Dear Parents and Community Members

Welcome Back
I hope everyone had a relaxing and enjoyable break, which allowed you to refresh ready for the 2017 school year.

We have many new faces in the school this year, with 13 new preschool students starting, along with 5 students starting across Year 4, 8, 10 and 12 and our 9 new receptions. We welcome all of these students and their families to Karoonda Area School and we look forward to working with you to make a positive difference in your child’s life and the life of every child at Karoonda Area School.

We also welcome one new staff member to the school this year, Tom Clark is our Year 6 teacher for 2017. Tom has previously worked at Coomandook Area School and Cambrai Area School, so he has a very good understanding of the context of students from rural area schools. We look forward to Tom adding his expertise and quality practice into the high quality team we have here at Karoonda Area School.

Focus for the Year
“You don’t have to bad to better”
This was a catch phrase that we introduced last year and basically is a message to everyone that there is always room for improvement in whatever it is you are doing. The message can refer to a person’s behaviour but the key focus for our students and the staff is around improvement in learning. As a staff we will be introducing strategies and a common language to support students to focus on improvement throughout the year. This will include the introduction of learner qualities, improved feedback through timely communication (to students and parents) and clear explanations of the learning focus in subjects/lessons, as well as clear explanations of what high quality work will look like. This will ensure students know where they are at in their learning, where they need to go next and how they can get there.

This is part of the staff’s learning focus on building powerful learners and carries on the learning we as a staff have been doing for the past few years.
Staffing News
In staffing news we are happy to welcome Tom Clark to the 2017 school year. Tom will be the Year 6 class teacher and we wish him well in time with us. If you are visiting the school, please make yourself know to Tom.

Welcome New Preschool, Receptions and Families to KAS
The beginning of the school year also brings many new faces in the student group. Aside from the usual intake of Receptions we have also seen some new students across Reception to 12, meaning our student numbers are at 150 for the start of the year. We also welcome 13 preschool students and their families for their first day of preschool today. We welcome all of our new students and their families and hope that they enjoy their time with us at Karoonda Area School.

NEW RECEPTIONS:
Back: Lucy Phillips, Tyson Watts, Patrik Dreyer, Lorenzo Belmonte
Left-Right: Mitchell Fromm, Arron Green, Jackson Fromm Alec Daniel
Congratulations to the Class of 2016

Our focus may be well and truly on the new school year but I cannot go passed the success of our 2016 group of Year 12s. All 6 of last year’s Year 12s attained their SACE certificates with Bradley Stone achieving the highest mark.

I would like to congratulate and wish all of the students all the best for the coming year as they venture into the world of work and University. It is very pleasing to hear that many of them have started working and others have been accepted into the courses they wanted at University and TAFE.
Acquaintance Night and Governing Council Annual General Meeting
Tuesday 21st February (Week 4)
This year we will be having an Acquaintance Night followed by the Governing Council AGM on Tuesday 21st February.

The Acquaintance Night:
will begin at 5:30 pm until 6:15 pm for Rec-6 parents and then Middle School and Senior Secondary Sessions from 6:15 pm until 7:00 pm. A Sausage Sizzle will be available from 6:00pm onwards to allow for parents to have a bite to eat and chat to teachers individually. This will be a great opportunity for families to gain an understanding of the school’s expectations and to get to know your child’s teachers. Therefore we encourage as many families as possible to attend the event. Please fill in the tear off slip at the back of the newsletter to indicate your attendance.

Governing Council AGM:
will be held straight after the completion of the Acquaintance Night from approximately 7:15pm onwards. There will be six (6) vacancies on the Governing Council in 2017. Adrian Roberts, Jodie Hawkes, Sharon Heym, Greg Turner, Eli Koch, and Diane Mickan are finishing their 2 year term and we would like to thank for their commitment over the past 2 years. Please consider either nominating yourself or nominating another person to be part of the school’s governance body. Nomination forms will be published in coming newsletters. If you would like any information on the role of a Governing Councillor, do not hesitate to contact me at school.

BYOD
From 2017 onwards we will be offering families of students in Year 7 to 12 the opportunity to purchase carefully selected educational quality laptops for use at school and home. Detailed information has been sent home to all families in their enrolment packs. For families whose children will be in Year 7 to 12 this year the portal is now open for families to purchase devices if they choose to.

Go to: http://karoonda.asi.com.au
Register using the code: karoonda16
Create a unique password
Browse/Purchase

If you would like help with navigating the portal please contact the school and staff will be available to help you register and answer questions regarding the devices on offer.
Catastrophic Weather Conditions
This recent blast of warm weather brings with it the ongoing fire threat around the district. It is a timely reminder of the fact that we are located in a Category 2 fire danger region. This means that if a CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE ALERT is declared Karoonda Area School will be closed.

This alert will be confirmed on the following radio stations: 1062 ABC, 891 ABC and 1125 AM
Parents are also invited to visit the following website for further information www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au

In addition, if a Catastrophic Day is declared on the weekend for a Monday, we will endeavour to have this indicated on all the gateways leading into the school. During this period of time the only people allowed by DECD on our site are contractors carrying out work.

Therefore I would ask for community co-operation in ensuring you are not on the school site on these declared days. Whether it is to visit the Community Library or use the school pool, if the sign indicating catastrophic weather conditions is displayed, please leave the school site immediately.

If the school was to be impacted by a bushfire during the school day all students will move to the secondary school building and remain there until we have received the all clear from Emergency Services. We have access to water and snacks for the students during this time. Please also be aware that buses will only run once we have received the all clear by Emergency Services.

Change of Newsletter to Fortnightly
After much discussion as a staff we are considering a change to the frequency of the school newsletter. We are proposing to have the newsletter go out on a fortnightly basis. The main reasons for these changes are the significant workload and the cost of producing a weekly newsletter.

Please fill in the feedback form at the back of today’s newsletter with your thoughts.

Mobile Phone Policy
If you wish your student to have a mobile phone at school, a current consent form needs to be completed and forwarded to the school. Mobile phones need to be stored in a secure place (not carried around in a student’s pocket). Any mobile phones seen by staff during the day will be confiscated and kept in the office until a parent/caregiver can make arrangements to collect it.
School Newsletter by Email
The school newsletter is available electronically. This means that you can choose to receive your school newsletter via email. For this to happen, all we require is your email address. A return slip is enclosed towards the end of the newsletter should you wish to choose this option. Please return by the end of this week.

Please note: if you received the newsletter via email last year, you will need to resubmit the slip to receive it electronically again in 2017. Thanks.

Student Passes

Monday and Wednesday Lunch Pass
If you would like your child(ren) to receive a lunch pass for Monday and Wednesday only, please request a Lunch Pass Form from the Front Office. Once the form is returned, signed and agreed by parents, a lunch pass will be issued.

Day Pass
On any other day, if you would like your child(ren) to leave the school (ie mail collection, hair cut, doctor app, etc) the student(s) will need to present a diary note from parents. Home Group teachers will issue a Day Pass for that day.

DANIEL RANKINE
Principal

This Week’s Canteen Reminder

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Canteen News

Roster
We would like to thank those who returned the slip offering their time to work in our canteen to keep it operating for our students. At this stage we have only received 5 returns which means we will not be filling many days.

If you would like to help in the canteen and haven’t returned the slip, it is not too late. Please complete the tear off slip in today’s newsletter and return by this Wednesday.

If you would like to know more about volunteering in our canteen, please give Linda a call at school. Thank you once again for your support.
Dear Parents, Caregivers and Community Members,

Safety of children at Karoonda Area School is of the utmost importance.

The staff car park have had improvements during the July school holidays. Two designated disability car parks will be made available. This will reduce the number of available car parks and therefore will only be available for staff use and disability car parking.

For the safety of students we are asking for the cooperation of parents to not use the car park for parking or as a drop off zone for children anymore. Children can either be dropped off on North Terrace at the kiss and drop zone near the Reception Class (red room), North Terrace (gymnasium side of road) or along Angus Street (Swimming pool road).

Bollards will also be placed between the canteen and primary lunch shed to stop traffic access through the school grounds. Contractors delivering items to the library or canteen along with community members using the Community Library will be required to use the back entrance of the school (H.S. Green Avenue) and park behind or near the library.

It is also an opportune time to remind anyone driving in school grounds that the speed limit is 5km/h and when passing the school anytime students are present, the speed limit is 25km/h.

Please understand that the car park has always been for staff parking and it is only as a result of additional spaces available that parents have been able to access the car park. The main reason for this is to limit the amount of traffic within the school grounds at peak times and therefore reduce the risk to students.

We are also in the process of creating new visitor car parking spaces to support community access to the library and also families picking up and dropping off their children. Please be patient as we make these changes.

We thank you for your support

DANIEL RANKINE
Principal
Karoonda Area School Calendar Term 1, 2017

Week 4
Tuesday 23rd February  KAS Governing Council Annual General Mtg and Parent Night
Wednesday 22nd February  SAPSASA Softball Trials
Thursday 23rd February  SAPSASA Exec meeting

Week 5
Wednesday 1st March  SSSSA Swimming – Adelaide
Thursday 2nd March  Preschool Partnership Day, Geranium

Week 6
Monday 6th March  SAPSASA Swimming Trials
Thursday 9th March  KAS Athletics Day
Friday 10th March  Pupil Free Day

Week 7
Monday 34th March  Adelaide Cup Holiday
Friday 17th March  SAPSASA Swimming Championships – Adelaide

Week 8
Tuesday 21st March  Governing Council meeting
Thursday 23rd March  USE Athletics

Week 9
Tuesday 28th March  Powel Personal Development Yr 6-12
Friday 31st March  Farm Fair – no school closure
Saturday 1st April  Farm Fair

Week 10
Mon 3rd – 7th April  SAPSASA Softball – Adelaide
Friday 7th April  SSSSA Athletics - Adelaide

Week 11
Wednesday 12th April  SAPSASA Football/Netball Trials
Thursday 13th April  End of Term 1 – schools closes 2:15 pm
Friday 14th April  Good Friday

Playgroup
Welcome to Term 1 and Playgroup for 2017!
Our first Playgroup session will begin on
**Wednesday 8th February 2017**
9:00 am in the Preschool Area
Followed by
**Storytime with Mrs Muster in the Library from 10:15 am.**
Please bring hat, water and healthy snacks.
All welcome and hope to see you there!
If you have any questions, please give me a call.
NATALIE KOCH (Playgroup Co-ordinator)
85781254 or 0488 781 254
Normies Notes

Back to School
Welcome back!! Young people going back to school can bring mixed feelings of excitement, anticipation, nervousness and/or full of worry.

Some students adjust to the changes and are able to settle in quickly, and others find this challenging. This may be due to friend issues, dealing with bullies, or just going through mental health issues such as anxiety or depression. It could also be not wanting to leave sick family members at home.

Tips for parents:
• Talk to them and let them know that you are concerned
• Reassure them that you are there to help and listen
• Ask them what they would like from you, as you want to help
• Help them build a support network
• Contact Zara Keough or myself and we will be able to offer some strategies and further resources if needed.

‘Though no one can go back and make a brand new start, ANYONE can start now and make a brand new ending’ Carl Bard. Enjoy week 1!!

KAREN NORMAN
PCW

Junior Tennis - Ages 5 to 55
After a successful coaching session at the end of term 4, Luke Wilson is going to return to Karoonda for another stint of Tennis Coaching for the first 4 weeks of this term.

He will bring low compression balls and small nets with him for the beginners, and then assist the older students with technique etc.

The cost is approximately $60 per person for 1 hour of coaching for 4 weeks ($15 per hour). If we get higher numbers the cost will be reduced.

It starts this Thursday 2nd February 2017 at the Karoonda Town Courts.
5:30 pm to 6:30 pm    Ages 5 to 10
6:30 pm to 7:30 pm    Ages 10 & upwards
Please bring hats, water and racquet.

Luke is happy to have 3 sessions - the groups may change after the first week, but this will depend on numbers. To register your interest, please fill in the slip at the back of the newsletter and return to school by this Wednesday.

Any concerns please give Hannah or myself a call. Please support this great opportunity for our students and adults. Thanks.

KAREN NORMAN
8578 1164

HANNAH LOLLER
8578 3432
Involved from Karoonda Area School are Imogen Cooper, Morgan, Charlee and Angus Hoff as well as Finn Schiller (ex Karoonda student).

Lots of rehearsals have been had in the last 2 weeks of the holidays which has bought this fabulous production together.

Please get behind these kids and see them at their ‘Cat’ like best!!

Murraylands Basketball Association

Tuesday 31st January 2017

6:40 pm  Jets vs Hornets  Mark Deionno/Emily Rudiger
7:30 pm  Wolves vs Knights  Eli Koch/Chris Rudiger
8:20 pm  Bulls vs Bears  Hayden Zander/Jack Norman
Pack Up: Bins & Bench: Bulls  Sweep & Door: Bears

Karoonda & District Historical Society

Working Bee

Saturday 4th February 2017

in Pioneer Park at 8:30 am

To do the following work:
  • Repairs to church and pump shed.
  • Clean up of railway carriage.
A sausage sizzle lunch will be provided.

If extreme temperatures the working bee will be deferred.

All Welcome

DENIS ROBERTS (Chairperson) ELIZABETH KERR (Secretary)
Karoonda Districts Cricket Club

This Week’s Matches – 4th February:

Under 15s: Karoonda vs Monarto at Karoonda (Day 2) 8:30 am
C Grade: Karoonda vs Wanderers Green at Karoonda School 1:00 pm
A Grade: Karoonda vs Meningie at Karoonda 12:30 pm

~ This Saturday ~

The Karoonda Districts Cricket Club would like to warmly invite friends, family and community members to our

20 Year Reunion

Saturday 4th November 2017
Karoonda Clubrooms

It has been 20 years since the Club came out of recession and in the same year, 1996/1997, the A Grade won the Premiership and the D Grade were Minor Premiers!! It would be wonderful if you are able to join us to reminiscence and have a catch up with others.

We have chosen this weekend (4th February) as the Club has all three teams playing in Karoonda.

Times and venues are as follows:

Under 15s  Karoonda Town Oval    8:30 am
A Grade    Karoonda Town Oval    12:30 pm
C Grade    Karoonda School Oval  1:00 pm

Full Bar Facilities and Snack Foods available throughout the day.
Air-conditioned Clubrooms.

Tea: $15.00 per head
Kids Meal available
Served upon completion of games approx. 7:00 pm.
All club families to provide a salad please.

Please note:
In the event of games being cancelled due to Inclement Weather, we will play a 20/20 game between ourselves (2 teams mixed of junior and senior players).

For further information please call
RYAN PAECH (President)  0427 524 800
LINDA PAECH (Secretary)  85781120 (wk)
Expressions of Interest for the role of:
Canteen Manager
Karoonda Districts Football Club
for Season 2017

If you are willing to take on this role, combine the role with someone else or even assist someone else in this role please contact the following people with your enquiry for further information.
HANNAH LOLLER
85783432 / 0438783432

TANYA PILGRIM
85781443 / 0427118917

KinderGym (Murray Mallee Gymnastics)
~ Change of day ~
Mondays
at 10:00 am
beginning next Monday 6th February
Looking forward to seeing you all there!

Mallee Medical Practice Karoonda
Phone: 85791122
GP Services
Mannum Medical Associates - alternatively ring 85690222

February
Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd
Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th
Wed 15th, Thurs 16th, Fri 17th
Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th

Closed Lunch:
12:30 pm – 1:30 pm

Surgery Hours:
9:00 am – 5:00 pm

March
Wed 1st, Thurs 2nd, Fri 3rd
Wed 8th, Thurs 9th, Fri 10th
Wed 15th, Thurs 16th
Wed 22nd, Thurs 23rd, Fri 24th
Thurs 30th

Podiatrist
Wednesday 15th February
Wednesday 15th March
Wednesday 19th April

Optometrist
Thursday 2nd February
UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

Thursday 9th February 2017
Pre-Season fitness training - 6:15 to 7:15
Followed by Exec Meeting 7:30pm

Thursday 16th February 2017
Registration Night from 4pm to 7:30pm
Pre-Season 6:15 to 7:15

AGM PART 2- 7:30pm
notice of Special Resolution “proposed change to constitution”
a copy of Meeting Agenda & Proposed Constitution changes
will be emailed to all registered Members

- In 2017, all registrations & payments must be online at
details will be emailed to all of last year’s players, information sheets for new
registrations will be available or a laptop will be offered on the night as well.
Recover password details here

- Uniform Order Forms available (& uniforms available to try on for sizing)
- Last years’ left-over merchandise for sale, plus Order Forms for new merchandise
- Registration forms for Senior Trials, dates TBA
- A light tea will be available on Thurs 16/2/17 prior to the AGM Part 2
FROM THE CREATORS OF DESPICABLE ME

MALLEE MUMS & BUBS PRESENTS...

DATE: FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2017
TIME: DOORS OPEN 3:30PM | 4PM START
WHERE: MALLEE CINEMA, LAMEROOD
LIGHT DINNER & DISCO AFTERWARDS
MORE INFO: SOPHIE CATTLE - 0401 671 149
# Sustainable Ag Forum Agenda

Friday 3 February 2017 at the Bowhill Community Centre at 1.00pm

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Please RSVP by 30 January for catering purposes

to Helane Norman (Ph: 8578 1493 or E: helane.norman@sa.gov.au )
or Hamilton Ackland (Ph 8570 4207 or E: hrackland@bigpond.com )

### Natural Resources
**SA Murray-Darling Basin**

**Government of South Australia**

**At Karoonda Area School we value:** **Respect, Honesty and Success**
CANTEEN VOLUNTEER (PLEASE RETURN BY THIS WEDNESDAY)

Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ____________

I am able / unable to assist in the canteen.

Days Preferred [ ] Tuesday
[ ] Thursday
[ ] Friday

Work Alone [ ] Yes [ ] No

Roster Preferred [ ] Weekly
[ ] Fortnightly
[ ] Monthly
[ ] Once per Term
[ ] Twice per Term

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

GOVERNING COUNCIL

NOMINATION

I__________________________________________ (NAME IN BLOCKS)

wish to nominate ____________________________________________ (NAME IN BLOCKS)

as a member for the Governing Council.

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

NOMINATION ACCEPTANCE

I__________________________________________ (NAME IN BLOCKS) accept this nomination.

Signed: ____________________________________________________________

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Name: _____________________________________________ Phone: ____________

I would like to receive the school’s newsletter by email in 2016. My email address is:

________________________________________________________

Signed: ____________________________________________________________
ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT ATTENDANCE

I __________________________________________ will be attending the Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 21st February. (Please tick the sessions you will be attending below)

- [ ] Primary Session 5:30pm - 6:15pm
- [ ] Sausage Sizzle 6:00pm onwards
- [ ] Middle School (Years 7 to 10) Session 6:15pm - 7:00pm
- [ ] Senior Secondary Years 11 and 12) Session 6:15pm - 7:00pm

Parent Signature: __________________________________________

JUNIOR TENNIS WITH LUKE (PLEASE RETURN BY THIS WEDNESDAY)

I would like to register my child/ren for the tennis coaching with Luke Wilson beginning this Thursday 2nd February at the Karoonda Town Courts.

Name: __________________________________________  DOB: ________  Age: _____
Name: __________________________________________  DOB: ________  Age: _____
Name: __________________________________________  DOB: ________  Age: _____

Parent Signature: __________________________________________
CHANGE OF NEWSLETTER TO FORTNIGHTLY FEEDBACK

Name: 

What do you read the newsletter for?

What else would you like to see in the newsletter?

How would changing the frequency of the newsletter affect you?

AT KAROONDA AREA SCHOOL WE VALUE: RESPECT, HONESTY AND SUCCESS