

Term 4 Week 9 Newsletter

Karuah Public School Newsletter

UPCOMING WEEK AHEAD: Term 4 WEEK 10!



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



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

Principal's Report



Week 9 has been a very busy and eventful week at Karuah Public School. I would like to apologise for the delay in this newsletter, which was partly due to our internet outage that affected the school for most of the week.

We kicked off Week 9 with our fantastic Dance2BeFit concert—a true community celebration! It was wonderful to see so many families and friends join us in support. The dance performances were spectacular, and I am incredibly proud of all the students who took part. Clearly, next year we'll need to hire even more chairs to accommodate everyone!



On Wednesday morning, we celebrated another year of outstanding achievements at our annual Presentation Day ceremony. It was heartwarming to see such a strong turnout and support from our community. As I mentioned on the day, I am immensely proud of every one of our beautiful Karuah students. Each student shows up every day, tries their best, and most importantly, demonstrates kindness, respect, and wonderful character. While not everyone

*received an award, every single student has achieved something remarkable this year simply by learning, growing, and giving their best. **Karuah kids truly can do anything!***

After the Presentation Day ceremony, the P&C held their annual Christmas Raffle. Thank you to everyone who purchased tickets to support our P&C. A huge thank you to our amazing P&C team for organising this event and for securing some wonderful prizes this year. We truly appreciate your hard work and unwavering support for our school!

Wednesday evening was another special occasion as we celebrated our Year 6 students at their disco. Thank you to all the families who attended and helped make it a memorable night to send off our Year 6 students on their next adventure. I wish each one of them the very best as they transition to high school—we will miss you greatly!

Please remember to join us on Friday afternoon at approximately 2:50–3:00 pm for the Year 6 clap-out. Our Year 6 students will walk out the parent pick-up gate on Tarean Road, and it would be wonderful to see parents there to cheer them on.

On Thursday, I had the pleasure of presenting an award at the Hunter River High School presentation day. It was a lovely ceremony, and it was fantastic to see many former Karuah students being recognised for their achievements. Most notably, three out of the five DUX awards—for placing first in their year—were awarded to former Karuah Public School students. This is a testament to the strong foundation our school provides.

Finally, congratulations to our newly elected school leaders for next year: Florence, Seth, Imogen, and Leiana. I am confident that you will all do an exceptional job representing Karuah Public School.

Thank you all for your ongoing support throughout this busy term. We look forward to finishing the year strong!

Warm regards,

Mrs Aimee Pappas

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WEEK 10 KEY DATES



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.

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|  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 <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/parents-and-carers/choosing-a-school-setting/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)

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.



Thursday 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.



P & C CHRISTMAS RAFFLE





A big thank you to everyone that purchased tickets in our annual Christmas raffle.

Congratulations to everyone that everyone that won prizes.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Everyone have a Merry Christmas and a safe New Year.

Aboriginal Education



Students from Kindergarten to Year 3 participated in Christmas activities, which included making decorations, crafting cards, and sharing stories about their favourite holiday traditions.

They also incorporated Gathang language learning into the day's activities by playing a series of games designed to introduce key words and phrases. Through singing, movement and playful challenges, students practised pronouncing Gathang words, learned their meanings, and explored the cultural significance behind them.









Positive Behaviour for Learning (PBL)

This week in PBL...



This fortnight our PBL focus is 'I show **Responsibility** by knowing what to do in an emergency lockdown or evacuation situation.' This fortnight in class students revised our lockdown and evacuation procedures so that all staff and students can demonstrate responsibility and know what they have to do to keep everyone safe.



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
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Term Calendar 2026



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

Term 1



Monday 2 February

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

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