I was fortunate enough to attend part of the EduTECH conference in Brisbane this week. EduTECH is the largest Education Technology Expo in the Asia Pacific Region and sees over 5000 educators from around Australia attend to listen to the leaders in technology and view the latest in technology for schools. It is invigorating and inspiring to see some of the world’s largest companies such as Microsoft, Adobe and INTEL, have a dedicated and passionate team working towards helping educational outcomes and gaining access for today’s learners no matter what their circumstances and location. The highlight of the day for me was listening to one of the world’s biggest names in Education, Sir Ken Robinson. He spoke of the need for schools to place as much value on creativity and arts in education as we do Literacy and Numeracy in order to meets the demands of today’s and tomorrow’s world.

Kyle Low

Homework
Homework is sent home with the students on Mondays and is to be completed and returned to school on Friday. Nightly tasks include a minimum of 10 minutes reading, as well as practicing their spelling words through doing ‘look, say, cover, write, check’. Reading and Spelling are part of our improvement agenda and this small amount of homework will greatly assist the students.

Art
In Art, students have begun making Collagraphs. Collagraphy is a printmaking process in which material is applied to a rigid substrate such as cardboard or wood.

Student of the week
Congratulations to this week’s Student of the Week, Abby Timbs. Abby received the award for the quality of work she has been producing with English Character Descriptions. Well done Abby!

Farewell Mr Kerr
This week we were sad to hear the passing of Gordon Kerr who was a well-respected Principal of Karara State School from 1975 – 1980. Gordon was one of the instigators of the Karara Karnival, a district sports and novelty events day. Our thoughts are with Gordon’s family.
Karara State School Times

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**Tuckshop**

Tuckshop will be on Friday this week

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**DID YOU KNOW?**

Karara State School has a website. Our website is updated with the newsletters and other items each week, so if you prefer to read the newsletter in colour, log onto our site at [www.kararass.eq.edu.au](http://www.kararass.eq.edu.au)

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**Year 2**

The grade 2’ are in a very busy time with assessment tasks being completed to assist with grades for report cards. In English students are are writing their non stereotypical character descriptions this week. They are changing the stereotype of a Princess (Cinderalla) and writing a Character Description.

**Year 4 – 7**

The year 4 – 7 students have been busy working through their English Assessment task of writing a Feature Article. They are looking at the fictional town of Larossa Bay and writing an article that will persuade readers to the best course of action in how to manage a bat colony. In Maths, students have been learning about factors and multiples.

**Nationally Consistent Collection of Data on School Students with Disability**

Collecting data on school students with disability helps teachers, principals and education authorities support the participation of students with disability in schooling on the same basis as students without disability.

All Australian Governments have agreed to work together on the annual collection of data on school students with disability. In 2013, 10% of Queensland state schools participated in the first year of implementation. In 2014, two thirds of Queensland schools will participate and all schools will collect data from 2015. Our school will be involved in the nationally consistent collection of data from this year. Please be reassured that the Department will not provide, on to another organisation, any data that can identify an individual student. The only data being collected at the school level to be reported nationally is the:

- number of students in the school who are provided with an adjustment to address a disability;
- level of adjustments we provide for those students; and
- broad category of disability.

Consultation with parents is important not only for the data collection but also to ensure you are aware of the adjustments being provided to support your child. We will therefore continue to consult with you. While only data that cannot identify your child will be submitted outside of the Department, if you do not wish for your child’s details to be included, please let me know. Information and fact sheets are available to help you make a decision from the:


Alternatively, if you have any queries about the collection or use of this data I encourage you to contact me directly.

**Karara Sheep Dog Trials**

The QLD Championship Trial and a Novice Trial is to be held at Karara on the June long weekend (6 – 9th June). All are welcome especially helpers for canteen and ‘letting out’ of sheep.

Please contact Bill Fearby, Reg Cullen or Lorraine Welsh

Lorraine Welsh
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