



# KAROONDA AREA SCHOOL

9<sup>th</sup> February 2024



## Key Term Dates

Swimming Carnival  
**9/2/2024**

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

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

Sports Day  
**29/2/2024**

Student Free Day  
**1/3/2024**

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



## Principals Message

**Jacob Dawson – Principal**

On Tuesday we had our Open Night to view the new Early Years Hub and meet our new teachers. Thank you to all the families who came along, there were so many positive comments and feedback about the feel of the school this year.



## **Calendar Update**

At Tuesday's Governing Council Meeting, the Student Free Days for 2024 were approved. There has been a change to the draft dates for Term 1 due to changes in the staff training that was booked, which impacts on the date previously sent out for Sports Day. The updated dates are included here.

February 29th Sports Day

March 1st Student Free Day

June 11th Student Free Day

August 12th Student Free Day

October 28th Student Free Day

September 6th School Closure Day – Royal Adelaide Show

## **Tech Studies Teacher**

From Week 3, we welcome Mr Nigel Drury to our teaching team for Term 1 as our Tech Studies teacher. He comes with many years' experience in wood, metal and plastics. We look forward to his contribution to our students learning and welcome him to the Karoonda township.

## **Parent Portal for Daymap**

For families who may have missed the information session on Tuesday, we have opened the parent portal for Daymap. This platform provides one place for all school reports, communication, student progress, homework and more, which we believe will support families in not having to go through multiple different avenues to reach teachers or check their children's progress across different classes.

To access Daymap for the first time, parents can follow these steps:

1. Load the website: <https://kas.daymap.net/daymapConnect>
2. Scroll down and click "Forgot your password"
3. Enter your email address which you have provided to the school and the ID number of one of your children (students can access this from their Daymap portal or the front office can provide this code to you upon request).
4. You receive an email to set up a password, then you are ready to use.

If you would like support or have any issues, please contact the front office where one of our friendly staff can help.

## **Bus Reminder**

At the start of the year, it's important to remind us all of the processes and rules regarding bus transport to school. It is parent's responsibility to notify the bus driver if their child is not on the bus and to contact the front office if they are needing to travel on a different bus for any reason. We provide supervision at the bus bay from 8:30 each morning and in the afternoons until the last bus has departed. It would be appreciated if families can remind their students of the bus rules as we settle into the new year and also remind secondary students of the state laws regarding mobile phones in schools (they must be off and away during school).

## **Student Behaviour in School Buses**

In order that we ensure safety in the buses, the following rules will apply while the students are in the bus:

1. All students are to be seated while the bus is moving, wearing seatbelts where supplied.
2. Students must at all times sit facing the front while the bus is moving. This will avoid accidents in case of sudden braking.
3. Students are not to throw any articles out of the window, nor put any part of their bodies out of the windows.
4. All rubbish is to be placed in a bin as directed by the driver.
5. Students must at all times be well behaved and courteous, this includes when embarking/disembarking from the bus and use of respectful language.
6. Any form of aggressive behaviour (physical or verbal) or harassment will not be tolerated. Nor will any damage to the bus or others property, which may result in replacement costs for the student(s) involved.
7. The discipline on the bus is the responsibility of the Principal per the driver.  
Bus Prefects are to assist the Driver in encouraging positive behaviour and reporting incidents.  
Breaches of bus rules must be reported to the Principal as soon as possible.
8. Drivers are to stop the bus and to resume travel only when order is restored if they are distracted by irresponsible behaviour.

### **Please Note**

- It is the responsibility of the student's parents to notify the bus driver when their child/ren are not going to be travelling in the bus.
- Only students allocated to the bus run will be permitted to travel in the bus, unless prior arrangements have been made with the school and seating is available.

The weather is looking good today for our annual Swimming Carnival where we will find out if Billiat repeat their win from last year or if Lowan take home the trophy. We look forward to seeing many of you at Swimming Carnival and Sports Day in support of the students efforts in their events.

**Jacob Dawson**  
**Principal**