The End of Semester looms closer...

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Karara State School, along with every other State School across Queensland, is looming closer to the end of Semester One of the 2012 school year. Where has the time gone? It seems like yesterday I was meeting the children for the first time as they entered the classroom on day one.

With the end of Semester (as you all know) comes Report Cards. As explained in the Information Session, this has been a massive transition year. The 2012 Australian Curriculum has been challenging for, not only the teachers, but also the students. Students have been asked to make a massive leap in their educational development. Despite these challenges, the students have responded exceptionally well to the higher expectations set on them.

However, despite responding well to these higher expectations, many students will most likely fall at least a grade point on their report cards. As stated in the information session, parents should not be concerned as this trend will occur in many schools State wide.

When Report Cards are distributed on the last week of school before the break, parents are encouraged to come in and discuss their child's report card with their teacher. A schedule will be sent out in the coming weeks with available time slots, so parents can choose a time that suits them.

**Tank Installation**

The school will be installing it's new tanks this Saturday. An excavator has been hired to construct the pad for the tanks to sit on.

A massive thanks in advance goes out to the Davis family, Batterham family, Cullen family and the Whear family, who have most generously offered their time and material to aid the school in the installation of it's tanks. Once the tanks are installed the school will be looking to install it's new veggie patch that will be managed by the students.

**Students of the Week this week**

are:

Amy Whear and Adelaide Benham

Congratulations!

While the excavator is at the school it will also be stripping the old sleepers away from the library in preparation of the new retaining wall. It will also be transferring the excess garden material to the new veggie patch site so it can be used in the new veggie planters.

P&C President: Sandy Osman

Please see over for more information on school related news!
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Project Club!

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Stack It!

The Project Club in partnership with the school has purchased a school Speed Stacking set. In this set is everything the kids need to start developing their fine motor skills while having heaps of fun. The older kids will teach the Preppies how to play (once they get a hang of it) and when that happens Preppies and the older students can start versing one another.

Lunch Protection

Please make sure you remind your children to zip up their bags while they are at school. There have been several instances of crows taking food items out of bags thus leaving students with very little to eat for the day. Although the school usually has food on hand to help out occasionally when lunch has been lost, it cannot do it everyday.

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Preppies learn about shapes

Above: Jacob contemplates 3D shapes

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