I have been very proud of the students over the last few weeks with their response to our Social and Emotional program. During Explicit Lessons of our Second Step program, students have listened, engaged and given their best efforts. Words such as Empathy, Listening with Attention and Being Assertive have started to become part of everyday vocabulary with the students. There are several lessons to go and material for ‘Daily Practice’ at home will be sent home every few weeks attached to the school newsletter. If you would like more information on the program, please see me.

Kyle Low

Karara State School Behaviour Matrix

Students will begin interacting with the new Behaviour Matrix next week. The behaviour matrix has been created and reflects the school’s values of STRIVE – Safety, Tolerance, Responsibility, Integrity, Vision and Effort. The matrix details how these values look throughout the school. A copy will be sent home with the students early term 4.
**School Start Time**

Just a reminder that school officially begins for students at **8:50am**. Students arriving on time allows for them to complete daily tasks, hand in homework, prepare books and log onto their computer before the learning begins at 9am. Students arriving after this time are spending valuable learning time logging on and disrupting other students’ learning. If you are having issues with your child getting ready in the morning, please speak to the school staff and we can work out some strategies to assist.

**School Absences**

Thank you to the parents for doing a great job on notifying staff when a student will be away. This has made the process for teachers planning daily activities easier. A phone call or text message is a great and easy way to advise.

**Classroom News**

**Year 4 – 7 English**

A big well done to our Year 4 – 7 students who spent the last week completing their Short Animations Stories. The animations were required to show some characters caught in a dilemma. The end results was definitely worth all the hard work.

**Keep a watch on our school these holidays**

With the holidays fast approaching, we need you to look out for after-hours crime in our school. If you see anything suspicious, please remember to call the School Watch number – 13 17 88.

**Student of the Week**

Congratulations to this week’s student of the week, Lachlan Wilson. Lachlan received the award for giving **100% EFFORT** during our Social and Emotional lessons. You demonstrated **Being Assertive** well!

**Karara Hall Committee**

Members of the community are invited to a Sausage Sizzle at the Hall on Friday 12th September at 5:30pm. Bring your own drinks and nibbles for Happy Hour. Bring along your favourite Board Game or join in on a game of Indoor Bowls. Tickets are also available in the multi draw raffle. For more information contact Bill or Joyce Fearby on 46684162.