

### To all Students, Families, Staff and Community Members

Can you believe Term 1 is coming to a close. To think that only 11 weeks ago, our students were returning to school for face-to-face learning. They started in new classes, some with new teachers, and we gathered all together for a full school assembly on the first day. On that first day, I spoke about the importance of our school values: respect, honesty and success. Across this term, it has been a pleasure to see how students responded to this call. Our students and community are respectful of each other, they give their honest best to the work they do and we are seeing everyone grow towards success. It has been a busy term with Swimming Carnival, Athletics Day, NAPLAN, Youth Week, Farm Fair, Primary Assemblies, Meet & Greet Night, Parent-Teacher Interviews, public holidays, Student Free Day and so much more. I am grateful for the way our staff have adapted and prioritised learning to make the most of each day and look forward to how we deepen learning next term.

## Staffing Update:

With some of our permanent SSOs on leave, we have two new staff who have joined us in the Front Office this year. Cristy Spry, coming from Geranium Primary, is at the front desk two days a week this term and is overseeing our new attendance system. Sebastian Burgess, from Murray Bridge, is also at the front desk two days a week, while bringing his skills in marketing to our new promotions role, where he is currently developing our new school website. Please continue to welcome them to our community and support them as they settle into their new positions.



Cristy



Sebastian



We are excited for Lea Brodie and her family to be soon welcoming another child to their home. This means that Lea will be taking maternity leave from half-way through Term 2. We are currently in the process of advertising and appointing someone to backfill this role and will communicate the outcome early next term.

## Student Attendance & Communication:



As mentioned in our previous newsletter, we are excited to be rolling out Daymap as our Learner Management System this year. All parents/caregivers should have received an introductory message from us via the new SMS number 0448 439 578. This number opens a simple communication line for following up student absences from school, where families will receive an SMS on the day of their child's absence and can reply with the reason. The SMS line can also be used to send messages to the school prior to an absence, avoiding messages getting lost in a school bag.

Teachers are developing their knowledge of the new system, currently using it to make student records, access timetables and take relief lessons. Term 2 will be a focus on student assessment; recording progress, tasks and grades, showing students how to upload work and see due dates. Our aim is to have Daymap open for the Parent Portal in Term 3, where we will have electronic excursion forms and regular assessment/homework information for families to access.

## Mobile Phones:

I would like to remind students and parents that there is a ban on mobile phones in our school. This statewide ban is to promote a safe and distraction free learning environment for our students and encourage social interactions throughout the day. At our last Governing Council meeting, the updated Mobile Phone and Personal Devices Policy was endorsed. This update was completed to align our existing school policy with the new statewide expectations. A copy of this policy will be available via our school website, with the key expectations as follows:

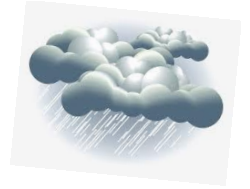


- Primary students: as per existing policy they are not to have mobile phones or devices at school. If they bring them to school, they are to be handed in to the front office each morning, stored securely and collected each afternoon.
- Secondary students: the focus of the policy is "off and away". Students are allowed to bring their device with them to school (and can use on the bus), however it needs to be switched off or to airplane mode during the school day and put away in their locker. Any phones seen during the school day will be confiscated to the front office until the end of the day and parents notified.
- Smartwatches: the statewide ban on mobile phones also includes smartwatches. These devices follow the same requirements as for mobile phones in each sub-school. We understand that this is a significant change from what students were used to in the past, so will transition these devices out of classrooms across the start of Term 2.

All students in our school are privileged to have 1:1 laptop access in every classroom, ensuring equity for everyone in learning. While we see that mobile devices are removed from classrooms, we will continue to support students learning effective and appropriate use of technology in their classes through other devices.

## Cooler Weather Uniform:

As we come into the cooler months, it's important for students to remain warm, especially when outside during breaks. We are blessed with beautiful grounds that include a number of shelters for students to be in during breaks out of the wind and weather. There are a broad range of uniform options available via the online portal, so students can layer up with their uniform to ensure they are warm. Non-uniform hooded jumpers and jackets are not appropriate for school and students can expect to remove them. We have a small range of second-hand and spare uniform available at reduced cost or for temporary loan (for those days when something happens to the school jumper), please contact the front office to discuss options if you need assistance.



## Last Day of Term:

This Friday is the last day of Term 1 and school will be finishing 1 hour early at 2:15pm, following our full school assembly at 1:45pm to finish the day. The buses will also be leaving 1 hour earlier than their regular time.

JACOB DAWSON  
Principal

## Sapsasa Softball

Last week our boys and girls softball players played in the Sapsasa Softball Championships in Adelaide. They all had a wonderful time making new friendships as well as losing, drawing and winning some games. Thank you to parents for supervising and staying with our students.



Seth, Tyson, Noah



Coco, Lucy, Brianna, Arabella (front)

# RMD Athletics

The annual RMD Interschool Sports Day occurred on Tuesday week 7 with close to 40 KAS students selected to represent the school!

The day ran very smoothly and all of the KAS students represented the school appropriately.

Special mention to Trae Salter and Lily Krollig who were able to win medals in their individual age groups. Good luck to all the students who have been selected to represent our zone in the SSSA athletics competition in Adelaide.



TRAE



LILY

ALEX PFEIFFER  
Coordinator/PE Teacher

## The Rescue

We were fortunate to have David and Daniel from Life Matters visit us last week.

They briefly told the traditional Biblical story, and encouraged us to have grit and resilience, by bouncing back after tough times. Games were played, children cheered and were given a valuable giveaway at the end.

The tips they shared with the students, I feel are also applicable for adults:

- We all need help from time to time.
- We all go through tough times.
- We all feel that life can be unfair at times.
- Hang in there.
- Show resilience and grit.
- Show courage and bravery.
- Accept help from other people when we need it.
- It's ok to ask for help.



*'Don't forget to show gratitude and be thankful for what you do have'*

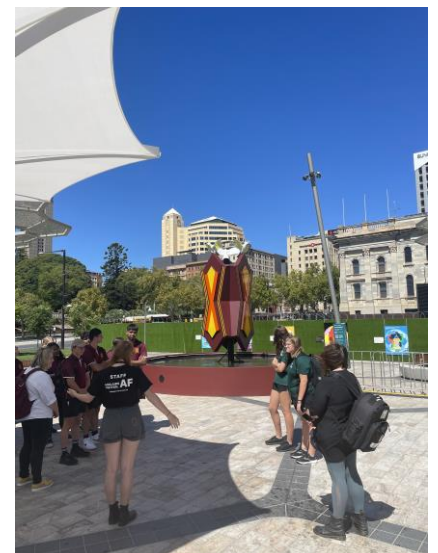
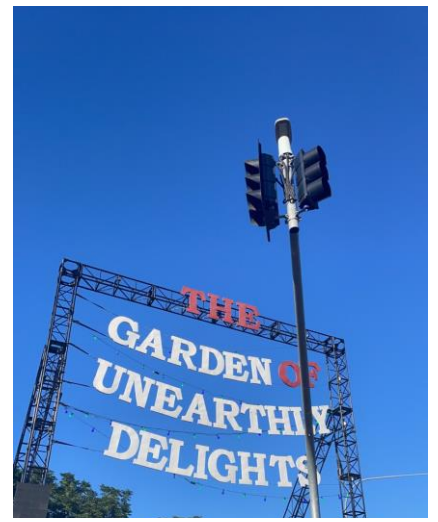
To quote the presenters and as you go and enjoy the school holidays remember to:  
**'Be cooler than a peppermint!'**

Karen Norman (PCW)

## Senior School Fringe Visit:

In Week 7 on Thursday and Friday, Lily and Matilda (Year 12s) participated in a small camp to Adelaide to spend time in and around the Fringe Festival. They were combined with Meningie Area School to visit some local art exhibitions and to spend time watching some Fringe shows. This allowed them to collaborate with another school and also experience an exciting time of the year in Adelaide. Lily and Matilda are now creating an English text based on this experience!

ALEX PFEIFFER (Coordinator)



## Playgroup with Mrs Sonja Marchant

Recently at Playgroup, the children and their caregivers have engaged in a range of activities promoting the strengthening of fine and gross motor skills and hand eye coordination including exploring yoghurt putty, drawing with stencils, building playdough characters and creations. Painting with rollers, refuelling cars and digging in the sandpit.

We have also been getting into the Easter spirit with Easter themed crafts. We painted the children's feet to make footprint rabbit and carrot keepsake artworks and we made some delicious Easter themed decorated biscuits! More recently, we also made Easter baskets with cups, pipe cleaners and coloured popsticks.





# Preschool with Miss Katelyn Boughen

Over the last few weeks, the Preschool children have been busy finishing their Farm Fair artworks, decorated pasta plates and colouring competitions. Some children were fortunate enough to receive prizes at the recent Karoonda Farm Fair and Show!

5 years and under artwork class:

2<sup>nd</sup> Larney Staker with 'My Family'

3<sup>rd</sup> Ally Rudiger with 'A Farm with Horses & Sheep'

Decorated pasta plates in the Cookery section:

1<sup>st</sup> Mason Marchant with 'A Clown'

2<sup>nd</sup> Larney Staker with 'An Elephant'

3<sup>rd</sup> Troy Morgan with 'A Flower for Mum'

We have been engaging in some turn-taking games such as Spotty Dogs and an ocean themed Catch & Count involving numeral recognition to 6, touch counting and subitising. We have also been expanding our mathematical language by using balancing scales to explore the concepts of light and heavy. We have started comparing the weight of items with great discussion around what the children notice and how they know this in regard to what the balancing scales show. We also used a tape measure to measure the length of our second watermelon from our garden bed and it was 40cm long!

Across Week 9 and 10, we have been celebrating Easter. We read the hilarious new book 'Easter Bums' as well as 'Early One Morning' and 'That's Not an Egg' and 'Chickens Aren't the Only Ones' which had us talking about oviparous (egg laying) animals. The children have also been building magnatile structures and homes for rabbits and chickens. They engaged in marbled egg artworks using shaving foam and paint, created nature eggs, loose parts rabbits, a family Easter card and Easter baskets. We were excited to see that Easter Bunny visited the Preschool while we were at last week's Primary Assembly and filled our baskets with goodies and left footprints and half-eaten carrots everywhere!







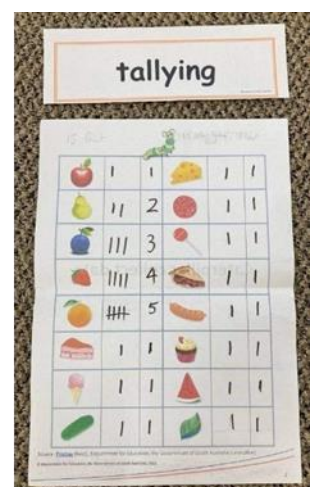
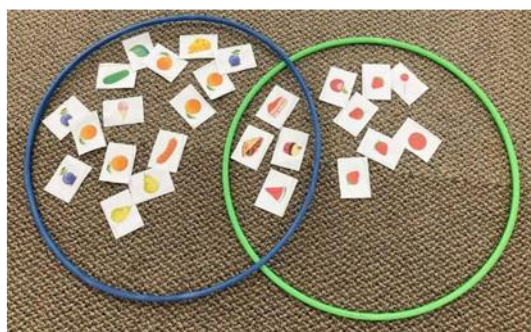
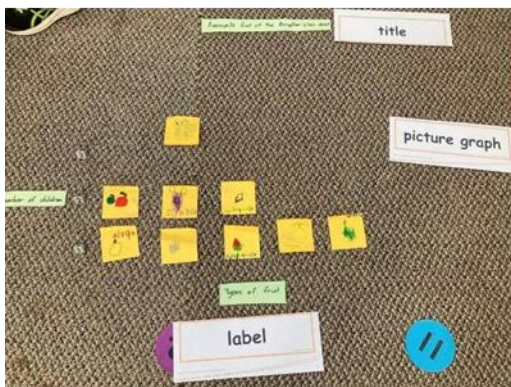
# Reception with Mrs Julie Boughen

The Reception children have been showing a lot of growth in their Phonological Awareness and Phonics skills since the last newsletter. Many are sounding out 3 sound words to read and write them. They are all working hard on their tricky words (words that need to be remembered) and have their first sounds and words book to practice at home. Next term they will be taking readers home to read too. Well done to the children and their supportive families with these pleasing developments.

In maths we have studied non-standard measurement with balance scales and collected items around the room to show our understanding of light and heavy. We have explored the terms and concepts of light, lighter and lightest and heavy, heavier and heaviest. Recently, we used the text *The Very Hungry Caterpillar* to study Statistics. We answered questions like; Did the caterpillar eat more red food than human food? What is your favourite fruit? We also had a yes/no magnetic data board with a new daily question. The children placed their magnetic dot alongside yes or no. We studied tallying, Venn diagrams, picture graphs and tables of data. We also learnt about formulating a question, collecting data, displaying data and analysing the data. Last week we focused on representing numbers to 10 in various ways, subitising and partitioning numbers to 10. For this we used boards with boxes and counters to represent different numbers and the children orally explained their mathematical workings e.g. that 5 and 3 make 8.

A recent highlight was our excursion to the Karoonda Farm Fair and Show. We had some great experiences that were fun and educational. We enjoyed Farmer Darcy's Animal Farm, the range of experiences on offer in the Children's Tent, the Landscape/Natural Resources Tent and looking at all the competition entries in the Pavilion Shed. Well done to our Uhmara Salter for winning the 5 years and under artwork competition!

In HASS we have completed our family history puzzles and will share them with the class before the holidays. We have also enjoyed some Easter activities this past week and demonstrated our developing skills at keeping the beat using a range of percussion instruments at Primary Assembly.





## Year 1/2 with Mrs Tanya Roberts & Mrs Allison Boughen

Recently, the Year 1/2 class finished Week 9 on a high, visiting the Karoonda Farm Fair to discover their Duplo farmyard and fruit sculpture both received 1<sup>st</sup> prize and their fairy garden coming a close 2<sup>nd</sup>! Another highlight from the Farm Fair was completing their scavenger hunt, watching the speed shearing, seeing the sheep dogs at work and the petting zoo.

Leading up to the Farm Fair students were busy preparing their entries, entering in a wide variety of competitions and using their newly learnt photography skills in STEM to take some brilliant photos from a variety of angles.

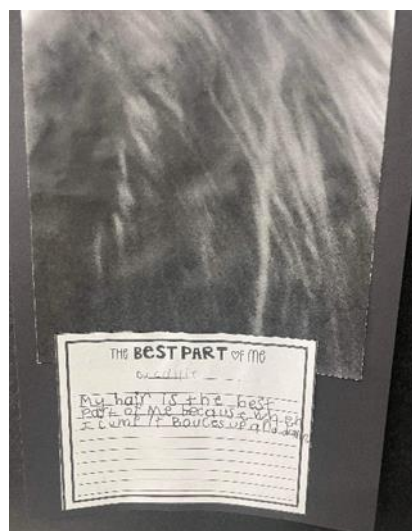
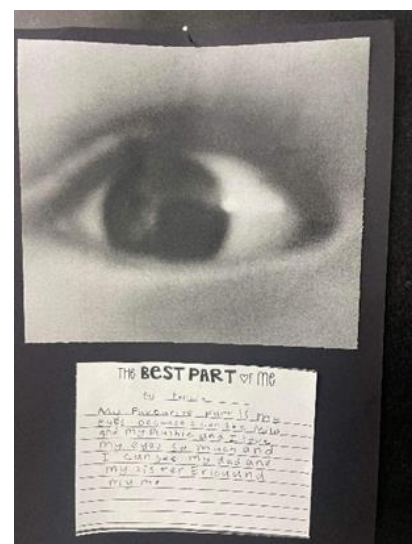
In Maths, we are continuing with place value and 2 and 3 digit numbers. We spotted a variety of 3 digit numbers at the Farm Fair, even finding 5 and 6 digit numbers which sparked a lot of discussion.

In Health, we are focussing on what makes us special and sharing this. We had the discussion on what we can and can't share!

PE has been our challenge of the week- learning to skip and jump a long rope. We are showing persistence and continually encouraging each other which has been brilliant to see!

In InitialLit-1 we are focussing on new digraphs, compound words, breaking words into syllables and nouns. We are getting very good at finding these in our readers and using these in our story writing.

Last week, we engaged in some Easter activities and confidently hosted the Primary Assembly Thursday afternoon which included us performing an opening Easter themed bunny action song to get us all into the Easter spirit!





# A PRODUCTIVE START FOR THE PRIMARY SUB-SCHOOL



## A MESSAGE FROM PRIMARY LEADER EMILY EDWARDS

Who would have thought we would be indulging in hot cross buns and attending the Karoonda Farm Fair already!

We have had a busy and productive start to the year! This term staff have been focusing on developing student writing through moderation, providing us as teachers; the tools to help all of our students become better writers. Across the next two weeks, each student will have an individualised learning goal for writing, supporting the learning they are already doing in the classroom.

Our aim is to make learning visible for our students so they know what they have mastered, with their glowing: 'I can' list. They will take ownership of their grow goals: 'I am learning', by working with the teacher to choose the next skills they will work on. We already have some magnificent authors in our classrooms and we cannot wait to see their skills develop further, increasing student motivation and achievement.

### **The 3/4 class update, written by Miss Merritt**

This first term has been jam packed and the last couple of weeks have been no different. The 3/4 class have all shown their tiredness but they have been moving forward making sure to include many mindfulness breaks to continue being productive and engaged through all their learning opportunities.

In mathematics, there has been a focus on fluency as well as developing number knowledge, place value and different strategies for addition and subtraction. The 3/4s have been deepening their content knowledge through some problem solving tasks that require perseverance and critical thinking skills to systematically work through more difficult problems.

The class had a great time at Farm Fair, showing me (Miss Merritt) around for the first time and collecting many different goodies from the generous vendors. The 3/4s represented KAS extremely well, walking around very respectfully and always using their best manners.

### **The 5/6 class update, written by Mr White**

It has been all systems go in the world of the year 5 and 6 class! With the crazy term that it has been, filled with swimming, athletics, youth leadership days and NAPLAN, we have still found time to get lots of learning done in the classroom! In English we have been focusing on narrative writing and the writing style of short stories and novels. The creativity in our writing has been coming out of our ears!

In Math's we have been looking at place value in all forms, with numbers up to a billion and extending this knowledge to decimals, learning hundredths and thousands as well as keeping up our skills and fluency in multiplication and division. In HASS, students have been learning about the arrival of the European convicts to Australia and the effects this had on the First Nation's people, the environment and what life was like as a convict.

In Business and Economics, students have been discussing what creates a good business and catering to the wants and needs of our everyday lives.

In Physical education we have begun our SEPEP program, with a focus around soccer. Within the unit we have created our own teams, with each player taking responsibility for a specific role to ensure a smooth-running operation when it comes to tournament time later in term 2!

## Storytime at the Karoonda Library

All families with children aged from birth to school age are welcome to join us fortnightly on Wednesdays at 10am for our Storytime sessions. We read stories, sing songs and rhymes, move and dance. Our Storytime Stars program rewards children with certificates and books for attending Storytime.

At the March 8<sup>th</sup> session Sonja Marchant led Storytime and the group enjoyed reading two of her favourite books – *Pig the Pug* and *Possum Magic*.

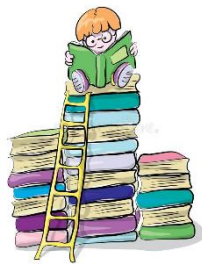
As a lead up to the Karoonda Farm Fair at our March 22<sup>nd</sup> Storytime we read two stories - *I Went Walking* and *Ducks Away!* - and sang farm animal songs. The children took home an activity to go with the song *Five Little Ducks*.

Storytime on April 5<sup>th</sup> was an Easter celebration which included 2 Easter stories and songs, and an egg-drop science experiment. After Storytime the children were excited to discover chocolate Easter eggs in their baskets that they had made at Playgroup.

At these three Storytime sessions we congratulated these amazing Storytime Stars – Pippa, Nate & Haylee 5x, Oakley & Alicia 10x, and Mason 50x!



## April School Holidays Opening Times



<b>Monday April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Tuesday April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am -4:30 pm (Movie 1:30pm)</b>
<b>Wednesday April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>Monday April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm</b>
<b>TUESDAY APRIL 25<sup>TH</sup></b>	<b>CLOSED</b>
<b>Wednesday April 26<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>8:30 am – 4:30 pm (nbn visit 1:30 pm)</b>
<i>Closed for staff lunch 1:00 pm – 1:30 pm</i>	



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## Events at the Karoonda Library

**Kids Movie & Popcorn Afternoon**  
@ Karoonda Library  
**BYO pillow & drinks**  
Tuesday  
April 18th at 1:30pm  
Coffee & Tea available for adults  
Call the Library 8578 1120 or email [karoonda.library@gmail.com](mailto:karoonda.library@gmail.com) to book  
**NOTE: Movie is rated PG**  
All children attending must have adult supervision

**nbn®**  
**Info Session**  
@ Karoonda Library  
Wednesday April 26th  
1:30pm - 3pm +

Topics include:  
nbn®101: A general overview of the nbn  
Online Safety – Get 'ScamFit' with nbn®  
Smart Devices – Get 'Smart' with nbn®

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# Year 7/8 & 10 Immunizations

## This Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Immunizations is a service we offer to our students and families. If your child is absent on Thursday, you will need to make an appointment with the Surgery at your earliest convenience.



If you have any questions about either program, please do not hesitate to contact me at the school. Many thanks.

KAREN NORMAN  
PCW

## Mallee Medical Practice Karoonda

Phone: 85791122 or alternatively ring 85690222

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

Mannum continue to offer support through telephone consults Monday to Friday  
Dr Myrtle Stibbe will be happy to consult with Karoonda patients via phone



### April

Wed 12th, Thurs 13th Dr Greg Crafter

Friday 14th Dr Myrtle Stibbe

Wed 19th Dr Kamila Wilczynska

Wed 26th, Thurs 27th Dr Greg Crafter

Friday 28th Dr Myrtle Stibbe

**Dates are subject to change**

~ Private Allied Health ~

**Podiatrist - Giles Rositano**

Friday 21st April

**Optometrist—Dion Stanbury**

Wednesday 3rd May

**Surgery Hours:**

9:00 am – 5:00 pm

Closed for lunch 12:30 – 1:30 pm