

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

### Parent Yarn

#### Whole school plans for 2019 to 2022

On Monday the 10<sup>th</sup> December at 5.30pm in the school staff room we will be hosting a question and answer session about the teaching and learning directions at the school in 2019 and beyond. There will be light snacks and babysitting available in the library.

#### 2019 - Annual School Improvement Plan (ASIP);

- Lift whole school Attendance (DoE)
- Improve student Writing (DoE)
- Introduce Primary Pathways
- Continue to implement the *Berry Street Education Model*

#### 2019 to 2022 School Strategic Improvement Plan (SSIP);

- Whole School Pedagogy – how we teach ( AAP, EC curriculum, Pathways)
- Social Emotional Wellbeing – ongoing student support (Values, SWPBS, BSEM, Staff)
- Community Engagement – together we achieve (School council, school community)
- Sanderson Learning Community – building partnerships

I look forward to seeing you all at the meeting.

Mr Morgan

Proud Principal of Karama School

### KARAMA SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to check out our new school webpage at

<http://www.karamaschool.nt.edu.au/>



## Karama SMS Messaging and Attendance

At Karama School student attendance and safety is a high priority.

We know that students who attend regularly are more likely to be successful and safe at school.

To improve our attendance procedures, we will be informing parents/caregivers about any unexplained absences for their child.

The school expects parents/caregiver to contact the school in advance if they know their child is to be absent.

Within the coming week an SMS text message will be automatically sent to the mobile phones of parents explaining that our records show that your child is absent from school. The message will read as follows:

**Karama School records show <students first name, surname> is absent <Day> <Absent Date>. Please reply by SMS student name/ reason/absent date.**

The message will arrive on the phone displaying the number, **0427 016 460**. Parents should store this number in their mobile phone under "Karama School" so that when the message arrives, the parent is aware the message has come from the school.

Parents can then reply by pressing the reply option on your mobile phone when you receive a message from the school and add your son or daughter's name, year, date of absence and the reason they are absent or late.

e.g. Steven Scott, Year 3 was sick yesterday (Tuesday 15th November)

*Text version = "Steven S yr3 sick tues 15 nov"*

OR by phoning the school office on 89837700, or email at [karama.school@ntschoools.net](mailto:karama.school@ntschoools.net) or sending a note explaining the absence.

### Updating Parent Mobile Phone Numbers

As part of the process of implementing this exciting new system, the school is seeking your assistance. We already have an extensive list of parent's mobile numbers; however we would like to make sure our records are fully up-to-date.

At your earliest convenience, please telephone the front office on 89837700 to update your emergency contacts mobile phone numbers.

Thank you for your assistance and co-operation. We look forward to making this exciting transition, and to improving our communication with you.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING THIS SEMESTER

### 2018 Semester 2, Term 4 Calendar of Events

**Week 8—** YEAR 6 2018  
**GRADUATION**



**WHEN:** Friday 7th December

**WHERE:** Portugese Timorese Social Club, Batten Road MARRARA

**TIME:** 6pm—7pm for parents  
6pm—9pm for students

**Week 9- Thursday 13th December**  
End of Year Awards Assembly at 8.30am  
and last day of school.

### Library News

As we draw closer to the end of the term, it is time for all students to return the books they have loaned for home reading to the library. Can I please encourage all students to have a look at home if they have any outstanding school library books and to return to the library as soon as possible. Thank you, Ms Jacqui



### TIMOR LESTE

Mr Morgan, Mrs Melbourne and Miss Helena spent a couple of days visiting students and staff at our sister school in Timor a few weeks ago.



## KITCHEN/GARDEN PROGRAM

### *Kitchen Garden News*

#### *T.1.2*

Early childhood students enjoyed making their own pizzas this week. They did a fabulous job of rolling out their dough, evenly spreading basil pesto and sprinkling cheese – and the results were delicious!

#### *Years 3.4.*

Our Year 3 and 4 students spent last week in the garden and did an excellent job of getting our garden ready for the holidays – despite the heat. This week they are taking part in a Masterchef Competition – cooking group versus cooking group to see who makes the most delicious pizza and shows the best teamwork – it is going to be close judging by last Tuesday's cook off.

#### *Years 5.6*

Year 5 & 6 students finished planting a new native garden that will provide shade and bush tucker in the years to come. They also harvested our first bunch of bananas – see below. They will be taking part in our Masterchef comp next week during their last cooking lesson of the year.



### *Quotes of the Week*

“The basil makes it taste so good” – Danzon 1/2 Louis  
“It doesn't taste great – it tastes amazing” – Erin 1/2 Louis

### *How to get involved*

If you have any questions about our Kitchen Garden program or you are interested in becoming involved please email Glenys Clarke at [glenys.clarke@ntschoools.net](mailto:glenys.clarke@ntschoools.net) or call 0437 915 584.

## WHAT'S HAPPENING IN THE UNITS

### MUSIC

The Karama School Choir and Drumming Group have been very busy over the past week or two performing at a variety of venues including Ngaree AhKit's Seniors Christmas Party, ABC Studios and Charles Darwin University. They will be drumming and singing at the Karama Family Fun Day at Karama Shops between 3pm and 5.30pm on Saturday 8/12/18.



## WHAT'S HAPPENED THIS TERM

### PRE SCHOOL

We were all very excited to see The Gruffalo Performance last week!

The bus ride in was equally as exciting for the children. They really enjoyed being able to look out the window from up high and especially liked going over the big bridge across the Stuart Highway!

We had a quick photo before going into the Entertainment Centre and managed to get a few pictures once we were seated. We had great seats not far from the front and with so many little people, there were not too many heads to dodge!

Ms Debbie managed a quick photo of the Gruffalo set, but then it was no photographs allowed after that, so you will just have to read the storybook or ask your child to learn more about The Gruffalo!

The show was very well performed by 3 people who changed into the various characters by adding different accessories (hats, tails, wings) and finishing with The Gruffalo itself.

There was singing and dancing and the children also participated in various parts of the story. There was even a bit of humour added to liven up the performance and entertain the adults too!



## TATA CENTRE



The Tata Family Centre invites all families, with children aged 0-4 years, to join our fun and educational child and family programs. Each term we run new and exciting programs that support your child to develop skills for 'big' school.

Come and join us at our **FREE** playgroups

**All ages playgroup**  
Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Fridays  
8.30 – 11.30am

**Baby Playgroup**  
(0–12 months)  
Monday  
9.30 – 11.00am

You will find us at Karama School, 37 Livistona rd, Karama

For more information please contact Kate Danvers

Ph: 89837709

Email: [kate.danvers@ntschoools.net](mailto:kate.danvers@ntschoools.net)



Our playgroups are proudly supported by  
The Smith Family and Karama School



## COMMUNITY NEWS

### Christmas Tree Unveiling

**Date:** Saturday, 1 December  
**Time:** 4.00pm to 6.00pm  
**Venue:** Robyn Lesley Park  
Koolinda Cres, Karama



Join me to check out the new Karama Christmas Tree.



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**SWIM INTENSIVES\***  
\$88 Parental Classes: 30 mins Mon-Fri  
\$150 Learn to Swim: 1 hour Mon-Fri  
BLOCK 1: 14<sup>TH</sup> – 18<sup>TH</sup> JAN  
BLOCK 2: 21<sup>ST</sup> – 25<sup>TH</sup> JAN  
**BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL:**  
[info@ntswimschool.com.au](mailto:info@ntswimschool.com.au)

**January Holiday Programs**

\*\$50 non refundable deposit required to hold your booking

### Donations for the 2018 Christmas Raffle

Any donations of non-perishable food items, stationery, small gift ware, books etc. would be greatly appreciated.

All items can be left at the front office no later than Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> December. Tickets will be available in the coming weeks. Thank you!

