



Term 1 Week 10 Newsletter

Karuah Public School Newsletter



Monday 20 April

- Staff Development Day (no students)

Tuesday 21 April

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Wednesday 22 April

- All students return to school for Term 2

Thursday 23 April

Friday 24 April

- ANZAC Day Ceremony 9.30am
- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 27 April

- ANZAC Day Public Holiday

Tuesday 28 April

- PSSA Zone Netball trials

Wednesday 29 April

Thursday 30 April

- Red Cross - Pillowcase Program - Years 3 & 4

Friday 1 May

- Selective High School and Opportunity Class Placement test
- Soccer trials Tomaree
- Assembly 2.30pm

Principal Report







A Final Message to the Karuah Public School Community

Happy Easter to our beautiful Karuah families.

Thank you for all of the heartfelt well wishes, kind words and thoughtful gifts I have received this week. I have been completely overwhelmed — and honestly, a little emotional — by your generosity and care. But truly, it is me who wants to say thank you.

After seven years at Karuah, this school and community mean far more to me than just a workplace. It has been a place of challenge, growth, pride and deep connection, and it will always hold a very special place in my heart.

Over the past few weeks, I have found myself reflecting on the incredible journey we have shared together — a journey grounded in a simple but powerful commitment: that Karuah would never again be defined by its size, but by the strength of its expectations, the pride of its community and the success of its students.

And look at what we have built together.

Over these years, together we have achieved things that once felt almost impossible. Through consistent, explicit teaching and a relentless focus on improvement, we have lifted student learning outcomes and built a culture where effort, growth and success are celebrated. Our students' progress and value-added results now place Karuah amongst strong-performing schools across the state.

What I am most proud of, though, is our children.

They are kind, confident, capable and proud of who they are and where they come from. They know they are known, valued and cared for — and that is because of every single one of you.

Walking alongside our Aboriginal community has also been one of the most important and meaningful parts of this journey for me. Through our partnerships with Elders, the Youyoong AECG and the Karuah Aboriginal Land Council, we have worked with honesty and courage to acknowledge our history and embed culture, truth-telling and reconciliation into our school. This work means so much to our community and to me personally, and to see it recognised nationally has been incredibly special.

We have also created a school environment that our children can be proud of — from our playground and outdoor upgrades to the way we use our spaces to bring people together. And together, we have changed the way our school is seen. Karuah is no longer overlooked — it is known, respected and spoken about with pride.

None of this has ever been about one person. It has always been about a team — a strong, united and deeply committed team.

I want you to know that Karuah Public School is in incredibly safe hands. Our staff have shown time and time again that they will step up, lead and care for this school with everything they have. I have seen it firsthand, and I have absolute confidence in them.

Today...I feel an overwhelming sense of pride — but also a very heavy heart.

There is something very special about a small riverside town like Karuah, where the school truly sits at the heart of the community. I feel so lucky to have been part of that.

Thank you for trusting me with your children. Thank you for backing our staff. Thank you for believing in what we were building together.

Please never forget how much I love this place and all of you in it.

Schools are buildings, but communities are people. Some schools you work at, but others become part of your story. Karuah will always be part of mine.

THANK YOU. ❤️❤️🙏

Have a wonderful Easter everyone.

Warm Regards

Toni Lyle

Principal







Attendance Reward Day

We are proud to celebrate the fantastic attendance of our students in Term 1. A total of 75 students (46% of our school) achieved an outstanding attendance rate of 95% or higher, earning a blue certificate and a special treat in recognition of their commitment to learning. Even more impressively, 30 students achieved 100% attendance for the entire term and were rewarded with LEGO as a special acknowledgement of their dedication. We thank our families for supporting strong attendance habits and helping students make the most of every learning opportunity. Let's keep up the great work and aim for even stronger attendance next term!







COMMUNITY PBL - CITIZENSHIP AWARDS

On Tuesday 31st March Mrs Lyle proudly attended the prestigious Port Stephens Council PBL Citizenship awards to watch Leah, Deputy Mayor of Port Stephens, present the awards to two well deserving students of Karuah Public School.

Congratulations to **Indigo B** and **Jahkari W**. Mrs Lyle accepted Jahkari's award on his behalf.





Indi was acknowledged for being an outstanding representative of Karuah Public School, consistently displaying exemplary behaviour and a strong commitment to learning. She embodies the school's PBL values of Respect, Responsibility, and Pride through her polite manners, considerate actions, and kindness towards all. As a role model, Indigo shows genuine care for her peers, staff, and visitors alike. She is always willing to offer support both inside and outside the classroom, and her friendly, helpful, and approachable nature is valued and respected by the entire KPS School community. As a quiet achiever, Indigo takes great pride in her work and sets high standards for herself, pursuing them with determination. Throughout this year, she has already demonstrated resilience on numerous occasions, approaching challenges with a positive mindset and consistently persevering and moving forward. Indigo is genuinely supportive of others and takes great joy in celebrating the success of her peers. Her unwavering effort, strong character, and outstanding conduct make her a truly valued and deserving member of the Karuah community.



Jahkari was acknowledged for being a quiet achiever who consistently strives to do his best and upholds our school values of Respect, Responsibility, and Pride in all that he does. As the Youyoong Junior AECG Vice President, Jahkari has already demonstrated outstanding pride and confidence in leading his culture. He sets high expectations for himself and consistently meets them, showing maturity, integrity, and a strong sense of identity. Jahkari is also an accomplished sportsperson, earning numerous representative opportunities for our school in rugby league, cross country and athletics. He approaches every sporting endeavour with pride, determination, and excellent sportsmanship, always representing Karuah Public School with respect and honour. Jahkari's quiet strength, leadership, and commitment to excellence make him a valued and respected member of our school community. We are incredibly proud of all that he achieves.



HUNTER CROSS COUNTRY



A big CONGRATULATIONS to Mitali & Lily N who have made it through to the Hunter Cross Country that will be held in May.

Well Done girls, KPS is extremely proud of you both :)

NRL Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge 2026













On Tuesday, 13 of our wonderful Karuah Public School students attended the NRL Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge — and what a day it was!

As we arrived, we may have been small in size... but no one could have guessed how big our hearts were.

Every student took hit-ups, side-stepped, dodged and tackled their hearts out. We finished the day winning half of our games, but more importantly, every student represented our school with Respect, Resilience and Pride. What made the day even more special was the feedback from organisers, who went out of their way to acknowledge our students. They highlighted how clearly our values were on display — the way students shook hands, encouraged each other and others, walked together calmly, listened to instructions and showed genuine respect to teachers and staff. It was described as highly visible and something that truly stood out. NRL Staff wanted us to give our students and our school a huge congratulations. You represented Karuah PS brilliantly — not just in sport, but in who you are. Go KPS!

P & C EASTER HAT PARADE BBQ & RAFFLE



Thank you to the everyone that supported our Easter BBQ and raffle.

Congratulations to all our prize winners :)

We received a lot of amazing donations towards the raffle this year.

Your support is greatly appreciated.

Aboriginal Education



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 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



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

karuahpreschool@gmail.com
Phone: 02 4997 5670

Street Skills Festival ~ FREE ACTIVITIES!

Try something new, learn real skills and connect with your community.



**Street Skills
Festival**

Dream. Dare. Do.

Celebrate Youth Week with a free, action-packed event at Boomerang Park, Raymond Terrace, on Friday 17 April from 11am to 2pm.

Event workshops

We have a range of hands-on workshops where you can join local businesses and experts to learn new skills. No registration needed - just join in the fun on the day.

-  Drumming – Samaritans
-  Car Maintenance – Ready Up Skills
-  Hair Styling – Terrace Hair and Beauty
-  Barbecue Cooking – Terrace Meats
-  Scooter Jam and Skate Competition – Grundy's Skate
-  Cultural Weaving – Maddie Lilley
-  Barber Shop – The Barber Social
-  Street art, Posca art and DJ – Up&Up

The Street Skills Festival is part of The Place Is Yours, a youth-led initiative offering local young people the chance to come together to learn new skills, connect with others and shape their future.

Part of **THE PLACE IS YOURS** project

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Karuah Pearls Netball Club

A registration poster for Karuah Pearls Netball Club (KPNBC). The background is a colorful, abstract pattern. At the top, the letters "KPNBC" are written in large, white, outlined font. Below this, there are three circular photos of netball players. Under each photo is a dark brown box with a dashed white border containing the category name and the fee. At the bottom, there is a light blue section with text about the playing season and contact information.

Category	Fee
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

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PORT STEPHENS POWER
28 Apr - 01 Sep
Tuesdays
5:00pm - 6:00pm
15 Sessions
Boys & Girls
@ Ferodale Oval
Contact: footy@portstephensafc.au



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REGISTER

Karuah Playgroup

PaL Plus⁺ Playgroup



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ABORIGINAL FAMILIES AS TEACHERS PROGRAM

FirstChance proudly offers the PaL (Parents and Learning) Program. Delivered by Aboriginal people for Aboriginal families in Karuah, Raymond Terrace and Toronto, aiming to support children aged 2-5 in a culturally connected, fun learning environment.

Key aspects of PaL include:

- Developing early literacy and numeracy skills through play
- Celebrating Aboriginal culture and identity
- Sharing practical tips for at-home learning
- Building confidence in children for preschool and school readiness
- Fostering family connections and mutual support

The program is free, family-led, and rooted in the strengths and knowledge of the families involved.



KARUAH PLAYGROUP
Wednesdays - During School Terms
10:00am to 11:30am
Karuah Community Hall
2 Engel Ave, Karuah

Contact us: Kerrie Mullard
0249103130 | reception@firstchance.org.au

Term Calendar 2026



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

Term 2



Monday 4 May

Tuesday 5 May

Wednesday 6 May

- Deadly Science - Years 4, 5 & 6
- AECG meeting - Irrawang High School

Thursday 7 May

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

Friday 8 May

- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 11 May

Tuesday 12 May

Wednesday 13 May

- World of Maths Incursion - Years 4,5 & 6

Thursday 14 May

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

Friday 15 May

- National Walk Safely to School Day
- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 18 May

- National Road Safety Week
- Disability Recognition Week

Tuesday 19 May

Wednesday 20 May

Thursday 21 May

- Year 4 & 6 Interrelate lessons

Friday 22 May

- Attendance Reward Day
- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 25 May

- Jump Rope for Heart commences
- Hunter Cross Country

Tuesday 26 May

- National Sorry Day
- JAECG Meeting

Wednesday 27 May

- National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June)
- National Simultaneous Storytime 12pm

Thursday 28 May

Friday 29 May

- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 1 June

- National Reconciliation Week (27 May-3 June)

Tuesday 2 June

- ATSIL Photoshoot Day
- PBL Citizenship Awards at Council Chambers 3:30pm

Wednesday 3 June

Thursday 4 June

Friday 5 June

- Athletics Carnival

- World Environment Day



Monday 8 June

- King's Birthday Holiday

Tuesday 9 June

- Stage 2 Copeland Tops Excursion

Wednesday 10 June

- AECG Meeting

Thursday 11 June

Friday 12 June

- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 15 June

Tuesday 16 June

Wednesday 17 June

Thursday 18 June

Friday 19 June

- Raymond Terrace Schools Cup - Primary 3/4 Netball
- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 22 June

Tuesday 23 June

- Stage 3 Hunter Valley Gardens Excursion

Wednesday 24 June

Thursday 25 June

Friday 26 June

- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 29 June

Tuesday 30 June

- Stage 3 Hunter Valley Gardens Excursion

Wednesday 1 July

Thursday 2 July

Friday 3 July

- Jump Rope for Heart - JUMP OFF
- Attendance Reward Day
- Assembly 2.30pm

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