Nice Gardens!

Gardens
Karara State School's students have been working remarkably hard on their veggie gardens, and boy do they look great! Potatoes, radish, beetroot, carrots and beans are all flourishing.

The school’s schedule sees students maintain their gardens every Wednesday, which includes weeding, watering and pest control. It has been a wonderful project so far and students can’t wait to bite into the fresh veggies!

A special thank you goes out to Sandy Batterham who built the garden it’s wonderfully crafted gate! Another thank you goes out to Lyle Batterham for the installation of the fence and star picket caps.

Principals’ State Conference
Last week I had the opportunity to attend the State Principals’ Conference in Brisbane. The conference ran over Thursday and Friday covering many topics revolving around improving our children’s education. Principals listened to a guest speaker from overseas and the Minister of Education as they outlined their strategies for improving student outcomes. It was continually mentioned that Queensland has been improving the most of any state in Australia, and while we weren’t the ‘top state’ we are certainly on our way.

What really stood out to me during the conference was the data that was presented around attendance at schools. Studies show that students with higher attendance rates obviously do better in their schooling. However, what was most interesting was that those students with better attendance make a better income throughout life. If you want anymore information on this research please search for Ben Levin on the internet.

Snake Season
Karara State School ‘relocated’ two snakes last Wednesday. The students saw the first snake as they were playing on the play structure. They did a great job at shouting out to the teachers and staying on high ground. Mr. Pedley then ‘relocated’ the brown snake before it could cause too much of a ruckus.

Mr. Benham ‘relocated’ the second snake while he was mowing the lawn. After ‘inadvertently’ running over the snake it was gently placed beyond the school grounds.

The school will continue to remain vigilant in our ‘snake relocation program’.

Students of the Week are:
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Please see over for more information on school related news!
Community Newsflash

**Warwick Football**

Warwick District Football Association - Sign Up Info.

Registration is available online RIGHT NOW! Just go to www.warwickwolves.com.au and follow the instructions. Registrations close 31/03/13 to enable time to finalise teams for the 2013 season.

All games played in Warwick on Saturday mornings.

Junior Cubs - Under 4/5's boys/girls $50
Juniors - Under 6 to 16's boys/girls $155
SignOn help available on Sat 9th March at the Clubhouse at Queen's Park if you need assistance from 10am-12pm.

See website for information or to contact the club.

Warwick football - where everyone gets a fair game.

**Annual Catholic Debutante Ball**

Traditionally, Catholic students in Year 3 are invited to be Flower Girls/Page Boys for the Annual Catholic Debutante Ball. This year the Ball will be held on Friday 24th May 2013 at St Mary's Hall.

If your daughter and/or son is interested in being a Flower Girl/Page Boy, please contact the Parish Office on 4661 1033 or stmaryswck1@bigpond.com by 5th March, 2013.

Should more than the required number express interest in this matter, names will be drawn from a hat to determine who will fill these roles.

**Dates to Remember**

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**Old News Worth Reading Again**

**Freestone Trivia Night**

Freestone Trivia Night Sat 16th March
Freestone State School P&C are having their annual Trivia Night fundraiser on Saturday 16th March. Book your teams in now! It's a great night out with lots of cash and prizes up for grabs. The $10pp entry fee includes a light supper. We will also have a licenced bar running. So grab some friends and come on out for some fun!!

For bookings phone Helena 4666 1726.

**Asbestos Training**

Asbestos Awareness Annual Presentation Reminder.

Asbestos Awareness presentation must be delivered annually to the P&C in department-owned facilities where there is confirmed or assumed asbestos-containing material present.

Once a new P&C Executive is voted in, they will be required to undergo this training with the school principal. This training is departmental policy and is non-negotiable.

**Trivia Night**

Rattle of the Brains Trivia Night
Friday 31st May, starting 7pm (doors open 6:15)
Allora Community Hall, Herbert Street, $10/each

**Leadership Induction!**

Karara State School will hold it's 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.

**Tuckshop**

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

**P&C News**

The next P&C Meeting will be the AGM. The Meeting has been rescheduled for March 11 at 3:30pm.