Principal’s Message

The school is currently completing the Quadrennial School Review (QSR) which is due the 30th November. The QSR is a chance for the school and community to analyse the previous four years of the school and set in place a strategic plan for the next four years. The process has included;

School internal review

- analysis of student and school outcomes (achievement, improvement, opinion) against performance measures and targets
- reviewing performance trends from available data
- assessment of the achievements of the previous School Plan
- assessment of the success of AIP strategies and actions
- re-examination of the school context, curriculum, pedagogy, student diversity, workforce, resource management and other planning requirements.

After the review the committee team is creating a School Plan which is a succinct 4-year outlook document detailing:

- the school’s vision describing the school’s aspirations
- the school’s strategic direction - improvement priorities/strategies/goals and performance measures and targets
- priorities aligned with Education Queensland’s agenda for improvement outlined in ‘United in Our Pursuit of Excellence’ key strategies for school education
- priorities and strategies in response to the Teaching and Learning Audit.

We look forward to sharing the plan with the wider community.

Kyle Low

The Queensland Country Women’s Associations ‘Christmas Tree’

The Karara and district community are invited to attend the annual QCW A Christmas Tree to be held at the Karara Hall on Saturday 7th December at 5:30pm for a 6:00pm tea. Each family is requested to provide a plate of finger food for a shared tea. The school children will entertain with a concert around 7:00pm to be followed by a visit from Santa. Could each family provide a gift (preferably a book) wrapped and named for each child up to grade 7.

For more information contact Elly Beasley on 46674161.
**Karara State School Times**

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**Tuckshop**

There will be Tuckshop on Friday this week. If you require a price list please let Mr. Low know.

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**Year 1**

Writing, Reading and getting prepared for Year 2 are the focus of our students in Year 1 for the next few weeks. Taking a step up into ‘the big classroom’ can be a daunting task for any young student, however, with the help of our student leaders and some eager grade 1 students, mixed with a little bit of help from our Teacher Aides, they will be ready.

**Year 3 - 7**

This week the grade 3-7’s are focussing on wrapping up any bits of assessment needed to form a grade for their report cards (which are due to be sent out end of week 9). The students are also completing their PAT (Progressive Achievements Tests) in Comprehension, Vocabulary, Spelling, Grammar and Maths. These PAT tests are a great indicator of student’s progression throughout the year and will help to inform planning for next year.

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**P and C meeting**

The final P and C meeting for 2013 will be held in the Karara library on Monday 25th November. Items will include the Quadrennial School Review, Trail Ride wrap up, P and C Break up and 2014 planning. It has been a great year with a lot of positive steps for Karara State School. We look forward to continuing this momentum for 2014.