

# Welcome to our Newsletter

Friday 13th September • Week 8, Term 3 2024



## Principal's Message

It's been another special fortnight here at Karrendi! From Indigenous Literacy Day, Crazy Hair Discos and Slime Times to the Festival of Music and Grandparents and Special Friends Day, we really do not waste a moment- each day truly does need to count for our children!

As our upper primary students yelled goodbye and waved to us as they left for the bus on Monday morning, the excitement in the air only served as small preview of the magic to come! Arriving at the Festival Theatre on Monday evening, I could not wait to see our children and wow, did they do our school proud! The red curtain revealed a sea of colour with our students proudly standing in Row 7, gleaming with pride! From the moment the show began until the moment that the curtain closed, all learners sang and danced with enthusiasm and confidence! It was an absolute honour to watch the performance and I thank Ms Cooke and the supporting team again for all of their time, efforts and hard work in making this special opportunity possible for our children.

The highlights of the week did not stop there as we welcomed over seventy special guests into our school on Wednesday morning for Grandparents and Special Friends Day. Our guests enjoyed some light refreshments and were collected by their students. During their visit, guests had a special keep sake photo taken, joined in with activities in our classrooms and completed a treasure hunt. We were so thankful for all of the visitors for taking the time out of their busy days to join us and it has been a joy to read some of the feedback received about the event so far,

*"Its great to have these special days the kids love having grandparents there you can see on their faces how proud they are!"*

*"It was wonderful, all staff and teachers were friendly and welcoming food and drinks were delicious!"*

We cannot wait to see you all again for the event next year! With only two weeks to go, the fun definitely isn't ready to end yet-we hope to see many of you at our Colour Carnival on the last day of term!

**Ella-Louise Ailmore**  
Principal

## A Message from Ms Sam

What a fun-filled few weeks we have had at Karrendi! Thinking back to Week 7, our Activity Room was absolutely transformed for a glow-tastic disco experience for all of our students. With the theme being crazy-hair, our staff were absolutely blown away with the crazy styles created by our school community that entered the doors during both our R-2 and 3-6 Discos. It definitely made choosing winners the toughest decision of the night!

The photos shared from the night were a small glimpse into what was a fantastic evening. A huge thankyou to Ms J for coming in on her day off to help with the games, photos and setup of the night!

Who can forget our very talented Miss Tash who was our superstar MC for the entire evening! Our students danced the night away to some amazing music and took part in many games which Miss Tash facilitated.

Many students commented about what a great night it had been and I'm sure everyone who attended went home completely boogied out by the end.

We cannot wait to see what next year's disco will bring and cannot wait to see what our community comes up with in line with our next theme!

## Diary Dates

- 16th Sep – Optional Interviews
- 17th Sep – Team Spirit Day
- 18th Sep – Assembly 9:10am (Room 21 hosting) & MALPA Graduation
- 19th Sep – SAPSASA Tag Rugby
- 23rd Sep – International Day of Peace – Multicultural Day

**Important Date/reminder...**  
27th Sep – Last day of Term 2pm Dismissal & Colour Carnival

## 2024 Term Dates

**Term 1**  
29 January - 12 April

**Term 2**  
29 April - 5 July

**Term 3**  
22 July - 27 September

**Term 4**  
14 October – 13 December

## A Message from Miss Schinella

As part of Department for Education policy, all Year 3-10 students are required to complete diagnostic assessments called Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT). The diagnostic assessments are conducted to measure student growth throughout the year. These assessments give valuable information to teaching staff about your child's current learning strengths and needs and enables teachers to better plan learning as they progress through the levels of schooling.

Karrendi students began PAT assessments this week. All students from Years 3-6 will complete a reading assessment and a math assessment by the end of this term. Year 1 and 2 students will complete a maths assessment early next term. The tests are conducted online and scheduled in learning time throughout the week as part of regular lessons.

I am extremely proud of how our students have displayed our school values of Love of Learning and Positive Mindset to complete their assessments so far.



## A Message from Mrs Sellwood

We are excitedly counting down the days until Karrendi's Colour Carnival and are absolutely blown away by the fundraising efforts of our wonderful community

### Incentive Prizes

Fundraising for Karrendi Colour Carnival is entirely online. At the end of the fundraiser, students' incentive prizes are ordered automatically based on their fundraising total and Golden Coins. Students can win up to 15 unique incentive prizes!

You only need to raise \$10 to achieve your first incentive prize. From there, you will win more and more as your fundraising total soars! For example, if you raise \$100, you will win incentive prizes A, B, C, D & E!

There are also plenty of bonus prizes to be won along the way! If you haven't already, make sure you start fundraising online at [www.australianfundraising.com.au](http://www.australianfundraising.com.au).



All students will need a white t-shirt for the day, we encourage families to get this prepared early by bringing them into school ready for the big day!

## Spotlight on learning

During Science lessons this term we are focusing on Physical Sciences, in particular forces and heat energy. We have developed our knowledge of the way forces work, how to identify forces and ways in which energy travels.

We have been enjoying a range of hands-on experiments that support our understanding of key concepts and how to perform a fair test. A fair test requires us to make predictions, record a detailed method, only change one variable, record data accurately and to write a conclusion based on our results.



## Meet the Staff Member

Hello everyone, my name is Larissa Schinella and I am the Pedagogical Coach and a teacher at Karrendi. This year I am teaching Initialit to a wonderful group of



Year 5/6 students. I have loved getting to know more of our upper primary students this year after teaching year 1s for the previous 2 years. I am also really loving my new role as a coach, working with teachers to reflect on their practice. Outside of school, I love going on adventures with my 2 daughters and partner, especially hiking and exploring national parks. I also enjoy salsa dancing and Zumba classes. I am so grateful to be part of the Karrendi community, it really is such a special place to be.

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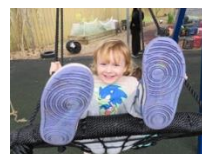
Hi everyone For those that haven't met me I'm Hannah and work at the front desk three days a week. I've enjoyed getting to know the children coming through and their families, it's been a pleasure to work amongst such enthusiastic and supportive staff. Karrendi



has been my first job within the education department and I have enjoyed it thoroughly so far. For those that haven't met my daughter Eden already she is my wonderful 18 month old and we enjoy learning everything about the world around us in my free time. We like to get messy in the kitchen, cheffing was my previous role- definitely a change from my current position. In our spare time we love going to the beach and eating yummy food, motherhood has opened me up to new possibilities and I love experiencing how we impact our youth. I hope to meet you all at some point and look forward to the many celebrations we enjoy as a team at Karrendi.

## Community Hub

Our playgroup families have had fun over the past two weeks. We had, "Sports Day" last week where we had egg and spoon races, musical chairs, running races, musical statues, and Simon Says. This week we had a lovely session over with our friends at Lantana Kindergarten where children played with a lovely variety of sensory toys and enjoyed their wonderful outdoor play area. Each English Class begins with students saying the day, date and month and then we write a few sentences on a particular topic for conversational English. Over the past two weeks the students, in our conversational English time, have learnt about International Literacy Day which is on the 8th September every year, the importance of literacy, who started the day and when it started. The students really enjoy these two sessions before we then continue with our other learning. The Op Shop and Toy Library are both continuing to go well too.



## First Nations

### *Malpa Young Doctors*

Our Malpa Young Doctors recently learnt about healthy eating and hygiene while cooking.

First, we washed our hands, remembering our Germ Busters session. We talked about healthy eating, having plenty of fruit and vegetables in our diet and how important it is, to have balance.

Our Young Doctors followed the recipe by reading the ingredients and method to make their own Damper. It was messy and incredibly fun!



While we waited for them to cook, we practiced cutting fruit safely with a knife to create our own tasty fruit skewers. We had pineapple, watermelon, rockmelon, banana, strawberries and kiwi fruit. Some of our Young Doctors were able to try a piece of fruit they have never had before or eat a fruit they have not had for a while.



While we waited for the Damper, we went for a walk out to our Bush Tucker Trail where we sat around the yarning circle and looked at our Native plants growing.

Once the damper was ready, we added some butter and Native Jams. Delicious!

## Materials and Services Charge

School Fees are now OVERDUE, please contact the Front Office to negotiate a payment arrangement before the end of term.

We understand that every family's financial circumstances are different and we are here to help!



## Term 3 Calendar

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1	22/07	23/07 Principal Tour 4pm	24/07 TOY LIBRARY OPENING	25/07	26/07
Week 2	29/07	30/07 Casual Day: Student/Teacher Swap	31/07	01/08	02/08
Week 3	05/08 (4 <sup>+</sup> August National Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Children's Day)	06/08 Team Spirit Day	07/08 Assembly 9.10am– Room 23 hosting  Governing Council Meeting 2pm	08/08	09/08 International Day of World's indigenous peoples SAPSASA Athletics
Week 4	12/08	13/08	14/08 Choir Magic Millions Rehearsal	15/08 Year 6 ½ day transition PGHS	16/08 Showdown Donuts National day of Action Against Bullying and Violence
Week 5	19/08 National Science Week Book Week	20/08 Book Week Parade	21/08	22/08	23/08 SAPSASA Soccer
Week 6	26/08 SSO Week	27/08	28/08 Father's Day Stall Assembly 9.10am– Room 24 hosting	29/08 Fathers day stall? Sports Day	30/08 STUDENT FREE DAY
Week 7	02/09 School Closure DAY	03/09	04/09	05/09	06/09 Children's University Gown Fitting 10:30am Discos R-2 3.30pm-4.30pm 3-6 5pm-6pm  Indigenous literacy day
Week 8	09/09 Festival of Music performance Dental Visit Week	10/09	11/09 Grandparents/Special Friends Day Governing Council Meeting 2pm	12/09 R U OK Day	13/09
Week 9	16/09 Optional Interviews	17/09 Team Spirit Day	18/09 Assembly 9.10am– Room 21 hosting MALPA Graduation	19/09 SAPSASA Tag Rugby	20/09
Week 10	23/09 International Day of Peace – Multicultural day	24/09	25/09	26/09	27/09 Colour Carnival

