



# KAROONDA AREA SCHOOL

30<sup>th</sup> January 2024



## Key Term Dates

Open Night  
**6/2/2024**

Swimming Carnival  
**9/2/2024**

Interschool Swimming Carnival  
**16/2/24**

School Photo Day  
**22/2/2024**

Sports Day  
**1/3/2024**

Interschool Athletics Day  
**12/3/24**



## Principals Message

Jacob Dawson – Principal

Welcome back to school for 2024. It is a hive of activity here at KAS, with staff and students building positive relationships to get the year off to a great start. As our first newsletter will be published in Week 4, I wanted to give a brief update to let you know of some of the events coming up.



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## **New Early Years Hub**

On Monday, we opened our new Early Years Hub to the new Reception class, with Preschoolers joining from Tuesday. After many hours of hard work from our committed staff, cleaning, moving and setting up, we are so glad the children are getting to use this new state-of-the-art facility after approval was granted on Thursday to open.

## **Open Night**

To celebrate the opening of the new Early Years Hub and provide an opportunity to meet our enthusiastic staff team, we are holding an Open Night for all parents and guardians on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> February from 5-6pm. This night is a chance to come and see the new space, visit our classrooms with their new designs and meet your child's teachers as an introduction.

On this night we will also be holding Welcome to Daymap sessions for parents – these will be at 5pm and repeated at 5:30pm in the School Community Library. The sessions will provide a basic overview of Daymap's features and technical support for getting set up.

## **Staffing Update**

This week saw the start of a number of new staff at Karoonda, some starting their first day of their teaching careers. Our teaching team are strongly collaborating to bring about our school vision that through collaboration and connected learning, we empower every student to grow and reach success. There is a very positive atmosphere growing at KAS with excitement and enthusiasm for what the new year holds.

This week, we are in discussions with a Tech Studies teacher to fill the gap left at the end of last year. We hope to have this finalised in the next few days and are very optimistic about the grow this will bring for student learning.

Welcome the following staff to the Karoonda team for 2024:



**Rebecca Eli**

Deputy Principal, 5/6 English,  
Primary PE



**Karlie Naulty**

Preschool



**Cassie Brion**

7 Home Class, English, HASS,  
Performing Arts, Choir



**Georg-Jah Mitchell**  
8 Home Class, Science, Maths,  
Biology



**Karen Lienert**  
9 Home Class, English, HASS



**Ian Oosthuizen**  
10 Home Class, Maths,  
Science, Agriculture



**Cindy Rooke**  
11/12 Home Class, Art, HASS



**Claire Klemm**  
German, 3/4 Class



**Cathy Miegel**  
Music, Choir



**Lindy Lehmann**  
Finance Officer



**Geoff Redden**  
Groundsperson

There is a big Term 1 with many school events to enjoy whilst the sunshine is out. Included in this update are some of the key diary dates for Term 1. We look forward to working with you to help your children grow and hope to see you at the school for a visit in the coming weeks.

Jacob Dawson  
Principal