Principal's Message

We are fast approaching the end of the Term 1 and my time flies when you are having fun. The students have been progressing through their respective units of work at a good pace, demonstrating one of our school values EFFORT all the way through. Thank you to the teachers and teacher aides for their continued hard work in ensuring that the students are receiving the best quality education.

Kyle Low

Easter Raffle Prizes due Friday 13th March

Thank you to those who have kindly donated some items for the P and C’s Easter Raffle Fundraiser, however, we are in need of more items to make the raffle a success. In order to have enough time to fundraise, items are due by this Friday the 13th March. No item is too big or small.

ANZAC Day

This ANZAC Day marks the 100th Anniversary of the landing at Gallipoli. In commemoration, we will be holding an ANZAC Day service on the school grounds on Friday 24th April. As per usual, the service will follow with a Morning Tea and members of the community are invited to bring a plate to share. The specifics of the day will be made available in the coming weeks. We look forward to seeing you at this special occasion.

NAPLAN

The National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) is an annual assessment for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests the sorts of skills that are essential for every child to progress through school and life, such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. This year, the tests will be conducted on Tuesday 10th – Thursday 12th May. NAPLAN is a test which provides teachers and parents with an indication of how a student is achieving in the areas of literacy and numeracy compared to other students of the same age.
**Attendance – Every Day Counts**

Research confirms a strong link between attendance and student outcomes. While some student absences are unavoidable and understandable due to illness and the like, many are not. Poor school attendance can be linked to a number of related short and long-term adverse outcomes for students including lower academic outcomes, early school leaving, substance use, poverty, unemployment and negative health outcomes. Attendance rate at Karara State School sits at **90.61%** in 2015. Our aim is to get this rate above and **94%** and maintain this rate for the remainder of the school year. With a combined effort of parents, the school and the wider community, this number is achievable.

**AROUND THE SCHOOL**

**End of Term**

With the end of Term fast approaching we have some exciting things happening at Karara State School. On the 20th March, Jarred Anderson, Lachlan Wilson and Laura Carter will travel to Brisbane to participate in Halogen’s National Young Leaders’ Day. In the final week of school the students who have maintained a good standard of behaviour will participate in a ‘Swag Out’ sleepover at school. The Swag Outs are always a favourite of the students.

**Prep**

William and Kohan have been busy on a book journey this semester. The prep students have been looking at different types of books and seeing how books are read for enjoyment and to provide information.

Well done to William who is showing great progress and is already reading all types of books!

**Year 2-3**

The year 2 and 3 students have continued skip counting and are focussing on counting in 2’s and 3’s from different starting points.

In English, the students are working towards creating a range of persuasive texts including persuasive letters and persuasive arguments.

**Karara Camp Draft**

Congratulations to the Karara Camp Draft Committee for running a successful event over the weekend. It was fantastic to see so many competitors enjoy fantastic weather and leave Sunday afternoon with smiles on their faces.

**Tuckshop**

There will be Tuckshop on Friday this week.

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**Karara State School Times**

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**Bored with Bread?**

Stock up on a variety of whole wheat and multi-grain wraps, pitas or soft tortilla shells, mini bagels - then let your imagination go! Tasty fillings include:
- Bears, salsa, and shredded mozzarella cheese
- Hummus and grated carrot
- Egg salad made with chopped celery
- Salmon salad topped with shredded lettuce
- Sliced turkey with honey mustard
- Shredded cheddar cheese (i.e. 20% MF or less), cucumber and red pepper

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**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

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