Principal’s Comments

Project Day: Saturday 26th August from 12-3:00pm

We will be holding a special Project Day on Saturday 26th August from 12 noon until 3 p.m. There will be a notice sent home giving more details, but the purpose is to redo the existing path along the Murrindal Drive boundary. We will be ordering Lilydale topping to reform the path.

Asthma Training

A reminder about the need to inform the school if your child has asthma and so requires an asthma Management Plan and alert the school if your child has recently experienced a bout of asthma. The school will then be able to monitor your child and provide appropriate medication as per your written advice. On the Australia Asthma Foundation website there is some good advice and tips including a video entitled: http://asthmakids.org.au/

Asthma Emergency:

- Sit the person upright and do not leave the child alone
- Give 4 separate puffs of the reliever puffer. Put puffer in spacer; Shake the spacer; take a puff then 4 breaths; Shake the puffer, take another puff and then four breaths; Do this 4 times.
- Wait 4 minutes—if no improvement—give 4 more separate puffs.
- If there is no improvement call 000 for an ambulance and state it is for an asthma attack; keep giving 4 separate puffs every 4 minutes until emergency assistance arrives

Note: If the person is known to have anaphylaxis, follow Anaphylaxis Plan then give Asthma First Aid.

STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics.

At Karoo we have a strong emphasis on developing skills from Prep to Year 6 in Science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education which also includes specific knowledge and the inter-relationship between these four learning areas. Families play an important role in supporting their children to engage interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Remember that parents and families are the first and continuing educators for your children and for the attitudes and values they adopt.

If you visit the Prep Unit you will see STEM set up in the Discovery Learning area and Year 5 and 6 undertake Science in the lime green portable with Mr Armstrong creating many stimulating and electrical events.

At the present time on Tuesdays the Year 2 students are enjoying some excellent Science work including the incursion from Taskworks with the students involved with learning about motion. We are also incredibly fortunate to have a strong connection with Science from Deakin University. For the past few years including 2017, we have 20 Deakin University students visit Karoo under the guidance of Peter Hope, a past Karoo teacher, undertaking Science activities with our Year 4 students.

This is a wonderful learning experience for our students and an opportunity for our staff to link in skilled staff to learn and discuss together ways to instil an interest in science for our students. We really value the input and the positive learning interactions which are occurring. Our thanks go to Peter for involving Karoo in this program.

Families are able to provide play activities which are STEM-related. For younger children, this could include playing games to identify different shapes, numbers and patterns, singing songs and nursery rhymes about numbers and playing with building blocks. For older children, this could include using a digital device to make a movie with special effects, learn cooking skills and encouraging the use of apps and computer games that are STEM-related.

Irene Harding
Principal

Karoo Term 3 Calendar

**Wednesday 26th July, 2017**

- **Mon 31st July:** Assembly—Prep—Year 2
  KPA Meeting 9.05am
  2018 Prep Curriculum & Learning Parent Session 7pm
- **Wed 2nd Aug:** Year 3 Taskworks Excursion
  2018 Prep Storytime - 2.40-3.20pm
- **Thurs 3rd Aug:** ICAS - English in Staffroom 9.30am
- **Fri 4th Aug:** Karoo Reading Challenge ends
  Jeans for Genes Day—gold coin donation
- **Mon 7th Aug:** No Assembly—TRIBES
  School Council 7pm
- **Tues 8th Aug:** Y3/4 Musical rehearsal (at school)
  Year 6 attend Rowville Secondary College Production
- **Wed 9th Aug:** 2018 Prep Storytime - 2.40-3.20pm
- **Fri 11th Aug:** Prep Excursion—Chesterfield Farm
- **Sat 12th Aug:** Fundraising event—Bunnings BBQ
- **Mon 14th Aug:** Assembly—Years 3-6
- **Tues 15th Aug:** Year 6 Commonwealth Bank Smart Start program
- **Wed 16th Aug:** State School Spec—Massed choir rehearsal
  2018 Prep Storytime - Library 2.40-3.20pm
- **Thurs 17th Aug:** ICAS—Maths in staffroom 9:30am
  Year 6 Recycle Book Sale
- **Fri 18th Aug:** District Athletics
- **Mon 21st Aug:** No Assembly—TRIBES
- **Tues 22nd Aug:** Prep Responsible Pet Ownership Incur
  Year 1 Como Excursion (1A & 1U)
- **Wed 23rd Aug:** Y3/4 School Musical (Matinee 12 noon and
  Evening 6:30pm) at Rowville Secondary College
- **Fri 25th Aug:** Prep 2018 Curriculum Experience: 2.40-3.20pm
- **Sat 26th Aug:** Project Day (12-3:00pm)
- **Mon 28th Aug:** No Assembly—Book Week
  Storyteller—Prep—Year 2 at 10-11am
  Storyteller—Years 3-4 at 11:30-12:30am
- **Tues 29th Aug:** Karoo Book Parade 9:10am
- **Wed 30th Aug:** Fathers Day Stall (Year 5-6)
- **Thurs 31st Aug:** Fathers Day Stall (Prep—Year 4)
  Guest Author—Years 5 & 6 from 10-11am
- **Fri 1st Sept:** Prep 2018 Curriculum Experience: 2.40-3.20
  Y6 District Summer Sport Round Robin
- **Mon 4th Sept:** Proposed Curriculum Day
- **Tues 5th Sept:** Organising Students—Year 6
  Organising Students—Parent Session 7pm
- **Wed 6th Sept:** Y1 Como House Excursion (1SM & 1D)
  Friday Session 7pm
- **Thurs 7th Sept:** Prep Minibeasts Incursion
- **Fri 8th Sept:** Y6 District Summer Sport Round Robin
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- **Mon 18th Sept:** Assembly—Years 3-6
- **Tues 19th Sept:** Year 6 Economics Expo (11:30am-4pm)
- **Fri 22nd Sept:** End Term 3. Students dismissed at 2:30pm
- **Mon 9th Oct:** Start of Term 4 (Hats compulsory)
BOOK WEEK 2017

We will be celebrating Book Week from Monday the 28th of August to Friday the 1st of September.

BOOK PARADE
The Book Parade will be on Tuesday the 29th of August at 9.10am. This parade will be for the whole school. All students are invited to dress up as their favourite book character. All students are encouraged to participate.

GUEST SPEAKERS
PREP – Grade 4
Anne E Stewart, an acclaimed storyteller with an international reputation will be visiting the students from Prep – Grade 4 on Monday the 28th of August.
10 – 11 am – All Prep – Grade 2s.
11.30 – 12.30 – All Grade 3s and 4s.
Anne is a versatile performer whose focus is on the shared stories of Australia.

Grades 5 & 6
Anna Ciddor has written and illustrated over 50 books. She has won Notable Book awards from the Children's Book Council. She inspires audiences with her passion for turning facts into gripping narrative.
Anna will be visiting the Grade 5/6s in the Learning Common on Thursday the 31st of August from 10 – 11am.

LIBRARY ACTIVITIES
The Library will be open from 1.40 – 2.05pm each day during Book Week for students of all ages. We will be doing hands-on activities relating to the short listed books. This work will then be displayed in the Library.

ORDER YOUR LUNCHES ONLINE
(From Monday 31st July)

Our school has made an important change by registering for the online ordering system QuickCliq, which provides a safe way for ordering meals from our canteen online at your convenience.

From next Monday 31st July, you can order your children’s lunch orders online, using this new online canteen ordering system. A flyer is coming home today with instructions on how to use the new system. Full instructions (including a link to the QuickCliq website) are also available on the Karoo Primary School website under the Canteen tab.

QuickCliq allows you to set up an account from which your lunch order money is direct debited. No need to worry about having the correct money for your child’s lunch, and orders can be placed at any time that is convenient to you. No lunch orders can be accepted online after 9am for that same day’s lunch.

You are still welcome to order your child’s lunch manually using a paper bag and paying with cash—ordering lunches using the lunch tubs will continue as normal.

If you have any trouble registering or setting up your account, please contact Quick Cliq - info@quickcliq.com.au or call 1300 116 637.

How to get started:

- Visit www.quickcliq.com.au
- Log on or, if you are not already registered, ‘sign up’ by completing the registration form and follow the prompts
- Ensure you have added a student
- Select the ‘Meal Order’ tab to order from your canteen
- Order at your convenience

More information on how to place orders can be found on the QuickCliq website or contact QuickCliq directly by email - info@quickcliq.com.au.

If you have any questions regarding the Menu Items, please feel free to come and see me at the canteen.

Dianne Richards
Karoo PS Canteen Manager

ONLINE ORDERING BEGINS MONDAY 31ST JULY

VALUE OF THE FORTNIGHT

Resilience

This week during our TRIBES sessions, we learnt about what it means to be Resilient and bounce back, even when things are hard. At Karoo, we are striving to be ‘Rubber Band Kids’, meaning that even if we are stretched and times get tough, we are flexible, able to cope and will spring back!

-Miss Blonik, on behalf of Student Wellbeing
A Note from Rhonda Luttrell (Student Wellbeing Officer)

Welcome back to Term 3. I hope you have enjoyed a break from the school routines, and feeling refreshed for another busy term.

Early in Term 3 I will be facilitating two Parent discussions around Strength Based Parenting based on the research of Dr Lea Waters. These will take place on Thursday 3rd August and Thursday 10th August. We will meet in the staff room on both days, commencing at 9am and run for approximately 30 minutes. Dr Water’s approach has three main elements:

- **Performance** – identifying what your child is good at;
- **Energy** – it [the strength] leaves them feeling energised and motivated;
- **Use** – a child will naturally choose to use that strength.

This is a positive approach to parenting, and well worth taking a closer look at.

Come and join me and have a cuppa and enjoy some friendly sharing of ideas.

**Activity: The Mindful Jar**

This has become a feature in my office. It is a useful item to help my visitors focus their attention, especially if they are bringing some worries to school. The students always ask me if they can make one, so I thought I would include the instructions in the newsletter and it could be a useful activity for your family. *All you need is a glass jar with a screw top lid. Place in the jar some glitter glue; coloured glitter; food colouring and fill with water. Put the lid on tightly, shake the jar and watch the magic. Enjoy.*

I look forward to catching up with many of you this term.

Regards,

Rhonda Luttrell

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**KAROO READING CHALLENGE**

**Last day—4th August**

The Karoo Reading Challenge is now in its final weeks. The finish date is **Friday August 4th**. Still plenty of time to get those last few books read!

When you have finished your reading sheet don’t forget to bring it to the Library.

Well done to all of the students who have already returned their completed sheets.

Happy reading,

Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Austin

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**JEANS FOR GENES DAY**

**Friday 4th August**

Student Council would like to support the Victorian Jeans for Genes campaign. Money raised will be donated to support the work at the Children’s Medical Research Institute, who work tirelessly researching into genetic defects and childhood diseases that affect kids all around the world.

If you wish to support this wonderful cause, come dressed in your denim or jeans and bring along a gold coin donation.

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**Student Council Recycle Book Sale**

**Thursday 17th August**

New and preloved books all welcome

Student Council is organising a book sale to promote the love of reading and to raise money for Karoo Primary.

**Step 1:** Clear out your book shelves at home.

**Step 2:** Donate any picture story book, junior novels and teenage appropriate novels along with and non-fiction books that students will be interested in to the school. Send them to the Year 5/6 rooms between now and 17th August.

**Step 3:** Student council will organise the books ready for the sale.

**Step 4:** MASSIVE BOOK SALE on Thursday 17th August.

All books will be 50c or $1

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

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**SCHOOL FOYER MONITOR**

**STEM**

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**IMPORTANT DATES—CAMPs**

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**Year 3 Camp (26th-27th October)**

1st instal—$44 (247);
2nd instal—$44 (28/8);
3rd instal—$44 (19/9)

**Year 4 Camp (25th-27th October)**

1st instal—$75 (24/7);
2nd instal—$75 (28/8);
3rd instal—$76 (18/9)

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

New Scholastic catalogues were sent home last week. Orders will be taken up until Wednesday 2nd August

- 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

**DID YOU KNOW THAT BATTERIES CAN BE RECYCLED??**

97% of batteries end up in landfill. These batteries can leak toxic chemicals which pollute our land and water.

In an effort to reduce the large amount of batteries that go to landfill, the children at Murrindal Preschool are taking action to have their batteries recycled. At our preschool we have a container for the children to deposit their batteries and the educators and/or children will take them to ALDI where they get sent to be recycled overseas. You can also be a part of this action! A similar tub has been placed in the foyer of your admin office for you to place your used batteries. A representative from Murrindal will collect the tub at regular intervals and take your batteries to be recycled. Let’s see how many batteries we can collect as a community!!!

Thank you in advance for supporting us to take care of our beautiful planet!!!

Kind Regards,

The Teachers at Murrindal Preschool

**Mrs Australia International Finalist**

Our congratulations to a Karoo parent, Sophia Rayat who is a finalist entrant in Mrs Australia International. Sophia has provided a letter outlining her experience and will speak at a Year 3 -6 Assembly on Monday 14th August. We wish Sophia well in her endeavours and in her work for charity

Dear Parents and Staff,

My name is Sophia Rayat, Krish and Mitchell’s mum. I am on the KPA school committee and help with second hand school uniform sales.

I have been selected as a Mrs Australia International National Finalist 2018. Hopefully once I win the crown I will get a chance to go to USA to represent our beautiful country. This competition is not only about external beauty, it is also how beautiful we are inside. I love helping others. I am a fundraiser for the charity called “The Global Women Project” which helps women in Nepal and Cambodia. I am also doing a fundraiser for the Westmead Children Hospital.

Please help me to raise money for these good causes, as it’s always good to help each other and give back to our community. I will be giving a speech at school assembly on Monday 14th August.

Thanks every one for your support.

Kind Regards

Sophia Rayat

**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB—special offer**

Scholastic are offering parents who are registered for LOOP the opportunity to keep the reading momentum rolling throughout the school year with a Keep It Rolling special offer. This will help families to build their home library and keep the reading momentum rolling among students. Register for LOOP emails to receive ALL special offers available.

LOOP parents will receive plenty of additional bonus book opportunities throughout the year—don’t miss out!

For more information visit https://mybookclubs.scholastic.com.au/Parent/Register.aspx

**Mini Hoops**

**Basketball clinics for beginners**

4-12 years old!

Every Friday of the school term

Time: 4.15 - 5.15pm

Cost: $10 per session*

To register your interest please contact -

Alex Palazzolo
palazzolo.alex.p@edumail.vic.gov.au

9752 4563

*Payment for full term required
We are an eSmart school! Are you eSmart?

What is the issue?

Knowing who will see it or when they will see it.

One thing about you going online there is no

Primary: Digital Tattoo

Activity: Your online identity

Let your current profile and identity on social media/applications fit in this block.
How the birds got their colours
By Georgia M
All of the birds saw a rainbow flower. They sent butterflies to get some lavender from the flower. They made the lavender into paint to make the birds colourful to look beautiful.

How the ladybugs got their spots
By Aaliyah B
Ladybugs used to be all red. One day baby ladybugs were playing in the mud and covered in spots of mud. From then on ladybugs have always had spots.

How the kookaburras got their voices
By Sophie L
The kookaburra tried to make a sound but the kookaburra still didn’t have its voice. When she shouted for her mum she had a voice! From her voice came her shout. She realised she had a voice. The End.

How the birds got their colour
By Joshua L, Illustration by Lucy V
The birds found a rainbow. They flew through it and that’s how they got their colours.

How the turtles got slow
By Aidan D
One day a turtle got hurt because the turtle was hurt. It bumped into the turtle in front of it and from then on all of the turtles were slow.

How the rabbits got their tails
Long, long ago there was a rabbit family called the Bunnies. One day they were out playing around in the grass having fun. They came across a field of fluffy, white flowers that smelt delicious. They ate so many of the flowers!

They were so full when they got home and their bellies were-fat and exploding. Suddenly fluffy tails popped out on their backs. That made them feel so much better!
That is how the rabbits got their tails!

By Prep M, 29 June 2017