On Wednesday afternoon, we held the Parent Teacher Information Session. The session is designed to help keep parents informed on all the things that occur within the school grounds including curriculum and rules and routines. The link between home and school life is very important to the development of a healthy child. I thank the parents for their continued support of this link.

Kyle Low

P and C Meeting

The P and C AGM meeting for the year will be held next Monday 09th February in the school library. The P and C did a fantastic job last year raising some helpful funds for the school and organising events for the students. New or returning members are always welcome so we hope to see you there.

Swimming Begins – Wednesday 11th February

The students at Karara will begin swimming next Wednesday the 11th February. Lessons will be held at WIRAC in Warwick. Parent helpers may be needed to help transport the students to and from the lessons. If you can assist please see Mr Low. Permission slips are due back next Monday.

Have your say on the draft Education Accord

The draft Queensland Education Accord has been released and the Queensland Government is calling for more community input on the plan to revitalise Queensland’s school education system. Throughout the initial consultation period, Queenslanders have identified their priorities for education, stressing the need for students to have strong foundation skills in literacy and numeracy and to embrace lifelong learning.

You are encouraged to have your say on the 30-year vision for education in Queensland by completing the online survey.

Karara State School Times

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Tuckshop
There will be Tuckshop on Friday this week

LOTE News

For first term this year, we are working on a unit called Let’s Celebrate, where the focus will be on different forms of formal and informal invitations, and a comparison of the cultural practices surrounding them in Australia and France. The children will be revisiting much of the vocabulary learnt previously, but learning to use it in a different context.

The main assessment tasks will be a listening comprehension where students listen to the reading of two short passages of French, and answer questions about them in English, and preparing a written invitation to a particular event.

I look forward to a busy, productive term.

Frances Symonds (LOTE teacher)

Music

Students in years 2 – 7 require a recorder for music. Recorders can be purchased from most newsagents. If possible, a Yamaha brand is the best for lessons.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week, Jarred Anderson. Jarred received the award for demonstrating RESPONSIBILITY towards encouraging other students and modelling good behaviour. Well done Jarred, a fantastic start to the school year.

A reminder that the Southern Downs Regional Council Library visits the school every second Wednesday at 9 – 10am. The next visit is Wednesday 11th February. If you are borrowing a book for the first time please bring valid ID to join.