

## PRINCIPAL MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Families and Carers,

### *Recognize and Celebrate Success*

Recognising and celebrating successes, even small ones, is critical to keeping our students engaged. At Karama School we recognise that changing the behaviours of some of our students who have struggled with attendance might take time but we are happy to help our families stay on track. Celebrating incremental improvements helps to motivate and reinforce our students' new attendance behaviours. Our staff will work with our students to set individual attendance improvement targets and identify behaviours that will help them get to school more often each week.

Our school has some exciting weekly, fortnightly, termly and semester attendance incentives. Last week, we had our first 'Wheelie Day' to celebrate the attendance of those students who came every single day and on time for the last the last fortnight. Well done to all of our students and staff who participated in this event. For those who missed out, this week, we start all over again, so make sure you attend every day for the next fortnight so you can participate in our next celebration.

### *Engaging our teachers in Professional Learning – Improving our practice*

Last Wednesday, our teachers reviewed and revised John Hattie's Visible Learning work focussing on Learning Intentions and Success Criteria.

### What are Learning Intentions and Success Criteria?

Learning Intentions are descriptions of what learners should know, understand and be able to do by the end of a learning period or unit. Learning intentions are the basis for tracking student progress, providing feedback and assessing achievement. In addition to learning intentions, students may also have individual learning goals that they address in their learning.

Success criteria are the measures used to determine whether, and how well, learners have met the



learning intentions.

### Why are learning Intentions and Success Criteria Important?

- Ensure all students know what they are going to learn and where they are heading.
- Provide guidance to teachers on what their chosen teaching and learning activities are seeking to achieve.
- Provide the basis for feedback and reduce discrepancies between current student understanding and intended learning.
- Assist students and teachers in tracking and assessing student progress.
- Help teachers to understand the impact of their teaching and learning activities, and when they may need to adapt or change these.
- Help students understand what improved performance looks like.

It's important that parents/carers stay connected to the work their children do at school. Please ask your children the following questions as regularly as you can:

**What are you learning?** This question identifies the skill/knowledge or understanding that your child is currently learning in class.

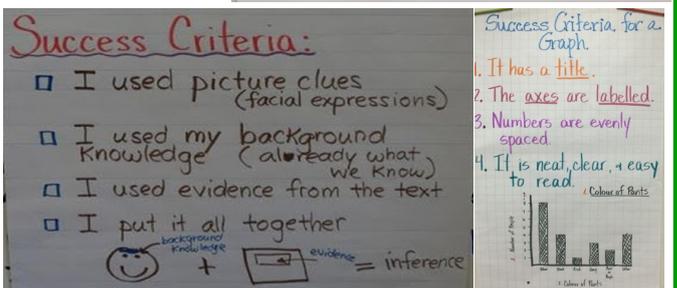
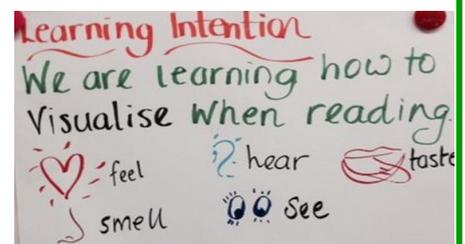
**How are you going?** This question identifies the key skills your child needs to do, to achieve success in what they are currently learning in class.

**What are your next steps?** This question identifies the key skills that they still need to learn to achieve success in what they are currently learning or the next progressive skills.

Maria Albion

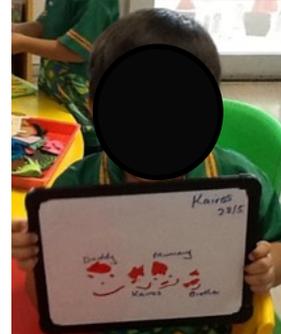
Acting Principal

Karama School



## PRE SCHOOL NEWS

It's been great having our pre-schoolers back at school and to welcome two new children and their families to our class. Preschool is primarily about building children's social and emotional skills to become independent learners, who can begin to self-regulate and work together in and as a group. Preschool provides opportunities for learning to take turns, problem solve, share, negotiate and build resilience when things don't go our way. The children have quickly settled back into our class routine and have enjoyed catching up and learning with their friends.



## SCHOOL COUNCIL

### CHAIRPERSON'S MESSAGE



I would like to say a big welcome back to term 2 to all our students and teaching staff. Our students have been eager to learn and have been shining examples of our social distancing practices but most importantly our hygiene practices. Keep up the good work!

Our teachers have done a fabulous job in getting back into their classrooms routines and deserve recognition for their continued professionalism during these challenging times. We have some of the best teachers and the Karama School Council thanks them for their endless efforts to continue and support the education of our students.

A special thank you to our parents and caregivers who have been very supportive and understanding of the COVID19 measures that Karama School has implemented since learning has recommenced. It has allowed what could have been a very stressful situation to instead be a smooth transition back to formal learning in the classrooms.

We have held one School Council meeting this term and have another in Week 9, Thursday 18th June at 8.30a.m. in the school staff room. Karama School Council is currently looking for members for our Fundraising, attendance and finance committees.

I strongly encourage all parents and caregivers to come along and give us your voice. This is your school and you have a say. Any help or support you can give big or small would be greatly appreciated.

I look forward to meeting and speaking to many families this term in person, as well as at our next school council meeting.

Kind regards

Susan Murray

Karama School Chairperson

### SOCIAL MEDIA



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KARAMA SCHOOL SOCIAL MEDIA

Don't forget to like our Facebook page and check out our new school webpage at

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

## STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

### STUDENT'S MESSAGE

Since our elections and the forming of our new SRC team at the beginning of Term 1, the SRC has been actively attending weekly meetings with the school Principal to discuss ideas to make our school an even better place.



This semester our SRC team is focussed on supporting the school with the attendance strategy, fundraising activities, looking after the sports equipment, making videos, running school assemblies and being visible in the school yard to help others.

This year we would like to fundraise to purchase some more sporting and IT equipment for the school to continually update our laptops and iPads.

We are regularly producing a range of videos for the school to use to promote our school values, showcase our school and COVID 19 practices. These videos will be shown at school assemblies and in class programs.

Our team was booked to attend a Leadership Workshop on Friday 22 May but unfortunately due to COVID19, it was cancelled. We hope to do some online training sometime this term.

We have been managing the sports equipment at recess and lunch times. We have devised a timetable for our SRC members to be rostered on each day to give out and return the equipment. The school is in the process of purchasing high visibility jackets and hats for us to wear in the playground. This is so our younger students can identify us if they need our support.

We are also currently helping the school leadership team with the school's attendance strategy. We will be helping to remind all students to come to school each day and be on time and the prizes they can win. We will do this by visiting classes and talking to them as well as reminding students via the PA system.

We have a lot to do this year and unfortunately, due to COVID 19, the school has had to postpone Term 2 whole events such as Beach Day. However, there is still plenty to do at school and we are excited that this year, we have the chance to make a difference to our school.

Jomari Baynosa and Kapri Graham

School Captains

‘Together, we achieve.’



## KITCHEN & GARDEN NEWS

### *Kitchen Garden News*

This week students in Red, Orange and Green Pathways will be tasting a range of healthy dips made by our Upper Primary Students. Garden Lessons will be focussed on Tool Safety – particularly on how to use secateurs and wheelbarrows safely.

Below are some photos taken last week:- Blue Pathways is making a delicious and healthy vegetarian fried rice and Orange Pathways are collecting material to make an Insect Hotel with. If you have any tin cans we need them for our insect hotel – any donations would be gratefully received.

### *Recycling*

Every class in the school is involved in our whole school recycling program. Students recycle their food scraps to compost in the school garden and collect poppers and other recyclable drink containers to raise money for Year 6 graduation.

So far this year we have raised.....\$232.20



### *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

## ATTENDANCE

**ATTENDANCE**  
**H.E.R.O.**  
**Here**  
**Everyday**  
**Ready**  
**On Time**

*LITTLE BIG*  
*COUNSELLOR*

**WEEKLY**  
**Attendance**  
**Raffle**

each day you attend school  
 Monday to Friday  
 and arrive on time  
 your name goes in the raffle tub  
 giving you a chance each week  
 to win an attendance prize  
 drawn every Friday  
 one draw for early childhood and one  
 draw for middle/upper primary

**REMINDER:** Please contact the school if your child is absent

**FORTNIGHTLY**  
**Attendance**

Be at school each day for two weeks  
 and arrive on time  
 to participate in fun activities  
 every second Friday (even weeks)

**FUN ZONE**  
**ACTIVITIES**  
**FUN GAMES**  
**ENTERTAINMENT**  
**FOOD FRIENDS**

**REMINDER:** Please contact the school if your child is absent

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We hope that you will continue to support us in improving our school attendance by making sure the children are here on time everyday and learning.

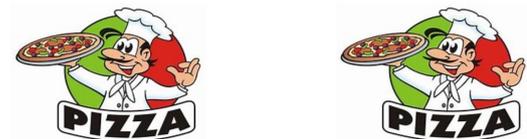
Our attendance percentages are slowly improving over the last 6 weeks of Term 2, however we would love them to improve even more.

Week 1: 73.57%	Week 4: 82.86%
Week 2: 84.79%	Week 5: 84.90%
Week 3: 83.70%	Week 6: 86.03%



## ATTENDANCE REWARDS

Congratulations to the students who participated in the Wheelie Day last Friday for having 100% attendance and being on time for the previous fortnight.



COME TO SCHOOL EVERY DAY THIS FORTNIGHT AND ON TIME TO BE A

PART OF THE  
**PIZZA PARTY**

**FRIDAY 12 JUNE**

YOU NEED TO BE AT SCHOOL EVERY DAY AND ON TIME—MONDAY 01 JUNE TO FRIDAY 12 JUNE

