

Term 4 Week 8 Newsletter

Karuah Public School Newsletter

UPCOMING WEEK AHEAD: Term 4 WEEK 9!



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
- Year 6 Farewell Disco



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

Principal's Report



Wiyabu! Hello!

What a busy week it has been at school! As we head towards the end of the year, classes are still working hard on their learning while also getting ready for all the special activities and celebrations that come with this time of year. Students have been working tirelessly to learn their dances for the Dance2BeFit concert on Tuesday evening. Please see below for the details of events happening next week.

We've also been dealing with some very hot weather, and I want to reassure everyone that we're keeping a close eye on conditions each day to make sure students stay safe and comfortable. The Bulahdelah bushfire has also been on our radar. We're in regular contact with authorities and continue to monitor the situation closely. Please know that the safety and wellbeing of our students and families are always our top priority.

Thank you for your flexibility on Friday afternoon when we were notified that school buses would not be running. We're grateful for everyone's quick response, and we appreciate the effort families made at short notice. All students were able to leave the school safely, and your support made that possible.

We are hopeful that the predicted rain will bring some much-needed relief for our local Rural Fire Service crews and the Bulahdelah community. Our thoughts are with all those affected, and we extend our thanks to the volunteers working tirelessly to keep our region safe.

Week 9 Events:

Tuesday December 9- Dance2BeFit Concert

The concert will be held at school under the COLA.

Students are asked to arrive back at school at **4.30pm** to change into their costumes.

Concert starts at **5.30pm**

Wednesday December 10- Presentation Day Ceremony

Karuah Public School Presentation Day Ceremony starts at 10.00am at Karuah RSL.

Parents and guests are invited back to the school following the presentation for a morning tea generously provided by the P&C. The P&C Christmas raffle will be drawn after morning tea.

Wednesday December 10- Year 6 Disco and BBQ

The Year 6 disco and BBQ will be held at school, starting at 5.30pm. This is a whole school event to celebrate our wonderful Year 6 students.

We look forward to seeing you at all our school events next week.

Warm regards,

Aimee Pappas

Relieving Principal

Social media changes are coming - Dec 10

From December 10 2025, certain social media platforms won't be allowed to let Australians under 16 create or keep an account. Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.

What you need to know:

- The age restrictions are likely to apply to [Facebook](#), [Instagram](#), [Kick](#), [Reddit](#), [Snapchat](#), [Threads](#), [TikTok](#), [X](#) and [YouTube](#), as well as other platforms. See the [latest list](#).

- Under-16s will still be able to see publicly available social media content that doesn't require logging into an account.
- There are exclusions for a number of platforms, including educational tools such as learning management systems. For example, Google Classroom and [YouTube Kids](#) will not be age restricted, and YouTube videos that can be seen without logging in can still be shared by teachers.

Why the changes?



The changes aim to protect under-16s from pressures and risks they can be exposed to while logged in to social media accounts. These come from design features in the platforms that:

- encourage them to spend too much time on screens – for example, by prompting them with streams of notifications and alerts, and pressuring them to view disappearing content
- increase the likelihood of exposure to negative, upsetting or manipulative content served up in their feeds by algorithms.

These features have been linked to harms to health and wellbeing – including increased stress levels, and reduced sleep and concentration.

Of course, they are not the only risks on social media. Young people can also be exposed to harmful conduct such as cyberbullying, being asked for nudes and being sent pornography or violent material.

*The age restrictions are a **delay, not a ban.***

You won't have to say 'yes' or 'no' to social media accounts, instead you can say 'not yet', knowing other under-16s are also being prevented from creating or keeping accounts so your child won't be missing out.

The delay gives you extra time to talk about online safety and wellbeing with your child, to help them prepare for the risks and pressures of social media when they turn 16. It's breathing space for them to build digital, social and emotional skills, and to understand the importance of reaching out for help if things go wrong.

How young people can prepare for
**the social media
age restrictions**



What are the
**social media
age restrictions?**

From 10 December,
some social media platforms must
take reasonable steps to stop under
16s from having or making accounts
on their platform.



What platforms are included?

From our assessments, these platforms will be age-restricted:

- Facebook
- Instagram
- Kick
- Reddit
- Snapchat
- Threads
- TikTok
- X
- Youtube

Young people can still be online

The age restrictions only apply to certain social media platforms.

Under 16s can still have accounts for services that have the primary purpose of:



Messaging, email, voice calling or video calling like **WhatsApp** and **Discord**.



Enabling users to play online games with other users like **Roblox**, **Steam** and **LEGO Play**.

How under 16s can get ready?



Check if they'll be affected by the restrictions.



Find other ways to follow their favourite online groups and connect with their friends.



Download and archive any accounts that will be impacted.



Reach out to family and friends for support.

Young people can also get support from



**REACH
OUT**




 **headspace**

Check out our

Get Ready Guide

for young people



For more info on how under 16s can prepare for the new social media age restrictions and stay connected to the people and things they love.

Selective High School and Opportunity Classes

NSW Department of Education



Selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2027

Apply now if your child is currently in:

- **Year 3** – for **opportunity class** entry in Year 5
- **Year 5** – for **selective high school** entry in Year 7.

Applications close 20 February 2026.



Is it right for my child?

Here are some signs that your child may benefit from selective education.



learns quickly and easily



goal-driven



asks complex questions



good memory



curious and creative



deeply explores passions

Selective high school and opportunity class applications are open from 6 November 2025 to 20 February 2026

Selective high school Year 7 entry in 2027: Apply when your child is at the end of Year 5 or the beginning of Year 6.

Opportunity class Year 5 entry in 2027: Apply when your child is at the end of Year 3 or the beginning of Year 4.

[Selective high schools and opportunity classes](#) are some of the ways the NSW Department of Education supports high potential and gifted students.

What are their benefits?

Students learn alongside, and form friendships with, other high potential and gifted classmates. Special teaching methods allow students to learn at a quicker pace and in more detail.

Research shows that students benefit both academically and socially when learning with classmates who have similar abilities.

Selective high schools and opportunity classes are not zoned so you can apply to ones outside your local enrolment area. Within each co-educational opportunity class and selective high school there will be an equal number of places available for girls and boys.

Visit the website for more information and to complete the online application: [Selective high schools and opportunity classes](https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/selective-high-schools-and-opportunity-classes)

WEEK 9 KEY DATES



The poster for Week 9 Key Dates features a green background with white snowflakes and a red bow at the top. On the left is the school crest with the motto 'Look, Listen and Learn'. On the right is a cartoon elf hanging from a spiderweb. At the bottom left is a cartoon dolphin wearing a Santa hat. A hand icon is pointing at the bottom right.

**KARUAH PUBLIC SCHOOL
WEEK 9 KEY DATES**

TUESDAY 9 DECEMBER: –
DANCE2BFIT END OF YEAR XMAS CONCERT - 5.30PM

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER:
KPS PRESENTATION DAY (KARUAH RSL CLUB, 10AM):
P&C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE

CHANGE OF DATE
DUE TO KARUAH COMMUNITY CAROLS:

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER:
YEAR 6 FAREWELL DISCO AND BBQ 5.30PM

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MONDAY 15 DECEMBER:
YEAR 6 FUN DAY OUT

TUESDAY 16 DECEMBER:
P&C CHRISTMAS STALL

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER:
KPS TALENT SHOW & CLASS PARTIES

FRIDAY 19 DECEMBER:
YEAR 6 CLAP OUT & LAST DAY OF TERM 4

Tuesday December 9 - Dance 2 bfit Xmas Concert



Everyone welcome!!

Wednesday December 10 - Presentation Day 2025



Everyone is welcome to attend our Annual Presentation Ceremony to celebrate the wonderful achievements of the students and staff at Karuah Public School.

Emails have been sent home to parents of students that will be receiving awards on Presentation Day, please remember to check your emails.

Wednesday 10 December - YEAR 6 FAREWELL DISCO



Due to there being a clash with the original date of the Year 6 Farewell Disco and the Karuah RSL Carols by Candlelight, we have been able to change our event date.

The new date for the Year 6 Farewell Disco is Wednesday December 10 @ 5:30pm.

Please read the flyer for all the details regarding this event.

P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE ~ drawn on Wednesday December 10 after the Presentation Ceremony



Tickets were sent home with students this week.

If you require more tickets, there are more in the school office.

There are lots of amazing prizes to be won!!

Monday 15th December- Year 6 Fun Day out

Year 6 have some very exciting events coming in up in their final weeks of primary school. One of these events is the Year 6 Fun Day.

Date: Monday 15 December 2025

Agenda:

9:15am - Students will leave KPS transported by bus with KPS Staff to Raymond Terrace Tenpin.

10:00am – Students will play 2 games of bowling.

11:30am – Lunch (chicken nuggets, chips and a drink).

12pm – We will walk across to Lakeside Leisure Centre for free play in the outdoor pool.

2pm- Students and staff will leave to return to school by 2:30pm.

What to wear: School uniform is not compulsory on this day, however appropriate clothing must be worn (no singlet tops, football shorts, thongs/sandals or any revealing clothing is to be worn).

Cost: \$30 per student. This cost will cover two games of tenpin bowling, lunch, bus and entry into the pool. Money is due by Monday 9 December. Notes are available on the Parent Portal App.



Karuah's Got Talent!

On Thursday 18th December, some of our excitable and talented students will be performing in the Talent Show! The show will begin at approximately 11:50am.

Gymnastics, jokes, singing, dancing and skipping is just some of the talent you will get to see.

Families are welcome to attend.



Canteen notice PDF

CANTEEN

School Canteen Update (End of Term)

The P & C Committee is working to reduce canteen stock before the end of term.

For the remaining 3 weeks of school, the canteen will be open **each Friday with limited stock available.**

Set menus are planned for **Weeks 8 & 9** details of meal deals for these weeks are provided below.

The **Week 10 menu** will depend on what stock is left; more details will be shared later.

Order forms will be sent home with children, or you can order online via the app.

The P&C committee thanks everyone for their support

Week 8—Friday 5th December 2025

CHICKEN BURGER & ANY CHOICE OF DRINK

\$10

Week 9—Friday 12th December

Pizza & Garlic Bread

With any choice of drink

\$10

WEEK 10 —FRIDAY 19TH DECEMBER

MENU will depend on what stock is left; more details will be shared later

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Pizza & Garlic Bread

With any choice of drink

\$10

ORDER ONLINE OR ON THE DAY

NAME		CLASS	
PIZZA CHOICE:	CHEESE		
	HAM & CHEESE		
	PEPPERONI & CHEESE		
DRINK CHOICE:	WATER	JUICE	CHILLI
			FLAVOURED MILK

1 - Order forms will be sent home early week 9

Friday December 5 - Responsible Pet Ownership Program - cancelled



Unfortunately due to unforeseen circumstance our K-2 Responsible Pet Ownership incursion had to be cancelled. The Responsible Pet educator that was due to come in to present a talk on '**Keeping myself and others safe**' fell unwell and was unable to present.



Tuesday December 2 - Community PBL Citizenship Awards



On Tuesday Mrs Pappas proudly attended the prestigious Port Stephens Council PBL Citizenship awards to watch Councillor Paul Le Mottee present the awards to two well deserving students of Karuah Public School.

Congratulations to **Imogen S** and **Zahlee B**.





Imogen is a thoughtful and supportive student who consistently puts in her best effort and takes pride in all that she does. Her natural leadership shines through as she patiently supports others facing difficult challenges. Imogen demonstrates leadership in class dance lessons in preparation for the end of year concert. She leads from the front with her hard work and determination that the rest of the class follow. Always showing respect towards both teachers and classmates, Imogen fosters a positive and inclusive environment. Extending beyond the classroom, Imogen has supported and represented, with pride, her cheer team all around NSW. Through her consistent responsibility and thoughtful actions, she sets a wonderful example for those around her and is a truly valued citizen of the Karuah community.





Zahlee is a kind and caring student who shows consideration and understanding for others. She shows respect towards everyone through both her words and actions to keep a positive school environment. Zahlee takes great pride in her work and represents the school with dedication in athletics and netball. She has gone the step further this year to make the representative netball team through her persistence and determination. Zahlee shows her humility by not flaunting her success but should be so proud of what she has accomplished. Her responsible behaviour is evident in everything she does. Zahlee's actions and attitude make her a shining example of what it means to live by our school values every day.



Aboriginal Education



Aboriginal education classes with Aunty Nicki this week, years 4, 5 and 6 completed their message sticks with the stories they made in earlier lessons.

The students showed great creativity in decorating their message sticks, using traditional patterns and symbols to represent their personal stories. It was great to see everyone sharing what their designs meant, while fostering a deeper understanding of Aboriginal culture and storytelling traditions.

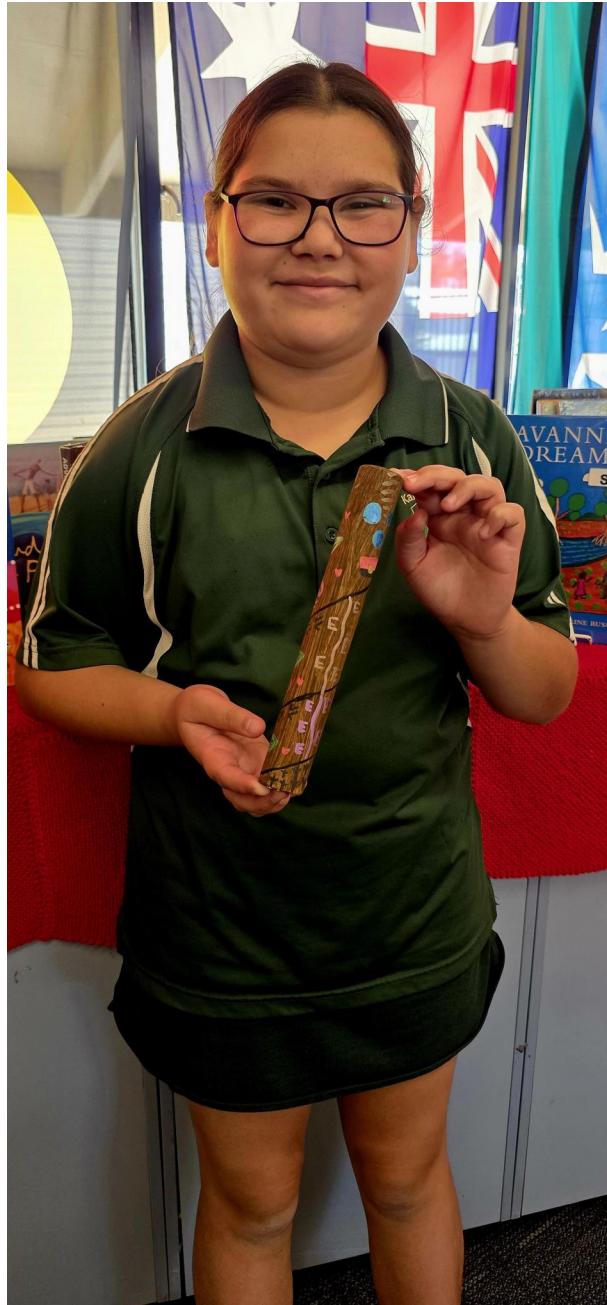
If you have any questions regarding your child or would just like to have a yarn with the Aboriginal Education team, please contact the school and Aunty Nicki, Aunty Pearl or Aunty Kellie will be in contact.

Gapu,
Aboriginal Education Team









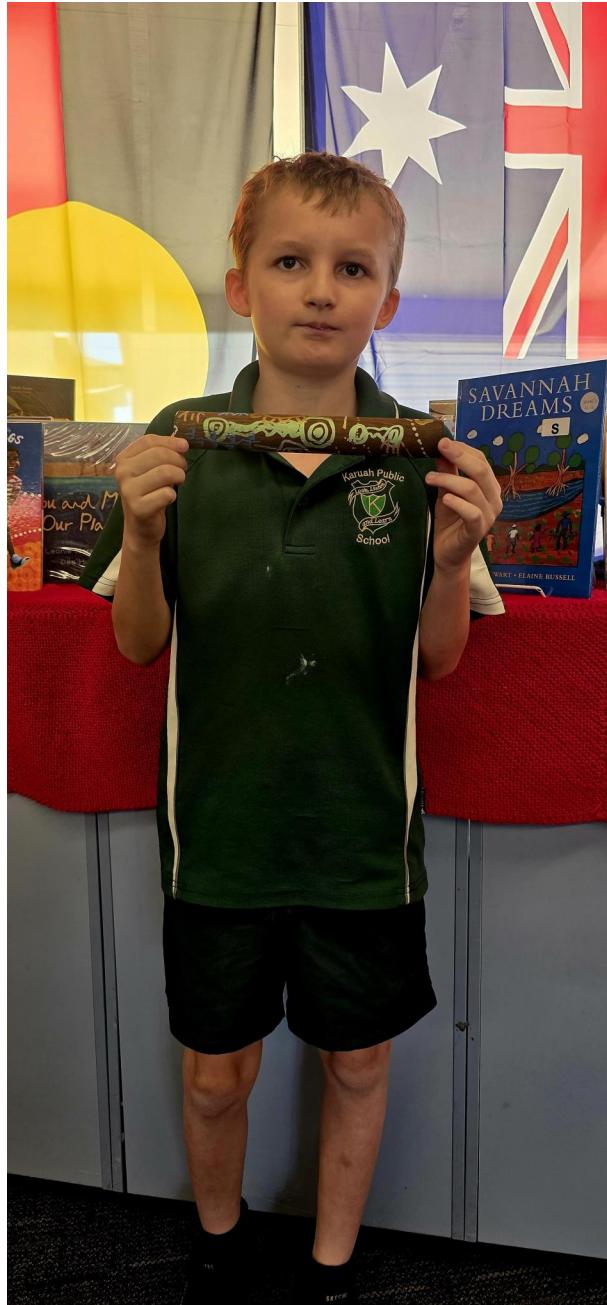
















Assembly Awards



2 - Ariana - For always being a respectful and kind member of Kindergarten



3 - Colt M - For his outstanding story writing about his Christmas wish



4 - Koa C - For his thoughtful contributions during class discussions



5 - Leena T - For her focus and active participation during maths lessons



6 - Grace A - her persistence and enthusiasm during our class Dance2BFit practices



7 - Mia TW - trying hard to use different strategies when completing her Ninja activities



8 - Quinn P - For her strong understanding of our dance and ability to help her peers



9 - Peighton D - For bringing a happy, positive energy to the Year 3 classroom



10 - Moriah M - a pen licence



11 - Montana A - a pen licence



12 - Sophie M - a pen licence



13 - Colt P- Contributing his thoughtful ideas during health lessons



14 - Imogen S - Demonstrating her leadership skills during Dance2BeFit practice



15 - Grace B - For building her confidence and curiosity during the high school transition day



16 - Cooper J - For showing increased confidence and a keen sense of curiosity during the high school transition day

Congratulations to our Weekly Classroom Award Winners!

Weekly Bronze Award Winners



17 - Jett YM



18 - Indigo



19 - Eden



20 - Cartia



21 - Lowanna



22 - Eedie R



23 - Will B



24 - Moriah



25 - Dallas



26 - Isabella W



27 - Nate F



28 - Charlie C



29 - Grace B



30 - Grace C



31 - Cooper C



32 - Chelsie B



33 - Ryan W



34 - Ariana



35 - Henry



36 - Ruby



37 - Kasey



38 - Harrison



39 - Nancy



40 - Ryder C



41 - Charlotte B



42 - Gypsy



43 - Banks



44 - Khloe A



45 - Riley S



46 - Huntah



47 - Mylah



48 - Kandra



49 - William H



50 - Dalila



51 - Nelson F



52 - Leo S



53 - Colt P



54 - Dakota



55 - Kingston



56 - Ivy M



57 - Florence



58 - Bexley



59 - Alexandra G



60 - Nyah



61 - Aria WD



62 - Bree M



63 - Koa C



64 - Marley C



65 - Zaylan



66 - Charlotte G



67 - Andy



68 - Eva P



69 - Ella M



70 - Saige C



71 - Patrick



72 - Miles H

Weekly Silver Award Winners





73 - Harris



74 - CJ



75 - Peighton



76 - Zayne



77 - Charlie C



78 - Seth



79 - Max



80 - Eva P



81 - Jahkari



82 - Banks F



83 - Nelson F

Weekly Gold Award Winners





84 - Zahlee

School Medallion



Principal's Award



Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week in PBL...



This fortnight our PBL focus is 'I show **Responsibility** by being safe online.' In class this fortnight students were informed of the December 10, social media age restrictions for children under the age of 16. K-2 students discussed strategies for dealing with online risks.

Students talked about what risks there can be when going online and how important it is to make sure we are keep our personal information private. 3-6 students discussed the issues that can arise when content or images are shared online. Students investigated further, using the eSafety website, how the social media age restrictions will affect them and what it means come December 10.



P & C NEWS

COMMUNITY NEWS

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

karuahpreschool@gmail.com
Phone: 02 4997 5670

Karuah RSL Kids Xmas party & Carols By Candlelight Info



KIDS XMAS Party

THU 11TH DEC | 4PM

Join us for a fun-filled afternoon featuring:

- LOLLIES & KIDS DISCO**
- RUBY THE CLOWN • FACE PAINTING**
- FREE PHOTO WITH SANTA — DON'T FORGET YOUR CAMERA!**

Then at 6PM, Santa and his Elves will lead the kids down to Longworth Park for Carols in the Park.

Free Event – Everyone Welcome!



XMAS CAROLS IN THE Park

THU 11TH DEC | 6PM

Join us for a magical night of festive fun!

- LIVE MUSIC • CANDLES PROVIDED**
- SANTA WITH HIS SLEIGH, REINDEER & ELVES**
- SAUSAGE SIZZLE • CHRISTMAS RAFFLE**

... and more to come!



Brought to you by
Karuah Progress Association & Karuah RSL

Thank you to Port Stephens Council for their support

Summer Holiday FREE Cricket Programs



SCHOOL HOLIDAY BASH

AGES 5-12
9AM - 1PM
\$49



EAST MAITLAND - DEC 23
SINGLETON - JAN 14
SCONE - JAN 22



NEW LAMBTON - DEC 22
COORANBONG - JAN 12
MEDOWIE - JAN 13
WARNERS BAY - JAN 30



 **REGISTER NOW!** 



FREE SCHOOL HOLIDAY OFFERINGS



 **NEWCASTLE WEST, DEC 22**
SALAMANDER BAY, JAN 7



 **MUSWELLBROOK JAN 12**
MAITLAND JAN 28



 **BELMONT JAN 16**
COORANBONG JAN 29



GIRLS ONLY!

Term Calendar 2026



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

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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