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## The Principal's Message

### In my 4<sup>th</sup> year as principal

I must say how happy I am with the way things are going at Karingal Heights PS. The classes are all working well and children in the yard are playing in a friendly manner. Yes, we have the odd hiccup but all schools do. Our academic results across the board show good growth. No, we may not be top of the state but our data tells us that over a 12 month period our children are generally making above expected growth in Literacy and Numeracy. What is even better is that the hard working staff are being ably assisted by our wonderful parents. We thank them for their help. We have also forged two great partnerships, these being with Frankston East PS with whom we do our professional development and with Frankston SDS who have two classes on our premises and we love having them with us. It is exciting times ahead in education and Karingal Heights is right amongst the new journey.

"State Education is Great Education"

### Winter is upon us.

As the weather has turned and we are really feeling the cold can you please ensure your child has a named school windcheater for school. A number of children are arriving without a school windcheater or replacing it with something else that is not school uniform. The problem is made more difficult when the children leave warm classrooms and go out to play in cold windy conditions.

### Winter Sport

There were no interschool games on Friday May 27<sup>th</sup> as Woodleigh School had a pupil free day. Our next game is next week on June 3<sup>rd</sup> at home against St Francis Xavier weather permitting. I have asked Frankston East for a catch up game on June 10th

### Cross Country

Congratulations to the 25 students who attended the District Cross Country at Woodleigh School Baxter. They all gave their best and did us very proud. Special congratulations to Taliah and Charlotte who made it through to the next round on June 1st. Special thanks to the parents who not only came to support their children but also gave so much extra assistance with marshalling etc. I greatly appreciate it.

### We are not closing and have no intention of closing

It is so disappointing to have people tell us that they have heard we are closing. This is just **NOT** true. Numbers are holding. Our academic results are pleasing and the school is functioning very well. I do not know who started this rumour but it is not true. Karingal Heights will be here in 2017 and beyond. If you have a potential enrolment please contact us for a tour.

**Michael Cowden**



## Dates to Remember

### June

#### Friday 10th

Responsible Pet Ownership Incursion

#### Monday 13th

Queen's Birthday Public Holiday

#### Thursday 9th

Final Camp Payment Due

#### Thursday 16th

School Council Meeting

#### Tuesday 21st

Pupil Free Day

Parent and Teacher Conferences

#### Friday 24th

Last day of Term 2. 2.30pm finish.

### July

#### Monday 25th—Wednesday 27th

School camp for grades 4—6

#### Thursday 28th

School Council Meeting

### August

#### Friday 19th

Pupil Free Day

# Kerryn's Corner



## Feeling Safe Together Program

Thank you to the parents who joined staff for the 'Feeling Safe Together' presentation. Asking parents the next day they found the presentation very important and after hearing the statistics regarding abuse towards children realise how important this program is for our children. The junior school began their sessions on Monday and they will conclude tomorrow. The senior school begin next week.

## Camp Payments

Medical and permission forms for camp have been sent home with the children who's parents have said they are going on camp. Can all of these forms be returned to school as soon as possible please.

## Prep Tours

Over the past few weeks I have been conducting a lot of prep tours for pre-school parents. They have been quite impressed. After a group tour last week a parent rang to say she had to visit so that she could see what all of the fuss was about. This is very exciting for us and we all ready have quite a few enrolments for next year. If you know of any families thinking of coming to us next year remind them to pick up some enrolment forms and maybe book a tour.

## Parent Teacher Interviews

The time is almost upon us when we would like to have a formal conversation with you about your child's learning. Parent Teacher Interviews are on Tuesday June 21st. Please return the interview form sent home with your child as soon as possible.

## Vandalism

Someone has been cutting our wire fencing in order to gain entry to the school on the weekends. Apart from it not looking nice when we return to school on the Monday, the cutting leaves dangerous edges and also costs us money to replace. If anyone has any information about this can they let us know please.

## Hello to all our Student Bankers

Term 2 is drawing to a close and its almost time to draw the winner of the Dollarmite Money Box Challenge !! Have you made frequent deposits this term? Don't worry, if you haven't it's not too late to start. All you have to do is send your deposit in your bank book to the office every Tuesday from now until the end of this Term to be entered in to the drawn to win one of these money boxes. Call by the office for a closer look at these very cute money boxes !!



## Student Illness

Many children have been coming to school ill. If your child is sick please keep them at home as coughs and colds spread quickly. Teach your child how to sneeze or cough into their arm and how to use and dispose of tissues properly. This may help stop the spread.

## Carramar Drive

As stated in a previous newsletter that school crossing in Carramar Drive will no longer be manned as of term 3. It will still display flags. If your child uses this crossing please talk about how to use the crossing safely. If you have any queries about this please ring the Frankston Council.

## Responsible Pets

A reminder to parents that on Friday 10th of June the Responsible Pet Education people will be visiting our school to talk to the children about being safe around pets, in particular dogs. They will be bringing a dog with them to school. If you have any concerns about this please contact your child's teacher.

## A New Volunteer Reading Helper

We would like to welcome Heather into our school. Heather is going to be listening to children in some of the junior grades. We would like to thank both Heather and Paul for their support of our children.



## School Captains' Report

### Sad news

Unfortunately our School Captain Kale has left the school due to distance difficulties. The two vice captains will step in to Kale's shoes, such as helping more with jobs and stuff like that.

### Interschool sports

Last Friday the year 4, 5 and 6 had interschool sport on our netball courts, oval and the oval outside of our school. Luckily the soccer team won!! We were so happy! But sadly our Netball had lost. But they kept their heads high and were good sports. Our AFL team doesn't count score anymore because we don't have a full team.

Soccer: 5-0

Netball: 24-2

AFL: (not counting score)

Our next game is on this Friday. We will be playing against St Francis Xavier so please come along and watch. Parents are always welcome.

## Canteen Awards

Every month Mrs Riley will be making awards that will be going to students who think outside the box. Along with the award they will be receiving a voucher for a free meal from the canteen (when it reopens in term 3) or a special lunch.

## RACV

On Wednesday the whole school had an RACV incursion in our library. Nicky the instructor told us where to ride our bikes and when you need to stop for a car when they are backing out. We all learnt a lot of things to do with safety and had lots of fun. Hopefully Nicky will come back soon!!

## Friendly Schools

Every Thursday Roxy and Paul (who you might have seen) have been talking to year 5/6D about bullying and what it is. This program is called Friendly Schools. Roxy and Paul have been doing a great job and we are looking forward to our future lessons.

## FIELD EVENTS

On Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> selected people got to go to athletics field events at Ballam Park. A few people got into Zone, Summer in long jump, Tahlia in triple jump and Charlotte in high jump. We all did a great job and had a go. Everyone enjoyed it and can't wait to go next year.