Library Garden Looking Flash!

Library Garden
Karara State School parents, teachers, and P&C members put in a massive effort at the school on Saturday. The Wilsons, Batterhams, Pedleys and Smiths all contributed to the library garden project. It was great to see the team effort on the weekend helping to make our beautiful school shine. Thank you to all who had a hand in getting our library gardens back into shape! Hopefully the remaining native plants will be in this week helping spruce up the gardens even more.

The toilet block has new sandstone retainers replacing the old and rotted stumps that had been there previously. Another huge thank you to Russell Whear for generously donating the sandstone to the school. The gardens also had soil separators installed. Using old railway ties, Mr. Pedley installed the dividers to help organise the school’s soil stockpiles. The remaining sandstone has also been stockpiled away from the school for future use.

School Viability Information
Although Karara State School has not been listed for closure or amalgamation it is important to note the following. The School Viability Assessment procedure ensures the Department has a formal process in place to meet its obligations under the Education (General Provisions) Act 2006 (the Act) around school closures. The procedure was developed over a period of time with input from key education stakeholders, including P&C Queensland, Isolated Children’s Parents’ Association and the Queensland Teachers’ Union. Although the School Viability Assessment procedure is new, the premise behind the procedure is not. The Department has a long-standing practice of assessing the viability of its state schools, because it has a responsibility to ensure these important community assets are operated efficiently and are appropriately utilised. The School Viability Assessment procedure will assist in delivering an effective and efficient public education system that is sustainable now and in the future.

When a school is proposed to close or amalgamate, consultation will occur with school communities to ensure all opinions are heard and the community has a say about the future education options for the school community. Community consultation allows for a process to identify any additional local circumstances that should be considered as part of the final determination by the Minister. It is important to note that there are no pre-determined outcomes in the assessment and consultation processes.

Students of the Week are:
George Benham
and
Coby Cherry
Community Newsflash

Karara Sheep Dog Trials
The next Trial (Supreme Championship) will be held on 7-10th of June. All are welcome to attend.
Lorraine Welsh
46674163

QCWA
The Karara Branch QCWA invite members of the community to attend the Biggest Morning Tea International Day at the Karara Hall on Thursday, May 30th at 9:30am. Community is more than welcome to stay and enjoy a luncheon of Turkish Cuisine. A donation would be appreciated and will be given to the Cancer Fund for research.
Elly Beasley President
4667 4161

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Mothers’ Day
Karara State School students hope you liked your Mothers’ Day gift. Mr. Pedley also requested that the students spoil you on Sunday, so if that did not happen please come and see me and I will have a word with the student/students...

Under 8’s Day
Karara State School will be hosting the Warwick Small Schools' Under 8’s Day. Karara will have approximately 150 staff and students here on May 23rd to celebrate Under 8’s. Along with demonstrations from Emergency Services, live music and a lunchtime sausage sizzle, the kids will enjoy some fun activities. The day will kick off at 10:00am and conclude at 2:00pm. Everyone is welcome to attend! Please R.S.V.P for catering purposes.

Local Fire Brigade
There will be an open day on Sunday, June 2nd from 9am till 3pm at the Karara Rural Fire Brigade Station. For more information on your local Fire Brigade, please join us on the day.
Martin Brinkman
1st Officer
048636004

Woolworths Earn and Learn
Karara State School is again participating in the Woolworths Earn and Learn Program and we need your help! Karara State School benefitted greatly from your generosity last year and ended up with some wonderful new gear for the kids to use. We would greatly appreciate that generosity again this year! There is a box in our school’s lobby where cards or stickers can be dropped. You can drop it off yourself or give it to a school family to send with their children. There is also a box in at the Warwick Woolworths for stickers. Every sticker counts as we try to outdo our count from last year.
Thanks in advance, on behalf of the staff and students for your help!

Tuckshop
Tuckshop will resume this Friday.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kerry Wilson and the Project Club

P&C News
Planning for the 2013 Trail Ride has begun. A committee meeting will be organised shortly and notice will be placed in the Newsletter.