Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 8th December Week 8, Term 4 2023

Principal's Message

Whilst the weather continues to keep us on our toes, I am so thankful that it cooperated and enabled us to host our end of year event, *Karrendi Under the Stars* outdoors on Wednesday evening! Our children performing, supported by their families and our team, followed by the opportunity for the community to have fun and socialise before the year ends was a true highlight of the year for me!







On Wednesday afternoon, whilst the Year 6 students rehearsed for their upcoming Graduation, students (Reception to Year 5) spent time with their 2024 teacher and classmates, this will happen again next Wednesday. We will be starting 2024 with an increase in classes, there will be nine mainstream classes and two IELP classes. We will also be welcoming additional Reception students in Term 3, due to the mid-year intake being reinstated. By scheduling opportunities for children to spend time in their new classrooms, with their peers and teacher, we hope that anxiety over the Christmas break is lessened as children know what to expect.

I'm already looking forward to the possibilities that 2024 will bring to our special community! I am sure I will see many of you before our final dismissal next Friday however if we don't cross paths before the break, I wish you all wonderful Christmas period and summer! Looking forward to welcoming our community back next year!

Ella-Louise Ailmore Principal

A Message from Mrs Przibilla

As we near the end of 2023 and prepare for 2024, our year 6 students are participating in high school transitions. Our R-5 students have also had the opportunity to transition to their 2024 classroom and teacher this week, with another visit scheduled next week.

It is important for students to participate in positive transitions to their new environment for the coming year, helping them to; feel comfortable, relaxed and valued, feel excited and motivated to learn, develop good relationships with others and establish a sense of belonging. For students transitioning to high school these changes coincide with the physical, social and emotional changes of puberty, making this a particularly demanding time for young people. It is common for children to have strong feelings about upcoming changes, they may feel excited and nervous or sad and angry about leaving current environments and relationships they have formed with their peers and educators. All these feelings are normal, and teachers have worked with students to help them recognise emotions they may be feeling and develop strategies to assist them to handle these experiences.

If your child is experiencing difficulties coping with these upcoming changes speak with their current classroom teacher or pop in to have a chatso we can ensure they are provided with the support they need.

Diary Dates

- 12th Dec Year 6 Graduation
- 13th Dec Christmas Raffle Ticket & R-5 Transition Visit 2-3:05pm
- 14th Dec Anything but a Schoolbag Day
- 15th December Assembly – Rm 21 Hosting at 9:15am & Last day of Term, Early Dismissal 2:05pm

IMPORTANT DATES: 29th of Jan First Day of School 2024

2023 Term Dates

Term 1 30 January - 14 April

> **Term 2** 1May - 7 July

Term 3 24 July - 29 September

Term 4 16 October - 15 December



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A Message from Miss Cooke

As we enter into the busy season, it can become so easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of finalising the school year. With kindy transitions coming to a close, the first round of class transitions for 2024 beginning this week, the success of 'Karrendi Under the Stars', teachers busily finishing reports, end of year celebrations, preparing to farewell our year 6 students; it is important to take a moment to be **'in' the moment**. This is such a wonderful time of year for staff, students and families to celebrate and reflect on the achievements, successes and growth of our young people.

With only one week to go in the 2023 school year it is amazing to look back and see how much has been achieved over the last twelve months. Driven by our staff's commitment to continuous professional growth, learning and pedagogical improvement, when we look back over the last four terms, we can proudly say that we have embraced that commitment. With enthusiasm, motivation and a genuine desire to do everything that we can to support our learners, we have been able to ensure that every child attending Karrendi is welcomed with kindness, compassion, academic growth, emotional support and the opportunity to see that the possibilities in life are endless.

Being part of a team that is comprised of teachers, families, leaders, support staff, support services, peers and the community, whose shared goal is to provide opportunities and an environment that supports each student to succeed and thrive, is such a rewarding experience. As we prepare to farewell the 2023 school year, it ignites an excitement at the thought of what can be achieved in 2024 as we continue this journey together.

Classroom Correspondence – Room 22

Last week we were excited to use our school pool for our swimming lessons, along with the IELP Class. We learnt about water safety by the pool and at beaches and rivers, we developed and practiced our swimming strokes and we had a fantastic time! We didn't let the wet weather ruin our fun, we even had a lesson in our classroom!



Specialist Team Talk

On Tuesday 21st November, Miss Cooke and Miss Trezise took 31 students to the Premier's Be Active Challenge Reception at Netball SA Stadium in Mile End. Karrendi again finished in the top 50 schools in South Australia for having a high number of students being active for at least 60 minutes, 5 days a week, for 4 –10 weeks. Students got to do 3 Come 'n' Try activities (Rugby, Cricket and Soccer), before the presentations in the Stadium. Angela Tran and Jacob Charles accepted our certificate and a cheque for \$1000 from Minister for Education, Blair Boyer (standing in for the Premier who was on Parental Leave). Some students have received their medals and others will get theirs on Monday.



Meet the Staff Member

My name is Amy and I am thrilled to be the R/1 teacher at Karrendi in 2024. I love art and craft and learning through play. You can even see some of my art on the buildings here at Karrendi! I spent term 3 and 4 at Karrendi finishing off my Masters in Teaching degree and working on the new feather mural with the help from the year 5/6 students. It's been fantastic getting to know all of the students, staff and community here at Karrendi Primary School and I'm looking forward to an exciting 2024 learning journey with my new students and their families. Remember, it's ok to feel a

bit nervous when you try something new and meet new people. If you need any help with anything while you are at school, I am always happy to help you.



Meet the Staff Member

Hi my name is Sadaf Arbab and I am the creche worker for the Community Hub. I have been working here for just over a year and love looking after the children, while the adults are in English classes.

I moved to Australia from Pakistan with my husband and two children, seven years ago, for a better life and more opportunities. I am currently completing my Early Childhood Certificate and besides working in the creche I look after friends and community members children while they work.

In my spare time I like to go camping, fishing and bike riding with my family and friends. I also like to cook my

cultural food and I design and do Henna Tatoos for people too.



Community Hub

I can't believe we have arrived at the end of the year already!

Our English Class participants have finished off the year using all the skills they have learnt in computing to create a 2024 calendar filled with family photos. Once completed they printed them off and for the first time ever students used a laminator to laminate them! Next week they will be finishing off the year with a class party to celebrate all their hard work and achievements across the year. I would love to say a massive thankyou to our English teacher Sue for all her hard work, time and dedication to our adult learners throughout the year!

We will celebrate with our playgroup families next week with an end of year party filled with lots of fun and a few cheeky gifts.

We have lots of exciting things happening next year like our Oz Harvest cooking program, our toy library opening and hopefully some more pathways courses.

I would just love to say a massive thank you to all the hub participants for coming along to our programs this year and for allowing me to be a part of your families' lives! I love seeing you all each week! I hope you all have safe and happy holidays spending time with your loved ones and eating lots of yummy food.



First Nations

Lunch time activities

Students have been working on creating their own Aboriginal designed poster onto black paper using Posca textas to form dots, symbols, footprints and native animals. For thousands of years, Indigenous Australian artists have used a visual vocabulary of symbols and images to communicate information about our customs and culture. Aboriginal dot painting has its roots in the traditional dotted designs derived from body art and sand drawings. Students have had a look at displays and designs from artists online for inspiration.



Message from Marie

We are getting close to wrapping up for the term/year. I would like to thank all, new and existing families for another great year at Karrendi Primary. I have enjoyed getting to know you all so much more and look forward to a really great year with you all again in 2024.

I know times can be tough through the Christmas season, stay connected with friends, families and communities. If you are requiring emergency assistance for food, clothes, housing and finance there is no shame in asking for help.

Anglicare SA Elizabeth Mission is available

Contact 08 8209 5400 or 1800 061 551

If you would like to stay in touch, I will be checking my emails occasionally throughout the holidays.

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Merry Christmas and have a Happy New Year

You might be interested in

Connected Beginnings have planned the Deadly Kids Ready to Learn event for 2024. This will be a great community event to get your kids ready for the new school year.

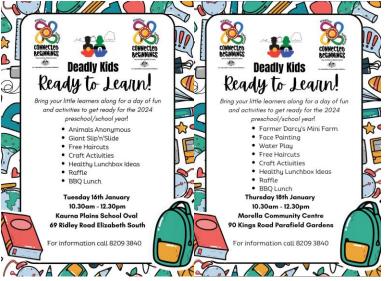
There are 2 different dates and locations, one for Playford and one for Salisbury.

Please see attached flyers for both days and if you require further information, please call 8209 3840.



Congratulations to our 2023 Just Too Deadly Year 6 Students in our Pangka Wirra Partnership graduating last week





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Big Childcare is offline today due to the public holiday Write going to recharge, and we hope you get the chance to do the same with your family too.

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	Monday	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	Friday
Wк 1	16/10	17/10	18/10	19/10	20/10
Wк 2	23/10	24/10 Dusty Feet Mob Performance 2pm	25/10 Assembly2pm Room19hosting	26/10	27/10 World Teacher's Day
Wк 3	30/10	31/10 Canteen Halloween special	1/11	2/11	3/11 Children's University Graduation
Wκ 4	6/11 Pupil Free Day	7/11 First Aid in Schools Traffic Monitor training German Week	8/11 Reception Transition 9-10am and family meet and greet German Week	9/11 First Aid in Schools German Week	10/11 German Week Di wali (12/11)
Wк 5	13/11 World Kindness Day	14/11 World Diabetes Day	15/11 Reception Transition 9-12pm Assembly 2.15 pm Room 7 hosting	16/11	17/11
Wк б	20/11 Swimming Lessons 3-6 Universal Children's Day	21/11 Swimming Lessons 3-6	22/11 Swimming Lessons 3-6 Reception Transition 9-12pm	23/11 Swimming Lessons 3-6	24/11 Swimming Lessons 3-6 Fairy Bread Day
Wк 7	27/11 Swimming Lessons R-2	28/11 Swimming Lessons R-2 Just Too Deadly Grad – Settlers Farm PS	29/11 Swimming Lessons R-2 Reception Transition 9-12pm	30/11 Swimming Lessons R-2	1/12 Swimming Lessor R-2
Wк 8	4/12	5/12 Karrendi Under the Stars	6/12 R - 5 Transition Visit 2pm-3.00pm	7/12 High School Transition	8/12 High School Transition
Wк 9	11/12	12/12 Year 6 Graduation	13/12 CHRISTMAS RAFFLE DRAWN R - 5 TRANSITION VISIT 2PM-3.00PM	14/12 Anything BUT a Schoolbag Day	15/12 ASSEMBLY 9.15AM ROOM 21 HOSTING LAST DAY OF TERM EARLY DISMISSAL 2.05PM