



Karoonda Area School

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Monday 11th February 2019

Dear Parents and Community Members

A Great Start!

The 2019 School Year has commenced in a very positive manner! The level of student effort and their subsequent focused behaviour has been outstanding. Staff have been working with students to assist them to set individual performance goals, which will be part of their short term focus.



The transition of new students from East Murray Area School and other schools has also been very positive with these young people fitting into Karoonda exceptionally well.



Acquaintance Night and Governing Council Annual General Meeting Tuesday 19th February 2019

Next Tuesday we have our acquaintance night and 2019 Governing Council AGM. Both of these events are important occurrences in our calendar and I would urge you to consider your attendance at both of these (Further information later in the newsletter).

School/Community Pool

On Thursday a small deputation representing the school and the District Council of Karoonda and East Murray will be meeting with the Minister of Education to raise/clarify a number of points and issues. Among these will be the way forward for the pool. I would like to thank the District Council for organising this meeting and inviting school representatives for their input.

Busy Term Ahead!!

As you will see by the calendar, we have an extremely busy term facing us culminating in our involvement in the Farm Fair. As a consequence we look forward to your ongoing support of our school. Please keep an eye on all our communication channels for updates of information and times.

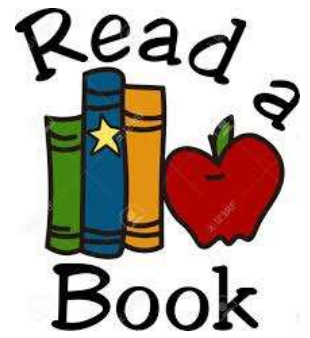


Reading

We are three weeks into the school year ... well nearly and it is time to start banging my drum about the importance of reading!!

We know that students who struggle with reading have even bigger hurdles to jump in regards to learning.

At Karoonda we really value reading!!! ... **and we need your help!!!**



Supporting and encouraging your child's reading at all year levels is crucial. For those parents with children in the younger years here are some Karoonda Goalposts ... which are higher than the DfE (Department for Education) standards (SEA).

- Reception: Reading Level 9 (SEA 5)
- Year 1: Reading Level 17 – 19 (SEA 13)
- Year 2: Reading Level 26 - 30 (SEA 21)

In future newsletters we will bring you hints to assist plus the stories of parents who have successfully assisted their child to achieve these standards.

Of course some students will have difficulty meeting these goals due to their personal learning style but we should all be focussing on the child being as good as they can be.



Feedback

We welcome positive feedback and suggestions for improvement at any time. The easiest way to provide this is through the email address provided at the top of this newsletter.

Excess Furniture

We have a large amount of excess furniture which we have been able to upgrade as a consequence of acquiring some pieces from East Murray Area School. We will have 'The Tank' open on Acquaintance Night for you to inspect. If you want it to utilise for its intended purpose or to modify or use for scrap, please feel free to give a donation or approach us ... we want to empty the tank!!



Pupil Free Days

As yet these have **NOT** been determined. When we receive extra information and have Governing Council approval, we will inform you.


MIKE CLARK
Principal

Review of School Bus Services in Regional SA

<https://yoursay.sa.gov.au/decisions/school-bus-review/about>

Government school bus services in regional South Australia are being reviewed to see how government school buses can provide travel for all students, regardless of what school they attend (government or non-government school).

To help with this review we want to hear from parents and caregivers of students, and the broader community in regional South Australia, about how these changes will affect them. We also want your thoughts on the implications of making school buses available for community purposes.

This consultation is an initial step in the review, which also includes working with key stakeholders and experts.



How you can get involved

Read the [Review of School Bus Services Terms of Reference](#) and the [SA School Transport Policy](#) and provide your feedback by:

- joining the [online discussion](#)
- emailing a written submission to schoolbusreview@sa.gov.au.

For more information you can email: schoolbusreview@sa.gov.au.

Closing date: 5:00 pm, Friday 15th February 2019

This Week's Canteen Reminder

Monday	11	CLOSED
Tuesday	12	Glenys McKenzie/Mandy Zadow
Wednesday	13	CLOSED
Thursday	14	Jenny Hood
Friday	15	Alanna Smith
Monday	18	CLOSED
Tuesday	19	Glenys McKenzie/SSOs/SRC
Wednesday	20	CLOSED
Thursday	21	Tiffany Ewins/Hayley Neumann
Friday	22	Belinda O'Malley
Monday	25	CLOSED
Tuesday	26	Glenys McKenzie/Casey Bullard



Dear Parents/Caregivers,

You are invited to the

Karoonda Area School Acquaintance Night Tuesday 19th February 2019

Primary Open Classrooms
5:00 pm -5:30 pm

Come and pop in to say hello to your child's teacher.

All primary classrooms, (except the Year 1 class) will be open for you to visit.



FREE
Sausage Sizzle
from 5:30 pm
Canteen area

Secondary Information Session (Year 7-12)

6:15 pm – 7:00 pm in the Language Room
(opposite the Front Office)

Come for a quick chat and meet the secondary teaching staff,
who teach the majority of students in Years 7 to 12.

Governing Council AGM at 7:00 pm in the Language Room

There will be 4 vacancies on the Governing Council in 2019. Jodie Hawkes, Adrian Roberts, Ty Mickan and Eli Koch 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 are below. If you would like any information on the role of a Governing Councillor, do not hesitate to contact Mike Clark (Principal) at school.

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: _____

**Surplus Furniture - tables, chairs, shelving, etc
will be on display at the tank. Donation accepted**

Reception Update

Written by Julie Boughen



We have had a busy time during the first nine days of the 2019 school year and I think the Receptions have been real troupers! Last Friday some of them looked like they needed the weekend to reenergize and it was well deserved. It is by no means a trivial activity for children when they start school. Even though we have an excellent transition program at Karoonda in which the children are able to visit the Reception class regularly, the classes hold combined excursions and use the same facilities, it is still a big deal to actually begin and be a member of the BIG SCHOOL. Well done Receptions on your first days!

The highlights of the first nine days for the class were the Rock and Water lessons, first lessons with all of their teachers, new and old brain break games, Reading Eggs computing lessons, Jolly Phonics, Design and Technology making creations from junk materials, revisiting MY TERN, visiting the Preschool twice for play, hosting play in our room and Success Time Reception to Year 6, lesson 7 Friday.

I was very pleased when Mrs Brodie told me last Friday that she observed a positive change already in the children's concentration, listening and participation during her HASS lesson in comparison to the first one the previous Friday. Good Job, Receptions! Keep it up.



The children have started well on their Jolly Phonics learning. Each day the children experience a new letter sound through a story from our Jolly Phonics big book. They are shown how to write it, to say it, an action and a song for it. We sing all of the songs studied every day at present. We have experienced s a t i p n c k e. We are studying s a t i during handwriting at the moment. They have been shown how the letters make words that can be sounded out but most children need to learn how to do this yet. The children are beginning to scamper through their Phonological Awareness skills shapes in their reader covers and enjoy similar activities at school, so this is promising for how their reading and writing skills might develop. Next week we will begin to focus on the children's names and if needed introduce new ways for the children to write their names more efficiently.



Within maths we have been concentrating on making repeating line patterns with different maths manipulatives, children and sounds. I have pre tested the children on their numeral and 2D shape recognition and hope to test them to see what letters they know already too.

A large focus and of course one that will be ongoing is learning about school expectations, routines, boundaries, behaviour and social skills. We have made a lot of progress already I am pleased to say. I have been fair, firm and consistent but generally in a nurturing sort of way.

Another issue that young children find hard to accept is the notion that Fair is not everyone getting the same thing. For each child to be successful they might need different adjustments to the program i.e. a fiddle toy to help them concentrate or a mini break and so on. Not everyone needs this. We will continue to work on this.



Within the next update I will let you know more about the other learning areas. Meanwhile you are all invited to visit the Reception classroom as part of a whole school Acquaintance evening on **Tuesday the 19th of February**. Please see the advertisement in this newsletter.

Dates This Term for your Diary

Karoonda Area School Term 1

Week 3	Thursday 14 th February Thursday 14 th February	Welcome to Preschool Afternoon Tea – 2:00 pm USE Open Cricket
Week 4	Monday 18 th February Monday 18 th February Tuesday 19 th February Thursday 21 st February	SAPSASA Softball Trial – Lameroo 8/9 USE Cricket Acquaintance Night and School AGM Preschool Swimming – Murray Bridge
Week 5	Tues 26 th Feb – Fri 1 st Mar Friday 1 st March	Year 5/6 Sovereign Hill SAPSASA Swimming – Murray Bridge
Week 6	Sunday 3 rd March Monday 4 th March Thursday 7 th March Friday 8 th March	Roboroos – Murray Bridge SSSSA Swimming – Adelaide KAS Athletics (back up date) KAS Athletics
Week 7	Monday 11 th March Thursday 14 th March	Adelaide Cup Primary Assembly 2:25 pm in the Gym
Week 8	Tuesday 19 th March	Circular Circus performance – 1:40 pm
Week 9	Tuesday 26 th March Thursday 28 th March Friday 29 th March	USE Athletics – venue to be advised NAPLAN practice test SAPSASA Swimming - Marion
Week 10	Friday 5 th April Saturday 6 th April	Farm Fair Farm Fair
Week 11	Monday 8 th April Mon 8 th – Thurs 11 th April Friday 12th April	SSSSA Athletics SAPSASA Softball Carnival - Adelaide End of Term 1 – school closes 2:20 pm Casual Day. Buses leave an hour earlier.



Normie's Notes

Some families may be finding finances tough this year, understandably so. This in turn can also affect the Mental Health of not only the adults, but all members of the family. Please do not hesitate in contacting someone for support and guidance.



I thought I would outline a few organizations that may be able to assist. I would like to stress that there is help available and please do not feel you have to do it on your own!! I am more than happy to try and help you make the initial contact with the right people.

Farm Household Allowance:

The Farm Household Allowance provides financial assistance to eligible farmers and their partners through planning, training and income support. Contact the Farmer Assistance Hotline (13 23 16) to find out how to apply

Rural Financial Counselling Service:

The Rural Financial Counselling Service program is a free service for farmers experiencing financial hardship. Visit the website to find your nearest financial counsellor or phone 1800 686 175.

The Rural and Remote Distance Consultation and Emergency Triage and Liaison Service:

Call: 13 14 65 - 24/7 telephone service that can help with admin, info, assessment and referral for mental health concerns

FaB Support Mentors:

Come from a variety of regional business and agricultural backgrounds. Each member is experienced in discussing and addressing the wide array of difficult issues that come about as a result of drought and other adverse events. They work with the Rural Counsellors to connect people to services both government and non-government.

Regional Access Program:

If you are wanting to chat to someone or if you are concerned about someone near you, call the Regional Access Program on 1300 032 186 for free professional telephone and online counselling 24 hours a day, 7 days a week for people 15 years and older living or working in regional SA.

St Vinnies or The Salvation Army:

Offers up to \$3000 (\$2000 cash into bank account and \$1000 for bills)

PIRSA:

Has available a on farm emergency water infrastructure rebate scheme as well as fodder assistance and animal welfare and other contacts and information.

There is also:

- Buy a bale Aussie Helpers
- Need for feed Drought Angels

**Beyond Blue:**

Advice and support with people with depression and anxiety phone 1300 22 4636.

There are a few others too that may be of assistance. If you would like to know more information for yourself or someone else, please contact me.

'When people are protecting something truly special to them, they become as strong as they can be!'

KAREN NORMAN
PCW

Karoonda Community Library News



This **Thursday February 14th is Library Lovers Day** and we will be celebrating our love of books, reading and libraries all week at our Library. Come in and take a look at our display of romance novels. Tell us about your favourite book or author or why you love libraries and books. Leave a comment on our Facebook page about your favourite book. Borrow an item and receive a special love treat.



Opening Hours

Monday - Friday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Closed for lunch	1:00 pm - 1:30 pm

SUE MUSTER
Library Manager

KERRY CORNFORD
Community Library Assistant

Karoonda Little Athletics

Annual General Meeting

Thursday 14th February 2019

School Oval at 4:30 pm

Apologies to Dionie Kerr 0428 197 812 or 85789015



School Card Scheme 2019

The School Card scheme offers financial assistance with school fees (Materials and Services Charges) for students attending government schools in that year.

Eligibility Applications

Applicants need to complete an application form at the beginning of each year.

Choose the form below that is most appropriate to your circumstances. If you need help completing the form, come in to school and I will help you or phone the School Card section on 1800 672 758 (free call). Forms were put in the stationery packs at the beginning of the year.

Income Audit

This form is suitable for most low income students and families. Use this form if your combined gross income is within the income limit. ***This form can be submitted on line this year.***

- your combined gross income is generated solely from a salary or Centrelink benefits
- neither parent is self-employed
- [Form A: income audit – apply online](#)
[Form A: income audit – paper version](#)

Hardship, change of circumstances or self-employment

This form is for people who:

- have a gross income above the School Card income limit but have experienced hardship due to extraordinary or unavoidable expenses - eg medical or funeral costs
- experienced a significant change of financial circumstances from the 1 July last year to until end of February this year - eg unemployment
- are self-employed and the family gross income is within the income limit.

[Form B: hardship/change of circumstances or self-employment](#)

Foster parents and guardians

These forms are for:

- foster (informal and formal care agreement) applicants who are the guardians of one or more students
- grandparents who are the guardians of their grandchildren.

[Form F: informal and formal care agreement – government students](#)

Students living away from home and receiving youth allowance

This form is for students who at the end of February this year:

- are living away from their parents
- have a total gross income within the income limit
- are receiving the Independent Youth Allowance or Independent Disability Support Pension.

[Form Y: students living away from home and receiving youth allowance or disability support](#)

For more information or assistance with completing the form talk to your school or phone freecall 1800 672 758.

Email: DECD.Schoolcard@sa.gov.au

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-and-learning/financial-help-scholarships-and-grants/school-card-scheme>

Eligibility income limits for a student attending a government school:

No. Dependents	Gross Annual
1 child	\$59,432
2 children	\$60,493
3 children	\$61,554
4 children	\$62,615
5 children	\$63,676
more than 5 children – add \$1,061 for each dependent child	

JENNY GREGORY
Finance Officer

Karoonda Districts Netball Club News

Hello Maggies!!

We would love to see you all out and about at the courts on Wednesday 20th Feb 2019!

Come along and try on a Netball dress, have a run & meet and greet players and coaches! Mel Humphrys our wonderful Secretary will be there to help with registrations or ordering merchandise!

We will be there from 5pm, Senior Fitness training at 6pm (older juniors are encouraged to come along)

TRIAL DATES - Times TBA

Wednesday 27th Feb & Wednesday 6th March

****You must trial to be picked in a senior team in 2019. Older junior players are strongly encouraged to attend trials****



Karoonda Districts Cricket Club

B Grade: Play begins 1:00 pm

Saturday 16 th February	Perponda vs Karoonda at Perponda
Saturday 23 rd February	Swans vs Karoonda at Unity College
Saturday 2 nd March	Mypolonga vs Karoonda at Mypolonga
Saturday 9 th March	Semi Final
Saturday 16 th March	Grand Final



Under 13s: Play begins 5:15 pm

Friday 15 th February	Karoonda vs Mypolonga at Karoonda
Friday 22 nd February	Tailem Bend vs Karoonda at Tailem Bend



Everyone welcome – this Friday 15th February

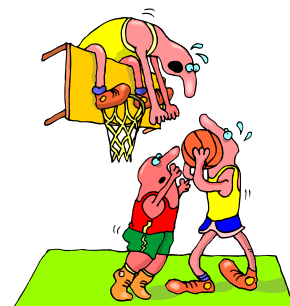
Bar Facilities and meal available at the Club this Friday night.

Everyone is more than welcome to come along, cheer on the lads, have a chat and a friendly drink.

Murraylands Basketball Association

Tuesday 19th February

7:00 pm	Jets vs Deltas	Mark Deionno/Skye Benham
7:50 pm	Bulls vs Knights	Hayden Zander/Chris Rudiger
8:40 PM	Wolves vs Bears	Eli Koch/Christian Koch
Pack Up:	Bins & Bench: Wolves	Sweep & Door: Bears



Tuesday 26th February

7:00 pm	Jets vs Hornets	Josh Rudiger/Emily Rudiger
7:50 pm	Bears vs Bulls	Zakk Bullard/Jake Venning
8:40 PM	Knights vs Wolves	Matt Cram/Wade Boughen
Pack Up:	Bins & Bench: Knights	Sweep & Door: Wolves

Tuesday 5th March

Preliminary Final

Women 7:30 pm

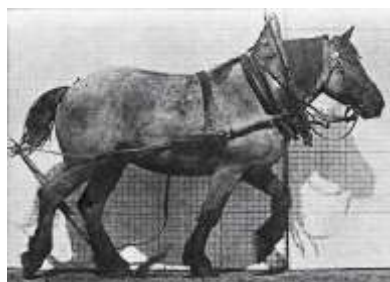
Men 8:30 pm

Tuesday 12th March

Grand Final

Women 7:30 pm

Men 8:30 pm



Karoonda & District Historical Society

The next meeting will be held on

Tuesday 19th February 2019 at 7:30pm

in the **Karoonda Council Chambers**

Come along and help preserve our local history

New members are very welcome

DENIS ROBERTS

Chairperson (0427 162 734)

ELIZABETH KERR

Secretary (0429 947 634)

Mallee Medical Practice Karoonda

Phone: 85791122 or alternatively ring 85690222

Book Online: <http://www.mannummedical.com.au/karoonda-medical/>



February

Wed 13th, Thurs 14th, -Fri 15th

Thurs 21st; Dr Schutz & Jason Walters (NP)

Wed 27th, Thurs 28th and Fri 1st March

Surgery Hours:

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:00 pm

Consulting GP's

Dr Greg Crafter (fortnightly)

Dr Myrtle Stibbe (monthly)

Dr Sonia Schutz (monthly)

Jason Walters Nurse Practitioner (monthly)

Optometrist

(Spec Savers Prices)

Thursday 28th Feb

Thursday 28th March

Thursday 2nd May

Podiatrist


Friday 15th February

Thursday 28th March

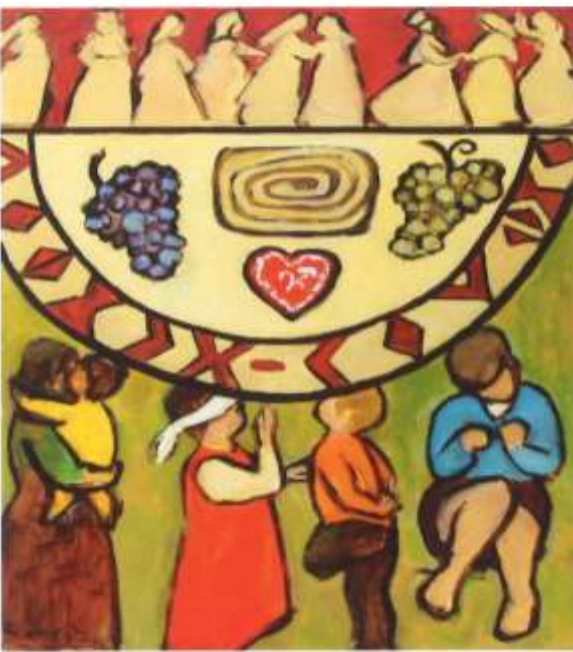
Diabetes Educator

Wednesday 27th February

World Day of Prayer—March 2019

 **SLOVENIA**

'Come—Everything Is Ready'



Date March 1st 2019

Time 10.00 am

Place Lutheran church



Shrove Tuesday
5th March
Pancakes and Coffee
10:00am
Uniting Church Hall
All Welcome

Featuring local children Angus, Charlee and Morgan Hoff

BROKETIAN THEATRE PRESENTS

Footloose

THE MUSICAL

Stage Adaption by DEAN PITCHFORD and WALTER BOBBIE

Based on the Original Screenplay by Dean Pitchford

Music by TOM SNOW

Lyrics by DEAN PITCHFORD

Additional Music by ERIC CARMEN, SAMMY HAGAR, KENNY LOGGINS and JIM STEINMAN

Friday 22nd February 8.00pm

Saturday 23rd February 2.00pm and 8.00pm



Wistow Town Hall

537 Wellington Road, Wistow

**Tickets available online at www.trybooking.com/BAHFB
or at the door.**

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1. Source

Grab your succulents

2. Design

Create your masterpiece with your succulents
e.g. potted delights or use your initiative to
create your own design ideas



3. Enter

Entrants will be judged by design
and originality in any of the four
categories:

- Best Overall
- Best Overall Group
- Best Under 17
- Best Under 17 Group

Best Overall
Design prize
\$150

Best
Overall Group
\$100

Under 17
prize \$50

Best
Under 17
Group
\$50



When: 5th and 6th April 2019

Where: Karoonda Farm Fair

for more information contact Janine Dutschke 0407781263



KAROONDA FARM FAIR

2019 'Life in the Murraylands' Photography Competition

Proudly sponsored by

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A photography competition for all things Murraylands:

people, landmarks, plants and
animals, weather and way of life

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For more information:

Website: www.farmfair.com.au

Email: shaneandsonmarcho@hotmail.com

Phone: Sonja 0400 284 468

'Invisible by day, visible by night'

Image taken by one of the 2018 winners: Wade Hewett

Entries close 22nd March 2019

TAKE THE STEP

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1800 655 306 today.

Angie Piltzner
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