

Newsletter

Issue 7 Term 2 Week 4

Diary Dates

Term 2

Week 5

Thur 31/5
Grandparents Day

Fri 1/6 Pupil Free Day

Week 6

Tues 5/6
World Environment Day

Week 7

Mon 1.1/6 Public Holiday Queen's Birthday No School

Week 8

Fri 22/6 Korfball SAPSASA

Week 9

Thurs 28/6
Music is Fun

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As you know, last term our school was involved in an External School Review. During our last Governing Council meeting, I presented a summary of the findings. It was really exciting to see improved student learning outcomes over a period of time. Information in the Report included:

"Data sourced prior to and during the external school review (ESR) at Karrendi Primary School made highly evident the recent improvement in the percentage of students achieving the Standard of Educational Achievement (SEA) in both literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN testing showed that year 3, 5 and 7 students' reading levels are the highest in 3 years and that a recent decline in numeracy achievement was arrested in 2017. PAT-M, R and Running Records data also clearly show an increase in students meeting standard. It is clear the school focusses on excellence, characterised by the statement 'Excellence is never an accident, it is the result of high intention, sincere effort, intelligent direction, skilful execution and the vision to see obstacles as opportunities'. The leadership team and staff, students and parents, consistently represent this aspirational approach to learning and learner potential at the school. The ESR team acknowledges this work and the subsequent successes achieved. Furthermore, Governing Council members and parents spoke very highly of the introduction of mindfulness and believe it has been a strong contributor to the school's improved culture." (2018: External Review Report)

As a principal, I feel really proud of what we continue to achieve as a team at Karrendi Primary School. These successes would not be possible without the collaborative teamwork that occurs between staff, students, parents and caregivers at our site. The recommendations from the Report as focus direction areas are as follows:

Direction 1

Engage students in learning that stimulates deep thinking through collective investigation into, and consistent implementation of, pedagogies that promote inquiry and collaborative learning.

Direction 2

Ensure continued growth, and maximise the potential of all students through differentiated plans and approaches that are informed by analysis of each student's achievement data

Direction 3

Conduct strategic processes of self-evaluation by building on review processes already operating, to collectively assess school-wide systems and practices and regularly respond to emerging change **Direction 4:**

Build strong partnerships with informed learners through the consistent implementation of teaching strategies that allow students reception to year 7 to understand the intent of, and to monitor, their learning.

We look forward to the continuation of our improvement journey. Thank you for your ongoing support. Over the coming weeks the External Review Report will be uploaded to our school website. We will let you know when this occurs.

Kind Regards,

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A night at the Karrendi Disco...





















Materials and Services

Charges 2018

Thank you to the large number of families who have paid their School Fees or who have filled out a School Card Form. It is really important that School Card forms are filled out each year.

School Fees are now overdue.

Any Queries, please contact the front office.

Thank you,

Lyn Beattie

Reminder

Pupil Free Day Friday 1st of June

No school for students, as teachers are involved in STEM training.