

Welcome to our Newsletter

Thursday 9th March • Week 6, Term 1 2022



Principal's Message

"The most fundamental responsibility of schools is teaching students to read. Because reading affects all other academic achievement and is associated with social, emotional, economic and physical health, it has been the most researched aspect of human cognition."

Our combined efforts to achieve our Site Improvement Goal of increasing the amount of students who can read successfully is continuing this year. Across our school, we have committed to uninterrupted mornings to allow all students to engage in evidence-based reading instruction. This may take the form of whole class, small group or one-to-one learning, dependent on student needs. It has been a pleasure to visit classrooms this term and already witness a high level of sustained concentration and engagement. Our whole team has embraced new learning about the *Science of Reading* and transferred their knowledge, rapidly. On Friday, our learning journey continues as we welcome Debbie Draper back to our school. She will work with our teachers on building their understanding of how to teach Shared Reading and Writing. We look forward to keeping you updated on our improvement journey.



Ella-Louise Ailmore
Principal

A Message from Mrs Przibilla

Over the next 2 weeks our Year 3 and 5 students will participate in NAPLAN testing. Students will begin with the Writing test on Wednesday the 15th followed by tests on Reading, Grammar (Conventions of Language) and concluding with Numeracy in Week 8. All students react differently when faced with tests, some enjoy the challenge and the ability to participate digitally, while others may find the process stressful or overwhelming. It is important that both schools and families support children through this process.

- Let your child lead conversations around NAPLAN. Media attention and constant conversations around NAPLAN can cause worry and concern for students that previously had none.
- If your child shares that they are worried or stressed, reassure them that these feelings are normal and provide them with ways they might be able to manage those feelings.
- Ensure your child is well rested, has a healthy breakfast and has the opportunity to do some physical activity on the mornings of testing days.
- Be calm and positive about the testing process.
- Remember that the test only captures a snapshot of your child's education and that they possess so many other talents and abilities that are not tested by NAPLAN.



Diary Dates

15th March - **NAPLAN**

16th March – **NAPLAN, National Close the Gap Day**

17th March – **NAPLAN, National Day Against Bullying and Violence**

20th March – **NAPLAN**

21st March – **NAPLAN, Harmony Day, World Down Syndrome Day, Nowruz (Persian New Year)**

Important Dates

10th March Pupil Free Day
13th March Public Holiday

2022 Term Dates

Term 1

31 January - 14 April

Term 2

2 May - 8 July

Term 3

25 July - 30 September

Term 4

17 October - 16 December



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A Message from Miss Cooke

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a challenge endorsed by, Steven Marshall, the Premier of South Australia. The purpose of this annual program is to build a love of reading in our students, to get them to read more books and highlight the importance of excellence in reading education to give our students the best opportunities for success in their future. In 2022 the students of Karrendi did so well in this challenge that we were one of 55 schools invited to attend the PRC Reception and receive a collection of new books to add to our school library. We hope to achieve the same in 2023!

Students will be supported in their involvement in the challenge by their classroom teachers and peers to meet the requirements of the challenge and earn their reward, whether that be a certificate a medal or their name on the Hall of Fame Honour Roll. For our avid readers and those who would like a bit of an extra challenge; being that this is the 20th year of the challenge there is the opportunity for students to receive an additional reward for their hard work. For each student that reads and records 20 books within the competition timeframe, they will receive a special 20th Anniversary Certificate in addition to their usual PRC Award this year.

For extra information you can look through the Premier's Reading Challenge website, speak to the classroom teacher or for information on books suitable for the challenge you can seek the support of our librarian, Laraine.

Last year 124, 885 students completed the challenge across South Australia. I wonder how many will complete it this year. Happy reading!

Classroom Correspondence

In Room 21 we have been developing our number sense through playing a variety of number games. Students learnt how to play, 'Dotty Six' which involves students making 6 by rolling a dice with a partner, once one of them make six get a tick and the first one that gets 3 in a row wins. Another game learnt is, 'Ten Frame Filler' which is similar to, 'Dotty Six' however students had to make 10 instead of 6. Both of these new games have students engaged, participating and excited to partake in Maths.



Specialist Team Talk – Senior Choir

Early last week, our Karrendi Primary School Senior Choir went on their first excursion for the year. As part of our school's affiliation with the Primary Schools Music Festival, each year our students walk over to Parafield Gardens Primary School to join with other local choirs for an introduction session to the Festival of Music.

Our Senior Choir had the opportunity to meet the Assistant Director of Music, Cathy Lange, to learn a little bit about the 2023 repertoire and experience singing as part of a larger choir. For many of our students, this excursion came with many first experiences. For some of our students this was their first excursion, for some it was their first time singing as part of a choir, for many it was their first experience singing with a piano accompanist.

The students were able to get a sneak peak at this year's repertoire and spent the time beginning their learning of some of the songs and the accompanying dance moves, with some enthusiastic feedback from the students. As always, we are proud to say that amongst all the beautiful singing and dedication, each and every one of our students displayed our Karrendi Values and showed a high level of respect and commitment to their learning.

[Read on in this Newsletter to learn more about Karrendi Primary Schools' involvement with the Primary Schools Music Festival, Festival of Music.](#)



Meet the Staff Member

Hello! My name is Emma Powell and I am the teacher of Room 22. I have been teaching at Karrendi for 16 years now. During my time at Karrendi I have taught years 1 to 7, spending most of my time in the Junior Primary. I love teaching literacy and enjoy seeing students develop their skills and confidence with reading and writing. I live in Gumeracha with my husband and 2 children, who are aged 9 and 11. I love reading and travelling with my family.



Meet the Staff Member

Hi, my name is Shyamala Dabiru and I am an SSO. I migrated from India to Australia along with my husband and son. I have been working at Karrendi Primary School for the last 12 years. During my time at Karrendi, I have had many roles and responsibilities. I have enjoyed watching students succeed and grow into confident learners. I have also been working at Riverdale OSHC for the last 6 years. When I am not at school, I love spending time with my family or quilting (my favourite hobby) or painting traditional Indian designs on terracotta pots. I love cooking, gardening, travelling and catching up with friends, at times.



Community Hub

The past couple of weeks in the Hub have been busy!

We re-opened the Op Shop and have so many goodies in there so please bring your spare change and come have a look we have clothes, Jewellery, shoes, toys etc. If you can't make it Monday mornings and I'm free, I'm happy to let you have a look just come find me and ask 😊

What a busy start to the year they have had! In Kids, Blokes and Dads Jokes. Our dads and their kids have been having lots of fun on Saturdays running around the school grounds whilst on their scavenger hunt, making giant bubbles and making kinetic sand. Monday's Family Playgroup has been filled with lots of fun adventures learning about our 5 senses. The kids have had fun tasting new flavours and making magic potions. They have learnt about recycling and have been busy making lots of crafty things. We are away next week for the public holiday but will be back the week after celebrating Harmony Day with lots of fun activities planned.

Last week in the Hub, Wednesday's Playgroup celebrated International Music Therapy Day. Lantana Kindy came over to facilitate Music and Movement with us too- it was such a beautiful morning filled with so much fun!! This week we had a quiet week due to the weather but we celebrated Holi and International Women's Day. I'm also working on having a playgroup excursion next term I'm so excited about this!! I'm wanting to have a Bush Playgroup session at Para Wirra- if you have never been it is beautiful there and has a nature playground and may even see a cheeky emu or 2! I'll keep everyone posted on this.

In English Classes the students have almost completed their Mouse Course and next will be starting to learn the keyboard and touch typing techniques. Sue is extremely proud of how well all her students have done so far during their Computing Class.



Senior Choir

Did you know...

'Music learning supports and reinforces the development of literacy, language and other academic skills. Research shows that musically trained children perform better in standardised tests on language, and they acquire and use language more effectively, and earlier. Music education is also a critical driver of a child's social development and emotional wellbeing; it can build confidence, promote creativity and help students develop emotional and behavioural awareness and skills?'

Music Education Strategy 2019 to 2020, Government of South Australia, Department for Education



For the eighth year in a row, Karrendi Primary School will be involved in the Primary Schools Music Festival, *Festival of Music*. The festival is a South Australian State Heritage icon that is under the direction of The Public Primary Schools Music Society and the Department for Education.

The Festival of Music is a choral program that supports and encourages student involvement in choir and for the last 130 years has been an integral part of life for generations of public-school students throughout South Australia. Many of you may have been involved in this iconic event yourself when you were in Primary School!

Our senior choir, made up of the students from rooms 5 and 7, will dedicate weekly choir lessons to building their musical knowledge, refining their singing abilities and learning the 2023 repertoire, ready to perform at the Festival Theatre in Term 3. This is where our students will join together with approximately 11,000 other South Australian students to perform those songs in a series of concerts at the Festival Theatre.

We offer our ongoing support to our Senior Choir 2023 and look forward to watching them grow their knowledge and build their confidence through their choir journey.

Additional Opportunities



Emma Dyson
Year 6
Room 7
Auditioning for Host



Grace Tsiaoussidis
Year 5
Room 7
Auditioning for Troupe

As part of our involvement with the Primary Schools Music Festival, our students will be given extra opportunities throughout the year to expand their experiences in The Arts and to share their talents.

The first of these opportunities includes involvement in *Troupe* and *Host* roles, which are both additional elements of the *Festival of Music*.

We would like to congratulate both Grace and Emma for their involvement in the audition process for these extra opportunities. Both students will be auditioning with the Primary Schools Music Festival Team, outside of school hours, and we wish them the best of luck as they go through the audition process.

You both have our whole-hearted support and we are so proud of you! Good luck!

What is the Challenge?

The Premier's Reading Challenge is a literacy engagement program that was introduced by the Premier in 2004 to:

- Encourage students to read more books and enjoy reading
- Improve literacy levels.

The Challenge requires students to read 12 books between the beginning of the school year and early September.



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How to complete the Challenge?

To complete the Premier's Reading Challenge students need to read 12 books between week 1, term 1 and week 7 term 3.

Every student will need a Student Reading Record. This can be collected from classroom teachers or is available from the Premier's Reading Challenge website.

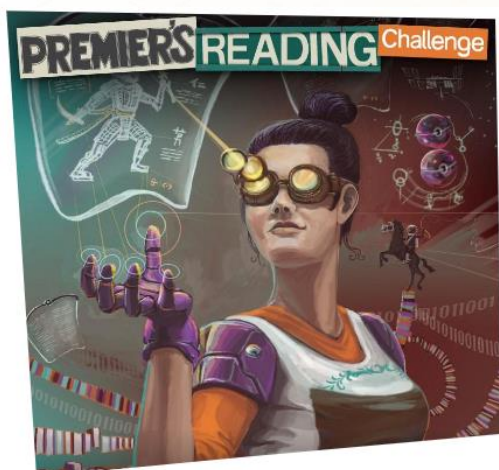
Read 12 books. Eligible books include e-books, audio books, class/shared reading, prescribed books for school, non-fiction books, books read as research for assignments or books in another language.

Reception to year 6: Students must read 8 books from the Premier's Reading Challenge booklist and 4 personal choice books.

Complete the Student Reading Record with the title and author for each book. A parent, caregiver, teacher or librarian must sign off on each book to verify it has been read.

Pass on the completed Student Reading Record to the class teacher by the designated due date.

Receive an award in late November.



20-Book Challenge in 2023

2023 marks 20 years of the Premier's Reading Challenge in South Australia!

To celebrate this momentous occasion, students are offered the opportunity to receive a special, 20th Anniversary certificate in addition to their usual PRC award this year.

To qualify for this certificate, students need to read 20 books in 2023, and fill out the "20 Years, 20 Books" student reading record **instead of** the usual 12 book record. The reading limits for each age group are as follows:

Reception to year 6 – 8 books from the PRC book list, and 12 free choice titles

Students who complete the 20-book challenge will have also completed the 12 book challenge hence will receive the usual award as well.

The 20-book challenge is intended to be a voluntary, enjoyable, extension of reading for pleasure for those students who choose this option.



Challenge Details

Start: Now

Finish: 8th September 2023

Number of books: 12 (or 20 for the additional challenge)

Where do I get a reading record? You can download one from the PRC webpage or ask the classroom teacher

Can parents read the book to their child? Yes. Where possible, we would like the students to read the books themselves however, involvement in the reading of a book meets the requirements of the challenge.

Premier's Reading Challenge website: <https://premiersreadingchallenge.sa.edu.au/>

Week	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1	30/1	31/1	1/2	2/2	3/2
2	6/2	7/2	8/2	9/2	10/2
3	13/2	14/2 'Meet the Teacher' Afternoon	15/2	16/2	17/2
4	20/2	21/2 International Mother Language Day	22/2	23/2	24/2
5	27/2	28/2 Choir excursion Combined Rehearsal 12.30 - 2pm	1/3 Assembly 2.15pm Host class Rm 5	2/3	3/3 SAPSASA Swimming
6	6/3	7/3	8/3	9/3 SAPSASA La crosse	10/3 Pupil Free Day
7	13/3 Public Holiday Adelaide Cup	14/3 Initial Information Session Families R-2, 2pm *BOOK NOW*	15/3 NAPLAN	16/3 NAPLAN National Close the Gap Day	17/3 NAPLAN National Day against Bullying and Violence
8	20/3 NAPLAN	21/3 NAPLAN Harmony Day World Down Syndrome Day Nowruz (Persian New Year) Special Assembly 2.15pm Host class Rm 20	22/3 NAPLAN Governing Council AGM	23/3 NAPLAN Ramadan begins	24/3 NAPLAN
9	27/3 NAPLAN Swimming R-2	28/3 Swimming R-2	29/3 Swimming R-2	30/3 Swimming R-2	31/3 Swimming R-2 SAPSASA Girls Netball Boys Football
10	3/4 Parent Teacher Interviews Swimming 3-6 World Autism Awareness Day (2/4)	4/4 Parent Teacher Interviews Swimming 3-6	5/4 Parent Teacher Interviews Swimming 3-6	6/4 Parent Teacher Interviews Swimming 3-6	7/4 Public Holiday Good Friday
11	10/4 Public Holiday Easter Monday	11/4	12/4 Assembly 2.15pm Host class Rm 23	13/4	14/4 Sports Day Early Dismissal 2.05pm

