

Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 11th February • Week 2, Term 1 2022



Principal's Message

It is with great pleasure that I welcome existing and new families to Karrendi Primary School this year! Undoubtedly, the exceptionality of our community has truly shone over the past fortnight as we teamed together to overcome the latest Covid challenges. I sincerely thank you all for your patience, understanding and collaboration!

Whilst we have welcomed some of our existing students back to school, we are incredibly excited to see the remainder of our students returning next Monday 14th February! I'd like to extend a special welcome to our new reception students in addition to our new staff members.

I am pleased to share the 2022 Staff Team:

Leadership Team		Specialist Teachers	
Ella-Louise Ailmore	Principal	Natalie Cooke	Health & PE
Joseph Perri	Leader: Wellbeing	Anne Trezise	German, Health & PE
Natalie Cooke	Leader: Pedagogy	Bethany Sharooei	German & Health
Classroom Teachers		Sara Gorroick	AET & EALD Intervention
Kristen Angus	Reception	Student Service Officers	
Alexandra Tuit	Reception & Year One	Lina Mallia	Curriculum
Larissa Schinella & Teaghan Mitchell	Year One	Tania Spratt	Curriculum
Amy Cannon	Year One & Year Two	Arlene Whitehorn	Curriculum
Emma Powell	Year Two	Shyamala Dabiru	Curriculum
Laura Constable	Year Three & Year Four	Lyn Beattie	Curriculum & Resource Centre
Sharon Jeffs	Year Four	Judy Portnoff	Front Office
Polixeni Trenorden & Scarlett Gawkowski	Year Four & Year Five	Alan Humphries	Business Manager & ICT
Simon Hunter	Year Six	Richard Babic	Groundsman
		Hayley Wilmer	Community Hub Leader
		Julie Verrion	Canteen Manager

I am looking forward to a successful year at Karrendi Primary School! Our team strives to know all our students holistically ensuring that we're well equipped to assist them in, 'soaring to success'

Ella-Louise Ailmore

Principal



A Message from Mr Perri

Hi everyone and welcome back! Whether you are new or returning to our school, it's great to have you here! Well done to everyone for their enormous effort over the last two weeks. Students, staff and families have done an amazing job showing a positive mindset as we have all navigated between online and face-to-face learning.

As part of our focus on wellbeing, and to support all Karrendi students to have a successful year, all classes for the first two weeks of school have been engaging in our Soaring to Success Program. The program consists of 10 lessons that cover a range of topics, including: routines, positive behaviour choices, positive relationships and strategies to recognise and manage stress in the body, thereby building students' understanding of how to self-regulate to get Ready to Learn. Students learning from home have also been able to virtually participate in the program! It's been fantastic to see students engaged in the program and showing that they are ready to soar to success in 2022.

We're looking forward to a positive year ahead and seeing all our students and families next week.

Have a great weekend!



Diary Dates

Term 1
Mon 14/2
First day Term One: Yr 2-6

Tues 1/3
Special Lunch

Mon 14/3
Public Holiday: Adelaide Cup

Tues 15/3
Pupil Free Day

21/3
HARMONY DAY
Special Lunch

Mon-Thur 28/3 - 31/3
PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS

14/4
SPORTS DAY – Last Day of Term
Special Lunch

Fri 15/4
Public Holiday: Good Friday

2022 Term Dates

Term 1
31 January - 14 April

Term 2
2 May - 8 July

Term 3
25 July - 30 September

Term 4
17 October - 16 December

A Message from Miss Cooke

Welcome back to 2022! Although term 1 has started quite differently to what we are used to, staff and students of Karrendi Primary School have jumped in feet first, eager to learn and ready face the challenges head on. Despite the fact of an unsettled start to the year, staff at Karrendi Primary School are on a clear pathway for the goals that they want to achieve to ensure optimal student learning and growth.

2022 sees reading as being our site focus. *Reading is to the mind, what exercise is to the body.* The importance of reading cannot be understated and although for some it is a challenge, when mastered it is life changing. Early years staff are engaging in professional development to support them in implementing effective reading programs across the early years. Within this training, staff will learn a range of strategies that will individualise learning and target it to the needs of all the students. In alignment with the Karrendi Site Improvement Plan, the goal of this specialised training is to ensure improved student outcomes in reading for all students across all years. By identifying these strategies in the early years, it equips the students with a toolbox of knowledge that they can access throughout their learning journey. This is also something that can be supported within the home through reading to your child, noticing signs on the way home, discussing topics that arise and the points of view that can be explored within these topic areas. Although these are simple strategies that anyone can do within the home, the lasting impacts that they can have on your child is immeasurable.

Middle and Upper Primary Years will have a focus on the work of Dr. Michael Heggerty, a master of phonemic awareness. The learning the students will undertake within this approach will support the early years learning and provide the students of Karrendi with a holistic approach to reading from reception to year 6.

I look forward to sharing and celebrating the learning, the goals and the ongoing successes that are to come in 2022.



Classroom Correspondence

In Room 23 we have been completing Karrendi's *Soaring to Success* program. Students have participated in activities that will prepare them for a successful year. This includes establishing classroom expectations and ready to learn plans, learning our morning and afternoon circle routines, discussing A and B choices and positive relationships, and learning about the zones of regulation.

Throughout the program we have had a strong focus on our school value of *kindness*. Students collaborated to create a classroom book named *How to be Kind*. Some ideas in the book include:

'Helping and lifting others up.' Indi

'Sharing and smiling at each other.' Phoenix

'Taking turns.' Jaylah

'Be kind to animals.' Charley



Specialist Team Talk

Premier's Be Active Challenge Reception

On Tuesday 23rd November, 2021, 29 students along with Miss Cooke and Miss Trezise attended the Premier's Be Active Challenge Reception. Karrendi again finished as one of the top 50 schools within South Australia with a high number of students who completed the challenge.

Students got to try 4 activities – Missfit Movement Dance, parachute, CirKidz and tennis.

2 students, Merina Ghebreab and Laures Dai were selected to meet the Premier, Steven Marshall, and were presented with our certificate and a cheque for \$1000. Students will be involved in the Premier's be Active Challenge again in 2022.



Meet the Staff Member

My name is Emma Powell and I have the pleasure of teaching the year 2 class in Room 17 this year. I have been teaching at Karrendi for the last 15 years. During my time at Karrendi I have taught years 1 through to year 7, spending most of my time in the Junior Primary. I love teaching literacy and enjoy seeing students develop their skills and confidence to blossom into brave, strong readers and writers. I live in Gumeracha with my husband, 2 children, 2 dogs and 2 rabbits. I enjoy reading, cooking, being outdoors and spending time away with my family in our camper trailer.



Meet the Staff Member

Hi, my name is Lina Mallia and I am an SSO. I started working at Karrendi in January 2006. During my time at Karrendi, I have had many roles and responsibilities but my absolute favourite part has been watching the children I work with succeeding in their learning and graduating at the end of primary school. A fun fact about myself is that I attended Karrendi Primary School as a student and so did both my children. I live with my husband and 2 children, Kristen (23) and Dylan (almost 21). We have a pet turtle and a few fish. I love to cook, go to the movies, spend time with friends and go on holidays with my family (especially cruising).



Community Hub

COMMUNITY HUB NEWS

Unfortunately, due to the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic and increased cases over the last two months in Adelaide, Karrendi Primary School Community Hub has remained closed since the school holidays and programs have ceased momentarily. Hopefully in the not so distant future (under the Education Department and SA Health direction) we will be able to reopen again very soon.

The first two programs that will return will be English Classes and Playgroup. The great news is that English Classes will now take place in Room 1 (the old German Room) and Crèche will be located next door in the Hub Room.

Please keep an eye out on the Karrendi Primary School Community Hub Facebook page for further information and updates. Hope to see you all soon in the Hub!

Hayley

ABORIGINAL BUSH TUCKER TRAIL

More improvements to the Aboriginal Bush Tucker Trail took place in the holidays which included more additions to the irrigation system so that all the plants got watered over the summer break. Special thanks to Vicki Lack, Craig Lack and Richard (the school's groundsman) for all their hard work to get this done.

Due to all the plants being watered and the lovely rain we have had over the summer break the bush tucker plants and produce have been thriving with lots of fruit and vegetables growing. When I returned to school in week 1 I found the following:

Julie (canteen manager) has been using the freshly grown watermelon and tomatoes in the canteen over the past couple of weeks. Students who have ordered sandwiches, burgers and fruit salad etc may have tasted this new produce for themselves.



Term 1 Calendar

	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Wk 0	24/1	25/1	26/1 Public Holiday: Australia Day	27/1	28/1
Wk 1	31/1 Preparation Day	1/2 Preparation Day	2/2 First day Term One: R & Yr 1	3/2 Remote learning	4/2 Remote Learning
Wk 2	7/2 Remote Learning	8/2 Remote Learning	9/2 Remote Learning	10/2 Remote Learning	11/2 Remote Learning
Wk 3	14/2 First day Term One: Yr 2-6	15/2	16/2	17/2	18/2
Wk 4	21/2	22/2	23/2 PHYSICAL FUN DAY	24/2	25/2
Wk 5	28/2 SWIMMING	1/3 Special Lunch SWIMMING	2/3 SWIMMING	3/3 SWIMMING	4/3 CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY SWIMMING
Wk 6	7/3 SWIMMING	8/3 Swimming	9/3 SWIMMING	10/3 SWIMMING	11/3 SWIMMING
Wk 7	14/3 Public Holiday: Adelaide Cup	15/3 Pupil Free Day	16/3	17/3	18/3
Wk 8	21/3 HARMONY DAY Special Lunch	22/3	23/3 PHYSICAL FUN DAY	24/3	25/3 SAPSASA
Wk 9	28/3 PARENT-TEACHER INTERVIEWS	29/3 INTERVIEWS	30/3 INTERVIEWS	31/3 INTERVIEWS	1/4
Wk 10	4/4	5/4	6/4	7/4	8/4 SAPSASA
Wk 11	11/4	12/4	13/4	14/4 SPORTS DAY Special Lunch	15/4 Public Holiday: Good Friday

