

Karridale Catch-Up



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KARRIDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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Author Reveals Novel Secrets

Guest author Deborah Abela arrived at school last Friday on a strong wind, a bit like Mary Poppins, and swiftly captured the children's hearts and minds with intriguing tales and her story-writing secrets.

Deborah spoke passionately about what motivates her to write. She also delivered readings from some of her novels with theatre and drama and the children loved it.

With a teaching degree and 25 books under her belt it was interesting to hear Deborah's feedback about our students.

"They were delightful and deep thinkers who asked great questions beyond what I expected." Deborah said. "I could tell they were readerly."

We thank Deborah for visiting our school and warming us with her stories last Friday. Deborah is visiting the region as a guest author in the Margaret River



Above: Deborah Abela, guest author with the Margaret River Young Readers and Writers Festival with some Room 4 fans.

Readers and Writers Festival and we also wish to thank Arts Margaret River for making MR Young Readers and Writers Festival happen.

Tell Us What You Want!

We are in the process of developing our Business Plan for 2018-2020 and we really need to know from all parents and carers what are

the real expectations you have for our school?

We will be catching up with everyone for a quick chat and survey to capture your thoughts on the experiences we should be providing for your child/ren.

"My face hurts!"

Deborah Abela, guest author, after smiling too much in the sessions with our students!

Did you know...

- Dr Seuss' first book was rejected by over 20 publishers; his books have now sold over 500 million copies?
- in the first draft of Peter Pan the character of Michael was called 'Alexander' and Tinker Bell was called "Tippy-Toe"?
- the typical number of pages in picture books (usually for younger children) is just over thirty?
- before Enid Blyton became the famous author of the Famous Five stories her parents had wanted her to be a concert pianist?

Payments Due!

Please finalise your payments as soon as possible.

Cost: \$4.55 Author Visit (P-6)
\$6.50 Musica Viva (P-6)
\$40.00 Interm Swimming (P-6)
\$5.00 WCE Footy Clinic, (3-6)
\$45.00 Voluntary Contributions (K-6)

You can pay via cheque, cash or direct deposit.

Direct deposit (bank-to-bank transfer) is our preferred option. Please include your child's name and a brief description.

BSB: 016 520 Account: 4992 64442

****Please try to bring the correct change if paying cash.**

Diary Dates - 2018

FRI 1 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen • Destination High School, Yr 5
MON 4 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Public Holiday—WA Day (no school)
TUE 5 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interm Swimming Lesson 7, P-6
THU 7 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interm Swimming Lesson 8, P-6
FRI 8 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Room 3 Assembly, UCA, 9am
TUE 12 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interm Swimming Lesson 9, P-6
THU 14 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interm Swimming Lesson 10, P-6 • Room 2 Assembly
FRI 15 JUNE	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Canteen

Vision Statement: At Karridale Primary School, in partnership with the whole school community, we aim to provide an inclusive education for all students, in a safe, caring and interesting environment so that students can become adaptable and participating members of the community.

Adam Hall and The Velvet Players a Big Hit!

"They were so good at all their instruments—really, really amazing!"

River Davis, Yr 6

Last Friday our P-6 children caught the bus down to Augusta Primary School to enjoy the smooth and swinging vibes of Adam Hall and The Velvet Players for Musica Viva.

By all accounts it was a stand out performance from the "little big

band" and had the children (and teachers) moving to classic rhythm and blues tunes of the 1940's and '50s with their vocals, trumpet, trombone, guitar, keys and drums.

Talking with children after the performance they were very keen to share their experience.

"Adam was very funny—he was great at doing the animal impressions for the jungle song," said Cyrus Plunket.

"It was just so much fun—I loved it," said Lochlan Richardson.



Above: Adam Hall serenading Arielle.

Defibrillator Training By St John Ambulance

"For every minute a person waits for defibrillation, the chance of survival decreases by 10%."

St John Ambulance

In April St John Ambulance delivered a defibrillator to locate at our school as part of their *Community First Responder* service. Ambulance Officers Leisa Prangnell, Deb and Peter recently held training at our school for staff and community members to show how the defibrillator works.

Defibrillation works by delivering an electrical current through the heart muscle via the defibrillation pads. All electrical activity in the heart is

temporarily ceased in the hope that when it returns it will be in a rhythm compatible with an effective pumping motion.

Reducing the time it takes to locate an Automated External Defibrillator (AED) is key. If an AED is applied to a sudden cardiac arrest victim within the first minute of collapse, their chance of survival is 90%. For every minute that passes, their chance of survival drops 10%, leaving a 10 minute 'window of opportunity'.

Where Will Defibrillator Be Located At Our School?

The defibrillator will be installed soon on the southern wall of the school library, to the right of the stairs.

www.stjohn.org.au/faqs



L-R: Musician Adam Hall has Lochlan, Eleanor and Arielle movin' and shakin'!



L-R: St John's Officer, Peter oversees Robyn Dennis' and Peta Marshall's defib training and Lisa Robertson looks on.

The Future Looks Bright With Low Energy Lights

In 2017 the School Board members considered cost-saving measures for the future. It was recommended to investigate reducing the number of fluoro lights across the school and changing the remaining tubes to low energy tubes.

With improved lighting options now available, there would be no impact on functionality. The Finance Committee then considered this proposal and decided to fund a rollout of the upgrade in the 2018 budget.

After considerable research, and coordination and finding an installer, we have now completed 50% of the

upgrade and plan to complete the rest by the end of June this year.

We wish to thank Bernie from Rhino Electricians for his assistance with this project.

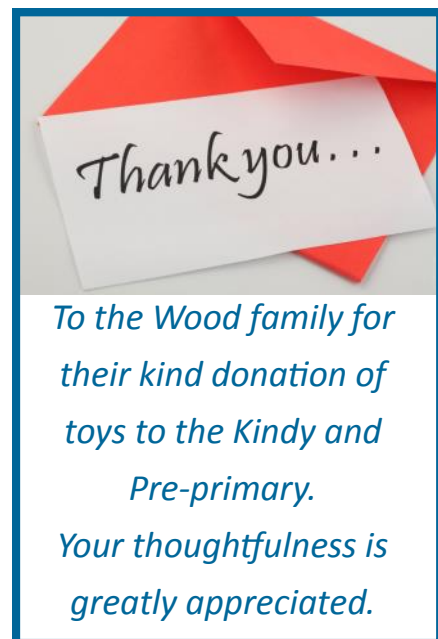
We are expecting our expenditure on lighting to be reduced by a whopping 83% and hope to recoup all financial outlays for the upgrade within at least three years.

Free Fluoro Tubes—First In No Holds

As a result of this project, we now have 25 fluoro tubes available that are in a used but in working order. If you would like some of these tubes, please contact Admin for more details.

"Life is short but there is always time enough for courtesy."

- Ralph Waldo Emerson



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Our School Virtues

Courtesy

What is Courtesy?

Courtesy is to be polite and to have good manners. It is to be considerate of others. It is a way of acting with people to make them feel valued, cared for and respected. It's important to show courtesy with friends and relatives, not just people we are meeting for the first time.

You are being Courteous when you:

- Treat others as if you value and care for them.
- Greet people politely.
- Use 'please', 'thank you', and 'hello, how are you?'
- Use a quiet voice indoors.
- Think of considerate things to do for people.

Reading Rocketeers!

Congratulations to our current
 100 Nights of Reading
 Achievers. A top effort!



KARRIDALE SCHOOL P&C



Above: Behind the scenes with our terrific volunteer dads "The Unbelievables" the Mothers' Day Breakfast.

Mothers' Day Breakfast Was A Culinary Hit!

It was an "unbelievable" Mothers' Day Breakfast thanks to all the dads who volunteered on the morning and turned out impressive meals to order. "The Unbelievables" is the nickname championed by our volunteer dads including: Paul Davis, Tim McGimpsey, Brett Nettelbeck, Vince Mulvey, Peter Davis, Glen Taylor and Jason Hart.

The breakfast was well attended and it was a lovely way for our school community to celebrate and catch up with friends and family. Thank you again to everyone who donated food, prizes, bought raffle tickets, helped out and attended.

Mothers' Day Raffle

We were able to assemble four bountiful baskets as raffle prizes thanks to all of the wonderful donations from everyone. The raffle raised a total of \$241.05 and the following four lucky winners took home a hamper, congratulations Jo Taylor, Maria McGill, Vicki Fiorentino and Cindy McCann!

Secretary Position Unfilled

The role of secretary still needs to be filled—please consider volunteering for this position. There are many positives to be gained from volunteering. It is a great opportunity for personal development and a chance to share your expertise, as well as a being a good environment to meet people and network.

Next P&C Meeting

3:15pm, Wednesday 20 June.

Did you know parent engagement has a distinctly positive effect on improving social and education outcomes?

At this meeting we will be asking "How would you like to see funds raised by the P&C spent?" Please join us at the meeting as we really wish to have your input to this question.

Community Notices & Events

School-aged Health Services Parent Survey

Do you have a child aged between three and 18? Child and Adolescent Community Health and WA Country Health Service are reviewing the community health services provided to school-aged children and across Western Australia. You are invited to complete a short survey to help them understand what is important to you, what is working well and what could be made better. The survey closes on Friday 8 June. For more information and to complete the survey, visit the website.

www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/School-health-services



Mothers' Day Breakfast 2018

