Dear Parents and Community Members

Attendance
Every day counts. Attendance at school is a key contributor to a student’s achievement at school and beyond. It is a requirement that students attend school every day except when they are sick. The current attendance target for all South Australian schools is 95%, in 2016 our overall attendance was 93% so we have some work to do to achieve the desired target. For an individual student to achieve 95% attendance each term it means 2.5 days, or less, off for the term or 10 days or less for the year.

Students who average 1 day of absence per fortnight are considered to be Habitual Non-Attenders by DECD and schools are required to analyse the absences for patterns and contact parents. One day per fortnight equates to 20 days per year or a whole year of their schooling by the end of Year 9. If a student is absent for 10 days or more per term (average of 1 day per week) it is considered chronic non-attendance and parents will be contacted to discuss the issues around their child’s attendance. Missing one day per week is equal to 40 days per year or one full school year by the time the student reaches the end of Year 4.

You can see how this level of non-attendance can have a significant impact on a child’s learning and social development.

Thank you for your ongoing support of our attendance policy through communicating with your child’s teacher or the Front Office when your child is away.

Together we can reach our goal of 95% attendance.
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 them 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.

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.

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**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.

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**This Week’s Canteen Reminder**

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**Days Still Vacant**

Thank you to Sally Kerr who offered to do two vacant days in the canteen. However there are still have four (4) days needing to be filled. These days are all on a **Tuesday** and dates are:

- 7th March
- 14th March
- 28th March
- 4th April

If you are able to help, please call Linda or Jenny on 85781120. Thanks.

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**Playgroup**

Wednesday 15th February 2017
9:00 am in the Preschool Area

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

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**AT KAROONDA AREA SCHOOL WE VALUE:**  **RESPECT, HONESTY AND SUCCESS**
### Karoonda Area School Calendar Term 1, 2017

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### Karoonda Little Athletics

Just a reminder to all families involved in Little Athletics of the following:

- Little Athletics will run on Thursday Nights starting at 3:30 pm.
- The fees for 2017 will be the same as last year at $30 per child, with a subsidy for parents wanting to help run the events. ($20 subsidy); **NB: Parents who are not able to help/attend will need to leave their children in the care of another parent.**
- Children from R – 12 are welcome to attend.
- Little Athletics will run through to Interschool Sports Day.

Thanks.

DIONIE KERR
President

WENDY WOOD
Secretary
Free One Day Workshop for Parents and Carers

Murray Bridge
Wednesday
8 March 2017

Positive Partnerships is coming to a location near you!

Join us for a day of learning with other parents and carers of school aged children on the autism spectrum, designed to help you foster productive school, family and community relationships to provide the best kind of support for your child. Our workshops are for parents, carers and grandparents wanting to understand more about autism and learn practical strategies using evidence based resources to help maximise their young person’s learning.

What will you gain by attending this workshop?

- An increased understanding of the impact of autism
- Further knowledge about how to develop effective partnerships with your school
- Information to help you access further support both inside and outside of school
- An opportunity to be part of a support network where you can share strategies and experiences with other parents/carers
- An understanding of a planning tool that can be used to share key information related to your child

Workshop details

Venue: Murray Bridge & District Community Club
Sturt Reserve
Murray Bridge SA 5253

When: Wednesday 8 March 2017
9.15 am – 3.00 pm (Registration from 8.30 am)

Catering: Morning tea and lunch is provided. Please advise any dietary requirements upon registration.

Register Online: www.positivepartnerships.com.au Registrations open on 8 December 2016 and close one business day prior to the workshop. Register early as places are limited!

Questions? If you are not able to register online please call the Positive Partnerships
Infoline: 1300 881 971 or email parentcarer@autismspectrum.org.au

The Positive Partnerships initiative is funded by the Australian Government Department of Education and Training through the Helping Children with Autism package and is delivered by Autism Spectrum Australia. The views expressed in this publication do not necessarily represent the views of the Australian Government or the Department of Education and Training.
Reception/Year One Update
Written by Julie Boughen

Last week we began our Bend it! Stretch it! Primary Science Connections topic. The children had to brainstorm ways they could change a piece of paper and then we focused on those ways in which the shape would change but it would still be paper. The children also had to think of ways they could put a piece of paper over their heads and pull it down to their shoulders. I then showed them a way of cutting the folded paper in such a way that it became a continuous almost elastised circle and would fit easily over their heads. Next they chose an object from a box and had to tell us what it was made of and how they changed it.

In HASS we have studied Australia Day and the three Australian flags. We also briefly touched on the Chinese New Year. We have work on display arising from these topics. This week we begin a Geography theme about mapping which should take us through to the end of term.

Maths has seen us doing our routine Numbers on Monday, operations on Tuesday and another topic on the other three days. Week one was shapes and week two was graphing and more shapes work. The children really seem to enjoy lessons in which we have a four group rotation through four activities related to a topic.

Within Creative Writing Mrs Hocking helps us on Wednesdays. Last week she introduced writing descriptions to the Year Ones which will be continued for the next few weeks. The Receptions heard a story and drew their favourite part with Mrs Boughen. The teachers scribed for the students as they told them about their drawing. The students traced over their writing.

We are looking forward to our Splash Carnival at Lameroo on Thursday. The children will be participating in some fun games on the lawn as part of the day and then the Receptions will have a choice to go in a few events in the larger pool or splash about with the Preschoolers in the small pool. The Splash Carnival will be run in two sections- Year 2/3 first with Mrs Boughen and while they are having their events the R/1s will have games with Mrs Roberts on the grass. We will then swap over.

Karoonda School Community Library Opening Times

- Monday 8:30am - 5:00 pm
- Tuesday 8:30am - 4:30 pm
- Wednesday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Thursday 8:30 am - 4:00 pm
- Friday 8:30 am - 5:00 pm

Closed for Lunch every day from 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm
Normie’s Notebook
Where do we start?? Parenting can be tough at times. So much information out there ...

‘Positive Parenting Solutions’ had a great suggestion that I thought I would share with you. It was suggested to choose three ways to benefit your household and improve family relationships.

- Try spending just 10 minutes each day of one-to-one, uninterrupted time with each child. This may improve their emotional understanding, reduce negative behaviours and maybe help them be more cooperative.

- Try to improve routines by working together and explaining the expectations. Trying a ‘when-then’ routine, ‘When you have packed your bag, and are dressed, then you can watch tv’ or whatever suits your family routine/expectations. Try having the routines on display for children to see.

- Have a family discussion to make a list of all the jobs that must be done around the home. Decide how to be fair so that everyone, of all ages is involved and contributing to responsibilities around the house. Not only are you teaching them the importance of chores, but also the importance of working as a team.

‘Save the excuses. It’s not about ‘having’ time. It’s about making time. If it matters you will make the time.’

Hopefully this may help for a more relaxed household.

KAREN NORMAN
PCW

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

February
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
Girls State Cricket Trials at Adelaide Oval

For any girls aged 10 to 12 years, who may be interested in trialling for the Girls State Cricket, **trials will be held at Adelaide Oval Indoor Centre on Saturday 18th March, Saturday 25th March and Sunday 9th April.** Please contact: KERRY CORNFORD 0429 773 512/85781120.

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**Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment 9520**

Scan or visit rypen9520.org.au/ for more information and applications

**RYPEN** The Rotary Youth Program of Enrichment is an introductory leadership development program for young people, sponsored by Rotary. If you are aged 14-17 years you have the opportunity to attend this weekend Live-in seminar in the picturesque Adelaide Hills. Jam packed with informative presentations from leadership professionals, group sessions and recreational activities, the RYPEN seminar is a highly effective leadership and personal development experience.

As a RYPEN graduate you will develop new skills in:
- leadership
- team work
- problem solving
- communication and public speaking
- motivation and goal setting

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Karoonda Districts Cricket Club

This Week’s Matches – 18th February:

Under 15s:  Jervois vs Karoonda at Jervois (Day 2)  8:30 am
C Grade:  Karoonda vs Wanderers Gold at Karoonda  1:00 pm
A Grade:  Wanderers vs Karoonda at Wanderers  12:30 pm

Thank You – Catering for a Class Reunion
Thank you to those who have offered to help in the bar and kitchen and supply salads for a Class Reunion this Sunday between 11:00 am and 3:00 pm. Linda will be in contact re salad and time 😊

If anyone else would like to support this function and the Club, it is not too late. Please let me know by Wednesday.

LINDA PAECH (Secretary)

Subs and Merchandise Overdue
Subs are now way overdue. Please pay to Treasurer, Casey Jones, send to Linda at the school or payment via Direct Deposit (please place your name in reference). Details for Direct Deposit are:

BSB: 105-161  ACCOUNT:  015 119 640.
Subs are:  
Juniors:  $20
Seniors:  $60

Also if you have grabbed any merchandise over the season and haven’t paid for yet, this can also be paid via Direct Deposit (please place your name in reference). If you need a price on an item, just ask. Thanks.

CASEY JONES (Treasurer)

Murraylands Basketball Association
Tuesday 14th February 2017

6:40 pm  Deltas vs Jets  Mark Deionno/Zara Keough
7:30 pm  Knights vs Bulls  Kale Neaylon/Chris Kruger
8:20 pm  Wolves vs Bears  Cameron White/Hamish Pilgrim
Pack Up:  Bins & Bench: Wolves  Sweep & Door: Bears

KinderGym (Murray Mallee Gymnastics)
~ Change of day ~
Mondays
at 10:00 am

Looking forward to seeing you all there!

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Tea Towels From Football Clubrooms
Nearly all of the tea towels from the Football Clubrooms are not in the kitchen drawer. Obviously they have been taken home for washing after a function which is fantastic but have been overlooked to be returned.

If you have them or know of their whereabouts, please return to immediately to the Clubrooms or to Linda at the Front Office as the clubrooms are regularly booked for functions and need the tea towels in the kitchen. Thanks.

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 TANYA PILGRIM
85783432 / 0438783432 85781443 / 0427118917

~Sorry, Colouring In Forms Being Sent Home Today~

Farm Fair Ute Muster
Please check your child’s bag tonight for the Karoonda Farm Fair Ute Muster Colouring In competition form (as pictured).

Free Entry
Ages 4 – 13 years
Closes: Friday 24th March.

Please send entries to Sonja Marchant or return to the school by the 24th March. Can’t wait to see your entry!!
UPCOMING DIARY DATES:

Thursday 16th February 2017

Registration Night from 4:30pm to 7:30pm

- 2017 Registrations NOW OPEN – www.mynetball.com.au and email has been sent to all registered members with “how to” details
- Uniform Order Forms available (& uniforms available to try on for sizing)
- Last years’ left-over merchandise for sale, plus Order Forms for new merchandise

Pre-Season 6:15 to 7:15 every Thursday night
- Older Juniors are welcomed & encouraged to attend all pre-season trainings

AGM PART 2 - 7:30pm

- notice of Special Resolution “proposed change to constitution” a copy of Meeting Agenda & Proposed Constitution changes has been emailed to all members
- final chance for comments required to Jodie Hawkes by Tues 14/2/17 4pm
- Junior Grades for 2017 will not be finalised until after MNA Mtg on 27/2/17
- Nibbles will be available prior to the AGM Part 2

Senior Trials – March 2nd & March 9th
Night Owls
Karoonda Bowling Club
Thursday 16th February 2016
Running for three weeks
Tea served from 6:30 pm
Names in by 7:00 pm
All Welcome

Form a team of four (4) from your business, sporting club, group of friends, family or come as an individual

Bows supplied
Wear flat shoes or your bare feet

BELINDA O’MALLEY
0429 411 658

JOSH PORKER
0401 472 234

BEN MUMFORD
0431 591 309

Perponda Sports Club Inc
Annual General Meeting
Wednesday 8th February 2017
7:30 pm
Perponda Sports Clubrooms
All welcome look forward to seeing you there

PETER LEEDHAM (Pres)
0467 317 290

MARIE ROSENZWEIG (Sec)
0432 3784 33

Karoonda & District Historical Society
The next meeting of the Karoonda & District Historical Society will be held on
Tuesday 21st February 2017
at 7:30 pm
at the Karoonda East Murray Council Chambers
All Welcome

DENIS ROBERTS (Chairperson)
0427 162 734

ELIZABETH KERR (Secretary)
0429 947 634
Crispin Promotion Management And
Sherlock Community Centre Inc
Presents

Stephen R Cheney
The Country Gentlemen Show
Country Music Variety Show
Music from your favourite male country music performers!

Peake Hall
Saturday 4th March 2017
$25 per person
(includes supper, tea & coffee)
Soft drinks available to purchase
Doors open at 7:00 pm
Show 7:30 pm to 10:30 pm
Enquiries & Bookings please contact
CHRIS POOLE 0428 366160 by 25th February
FROM THE CREATORS OF Despicable Me

MALLEE MUMS & BUBS PRESENTS....

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DATE: FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2017
TIME: DOORS OPEN 3:30PM | 4PM START
WHERE: MALLEE CINEMA, LAMEROO
LIGHT DINNER & DISCO AFTERWARDS
MORE INFO: SOPHIE CATTLE - 0401 671 149
Experience the world while living like a local

At Southern Cross Cultural Exchange we are pleased to release our selection of student scholarship opportunities for exchange programs departing in 2017.

Scholarships give students from Year 9 to Year 12 the opportunity to live and study overseas, and truly discover a new culture and way of life.

There are a number of categories and destinations to choose from, simply visit www.scce.com.au/scholarships for program information, application closing dates and to download the application kit. For more information contact us on 1800 500 501 or email, scce aust@scce.com.au.
Blue Light Ten Pin Bowling
Sat 8th April 2017, 2-5pm
FREE BOWLING

Free Entry and Bowling
Prizes to be won, arcade games to play
Teams of 5 (or be allocated to a team)
Police and Police volunteer supervisors
Lock-in Event (Parents to be left at the
door, essential carers ok)
Alcohol and drug free event

Ages: 5-17 years
Venue: Bridge Bowl, Maurice Rd,
Murray Bridge
Food & drink available to purchase.

Online Registrations Essential by 5th April 2016 at www.bluelightsa.com.au
Numbers limited to 100.
Contact: Murray Bridge Police Station 85356020 for more information
This Blue Light event is being held as part of National Youth Week
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: _______________________________

ACQUAINTANCE NIGHT ATTENDANCE

I _______________________________ will be attending the Acquaintance Night on Tuesday 21\textsuperscript{st} February. (Please tick the sessions you will be attending below)

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  \item Primary Session 5:30pm - 6:15pm
  \item Sausage Sizzle 6:00pm onwards
  \item Middle School (Years 7 to10) Session 6:15pm - 7:00pm
  \item Senior Secondary Years 11 and 12) Session 6:15pm - 7:00pm
\end{itemize}

Parent Signature: _______________________________

NEWSLETTER BY EMAIL

Name: _______________________________ Phone: __________

I would like to receive the school’s newsletter by email in 2017. My email address is:

Signed: _______________________________
CHANGE OF NEWSLETTER TO FORTNIGHTLY FEEDBACK

Name: ________________________________________________________________

What do you read the newsletter for?
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What else would you like to see in the newsletter?
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How would changing the frequency of the newsletter affect you?
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