KARRIDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

KARRIDALE CATCH-UP

MANDALA MAGIC

What do you get when you combine teamwork, art, design and sustainability with nature—a nature mandala of course!

Year 2—4 children enjoyed an outdoor lesson last week when they worked together to create non permanent art using natural materials sourced from the school grounds.

Mrs Mason asked the children to apply their knowledge of geometric shapes to create a design, and their planning skills to set up and then dismantle their ephemeral artwork.

This activity produced some beautiful designs and everyone benefitted from working outside in the warm autumn weather with a boost of vitamin D, increased interest in learning and high engagement in the task.

MERIT AWARDS

Today it was a pleasure to visit each class to present Merit Awards. The children have returned to school and are settling into their class routines, some with great enthusiasm.

The children were pleased to receive their award in front of their class mates and the applause that followed. Congratulations to:

Room 1: Jake, Reggie and Will.

Room 3: Angus, Jack, Rosette and Tahlia.

Room 4: Annysha, Draydin and Zia.

See page three for photos!

Fiona



L-R: Ada, Arielle and Rayne pleased with their nature mandala creation.

RESILIENCE TIPS

For family wellbeing

Cut out put downs. How many are happening in your home? Put downs can happen between siblings and both ways in adult child interactions. Speak respectfully to each other and stamp out the use of put downs quickly.

Getting homework done. This is often a pressure point in families. Set aside an area, have resources ready to go, build the time into your routine and make it fun. Use time in the car to get rote learning tasks done—like times tables.

Source: bestprograms4kids.com

NATIONAL TREE DAY

National Tree Day, established in 1996, is Australia's largest community tree planting event. Traditionally held on the last Sunday in July, groups are free to celebrate at another time that suits. Our school chose 22 May, and we planted an additional 100 plants (320 in total) for our bush regeneration project—a project that has been ongoing for many years and gaining momentum in the last five.

Getting our plants in now gives them the best chance to get established before summer. After completing our 2020 planting we'll be focussing on maintenance—ongoing weed management, watering when the rains stop and infill planting in 2021. Well done to the children for achieving this significant milestone and being such great bush regenerators!

This year's National Tree Day theme Regeneration: for our land, for our people, for our future" fits really well with our school's bushland regeneration project.

The children are proud custodians of the regenerated bushland. They know that students before them have worked the same patch, and they too will pass the trowel on to others when they leave primary school. Some children may return one day as parents to





Above Reggie watering the bee attracting plants.

BE KIND TO BEES

To celebrate World Bee Day and acknowledge the valuable role bees play in the global food chain, Room 1 children planted out colourful flowering plants to lure bees into our school orchard.

We know that bees are attracted to orange and blue flowers, so we selected borage and calendula to plant under the citrus trees to entice our winged helpers into our garden.

The children said they felt "kind and happy" knowing that the bees would enjoy the flowers they had planted.

Around 1/3 of what you eat is pollinated by bees. *SCIENCE.ORG.AU*

HAPPY SNAPS



L-R Maali and Maggie-Bee planting in the bushland.



L-R Cubby time for Sam and Lughan. Many of the students enjoyed their extra 10 minutes playtime today as they had achieved a reading milestone.



L-R Room 3 Merit Awards: Jack, Angus and Rosette



L-R Room 1 Merit Awards: Reggie, Jake and Will



L-R Room 4: Merit Awards: Zia and Annysha (Draydin absent)

THANK YOU P&C

Today is dedicated to celebrating the contributions P&Cs make to school communities.

COVID-19 Whilst the pandemic has restricted how we can acknowledge the day, I didn't want to let it slip by unnoticed. On behalf of our school, I'd like to thank all present and past members of the Karridale P&C Association. Over many years, your commitment and contribution has shaped and assisted our school and enhanced the opportunities for the children. I have had the great pleasure of working alongside many people over the last two decades. Our school wouldn't be the great place it is without your involvement. Thank you!

Fiona





BE A WASTE WARRIOR

Swap

- Cling wrap and zip lock bags for reusable containers and bees wax wraps.
- Disposable drink receptacles for durable drink bottles.
- Use a sandwich box to keep sandwiches fresh and in tact.

Reuse

- Use reusable bags when shopping.
- Try reusable food wraps such as beeswax.

Minimise

- Choose foods that create less waste to minimize use of single use plastics.
- Avoid overloading the lunchbox with food that won't be eaten.
- Choose fruit and vegetables with their own natural packaging.

Source: www.healthylunchboxweek.org

There is no such thing as 'away'. When we throw anything away it must go somewhere.

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We create a safe and friendly learning environment where children thrive and succeed.

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COMMUNITY NOTICES & EVENTS

