Principal’s Comments

School Captains and Student Council Representatives
On Monday our School Captains and all Year 6 captains were presented with their badges. Our School Captains Sam and Danielle did an excellent job presenting the Student Awards and our Student Council Captains demonstrated outdoor games that Junior School Council purchased with funds raised last year. Two of the Library Captains Shehara and Paige announced the Library Activity events which the captains will be running. A great start for ‘Student Voice’.

At our next assembly on Monday 13th February our Student Council Representatives will be presented with their badges. Parents and friends are welcome to join us at assembly.

School Council Elections
School Council is a body of parents and staff representatives who meet regularly during the school year. The council operates within a legal framework of regulations and constituting orders.

Karoo School Council has ten parent representatives and five staff representatives, including the principal. A term of office is two years and each year half of the Council positions will be open for election. Karoo has five parent school council vacancies and two DET vacancies.

The process for Council elections will commence next week on Monday 13th February with nomination forms being available at the office. If nominations exceed positions then we go to a school election.

Please note— all nomination forms are for general positions as school councillors. The forms must be signed by the nominator and the person nominated. School Council then meet to elect the office bearers.

Below is the School Council election time-line.

School Council Election Timeline
Monday 13th February: School Council –Call for Nominations
Monday 20th February: Nominations close at 4 pm and assessed to determine if a ballot is required
Wednesday 22nd February: List of candidates posted
Monday 27th February: Ballot papers prepared and available at office
Tuesday 7th March: Ballot closes at 4 p.m.
Thursday 9th March: Vote count and declaration of poll
School Council Meeting: Date to be determined and co-option of community members

Current School Councillors:
Parents: Sarah Lawler, Melanie Hedley, Simon Cowan, Andrew Jones and Jo Hough - term ends March 2017; Danielle MacLeod, Andrea Haley, Rebecca Young, Fiona Robinson and Maree Jackson- term ends March 2018.

Please consider nominating to make a contribution to your child’s school.

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Karoo Calendar

FEBRUARY 2017
Thurs 9th Feb: School Photos—class groups, student individuals and siblings (Order forms & payment due today)
Fri 10th Feb: ‘Getting to Know You’ interviews—online bookings close at 4pm
Swim Team forms due back
Mon 13th Feb: Whole School Assembly (Student Council badges presented)
School Council—call for nominations
‘Getting to Know You’ interviews
Prep Classrooms Open for visiting—5-6pm
KPA—AGM 7pm
Tues 14th Feb: ‘Getting to Know You’ interviews
Wed 15th Feb: Scholastic Orders
Thurs 16th Feb: ‘Meet & Greet’ with Rhonda Luttrell (Student Wellbeing Officer) - 9am in staffroom
Mon 20th Feb: School Council nominations close at 4pm
Wed 22nd Feb: KPA Second Hand Uniform Sale 3-4pm (donations now being taken)
School Council Candidates posted
Thurs 23rd Feb: District Swimming Competition
Mon 27th Feb: School Council ballot papers available at the office

MARCH 2017
Thurs 2nd—Fri 10th March: Life Ed Van
Mon 6th March: Whole School Assembly
Tues 7th March: School Council ballot closes 4pm
Thurs 9th March: School Council vote count
Fri 10th March: Karoo Cross Country (Y3-6)
Mon 13th March: Labour Day Holiday—no school
Thurs 16th March: KPA Twilight Sports 5-7pm
Mon 20—Wed 22 March: Year 5 Camp
Wed 22nd March: Prep Grandparent open morning
Mon 27th March: Whole School Assembly
School Council AGM
Tues 28th March: Prep-Y2 Artist in Schools Music
Wed 29th March: Prep-Y2 Artist in Schools Music
Fri 31st March: Prep-Y2 Artist in Schools Music
Last day of Term 1—Students dismissed at 2:30pm

APRIL 2017
Fri 14th Mon 17th April—Easter
Tues 18th April: First day of Term 2

SCHOOL PHOTOS—TOMORROW (9TH FEB)
Correct school uniform must be worn (no sports tops for photos)
Please bring your order and payment to school.

Phone: 9759-6222 Fax: 9759-6211 Email: karoo.ps@edumail.vic.gov.au Web: http://www.karoops.vic.edu.au
Getting to Know You Meetings
Getting to Know You Meetings have been allocated for Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th February. Notices have been sent home with the relevant times and parents can book on line. The purpose is for every family to meet with their child’s teacher and to establish understandings, awareness and a swapping of information to build home school relationships. This is not a teacher report relating to your child. It is a chance for you to give information about your child to the teacher.

Student Uniform
Attached to the newsletter is a list of the school uniform options. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct uniform at all times and parents can book on line. The purpose is for every family to meet with their child’s teacher and to establish understandings, awareness and a swapping of information to build home school relationships. This is not a teacher report relating to your child. It is a chance for you to give information about your child to the teacher.

Sports Equipment
To assist students to have access to sports equipment, Mr Maroney with the assistance of our School and House Captains have set up borrowing for lunchtimes. We have presented below the Sports Equipment Borrowing process.

STUDENT SPORT EQUIPMENT BORROWING
• Students can borrow 1 or 2 items
• Students need to line up on the Multi Use stage at the beginning of lunchtime
• Students are to wait sensibly in line until it is their turn
• No borrowing after 1:45pm
• An ‘announcement’ is made to remind students to return equipment to the Sport Captains at the Multi Use building
• Students who borrow the equipment must return it
• Students need to show the Karoo values of respect and tolerance and have great manners when waiting in line and speaking to the Sport Captains – who are there to help
• The School Captains will follow up and ‘visit’ any students who have not returned equipment at the end of lunchtime

Irene Harding
Principal

CLASS AWARDS

Prep—Year 2
Week Ending—3rd February 2017


Year 3-6
Week Ending—3rd February 2017
Year 3: 3B—The whole class, Ali B, Jaimee C—3C
Year 4: Tabitha F, Tom M—4D, 4RD—The whole class, Krisha C, Alex T—4T.
Year 5: Remington D, Hayden J—5J, Olly B, Hannah W—5R, Chelsea M, Olivia K—5W
Year 6: Nicholas A, Dominique E—6F, Osman A—6M, Tristan F, Olivia W—6V

Music: 5J and 6V

STUDENT BANKING
Student banking day is Monday. If your child has a Commonwealth Bank Dollmarkites or Youthsaver account and you wish to do their banking through the school, simply send along their deposit book with completed deposit slip and correct money secured in the pocket of the yellow folder. This is a deposit only service. Spare deposit books and yellow folders are available from the office. If you do not have one of the above accounts, you can go to any branch of the Commonwealth Bank to open one. If you have any queries, please see Magdalene at the office.

CAMPS, SPORTS AND EXCURSIONS FUND (CSEF)
To apply for the CSEF, please come in to the school office and collect an application form.
Please note that you must complete a new form each year.

• 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 (Term 1) and/or 18th April 2017 (Term 2).
• Applications for payment to be made in March close Friday 17th February 2017.
• Applications will still be accepted up until 23rd 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.

CANTEEN NEWS …
Canteen is open for lunch orders & recess counter sales every day. Please make sure you use the latest menu (Summer 2016-2017) when ordering. Canteen menus available at the office. Special ‘Meal Deals’ are also offered throughout year for students to order if they wish.

Simple steps to placing a lunch order:
• Write child’s name, grade and room number on a brown paper bag (suitable size to hold lunch items)
• Write the canteen items to be ordered along with the price of each item on the bag. Write total and enclose the correct money securely inside the paper bag.
• Lunch orders are placed in their classroom lunch tub at the start of each day. Lunch tubs are collected by each class just prior to lunch eating time and orders handed out in the classroom.
• If you do not have a paper bag, write order on an envelope and enclose the money inside. Add ‘paper bag’ to your order.

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL
All visitors to the school must sign in and out at the office, and collect a green visitor’s badge. These badges help the students and staff identify you as an ‘authorised visitor’.

Please remember to return the badge when you sign out.
**PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND SPORTS NEWS**

**District Swimming Competition Thursday Feb 23rd**

The District Swimming Competition takes place on Thursday February 23rd at Monash Aquatic Centre in Glen Waverley between 1:10 and 3:30pm. Many students have indicated their interest in being a part of the team. Students who are turning in between the ages of 9-13 in 2017 may compete in up to 2 individual events and 1 relay event. Not all students will be able to participate and that is why sending along their times is important.

The District Swimming Competition events are 50m freestyle, backstroke, breaststroke and butterfly, in addition to, freestyle and medley relay events. Please consider that your child must be able to competently and confidently swim 50m so that races are completed reasonably promptly and your child is not distressed when trying to complete their event.

Students who are successful at District level will be invited to the Division Swimming Competition. Parents are asked to transport their child to and from the pool and to stay at the pool for the duration of the competition.

If you would like your child to be considered for the team please record their times for 50m on the form below and return it to Mr. Maroney by Friday February 10th.

If you have any questions, please don’t hesitate to contact Josh Maroney.

Josh Maroney
PE & Sports Co-Ordinator

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**MUSIC NOTES FROM MR OLDHAM**

We are back enjoying our singing, dancing, playing and creating!

Here is a brief snapshot to give you an overview of some of our 2017 Performing Arts events:

- Year 5 and 6 students are preparing entries for the national Music Count Us In song-writing competition. I need assistance with submitting the entries on-line in MP3 format. Please contact me asap if you can help.
- Online Music Solutions will again be offering instrumental tuition — keyboard, guitar, woodwind, violin and drums. The enrolment forms will be available after their information talk and short jam session at Assembly next Monday. Forms are also always available from the school office (or contact OMS direct on 9874 6667)
- State Schools Spectacular Mass Choir for 20 Year 4 students
- State Schools Spectacular Mass Dance for 16 Year 5 students
- Artist In schools for all Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 (Term 1)
- It is a Musical Production year for Year and 3 and 4. Watch for further information on ‘Quest’
- Year 3/4 Choir and Year 5/6 Choir will again be available to interested students.
- One Day One Song (November)
- Karoo Christmas Concert!

Let me know if you have any questions … thanks.

John Oldham
Performing Arts

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

New Scholastic catalogues were sent home today. Orders will be taken up until Wednesday 15th February

Please note …

- Please complete all details on order form, especially name & grade.
- Please make cheques payable to Karoo Primary School.
- Sorry, no late orders can be accepted

Reminder … SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPulsory IN TERMS 1 & 4

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**FREE GIVEAWAY—LINE MARKER**

WE ARE NO LONGER IN NEED OF OUR LINE MARKER.

**IDEAL FOR SPORTING CLUBS**

SEE JOSHD MARONEY FOR DETAILS

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**LOST PROPERTY — COMMUNITY CENTRE**

Open Before & After School:  
Mon-Wed 8:45-9am and 3:30-4:15pm  
Open During School:  
Mon—Wed 1:30-1:45pm

No Visitors during class time please!  
Please ensure your child's name is clearly labelled on all uniform so it can easily be returned to them.

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR PARENT HELPER AT KAROO CROSS COUNTRY ON 10th MARCH 2017**

Parent’s Name:  
Phone Number

Child’s Name:  
Class

I can assist on (please tick):  
[ ] Both days  
[ ] Only Friday March 10th  
[ ] Only Wednesday March 15th

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**EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FOR KAROO SWIMMING TEAM 2017**

Student’s Name:  
Class / Year Level

Date of Birth:  
Squad Swimmer….. Yes/ No

Tick Event/Stroke 50m Time
Freestyle
Backstroke
Breaststroke
Butterfly

I am able to arrange transport for my child to Monash Aquatic and Recreation Centre on Thurs 23rd February 2017

Yes / No

(Please circle)

Forms to be returned 10th Feb!
A Note from Rhonda Luttrell  
(Student Wellbeing Officer)

Welcome back everyone to the 2017 school year. By now your children will be well settled into their new routines, and the Preps will be well and truly feeling like school children. This year you can find me in a very nice office in the Prep area, and I am looking forward to a great year of engaging with students; staff and parents.

I would like to make a special invitation for parents who are new to the school for a “Meet and Greet” on Thursday 16th February from 9am in the Staff Room. I will explain my role here at Karoo and also be happy to answer any questions. Join me for an informal cuppa and chat.

Just a further note on some activities being planned for 2017. Friendship Circles—Lunchtime program will be continuing this year, on a new day, Monday, and with a new format. The Friendship Circles herb garden has lots of parsley, sage and some chives, and we’ll continue to develop this through the year. I am also planning to run small groups throughout the year to address social and emotional issues. I am excited to be sharing another year with you all.

I am here on Monday and Thursday 8.30am to 4pm and can be contacted through the school office.

Rhonda Luttrell

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**Student Council**

Poppy G (6F) & Aidan S (6M) have been working hard already this year in their role as Student Council Captains. At assembly they introduced the Giant Jenga and Giant Connect Four sets that were purchased last year and explained that they will be brought out at specific rostered lunch times for students to play with.

Additionally they excitedly explained that five park benches were also purchased from last year’s fundraising and were installed near the turf for students and families to enjoy. A special thank-you was given to the Rowville Mens Shed for building the benches and to Hire-a-Hubby Ferntree Gully for installing them.

Classes have been hard at work determining their new Student Council members and after class voting concluded, the Students Council Representative for 2017 have been decided.

Congratulations to:-

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The Student Council Representatives this year will be regularly meeting to discuss how to promote student voice and choice in the school, how to connect with the wider community and how to support other organizations.

We have an exciting and challenging year ahead and students are encouraged to present any ideas to their class Student Council Representative or they can write their ideas and post it in the student voice box at the office.

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**Zooper Doopers for Sale—50c**

Tuesdays and Thursdays
from 3:30-3:45pm during Term 1

We will be selling Zooper Doopers for 50c after school in the Courtyard. 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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**SCHOOL PHOTO DAY TOMORROW—THURSDAY 9th FEBRUARY**

(Spare order forms available at the office)

**Dress:** Clean and tidy as per school uniform guidelines—no sports tops to be worn. Hair—neat and swept off face.

**Online Orders:** To pre-order online, take your personal Order and ID Numbers found on your order form and go to [www.schoolpix.com.au](http://www.schoolpix.com.au).

Orders can be placed online up to 2 working days after photography. You do not need to return the order form if you order online. Remember: All orders placed online before midnight on photography day will receive a free 20cm x 25cm black and white portrait print.

**Manual Orders:** Complete your order form and return with payment to school ON PHOTOGRAPHY DAY.

**Sibling Orders:** For a special photo of your children together order online by 10am on 9th February. Alternatively collect a Sibling Order Form from the office or download it from the SchoolPix website and return it on photography day. Only siblings that place an order will be photographed.
STUDENT DRESS CODE – UNIFORM List
Current Official Supplier: Klad Sport 8 Macro Court Rowville

Girls Uniform:
Summer Dress (bottle green/gold/white tartan – available only from Klad Sport)
Winter tunic – bottle green
Bike shorts – bottle green or black (worn only under dress or tunic – not to show below hemline)
Tights – bottle green or black
Gold Polo shirt short sleeve (with or without logo)
Shorts – bottle green rugby knit (with or without pockets)
Shorts – bottle green gabardine
Culottes (‘skorts’) – bottle green
Senior Polo short sleeved shirt – Years 5 & 6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
Sport top - Years 3-6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
Senior Hooded fleece jumper – Year 6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
Windcheater Fleecy – bottle green (with or without logo)
Windcheater Polar Fleece – bottle green (with or without logo)
Bomber Jacket Stud Front – bottle green with bottle green/gold stripes in bands
Polo Long Sleeve Shirt – gold (with or without logo)
Track suit Pants (either straight leg or bootleg) – bottle green fleecy
Bootleg Pants – bottle green cotton/lycra
Waterproof jacket – bottle green
Shoes – Runners, black leather school shoe (lace up or buckle) – closed toe and no heels
Socks – white dark green or black
Hair Accessories – preferably green and gold, black or white plain headbands and accessories

Boys Uniform:
Gold Polo shirt short sleeve (with or without logo)
Shorts – bottle green rugby knit (with or without pockets)
Senior Polo short sleeve shirt – Years 5 & 6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
Sport top - Years 3-6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
Senior Hooded fleece jumper – Year 6 only (available only from Klad Sport)
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Polo Long Sleeve Shirt – gold (with or without logo)
Track suit Pants (straight leg) – bottle green fleecy
Waterproof jacket – bottle green
Shoes – Runners, black lace up or Velcro school shoes – closed toe
Socks – white dark green or black

Unisex:
Hat– slouch bottle green (with or without logo)  Beanie – bottle green (with or without logo)
Hat – legionnaire bottle green (with or without logo)  School Bag – bottle green (with or without logo)

COMMUNITY NEWS

KNOX FESTIVAL OF TENNIS—4th to 12th February. Knox Tennis clubs invite you to come and join in 9 days of family fun! Attend your local tennis club during the festival or go to www.tennisknox.org.au to find your local club and a list of their activities.

ROWVILLE FOOTBALL CLUB—Girls & boys aged 7-16yrs invited to try our free 4 week Try AFL Sessions. For details of time and place or to book a place for your child contact Trevor Flakemore on 0418 335 245 or trevor.flakemore@rowvillefc.org.au.

HEATHMONT CRICKET CLUB—Introductory Cricket session on Sunday 19th February 2017 from 10:00-11:30am at H.E. Parker Reserve No. 1 Oval for all girls and women wishing to try out. Come along and have a go—no experience necessary, aimed at all age groups & abilities. Free sausage sizzle. For more information contact Paul Perry on 0488 143 443 or email heathmontcc@optusnet.com

BORONIA SOCCER CLUB—SUMMER CLINIC Summer skills sessions for ages 5-11yrs—all skill levels welcome. Every Wednesday at 6pm from 1st Feb 2017 at HV Jones Reserve, Cnr Kingston & Ashton Rds, Mountain Gate. For more info contact Peter Genghegan on 0438 201 569 or visit our website at www.boroniasoccerclub.com

AUSTRALIAN GIRLS CHOIR – February Open Classes. Look no further than the Australian Girls Choir (AGC) because we encourage, challenge and inspire girls as they learn to sing, dance and perform. School aged girls are invited to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend a free trial class in February. Ph 03 9859 6499 or email melbourne@aspagroup.com.au

EACH presents Tuning into Kids – A parenting Group. Helps parents learn how to tune into each child’s emotions and individual needs, helps parents feel more connected to their children and creates greater understanding of their age and stage of development and helps children manage intense emotions and regulate their responses, a skill that aids social and emotional development. Held at EACH Shire Hall 1063 Bunwood Hwy Ferntree Gully on Tuesdays mornings 9.30 – 12.00 From 28/02/17 to 4/04/17. Cost: $8 per session. $48 for the group. Enquiries: Felicity or Toni on 9757 6258 or to register—Intake EACH Knox 9757 6200.

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