



Term 1 Week 3 Newsletter

[Karuah Public School Newsletter](#)



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 & Ethics commences
- Assembly 2.30pm



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 2.30pm

Principal's Report









Can you believe it's already **Week 3**? What a fantastic, super busy and action-packed week it has been!

In preparation for today's swimming carnival at **Tea Gardens Aquatic Centre**, we announced our Sporting House Captains and Vice Captains earlier this week. Congratulations to **Harris, Jahkari, Charlotte, Zahlee, Max and Eden**, who did a tremendous job leading their teams for the very first time. We are incredibly proud of you.

Once the badges return with students' names engraved, we will hold a formal presentation at our weekly Friday assembly.

We are also so proud of all students who participated today, demonstrating outstanding sportsmanship, teamwork and encouragement. Our carnivals are always such a highlight — not just because of the competition, but because of the positive behaviour and camaraderie that define Karuah Public School.

A sincere thank you to the parents who jumped in and helped out. We truly appreciate your ongoing support — we couldn't do it without you.

Our new Sports Captains will not only lead their teams in the upcoming Cross Country and Athletics Carnivals, but will also:

- Lead Infants Sport each Friday
- Assist with setting up activities
- Support and coach younger students during weekly sport rotations throughout the year

*This now completes our **2026 Karuah Public School Student Leadership Team**, and we congratulate:*



1 - Back Row (L-R):

- School Vice Captain & Junior AECG President – **Leiana**
 - School Captain – **Florence**
 - School Captain – **Seth**
 - School Vice Captain – **Imogen**
 - Swift Vice Captain – **Zahlee**

Front Row (L-R):

- Swift Captain – **Harris**
- Junior AECG Vice President & Swift Vice Captain – **Jahkari**
 - Kingfisher Captain – **Max**
 - Kingfisher Vice Captain – **Eden**
 - Swift Captain – **Charlotte**

Watch this space as we see them grow into their leadership roles throughout the year!

PBL Focus

This week we have continued our PBL focus on:

“I show Respect, Responsibility and Pride by following whole school expectations.”

It has been a timely reminder for all students of the high standards we uphold across our school. In classrooms, students and teachers unpacked each of these values and discussed what they look like in action. Classes revisited our positive reward systems, reviewed classroom light expectations and behaviour consistency guides, and reflected on their individualised classroom rules established last week.

It has been wonderful to see students actively engaging in conversations about what it means to contribute positively to our school community.

Coming Up

Don't forget our **Meet the Teacher Night** next week. This is a wonderful opportunity to visit your child's classroom and listen to a short presentation from their teacher about daily routines, expectations and what learning looks like in their room.

Please note that we are unable to provide supervision for children during this time, as all staff will be presenting. Due to OSHC licensing requirements onsite, children must remain with an adult at all times. We appreciate your understanding.

Look, Listen and Learn

MEET THE ^{Wednesday} ~~FEB~~ 15TH In Classrooms! TEACHER AFTERNOON!

Families are invited to our Come In and Meet the Teacher afternoon to meet staff, visit classrooms, and learn a little about the year ahead.

4.30PM - 5.00PM:
EARLY STAGE 1 AND STAGE 1 GUPARR AND GUULA
Mrs Dibley, Miss Druce, Mrs Robards and Miss Foister

5.00PM - 5.30PM:
STAGE 2 GAAKU AND WAMBUYN
Miss Collins and Mr Gilshenan

5.30PM - 6.00PM
STAGE 3 GIRRIWA
Mr Fielder

PLEASE NOTE:
STAGE 3 WAAKAN
HAS BEEN **POSTPONED** TO A DATE TBC.
MISS HICKS WILL ADVISE.

Also next week, our school leaders **Florence, Seth, Imogen, Leiana and Jahkari**, along with **Aunty Kellie and myself**, will attend the **Hon. Kate Washington MP's annual School Leaders Morning Tea** at Hunter River High School. This is a wonderful opportunity for students to

connect with other leadership teams, engage with our wider learning community and represent Karuah Public School with pride.



Finally...

Don't forget that next Friday sees the recommencement of:

- Scripture and Ethics
- Friday Sport
- Friday Assemblies

As always, I am incredibly proud of our students, staff and families. The energy, teamwork and pride shown already in just three short weeks remind us why Karuah Public School is such a special place. If this is how we are starting 2026, I cannot wait to see what the rest of the year brings — onward and upward, together!

Warm regards

Ms Toni Lyle

Principal

[Friday 13th February - Karuah Public School Swimming Carnival](#)

 [2026 Sporting Captains Announced!](#) 

We are incredibly proud to announce our 2026 Karuah Public School Sporting Captains and Vice Captains! Congratulations on this outstanding achievement. We know you will lead with pride in 2026. Best of luck as you step into your roles this year. We can't wait to see you lead the way!

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

Mrs Edwards

Sport Coordinator









Aboriginal Education



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

Applications are closing soon for 2027 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes

Applications are closing soon for 2027 entry into selective high schools and opportunity classes (OC). Apply for your child today! Visit: education.nsw.gov.au/shs-oc

NSW Department of Education

Applications closing soon!

Apply online in less
than 10 minutes



Selective high school or opportunity class entry in 2027

Apply now if your child is currently in:

- **Year 4** – for **opportunity class** entry in Year 5
- **Year 6** – for **selective high school** entry in Year 7.

Applications close **20 February 2026**.



This Week Was National Lunchbox Week!

Packing a Lunchbox

National Lunchbox Week

Our fact sheets provide plenty of tips and ideas on packing positive, enjoyable and nourishing lunchboxes.

- Balance the Box
- Packing a Lunchbox
- Keep it Safe
- Lunchbox Tips for the School Transition
- Lunchbox Swaps
- Nourishing Grab'n'Go Foods
- Reading Food Labels
- Reading Food Labels

Visit the website for more!

lunchboxweek.org

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This week is National Lunchbox Week, promoting enjoyable and nourishing lunchboxes for all! From the staple sandwich to creative food combos, every lunchbox is different.

🍱🥗 #NationalLunchboxWeek supports families, schools, early childhood settings, and communities through practical tips and ideas to suit all families. Visit the website for more information: lunchboxweek.org #NationalLunchboxWeek #nutritionaustralia

COMMUNITY NEWS

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Karuah OSHC
BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL CARE
AND VACATION CARE

Where?
Karuah Public School
78 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



KPNBC

Category	Price
Seniors	\$210
Intermediate	\$185
NetSetGo 5-10	\$175

WE PLAY AND TRAIN IN RAYMOND TERRACE
PLAYING SEASON - 2ND MAY - 19TH SEPTEMBER
✦ NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED - APPLY BEFORE REGISTERING!
FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
karuahpearlsnetballclub@gmail.com

Karuah Rugby League Football Club



KARUAH RLFC
JUNIOR INFO DAY

*Come see what our club is all about
No experience needed!*

ALL AGES
**GET IN EARLY AND SEND YOUR
AGE INTEREST TO US TODAY!**

FEBRUARY 22ND 10AM - LIONEL MORTEN OVAL

Teeny Tiny Stevies



TEENY TINY
Stevies

as Seen on
ABC Kids

Live at
James Theatre
Dungog

April 10th
10am

Tickets:
teenytinystevies.com

LOVE YOUR RECORDS

The poster features two women and four cartoon animal characters (a pig, a koala, a dog, and a rabbit) against a colorful background of pink, orange, and yellow triangles with scattered stars. The text is arranged in a central white rounded rectangle.

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



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

Term 1



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 2.30pm



Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March

- Hunter NRL Trials - boys
- Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge u/10's - Morpeth
- 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 2.30pm



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 2.30pm



Monday 4 May

Tuesday 5 May

Wednesday 6 May

- Deadly Science - Years 4, 5 & 6

Thursday 7 May

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

Friday 8 May

- Assembly 2.30pm

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