



# Term 1 Week 2 Newsletter

[Karuah Public School Newsletter](#)



**Monday 9 February**

**Tuesday 10 February**

- Safer Internet Day

**Wednesday 11 February**

- International Day of Women and Girls in Science

**Thursday 12 February**

**Friday 13 February**

- School Swimming Carnival - Tea Gardens Pool



**Monday 16 February**

**Tuesday 17 February**

**Wednesday 18 February**

- Meet the Teacher Night from 4:30pm

**Thursday 19 February**

- Kate Washington 2026 Leaders Morning Tea - Hunter River High School

**Friday 20 February**

- Scripture commences
- Assembly

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### *Term 1, Week 2*

*What a fantastic first week (for students!) back at Karuah Public School. We are so proud of how quickly our students have settled into their classrooms — the school already feels as though we are halfway through the year. Thank you to all parents and families for such a smooth and successful transition back to school. Your support makes an enormous difference.*

*A very special congratulations to our amazing **Kindergarten students**. What an incredible group of children who have taken everything in their stride and enjoyed such a positive first-ever week of school. We know how big this transition can be for everyone (especially parents!), and we thank you sincerely for trusting us with your children through this important milestone.*

*Thank you also to our incredible **Kinder buddies** and to all students who have gone out of their way to guide, support, and care for our new students. I have witnessed so many beautiful moments of “big” looking out for “little” in our playground — a true reflection of the caring culture we value so deeply at Karuah Public School. A special shout-out to Brax,*

*who has had many staff buzzing with praise. You consistently go above and beyond, and we want you to know that we see it and appreciate it. You have been INCREDIBLE!*

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*After assembly, students will be escorted to their new classrooms and teachers for 2026. Kindergarten students have also commenced their **Best Start assessments** this week. Best Start is a gentle, one-on-one assessment that helps teachers understand each child's early literacy and numeracy skills. It allows us to plan targeted teaching from the very beginning to best support every learner. Mrs Robards has been completing these assessments during normal class time, ensuring children feel comfortable and confident throughout the process.*

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*Still talking all things Kindergarten — **Photoworx** visited the **Guula** and **Guparr** rooms this week to take Kindergarten's first school photos. They are absolutely outstanding and brought plenty of "aww" moments when staff had a sneak peek. We cannot wait to send them home to families in the coming days! ❤️❤️❤️😊*

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## School Leaders – 2026



1 - Left to Right: Junior AECG Vice President, Jahkari; School Vice Captain, Imogen; School Captain, Florence; School Captain, Seth, School Vice Captain Leiana

This week also saw our **2026 School Leaders** take on their very first leadership project. A huge congratulations to **Florence, Seth, Imogen, and Leiana** on successfully completing their first task...a PBL School Community video!. What an incredible start to your leadership journey — already demonstrating the thoughtful, capable, and community-minded leaders you are. We are so proud of you. There will be so many opportunities for you to grow and develop your leadership this year, and we are incredibly excited for what lies ahead. What a team!

## The Week Ahead

Looking ahead to the week to come, it is **National Lunchbox Week**. This annual campaign promotes lunchboxes that are both nourishing and enjoyable for students. Every lunchbox is unique, shaped by family culture, resources, and preferences. Nutrition Australia provides practical tips, ready-to-use resources, and simple recipes to support families — keep an eye on our Facebook page for updates and ideas.

Best Start assessments will continue for Kindergarten, and our **annual Karuah Public School Swimming Carnival** will be held on **Friday Feb 13**. Today, students participated in house meetings to vote for our **2026 Sports Leaders**. With some votes still to be collected due to a representative OzTag carnival, we will announce our new sports leaders on **Monday**, when you'll see them step into their roles.

The swimming carnival is a wonderful day for students aged **8 years and above**, and we are seeking **parent volunteers** to assist as timekeepers. Students who qualify will progress to the **Zone Swimming Carnival on 23 February** at Raymond Terrace Leisure Centre. Best of luck to all of our high-performing swimmers.



Students will be notified during week 4 if they have qualified to compete at the Zone Swimming carnival in week 5.

Finally, we wish **Mr Cohen Hayes**, class teacher of Stage 3 Wambuyn, all the very best as he commences **paternity leave** for Term 1, returning in Term 2. We send our warmest wishes to Cohen, his wife Georgia, and their daughter Florence as they enjoy this very special time together.

We welcome Mr Gishenan to the team in Cohen's absence.

What a beautiful start to the year — we are so proud of our students, staff, and community.

Warm regards

Ms Toni Lyle

Principal

## Aboriginal Education

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Each year we complete **Personalized Learning Pathways (PLP's)** for all our Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The PLP's are an active process, which are developed in a consultation process between the student, parents/carers, and teachers, to identify, organise and apply personal approaches to learning and engagement. They can have short term or long-term goals. Short term goals can be specific stepping stones to reach long term goals.

It is recommended that all Aboriginal students have a PLP that is tailored to the student and is regularly reviewed and updated. The PLPs will change as the student moves from learning stage to learning stage. It is expected that the PLPs developed in Stage 3 will be used to support student/s transition into Year 7.

During Term 1 students will be working alongside Aunty Nicki and their teachers to set learning and Cultural goals for this year.

## Junior AECG Meeting Dates for 2026

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 2026:

**Term 1 - Tuesday March 1**

**Term 2 - Tuesday May 26**

**Term 3 - Tuesday September 1**

**Term 4 - Tuesday November 17**

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 or Aunty Kellie will be in contact.

Gapu,  
Aboriginal Education Team

## COMMUNITY NEWS

[Karuah OSHC - 0476 454 037](tel:0476454037)



**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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# Karuah Pearls Netball Club



The graphic features the acronym 'KPNBC' in large, bold, white letters with a black outline, set against a vibrant, colorful background of abstract patterns in shades of blue, purple, and pink. Below the logo are three circular inset photos: the left one shows a full team in blue uniforms on a court; the middle one shows two young girls in blue jerseys smiling; the right one shows a group of children, some holding a yellow netball.

Category	Price
<i>Seniors</i>	<i>\$210</i>
<i>Intermediate</i>	<i>\$185</i>
<i>NetSetGo 5-10</i>	<i>\$175</i>

**WE PLAY AND TRAIN IN RAYMOND TERRACE**  
**PLAYING SEASON - 2<sup>ND</sup> MAY - 19<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER**  
**✦ NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED -  
APPLY BEFORE REGISTERING!**

**FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:**  
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## Good For Kids

### Good for kids

good for life



**Little bodies, big nutrition needs!**

**Growing kids need the right fuel to learn, play and thrive.**

Eating a daily variety of the 5 food groups supports strong bones, healthy brains and steady energy throughout the school day.

Try a colourful mix of:

- Fruit
- Veggies
- Wholegrains (e.g. cereals, bread, rice, crackers)
- Protein/meats/alternatives (e.g. fish, beans, eggs, tofu)
- Dairy/alternatives (e.g. soy and nut-based dairy)

Positive food habits formed in the primary years can set children up for lifelong healthy habits.





Hunter New England  
Local Health District

@HNELHD-GoodForKids@health.nsw.gov.au  
<https://goodforkids.nsw.gov.au>

Good for Kids acknowledge the traditional owners and custodians of the land that we live and work on as the first people of this country, and pay our respects to Elders past and present.

## Term Calendar 2026



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

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## Term 1



### Monday 23 February

- Zone Swimming Carnival - Raymond Terrace

### Tuesday 24 February

- Football Gala Day - NNSW Football (Soccer)

### Wednesday 25 February

### Thursday 26 February

### Friday 27 February

- Clean Up Australia Day
- Attendance Reward Day
- Assembly



### Monday 2 March

### Tuesday 3 March

- Junior AECG Meeting

**Wednesday 4 March**

**Thursday 5 March**

**Friday 6 March**

- School Cross Country
- Assembly - 2:30pm



**Monday 9 March**

**Tuesday 10 March**

- School Photos

**Wednesday 11 March**

- NAPLAN
- PLP afternoon at Karuah Local Aboriginal Lands Council

**Thursday 12 March**

- NAPLAN

**Friday 13 March**

- NAPLAN
- Zone Rugby League trials - Raymond Terrace
- Assembly - 2:30pm



### **Monday 16 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN
- Hunter Swimming Carnival

### **Tuesday 17 March**

- Harmony Day - wear orange or cultural clothing/outfit
- NAPLAN

### **Wednesday 18 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN

### **Thursday 19 March**

- National Close the Gap Day
- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN

### **Friday 20 March**

- Harmony Week
- NAPLAN
- Assembly - 2:30pm



**Monday 23 March**

- NAPLAN

**Tuesday 24 March**

**Wednesday 25 March**

- Stage 2 excursion - Blackbutt Reserve
- Stage 3 excursion - Hunter Wetlands

**Thursday 26 March**

- Early Stage 1/Stage 1 excursion - Hunter Valley Wildlife Park

**Friday 27 March**

- Zone Cross Country - Lakeside
- Assembly



**Monday 30 March**

**Tuesday 31 March**

- Hunter NRL Trials - boys
- Morpeth Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge - u/10's

- PBL Citizenship Awards - Council Chambers 3:30pm

### **Wednesday 1 April**

### **Thursday 2 April**

- Easter Hat Parade - 2pm
- Last day of term

### **Friday 3 April**

- Good Friday

## **Term 2**



### **Monday 20 April**

- Staff Development Day (no students)

### **Tuesday 21 April**

- Staff Development Day (no students)

### **Wednesday 22 April**

- All students return to school for Term 2

### **Thursday 23 April**

### **Friday 24 April**

- Assembly



**Monday 27 April**

**Tuesday 28 April**

- PSSA Zone Netball trials

**Wednesday 29 April**

**Thursday 30 April**

**Friday 1 May**

- Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement test
- Soccer trials Tomaree
- Assembly

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