

Term 4 Week 4 Newsletter

Karuah Public School Newsletter

UPCOMING WEEK AHEAD: Term 4 WEEK 5!



Monday 10 November

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library
- National Recycling Week
- HRHS Clontarf Academy visit

Tuesday 11 November

- Remembrance Day

Wednesday 12 November

- Kindergarten 2026 Transition Session 2

Thursday 13 November

- Dance2BFit
- Community PBL @ Raymond Terrace Marketplace 5pm

Friday 14 November

- Attendance Reward Day
- Rugby 7s Gala Day
- School Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 17 November

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library
- Forest Hill Big Band Performance

Tuesday 18 November

- A day in the life of a Clontarf Boy - HRHS

Wednesday 19 November

- Kindergarten 2026 Transition Session 3
- Junior AECG Meeting - school library

Thursday 20 November

- Dance2BFit
- World Children's Day

- Junior AECG Leadership Camp
- Community PBL @ Raymond Terrace Marketplace 5pm

Friday 21 November

- Junior AECG Leadership Camp
- School Assembly 2.30pm

Principal's Report





Wiyabu! Hello!

Week 4, Term 4, what a week it has been!

As most of you know, Ms Lyle and Aunty Michelle Perry travelled to Canberra this week to attend the **National Reconciliation in Education Forum** and the **Narragunnawali Awards 2025**.

*We were not announced the winners; However, we did receive a **Highly Commended Award**. It is a wonderful achievement to be recognised on a national level. The whole Karuah community should be extremely proud.*

A big thank you to our Elders, students, staff, parents and community for being a huge part of our reconciliation journey. A special thank you to all the community members who were involved in the interviews and filming on judging day. It was a magical day and something we can all be very proud of.

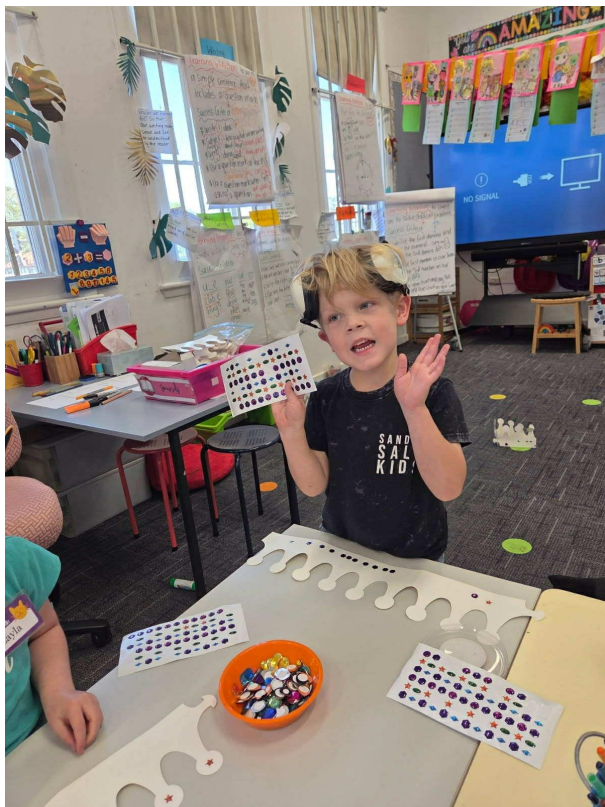
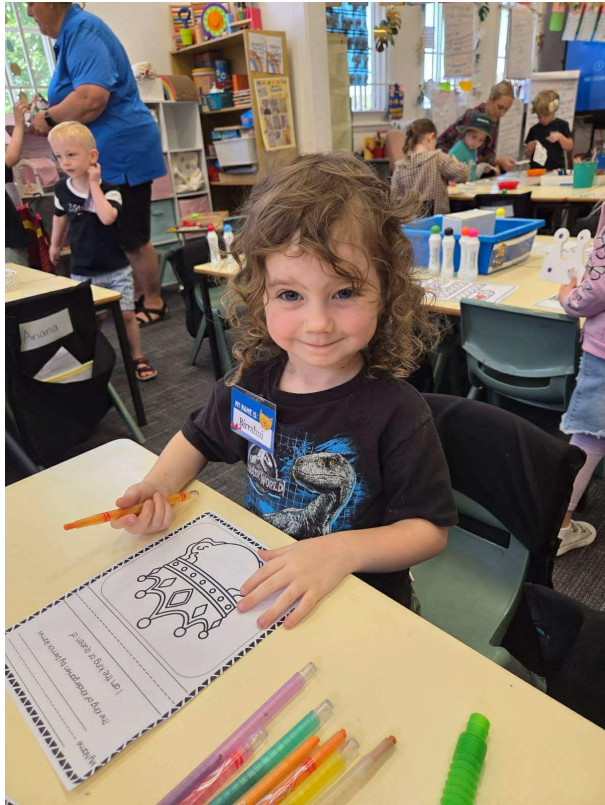




This week we had our first **Kindergarten 2026 Transition Session**. It was a wonderful morning in the kindergarten room with Mrs Dibley. Our new little learners did such an amazing job for their first experience at 'Big School'.

These transition sessions are such an important part of a successful transition to school and a great opportunity to become familiar with their new environment. We can't wait to welcome our new Kindergarten students back next week!



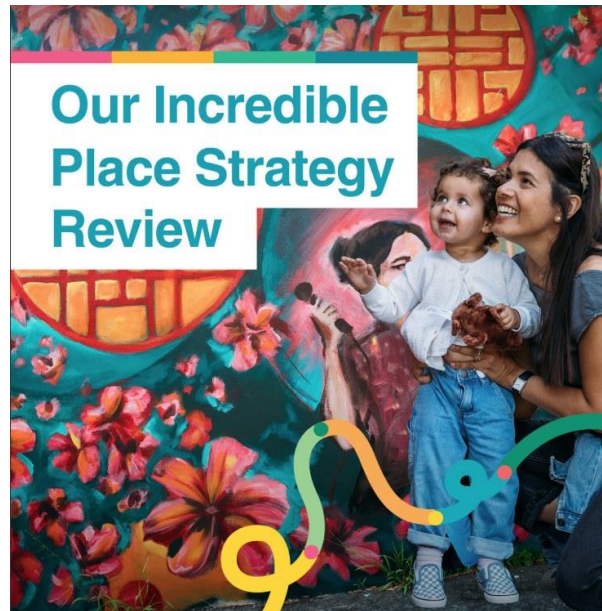




Have a wonderful weekend everyone, see you all next week for week 5 😊

Warm regards,
Aimee Pappas
Assistant Principal

Port Stephens Council ~ Incredible Place Strategy



HAVE YOUR SAY!!

Help shape the arts, events and culture in Port Stephens

Port Stephens Council is updating Our Incredible Place Strategy, a plan to support local arts, events and culture from 2026 to 2031, and we want your input!

Whether you're a community member, local creative, performer or event organiser, your feedback will help shape a vibrant, inclusive and creative future for our region.

This is your chance to tell us what's important, what's working well, and what could be improved to reflect the identity and aspirations of our diverse community.

How to get involved?

- **Online – via the survey or Join the Conversation**
- **Email us at haveyoursay@portstephens.nsw.gov.au**

For more details visit : pscouncil.info/our-incredible-place

Kindergarten Transition dates



Kindergarten 2026 Transition Sessions

1st: Wednesday 5th November - 9.30-11.00am
2nd: Wednesday 12th November - 9.30-11.00am
3rd: Wednesday 19th November - 9.30-11.00am

The P&C will open the uniform shop from 9.00am for the 2nd and 3rd transition sessions on 12th and 19th of November

The poster features a cartoon dolphin, a photo of two children, and the school crest.

Monday November 10 - National Recycling Week



National Recycling Week

November 10-16, 2025

The poster shows a person in a yellow shirt with a large 'R' on the back standing next to a recycling bin.

National Recycling Week is being held from Monday November 10 - Sunday November 16.

During the week, students will learn about the importance of recycling.

The aim of National Recycling Week is to educate Australians on how to recycle effectively, reduce waste and manage resources sustainably.

Tuesday November 11 - Remembrance Day





Students will commemorate Remembrance Day with a special assembly in the hall.

Wednesday November 12 - Kinder Transition ~ Session 2



Our 2nd Kindergarten Transition Session will be held on **Wednesday November 12** from **9:30am - 11am**.

The Uniform Shop will be open on this day from 9am - 11am, if you would like to try on and purchase uniforms for your child.

Friday November 14: Hunter PSSA Rugby 7s Gala



KPS is sending a 7s team to the Hunter PSSA Gala Day at Walters Park, Speers Point on the 14 November. Parents and carers of selected students have been sent information and permission through the Sentral Parent App. KPS is playing in the competitive (Sua'ali'i) division of the competition. We are looking at improving our results from last year and hoping to make the playoff stages. Any questions regarding this event, please contact Mr Fielder.

Tuesday November 18 - Clontarf Transition Day





HUNTER RIVER

★ **DAY IN THE LIFE OF A CLONTARF STUDENT** ★

18TH NOVEMBER

9:30AM TO 12:30PM

**COME AND SEE
WHAT LIFE IS LIKE
AT THE HUNTER
RIVER CLONTARF
ACADEMY**

**MORNING
TRAINING
GAMES
ROOM TOUR
HOT LUNCH**

Burley Premier
Officially Endorsed By

**FROM LITTLE THINGS
BIG THINGS
GROW**

clontarf
foundation



On Tuesday November 18, our Year 6 boys who identify as Aboriginal will be attending a Clontarf day "A Day in the life of a Clontarf Student".

The purpose of the day is to help the Year 6 boys transition to life in high school and as part of the Clontarf Academy here at Hunter River High School. The boys will get the chance to participate in a morning training session, games, room tour, a bit of a yarn and a hot lunch. These training sessions underpin everything we do here at the Clontarf Foundation and teach boys about Leadership, Sport, Well-being, and Education. This is a great opportunity to meet the Clontarf staff and interact with current Academy members and help ease the nerves coming into high school next year.

Venue: HRHS

Time: 9:30am - 12:30pm

Date: Tuesday November 18, 2025

What to wear: full school uniform and enclosed shoes

What to bring: Water bottle, hat

All food will be supplied by Clontarf Academy staff.

Students will need to be transported to and from HRHS for this event.

Clontarf staff and students will meet you when you arrive.

Permission notes were handed to students on Tuesday afternoon. Please return the permission note to Miss Hicks ASAP.

Wednesday November 19 - Kinder Transition ~ Session 3



Our 3rd Kindergarten Transition Session will be held on **Wednesday November 19** from **9:30am - 11am**.

The Uniform Shop will be open on this day from 9am - 11am, if you would like to try on and purchase uniforms for your child.

Thursday November 20 - World Children's Day



This World Children’s Day, **we are celebrating every child’s right to play.**

Play is how children learn, grow, connect and heal. Every child has the right to play – no matter who they are or where they live.

Yet, millions of children around the world are missing out on this basic right, because of conflict, displacement, inequality or lack of safe spaces.

When we protect a child’s right to play, we’re protecting their right to a full, healthy and happy childhood.



Monday November 3 - Deadly Science STEM Yrs 4-6





On Monday, we loved having Deadly Science visit our school for the third time this year! Our Year 4, 5 & 6 students got hands-on with a Bush Soap experiment, learning how natural ingredients can make soap – just like our First Nations peoples have done for generations. It was messy, fun, and full of science magic! A huge thank you to Jimmy and Trish from the Deadly Science team for another deadly visit. Deadly Science will be back next year for some more fantastic STEM lessons.

Thursday November 6 - Community PBL Awards



On Thursday our **Raymond Terrace Community PBL awards** were on at Raymond Terrace Marketplace. This week Mr Hayes proudly attended to congratulate our wonderful Kole. Kole was nominated for **demonstrating a genuine love of learning and consistently showing dedication toward doing his best in all tasks. He is always ready to lend a helping hand, and treats all staff, students and community members with kindness and respect. Kole's positive attitude and commitment make him a valued member of our community.**

RAYMOND TERRACE COMMUNITY PBL Positive Behaviour for Learning

Congratulations to this week's award winners!

<p>Julia</p> <p>Julia is nominated for her outstanding support as a reader for the HSC English Studies exam. She demonstrated responsibility, patience, and professionalism, supporting her peers to achieve their best. Thank you Julia for your wonderful contribution.</p>	<p>Max</p> <p>Max is nominated for being a true ambassador for our school — a creative, dedicated, and community-conscious individual who consistently leads by example. His ability to collaborate with peers, contribute artistically, and provide a positive message is a testament to his maturity, leadership, and passion for making a difference. Whether it's on the stage, in the classroom, or on the field, he is always ready, willing, and able to represent his school with pride.</p>	<p>Reece</p> <p>Reece is a kind and thoughtful student. Every afternoon he ensures the technology in his classroom is locked away and put on charge. He also is willing to give up his own time, which he has recently demonstrated by helping a staff member complete a Year 9 powerpoint presentation during his lunch time. Congratulations, Reece!</p>
<p>Nate</p> <p>Nate consistently demonstrates what it means to be a Positive, Respectful and Safe-leader in our playground. Every day, he can be found encouraging others to join in a game of soccer, showing excellent sportsmanship, fairness and kindness. Nate's positive attitude and commitment to our PBL values make him a wonderful role model for all students at Gali Ash Public School.</p>	<p>Kacey</p> <p>Kacey has been nominated by her peers for her genuine love of life, learning and for the people around her. Kacey is a PBL Representative, she leads by example and is an outstanding school citizen. She approaches every learning opportunity with enthusiasm and challenges herself to be better each day. Kacey offers kind and thoughtful support to her peers or adults, she does so with a positive attitude and a strong sense of responsibility. Making her an outstanding candidate for our Community PBL award. Well done Kacey!</p>	<p>Asher</p> <p>Asher is nominated by a venue staff member at an Association event who noticed how he went out of his way to support students that were not as capable as he was. He organised their resources, helped them get started and then came back to see how they were going. At the end of the activity he came back and celebrated the kids success.</p>
<p>Laralye</p> <p>Laralye has shown exceptional commitment to her community by volunteering every Saturday in the garden for her soccer club throughout the season. She further demonstrated dedication by assisting as a canteen volunteer and duty officer across both days of the Grand Final weekend. Congratulations Laralye for consistently displaying our PBL values.</p>	<p>Ruby</p> <p>Ruby is nominated for her outstanding achievement and sportsmanship at the recent NSW Athletics championship in Sydney. Ruby placed 4th in the 100m final and will attend the National Championship in Canberra next month. At the start of the race Ruby was seen clapping and encouraging all other competitors as they were announced.</p>	<p>Kole</p> <p>Kole is nominated for demonstrating a genuine love of learning and consistently showing dedication toward doing his best in all tasks. He is always ready to lend a helping hand, and treats all staff, students and community members with kindness and respect. Kole's positive attitude and commitment make him a valued member of our community.</p>

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Community PBL Awards – Nomination Guide & Review Process

These awards celebrate students who consistently live our core values of **respect, responsibility and pride**—whether that’s lending a hand at a community event, showing daily kindness, or caring for our local environment.

How to Nominate

- **Nomination criteria** Nominate students whose actions clearly embody our school values. Examples might include volunteering at community events, mentoring younger peers, or protecting the school grounds and wider community.
- **Submitting a nomination** Email the school with the student’s name, class and a clear description of the positive behaviour you observed. The more detail you provide, the easier it is for the panel to understand the impact.
- **Who can nominate?** Parents and carers are welcome to nominate their own children, but we also encourage you to recognise other students who make our school and community a better place.

Review Process

Each week, all nominations are reviewed by our **PBL Review Committee**. Because we routinely receive **more nominations than there are awards available**, selection is not

guaranteed. However, **nominations that are not selected remain in the pool and are reconsidered in each subsequent review.** The committee:

1. **Aligns every nomination with PBL values and behaviour expectations**, confirming the student's actions clearly reflect those standards—inside the classroom, around the playground or out in the wider community.
2. **Looks for evidence of sustained and consistent positive behaviour**, giving priority to students who repeatedly demonstrate our core values over time.

We value every child's efforts, but the committee must select the **most deserving nominees from the pool each cycle** to keep the process fair and transparent.

Notification & Celebration

If your child is chosen to receive a Community PBL Award, you will receive a letter at the beginning of the week with all the details. We look forward to publicly celebrating the wonderful behaviours that make our school such a positive place to learn and grow.

Thank you for your ongoing support in recognising and fostering the values that define our school community.

Aboriginal Education



Junior AECG Meeting Dates for 2025

Below are the dates for this years Junior AECG meetings. We will be holding one (1) meeting a term starting at 2pm.

Junior AECG meeting dates for 2025:

Term 4 - Wednesday November 19

If you have any questions regarding your child or would just like to have a yarn with the Aboriginal Education team, please contact the school and Aunty Nicki, Aunty Pearl or Aunty Kellie will be in contact.

Gapu,
Aboriginal Education Team

Assembly Awards





1 - William H: for working hard to count on when solving addition problems



2 - Kasey K: for his fantastic writing about the brave puffling



3 - Koa C: For working hard and challenging himself in ninjas



4 - Capri S: For trying her best and staying focused in literacy groups



5 - Indi C: independently sorting out her weekly spelling words



6 - Aubrey G: fantastic improvement in skip counting by 10s on and off the decade



7 - Ava G: For being a kind and thoughtful friend



8 - Piper H: For being a motivated learner and consistently striving to improve



9 - Max F: trying his personal best to achieve his goals



10 - Sophie M: always having initiative during group work



11 - Jahkari W: for being a kind and caring classmate that always helps others



12 - Callum H: for improved spelling results in his weekly spelling tests



13 - Cooper C: for his outstanding effort in Ninjas this week and for continually challenging himself with more difficult questions



14 - Chaise C: for always being willing to assist others with technology and sharing his tech skills generously



15 - Alexandra G: demonstrating a positive, attentive, respectful attitude



16 - Sky M: excellent information poster in science lesson



17 - Seth C: for showing enthusiasm in RFF lessons and contributing to class discussions



18 - Banks F: for fact finding and research in Science RFF lessons

Congratulations to our Weekly Classroom Award Winners!

Weekly Bronze Award Winners



19 - Indi



20 - Alby



21 - Imogen



22 - Ella M



23 - Kingston P



24 - Riley S



25 - Jackson B



26 - Aurora WD



27 - Nyah L



28 - Chelsie B



29 - Capri S



30 - William L



31 - Huntah M



32 - Tyler F



33 - Rylan C



34 - Harrison W



35 - Isabella W



36 - Braxton R

Weekly Silver Award Winners





37 - Henry F



38 - Capri S



39 - Zahlee B



40 - Charlotte B



41 - Lexie K



42 - Letti R



43 - Malukah R

Weekly Gold Award Winners



School Medallion



Principal's Award



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week in PBL...



This fortnight our PBL focus is 'I show **Respect** by respecting my learning rights and the learning rights others.' In class this fortnight students learnt that they need to Respect the learning rights of themselves and others and they need to show Pride when at school and in life. As a class, students discussed the notion that their job when coming to school to learn and that they need to remember and follow the school and classroom expectations. Students also engaged in discussions about having a growth mindset when engaging in learning, inside and outside the classroom.



P & C NEWS

KPS School Jumpers ~ available to purchase



We are excited to let you know that our new school jumpers have arrived!

Cost: \$42 each

Payment: Pay easily through the Flexischools app - <https://flexischools.com.au>

Sizes Available: 6 – 16

For more information regarding the uniforms, please send a message to our facebook page and someone will be in contact with you regarding your query.

Thank you for supporting Karuah Public School.

CANTEEN OPEN - FRIDAYS ONLY

KARUAH PUBLIC SCHOOL			
LUNCH MENU			
<u>SANDWICHES/WRAPS</u>		<u>HOT FOOD</u>	
Spreads	\$3.00	Chicken Burger	\$7.00
Cheese	\$2.00	Cheese Burger	\$7.00
Ham	\$3.00	Pizza	\$4.50
Ham & Cheese	\$4.00	• Pepperoni	
Ham & Salad	\$7.50	• Cheese	
Chicken	\$3.00	• Ham & Cheese	
Chicken & Cheese	\$4.00	Nuggets	
Chicken & Salad	\$7.50	• 3	\$3.00
Egg	\$3.00	• 6	\$6.00
Egg & Lettuce	\$4.50	Pie	\$4.00
<u>SALAD/FRUIT SALAD</u>		Sausage Roll	\$3.50
Garden Salad	\$6.00	Garlic Bread	\$2.00
Ham and Salad	\$8.00	Hot Dog	\$4.00
Chicken and Salad	\$8.00	<u>SNACKS/ICE BLOCKS</u>	
(Lettuce, tomato, cheese, beetroot, carrot, corn & cucumber)		Moosies	\$2.00
Add a boiled egg	\$1.00	TNTS	\$1.00
Add Pineapple	\$0.50	Ice-Cream Cups	\$1.50
Fruit Salad		Frozen Yoghurt	\$2.00
• Small	\$5.00	Juice Cups	\$1.00
• Large	\$7.50	Cup Cakes	\$1.00
<u>DRINKS</u>		Pikelets x2	0.50
Chilli J	\$2.00	Jelly Cups	\$1.00
Milk (Choc & Straw)	\$2.00	Celery/Carrot Sticks	\$1.00
Pop Tops (Apple & Orange)	\$2.00	Cheese & Crackers	\$1.00
Water	\$2.00	Fresh Fruit	\$1.00
Milo (Cold or Hot)	\$1.00	Yoghurt & Fruit	\$2.50
		Fruit Pieces	\$1.00

Attached is the canteen menu for Fridays ONLY!

Scripture/Ethics News

Primary ETHICS

Why choose ethics classes for your child?

Ethics classes for all age groups run in the OAG/DEE premises in schools each week. Classes are free and are run by specially trained volunteers, who are often parents and grandparents.

The lessons are prepared by experts in the field of childhood education and ethics. Our curriculum is reviewed by the Department of Education.

Ethics classes are for children of all faiths and none.

Ethics classes are designed to get children thinking, deeply and well.

Ethics classes help me think about things more carefully and try to make better choices!

How to enrol?

If your child is starting kindergarten, you should fill in an OAG/DEE enrolment form. Otherwise, contact your school office to inform them that you want your child to attend ethics classes.

What if my school doesn't offer ethics?

Ethics classes depend on having enough trained volunteers to run the classes. We always welcome new volunteers and offer free training workshops throughout the year, both online and face-to-face, to help your school.

Contact us to find out how to start ethics classes at your school and how to become an ethics teacher.

Primary ETHICS
primaryethics.com.au
(02) 8048 7752

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What happens if you send your child to a weekly ethics class?

Ethics lessons explore everyday ethical issues pitched at your child's age level. Ethics teachers present stories and questions that encourage children to consider what they would do - and what they ought to do - in that situation. The teachers don't give their own opinions - they help the children to discuss amongst themselves issues such as:

- what if I hurt someone without meaning to?
- what if I break a promise?
- what, if any, should we tell an someone?
- is blogging wrong?
- what is fairness?

Which skills will my child develop in ethics classes?

- useful listening to all points of view
- being able to disagree without put-downs
- listening your partner without being bored
- understanding other children's problems
- giving evidence-based reasons for their opinions

Why not volunteer as an ethics teacher?

- it's a rewarding way to get involved and earn your skills yourself!
- you can have a positive impact for the future generation
- we offer comprehensive free training and ongoing support
- join a community of volunteers from all walks of life and all ages.

Every ethics class follows 6 rules:

1. Only one person speaks at a time.
2. Pay attention to the person who is speaking.
3. Speak to the other students, not just the teacher.
4. Give others a chance to speak.
5. Build on others ideas.
6. No put-downs.

What do children say about ethics?

"I learned that it is okay to be honest about what you think!"

"I learned how to tell friends I didn't want to do things they asked me to do!"

"It really helps with your personal confidence to know your opinion is valued in ethics!"

"I realise that I can still disagree with Bob & get a different opinion!"

Please come into the office, send a signed letter or send an email to the school if you would like your child to change scripture/non-scripture or Ethics (Yr 3 - Yr 6) classes. Any changes need to be in writing and signed by a parent/carer.

COMMUNITY NEWS

Saturday November 8 - Maitland Street Rodders 50th Anniversary ~
Show & Shine

Maitland Street Rodders
50th Anniversary
SHOW & Shine
★★★★★

Over 30 Hot Rods on Display!
Best in Show Award
RSL Lunch Specials Available
SAT 8TH NOV
11AM - 2PM | Karuah RSL Car Park

Maitland Street Rodders logo

R.S.L. Club Karuah logo

Sanction number S25/36
Pre 78 vehicles

Enquiries: David Barry - d.k.b5962@bigpond.com

The poster features a central image of a blue hot rod with a white top and chrome accents. The background is dark with a checkered pattern in the corners. The text is in various fonts, including bold sans-serif and a cursive script for 'Shine'. There are five stars above the word 'Shine'. A barcode is located at the bottom left of the poster.

Maitland Street Rodders will be celebrating their 50th Anniversary.

Don't forget to go and check out over 30 Hot Rods that will be on display in the Karuah RSL Carpark on Saturday November 8 from 11am - 2pm.

The Bridgeview restaurant will have their lunch specials available.

Make sure you go and support this fantastic event.

Karuah Second Hand Shop



44 - Our local Anglican Church Second Hand shop is over stocked with Karuah Public School Uniforms!

While there are mostly bigger sizes at the moment, they usually receive loads of donations of all sizes at the end of the year.

Head down to score a bargain! So many Christmas goodies too!

Karuah OSHC - 0476 454 037

Karuah OSHC
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AND VACATION CARE

Where? Karuah Public School
18 Bundabah Street, Karuah

Before School	6:30am to 8:30am
After School	3:00pm to 6:00pm
Vacation Care	6:30am to 6:00pm

Each session can be booked separately

Operated by
Karuah Preschool

Contact us for more information

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Term Calendar 2025



**DATES ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE & WILL BE ADVERTISED IN THE NEWSLETTER AND
SENTRAL PARENT PORTAL APP**

Term 4



Monday 24 November

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library
- Whole School Assembly - Leaders for 2026 Speeches

Thursday 27 November

- Dance2BFit
- HRHS Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander Transition Day
- Community PBL @ Raymond Terrace Marketplace 5pm

Friday 28 November

- Stages 2 & 3 Oz Tag Karuah v Tea Gardens
- School Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 1 December

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library

Tuesday 2 December

- HRHS Transition Day Year 7 2026
- PBL Citizenship Awards - Port Stephens Council

Wednesday 3 December

- International Day of People with Disability
- Youyoong AECG Christmas Yarn Up, Catherine McAuley

Thursday 4 December

- Dance2BFit

Friday 5 December

- Early Stage 1/Stage 1 - Responsible Pet Ownership - incursion (Hall) 10.20am - 11am
- School Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 8 December

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library

Tuesday 9 December

- Dance2BFit End of Year Concert

Wednesday 10 December

- Presentation Day - Karuah RSL Club 10am

Thursday 11 December

- Year 6 BBQ Dinner & Disco

Friday 12 December

- School Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 15 December

- Benevolent Playgroup 9.30-11am Library
- Year 6 Fun Day Out

Tuesday 16 December

- P&C Christmas Stall

Thursday 18 December

- Talent Show
- End of year class parties

Friday 19 December

- Attendance Reward Day
- Year 6 Clap out
- Last day of Term 4 all students and staff

2026

Term 1



Monday 26 January

- Public Holiday

Tuesday 27 January

- Staff Development Day - no students at school

Wednesday 28 January

- Staff Development Day - no students at school

Thursday 29 January

- Staff Development Day - no students at school

Friday 30 January

- Staff Development Day - no students at school



Monday 2 February

- All students commence school for Term 1 (Kindergarten to Yr 6)

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