Principal’s Message

There is only two and a half weeks left to go in the 2014 school year and staff and students are preparing for the enjoyable celebrations that occur before school breakup. The school has had a great year in 2013 and students have given 100% which is all we can ask of them. There have been many faces come and go in 2013 but the current group of students have formed a strong bond and will be with the school in 2014.

There have been several highlights this year and over the next 3 newsletters we will be putting the spotlight on them.

Kyle Low

P and C meeting rescheduled to Monday 02nd December

The Karara State School P and C meeting has been rescheduled to this Monday 02nd December as the meeting that was held on Monday 25th did not have enough attendees to form a quorum. At the P and C meeting we have several things to discuss including the Quadrennial School Review, the P and C break up, School improvement, 2014, Karara Trail Bike Ride 2014 and more. Can you please let the school know if you are unable to attend.

The Queensland Country Women’s Associations ‘Christmas Tree’

The school children are busy practicing for the school play and are getting very excited for the night.

The Karara and district community are invited to attend the annual QCWA 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

Dates to Remember

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Students working hard on their PAT tests
Snow in Karara? Hail from the recent storm
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

The Year 1 students have focussed on persuasive writing this week and have done a fantastic job of creating a persuasive piece that contains the topic, their opinion and giving supporting evidence.

Year 3 - 7

After completing the PAT tests, the students have begun to focus on their lesser strengths in preparation for 2014. Like the Year Ones, writing will be a major focus next year and the students are trying to persuade me to their opinion on whether or not we put a vending machine in the school (don’t worry, this task is just for practice).

Australian Government Mobile Service Centre Assistance

Living in a rural area you may be affected by remoteness and may need to travel greater distances to access vital government payments and services. To make it easier for you to access these services, the Australian Government is bringing them to you and your community.

Two Mobile Service Centres, named Desert Pea and Kangaroo Paw, travel extensively throughout regional Australia and also to disaster affected areas to provide much needed support and assistance. Staff from the Department of Human Services travel with the Mobile Service Centres and can help you with Centrelink, Medicare, Child Support and Australian Hearing payments and services. From time to time, representatives from other government agencies also travel with the Mobile Service Centres.

Information and assistance you can access on board the Mobile Service Centres

The Mobile Service Centres provide a wide range of services. They can assist you with:

- new claims for Centrelink payments
- updating and confirming Centrelink and Medicare customer information
- conducting a hearing health check/hearing test
- information on how financial matters may impact on payments
- assistance with payment and service options to suit individual circumstances
- rural payment entitlements for eligible farmers
- non-cash Medicare transactions, such as arranging cheque or EFTPOS claim payments
- enrolling for and issuing new Medicare cards
- updating and re-issuing Medicare cards
- social work support and referrals.

The information on when the service centre will be in Karara is available on the left.