Principal’s Message

The school weeks are ticking over and I can’t believe we are almost at the mid-way point of Term 1! It has been an exciting but busy few weeks for schools around Queensland and Karara is no exception. The Great Results Guarantee is due February 28th and I thank the staff and P and C for their input on the initiatives we have identified as part of the guarantee to lift students’ results at Karara State School. The new funding will be directed towards:

- Lexia Intervention Reading Program
- CARS and STARS Reading Program
- Sound Waves Online Spelling
- Professional Development Training for staff in areas of Reading, Spelling and Learning Difficulties.

Kyle Low

First P and C meeting

The first P&C meeting for 2014 was held on Monday, where a new Executive Committee was elected. Congratulations to the following;

President: Katreena Anderson  
Vice President: Sharlene Cherry  
Treasurer: Lyle Batterham  
Secretary: Kerry Wilson

A huge thank you is extended towards our outgoing committee with particular mention to Russell and Sharon Whear, and Sandy Osman. The outgoing executive spent countless hours in supporting Karara State School in 2013 and without their support the funds raised would not have been possible.

The P&C will schedule meetings throughout the school year. Please keep your eye on the ‘Dates to Remember’ section of the newsletter for more info and we look forward to your continued support in 2014.
Clean Up Australia Day

Our school will be involved in Schools Clean Up Day on Friday 28 February and you are invited to participate.

If you are wanting to assist on the day, can you please advise the school by Tuesday 25th February.

Student of the Week

Congratulations to “Student of the Week” Abby Timbs. Abby received the award this week for always giving 100% in her bookwork, paying particular attention to neatness, margins and dates. Well done Abby!

National Leaders’ Conference

Congratulations to Joshua Wilson who was invited to the 2014 National Leader’s Day Conference on 03rd March in Brisbane. Josh was invited as he was selected School Leader for Karara State School. Josh will be lucky enough to spend the day with other School Leaders from around QLD listening to speakers such as Blind Musician - Lorin Nicholson, Author - Andy Griffiths, Paralympian – Karni Liddell and Australia Zoo Director, Wes Mannion.

Year 2

Rhyme, Pattern and Rhyming Words have been the Year 2’s focus this week in English. The students have been analysing some poems to find out what is the rhythmic pattern. Our very own Coby Cherry wrote this poem!

Running, running, Puffing Boy
He is playing with his toy.

Year 4 - 7

Secret, powerful belts, child kings and strange faraway lands are all part of the book our Year 4-7’s are analysing. Deltora Quest, ‘The Forests of Silence’, written by popular author Emily Rodda, is the fantasy book the students are analysing as part of their English unit.