

Assistant Principal's Comments

REMOTE LEARNING/LOCKDOWN #6 UPDATE

The implementation and then extension of this current Lockdown #6 came upon all of us very quickly. We were only just recovering from Lockdown #5, had nearly a week at school and one weekend where we could do all of those activities we normally would, including community sport, only to have it stopped again very quickly. It was hard to hear that it will be extended now until 2nd September but I know that we will all continue with the same positive attitude and know that we are doing this to keep our community and loved ones safe and well.

All of the Karoo staff really appreciate the way our community has continued to support our Remote Learning program and also for the appreciation we have received for the continuity of learning and wellbeing support for the students.

Remote Learning is a balancing act. We have a commitment to ensure that our students have some continuity in their learning, yet at the same time we all need to be mindful of the mental health of students, parents or teachers. We are also proud that the Tutor Learning Initiative with Mrs Murray has continued for those students in this program (currently Year 1 and 2). In looking after our and our families' mental health, we need to use the many resources that we have been sent out and are floating around. It helps us be proactive in identifying and supporting our (and our families') healthy mind.

We have been lucky enough to enjoy some sunny winter days which I hope has helped everyone to go outside for their daily exercise and get some fresh air. The Knox Virtual Olympics was a great reason to pop on the running shoes and join in the events. We are sneaking up the medal board by winning our latest gold and silver medals!

PUPIL FREE DAY

As mentioned on Compass last Friday, we have cancelled the Pupil Free Day that was scheduled for Monday 30th August. We want to maximise the amount of time our students are here at school, especially in the lead up to the end of term. We will reschedule another day later in the year and will communicate this to you once confirmed.

CAMPS

Unfortunately, due to the COVID lockdown, our Grade 3 Camp was unable to go ahead on the original dates planned. We are so excited to be able to offer an alternative with them attending the camp that the Year 4 students are going on in September.

In light of the camp being postponed, our fantastic Grade 3 Teaching Team organised additional online camp themed sessions for the students on Monday. These were well received and a lot of fun. We have all our fingers and toes crossed that the Year 3 and Year 4 Camp will be able to go ahead on Monday 6th September.

PARENT OPINION SURVEY

The Department of Education and Training (DET) offer an annual survey for us to find out what parents/caregivers/guardians think of our school. The Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey is conducted amongst a sample of randomly selected parents/caregivers/guardians (previously known as the Parent Opinion Survey). It is designed to assist schools in gaining an understanding of families' perceptions of school climate, student behaviour, student engagement and experiences of remote and flexible learning.

Our school will use the survey results to help inform and direct future school planning and improvement strategies. During our review earlier this year, previous survey results were used to set goals and targets for our next Strategic Plan. Approximately 30 per cent of parents will be invited to participate in this year's survey. All responses to the survey are anonymous. This year, the Parent/Caregiver/Guardian Opinion Survey will be conducted from this week and closes on **Friday 3rd September**. Please follow the instructions from the email you may have received from the school to complete the survey.

The survey will be conducted online, only takes 20 minutes to complete, and can be accessed at any convenient time within the fieldwork period on desktop computers, laptops, tablets or smartphones.

Please be assured that your responses are completely confidential and are crucial for the future direction of Karoo Primary School. The survey is conducted anonymously, and it is important to us that you complete the survey as honestly as possible.

We would love to have as close to 70% completion of the invited families complete the survey. This will give us clear feedback on the direction of the school moving forward.

...continued overleaf

Karoo Calendar

Wed 18th August

Year 4 Camp Parent Information evening 7pm (via webex)
See compass post for meeting details.

ALL OTHER EVENTS FOR AUGUST HAVE BEEN POSTPONED

NEWS OF RESCHEDULED DATES WILL BE POSTED ON COMPASS WITH MORE INFORMATION IN UPCOMING NEWSLETTERS.

On now ...

Go for Gold Karoo @ the Knox Virtual Olympics

[https://sites.google.com/lysterfieldps.com/](https://sites.google.com/lysterfieldps.com/lysterfieldps.com/)

[knoxhomeolympics2021/home](https://sites.google.com/lysterfieldps.com/lysterfieldps.com/knoxhomeolympics2021/home)

See Mr Maroney's compass post for more information.

Coming soon...

KPA Fundraising event:
Karoo P.S. Online Auction
(starting Mon 23rd August)

Save the date ...

Karoo Trivia Night
Saturday 9th October @ 7pm

UPCOMING CAMPS

Year 3 : Warburton

Mon 6th-Tues 7th September

Year 4: Warburton

Mon 6th—Wed 8th September
(camp balance due 20/8/21)

Term Dates 2021

Term 3: Mon 12 July—Fri 17 Sept
Term 4: Mon 4 Oct—Fri 17 Dec

VISITORS TO THE SCHOOL

All visitors to the school must sign in and out at the office, scan the QR code and collect a green visitor's badge. These badges help the students and staff identify you as an 'authorised visitor'.

Please remember to return the badge when you sign out.

2022 Foundation enrolments now being taken

Assistant Principal's Comments continued ...

TRIVIA NIGHT AND ONLINE AUCTION

It was disappointing that we needed to postpone our Trivia Night, that was scheduled for the beginning of this month, to Saturday 9th October. Pop it in your diary now because we will all need a night out! A number of tickets have already sold but there are still seats available. Bring along some friends and family to join in this great community night, mixed with a little bit of healthy competition!

The KPA have put their heads together and have developed another element of fundraising that we can do from the comfort of our couches! An Online Auction through Facebook has been arranged that is due to start on Monday 23rd August and run until 9pm on Sunday 29th August. You are able to go on now and join the page and start working out what you would like to bid on. A huge thankyou to our KPA for arranging this and in particular Allison Aumann who has taken photos and uploaded all of the images for each item.

<https://www.facebook.com/Karoo-Primary-School-Online-Auction-2021-102615402028711>

I think the food and entertainment vouchers will be highly sought after because we will all want a night out after 2nd September!

We look forward to seeing all students back on Friday 3rd September. Until then, stay safe and well.

Danielle Heatley
Assistant Principal

Get your tickets for Karoo's



When: Saturday 9th October

Time: 7pm for 7.30pm start

Tickets: \$20each (purchase in the Office)

Games, prizes, trivia and fun!

*Get a table of 8 adults together
or come along and make some new friends!*

Dress your table to a theme - prizes for best dressed!



KAROO P.S ONLINE AUCTION

The Karoo PS Fundraising Team presents ...

AN ONLINE AUCTION

** Beginning 9am on Monday August 23rd 2021 **

** Ending 9pm on Sunday August 29th 2021 **

Terms and conditions, how to place a bid and all the items listed for the fundraising event are available on Facebook.

To connect, please join:

Karoo Primary School Online Auction 2021

All items are listed for you to view from August 16th.

Thank you for supporting our wonderful school and

GOOD LUCK!

Remote learning fun ...

Australian Reptile Park

Livestreams (on Facebook, Instagram and TikTok) at 2pm daily : <https://www.instagram.com/p/CSHgMdlrBzz/>

Phillip Island Penguin Parade

Live Penguin TV from 6pm daily : <https://www.penguins.org.au/virtual/live-penguin-tv/>

Melbourne Museum

Take a virtual tour of the museum : <https://museums victoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/at-home/virtual-tours/>

or nominate Victoria's State Fossil Emblem : <https://museums victoria.com.au/melbournemuseum/state-fossil-emblem/>



DO YOU LOVE TO SWIM?



Come join us!

- Family Friendly
- Inclusive and Supportive
- Swimming Development
- Fun and Competitive
- Tailored Programs

<https://swimland.swimming.org.au>

We would love to hear from you secretary@swimlandswimclub.com



GET INTO SOFTBALL

An 8-week program running for an hour consisting of skill development and a Fully Loaded Softball Game!
ALL EQUIPMENT SUPPLIED

REGISTER NOW TO RECEIVE YOUR BALL AND GLOVE PACK**

****AT FIRST SESSION**

EVERY WEDNESDAY AT JELLS PARK

1ST SEPTEMBER – 20TH OCTOBER



HOST: SYNDAL SOFTBALL CLUB

CONTACT: GILL PENFOLD

EMAIL: syndalsoftballclub@gmail.com

WHERE: DIAMOND 3, JELLS PARK, 2-30 JELLS RD, WHEELERS HILL, VIC 3150

TIME: 4.30pm to 5.30pm

AGES: 8-12 (boys and girls)

HOW MUCH: \$80.00

REGISTER HERE: <https://bit.ly/3f9e1Yh>