Welcome Back!

Welcome back staff, students and members of the community for what is sure to be a fantastic 2013 school year.

It is gearing up to be another great year in Karara with lots of fun, educational items on the agenda for the upcoming year.

Thank you to members of the community who kept an eye on the school over the holidays.

Another thank you for those involved in working on the school grounds over the holidays. The school looks great!

2013 School Year

While there hasn’t been many changes to the operation of the school, the daily schedule has shifted somewhat to accommodate the changing cohorts we have within the school. The new schedule allows students to get maximum exposure to the curriculum with as much teacher/student interaction as possible.

Year 1 students will make a massive leap this year as far as expected outcomes and will be joining the 4-6 students in class as soon as our library has been refurbished. The years 4-6 will also be asked more of as the 6’s will be asked to balance school work along with their leadership roles.

I would like the opportunity to share with parents the upcoming school year. I have scheduled a parent information session for Wednesday, February 12 at 3:30 pm. It would be great to see all parents attend the session. Tea and coffee will be provided. If you cannot attend please talk to Ryan or call the office.

Suggestion Form

Going home early next week will be a school suggestion form. This is not a mandatory form and is completely optional to fill out. However, given that the school is continually trying to improve it’s practices, your feedback would be greatly appreciated. The form is also completely anonymous.

I understand there are not very many parents at the school and confidentiality can be an issue. There are a couple ways confidentiality can be maintained while still having your say.

The first option is to type out your response. If you do not have a computer or a printer, the school has both, and I would be more than happy to give you access.

The second option would be to have the same person write all of the responses. The second option only works if you don’t mind other people reading your responses, however, it is an option nonetheless.

Remember these are only feedback forms and are intended to improve the outcomes of all stakeholders involved in the school community (mainly the children) Thanks in advance for your assistance.
**Leadership Induction!**
Karara State School will hold its annual leadership induction celebration later in the term once shirts and name badges arrive.
Once a date is established the school community will be notified and be asked to bring a slice for morning tea.

It is a big milestone for Joshua Wilson and George Benham who will succeed Adelaide Benham and Amy Whear as Student Leaders. While only being in Year 6, I know they will be up to the job and do a fantastic job of leading the student body.

**Please slow down around the school**
It's that time of year again when kids come back from holidays and start trekking to school. This year we will have several children walking and or biking to school on a regular basis. It is asked that all motorists within the community observe the speed limit along school road and keep an eye out for children along the way.
If you notice anyone speeding within the school zone, please contact the principal or contact the police (keeping in mind that Mr. Pedley, although radar trained, does not have the powers to write tickets anymore...). Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**Home reading**
If there are any students who have home readers at home left over from last year, could you please return them as soon as possible. We would like to get the Home Reader Program up and running for the new year and require the old readers back.

**Smoking outside school gates**
A reminder that if you are smoking outside of the school gates to please make sure to dispose of your ‘butts’ into a bin and not on the ground. Anyone smoking is welcome to use the bins on school grounds. Karara State School appreciates your cooperation with this matter.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Tuckshop**
There will be no Tuckshop this week. Tuckshop will resume next week on the same day as last year.

**P&C News**
The next P&C Meeting will be the AGM.
Meeting date and time will be released once it is established by the executive.