Principal’s Comments

Year 3 and Year 4 Aussie Aussie Concert
It was with great pride and excitement that I had the opportunity to be an audience member at the first concert performance last week. During the second performance I spent time with the students backstage. At all times the students’ demonstrated great resilience and outstanding behaviour. At the conclusion of the performances I addressed the audience and I wanted to share this with the wider school community.

Congratulations firstly to our Year 3 and Year 4 students - dedication, commitment, skill development, perseverance all mixed with fun and laughter - have proven to be the key to a successful concert. This is my first official event as the Principal of Karoo PS; I am overtly proud and grateful to be addressing you all tonight.

For our students, your child, success and enjoyment will look different dependant on their personality, but for all students we can acknowledge that Karoo staff have supported the students to:

- build and develop their self confidence
- develop and promote their own self motivation and expression
- overcome some fears
- have the opportunity to show their expressive and artistic skills
- manage problems and uncertainty
- further develop their team building and social interaction skills

The success of the concert commenced with the commitment from our Year 3 and Year 4 team of teachers - Robyn, Libby, Marina, Rose, Kristina and Rachael who wanted a concert that provided an opportunity for all students be included, with a focus on team work within and across the classes. Their ideas and efforts were supported by our capable, dedicated and enthusiastic Performing Arts teacher Mr Kenneth Mills. His capacity to ‘bring it all together’ was clearly evident tonight - thank you.

To all the Karoo staff present tonight you too have contributed to a successful and enjoyable evening. To the Karoo Parents Association thank you for supporting the community by providing snacks between the performances- a great initiative; special thanks to Kristy Ackland for her wonderful organisation.

Working Bee
Despite a small number of attendees the amount of work achieved was admirable. Many thanks to the following families for their support: Lancaster, Culpitt, Fernando, Leung, Gillespie, Thomason, McFarlin, Horsnell, Taylor, Cowan, Howard and Badham. In two hours the parents and students moved mulch onto the front garden bed and cleaned up the pathway near Murridal Drive. The students who attended with their parents collected numerous large bags of rubbish around the school. I thank them for their efforts, though disappointing to see so much rubbish in our school grounds. This is something that I will address with all the students in the coming week.

Run 4 Fun
Despite the postponement of the event the students held over their excitement, we all had a great time on Monday morning. Thanks to Josh Maroney for his time and support setting up the event. We are fortunate to have the commitment from our school community, it was great to see so many parents supporting the event. It would be greatly appreciated if all donations could be made to the school as soon as possible. We will inform the school community how much money was raised in the next newsletter.

Leanne Vines
Principal

Karoo Calendar

**NOVEMBER 2019**
- Friday 1st November
  Crazy Camel Fundraiser orders due
- Monday 4th November
  Canteen closed
- Tuesday 5th November
  Melbourne Cup Day (no students)
- **Wednesday 6th November**
  Year 1 Wildlife Xposure Incursion
- Thursday 7th November
  Online Music : Guitar concert (6pm) and Keyboard concert (7pm)
- Friday 8th November
  2020 Preps: Step into Prep 2:40pm
  Year 6 Graduation Photo (9am)
- **Friday 15th November**
  2020 Preps: Step into Prep 2:40pm
- Monday 18th November
  2020 Preps Parent Info Night
- **Tuesday 19th November**
  Year 6 Metro Trains incursion
- Friday 22nd November
  Karoo House Athletics
  2020 Preps: Step into Prep 2:40pm
- Wednesday 27th November
  Year 2 STEAM Incursion
- Friday 29th November
  Year 1—Melbourne Zoo excursion
  2020 Preps: Step into Prep 2:40pm

**DECEMBER 2019**
- Monday 2nd December
  Toe by Toe morning tea
- Tuesday 3rd December
  Quicksmart morning tea
- Friday 6th December
  Parent Helpers’ morning tea
- **Tuesday 10th December**
  Book Collection 8:30-10:45am/3-6pm
  Prep 2020 Orientation Day
  KPA Second Hand Uniform Sale
- **Thursday 12th December**
  Karoo Christmas Concert 6-7pm
- **Monday 16th December**
  Special Assembly 9:15am
  Year 6 Graduation 6pm
- **Tuesday 17th December**
  Year 6 Tennis Day
- **Wednesday 18th December**
  Year 6 Celebration Lunch
- **Thursday 19th December**
  Year 6 Activities Day
- Friday 20th December
  Last day of school—students dismissed at 1:30pm

**JANUARY 2020**
- Thursday 23rd January
  Book collection 10am-1pm
- **Wednesday 29th January**
  First day of school for Y1-8
- **Thursday 6th February**
  First day of school for Foundation
TEACHER APPRECIATION DAY

Hello lovely Karoo Families,

Last week the KPA put on a wonderful spread for our very special teachers.

Thank you to all our beautiful teachers for creating such a special environment for our little humans to thrive in. We hope you enjoyed a lovely morning tea.

Big thank you to the amazing KPA team and all the super awesome families who took the time to bring in a plate of food. These special days couldn’t happen without the Karoo community and the awesome effort from the KPA.

Nikki Michas ... President-KPA

CLASS AWARDS

Week Ending - 26th October, 2019

Prep—Year 2
Prep: Lachie P—0B, Jarred S—0M, Nathan S—0J.
Year 1: Indee & Sam—1C, Annaliese H, Lewis E & Sage M—1M, Jack K—1N, Georgia K & Jayson M—1W
Year 2: Ethan TK & Christian Z—2F, Alyssa H & Brodie A—2D.

Years 3—6
Year 3: Sophie L & Charlotte E—3C, Laura B & Alyda T—3H.
Year 5: Jye H, Travis T & Linc E—5B, Allegra H & Jake L—5T, Tahli M & Joseph R—5J.
Year 6: Tabitha F & Hayden T—6D, Lara L—6L, Tyler R—6V.

2020 PREP (FOUNDATION)
ENROL NOW!
If you have a child starting Prep (now known as Foundation) next year, please come into the office and collect an enrolment form.

School Tours for prospective families:
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 9:30am
Bookings—9759 6222

TRANSITION PROGRAM
Step into Prep sessions:
Fridays 8th, 15th, 22nd & 29th November (2:40-3:20pm)

Reminder ...
SCHOOL HATS ARE COMPULSORY IN TERMS 1 & 4

CANTEEN NEWS

Week 4 Canteen Meal Deal

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(Week 4 Meal Deal available Thurs 30th Oct—Wed 6th Nov)

All regular canteen items will still be available to order, with counter sales at recess and lunchtime as normal.

★ CANTEEN CLOSED: MONDAY 4TH NOVEMBER ★

School Crossing News

Sue (our lovely Karoo Road crossing lady) is taking a well earned holiday break. She will be back with us before the end of the year.

ZOOPER DOOPERS FOR SALE—50c
Tuesday & Thursday from 3:30-3:45pm (... and every day this week due to hot weather)

We will be selling Zooper Dopers for 50c after school in the Courtyard for the rest of Term 4. The money will go towards the Year 6 Graduation, so please help support the Year 6s in our final year of primary school.

Thank you ... Year 6 students

BOOK COLLECTION DAYS
Tuesday 10th December 2019 from 8:30-10:45am and 3:00-6:00pm
Thursday 23rd January 2019 from 10am-1:00pm

2020 Book packs can be collected only during these times.
Fee payments can be made at the office at any time.
Knox City Council supports sustainable transport as it’s good for our physical and mental health, the environment and it reduces traffic congestion.

They have now created a Walk to School map showing walking routes to school from various points. The purpose of the map is to encourage families to park their car at one of the meeting points and walk the short distance to school. They have chosen locations where there is plenty of car parking and the route is safe and pleasant to walk on. By reducing cars in front of the school gate, road safety is increased for the children.

SAFETY NOTES:
When walking/cycling/scooting:
- Cross at designated crossing points as much as possible
- Wear correct gear and bright clothes so drivers can see you in low light
- Parents supervising children cycling under 12yrs old can also cycle on the foot path with them

PLEASE NOTE:
Drivers must observe all Victorian Road rules. This includes:
- **NO STOPPING** at least 10m from any intersection
- **NO PARKING** beside a solid centreline unless there is a gap of 3m between the parked car and the centreline
- **NO PARKING** across driveways
**ART NEWS**

**TIME RUNNING OUT TO ORDER ITEMS FROM CRAZY CAMEL**

Order close this Friday, 1st November. If you have lost the link to get to the Karoo page on their website, view the Crazy Camel newsfeed on COMPASS to find a direct link that you can click on.

The Art captains showed some of the products available at assembly last week, and there are displays in the library window and glass cabinet in the office foyer if you wish to see the quality of the products before purchasing.

**CALLING FOR DONATIONS**

In the Art room we try our best to Reduce, Reuse, Repurpose and Recycle. If you can help out with any of the donation items listed below, we would be most appreciative.

*Recycled Robots - Prep:

In 3 weeks the Prep students will be constructing their own Recycled Robots. Whilst we have a stockpile of some items, it would be great to have a huge collection of items they can choose from to create their masterpieces. We are asking for items you would normally place in your recycling that are clean and free from all traces of food.

We are not able to use items that have come into contact with products containing nuts or eggs for allergy reasons.

Useful items could include (but are in no way limited to):
- Cardboard boxes (from packages, cereals, tissues, etc.)
- Plastic containers (ice-cream, yoghurt, margarine, etc. no glass)
- Plastic bottles
- Cardboard tubes (glad wrap, foil, paper towel etc. - no toilet rolls please)
- Random plastic blister packaging (like bakery items come in, fronts of blister packed items like toys, pencils etc.)
- Metal or plastic lids (washed well)
- Anything else you think the Preps might have fun with 😊

There will be an oversized white gardening bag in the far end of the prep building for collecting these items (past the toilets, where the computers used to be). Thankyou for your assistance.

*Magazines:

We would love to have some magazines in the Art room for various projects in the coming year. Please do a quick skim through to check that articles/images are ‘child friendly’ before donating. We have a box for magazines in the Art room.

Jemimah Main and Jess Cole
Visual Arts

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**SCHOOL PARKING REMINDERS**

For the sake of the safety of our students and as a courtesy to our community please respect the rules:

- **OBSERVE** the 2min parking time limit where marked (do not leave your car).
- **DO NOT** park in or use the staff car park at any time during school hours (disabled car park is to be used by holders of a disabled sticker only).
- **DO NOT** park across driveways under any circumstances.
- **DO NOT** double park.
- **ALWAYS USE** school crossings when crossing the road.
- **WET DAYS**—allow extra time for your journey as traffic around the school is heavier and demand for parking higher.

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**OFFICE NEWS...**

**HAYFEVER SEASON**
If your child suffers from hayfever, please ensure you administer any medication to them before school, or alternatively sign a medication permission form and provide the medication for us to administer if needed during the school day.

**DENTAL VAN**
Due to unforeseen circumstances, the Dental Van visit has been postponed until next year. The new date will be advertised in the newsletter in 2020 once confirmed.

Thank you,
Office Staff

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**Compass**

Check in regularly to your parent portal to keep up to date with all school news...

**PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF EVENT DUE DATES AS LATE PAYMENTS/CONSENTS WILL NO LONGER BE ACCEPTED. PAYMENTS MADE ONLINE AND AT THE OFFICE MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE LISTED ON COMPASS.**

**Events currently uploaded for parent attention:**

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**Parents please note:**

If your child is leaving Karoo at the end of the year don’t forget to download their school reports (once you exit, your Compass Karoo parent portal closes)

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**REMEMBERANCE DAY POPPIES**

On sale until 8th November in the LC6 during lunch eating time and at the office before and after school.

The following items are available:

- Poppies ($2 or $5)
- Wristband ($3)
- Bag Tags ($4)
- Key Rings ($4)
- Pens ($5)

The RSL (Boronia sub-Branch) thanks you for your support
PE / SPORTS NEWS

DIVISION VOLLEYBALL AND BASKETBALL

Congratulations to our Boys Volleyball and Girls Basketball team who competed in the Division Sport Competition earlier this term. Our Volleyballers came 3rd overall and our Basketballers were runners up. Well done on your fantastic efforts. Thank you to Ahren for coaching our girls basketball team. Below are our students who represented Karoo:

**GIRL’S BASKETBALL:**
Lauren B (6L), Keira D (6V), Natalie B (6L), Amy V (6L), Regan F (6L), Tayla P (6L), Sophie D (6v), Tylah K (6L), Coach: Ahren D.

**VOLLEYBALL:**
Jake T (6D), Adam J (6V), Mitchell H (6V), Ashton R (6V), Lachlan N (6L), Isaac M (6L), Paolo B (6L), Josh G (6L), Elai B

HAMISH AT VICTORIAN ALL SCHOOLS CHAMPIONSHIPS

On 27 October 2019 Hamish (6D) competed at the Victorian All Schools Championships at Doncaster Athletics Track.

Hamish proudly wore his Karoo shirt and competed in the Under 15, 3000m race walk. It took Hamish 16:47 min, being a 46 second PB and earning a silver medal.

Well done Hamish on a fantastic result!

KAROO HOUSE ATHLETICS

On Friday November 22nd, all Karoo students will be involved in the inaugural Karoo House Athletics competition being held at Karoo. Students are encouraged to wear house colours on the day of competition to make the day colourful and fun for all. Students will participate in athletic activities that will give them an opportunity to add to their house colour’s overall points and be crowned the overall house athletics winner.

**Competition times are:**

**P-2:** 11:10am – 1:00pm and **3-6:** 9am – 1:00pm

We are needing some parent helpers to ensure the smooth running of the day. If you are available to assist please contact the office or Josh Maroney.

REGIONAL ATHLETICS

Earlier this term five of our students progressed to Regional Athletics.

It was a very wet and cold day but our students performed remarkably considering the conditions. Well done to all of our competitors who did their absolute best and competed at a very high level of competition.

Congratulations also goes to Chloe who qualified via this event to represent Karoo at the State School Victoria competition in both events. She placed 2nd in the 800m and 6th in the 1500m event. Well done Chloe!

**Has your child got a great sporting story that you think we should know about? If so, please contact me.**

**Name** | **Year Level** | **Event** | **Overall Placing**
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Luke | 6 | Hurdles | 3rd
Madeline | 5 | Hurdles | 8th
Madeline | 5 | 100m | 15th
Cooper | 5 | High Jump | 11th
Nick | 6 | 200m | 8th
Chloe | 5 | 1500m | 1st
Chloe | 5 | 800m | 1st

KPA SECOND HAND UNIFORM SALE

**TUESDAY 10TH DECEMBER 2019**

Do you have any unwanted school uniform still in very good condition? KPA is now taking donations for our next second hand uniform sale. Thank you!

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.

Term Dates 2019

Term 4
7 Oct—20 Dec

Term Dates 2020

Term 1
29 Jan—27 Mar
Congratulations to all students and staff on a wonderful Concert. The feedback we have received has been very positive, from students, parents and staff. Here are some student reflections and parent comments ...

The concert was unreal!!
Every aspect was fantastic!!
Bravo to all the teachers and all their efforts!!

It was funny.
The holding bay was cold when you went in there after being on stage.
It was nervy-racking.
It was fun.
My mum and dad thought it was funny and entertaining.
The Caramelo Koala ad made me hungry.

Congratulations on a great concert last night. Izzy had a great time. We really appreciate all the extra time that you put into this to give the kids a great experience. Thanks again.

Last night was the 3-4 Concert. I loved singing and dancing with all my friends. It was fun playing games with Ava, Keira, Abbey and Annaliese. I saw my mum and dad and Owen in the seats. I could see them smiling at me. I think they felt proud.

... It was just amazing. We watched it twice and loved both shows. The choreography was hilarious, it was so well organised and the children were so dedicated. We were blown away. Secretly I was a little bit teary through out, as I was so proud of everyone and the school. Thank you for putting so much effort in. Every one could see all the work involved; it would have been a mammoth effort.

The Aussie Aussie Concert was fun and funny. It was entertaining. When you went back into the holding bay it was cold. My mum was proud and happy. While we were in the holding bay we played games. I was happy when it was over.

Amazing!!! I loved the old ads, and that you moved the kids around so everyone got time at the front of the stage! It was super well done, nightly enjoyable and I was impressed at how fast it flowed. Thanks so much!

The concert was unreal!!
Every aspect was fantastic!!
Very happy and super proud!!!
Bravo to all the teachers and all their efforts!!
KNOX CITY FOOTBALL CLUB
SPRING TRAINING AND EOI FOR
2020 SEASON

We are taking Expressions Of Interest for the 2020 Winter season. You are welcome to come down to RD Egan Lee for our FREE Spring training.
Under 7 – Under 11 every Wednesday 6-7pm
Under 12 – Under 15 every Thursday 6-7pm

Training runs until the last week in November 2019. Express your interest by speak to Mark 0413353819 or Amanda 0409807419 or by completing the form at the below link.
https://form.jotform.co/92827950287874