**Gardens a Go!**

The schools gardens are nearly complete and ready for planting. Each year level will take charge of a garden where they will plant their own healthy veggies. The only thing that needs to be completed on the garden is the fence. This will ensure that the herbivores keep their distance from our plants. Thank you again members of the community and school staff who assisted in this project. It is a great chance for the kids to learn about gardening and responsibility.

**Parent Information Afternoon**

Apologies for issuing the wrong date in last week’s newsletter. A small note was sent home with the children last week with the correct date on it. If you did not receive that note, the actual date for the parent information session is Wednesday, February 13 2013 at 3:30pm. We look forward to seeing you there.

**Library Refurbishment**

Along with the outside of the library the inside of the library is also getting a makeover. The library is getting new carpet, desks, library shelving, window coverings and a new Interactive Board. Later on in the year, we will also see the tuckshop floor being replaced and an internal paint job. This is all very exciting and will look wonderful when completed. The completion date is slated for Monday, February 18 and will be unveiled at the Leadership Induction for members of the community to come and have a look. We hope that the new library environment will stimulate the young minds and imaginations of the children and encourage more reading.

**Pre-Prep Program**

Karara State School and Wheatvale State School have finalised plans for the start up of a Pre-Prep Program. The program will operate once a week with the first session of every month happening at Karara State School. Sessions will run every Thursday from 9am-11:30am. The Program will begin at Wheatvale State School on Thursday, February 21. March 7th will be the first day the Program will visit Karara. The Program will encompass many aspects of early childhood education and as parents are required to be there with their children, it offers them a great chance to socialise and connect with one another. This will be a great Program and we encourage everyone with Pre-Preps in the area to join us in the initiative.

If you are considering the Program but would like more details, please contact Ryan Pedley at Karara State School or Peter Cuskey at Wheatvale State School.

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Students of the Week are:
Lachlan Wilson
and
Hope Cullen
Library Landscaping

The rocks around the library have been placed and the gardens are nearly ready for planting. In the coming weeks the school will be purchasing plants to place around the garden. Thank you again to members of the community who assisted on this project. The finished project is going to look great and really spruce up the school's appearance!

Old News Worth Reading

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.

Tuckshop

There will be Tuckshop this week. Please have your orders into Kerry on Friday.

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.