**Principal's Comments**

**Amy Ellis' baby**
Congratulations to Amy and Scott Ellis who welcomed baby Leo on 5th May, at the healthy weight of 7lb 4oz. Big brothers Lachlan and Tyson are thrilled to bits with the new addition to their family!

**Karen Corrales**
Karen Corrales will take family leave from Friday 23rd June. We have employed Sandra Donovan to replace Karen. The transition process began two weeks ago when Sandra started work at Karoo. Our very best wishes to Karen and Daniel as they await the arrival of their baby.

**Strengths Based Parenting**
Last week I took leave to attend a Coaching Conference. One of the excellent presenters was Professor Lea Waters from the University of Melbourne. Professor Waters specialises in positive psychology and spoke of the importance of building on our students’ strengths to build their resilience and success in life. There is an excellent website which you may find interesting. Lea was an excellent presenter as she is a parent and an academic who bases her research on Australian children and parents. The link to Professor Waters’ website is [http://www.leawaters.com/about.html](http://www.leawaters.com/about.html)

**Million Paws Walk**
It was wonderful to see the fruition of Student Voice with the Million Paws procession; together we accumulated a huge quantity of donated items to care for pets plus over $560 in funds.

Irene Harding
Principal

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**RSPCA Million Paws Walk**

On Friday 2nd June we had a ‘Million Paws Walk’ around the school to raise money and awareness for RSPCA. Hundreds of soft toys took to the track with their owners, enjoying the opportunity to stroll and make new friends.

There were lots of generous donations, along with $569.20 raised, all of which will be donated to the RSPCA. Thank you to everyone who made a donation—they are greatly appreciated!

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**MONDAY 12TH JUNE**

**QUEEN’S BIRTHDAY HOLIDAY — NO SCHOOL**
In Term 2, the Year 3 students learn about some of the Indonesian cultural dances such as the Legong dance, Baris dance and the Saman dance. Here are some of their interpretations of the costumes of the Baris dancers.

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**Improving your local parks**  
Knox Regional Netball Centre and H.V. Jones Reserve

Knox City Council is preparing two masterplans to improve the Knox Regional Netball Centre and H.V. Jones Reserve in Ferntree Gully. We are seeking your feedback to plan for the future and ensure that both sites meet the community’s needs.

The purpose of a masterplan is to guide any future management, development and upgrade of the reserves as needs arise and/or when funding is available. Council prepares masterplans by conducting community consultations, a site analysis of surrounding land uses and background research on the history and future usage of the sites.

**What is involved?**

The first phase of the project will be the preparation of a feasibility study relating to the Knox Regional Netball Centre. The study will help Council determine the current needs and future direction for the facility. The development of the feasibility study will inform the masterplans. Subsequent works include consultation, development of issues and opportunities to be considered in the master planning for the site.

**Have your say now!**

Your feedback is important and will be used to ensure that both masterplans meet the community’s needs. You can have your say by either:

- Attending either of the two community engagement drop-in sessions at the Knox Regional Netball Centre Forecourt on **Friday 23 June, 10am to 12 noon** or **Saturday 24 June, 9am to 11am**  
  (As a thank you for attending, the first 50 attendees will receive a voucher for a free indigenous plant from the Knox Environment Society Nursery.)

- You can also have your say by completing the hardcopy survey (available from the school office) and returning it to Council, or you can complete an online version of the survey by visiting [www.knox.vic.gov/kmcmasterplan](http://www.knox.vic.gov/kmcmasterplan). The survey closes at **5:00pm Friday 7 July 2017**.
**KPA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE**

**Tuesday 27th June from 3:00-4:00pm**

Karoo Parent’s Association will be holding a Second Hand Uniform Sale on Tuesday 27th June from 3:00-4:00pm. If you have any unwanted uniform in good condition you wish to donate, please bring it into the office. Thank you!

**STUDENT BANKING**

Student banking day is **Monday**. Please ensure your deposit slip is completed & the money is secure in the folder. New folders & deposit books available if required.

NB—If a public holiday or student free day falls on a Monday, there will be no student banking that week.

**FlexiBuzz**

If you have not already done so, we recommend you sign up with FlexiBuzz to receive event reminders, newsletters and messages from your year level.

It’s quick, easy and free!

**Sign up for FlexiBuzz on your mobile phone or PC in 4 easy steps**

1. **Sign up for FlexiBuzz and then login**  
Search ‘FlexiBuzz’ in your app store or go to web.flexibuzz.com and click ‘Sign Up’

2. **Connect to Karoo**  
Select the ‘Search’ icon and select ‘Schools, Primary’; select Karoo Primary School from the results.

3. **Select your communication groups**  
Click the ‘Add’ icon beside the communication groups that apply to you.

4. **Get started**  
Click the ‘Home’ icon to view our recent posts. Access the Calendar, Canteen Menu and Uniform list as well as receive messages and reminders.

**LOST PROPERTY — COMMUNITY CENTRE**

**Open Before & After School:**  
Mon-Wed 8:45am & 3:30-4:30pm

**Open During School:**  
Mon-Wed 1:30-1:40pm

*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.

**CANTEEN NEWS …**

Canteen is open for lunch orders & recess counter sales every day. Please make sure you use the latest menu (Winter Menu—Terms 2 & 3 2017) when ordering. Canteen menus at the office.

**NEW SESSIONS AND A SATURDAY TOUR**

**2018 Prep Transition Dates**

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**Storytime in the Library …**

Wednesday 14th June (9:30am)  
Friday 30th June (9:30am)

**Saturday Tour—24th June 2017**

Morning Tea (with question & answer session) with the Principal & Assistant Principal from 10:00-10:30am, followed by a tour of our Prep facility.

☆ All welcome .. no booking necessary ☆

If you have a child starting Prep in 2018, please collect an enrolment form from the school office. Our Term 3 Prep Transition dates are as follows:

**Story Time**: Wednesdays 2nd, 9th & 16th August.

**Curriculum Experience**:  
Fridays 25th August and 1st, 8th & 15th September

**Step into Prep**:  
Wednesdays 1st, 15th 22nd & 29th November

(All of the above Term 3 sessions are from 2:40-3:20pm - bookings recommended)

**Parent Information Session—Prep Curriculum & Learning**:  
Monday 31st July from 7-8pm

* School tours for new families continue to run throughout the year on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am (bookings essential).

**UNIFORM**

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

Open: Monday - Friday: 8:30am-4:30pm and Saturday: 9:00am-1:00pm  
Uniform List available from office.

**CHOCOLATE DRIVE ENDS :**

**MONDAY 19TH JUNE**

Thank you for supporting this fundraiser! Please send all your money and any unsold chocolates to the school office by Monday 19th June.