your place at an event.

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### ZOOPER DOOPIERS FOR SALE — 50c

Wednesdays to Fridays from 3:30-4:30pm in the Courtyard during Term 4

The money will go towards the Year 6 Graduation. So please help support the Year 6s in their final year of primary school. Thank you!

**Year 6 students.**

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### IMPORTANT DATES - CAMPS

**Advance notice:**
- 2017 Year 5 ‘City Experience’ Camp
  - Term 1: 20th—22nd March 2017
- 2017 Year 6 Camp
  - Term 2: 8th—12th May 2017

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### CANTEEN NEWS …

- **Mon 19th Dec:** Last day for lunch orders and counter sales
- **Tues 20th Dec (last day of Term):** Canteen closed

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### SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY TERMS 1 & 4

**Reminder …**

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### UNIFORM

**Klad Sport,**
8 Macro Court, Rowville
Ph: 9763 0266

Open:
- Mon - Fri: 8:30am-4:30pm
- Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm

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### DID YOU KNOW?

If you successfully sell your home with Biggin & Scott Knox, we will donate $2,000 back to Karoo Primary School!

To book your free market appraisal, contact Biggin & Scott Knox

Boronia 9761 2277
Wantirna 9500 1225
Rowville 9755 6666

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### PARENT HELPERS’ MORNING TEA

Thank you for the invitation … I would love to come.

**Parent’s name** ............................................................... **Contact number** ...........................................

**Child’s name and class** .................................................. **I have a Working with Children Check** Yes / No

I am available to assist on Friday mornings between 9:00-10:00am with the following sports: (please circle)

- Tee ball
- Soccer
- AFL Rules Football
- Netball

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### Year 6 Sport Team Parent Coaching — Fridays from 9:00-10:00am

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