

# Karoonda Area School

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Newsletter: 11/2023 Tuesday 21st November 2023

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

Welcome to this week's newsletter as we quickly approach the end of the year, with students finishing off final assessments and preparations for next year well underway.

# 2024 Home Classes

We continue to confirm staffing for 2024 and can now update our school community on Home Class allocations for 2024, helping students to build connection with their key contact at school as we work through transition over the next few weeks, which is especially important for our primary aged learners.

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Reception	Julie Boughen
Year 1/2	Bridey Merritt
Year 3/4	Tanya Roberts/Claire Klemm
Year 5/6	Emily Edwards/Rebecca Eli
Year 7	Cassie Brion (English/Performing Arts)
Year 8	Georg-Jah Mitchell (Biology/Science)
Year 9	lan Oosthuizen (Maths/Science)
Year 10	Peter Greaves (Tech Studies/PE)

Cindy Rooke (Art/HASS)

\*Introducing

There are some adjustments to staffing happening this week in secondary which may result in some minor changes in this sub-school. We will provide an update to families once these positions have been confirmed.



Year 11/12

# Whole School Transition Days

In Week 8, we will be having 2 days of whole school transition for all students, to support with preparing for 2024. On Thursday 7th and Friday 8th December, all

students will step up to their 2024 year levels and participate in introductory lessons for their classes. These days provide opportunities to build belonging with their new class or area of the school, as well as complete some diagnostic work with their teachers to help us better plan for the start of the new year. This also gives students the chance to check their choice subject allocations at senior secondary and make changes if required.

The Thursday also aligns with our Preschool whole day transition, so they will also be involved in the transition.

# Lego League

Congratulations to our Lego League teams who participated in the state championships over the weekend in Adelaide.



Both teams won trophies and the GRIMM team finished in the top 4 meaning they are advancing to national finals in Tasmania in December.



# Governing Council – Special Meeting

On Tuesday 5th December, there will be a Special Meeting for our Governing Council. There are 2 main items that will be discussed at the start of the meeting which are open to all parents/families who would like to attend or contribute in writing. The first is discussion of the Material &

Services fees for 2024, which have been emailed to all families, and the second is an amendment to the constitution concerning the number of representatives required on Governing Council. The meeting starts at 5:30pm in the staffroom, where we will discuss all correspondence received and any questions regarding these items.

#### **Primary Assembly**

This Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November at 2:25pm is our Primary assembly. This provides an opportunity for parents and community to see and hear about students learning across this term and celebrate the success of their progress. As the Preschool class are using the Gymnasium, our assemblies will continue to be held in the Canteen shelter with seating provided for the adults.

#### **Primary Swimming Lessons**

Primary swimming lessons start next week, as per the letter sent home to families earlier this term. Please ensure your child/ren have their bathers and change of clothes. We strongly recommend having all clothing labelled to ensure it comes home again with your child.

The final day of school for the year is Friday 15th December, when school will finish at 2:15pm. Buses will be departing 1 hour earlier and students arriving home accordingly.

JACOB DAWSON Principal



In Week 6, Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> November, the Year 11 PE class will be hosting 'The World's Greatest Shave' event at 1:00 pm (start of lunch). The event will be run by the Year 11 PE class with the help of the SRC. It will be located in the canteen area.

On the day there will be an 'Orange' themed Casual Clothes Day for a gold coin donaton, and a Sausage Sizzle that can be purchased on the day.

All funds will go to The World's Greatest Shave to fundraise for people with Leukaemia.
YEAR 11 PE CLASS



ter made by Leah Maxwell

# Lego League Successful **Once Again!**

On Saturday, two Karoonda Lego League teams competed at the SA Regionals in Angle Vale. They had four areas to compete in-Robot game, innovation project, core values and robot design. They presented to a panel of judges and competed in three rounds in a robot challenge, where GRIMM finished 4th and Meteors finished 7th out of 12 teams. Overall, seven trophies were presented to teams that excelled in one or more areas. Meteors won 'The Rising All Stars Award' for an upcoming team that shows a huge amount of potential and GRIMM won the best innovation project. GRIMM were then one of four schools invited to attend Nationals held in Tasmania



**GRIMM** Grace, Melissa, Ivy, Ruby, Macy

in December. Well done both teams, you've all done KAS proud!

# TANYA ROBERTS AND LEA BRODIE



METEORS: Savannah, Zahlia, Lucy, Alexis, Winnie, Greta, Harry







#### Jane Manowski

Senior School Leader

Now we are more than half way through term 4 and rapidly approaching the end of the year. All the Stage 2 students have successfully finished their SACE subjects, and the Stage 1 students should be finished by this Friday 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Mr Pfeiffer has completed his course counselling with students, and is planning the timetable for 2024. Please contact him if you have any queries about your child's subjects or VET courses that your child may be interested in doing.



Next year many of our secondary staff will be leaving and KAS will be welcoming some new teachers for secondary Art, German, Music, Mathematics, Science, English and HASS.

Mr Pfeiffer will be the Senior School Coordinator for years 10 - 12 (SACE / VET and Course Counselling) and Mr Rogers will be the Middle School Coordinator for years 7 - 9, as well as managing the roster for relief teachers.

I will be retiring after I have used up my long service leave, so will not be returning to school in 2024. So, I would like to take this opportunity to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed the 15 years that I have been here. Karoonda has an awesome community and it has been a privilege to be a part of it (through the school) over this time. I know that my replacements will easily fill my "shoes" and the secondary school with continue to thrive. Karoonda has a fantastic school for all students and staff from P -12!

Thanks for your contribution in making me feel like I had a valuable purpose to achieve here. All the best.

**JANE** 

# MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

Thursday 23rd November

World's Greatest Shave and Sausage Sizzle

Tuesday 12th December Friday 15th December

Primary Assembly Presentation Night

End of Term 4. School closed 2:15 pm.

#### Alex Pfeiffer

#### Senior School Co-ordinator

This Thursday, Karoonda Area School will be taking part in the World's Greatest Shave to raise money for people with Leukaemia.

Unfortunately, most people either have been affected with cancer, or know someone that has been affected. Leukaemia itself is Australia's hidden cancer crisis, every day 53 Aussies are diagnosed with blood cancer, and 16 will lose their life.

The 7 volunteers are participating in the event from 1.00 pm onwards under the canteen shelter. It would be fantastic to see members of the community there to help support the event and raise as much money as we can. The event itself has been planned and organised by the Year 11 PE class.

They are very passionate about raising awareness and fundraising money. There will also be a sausage sizzle (with drinks) and a casual clothes day (theme of orange) that will help with the fundraising efforts. Come along and help support the day, the crucial funds will help give those facing blood cancer all the support and information they need, while driving breakthrough research projects discovering better ways to diagnose and treat blood cancer.

We all have the power to help make an extraordinary difference. Big or small, every donation counts!!



**ALEX** 



**JAKE** 



**MATILDA** 



**ANTHONY** 



**EMERSON** 



**BLAKE** 





**TARA** 

#### **DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES**

#### **TEXTILES (YEAR 8) - TOTE BAG**



The Year 8's have been busy sewing with their first project being a tote bag. Next, we will be moving on and making an envelope cushion cover. For this project we will be using calico so that we can paint a design on the front using fabric paint. If we still have a little extra time before end of term, we will make some fabric lanyards.

#### FOOD (YEAR 9/10) - HUMMUS WITH NAAN BREAD + RISSOTO





The Year 9/10 class have been exploring different cuisines around the world, so far focusing on Asia and the Middle East. Students learnt the basics of Risotto, then in pairs they had the opportunity to design their own risotto recipe. The next country we will be looking at will be Germany.

#### STAGE 1 FOOD AND HOSPITALITY – 2 COURSE LUNCH FOR INVITED GUESTS

To finish off the year, Leah and Shantal designed a 2-course meal for invited guests. They received a lot of positive feedback.



Alli Boughen (Home Economics/Food and Hospitality Teacher)

#### REMEMBRANCE DAY CEREMONY



Due to Remembrance Day being on a Saturday, the SRC held a short ceremony on Friday with all students. All students had the opportunity to make a poppy to plant in the garden area surrounding the flag pole.

11th November 2023 marks the anniversary of the Armistice that ended fighting with Germany in World War I. Every year at the  $11^{th}$ 

hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month, millions around the world pause in silence to remember the sacrifices many have made so we can enjoy life today. (RSL Australia)

Thank you to the SRC for organising the ceremony and showing great leadership within the school community.



# Field Crop Walk to Mindiyarra

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> of November the Year 9/10 students as part of their agricultural studies participated in a field crop walk on Adrian Roberts property. Students inspect the main different crops grown in our local area and the factors that impact crop production. Adrian also shared about his career pathway into farming and reflected on what he sees the coming challenges and opportunities for farmers in our local area in the near future.

CAROLYN JOHNSON Ag Teacher

















# PLAYGROUP UPDATE









In the last 3 weeks at playgroup we have had some great weather, so we have spent a lot of time outside exploring, building, creating and of course, my personal favourite play in the whole world...getting MESSY!













# PRESCHOOL UPDATE











Edible peppermint playdough

















# PRESCHOOL UPDATE



Decorative eggs inspired by Indigenous artists



Magnatile creations and marble runs

















We are all artists











#### RECEPTION UPDATE

During weeks 3-6 the Receptions have been nearing the completion of various units of work for the term and revising topics and concepts within Maths and Literacy.

As part of our Geography unit, we have been looking at special places and how we care for them. A highlight has been caring for our naked tree garden in the school yard near our classroom. Our naked tree is fully clothed at present with its beautiful green Spring/Summer leaves. Another highlight was visiting the Preschool for a whole afternoon's play during week 4, while individual maths testing was being conducted. We also attended the whole school Remembrance Day ceremony, organised by the SRC representatives.

The children have lots they are looking forward to, with some class Christmas activities happening soon, daily swimming in week 7 and Primary Assembly later this week. They are generally showing their teachers that they are ready for the challenges of a new year level in 2024 and will experience two transistion days in their new class during



























## YEAR 1/2 UPDATE

The Year 1/2's favourite subject - **STEM**. Lego is becoming a huge hit in our classroom with some students experiencing lego builds for the first time while others are experts and supporting their peers. We have now built an energy source, storage and different enegy users. We are beginning to add motors to our builds and designing new uses of energy.







#### **MATHS**

In Maths we are working on Chance and Data; the possiblity of something 'will happen', 'might happen' or 'will not happen'. We are earning 20c play coins in the room and our class shops that open on a friday are becoming a hit - we all just wish we had more money! Our latest shops - Art Gallery, Cafe and Op Shop.









## YEAR 1/2 UPDATE

#### PE

In PE we have been working on attacking and defending and we were lucky enough to have the Meteors Lego League group come and teach us to play Tchoukball, which taught us to problem solve, work together and make space.





#### LIBRARY AND LITERACY

In InitiaLit 1 we are finishing our last 3 lessons before commencing our review of the year. We are learning to spell 3 syllable words and the Library is becoming our favourite space with many readers now independently choosing novels of their own and using the libraray catalogue to place holds on books in other libraries around SA.



#### YEAR 3/4 UPDATE

#### **Mathematics**

In mathematics, students have shown great enthusiasm in learning to read analogue clocks. They have been diligently working to perfect this skill, and their efforts have paid off. All students have successfully learned to tell time to the nearest 15 minutes, some have been successful in telling time to the nearest 5 minutes, and a few have mastered telling time to the nearest minute.

We have been completing daily rotations to consolidate our new knowledge of time, as well as concepts covered earlier in the year.









Exploring Sustainability in HASS In HASS, we have been studying sustainability and discovering ways to incorporate sustainable practices in our daily routines. Students are currently working on creating a pamphlet that highlights simple, yet effective tips and tricks for leading a more sustainable lifestyle.





#### **Preschool Visit**

We also spent some time in the preschool learning how to be a good buddy and role model. The students were fantastic role models and had a great time collaboratively exploring different learning stations.

















#### The Arts

In The Arts, we made the most of the Melbourne Cup celebration by designing and creating some fascinators. Students started off by reading about the history of the Melbourne Cup and the traditions of fashion on the fields.

There was so much creativity on display!





#### Literacy

In Literacy, the 3/4 class have been continuing on with analysing poetry and writing their own poetry anthology. Students have also been enjoying readers theatre in small groups to develop reading fluency and reading with expression. If all goes well, you may see this highlighted at this weeks assembly!

This year, the 3/4 class has also been participating in Miss Edwards' Amazing Reading Race for their home reading. A few students received certificates this week for making it to the next pit stop! As students are nearing the end of the year and getting tired, it is important for their growth that they continue to read regularly. Hopefully this race will continue to motivate students to read for the remainder of the year!





# YEAR 5/6 UPDATE

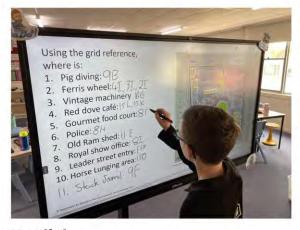
#### **Mathematics**

In mathematics, the year 5/6s have rounded out successful probability and volume and capacity units with great results. A highlight was exploring the connection between millilitres and cubic centimetres through water displacement experiments and bucket filling sponge races.

Currently the students are diving head first into our location unit, exploring the use of grids and grid references. Students have been analysing different maps such as The Royal Adelaide Show and the City or Adelaide and making connections to specific locations using grid references. We have also been exploring this concept through the well known game of 'Battleships'.









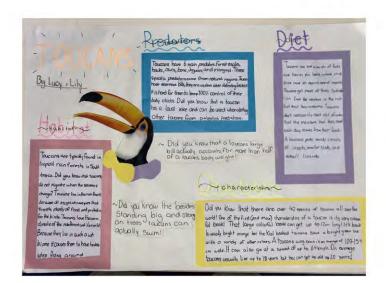


#### **English**

In English the students have finished off our information report unit with fantastic posters they created on a dangerous animal of their choice (a few of them are on the next page).

We have started exploring poetry and what elements make up a poem. We have been creating similes and metaphors as well as analysing the poem 'Hist' to explore stanzas and rhyming patterns.

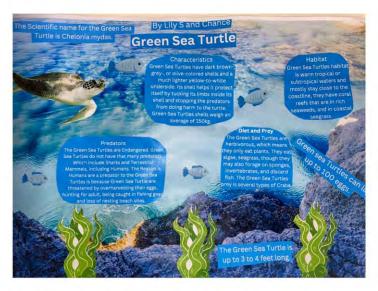
## Year 5/6 Information Reports



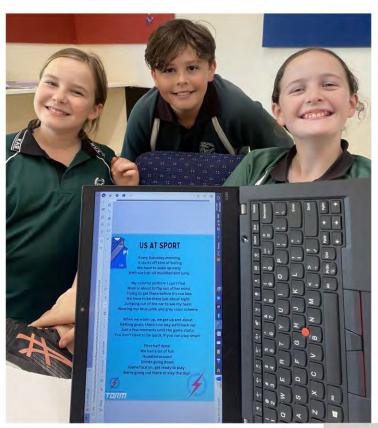
**LUCY PHILLIPS AND LILY KROLLIG** 

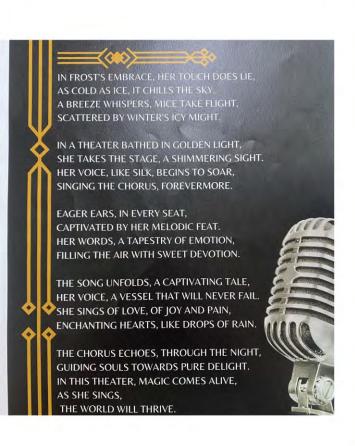


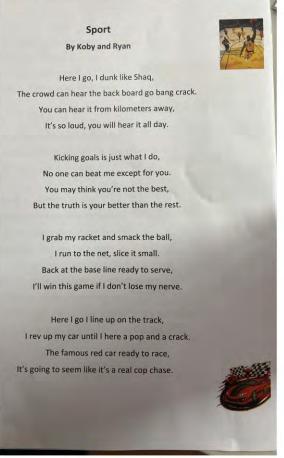
JASBA SALTER AND LORENZO BELMONTE



LILY SCRIMSHAW AND CHANCE CRANE







# **SAPSASA Cricket**

Between the 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> of November, Jasba Salter and Seth McKenzie represented the Murray Mallee in the SAPSASA Cricket Carnival in Adelaide. The first two days consisted of two 20/20 matches, before playing an extended 36 over game on the final day. After seven weeks of grueling trials, the boys had the opportunity to play at Park 25 on day 1 and adjusted well to the warm temperatures to convincingly defeat Northern Yorke Peninsula by 60 runs and Kangaroo Island by 30 runs. With the knowledge that Port Pirie had a very inexperienced side, the Mallee boys put on a professional performance to start day 2 with a 110-run win, before locking in a grand final berth by defeating Riverland by 40 runs.

Back at Park 25 for the Division 5 grand final, the boys again had the heat to contend with. After choosing to bowl first, the boys showed great persistence, however, Para Districts put a daunting total of 224 runs on the board. A few early wickets didn't help the team's cause, however Jasba was the shining light, making a quickfire 22, before Seth chimed in with two boundaries in his score of 10. Unfortunately, the boys ended on 118, but represented the region with great pride to be this year's Division 5 silver medalists.

Both Jasba and Seth performed with great consistency and featured with both bat and ball throughout the week. Jasba retired on multiple occasions with the bat, with Seth making several double-digit scores.

A great thank you must go out to all parents, family members and the students for making the carnival such a positive and enjoyable experience, whilst showcasing the talent we are lucky enough to possess in the Murray Mallee.

JAKE ROGERS SAPSASA Cricket Coach







It's story

# Karoonda Library News



Website & Catalogue Onecard.network/karoonda
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#### Storytime at the Karoonda Library

At our week 4 Storytime Karen led the session with some favourite songs plus a great new book – *Big Dog is a Big Help*. She was supported by our Teacher Librarian in training, Mrs Alli Boughen, who will be working in the library after Sue retires at the end of this year.

We congratulated Arlo for being a huge 50X Storytime Star - Wow!

We were thrilled to welcome 2 newcomers to our community to Storytime - Laura and Sofia. Our community is fortunate to have groups and activities such as Playgroup and Storytime which

support young families in our area with building friendships and socialising, as well as promoting play and learning in a safe environment.

We have only two more Storytimes  $\psi$  until the end of the year and note the change of date for the final Storytime. These will be Sue's final 2 Storytimes as she is retiring in

January.





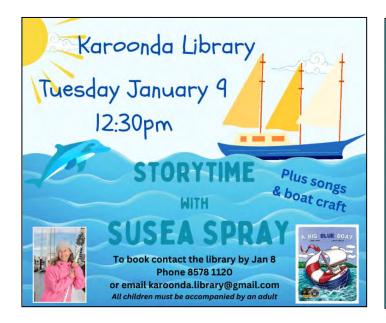




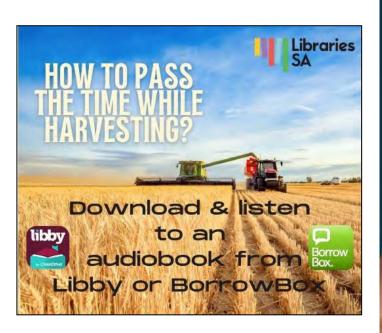
# School Holiday Activities for Kids at the Karoonda Library

Contact the Library ASAP to book in the kids! Some locals may remember Susea Spray by her real name, Karyle Friebe, as she was a teacher at KAS in the early 1990s.

Note that all children attending these activities must be accompanied by adults.









Sue Muster Library Manager Karen Norman CLA

# How to apply for a Tax File Number

Looking for something to do in the school holidays, which is just around the corner? Well, I have just the idea. Why don't you encourage your young person to apply for a tax file number (TFN)?



It is Free!

A tax file number (TFN) is a personal reference number in the tax and superannuation systems. At times part time jobs become available in and around Karoonda, why not be organised and already have a TFN?

Australian residents can apply for a TFN at any age.

The fastest way to apply is online using myGovID, however you will need to be 15 years old or older and have a passport to apply online using myGovID.

If you don't have a passport or are under 15 years old, use one of the other application options:

- Apply at the Murray Bridge Post Office, using an online form.
- A Service Australia Centre.
- Apply by post.

#### Follow this link:

https://www.ato.gov.au/individuals/tax-file-number/apply-for-a-tfn/australian-residents---tfn-application/

Please contact me if you have any problems.

'In this world the hardest thing to understand is the income tax'

Albert Finstein

KAREN NORMAN PCW

# Diary Dates Term 4, 2023

October 2023							
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday			
20	21 Newsletter Week	22	23 World's Greatest Shave 1:00 pm Sausage Sizzle Wear Orange Primary Assembly 2:25 pm	24 Year 11 Last Day			
27 Primary Swimming	28 Primary Swimming	29 Primary Swimming	30 Primary Swimming SANFL Visit	1/12 Primary Swimming			
4 Primary Swimming	5 Primary Swimming Governing Council meeting	6	7 Whole School Transition Day	8 Whole School Transition Day Year 10 Last Day			
11	12 Newsletter Week Presentation Night	13 3/4/5 Woodhouse Camp 6/7/8 Aquatics Camp	14 3/4/5 Woodhouse Camp 6/7/8 Aquatics Camp	15 3/4/5 Woodhouse Camp 6/7/8 Aquatics Camp End of Term 4 Closed 2:15 pm			

#### Canteen Roster

Mon	20	Closed	Mon	4	Closed
Tues	21	SSOs/SRC	Tues	5	SSOs/SRC
Wed	22	Closed	Wed	6	Closed
Thurs	23	Emily Rudiger	Thurs	7	Julie-Ann Scrimshaw
Fri	24	Jenny Hood/Sue Phillips	Fri	8	Sonja Marchant
Mon	27	Closed	Mon	11	Closed
Tues	28	SSOs/SRC	Tues	12	SSOs/SRC
		•	Wed	13	Closed
Wed	29	Closed	Thurs	14	Mandy Zadow
Thurs	30	Jezzimay Tomkinson	Fri		•
Fri	1/12	<b>VOLUNTEER REQUIRED</b>	ГП	15	julie-Anne Scrimshaw

#### Volunteer Required For Friday 1st December

We are looking for a volunteer to work in the canteen on Friday 1st December. If anyone could possibly assist, please give Dionie a call on 85781120.

Please note: if there is no volunteer, the canteen will be closed on these day.

If you have any queries or suggestions, please contact me at the school on 85781120.

DIONIE KERR

Canteen Manager/Business Manager







Community Gathering

SATURDAY

23 DEC

AT 5:00 PM

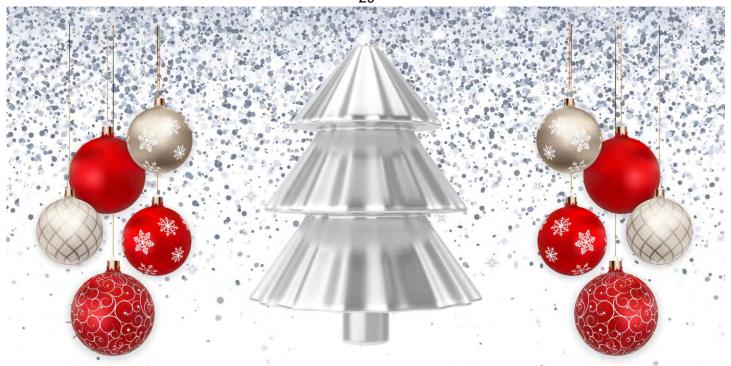
WYNARKA FOOTBALL CLUBROOMS

PLEASE BRING A PICNIC TO SHARE WITH YOUR FAMILY + BYO DRINKS

DUE TO THE PREDICTED HIGH WORKLOAD AT SANTA'S WORKSHOP DURING DECEMBER WE HAVE RECEIVED AN OFFICIAL NOTIFICATION FROM THE NORTH POLE THAT ALL GIFTS WILL NEED TO BE UNDER \$15.

THE ELVES HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WRAP AND LABEL GIFTS TO ASSIST FATHER CHRISTMAS DURING THIS PEAK TIME.

ENQUIRIES: Caroline 0418 841 552 | Abbi 0400 128 719 | Kylie 0418 891 461



# SANDALWOOD CHRISTMAS TREE



THURSDAY 21ST DECEMBER 6PM

Please bring a sweet and savoury plate for a pooled tea

GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN AND A
VISIT FROM A VERY SPECIAL GUEST!
GIFTS FOR THOSE AGED 13 AND UNDER TO THE VALUE OF \$15

Entry: gold coin donation to the Sandalwood Hall

For more information, visit the 'Sandalwood Hall' Facebook page or contact: Sonja Marchant 0400 284 468/Cindy Rooke 0400 394 094/Nat Koch 0488 781 254



# Community Eyecare



# **Community Eyecare - Optometrist**

Will be available at Karoonda Medical - Karoonda 13 Stokes Rd, Karoonda

Bookings at: www.communityeyecare.com.au





Contact: email:admin@communityeyecare.com.au Phone 0403760021







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We understand that situations change and due to different circumstances, you can no longer attend Karoonda Area School in 2024.

If this is the case for your family, please contact the front office.

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