



Term 1 Week 9 Newsletter

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Monday 30 March

Tuesday 31 March

- Newcastle Knights League Stars Challenge u/10's - Morpeth
- PBL Citizenship Awards - Council Chambers 3:30pm

Wednesday 1 April

- Film By The Waters Workshop

Thursday 2 April

- Easter Hat Parade - 2pm
- Attendance Reward Day
- Last day of term

Friday 3 April

- Good Friday



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

- ANZAC Day Ceremony 9.30am
- Assembly 2.30pm

Principal's Report











Principal Report

I can't believe that Term 1 is nearly complete. There is so much to be grateful for and so much growth to celebrate across our school.

Our new Kindergarten students are absolutely shining as emerging writers, readers, and mathematicians. Their joy for learning is contagious, and we are so proud of the way they have embraced school life so confidently.

I am also incredibly proud of all of our students who represented our school last week during a huge week of **Science excursions**, exploring various aspects of the **Living Things units across K–6**. These experiences are such an important part of bringing learning to life, and our students represented Karuah Public School with pride.

Congratulations to our outstanding runners who competed at last week's **Zone Cross Country Carnival**, with **Mitali and Lily** progressing through to the **Regional level** early next term. We wish you both the very best — what a fantastic achievement.

We truly have incredible students, an incredible school, and a team of hardworking, dedicated staff. I would like to sincerely thank all staff who work tirelessly behind the scenes to ensure that high-quality teaching and learning remains a priority every single day, as well as the many hours spent outside of school hours organising and coordinating excursions,

*events, and opportunities for our students. On behalf of our entire school community —
thank you.*

Speaking of big school events, don't forget our **Easter Hat Parade** on Thursday. Our **P&C** will be running a fundraising BBQ from **1:00 pm**, with the parade commencing at **2:00 pm**. All families are warmly welcome to attend. Don't forget to purchase your raffle tickets for the P&C's Easter bonanza of prizes.

Finally, this is my last week at Karuah Public School. If I do not get the opportunity to see you in person, I would like to sincerely thank our entire school community for the most wonderful almost seven years at this incredible school.

The memories, the friendships, and the support I have experienced here have been truly special, and everything we have achieved has only been possible because of each and every one of you. I also want to thank you for the thoughtful gifts and the many meaningful conversations I have shared with so many of you — they have meant more than you know.

I expect I may be a little teary on Thursday as the reality sets in. I will miss your beautiful children and our amazing staff very much. However, I know the school is in excellent hands, and I look forward to seeing many of you again in the future - I will make sure of it! I feel like a local, so don't expect to get rid of me that easily. :-)

Have a wonderful weekend everyone.

Warm Regards

Toni Lyle

Principal

STAGE 3 EXCURSION - HUNTER WETLANDS

On Wednesday, Stage 3 went on their first excursion of the year to the Hunter Wetlands. All students had a great time exploring and learning about the management of the wetlands through lots of hands on activities.

Stage 3 used many different tools to test the water quality, wind and weather of different locations of the wetlands. They went dip netting in the large pond to find many different insects and fish and were able to look at them under microscopes. They went bush walking and ended the day with a visit to the reptile house.

The best part of the day was dip netting in the pond and finding many different creatures.

You can find more photos of our day on Karuah Public School's Facebook page.





STAGE 2 EXCURSION - BLACKBUTT RESERVE

On Wednesday, Stage 2 went on their excursion to Blackbutt Reserve. Students had a fantastic time participating in hands-on learning experiences such as digging for insects, creating animal enclosures and learning more about the life cycles of different animals. A favourite moment for many was meeting and patting Yurdle the turtle and Joe the snake! We finished the day by going for an adventure around the park to explore many different types of living things.









ES1/S1 EXCURSION - HUNTER VALLEY WILDLIFE PARK

On Thursday, Early Stage 1 and Stage 1 students took a trip to Hunter Valley Wildlife Park. All students had a great time exploring the park and looking at all the different animals. Upon our arrival, we were introduced to a shingleback lizard which we got to pat and hold for a photo. We then got to go on a tour of the park. We visited many different animals...lions, giraffes, alligators, dingoes, meerkats, spider monkeys, kangaroos, wombats, Tasmanian devils, camels and so much more! Our favourite part was being able to stamp our individual passports once we'd seen our favourite animals!















ZONE CROSS COUNTRY



Congratulations to everyone that attended the Zone Cross Country Carnival today.

Your sportsmanship was amazing and you should be all proud of your efforts!

Here are some of our top results:

Mitali N ~ 5th

Lily N ~ 6th

Harris F ~ 12th









Thursday April 2 - EASTER HAT PARADE 🐰



We're excited to celebrate our annual **Easter Hat Parade** on **Tuesday 2 April**. Families are warmly invited to join us for an afternoon of fun and festivities.

P&C BBQ: starts at **1:00pm**

Easter Hat Parade: begins at **2:00pm**

P&C Easter Raffle: drawn **immediately after the parade**

We can't wait to see all the creative Easter hats and share a wonderful afternoon together.



Thursday April 2 - P & C EASTER HAT PARADE BBQ



- Canteen open from 1:00pm
- Sausage Sizzle, drinks and other goodies available to purchase from the canteen. Check the attached flyer for prices!
- Cash or eftpos will be available on the day.
- Easter Hat Parade starts at 2:00pm
- Easter raffle tickets will also be for sale from 1pm - 2pm.
- Don't forget to purchase your tickets so you don't miss out on winning some great Easter Prizes.
- Easter Raffle drawn straight after the Easter Hat Parade finishes.

P & C EASTER RAFFLE



Thank you to everyone that has sent in donation towards the Easter Raffle.

We are currently still seeking donations of Easter eggs from local businesses, community members, and families to help make our Easter raffle a success.

If you are able to donate, please drop them off at the school canteen or to the egg basket in canteen. Any contribution, big or small, is greatly appreciated and helps make these events possible for our school community.

Thank you for supporting the Easter raffle!

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

Assembly Awards



1 - Lexie K: for her outstanding informative text about pelicans



2 - Sonny S: for his thoughtful contributions to class discussions.



3 - Ollie S: for being a helpful class member.



4 - Sayla B: for representing the school with pride on the K-2 excursion



5 - Alby N: for trying hard to make his sentences more engaging by using noun groups and proper nouns



6 - Andy D: For demonstrating the school values on our excursion to Blackbutt Reserve



7 - Eva P: For writing an excellent recount about our excursion to Blackbutt Reserve



8 - Riva O: for improved concentration during independent tasks.



9 - Bexley S: for improved fluency when reading.



10 - Braxton R - for being curious and asking great questions about the wetland environment on our excursion



11 - Lily N - for inquisitive engagement in the dip netting and microscope activities at the wetlands excursion



12 - Florence S: for demonstrating excellent investigative science skills at The Wetlands while consistently upholding Karuah Public School's values.



13 - Imogen S: for showing outstanding investigative science skills during the Wetlands excursion and consistently reflecting the values of Karuah Public School.



14 - Adi B: clever curiosity and engagement in science lessons

Congratulations to our Weekly Classroom Award Winners!

Weekly Bronze Award Winners



15 - Aubrey



16 - Aria



17 - Capri



18 - Rylan



19 - Kenny



20 - Jackson B



21 - Colt



22 - Indigo



23 - Imogen



24 - Stacey



25 - Aleida



26 - Kole



27 - Henry F



28 - Hudson



29 - Milena



30 - Elijah



31 - Charlotte



32 - Halifax



33 - Florence



34 - Zahlee



35 - Shonequa



36 - Leiana



37 - Oliver J



38 - Callum



39 - Harris



40 - Seth



41 - Jahkari



42 - Max B



43 - Nelson



44 - Jett S



45 - Dexter



46 - Dakota



47 - Leo S



48 - Cartia

Weekly Silver Award Winners



49 - Imogen



50 - Nils



51 - Darius

Weekly Gold Award Winners





52 - Imogen



53 - Aurora

School Medallion



Principal's Award



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 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; 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 - 2ND MAY - 19TH SEPTEMBER
✦ **NSW ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHERS ACCEPTED -
APPLY BEFORE REGISTERING!**

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL:
karuahpearlsnetballclub@gmail.com

Tea Gardens Soccer Club



TEA GARDENS SOCCER 2026

TEA GARDENS SOCCER CLUB WOULD LIKE TO INVITE ALL PAST AND NEW PLAYERS TO REGISTER FOR THE 2026 SEASON.

Trial Games
9am Saturday
21st March & 28th March 2026
Season commences: **2nd May 2026**

Early Registration Bonus
Register by the 30th March to receive a free TGSC cap and bag and only pay a **\$50** registration fee.
Registration fee after 30th of March: **\$100**

- ✓ Active Kids vouchers accepted
- ✓ No travel
- ✓ Unisex teams
- ✓ No games on Public Holidays or during School Holidays

MINIS	MIDIS	JUNIORS
5-7 years	8-10 years	11-15 years

REGISTRATIONS NOW OPEN

MEMORIAL PARK SPORTS GROUND
Cnr Hough & Witt St, Tea Gardens

REGISTER HERE
TEAGARDENSSC.COM



Port Stephens AFL



Save \$50!
Use code - E5126C9E
Limited uses apply

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



Auskick pack of your favourite club included!



REGISTER

Circle of Security

 Relationships and Parenting Courses

CIRCLE OF SECURITY

Circle of Security is a program designed for parents and carers of children aged 0-12 years who want to strengthen the bonds with their children and would like support to help their children to build secure relationships.

Participants are encouraged to look beyond their children's behaviour to identify and respond to the emotional needs to help prevent issues in the family.

Over the course of the program, participants gain a new understanding of how they can strengthen the bonds with their children, in turn helping them to feel secure.

Throughout this program, participants will:

- Understand their child's emotional world
- Learn to 'read' their child's emotional needs
- Support their child's ability to successfully manage their emotions
- Enhance the development of their child's self-esteem



Bookings essential contact
Bianca Teixeira on 0448 122 845 or
cfcnewcastle@interrelate.org.au

THURSDAYS
from 12th February to 2nd April
10AM - 12PM
8 sessions to be attended

VENUE
Port Stephens Family and
Neighbourhood Service
3 & 5 Phillip Street
Raymond Terrace, NSW 2324

COST
FREE
(for residents in the Port Stephens area)
Limited child care available



Communities for Children Facilitating Partner Initiative Raymond Terrace & Karuah is funded by the Australian Government and Facilitated by The Smith Family

Term Calendar 2026



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

Term 2



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



Monday 4 May

Tuesday 5 May

Wednesday 6 May

- Deadly Science - Years 4, 5 & 6
- AECG meeting

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

- Assembly 2.30pm



Monday 18 May

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

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

- PBL Citizenship Awards at Council Chambers 3:30pm

Wednesday 3 June

Thursday 4 June

Friday 5 June

- Athletics Carnival



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

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