

KARRIDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Independent Public School

Information Booklet



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Our Vision

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





Kaya and welcome to Karridale Primary School

An Independent Public School



At our school, highly experienced and committed staff, together with parents and members of the wider community, strive to create interesting and relevant programs for all children.

Through knowing each child's strengths and interests, we adapt learning opportunities to meet individual students needs.

Ours is a school where children thrive and succeed. Our motto 'Growing through learning, active bodies and healthy minds' is at the forefront of everything we do.

We promote a learning environment that develops health, well being, resilience and independence.

We provide a quality education where happy memories are created and children leave with confidence about their future at high school, valuing their time at our school.

Fiona Cormack
PRINCIPAL

We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land that our school is on, the Wadandi Aboriginal people. We acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contribution they make to this beautiful area in which we all live. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.



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At Our School We Value:

- Respect and concern for others and their rights.
- Pursuit and knowledge and commitment to achievement of potential.
- Self-acceptance and respect of self.
- Social and civic responsibility.
- Environmental responsibility.

Our values are enacted through the promotion of our school virtues of:

Connection
Responsibility

Resilience
Inclusivity

Friendliness
Kindness

Courtesy
Creativity

Caring
Respect

School Board 2025

Chair: John Wilson **Principal:** Fiona Cormack

Parent Reps: Kristy Hathaway, Dannielle Owen, Montana Young

Community Reps: Margaret Martin, John Wilson

Staff Reps: Robyn Dennis, Jane Jasper, Natalie Mulvey

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School Structure & Important Dates

School Staff 2026

TEACHERS		SCHOOL SUPPORT	
Principal	Fiona Cormack (On leave Term 1) Katherine Hardegon (Relieving Principal Term 1)	Manager Corporate Services	Robyn Dennis
Kindy	Maria McGill	School Officer	Louise van Vliet
Pre-primary	Nat Mulvey	Library Officer	Lexie Elson
Year 1, 2	Matt Guild	Ed. Assistants	Megan Blechynden
Year 3, 4, 5, 6	Corrine Curtis		Lexie Elson
Science	TBC		Jane Jasper
Phys Ed / Italian	Ingrid Moss Marian Grapes	Chaplain	Michelle Mottershead Sharon Doyle
Classical Guitar	Rohan Disley	Cleaner	Elaine Hutchinson
School Psych	Natasha Potter TBC	Gardener	Dave Gripton

School Terms 2026 (student days)

SEMESTER 1	Term 1	Monday 2 February to Thursday 2 April
	Term 2	Tuesday 21 April to Friday 3 July SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—Friday 29 May (no students)
SEMESTER 2	Term 3	Tuesday 21 July to Friday 25 September SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—Monday 20 July (no students)
	Term 4	Tuesday 13 October to Thursday 17 December SCHOOL DEVELOPMENT DAY—Friday 18 December (no students)

Kindy Days 2026

Full Days	Monday & Wednesday (8.55am – 3.05pm)
Mornings	Tuesday (8.55am - 1.00pm) No Kindy Thursday or Friday

School Hours

8.45am	School bus arrives (Morning Reading in the Library)
8.55am	Enter class—bell goes
10.30am	MORNING RECESS
10.50am	Enter class—bell goes
12.20pm	LUNCH
12.40pm	Children dismissed from quadrangle for play
1.00pm	Enter class—bell goes
3.05pm	CLASS ENDS
3.10pm	School bus departs

Administration

• ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES AT SCHOOL

Please drop your children to school **after 8.40am** and be prompt to pick them up **at 3.05pm**. If a friend or relative is to collect your Kindergarten or Pre-primary child, then please tell the school. Pre-primary and Kindergarten children are to be dropped off, and picked up, by an adult if they don't travel on the bus.

***Late arrivals and early departures**

Parents sign their children in/out on the student register in Admin office if you collect your children during the day, or if your child arrives after school has begun.

• ATTENDANCE AND ABSENCES

All students are required to attend school unless they are sick. Please notify the school to explain all absences (*sick, appointments etc*). You can notify us by: phone, a written note, email, or respond to an automatic text message or email via Compass.

Children who are absent more than 10% of the term, (*eg 1 day per fortnight*), are at risk of not reaching their potential, **no matter the reason for the absence**. Please ensure family plans enable your child to attend regularly. Regular attendance (90% or above) is vital for all children to succeed in all aspects of school, including academic, social and behavioural outcomes.

***Vacation approval** from the Principal is required **prior to your departure**, for any holidays taken during term. We highly recommend family holidays occur during school holiday periods where possible.

• DOGS

Our school is a dog free zone, so please no dogs on school grounds.

• EMERGENCY CONTACTS

To maintain current records, please tell us of any change to:

- Parents home, work or mobile phone numbers
- Address
- Emergency contact names and phone numbers
- Doctor
- Medical details, including allergies
- Family Court matters

Student Update Forms are distributed in February and July. Even if there are no changes to your child's information please return the forms. Current emergency contact information is vital in an emergency, including events such as evacuation due to bushfire. Our school adheres to the Department of Education's Enrolment in Public Schools Policy. See also *Bushfire Plan* page 14.

• ENROLMENT

Application for Enrolment can be made at the office. Accompanying the application we require a copy of your child's birth certificate, *immunisation details and proof of address (*utilities account or rates notice*). *When you enrol, your child's *Australian Immunisation Register (AIR) History Statement* must be 'up-to-date' and the AIR statement no more than two months old. Once accepted, the parent or guardian is asked to complete a detailed *Enrolment Form* prior to commencement.

• EXCURSIONS

Excursions enrich and complement school-based learning. Advance notice is given including details of cost. Students require written parent permission and payment prior to attending excursions. Parents are to inform the school of any medical information change between returning forms to the school and the actual day of the excursion. All children are to be dressed as per school dress code (see *page 18*) and the exact requirements are also outlined on the excursion note.

• KINDERGARTEN

The 2026 Kindy intake is for children who turn 4 years old by **30 June 2026**.

Our Kindy days are: ● Mon & Wed 8.55am - 3.05pm ● Tue 8.55am - 1.00pm

• PAYMENTS TO SCHOOL

Direct debit is our preferred payment option. Cash payments, if sent, should be in a secure envelope, clearly labelled with your child's name and purpose of payment and sent to the front office. (*Bank details can be found on pages 12 and 13*).

• SCHOOL BUS

The bus **arrives** at **8.45am** and **departs** promptly at **3.10pm**. Payne's Bus Service is the only bus that services our school and is provided by Carol and David Payne (0408 582 326 or 0466 652 162). Please notify the driver in writing if your child is to be dropped off at a different stop. If possible, contact the driver if your child will be absent for the day. Also tell the school, or driver, if you intend to pick up your child from school. Inappropriate behaviour on the bus is unacceptable and will be dealt with by the bus driver as per School Bus Services procedures, as we wish to keep everybody safe. Payne's Bus has seatbelts.

Pre-primary and Kindergarten children are welcome to travel on the bus. Parents of Kindergarten children can apply for a *Conveyance Allowance* for the year if they do not wish to use the bus and are eligible to do so.

To register for transport assistance visit **www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au** (P: 9326 2784, or 13 62 13, E: schoolbus@pta.wa.gov.au). If you don't have internet access, you're welcome to use the school access. Requests for variations to school bus routes are completed on line and go directly to the School Bus Services.

• SCHOOL YEAR START 2026

Kindy to Year Six students start school on **Monday 2 February 2026**.

• SPORT FACTIONS

Students belong to one of two factions, *The Boomers* (blue) and *The Emus* (black). The Athletics Carnivals (Faction and Interschool) are held during Term 1.

• VALUABLES and MOBILE PHONES

Students are to leave mobile phones or valuables at home. If a student does need to bring a mobile to school, we require the phone to be left at the office. Phones are to be switched off and not used in classrooms. Students found to be recording, distributing or uploading images or videos of students, parents or staff on school premises will be immediately suspended, as per the Department of Education policy for all schools.

• VISITORS

All visitors and volunteers are to sign our visitors book in Admin on arrival and departure.

Communication

• ASSEMBLIES

Our Student Council run regular assemblies during the year, at 9am in the Undercover Area (UCA). Dates are promoted in newsletters, Connect and on term planners. Class assemblies (with performance items) are held during Term 2 and 3.

• COMPASS

All student absences are managed through Compass a new information management system. You will receive a notification, as a text message or email, on the day of your child's absence if it is unexplained.

• CONNECT

Connect is a safe and free communications platform developed by the Department of Education WA for staff, students and parents in public schools. Log into Connect via any internet-connected device to access notices sent by the school, as either an email or a notification on your phone, and through the Connect app. Through Connect you can access newsletters, your child's reports and notices. You can notify the school of your child's absence via the Connect website (not the app).



• E-NEWSLETTER—KARRIDALE CATCH-UP

We aim to publish *Karridale Catch-up* digitally twice a Term via Connect.

• NOTICE BOARDS

School and community notices are on boards outside the office and Rooms 1 and 4.

• PARENT / TEACHER MEETINGS

Make an appointment with your child's teacher if you have anything you wish to discuss. Please phone or email first to arrange a mutually agreeable time to meet. Please respect that before school is teacher preparation time and **impromptu meetings are not convenient**. Parents may be used to speaking informally with the Kindy/Pre-primary teachers, but this daily contact is not always available. Teachers are keen to meet with you, so please don't hesitate to phone to make a time to meet.

Email addresses: FirstName.Surname (*of staff member*) @education.wa.edu.au

eg. *Fiona.Cormack@education.wa.edu.au*

We welcome regular contact between home and school. Parent/teacher meetings are offered at the end of each semester, as part of our reporting to parents process.

• REPORTING TO PARENTS

Written reports to parents are published twice yearly at the end of each Semester. Reports are published via Connect. At the end of Semester One, parent/teacher meetings are held as part of the reporting process. School position reports are also offered twice yearly where there are 10 or more students in a year level.

• TALKING WITH MY SCHOOL

We are committed to responding promptly and helpfully to all enquiries. Contact us as soon as you have concerns. Talking to your child's teacher, or the principal, is the best place to start. Please contact the school to arrange an appointment. Or if you prefer, email, phone or write a letter.

• TERM PLANNERS

Term Planners are sent home at the start of each term and are also available on Connect. Term planners outline events, activities and holidays for each term.

• WEBSITE

www.karridaleps.wa.edu.au.

Curriculum

We value-add to our curriculum through many excursions and incursions each year to ensure the curriculum outcomes are linked to personal experiences for each child from Kindy to Year 6. We're always keen to form links with community groups.

With an emphasis on “active bodies, healthy minds”, we offer a variety of programs in Health and Physical Education. We provide a Visual Arts program P-6 and Italian lessons for students in Years 3-6.

• DIGITAL AND DESIGN TECHNOLOGIES

The school is well resourced and design and digital technologies are used to enhance learning across the school. At present, students have access to iPads and laptops.

• INTERM SWIMMING

Students from Pre-primary to Year 6 participate in the Department of Education Interm Swimming Program. Children travel by bus to the Margaret River Aquatic Centre.

• LIBRARY

We have a well resourced library collection with a wide range of books for all ages. Children require a library bag for borrowing items. All classes visit once a week.

• MUSIC

Instrumental Music School Services (IMSS) is a free program offered to students in Year 5 and 6 to study classical guitar during school. A visiting teacher attends once a week. The school has two guitars available for loan.

• PHYSICAL EDUCATION

We promote health and well-being for all children with opportunities in: *swimming, football, netball, soccer, cricket, athletics, hockey, tennis and basketball*.

Our athletics faction sports day is in Term 1 over two days. Our school is a member of the *Local Interschool Sports Association (LISA)* where smaller schools come together.



• PEAC (PRIMARY EXTENSION AND CHALLENGE)

The Region offers PEAC classes to selected numbers of very able students in Years 5-6. Regional testing is undertaken in Year 4 to select candidates who start in Year 5 the following year.

Education and Learning

• HELPING MY CHILD LEARN

**Establish Healthy Sleep Routines—
What is a normal amount of sleep for a child?**

- › 3-6 years 11 hours per night
- › 7-11 years 10 hours per night
- › 12-17 years 9 hours per night

Reduced sleep time is directly related to lower academic performance. Children who are not getting enough sleep are more likely to:

- › have speech and language difficulties
- › show hyperactivity/impulsivity
- › have problems with attention, calculation, problem solving and resilience.

Without enough sleep we simply cannot function properly. Everyone knows how hard it is to concentrate and remember things when they are tired. Sleep is a learned behaviour, so poor sleepers can learn to become good sleepers. Helping your child to get a good night's sleep is one of the most important things you can do for your child each day!

• REDEFINING “HOMEWORK”

In the first years of schooling the best types of homework for young children and their parents include some time to:

- › Relax and play and be creative at home and outside each day.
- › Read together and enjoy some parent child time.
- › Share a book from school each day (participate in our Home Reading Program).
- › Limit screen time and set boundaries.
- › Eat together as a family, as often as possible, without the TV or devices on so children are practising speaking, listening and sharing together.
- › Write, draw, create and construct things.
- › Play.

To help your child view learning as part of life parents can:

- › Promote independence and time management
- › Provide a place free of distractions
- › Avoid overscheduling after school activities
- › Assist, if necessary, and encourage
- › Read to, or with, your child
- › Sign Reading Diaries.



• PARENTS AS PARTNERS

The staff at Karridale recommend 7 actions parents can take that are achievable, require minimum effort and organisation, are free to do, and go a long way to showing their children that school life is valued by parents.

The 7 Actions:

1. Ensure children have adequate sleep and healthy snacks and lunches, to keep their energy levels up all day and to concentrate.
2. Have children arrive before school starts (8.40am or later) and are collected promptly at home time (3.05pm) after school.
3. Children attend school at least 90% of the time ie 5 or less days absent per term.
4. Complete home reading and sign journals daily.
5. Children come to school wearing shoes suitable for playing sport, a broad brimmed hat and a water bottle every day.
6. Read newsletters, school notes and respond in a timely manner to requests.
7. Clarify issues, as they arise. Make an appointment to discuss concerns and attend with an open mind. Checking information against an adult version is highly recommended. Be willing to act positively to resolve differences.

• SCHOOL BUSINESS PLAN 2024-2026

A new Business Plan was published in 2024 for 2024-2026.

There are 2 Focus Areas:

1. **Every student's success is enabled through high quality teaching**
 - All students with Individual Education Plans achieve at least mastery (as defined in their plan) of at least 80% of the targets in their plans.
 - All students are on track from the Early Years for continued success in school.
2. **All students are engaged in their schooling, build relationships, connection and their sense of belonging within our safe school.**
 - All students in Years 3-6:
 - Report a strong growth mindset or growth mindset with some fixed ideas
 - Score at least 28 points or above in the connectedness to school survey
 - Are rated as often or consistently in Reporting to Parents in these areas:
 - *Shows courtesy and respect for the rights of others.*
 - *Participates responsibly in social and civic activities.*
 - *Sets goals and works towards them with perseverance.*
 - All students in Pre-primary to Year 2 are rated as consistently or often in Reporting to Parents in these areas:
 - Displays perseverance
 - Interacts with peers and adults in acceptable ways

Contributions and Charges 2026

DEFINITION	AMOUNT
<p>We notify families of our contributions and charges for the following year, at least two months before the start of the school year. The 2025 schedule has been approved by the 2025 Karridale School Board.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CONTRIBUTIONS K-6</p> <p>A Contribution is 'voluntary' and the funds collected are used towards the cost of materials, services and facilities used by students in their educational program. (Schools can request up to a maximum contribution of \$60 for Years K-6). For 2025, the School Board has approved the amount at \$45 per child attending the school. Contributions collected at this school assist in the provision of resources used in classes including: tissues, printing, the provision of technology resources, physical education resources and art equipment, some text books and other class resources.</p>	\$60 per student
<p style="text-align: center;">CHARGES EXTRA COST OPTIONAL COMPONENTS</p> <p>The term <u>charges</u> refers to the provision of extra cost optional activities that are part of an education program not covered by contributions. Participation in these options will require payment. If you have problems paying for a particular event you are encouraged to discuss payment choices with the Manager Corporate Services.</p> <p>The estimated costs provided are at an upper limit and costs for the year <u>will not exceed</u> this amount. If a particular event isn't held within the school year, charges will not apply.</p> <p>2025 extra cost optional activities which have been approved by the School Board are:</p>	
<p>Swimming Lessons Year P-6</p> <p>Swimming lessons are usually offered in Term 4. Teachers are Department of Education staff. Funds collected are used towards the cost of the bus to and from Margaret River and the pool entry.</p>	\$100 per student
<p>Excursions + Incursions K-6</p> <p>Excursions and Incursions are used to supplement learning experiences and are a valued component of our curriculum. Parents will be asked to pay prior to events.</p> <p>Excursions are held off our school premises, examples include: Destination High School.</p> <p>Incursions are held at school, examples include visiting: Theatre Groups, Puppet Shows, Dance Lessons.</p>	\$120
<p>Year 4, 5, 6 Camp</p> <p>Actual cost may be less depending upon subsidies eg fundraising, school funds, P&C funds etc. If payment of Camp costs is difficult, you are encouraged to discuss payment choices with the Principal or Manager Corporate Services.</p>	\$250
<p>Graduation T Shirts - Year 6</p> <p>T-Shirts are ordered for Year 6 students mid year. Students wear these shirts to school for the remainder of the year as part of their school uniform.</p>	Up to \$65
<p>Instrumental Music Year 5-6</p> <p>A small number of students are offered tuition in classical guitar during Year 5 and 6. Parents are required to supply a guitar, music stand and footstool and the recommended music book. The school has available for loan three guitars, some footstools and music stands to support students accepting the offer to participate in the program, if required.</p>	At individual purchase price

DEFINITION	AMOUNT
Talented/Gifted Students Programs MAX COST PER STUDENT \$45 / \$100 Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC) Students invited to attend various Talented and Gifted programs through the year may incur a charge. Programs may include excursions, camps and workshops. Students will be billed directly by PEAC Co-ordinator.	\$45 - \$100
PERSONAL USE ITEMS These items, (refer to Personal Items for Student Use lists on following pages), have been approved by School Board as being required by students for personal use in the educational programs provided by this school. Refer to the list for each year level at the back of this booklet for 2025. Prices are not quoted, as they are dependent upon your chosen supplier.	Per supplier
APPROVED VOLUNTARY COLLECTIONS The following voluntary funding requests are approved by the School Board	
School Photos The P&C and/or school organise for class photos and at times individual and family photos to be taken each year, generally in September. Parents have the opportunity to purchase directly from the company providing the service at the market price and cost is dependent upon the products selected.	At market price
Student Council Fundraising Activities The Student Council generally organise a voluntary charitable collection activity each term. Children can participate voluntarily and generally bring a gold coin donation for collection for the nominated charity.	Approx \$10 for the year
P&C Membership please pay into P&C Bank Account—see page 17 for bank details To be covered by insurance, volunteers need to be a financial member.	\$1 Per adult
P&C Voluntary Contributions please pay into P&C Bank Account—see page 17 for bank details	\$15 per family

• **PAYMENT OPTIONS—*please don't make P&C payments to this account!***

We prefer direct debit or cash (sorry, no EFTPOS)

Please include your **child's name** and a **brief description**. Our bank details are:

ACCOUNT NAME: Karridale Primary School **BSB:** 016 520 **Account No:** 4992 64442

Extra cost option charges and voluntary collections are collected as they arise throughout the year. However, full payment of the contribution amount, early in the year is appreciated. Extra cost option charges are expected to be paid in full prior to the activity. Please contact Manager Corporate Services if you wish to discuss a payment plan.

• **REFUND OF CONTRIBUTIONS AND CHARGES**

Parents are entitled to a refund of any unused portion of the contributions and charges paid if their child transfers to another school prior to the end of the school year. Refunds will be arranged on your request and will be based on a pro rata amount each term.

NOTE: All Contributions, Charges, Personal Use Items, Rates of Refunds and Additional Requests have been endorsed and approved by the School Board and comply with the current Education Act and Department of Education Policy.

Fiona Cormack, PRINCIPAL

Events and Activities

• AWARDS and GRADUATION

At school assemblies some students from each class are awarded *Certificates of Achievement* in academic or social areas of learning. In the last week of the school year, we host our *Awards and Graduation Ceremony*. The Year 6 students also have a special graduation event arranged for them at the end of Term 4 as part of the ceremony.

• EXCURSIONS and INCURSIONS

A variety of education excursions/incursions are held during the year for all ages. Permission forms are sent to parents for every excursion. These forms are to be signed and promptly returned with any payment that may be required.

Health and Wellbeing

• ACCIDENT OR ILLNESS

Minor accidents are treated at school. In cases of more serious accidents, or if your child becomes ill, we will contact you. Please ensure that we have your current contact details. Having an emergency number to ring is most important. Children who are unwell before school should stay home. As only basic facilities are available at school for ill children, parents will be contacted to discuss their child's needs and asked to collect their child as soon as possible.

• BUSHFIRE PLAN

Emergency response

Our **Standalone Bushfire Plan** is available from the Connect Library, **this plan includes:**

- **an Emergency response contact list** – a comprehensive list of phone contacts for emergency organisations.
- **an Incident management team** – onsite staff responsible for carrying out emergency procedures during a bushfire event. The Principal is responsible for coordinating the incident response to onsite or offsite locations.
- **a Bushfire response telephone tree** – contact details for relevant stakeholders.
- **consideration of Emergency equipment** - Identification of location and type of emergency equipment at our site.
- **a Bushfire preparation checklist** – completed annually to show that management activities have been actioned and to keep staff informed of their responsibilities.
- **a Bushfire action plan** – to identify Onsite safe locations (Undercover Area, Art Room or School Oval in event of a building fire) and Offsite evacuation locations (Augusta Community Hall or Margaret River Recreation Centre).

• COMMUNITY SCHOOL HEALTH NURSE

Community Health Nurses work in schools to promote healthy development and wellbeing. A major part of their work is focused on early intervention and the School Entry Health Assessment program. Community Health Nurses serve as a health contact point for children and their families, providing information, assessment, health counselling and referral. Services provided are free and confidential. The Community Health Service is provided from the *WA Country Health Service South West* at the Busselton Health Campus. If you have a concern about your child's health or development **ring** 9753 6475 or **email** WACHS-SW.NaturalistePrimarySchoolNurses@health.wa.gov.au

• EMERGENCY CONTACT FORM

Contact the office as soon as your details change. *Student Update Forms* are sent home at the start of Term 1 and 3. They must be completed and returned for our records and bushfire preparedness. Please return forms, regardless if details have changed or not.

• HAT POLICY—SUN PROTECTION POLICY

Children are required to wear a broad-brimmed hat or they will be required to play in the shade. Children are expected to wear a hat during Physical Education classes and daily fitness sessions. Hats are needed daily at school. Sunscreen is recommended to be applied on days when UV is 3 or more.

• HEAD LICE

We suggest parents check their children's hair regularly for lice/nits, and treat immediately if required. Please notify Admin if you have noticed lice/nits so we can promptly notify families. For information about management alternatives log on to www.healthywa.wa.gov.au and search for "treating head lice".

• HEALTH CARE PLANS

The parent's responsibility is to provide the school with adequate information regarding the details of their child's medical condition that may require action or treatment under emergency conditions. *Student Health Care Plans* may be required, and are available from Admin. Please note conditions on the enrolment form and keep us updated.

If your child needs medication to be administered by school staff then a *Student Health Care* form must be completed **including appropriate** information from the prescribing doctor. Medication is to be handed to the office staff for safe storage. All medications must be in a clearly labelled container showing: *name of drug, name of student, dose and frequency and expiry date*.

Please contact the Admin in February to check/update records, and thereafter as required throughout the year.

• INTERSCHOOL SPORTS

Children from Years 1-6 compete with other small schools in the area, during Term 1.

• MEDICATION

There are strict procedures we are required to follow in relation to the administration of medication. If your child requires medication during school hours, please bring it to the office and parents are required to sign the *Administration of Medication* form and possibly update Health Care Plans.

• PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Students have daily fitness activities, and need to wear suitable clothing and shoes for these sessions. A wide-brimmed, or legionnaire style, hat is required for sun protection. Parents are to supply sun-screen for personal use. A water bottle is essential each day.

• POSITIVE STUDENT BEHAVIOUR PLAN

A summary of the plan is sent home in Term 1 and outlines the expectations. A copy of the full document is available on request from staff in the office.

• RAPIDS LANDING DENTAL THERAPY CENTRE (RLDTC)

Rapids Landing Dental Therapy Centre provide free general dental health care to children aged 5 to 16 years, or until the end of year 11 (whichever comes first). The centre is open 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday and located at Rapids Landing Primary School at 42 Tonkin Boulevard. **9757 8211** or email **RapidsLandingDTC@health.wa.gov.au**

• SCHOOL CHAPLAIN

Our school chaplain, Sharon Doyle, supports our focus on health and well-being. Our Chaplain shows care and concern and can connect people to additional resources when required. School chaplains are not counsellors and cannot offer counselling services, but they can be a great support to families in need.

Participation in the school chaplain program is voluntary. Chaplains do not proselytise. Chaplains accept, respect and are sensitive to other's views, values and beliefs. Chaplains may be from any, or no, faith

Sharon Doyle is available every Thursday and every second Wednesday. For questions, queries or appointments with Sharon please phone **9781 5150**.

• SCHOOL PSYCHOLOGIST

A School Psychologist is provided by the Department of Education. His/her role is to assess students experiencing difficulties with learning and to make recommendations. Please note, counselling is not part of the role. To access the service, a referral is completed by the class teacher and/or Principal and this will take place after matters have been discussed with the parents. The School Psychologist for 2026 is Natasha Potter (TBC).

• STUDENTS AT RISK OF NOT REACHING THEIR POTENTIAL

The school has in place procedures for the identification and planning of support needs for Students at Risk of not achieving their potential, including students with disabilities and diverse learning needs and gifted and talented students. A copy of the guidelines is available on request.

Parent Involvement

• CANTEEN—CIRCA 1883

The Karridale Primary School P&C aims to provide morning recess and lunch from the school canteen once a fortnight, dependent on the availability of volunteers. Menus are sent home prior. Lunch orders are placed in the box in Admin prior to canteen day. Payment can be made online to the P&C.

We promote healthy choices and our menu is compliant with the Healthy Food and Drink policy. Our canteen uses locally sourced, seasonal produce. The canteen is run by volunteers and to be involved please contact the office staff or a P&C member.



• MORNING READING PROGRAMME

Established in 2005, the benefits of our Morning Reading Programme continue to promote reading fluency and pleasure. All children P-6 are expected to participate. Reading diaries are provided for children to record their nightly reading at home. Before school each day, children are encouraged to read aloud to a volunteer in the library after 8.40am. Milestones are built around the number of nights read. Children who reach a certain targets receive a prize at the end of the year.

Parents are encouraged to volunteer to listen to children read in the library before school to ensure this routine continues into the future. All you need to do is turn up at the library and take a seat. Year 6 students can answer any questions you may have about the programme, as they are also present to listen to children read.

• P & C (PARENTS and CITIZENS ASSOCIATION)

Our school is fortunate to have an active and supportive P&C Association that assists the school in many ways throughout the year. Parents are asked to support the P&C by attending meetings during the year, that are held at parent friendly times, such as after school. Membership is \$1 per adult and \$15 voluntary contribution per family.

Our P&C members welcome new parents and discussion, new ideas and input. The AGM is held annually in Term 1.

P&C Committee 2025

President	Liz Jorquera	Book Club	Liz Jorquera
Vice Pres	Harriet Wren	Canteen	Dannielle Owen
Secretary	Dannielle Owen	Treasurer	Montana Young
Uniforms	Stacey Jaque	Executive	Fiona Cormack, Kylie Gregory, Kristy Hathaway Eline Wensveen-Coventry

P&C Payments (eg uniforms, canteen, stationery items etc)

The P&C accept direct debit, cheque or cash (sorry, no EFTPOS). Direct debit is the P&C's preferred option. Please include your **child's name** and a **brief description of the payment**. The P&C bank details are:

ACCOUNT: Karridale Primary School P&C **BSB:** 633 000 **Account No:** 154 038 079

Join the Karridale Primary P&C Facebook page to keep up with events.

• SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board represents staff, students, parents and community in educational decision-making. Elected parents, staff, community members and the Principal form the School Board. The School Board takes part in establishing and reviewing the school's objectives, priorities and policy directions; promoting the school in the community; formulating codes of conduct and dress code; and advising the Principal regarding Religious Instruction.

The School Board generally meets once a term, for an hour and a quarter each meeting. The first meeting for the 2026 year is a public meeting where the Annual Statement is presented.

• VOLUNTEERS—WORKING WITH CHILDREN CHECKS

We thank all parents/guardians who generously volunteer their time and energy to support our school community. There are some changes to the Working with Children Check policy, to ensure the safety of children when we have volunteers in the school.

If you'd like to volunteer at our school, you will need to sign a 'Parent and Child Volunteer Declaration form' annually. You cannot volunteer if you have a **current** Working with Children **Negative Notice** or **Interim Negative Notice**. Volunteers are expected to sign in/out in the office when arriving and departing school.

These changes affect parents/carers engaged in volunteer work. For example, you're considered a volunteer when you assist with activities like reading, excursions, canteen duties, helping at a sports carnival or carrying out P&C duties. You're not a volunteer when you pick up/drop off your child, observe events like school assemblies, or attend parent and teacher interviews.

School Dress Code

Please label all clothing and items with your child's name.

• BACKGROUND

Karridale Primary has dress requirements for students. These requirements are aimed at supporting all students to fully participate in all aspects of the curriculum daily. Our dress code is designed to: promote a positive image of our school, be affordable, comfortable, made from easy care fabrics, appropriate for activity and suitable for all body shapes.

With an emphasis on health and well-being, students need to be suitably dressed to participate in physical activity with sun protection every day. The dress code sets a standard that allows reasonable opportunity for self expression and takes into account diversity.

Exemptions and sanctions are managed according to principles of fairness, equity and consistency. Non-confrontational approaches assist in clarifying the reasons for objections to complying with dress requirements.



• DRESS REQUIREMENTS

For daily wear at school may be any of the following:

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| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue polo shirt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue windcheater |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue polo vest | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue fleecy zip jacket |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black skirt | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black pants |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Black shorts | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Dress |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Royal blue hat (wide-brimmed) or legionnaire style, although a variation of this may be needed for some sport situations or when the hat poses a risk to safety during rigorous activity eg hats with long strings or stiff brims. | |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Appropriate footwear for activity eg <u>sport shoes</u> are recommended. | |

Temporary exemptions may be provided informally when the dress requirements become impractical because of extreme weather conditions or a temporary health condition.

The P&C manages the purchase and distribution of these items with the school logo printed on them, for parents wishing to purchase items with the logo. The wearing of items with the school logo is encouraged. Reading folders, library bags, school bags and pencils cases printed with the logo are also available.

Second hand uniform items may be available through the P&C at minimal cost.

• UNIFORM PAYMENTS TO P&C

Direct debit is P&C's preferred option. Also accept, cheque or cash (sorry, no EFTPOS). Please include your **child's name** and a **brief description of the payment**. The P&C bank details are:

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- **EXCURSIONS**

All children are expected to be in school dress requirements for all excursions as specified in excursion notes when they are sent home.

- **FACTION SPORTS**

There are two sports factions, The Boomers (blue) and The Emus (black). Either a royal blue or a black top (depending upon the faction the child is in), is required on the day of the Faction Carnival.

- **LOST PROPERTY**

Please clearly label all water bottles, lunchboxes and uniform items, especially items children remove such as jackets and hats. A lost property box is located in the small room on entry to the library or enquire at Admin.

- **NON COMPLIANCE WITH DRESS REQUIREMENTS**

All students are asked to meet dress requirements unless an exemption has been granted. Parents are asked to take responsibility for outfitting their children according to requirements. Enrolment is not conditional upon agreement.

Exemptions can be granted through the Principal in a formal or informal way. Students and their families who do not comply with the requirements are counselled and their concerns resolved where possible.

Personal Use Items For Students

We aim to keep costs to a minimum. Please check consumable items at the end of each term and top up if necessary. Items are available from local newsagencies in Augusta and Margaret River or the P&C. Lists for each year are on the following pages.

Your children need the following items each school day to participate in all programs.

- **HATS**— sun-safe, broad brim, or legionnaire style hat daily. (P&C for **\$15**).
- **SCHOOL BACK PACKS (very sturdy and a good size)**. Back packs with the school logo are available for **\$59.00**

Did you know... you can recycle all your old pens, textas and pencils? Just leave these items at the Admin Office and we will recycle them at the Augusta Margaret River Shire on your behalf.



— KINDY: PERSONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENT USE —

Kindy students share stationery items, so please don't individually label

- 1 hat broad brimmed/legionnaire style (P&C item) ☐
- 1 library bag (named), to fit large library books (P&C item)..... ☐
- 1 school bag, big enough to fit construction and large art work (P&C item) ☐
- 1 sunscreen kept in school bag (Term 1 and 4) *for children needing special sunscreen due to sensitive skin ☐
- 1 drink bottle ☐
- 1 change of clothes to be left in student's school bag ☐
- 1 black A3 art folder with plastic sleeves ☐
- 1 packet of wide connector textas (**thick only**) ☐
- 4 x whiteboard markers..... ☐
- 1 x permanent marker—black, bullet point #90..... ☐
- 4 x glue sticks ☐

— PRE-PRIMARY: PERSONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENT USE —

Pre-primary share stationery items, so please don't individually label

- 1 hat broad brimmed/legionnaire style (P&C item)..... ☐
- 1 reading folder (P&C item)..... ☐
- 1 library bag (named), to fit large library books (P&C item)..... ☐
- 1 school bag, big enough to fit construction and large art work (P&C item) ☐
- 1 sunscreen kept in school bag (Term 1 and 4) *for children needing special sunscreen due to sensitive skin ☐
- 1 drink bottle ☐
- 1 change of clothes to be left in student's school bag ☐
- 1 permanent marker— black, bullet point #90 ☐
- 1 packet connector textas (**thick only**) ☐
- 4 x whiteboard markers..... ☐
- 1 packet of 12 crayons (**wind up**) ☐
- 3 blue formative pencils (**thick only**) ☐
- 4 x glue sticks ☐
- 1 x headphones with jack (*not Bluetooth*) ☐

— YEAR 1, 2 : PERSONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENT USE —

Please mark all items clearly with your child's name

- 1 hat broad brimmed/legionnaire style (P&C item)..... ☐
- 1 library bag (named) - big enough to take large library books (P&C item) ☐
- 1 reading/homework folder (P&C item) ☐
- 1 pencil case (P&C item) ☐
- 1 sun screen kept in school bag (Term 1 and 4) ☐
- 1 drink bottle ☐
- 1 x A4 document wallet (maths sheets) ☐
- 1 x permanent black marker (size 90) ☐
- 1 x 0.4 fine point black marker ☐
- 1 x set of texta markers ☐
- 2 x highlighter pens..... ☐
- 4 x whiteboard markers ☐
- 1 x packet coloured pencils ☐
- 1 x packet 12 thin wax crayons (wind-ups or similar) ☐
- 6 x HB pencils (lead – better quality easier to sharpen) ☐
- 2 x 2B lead pencils ☐
- 1 x sharpener..... ☐
- 2 x white erasers..... ☐
- 1 x 30cm wooden ruler ☐
- 1 x pair of scissors ☐
- 4 x glue sticks ☐
- 1 x calculator (large keys are better) YEAR 2 ONLY ☐
- 1 x headphones with jack (not Bluetooth) ☐
- 1 x art sketchbook A4 size ☐

***Some consumables, such as coloured pencils, may need replacing during the year.
Please check with your child each term.***

— YEAR 3, 4, 5, 6 PERSONAL ITEMS FOR STUDENT USE —

Please mark all items clearly with your child's name

- 1 hat broad brimmed/legionnaire style (P&C item) ☐
- 1 library bag named (P&C item) ☐
- 1 reading/homework folder (P&C item) ☐
- 1 pencil case (P&C item) ☐
- 1 sun screen kept in school bag (Term 1 and 4) ☐
- 1 drink bottle ☐
- 1 x A4 document wallet ☐
- 1 x permanent black marker (90) ☐
- 1 x 0.4 fine point black marker ☐
- 1 x packet coloured pencils ☐
- 6 x HB lead pencils (will need to be replaced during the year) ☐
- 2 x 2B pencils ☐
- 1 x sharpener ☐
- 2 x white erasers (will need to be replaced during the year) ☐
- 1 x set of texta markers ☐
- 4 x white board markers ☐
- 2 x highlighter pens ☐
- 1 x 30cm ruler ☐
- 1 x pair of scissors ☐
- 4 x glue sticks (will need to be replaced during the year) ☐
- 1 x calculator (large keys are better) ☐
- 1 x headphones with jack (not Bluetooth) ☐
- 1 x art sketchbook A4 size ☐

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USEFUL APPS/ WEBSITES



Education and School

- **Dept of Education:** www.education.wa.edu.au
- **My School Website:** www.myschool.edu.au and www.det.wa.edu.au/schoolsonline
- **VacSwim:** www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim

Health, Safety and Parenting Ideas

- **Asthma WA:** www.asthmawa.org.au
- **Children and Media Australia:** www.childrenandmedia.org.au
- **Be You:** www.beyou.edu.au
- **Bushfire Ready:** www.dfes.wa.gov.au/emergencywa/prepare
- **Healthy WA:** www.healthywa.wa.gov.au
- **Heart Foundation Healthy Eating:** www.heartfoundation.org.au/healthy-living/healthy-eating
- **Immunisation:** www.healthywa.wa.gov.au/healthy-living/immunisation
- **Kids Helpline:** www.kidshelp.com.au or **1800 55 1800**
- **Kidsafe WA Car Restraint & Accident Safety:** www.kidsafewa.com.au
- **Lunch Box Ideas:** www.nutritionaustralia.org/national/resource/packing-school-lunchbox and www.waschoolcanteens.org.au/school-community/parents
- **Parenting Information:** www.raisingchildren.net.au
- **Quit Smoking:** www.health.gov.au/topics/smoking-vaping-and-tobacco/how-to-quit
- **Safe on Social:** www.safeonsocial.com
- **Sunsmart:** www.cancerwa.asn.au/cancer-prevention/sunsmart
- **Triple P (Positive Parenting Program):** www.education.wa.edu.au/triple-p

Environment and Sustainability

- **BirdLife WA:** www.birdlife.org.au/locations/birdlife-western-australia
- **Nature Conservation Margaret River:** www.natureconservation.org.au
- **Waste Sorted Schools:** www.wasteauthority.wa.gov.au/wws/schools

Services

- **School Bus Services (Save Your Seat):** www.schoolbuses.wa.gov.au or (08) 9326 2784
- **Studiosity (free online tutoring for AMR shire library users):** Years 4-12 can connect to expert tutors, for one-to-one help, online assistance with for homework, assignments, exam preparation and study questions, from Sunday to Friday 1pm-10pm.
Step 1: Go to: www.amrshire.wa.gov.au/your-library-service
Step 1: Click on the *Studiosity* logo
Step 2: Enter your library card member number and click *Sign In*

KARRIDALE PRIMARY SCHOOL



SCHOOL BANK DETAILS

REFERENCE: child's name and a brief description.

ACCOUNT NAME: Karridale Primary School

BSB: 016 520 **ACCOUNT NO:** 4992 64442

2026 SCHOOL DATES

SEMESTER 1		SEMESTER 2	
TERM 1	Mon 2 February - Thu 2 April	TERM 3	Tues 21 July - Fri 25 Sept
BREAK	Fri 3 April - Sun 19 April	BREAK	Sat 26 Sept - Mon 12 Oct
TERM 2	Mon 20 April - Fri 3 July	TERM 4	Tue 13 Oct - Thu 17 Dec
BREAK	Sat 4 July - Mon 20 July	BREAK	Fri 19 Dec - Mon 1 Feb 2027

2026 WA PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

DATE	DAY	HOLIDAY
1 January	Thursday	New Year's Day
26 January	Monday	Australia Day Holiday
2 March	Monday	Labour Day
3 April	Friday	Good Friday
5 April	Sunday	Easter Sunday
6 April	Monday	Easter Monday
25 April	Saturday	ANZAC Day
27 April	Monday	ANZAC Day
1 June	Monday	Western Australia Day
28 September	Monday	King's Birthday
25 December	Friday	Christmas Day
26 December	Saturday	Boxing Day
28 December	Monday	Christmas Day in lieu

USEFUL CONTACTS

- **Payne's School Bus Service** Carol 0408 582 326 David 0466 652 162
- **Rapid's Landing Dental Therapy Centre** 9757 8211
- **Community School Health Nurse** 9753 6475
- **Margaret River Aquatic & Recreation Centre** 9780 5620
- **Margaret River Senior High School** 9757 0700
- **Margaret River Library** 9780 5600
- **Augusta Library** 9780 5670



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