Welcome to our Newsletter

Thursday 6th April • Week 10, Term 1 2023

It's hard to believe that we are already at the end of Term One and a quarter of the way through the year! Notably, this year has started differently from the past couple and how grateful I am for that! I thank members of our community for recently completing the Term One Feedback Survey. Some of the highlights shared about the start of the year were:

"My child enjoying going to school again." "Attention to detail by the teacher. Early intervention has been key. The Skoolbag App has been the best!"

"The personal touches, the greetings, the smiling faces, the support from leadership and teacher...and I know that Breakfast Club is a hit!"

You may have noticed that this year, with Covid restrictions having eased, we are actively trying to increase the voice and presence of our families. We are passionate about working in partnership with our community and encourage you to continue to have a voice in what we do. We appreciate your attendance at our events, membership to our committees and all of your electronic feedback. Earlier this year we distributed a Sports Day Survey and look forward to sharing some of the changes we have made to the event next Friday. Not all of the suggestions made were possible however, we will continue the conversations around what is working well and how can we make it even better next year-now fingers crossed for good weather!

Thank you all for a productive start to the year! I wish you a special Easter Long Weekend and look forward to seeing many of you at Sports Day next Friday, 14th April!

Ella-Louise Ailmore Principal

A Message from Mrs Przibilla

School holidays are a great opportunity for families to enjoy some down time and reconnect. Enjoy the last of the warmer weather before winter arrives and take the opportunity to enjoy free activities on offer such as visiting the museum or art gallery or doing a walk in a local reserve or park and try to limit your child's screen time.

A quote from Dr Michael Carr-Gregg, a leading Australian child psychologist:

Young people aren't very good at self-regulation and I think one of the things we need to do as parents is remember that we are their frontal cortex. We need to be the fully developed part of their brain that isn't. We need to set limits and boundaries. I plead with parents on a weekly basis that for every hour of screen time there be at least two hours of green time. Kids need to be outdoors, they need to oxygenate their brain, they need to exercise. And staring at screens for 13 hours a day is not OK.

When children are having screen time it is important to use it wisely. Taking Small Bytes taking_small_bytes_card deck.pdf (education.vic.gov.au) is a great resource. It contains 100 digital technology activities for you to do and discuss with your child. It also contains tips about using digital technologies wisely and safely.

Whether you have an amazing trip away planned or are just spending some time together at home, we hope you all stay healthy and safe.



Diary Dates

- 7th April Public Holiday, Good Friday
- 10th April Public Holiday, Easter Monday
- 12th April Assembly at 2.15pm, Host Class Rm 23
- 14 April Sports Day
- 1 May-First Day of Term 2

Important Date/ Reminder... 14th April - Early dismissal at 2:05pm, End of Term 1

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

Learning to read well involves not only being able to decode the words on a page, it is also about building vocabulary, understanding the structure of the English language, knowing where certain words come from and being able to use a range of skills and knowledge to comprehend what a text is saying.

With the support of Educational Consultant, Debbie Draper, our teachers have been engaging in professional development to further build our own knowledge and expertise in best practise for reading education. We have been exploring and developing our practise in Modelled Reading and are seeing students progress and positively engage in these experiences.

Modelled Reading is about students listening to a text read aloud by a skilled reader, usually the teacher. This gives students the opportunity to observe good reading behaviours, listen to fluent reading, learn reading strategies and build an enjoyment for reading.

As we come into our two-week break, Modelled Reading is something that families are able to continue at home. Take the time to read a text to your child so they can listen to someone who is confident and fluent in reading. Share your thinking with them as you read through a text, it is alright to go on tangents. Talk about words you are unfamiliar with and how you work out what they mean or share your thinking and your predictions as you read through a book with them. These are just some ways that you can model effective reading to your child.



Classroom Correspondence

Our words have Power!

In Room 19 we are enjoying learning about persuasive writing as our text type. Students have been exploring persuasive language within a range of texts including advertisements, narratives and letters. They have been able to identify and experiment with using evaluative language, including adjectives, nouns and verbs, that can express opinions or make judgements about people, places and things. Our class have enjoyed looking at convincing books such as, 'Hey Little Ant', 'I wanna Iguana' and "I wanna new room', you can find these books on Youtube to listen to at home!

These are some of our sentences using persuasive language-

Joachim- "I strongly believe kids should have an hour of T.V time every day because it could be part of our reward time".

Arvy- "I believe that swimming is the best sport because you get to swim and learn new skills".

Annabelle- "I think dogs are better than cats because cats sleep too much".

Felix- "Hi, you should try Pokémon! I strongly believe Pokémon is the best game because it teaches you maths."

Specialist Team Talk – School Sport SA

School Sport SA is a statewide sport program, supported by the Department for Education, that is responsible for administering sports programs throughout the state. Over the last eight years Karrendi has continued to build strength in its affiliation with School Sport SA. It has allowed us to provide the opportunity to many of our students to take part in competitive, supportive and skill developing SAPSASAs and sports carnivals. We have seen students continue this learning into their secondary schooling, tertiary education and personal lives. We even see past students performing in the public arena!

These carnivals are a great opportunity for our students to not only develop their sport specific skills but also the transferable skills of teamwork, problem solving, persistence, organisation and applying a positive mindset. Taking part in SAPSASAs and sporting carnivals has now become something that our students can look forward to and work towards in their senior years at Karrendi.

Throughout 2023 the students in Years 5 and 6 will be given the opportunity to participate in a range of sporting events including Lacrosse, Netball, Soccer, Football, Athletics and Tag Rugby. For some students, it also means the opportunity to trial and compete at a district level.

We look forward to sharing the experiences of our senior students with the Karrendi Community throughout the year.



Meet the Staff Member

Hi, my name is Teaghan Mitchell and this is my second year teaching Year 1/2s at Karrendi Primary school in Room 21. I have been teaching for five years in which I have taught both Junior and Middle primary.

I have a passion for creating a safe, inclusive and supporting learning environment for all students. Seeing student excitement, drive and enthusiasm when they master a new skill or concept is what drives me to be the best educator I can be.

When I am not at school, I enjoy spending time with my husband and son. Playing trucks, trains and enjoying a story book with my son is what I look forward to the most in my day.



Meet the Staff Member

Hello. My name is Grant Altmann and I have been at Karrendi for a year. Most of you would know me from the Front Desk - meeting and greeting you with a warm friendly welcome to Karrendi. However, I am also the Finance Officer here at Karrendi.

As an SSO in Administration one of my main passions is to assist and provide support to families in the community through open ongoing positive communication regarding many matters relating to the students' education. I also love working with staff and students to encourage all students to learn and flourish in their own way. Watching students succeed and grow into confident learners is amazing to watch and be a part of!! It such a privilege to be able to share these wonderful moments with you all and be a part of this incredible, caring community.

When I am not working, I enjoy spending time with family and friends. I enjoy traveling, camping and visiting new places around South Australia.

I love walking and relaxing down at the beach too. When I can, I also go to watch AFL games at Adelaide Oval.



Community Hub

Wow, what a term we have had full of so much joy, fun and laughter within the Hub!

I actually can't believe when we come back after school holidays I've been a part of the Karrendi family for 1 whole year and what an amazing year it has been!! I feel so honoured and blessed to have met and connected with so many beautiful families!

Next week is the last week for Hub activities for this term, besides our Playgroup Excursion which is on the first Monday of the school holidays.

Our English Students are still going so well and have been really enjoying learning about technology and the terminology that goes with it. Our English Computing Class will continue on next term also.

Playgroup this week was so exciting as we celebrated Easter with a special visit from the Easter Bunny!! Some children loved seeing the Easter Bunny and others not so much! We enjoyed making some Easter crafts, Easter singing with Lantana and an Easter Egg Hunt.

If anyone is interested in coming along to our Playgroup Excursion, please let me know asap.

I hope everyone has an amazing long weekend break and a great Easter!





We look forward to celebrating Sports Day with you next week on Friday 14th April! Please read through the below information to support you in preparing for the day.

Proposed Program

8.50am-Students begin the day in their classrooms-Roll Call/Lunch Orders. Please apply sunscreen before students come to school. Families are asked to gather on the oval ready for the day.

9am-Acknowledgement of Country and Niina Marni Performance featuring Lantana Kindergarten.

9.10am-Health Hustle led by Upper Primary Students-Please practise your dance moves for the Cha Cha Slide

9.20am-Team Chants

9.25am-Events, 15 minutes per event. Your child's classroom teacher has the program for this and will lead the children through each event.

10.45am-First Lunch-Oval will be closed, coffee and tea available for families from the Staff Room

11.25am-Events, 15 minutes per event. Your child's classroom teacher has the program for this and will lead the children through each event.

12.30pm-Teams gather under the gazebos ready for Sprints and Relays

12.35pm-Relays and Sprints-Get your best cheering voices ready for this one!

1pm-Second Lunch-Oval will be closed, coffee and tea available for families from the Staff Room

1.30pm-Presentations

1.50pm-Students return to classrooms ready to end the day. If you take your child prior to this, please ensure that you sign them out with your child's teacher.

2.05pm-End of day and dismissal

Reminders

- All children and families are invited to wear the colour of their team (check with your child's classroom teacher if unsure.)
- Clothing needs to be sun smart, including a hat and application of sunscreen prior to arrival.
- Sausage Sizzle orders are due Tuesday April 11th
- Whilst Covid restrictions have eased, we still need to do our best to keep our community safe. If you are unwell or have been in the presence of somebody who is Covid positive, please stay home.
- Don't forget water bottles to hydrate during the day.



All students have been placed into one of our House Teams below. Students remain in the same House Team during their whole time at our school. If you are unsure of your child's House Team, please contact your child's classroom teacher. We encourage families to wear the colour of the House Team and to practise the chant ready for the day.

AVRO: Blue Team

Avro, Avro, strong and fast We're the bombers, have a blast Blue bombers are the best today The mighty blue team lead the way



SUPERMARINE: Yellow Team

Spitfires, spitfires. Watch us fly Fast on the ground and high in the sky Supermarine will lead this day We're the gold team in everyway



BRISTOL: Green Team

Bristol bulldogs never give in We are here, we're here to win Green Bristol has a quest Green bulldogs beat the rest



DEHAVILLAND: Red Team

Vampires, Vampires, we're the best Flying past all the rest DeHavilland is a powerful team The mighty, mighty red machine





From the Finance Team



Materials and Service Charge (School Fees) are now due. This year, after the Rebate, the total owed per child is \$169.00. You can pay this by visiting our Front Office or using the Qkr App. Payment Plans are available-we are here to support you. You may also be eligible for School Card which will support you in paying the Fee.

Please come and chat with one of our friendly team at the Front Office if you are experiencing financial difficulty. We know every family is different and we can work together to find an option that works for you.

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

Assembly 2.15pm

Host Class Rm 23

Public Holiday

Easter Monday

Sports Day EarlyDismissal

2.05pm