

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear parents, carers and families,

Let's Decode – our new phonics program

Our training at Karama School last Monday by Dr. Lorraine Hammond, who is an Associate Professor and senior lecturer for the School of Education at Edith Cowan University, Western Australia, was highly beneficial and well received by our staff but there is still a lot of information to be processed and skills to be developed and practised over the semester. During the professional learning day, there were hands-on sessions with our transition students after she taught us the lesson formats and sequences of the Let's Decode program. This helped us to be familiar with the format of the program and to internalise the concepts learnt. On the second day (last Tuesday), Dr. Lorraine modelled more of the Let's Decode lessons in our classes, as well as modelling what 'Daily Reviews' for Literacy lessons could look like. Our Early Childhood teachers have begun practising the Let's Decode lesson formats with their students to embed the instructional language across our classes. For parents and carers who are interested in learning more about this program and ways they can support their child/ren with reading, there is an evening workshop (6-7 pm) planned in Week 10, 20 September, when Dr. Lorraine Hammond returns to our school to deliver another professional learning day on Explicit Teaching and Daily Reviews. If interested, please save the date. More information will be sent out closer to the event.

As I mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are placing an even stronger focus on Reading instruction at Karama School this year. Our goal is to ensure every child can read and our commitment to our parent community is to apply evidence-based research as the foundation to our practices when helping children towards achieving this. We owe it to every child to give them the best opportunities to learn to read. The Let's Decode program includes oral language activities to prepare students for beginner literacy, strategies to teach beginner reading, as well as developing phonological awareness in children is a key strategy to improving our reading outcomes over time, for all our students at Karama School.

Student Teachers from Charles Darwin University (CDU)

We continue to honour our partnership with Charles Darwin University in support of growing our NT teaching graduates. I would like to extend a big welcome to our CDU students, Joao Da Costa (5/6 Grosser), Jasmin Mick (1/2 Winsley), Kamma Gill (T/1 Sumendra), Xingyu Chen (3/4 Gray), and Bei Luo (Preschool) who have commenced their practicums at our school this term. Thank you to Mrs. Sumendra for overseeing the work associated with the placements of these students in our school and to all the teachers who are supervising and mentoring these students. I value the work that you do. I would like to wish all our student teachers a successful time at our school building their practice, knowledge, and skills of teaching and learning.

Together we achieve.

Maria Albion



Dr. Lorraine Hammond



SRC SCHOOL CAPTAIN

Welcome back to Term three. The Student Representative Council (SRC) are still working on our ideas and continue to meet on Wednesdays to discuss issues and ideas. Our SRC team are still supporting our Early Childhood students in the playground at recess and lunch times. SRC continue to have a strong voice in school decisions for example, recently, we worked on having input into the school’s positive behavior matrix. Thank you to all classes who have had input into this document. Next week, our school community will have access to the National School Survey for staff, students and parents. It is important that everyone responds to this survey so that we know what to improve on and what to keep at Karama School.



This week, our Education Minister requested Student Voices to be captured via video for them to play at a NTCOGSO Meeting on the 4 September. They have requested this from all schools. I will be talking to my fellow students in the coming days to find out what their top three wishes for their school, education or community to send to our Minister of Education and our Chief Executive Officer.

Finally, ice-cups will be on sale from next week after school, on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Please bring 50cents if you would like to purchase one.

Jemma Stark

School Captain.

SCHOOL COUNCIL CHAIRPERSON

It’s been a busy start to term 3 for school council who enjoyed preparing lovely baked goods for everyone to try during our NAIDOC celebrations. It was lovely to see the children, staff and community come together to share and celebrate culture which is incredibly diverse within our school community.



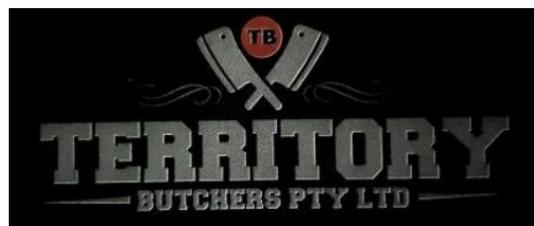
Council are now busy planning for our Father’s Day stall and gearing up for a number of events we have planned for the rest of the year.

Our next school council meeting will be held in the staff room on Tuesday 17th August at 8:30am. If you would like to know more about upcoming events, what we do as council or have anything you want to discuss we welcome you to join us.

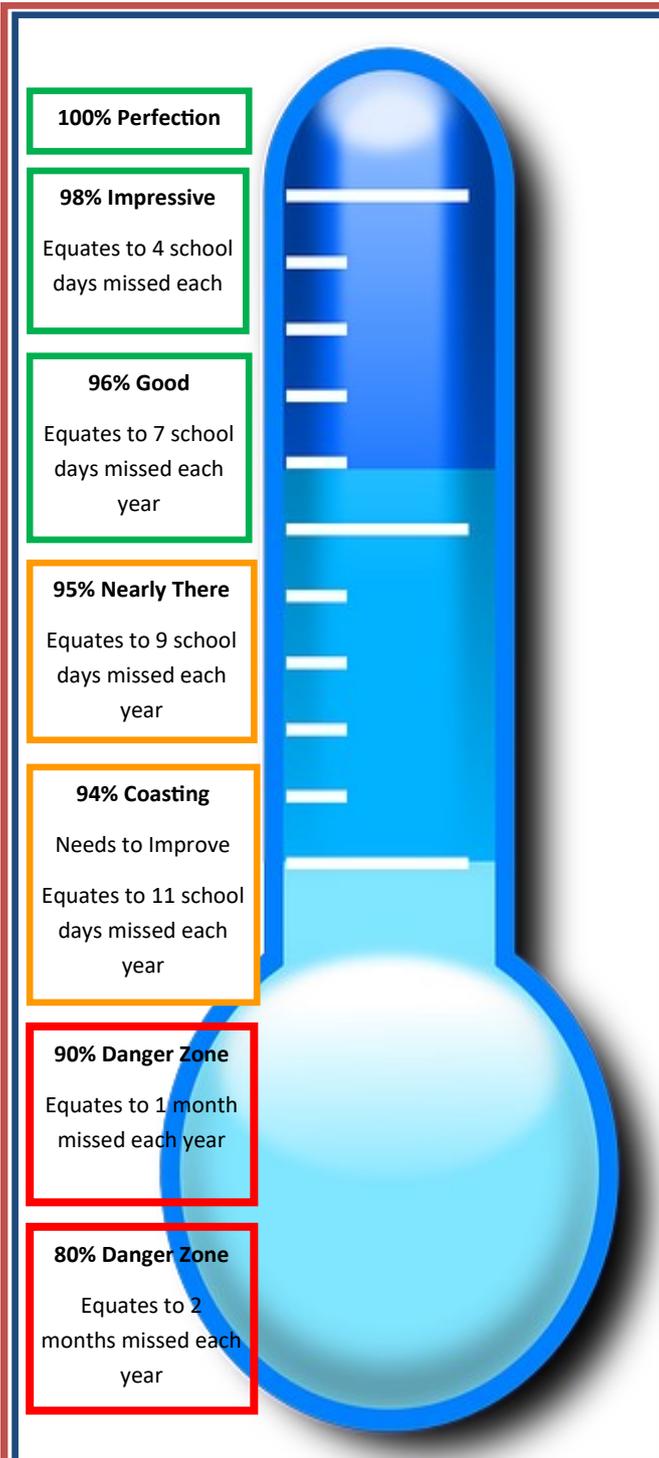
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Karama School are proudly affiliated with Food Bank and Territory Butchers who are located at Leanyer Shopping Centre.



ATTENDANCE

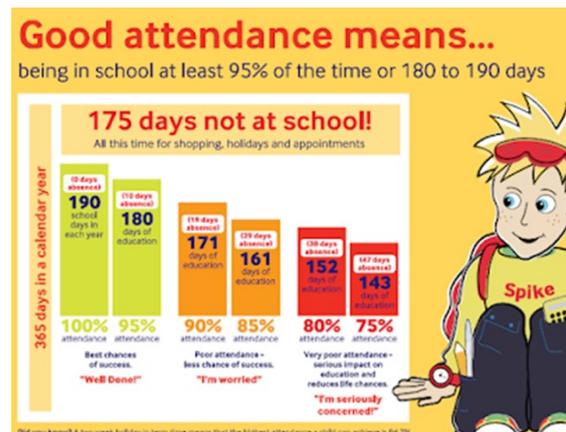


Dear Parents, Carers and Community,

Welcome back for a fantastic Term Three. 76% of students have made it back after the holidays to make a big start to Semester Two. If you need another reason to come to school every day remember “You can’t learn if you’re not here”. A good education is what we are all about at Karama School. This is our best chance to give your child an equal opportunity to be successful in the modern world.



The aim of Karama School is to get all students coming to school with 90% attendance or above. This is the rationale behind our new attendance incentives. Congratulations to all of those students who are achieving 90% or above attendance; there will be icy poles distributed this Friday for students who are coming 90% of the time.



If your child is sick, please remember to ring the front office on 89837700 as early in the day as you can. Also, please remember that if they are sick for three days in a row or more to visit the doctor to get a medical certificate.

School attendance is everybody’s business and is the best way we can support your children to the educational outcomes they need to succeed in the world. Congratulations to all of the children and families who are already coming to school on time and ready to learn each day. We know that it can take an effort and acknowledge your work, especially on these nice chilly mornings.

Carley Melbourne

WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 1/2C

In 1/2 Cowling we have started Term 3 with the addition of wonderful new classmates: Stephano, Samarah, Max, Gabriella and Peter are new to our class and Casey, Navaeh and Lachie are new to Karama Primary school.

NAIDOC Week was a great way to start the term. The students enjoyed reading *The Rainbow Serpent* and activities using Aboriginal symbols for scratch art and sand tray discovery challenges. We worked together to create a collaborative mural and made Yarn sticks.

Our Unit of work this term is about Insects and Mini-beasts in our environment. We are curious students who are eager to explore and discover answers to our inquiry questions.

Students will be buzzing over the coming weeks.



AFL INTERSCHOOL COMPETITION

DATE	TIME	HOME TEAM	AWAY TEAM	VENUE
WEEK 1				
Thursday 5th August	3:30pm	Millner	V Holy Spirit	Millner PS
Thursday 5th August	3:30pm	Wanguri	V Nakara	Wanguri PS
Thursday 5th August	3:30pm	Ludmilla	V Nightcliff	Ludmilla PS
Thursday 5th August	3:30pm	Wagaman Warriors	V Holy Family	Wagaman PS
Thursday 5th August	3:30pm	Wulagi	V Karama	Wulagi PS
WEEK 2				
Thursday 12th August	3:30pm	Millner	V Nakara	Millner
Thursday 12th August	3:30pm	Nightcliff	V Wanguri	Nightcliff
Thursday 12th August	3:30pm	Ludmilla	V Holy Family	Ludmilla
Thursday 12th August	3:30pm	Karama	V Wagaman Warriors	Karama
Thursday 12th August	3:30pm	Holy Spirit	V Wulagi	Holy Spirit
WEEK 3				
Thursday 19th August	3:30pm	Millner	V Nightcliff	Millner
Thursday 19th August	3:30pm	Wanguri	V Holy Family	Wanguri
Thursday 19th August	3:30pm	Ludmilla	V Karama	Ludmilla
Thursday 19th August	3:30pm	Wagaman Warriors	V Wulagi	Wagaman Warriors
Thursday 19th August	3:30pm	Holy Spirit	V Nakara	Holy Spirit
WEEK 4				
Thursday 26th August	3:30pm	Millner	V Holy Family	Millner
Thursday 26th August	3:30pm	Karama	V Wanguri	Karama
Thursday 26th August	3:30pm	Wulagi	V Ludmilla	Wulagi
Thursday 26th August	3:30pm	Holy Spirit	V Wagaman Warriors	Holy Spirit
Thursday 26th August	3:30pm	Nightcliff	V Nakara	Nightcliff
WEEK 5				
Thursday 2nd September	3:30pm	Wagaman Warriors	V Millner	Wagaman PS
Thursday 2nd September	3:30pm	Wanguri	V Ludmilla	Wanguri
Thursday 2nd September	3:30pm	Wulagi	V Nakara	Wulagi
Thursday 2nd September	3:30pm	Nightcliff	V Karama	Nightcliff
Thursday 2nd September	3:30pm	Holy Spirit	V Holy Family	Holy Spirit
WEEK 6				
Thursday 9th September	3:30pm	Wulagi	V Millner	Wulagi
Thursday 9th September	3:30pm	Wagaman Warriors	V Wanguri	Wagaman Warriors
Thursday 9th September	3:30pm	Ludmilla	V Holy Spirit	Ludmilla
Thursday 9th September	3:30pm	Karama	V Nakara	Karama
Thursday 9th September	3:30pm	Nightcliff	V Holy Family	Nightcliff
Semi Finals				
Thursday 16th September	3:30pm	1	V 4	TBC
Thursday 16th September	3:30pm	2	V 3	TBC
Grand Final				
Thursday 23rd September	3:30pm			

BOOK WEEK
CHARACTER PARADE

FRIDAY 27 AUGUST



COME DRESSED IN ONE OF YOUR FAVOURITE BOOK CHARACTERS!!

PRIZES TO BE WON!!

Karama School Fundraising

LUNCH SPECIAL

Pizza

HOT & FRESH

Ham & Cheese OR Cheese Pizza Slice - \$2.00

Friday 13 August Poppers - \$1.50

PROBABLY THE BEST IN TOWN



FREE DRESS DAY

Friday 6th August Week 3



GOLD COIN DONATION GOES TOWARDS YEAR 6 GRADUATION

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETING

TUESDAY 17 AUGUST

8:30AM KARAMA SCHOOL STAFFROOM

ALL ARE WELCOME



HAS YOUR CHILD TURNED 4?
Karama School currently have 2

PRE-SCHOOL VACANCIES

Commencing Term 3, Tuesday 20 July 2021.

VACANCIES ARE FOR OUR AFTERNOON PRE-SCHOOL GROUP.

MONDAY TO FRIDAY
11.45PM TO 2.45PM



PLEASE POP INTO THE SCHOOL TO COLLECT YOUR ENROLMENT PACK AND ARRANGE AN APPOINTMENT WITH THE SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

Have Your Say!



2021 SCHOOL SURVEY

WEEKS 4-6
MONDAY 09 AUGUST TO FRIDAY 27 AUGUST

SURVEYS CAN BE DONE;
** ON-LINE - LINK TBA
** PAPER FORMAT TO BE SENT HOME

All completed surveys go into the draw to win a \$100 Woolworths Gift Card.

Doing the survey on-line? Take a screen shot once survey is completed and e-mail to karama.school@education.nt.gov.au to go into the draw.

Returning the paper survey? Students to return to their class teachers who will record names onto a spreadsheet for inclusion into the draw.



CHANGE OF ASSEMBLY TIMES

Assemblies for Term 3 will be commencing in the mornings from 8.30am on every second Friday.

All welcome. Please ensure you sign in when visiting the school.

ASSEMBLY DATES

- ** 30 July
- ** 06 August
- ** 13 August
- ** 20 August
- ** 27 August
- ** 03 September
- ** 10 September
- ** 17 September
- ** 24 September




SUPPORT KARAMA SCHOOL BY PURCHASING A BOOK

CASH OR EFT AVAILABLE

BOOK FAIR

MONDAY 23 AUGUST TO FRIDAY 27 AUGUST

BEFORE SCHOOL - 7.45AM TO 8.05AM
LUNCH TIME - 12.45PM - 1.05PM

CALENDAR OF EVENTS—TERM 3

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 19 July Breakfast Club Every day for Term 1, 7.45-8.00a.m. PD Day	20 July Students Resume	21 July	22 July Newsletter	23 July Public Holiday Darwin Show Day
Week 2 26 July	27 July	28 July	29 July	30 July Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 3 2 August Public Holiday Picnic Day	3 August	4 August	5 August Newsletter	6 August Age Grade Census NCCD Collection
Week 4 9 August School Survey Opens	10 August Camp	11 August	12 August	13 August Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 5 16 August	17 August	18 August PLP Interviews	19 August Newsletter	20 August
← Science Week 14 – 22 August →				
Week 6 23 August Validation 5 Opens	24 August	25 August Book week 21-27 August	26 August	27 August Assembly 2.00p.m Validation 5 Closes School Survey Closes
Week 7 30 August	31 August	1 September	2 September Newsletter Father's Day Stall	3 September
Week 8 6 September	7 September	8 September	9 September	10 September Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 9 13 September	14 September	15 September	16 September Newsletter	17 September
Week 10 20 September Public Holiday Easter Monday Validation 6 Opens	21 September	22 September	23 September	24 September End of Term Awards Assembly 8.30a.m. Validation 6 Closes