

Term 2 Week 8

Wednesday 9th June, 2021

Principal's Comments

Remote Learning and Onsite Learning

We have had very positive comments from our SEIL Justin Butler and the DSSI (Regional team who work at Karoo every Wednesday) about our Learning from Home program. DSSI have asked permission to share our work with other schools. It has been encouraging to know that we are providing high quality teaching program during lockdown. Student engagement and attendance online has been high. Staff have been contacting families if a child is not attending and records are being kept. Onsite we have more students attending this week, therefore an additional group has been added. We are running with 3 classrooms; this supports the students to join the class meets each day. Our specialist teachers have been rostered on a daily basis to supervise students. They have been capably assisted by our Education Support staff, many have worked longer hours to provide support. They are also able to continue taking their intervention groups (LEAP Program) during the week too.

We have noticed that the students are more attentive during meets and are demonstrating competent computer skills.

Staff appreciate the feedback and interaction with parents, we acknowledge the support from parents during class meets and with their learning tasks. This week we included Wellbeing Wednesday to the timetable for all classes.

Student Reports

Staff have completed writing student reports, and we are now in the editing and proof reading stage. Student reports will be ready to upload to Compass on Thursday 24th June.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Staff will be available for Parent Teacher Interviews on Tuesday 13th July until 7.30pm and also Wednesday 14th July until 5.30pm. More details will be available on Compass soon.

Kinder to Karoo

This evening we will be holding a Parent Information Evening (WebEx). This year we will have a focus on informing parents about Karoo from the perspective of 7 years of schooling. Our Leadership team (Simone Vitas and Emma Finnerty—Learning Specialists and Robyn Mowat—Acting Leading Teacher) will be presenting on the night along with Josh Maroney and Karen Sexton. It is important that prospective parents understand the commitment we have to delivery high quality programs for all students. Equally important we would like to share our focus on building teacher capacity through professional learning, the role of our leaders in modelling best practice and how they support staff. If you have a child who is due to start Foundation next year or know of someone whose child is, please call the school to arrange for the meeting link to be sent to you or visit our website and download the Kinder to Karoo flyer (on the home page).

School Council News

We are fortunate to have a committed, effective and proactive school council who contribute to the strategic direction of our school, they support continuous improvements in teaching and learning and support the students, staff and the community. Last night council meet via WebEx, which is certainly evidence of the commitment of our School Council Members.

One item on our agenda was to acknowledge the contribution of two retired School Councillors who both provided 6 years of continuous service to Karoo Primary School Council. I received a letter from a local parliamentarian who is organising an official Certificate of Appreciation from the Department of Education. These certificates will be forwarded to both Andrea Haley and Simon Cowan. During her 6 years on Council Andrea was the Treasurer and then took on the role of President and Simon was Assistant President and also the convenor of the Buildings and Grounds sub committee.

At a recent meeting after the Finance committee presented their report, council members discussed the voluntary contributions from families. Overleaf is a letter from School Council Secretary to the school community.

Leanne Vines
Principal

WE LOOK FORWARD TO WELCOMING ALL STUDENTS
BACK TO SCHOOL ON FRIDAY 11TH JUNE 2021

Karoo Calendar

JUNE

Wednesday 9th June

Foundation 2022—Parent
Information Online Session 7pm

Friday 11th June

All students return to school

Wednesday 16th June

Year 3 First Nations Presentation

Thursday 17th June

Year 6 Bingo Night 6:30pm

Monday 21st June

State School Spec Rehearsal
Year 1 Intercultural Activity Day
Year 3 Aboriginal Cultural Incursion

Tuesday 22nd June

Year 5/6 District Sport

Wednesday 23rd June

Year 3 First Nations Representation
Day/Gallery Walk
(Parents welcome 3:30-3:45pm)

Thursday 24th June

Student reports uploaded to
Compass
Chocolate Drive begins

Friday 25th June

Last day of Term 2
(students finish at 2:30pm)

JULY

Monday 12th July

First day of Term 3

Term Dates 2021

Term 2: Mon 19 April—Fri 25 Jun
Term 3: Mon 12 July—Fri 17 Sept
Term 4: Mon 4 Oct—Fri 17 Dec

QR CODES

Parents coming into the school to drop off or pick up students that stay longer than 15mins must scan the QR code (located at each gate)

Parents/visitors coming in to the school for a particular purpose (eg classroom helping, appointment, providing a service, dropping an item off for a student) must sign in as a visitor and scan the QR code located in the office foyer.

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.

Letter from School Council

Dear Parents

On behalf of the wider school community, School Council would like to extend our sincere thanks to all of our wonderful families who were able to make voluntary contributions as part of their school fees for the 2021 school year.

We recognise that the past 12 months have been very challenging for many of our families. Despite that, approximately 140 Karoo families have been able to make a further voluntary financial contribution to the school. This total contribution of more than \$8,500 will be used to help fund capital improvements and/ or educational programs to benefit all members of the Karoo community. We look forward to providing you with an update later in the year as to how Council decided to spend the voluntary contributions received.

Thank you,

Ben McFarlin
School Council President—Karoo Primary School

Mark Oudshoorn
School Council Secretary—Karoo Primary School

Celebrating Student Achievement

The Year 6s have just finished a unit on narratives. Students got to write a free choice narrative last week and Beth decided to write a story on what would happen if she became principal for a week. An entertaining read

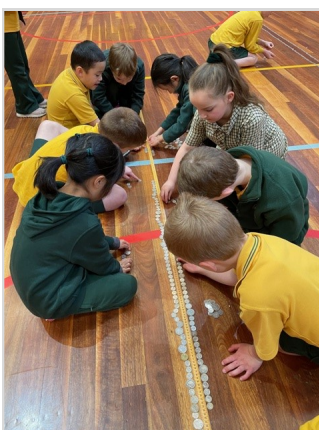
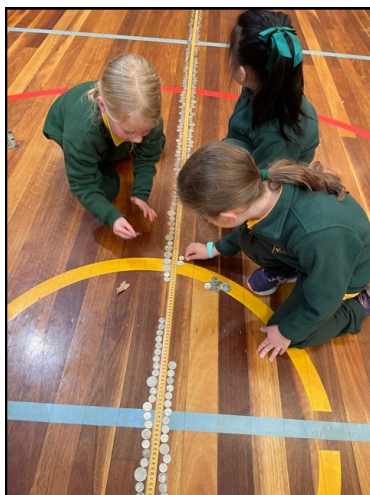
Click on this link to read her story: [THE DAY I BECAME PRINCIPAL OF MY PRIMARY SCHOOL by bethany](#)

KAROO COIN CHALLENGE

Well done to all classes for participating in the Karoo Coin Challenge—together we raised over \$2,000 !

Congratulations to the following classes on producing the longest lines of coins:

- 1st Place:** 5E (with 41.07m)
2nd Place: 6B (with 39.8m)
3rd Place: 4W (with 39.75m)



Karoo Parents' Association Invites the parent community to our

Trivia Night!



Who?

You! Your knowledge is wanted,
but not required!
Quiz questions, fun and games!

When?

Saturday 7th August
7.30 p.m. - 10.30 p.m.

What?

Karoo School Trivia - tickets \$20
Fundraiser Night - bring along your
own food and drink!

Where?

Karoo Primary School
Gymnasium

Why?

Get a table of friends (brains)
together and help support Karoo PS

Wear?

Prizes for best dressed table!

Book your tickets in the school office

**More information
next newsletter**

Events currently uploaded to Compass ...

Year 2:	Hands on Science	DUE: 15/6/21
Year 5:	Victorian State School Spectacular (bal)	DUE: 27/8/21

PLEASE MAKE A NOTE OF EVENT DUE DATES AS LATE PAYMENTS/CONSENTS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.
PAYMENTS MADE ONLINE AND AT THE OFFICE MUST BE MADE ON OR BEFORE THE DUE DATE LISTED ON COMPASS.



We've listened: Changes to your Compass App are coming soon!



This term there will be some updates to your NewsFeed, let's take a look at what's new:



Sort by

We've redesigned your NewsFeed, making it simpler to navigate and easier to manage. You will now have the ability to sort your news by 'most important' or 'most recent', to ensure that you're up to date with all interesting and important school news!

Important news

Never worry about missing an important update again! To help you stay in the loop, all priority notifications will be highlighted and flagged as 'Important news'.





Save Posts

Our saved posts help you keep track of school communications. Using the bookmark icon, you will be able to create a customised shortlist of NewsFeed posts for when you need them.



Download the 'Compass School Manager' app today!





FUNDRAISING ... CHOCOLATE DRIVE

Commencing Thursday 24th June 2021

- One box of chocolates will be sent home to each family via the eldest child.
- Should your family **not wish to receive a box of chocolates** please complete and return the slip coming home with your eldest child on Friday.
- Parents also have the option to make a donation of \$21 (which is the equivalent proceeds to the school from selling 1 box) **instead** of receiving a box of chocolates.

This year, we will be selling products at \$1.00 each. We have chosen the new 'Goody Bars Box' made up of 5 assorted bars selling for a total of \$60. The funds we raise through the chocolate drive will go towards the ongoing replacement of the original box air-conditioners in Rooms 1-10, art and music rooms.

The fundraising committee will need some help from parents on Thursday 24th June to assist with labelling and distribution to families. Providing assistance is a good way to make a difference in the school community and meet some other parents.

Please register your interest at the office or email - secretary.kpa.karoops@gmail.com

All help is very much appreciated!

**All money and any un-sold chocolates must be returned
no later than Monday 19th July.**

Thank you for your support ... Fundraising Committee



LOST PROPERTY

Where: Outside Room 10

When:

Monday - 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm | *Thursday* - 8:45-9:00am and 3:30-3:45pm | *Friday* - 3:30-3:45pm

- The clothing rack and tubs will be placed outside Room 10 during the stated times for parents and students to look for their lost items (no visits during class time please).
- Please help us to keep the rack and tubs neat and tidy after you have looked for any missing items.
- We ask that you please name all of your child's belongings as it makes it easier to return items to your child via their classroom teacher.

Your assistance is greatly appreciated Mrs Karen Corrales

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 the staff car park or use it as a 'drop off or pick up' zone *at any time during school hours* (disabled car park is to be used by holders of a disabled sticker only).
- **DO NOT** use the milk bar car park or the childcare centre car park for school parking.
- **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.



Do you have a child starting Foundation in 2022 or know someone who has?

Foundation 2022
Parent Information Online Session
Wednesday 9th June @ 7pm

Join us via **Webex** for this special information session to -

- Gain an overview of Karoo Primary School
- Discover more about our Foundation program
- Get a glimpse of our Specialist programs
- Learn what Karoo can offer your child for the next 7 years of schooling
- Find out about our Foundation Transition Program
- Question & Answer session following the presentation

Webex Meeting Details:

Meeting number : 1653 80 4018
Meeting password: 4jiGtcQaM48

COMMUNITY NEWS

SOFTBALL BATER UP

FULLY LOADED T-BALL

SOFTBALL AUSTRALIA

FULLY LOADED T-BALL

Bluebirds

The perfect entry level game for kids as they learn the skills of softball through modified games.

Fully Loaded T-ball is designed to be a fun, inclusive and engaging program for boys and girls aged 8-12 using the **Game Sense** and **Change It** approach to teach basic throwing, catching and striking skills.

Fun and engaging with more player involvement from the first play. Try it now!

New registered participants will receive a starter pack which includes a glove and ball.

CONTACT BLUEBIRDS SOFTBALL CLUB TODAY!

Venue: Gilbert Park, Gilbert Park Drive, Knoxfield

Dates: 13, 20 & 27 of July, 3, 10, 17, 24 & 31 of August

Times: Tuesday, 4:30pm - 5:30pm

Contact: Rachel Harriage - M: 0439802039

E: rachel.harriage@bluebirds.org.au

Register: Contact Bluebirds!

Cost: \$80.00 per participant (\$10.00 per session)