Principal’s Comments

Classes for 2018
We are currently in the process of establishing our 2018 staff and school structure. To assist this process we request that parents inform the school in writing addressed to Leanne Vines if their children will not be returning to Karoo in 2018. Once we have an indicative enrolment number we will inform the school community about classes and staff for the new year. As the process of allocating students to a class for 2018 commences we urge parents to speak positively to their children about the possibility of being in a class with students who they may not be with this year. The staff put a great amount of effort into organising classes based on students’ social, emotional and educational needs. We support students by having Transition sessions in November; these provide us with an opportunity to observe students and greatly assist with class formation.

Holiday works
We were aware of the uneven concrete path near Learning Common 6 and the back playground. During the holidays we had the old bricks removed and a new concrete pathway was poured.

Karoo is very proud of the beautiful trees in our school grounds particularly in the courtyard. They provide much needed shade in the warm weather; they unfortunately lose their leaves in Autumn. To improve water flow in the gutters during heavy rain we have had gutter guard installed, hoping this will eliminate the overflow of water that occurs.

We are currently looking into the cost to have the uneven grass area between the Library and Rooms 1 and 2 replaced with artificial turf.

Many thanks to our cleaning staff Norm and Sandra Radford and Josie Battaglia for the great effort they put into cleaning the school during the holidays. We are fortunate to have their services and appreciate their work.

Recent Events
Week 1 was busy, with two special events keeping the students busy. The AFL Roadshow was very popular and provided an opportunity for students to have fun and experience a great range of activities. Thanks to Josh Maroney for organising the event.

Again the School Disco, organised by Robyn Mowat and the Student Council was a great success - dancing, glittery clothes and glow sticks were abundant. Many thanks to Robyn Mowat, Cass Blonik and the student representatives.

Leanne Vines
Acting Principal

Karoo Calendar, 2017

OCTOBER
- Thurs 19th Oct: Teacher Appreciation Day
- Wed 25th Oct: Division Summer Finals—Softball Year 4 Camp
  Scholastic Book Club orders due
- Thurs 26th Oct: Year 3 & Year 4 Camp
  Division Cricket
- Fri 27th Oct: Year 3 & Year 4 Camp
  Year 5 excursion—Legoland Division Volleyball Finals
- Mon 30th Oct: School Council meeting
- Tues 31st Oct: Year 3 excursion: Scienceworks

NOVEMBER
- Wed 1st Nov: 2018 Preps—Step into Prep 2:40pm
- Thurs 2nd Nov: One Day One Song—Whole School
  Online Music Concert
- Fri 3rd Nov: Region Finals—Volleyball
- Tues 7th Nov: Melbourne Cup Day—no school
- Wed 8th Nov: Year 5 & 6 excursion—Starlab
  Year 1 excursion—Zoo
- Thurs 9th Nov: Walkathon
- Sat 11th Nov: Diamonds & Dancing—Fundraiser
- Mon 13th Nov: Year 6 Graduation photo
- Tues 14th Nov: Year 6 incursion—Metro trains
  Year 5 Rowville SC—STEM
- Wed 15th Nov: 2nd Hand Uniform Sale—whole school
  2018 Preps—Step Into Prep 2:40pm
- Mon 20th Nov: 2018 Preps—Parent Info Night 7pm
- Wed 22nd Nov: 2018 Preps—Step Into Prep 2:40pm
- Wed 29th Nov: Prep—Bunnings Workshop
  Year 1 incursion—Science
  State Rugby finals
  2018 Preps—Step Into Prep 2:40pm

DECEMBER
- Mon 4th Dec: School Council—Meeting & Dinner
  KPA Dinner
- Mon 11th Dec: Karoo Christmas Concert 6-7:30pm
- Tues 12th Dec: Year 6—Orientation Day
  2018 Preps—Orientation Day
  2nd Hand Uniform Sale—2018 Preps
- Thurs 14th Dec: Prep—Y5 Buddies Movie Night
- Mon 18th Dec: Year 6 Graduation
- Tues 19th Dec: Year 6 Tennis Day
- Wed 20th Dec: Year 6 Luncheon
- Thurs 21st Dec: Special Assembly 9am
  Year 6 Activities day
- Fri 22nd Dec: Last day of Term 4
  (Students dismissed at 1:30pm)

Term 4 Week 2

SCHOOL HATS ARE
COMPULSORY IN TERM 4

Disco Thank You
A big thank you to all the students and staff who attended the Karoo Disco. It was once again a huge success and the students thoroughly enjoyed themselves. We raised $1,459.00 for the school.

Thank you from Student Council

Hayfever/Allergy Season
A reminder to parents of students with hayfever to please medicate your child before school on high allergy days. You are welcome to leave hayfever medication in the sick bay for your child’s use—please come into the office and speak to our staff and collect a Medication Permission Form.

School Hats Are
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CLASS AWARDS

Prep—Year 2
Week Ending—13th October, 2017

Prep: Amaya H, Sean N, Fahim M—0C, David W, Aaliyah B, Aidan D—0M, Sue Min L, Pippa H, Ethan B—0T
Year 1: Lola P, Nicholas K—1A, Raphaella J, Alana C, Kane T, James -1D, Sophie L, Jenna C, Axel C—1SM
Year 2: Taylor H, Lachie S—2D, Noah G—2E, Lachlan E, Christina T—2H, Taya M, Akira S—2W.

P.E.: Eric F—2W

Year 3-6
Week Ending—13th October, 2017

Year 3: 3B—The whole grade, Alex B, Emily S—3C.

UNIVERSITY OF NSW ASSESSMENTS

Karoo had 19 students sit the ICAS English Assessment. We gained 3 credits, 4 Distinctions and 1 High Distinction. Congratulations to:

- Credit
  - Year 2—Ava B, Mila K
  - Year 4—Tabitha F
- Distinction
  - Year 2—Lyra W
  - Year 3—Ali B, Daniel Z
  - Year 5—Aimee B
- High Distinction
  - Year 3—Elaine L

Well Done!
Deborah Thompson (ICAS Co-ordinator)

MUSIC NOTES

2017 One Day One Song At Karoo—all students

One Day One Song is Australia’s biggest singing initiative. Now in the 11th year, students nationwide sing the same song at the same time and on the same day. Every student at Karoo has learnt ‘Shine Together’ and will be part of a 600,000 Australia wide vocal effort.

You are invited to come along to our Karoo performance:
Thursday 2nd November from 11.30-11.45 in the Gym

John Oldham,
Performing Arts Teacher

KAROO COIN CHALLENGE

Raised a FANTASTIC $2,150.00
Thank you to all families for your support and congratulations to 4T on achieving the longest line of coins!

CHEERS,
Rhonda Luttrell
Student Wellbeing Officer

OFFICE NEWS...

2018 Parent Payments
Our Parent Payment letter was sent home via the eldest child in the family last week. This is a little earlier than normal to give families ample time to arrange payment. Payments can be made at the office between now and Tuesday 12th December, on which day books will be available for collection. If books are not collected on this day, the alternate collection day is Wednesday 24th January 2018. Payment plans are available—please speak to office staff.

A Note from Rhonda Luttrell (Student Wellbeing Officer)

Welcome back to the final term in 2017. So much is happening and will happen as the term progresses. One of the big things the students will be looking forward to is their preparation to move up to their next class or their next school. With these changes their anxiety can rise, and I encourage parents to be thoughtful in their response to these anxieties. The following are just a couple of strategies that may help your child manage their anxiety positively.

- **Stop reassuring your child.** This may sound like a strange thing to do, but when their anxiety is heightened, they cannot think logically, and your reassurances are falling on deaf ears. Instead of reassuring your child that everything is okay...the FEEL method is a very useful strategy:
  - **Freeze**—pause and take some breaths with your child. Deep breathing can help reverse the nervous system response.
  - **Empathise**—anxiety is scary. Your child wants to know that you get it.
  - **Evaluate**—once your child is calm, it's time to figure out possible solutions.
  - **Let go**—let go of your guilt; you are an amazing parent giving your child the tools to manage their way.
- **Teach your child to be a thought detective.** This method, known as the 3C’s will help your child identify their anxieties and how to manage them themselves.
  - **Catch your thoughts.** Imagine every thought you have floats above your head in a bubble. Now catch one of the worried thoughts; i.e “No one at school likes me”.
  - **Collect the evidence.** Collect the evidence to support or negate this thought. Teach your child not to make judgments about what to worry about only based on feelings. Feelings are not facts. Supporting evidence—“I had a hard time finding someone to sit with at lunch yesterday.” Negating evidence “Sherry and I do homework together, she’s a friend of mine.”
  - **Challenge the thoughts.** The best and most entertaining way to do this is to teach your child to have a debate within themselves. Your child can work out what is fact and what is feeling for themselves.

Please keep in mind you did not cause your child’s anxiety but you can help them overcome it. A great book to read on this subject is “Helping Your Anxious Child” by Ronald M Rapee and others. It is available through online bookstores.

Have a great term. Just a reminder that I am at the school Monday and Thursday 8.30am to 4pm, please feel free to come and talk to me about any wellbeing concerns you may have for your child at school, my office is located in the Prep area.

Cheers,
Rhonda Luttrell

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**SCHOLASTIC BOOK CLUB**

New Scholastic catalogues were sent home last week. Orders will be taken up until **Wednesday 25th October**

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**INDONESIAN NEWS**

On Monday 18th September at the school assembly, some students from Year 4 performed Lenggang-lenggang Kangkung on the angklung. This song is about the water spinach swaying in the wind. The students practised hard during several lunch times to get the song right and they gave a good rendition of the song at assembly. We are very proud of their achievement.

_Ibu Lim_

Indonesian Language Teacher

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**FUNDRAISING NEWS ... UPCOMING EVENT**

**DIAMONDS AND DANCING**

**SATURDAY 11TH NOVEMBER**

**KAROO PRIMARY SCHOOL GYM**

7:00—11:30 PM

**TICKETS $30 PER PERSON**

(AVAILABLE NOW FROM THE OFFICE)

A NOTE WILL BE GOING HOME THIS WEEK OUTLINING THIS FABULOUS NIGHT BEING ORGANISED BY THE FUNDRAISING COMMITTEE.

- ♦ Live music from ‘Rise’
- ♦ Finger food provided
- ♦ BYO alcohol

**SPECIAL RAFFLE DRAW**

BUY A TICKET IN OUR SPECIAL RAFFLE FOR A 1 IN 125 CHANCE OF WINNING A 1/2 CARAT DIAMOND (VALUE-$3,600)

AN INVITITATION IS EXTENDED TO OUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY TO JOIN US FOR THIS GLITTERING FUNDRAISER!

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**2018 Prep Transition Dates**

If you have a child starting Prep in 2018, please collect an enrolment form from the school office if you have not already done so. Our Term 4 Prep Transition dates are as follows:

**Step into Prep:**

Wednesdays 1st, 15th, 22nd & 29th November

(The above sessions are from 2:40-3:20pm - bookings preferred)

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

Knox City Football Club - Girls Only Soccer clinic. We are seeking eager and enthusiastic junior girls aged between 7 – 12 yrs old to join their family friendly soccer club at Egan Lee Reserve, Knoxfield for the 2018 season. This free event has been developed by the club to give all junior girl soccer players, new and experienced, a chance to meet with the club’s current players and establish an interest in playing soccer for the 2018 season. For more information contact Mark Tyrrell on 0413353819 or email info@knoxcityfc.com.au.

Australian Girls Choir – October Open Day
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 come along to our Open Day on Sunday October 29 to try our fun and inclusive classes and learn more about being part of the AGC! Contact us if you would like to attend the Open Day in October. Ph 9859 6499 or email headoffice@asagroup.com.au

Upcoming Community Event: Bumble Bee Baby & Children’s Market
Central Ringwood Community Centre, Bedford park, Rosewarne Lane, Richwood on Sunday 22nd October 2017 9am - 12pm. New, handmade and preloved items. $2 entry fee.

Penguin Random House Annual Book Sale—Saturday 21st October from 9:00am-2pm at 16 Dalmore Drive Scoresby. Apart from a great selection of books to purchase, we will be offering free face painting for children and free tea, coffee and biscuits. Children can make a bookmark for the books they purchase. All proceeds raised on the day will be donated to the Indigenous Literary Foundation.

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SCHOOL Foyer Monitor: AFL Roadshow

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
Monday 23rd October: Prep-Y2

Term Dates 2017:
Term 4: 9 Oct—22 Dec

Term Dates 2018:
Term 1: 30 Jan—29 Mar

Uniform Shop
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.

LOST PROPERTY – COMMUNITY CENTRE
Open Before & After School:
Mon-Wed 8:45-9am & 3:30-3:45pm

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

No visitors during class time please!

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 online ordering—now available!

NO NEWSLETTER??
DOWNLOAD IT FROM OUR WEBSITE!
* Newsletter now produced fortnightly

Knox Community Christmas Support
AMF Knox Bowling Fund Raiser
The Knox Community Christmas Support helps families doing it tough at Christmas.
All money raised goes to Christmas food hampers and children's toys.

Last year nearly 1000 individuals within the Knox Community benefited from the KCCS program.
We are having a fund raiser for KCCS at Knox AMF Bowling at 7:30 on 23rd November 2017
$25 for 2 games including bowling shoes
For every person that registers $10 goes to the KCCS program

IT'S ON FACEBOOK
We have created an events page
Go to “Knox Community Christmas Support”
All info provided on the events page
Or go to https://www.trybooking.com/QZJB
and book online
KCCS Co-ordinator: Wayne Guest
PH: 9761 1325
e: kccsworker@knoxcinfolink.org.au
Please share with as many friends as possible!

Rowville 3yo Kinder MARKET DAY
SUNDAY 29TH OCTOBER 9:30AM-12:30PM
Rowville Preschool
Cnr Wellington Rd & Tirhatuan Drive
Raffles, Prizes & Stalls
$2 ENTRY - KIDS FREE
HELP SUPPORT YOUR LOCAL PRESCHOOL

ZOOPER DOOPERS FOR SALE—50c
Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30-3:45pm
We will be selling Zooper Dopers 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.