



## ANZAC Parade

A very big thank-you to everyone who attended our ANZAC Parade on Monday. The students did a fantastic job during the service and this was commented on by all who attended. A big thank-you to the staff and parents who were also involved in the ceremony and for bringing a delicious morning tea to share.

## Mothers' Day Breakfast

On Friday May 12, we will be having a breakfast for our Super Mums. The students will prepare and serve a delicious breakfast. We ask that ALL Mums attend so we can say a very big thank-you to you for the awesome work you do. We will start at 8:15am and will be finished by 9:15am. I expect to see ALL of you there!

## Attendance

Last term our attendance finished on 89% which was below the regional benchmark and the benchmark we set as a school. The benchmark for Karara is 95% for the Semester. I can't stress enough, the importance of attending school every day. Unless your child is sick, they should be at school every day. If your child's attendance falls below 85%, I will be in contact with you to put a plan in place. Although we are only a very small school, missing a few days here and there, may not seem such a big deal but students can fall behind and due to the demands of our tight curriculum, it can be difficult to catch up on work that is missed. Our attendance for this term sits at 95% which is exactly where it needs to be. Let's keep this up.

## Improvement Agenda - Writing

We continue to make great in roads with our improvement agenda in writing. The main aspect in writing we are focussing on is improving our sentences by varying them. This term, we are all looking at narratives. Last week, we all looked at what goes in the orientation (the beginning of a story). After reading different stories, we came to the conclusion that great narratives describe the characters and where the story is set and also introduce the problem. Last week, we played a game called, 'Hot Seat' where we were given a character and a setting and were interrogated for a very long one minute, about providing lots and lots of details, such as what our character looks like and how they behave. From this, we are now beginning to transfer these great ideas into our writing. I have included Alfie's and Sophie's in today's newsletter.

## School Review - Term 3

At this stage, our review will be in Term 3. A school review is held every four years and is conducted by 2 - 3 internal and external reviewers. As part of the review, parents will be contacted by the reviewers about the happenings in the school. This is a great chance to provide feedback to the school.

Whilst on the subject of feedback, shortly, I will be sending home the Opinion Surveys. Last year, only 3 parents out of 6 completed it. This year, I ask that all parents please complete the ten minute survey online. This can be done at home or I will set you up at school with a laptop and a coffee! As a school, we value your feedback. I will advise you when they will be sent home.

Term 2 Dates	
May 1	Labour Day Holiday
May 3	P and C Meeting
May 9-11	NAPLAN
May 12	Mothers' Day Breakfast

First Lunch

Potato Pie

Second Lunch

Fruit and Popper

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Next Week: Natasha

## Super Stars of the Week - Coby and Sophie



### English – Fantastic Mr Fox

This week, chapters 5 – 8 need to be read by this Friday. Thank-you for assisting with homework. All homework was completed and marked with the students. Please ensure, homework is again sent in this Friday.

Well done to Sophie and Coby for being our joint Super Stars for Week 1. Being the two eldest students in our school, they both modelled great examples of leadership last week. Keep up the great work you two!

### Alfie's Orientation

Harry, is a six year old boy with long blonde hair, short arms and legs and has blue eyes. He loves surfing. Harry loves catching waves on his board with his brothers and sisters. Mum and Dad take them to Byron Bay beach in New South Wales. One day while he was surfing, he spotted a huge white shark.

### Sophie's Orientation

On a rocky, windy, wave crashing beach, near the Army training area, Jackie stood. Her long, blonde hair escaped from her helmet, as she chased after her favourite dog. "Fig, go sniff out the bombs," she yelled. She was scared. BOOM!! "What was that?" she thought.

### Contact information