

PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

Dear Parents, Carers and Families,

Harmony Day

What a wonderful buzz there is around the school with the latest Covid-19 restrictions being lifted to allow our families back onsite. Next week on Friday 25 March, the school will be hosting a Community Breakfast to celebrate Harmony Day. All parents/carers/families are welcome to attend. The morning will begin at 7.45 am with bacon and egg sandwiches, fruit, and juice available to eat free of charge. The Harmony Community Breakfast will provide our staff and parents/carers with an informal opportunity to catch up and have a chat and also to celebrate the diversity in our school community. Harmony Day celebrates the cultural diversity in Australia and it is all about inclusiveness, respect, and a sense of belonging for everyone. This event will be one of many whole school activities for this year that will bring our school back to life post-covid-19 restrictions.

Post-restrictions

Although the restrictions have been lifted, our school will continue to keep our preventive measures in place such as regular hand washing and sanitising by our students, covering coughs and sneezes, drinking from water bottles, and physically distancing when possible. The school will also continue to invest in the extra cleaning that occurs during the day across the school of our high-touch surface areas.

Student Representative Council (SRC)

Congratulations to our SRC students who officially received their badges and certificates at a special assembly last Friday. It isn't every day that we get to have three important people at our school all at once. We were very lucky to have Mr. Paul Nyhuis, Executive Director, School Improvement, Department of Education, Mrs. Sylvia Lymberis, Deputy Lord Mayor of Darwin, and Ms. Sizol Fuyana, 2022 NT Young

Australian of the Year. Ms. Fuyana delivered some key messages about Leadership to our school leaders. Congratulations to all our 2022 school leaders. I look forward to seeing their collective vision for school improvement unfold in the coming terms.



SRC with Mr Paul Nyhuis, Department of Education, Mrs. Sylvia Lymberis, Deputy Mayor of Darwin and Miss Sizol Fuyana, 2022 NT Young Australian of the Year.

Parent-Teacher Meet and Greet

Our recent Meet and Greet – PLP sessions were met with incredibly positive feedback from both teachers and families. These important meetings allowed teachers to discuss students' personal learning goals for Reading, Writing, Maths, and Wellbeing and also hear from families insightful information about their child's learning style and preferences. These meetings develop a strong school-home partnership. Whilst these formal meetings are incredibly important, please also remember that you are always welcome to contact your child's teacher with any questions you may have or information you would like to share.

School Council Meeting:

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held last Monday evening (7 March 2022) in the school Library. Our first council meeting for the

year is still to be announced but will take place this term.



Current School Council parent membership for 2022 is as follows:

Parent Members (4)

- Tracey Magee – 2nd year - Chairperson
- Kirsty Engler – 2nd year
- Maria Haralambis – 2nd year
- Fianna Reblando – 1st Year

Invited Members (2)

- Cath Burgess – 1st year
- Desley Anderson – 1st year

School Members

- Principal Member – Maria Albion
- Business Manager – Debbie O’Neill
- Teacher Member – Katina Winsley

Council meetings are held twice a term and parents and carers don’t have to hold official positions to attend. I strongly encourage all parents and carers to consider attending council meetings from time to time. I will post our meeting times for 2022 as soon as they are finalised. Parent voice is very important to ensure that our school delivers an education that is aligned with community aspirations. A special thank you goes out to the outgoing members, Susan Murray (Secretary), Sharon Godwin (Treasurer), Christine Van Den Berg Hammer (Invited Member), and Teacher and Student Representatives: Mrs. Ann Gray and Miss Jemma Stark (School Captain) for their contribution in 2021.

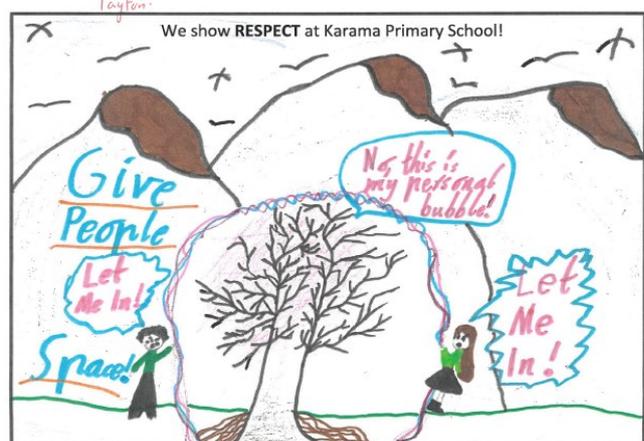
**Yours Sincerely
Maria Albion**

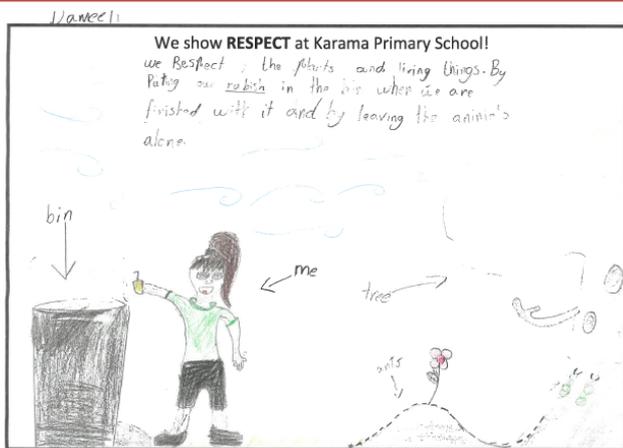
FROM THE WELLBEING CORNER

Happy Week 7! We are well past the half way mark for Term 1 and I have really enjoyed getting into the classrooms to see students engaging in their learning. Last week I was



lucky to attend 2 days of professional learning on the Berry Street Education Model which Karama Primary School really pioneered several years ago within the Darwin Region. It was great to learn the background around all the processes our staff have in place to implement the model in their classroom. Things like morning circles, ready to learn plans and calm corners are all well established with our classrooms and you may have heard your child using the language around their strategies for dealing with heightened emotions. We have had a focus on Respect for the past fortnight and I had 4 of our older students take out the prize last week for their insightful posters on how respect is shown at KPS. Well done to these students. Our next fortnight will focus on our third value of Responsibility.





♥Shantelle♥
Karama kids are always
Respectful!!

Do You want to be RESPECTFUL?

KARAMA KIDS ARE ALWAYS

RESPECTFUL!

- Respect is shown by...
- ♥ helping others
 - ♥ listening to the teacher
 - ♥ staying out of people's personal bubble
 - ♥ Be kind
 - ♥ doing the 5's



Please remember our uniform expectations at Karama Primary. The Department of Education and all NT Schools have Uniform Policies. At Karama Primary we expect all of our students to have a school polo shirt and black bottoms (this can be shorts, tights, skirts, skorts etc), covered in shoes and a wide brimmed school hat. It is important for all

students to be dressed appropriately in their uniform each day. (Thanks to our models Ethan, Nathaniel, Ziva and Ronika for wearing uniform correctly!)



Tim East
Assistant Principal

FROM THE LITERACY CORNER

Seeing a positive shift in our reading data has reminded us all here at Karama School of the power of a whole school focus and the uplifting feeling we have when making a difference for children. We still have a way to go and will continue our hard work in this area.



This last couple of weeks we have also been working with new staff on writing at Karama School. We have looked at the Lisa Keskinan Writing Program and talked about the importance of good modelling and keeping our good writing models for students to use as scaffolds to support their own writing. We also talked about the importance of giving students time to write about the things that they want to write and helping students to build their writing stamina.

I've included a couple of wonderful free writing pieces this week from Lachlan in Year 3 and Jessica in Year 6. Lachlan wrote an original story for a superhero with lightning zap powers, using action to great effect. Jessica described a rough morning for her character 'Chima'. She used dialogue and thoughts to build a strong character for her story, so we as the reader's feel empathy with the poor girl on her hard day. Both of these pieces are strong using different techniques to engage the reader. Well done to both students! Please pop down and choose a prize from my writing box this week.

Carley Melbourne

Senior Teacher

A Rough Morning

It was a rough morning, Lisa my little sister swapped out my cereal for sand and rocks. Since I just woken up I didn't check, I sat down and had a bite of my food and nearly broke my tooth. It gave me a scare, but then I realised I was fine. After 20 mins of getting ready I left for school. It was about 8:09am so I had 20 mins for myself till class, I went to the lunch room since it's near the cherry blossom tree. I walked out of the lunch room doors and made my way to the cherry blossom tree, on the way there I found my friends Carmen and James. "Hey Chima!" said Carmen, while I replied saying "hi" back.

The bell rang and we all scurried off to class before the teachers sent us to Detention. I had maths class first up while Carmen and James had English class. I had a test we had to study for. We got our test sheets and started, I struggled with the first few questions but I got the hang of it of it after a minute. The bell rang after 1 hour of class, me and my classmates

dropped off the test sheets and left the class to find our friends. When I left class, I grabbed my bag and went to the cafeteria to eat my salad, chicken and rice, saving the yogurt and sandwiches for lunch and some cash if I wanted a drink.

I met Carmen and James there and I sat at their table, we started to guess why Luke was away. It hit me... a tomato! I went to look who yeeted that at me, Charlot... and her friends. "Well, well, well look what the cat dragged in" said Charlot." Your face" I said, Charlots friend Olivia pulled Carmen's hair while her other two friends grabbed me and James so we wouldn't interfere with their schemes. There was nothing stopping them unless some one strong or if the bell came in... we are screwed. Charlot started by pouring her drink on us, luckily the bell went, it saved us, for now. James, Carmen and I had Science, we all scattered off to class before we were scolded.

Class started and I was working alone since Luke was away. Everyone had to mix the red, blue and yellow, it made a greenish purple colour. Some people messed it up and got a result of an explosion. As time passed through out the day me, Carmen and James were doing fine until P.E. At half mark because my class was doing 5 laps, Grey a classmate of mine threw up at lap 2. It wasn't charming watching someone through up, he was sent to the nurse's room.

The rest of us finished our laps and went to pack up the sports equipment that the younger kids left. Once all of it was gone the bell went and I left to go home. I got on the bus and I got home at 5:40pm, I had lunch and went to sleep since I had a tiring day.

By Jessica Maidens

JOURNAL WRITING

Zappy 9/2/2022

One day there was a thunder storm and I was zapped 3 times the 1 one was speed the 2 one was lining zapps the 3 running in the air. The next day there was a super powerful bad guy I ran in the air I used my lining zapps. he fell down. I had the victory. It left a big dirt in the ground I had to help it took a few years.

I PICK

I choose a book Purpose-why interesting

Harmony Day Community Breakfast

FRIDAY 25 MARCH

JOIN US IN THE CELEBRATION OF CULTURAL DIVERSITY & INCLUSIVENESS

Bacon and egg sandwiches, juice, tea and coffee.

The Book Fair will be set up on the stage. Last chance to purchase some great books. No food or drinks to be taken onto the stage.

7.45am to 8.30am in the schools assembly area

Waratah Netball Club will be running the NETSETGO program for 5-7 year olds from the **9th May until 29th August.**

The Program will be held on **Monday afternoons 4-5pm at Marrara Indoor Netball stadium** and is open to both girls and boys.

To register your interest please email waratah.netball@gmail.com

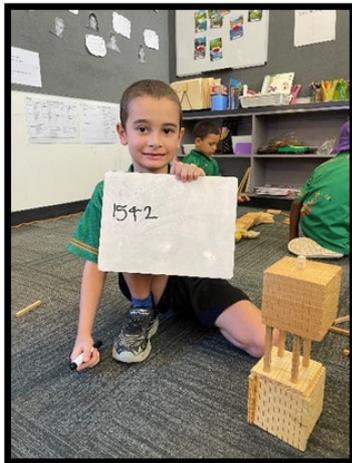
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WHATS HAPPENING IN 2/3KC

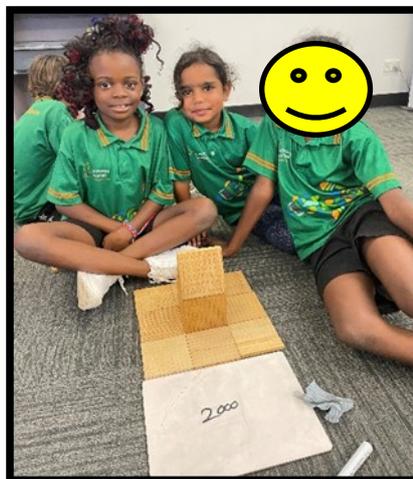
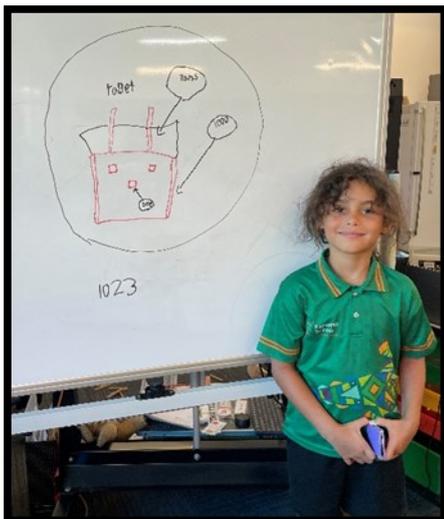


We have named 2D shapes, described them and made pictures with them.



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In 2/3
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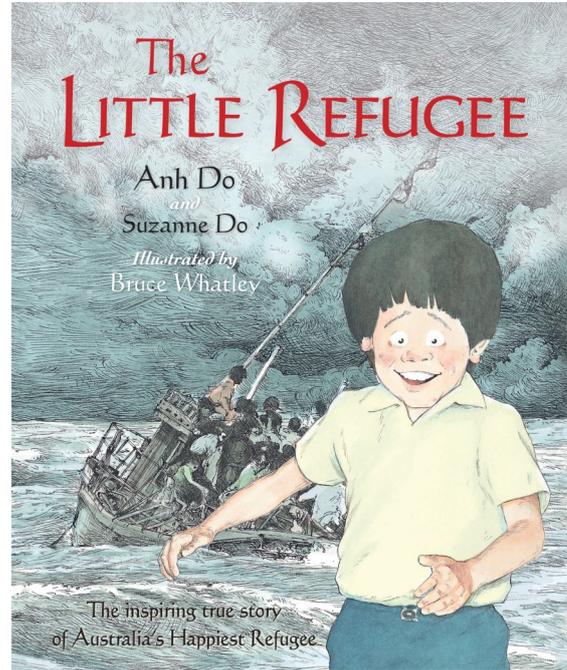
Place Value creations were fun to make but tricky to work out the total of all the MAB blocks.



WHAT'S HAPPENING IN 3/4W

3/4 Winsley recommend the book 'The Little Refugee' by Anh Do. We read about Anh's journey from Vietnam to Australia. We wrote all about it.

Lachlan Tyack



Tasman Graham

10/3/22 Anh Do
 Anh Do was born in Vietnam. There was a war happen around him. Anh do's abckl got them a ricky old ship. Ther was a fuder storm a foww hours later the clas wer clearing tha ser a ship when it came closer it was a pirates than wer sced than took all the jems. A skag ship saw them and piked them up it tok them to Austleren

At school he flat sced becaos he was difrent he had smaly food. a foww years later on Anh do was famess and he was a smeden. and he was a witer.

Tasman Anh Do 10/3/22
 Anh do was born in Vietnam. Anhs life was sad he was very poor. around him was a dangerous war happening. one day anh do and his family wanted to leave Vietnam so they went on a rickety boat charr with 40 people. pirates came and torped them and dangled khaa off the boat aiming killing khaa they also took the jems. AT school Anh felt difrent because he spoke vietnames and he had smaly lunches.
 When anh was older he became a famous writer who had a bad life and then he had a good life.

Zoleen Kato

Zoleen Anh Do's life 10.3.22

Anh Do was born in a country called Vietnam. He lived with his very poor and big family. But one day there was a dangerous war happening around him and it was not safe. His parents decided to sail to Australia so they would be safe but once they got on forty more people joined in and they were crammed in the rickety smelly old fishing boat. Suddenly some pirates boarded the boat and robbed them all. Then one of the pirates picked

baby Khoa up and got a piece of thin tiny gold from him and hang Khoa out of the boat. Khoa almost died but luckily all the other passengers stood up and stopped the pirate. Khoa was safe from that pirate. One pirate was kind and gave us some water it wasn't that much but it was better than nothing. A little while later there was another boat that saved us all. The big cargo ship took us to safety.

He soon went to school but felt different and terrified he couldn't speak their language so he can't understand the staff and all the other students. Soon he was fitting in and got good grades. Now he works as an actor, author and a comedian. Anh Do is now a famous person.



STAFF PROFILES



What do you love about working in a school?

CANDACE Life is a finite pilgrimage of discovery, exploration, and imagination. An adventure that we get to share with our students daily. There is an unparalleled feeling of accomplishment a teacher experiences when they see that ‘Aha’ moment cross the face of their students. We know then that we have forever impacted (ever so slightly) the journey of discovery that student is on. That is why I teach.

VIV: I love learning with students. I really enjoy exploring texts in Drama and creating ideas with students to present these ideas in a fun way.

Why did you choose to work at Karama School?

CANDACE: I needed a change and Karama called.

VIV: I’ve been here before and it is a Happy Memory and so happy to be back again, the students are all so amazing and I really enjoy.

What was your favourite subject at school?

CANDACE: Advanced English and Math's and Chemistry.

VIV: English and Reading

What is your favourite quote?

CANDACE: I have two that I try to live by

“Real courage is when you know you’re licked before you begin, but you begin anyway and see it through no matter what.” – Harper Lee ‘To Kill a Mockingbird’

“We can experience nothing but the present moment, live in no other second of time, and to understand this is as close as we can get to eternal life.”

– P.D. James ‘The Children of Men’

VIV: “She may be small but she is feisty!” [Shakespeare]

What do you like to do in your spare time?

CANDACE: In my spare time I enjoy doing things that help me live life to the fullest. I am always trying new things or going on mini adventures. I love to cook (anything but sweets), swim in the ocean, read books and watch movies. I especially enjoy hanging out with my pets, my partner Troy and my friends, just laughing and having fun.

VIV: Read, Swim, Walk and hang out with friends having coffee.

Darwin

Chinese New Year Festival 2022

Free Entry

Saturday 19th March
Gates open 10.30am-9pm

- Celebrate the Lunar New Year
- Food Stalls
- CWS Dance Troupes
- Cooking Demonstrations
- Local Celebrity Chefs

Activities & Entertainment for all the family

ZONES OF REGULATION

All the classes have been working on The Zones of Regulation and students can come into class and check-in visually to show their teacher how they are travelling. Over the last few weeks, they have been learning how to get themselves back into the Green Zone which is the optimum Zone for Learning.

KARAMA SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 17TH MAY 2022**STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO WEAR THEIR SCHOOL UNIFORMS ON SCHOOL PHOTO DAY**

Envelopes for each child will be sent home approximately 4 – 6 weeks prior to photo day. Each child must hand in their own completed envelope.

Parents are encouraged to pay online before the School Photography Day. Students are still required to bring their envelope back to the school office prior to photo day.

If paying by cash the correct money must be placed in the child's envelope and the envelope sealed prior to handing back to the front office.

ONLINE PAYMENTS – www.theschoolphotographer.com.au

Online Order Code located on your child's envelope to make payment.

CASH ORDERS – via child's envelope - *See envelope for details*

SIBLING PHOTOS – If you require sibling photos, a *Separate Siblings Envelope* is provided to the school and can be requested from the front office. All students must present themselves to the photographer to ensure the Sibling photo is taken.

Please note: Online Payments for sibling orders are closed by 7.00a.m. on photo day.

Prior to 9.30am on photo day you can still collect and pay via cash only using a Sibling Envelope from the school office. Phone orders are not available for sibling payments on photo day.

Late Payments – If paying online after photo day for your class/portraits, online orders are open via the website for you to make payment.

A late fee applies for all orders placed after the bulk issue of School Photos are delivered.

See envelope for details.

Phone Payments – Call the School Photographers Office on (02) 9674 9824 – Order over the phone via credit card payments. (Note – there is a processing fee of \$5 for all phone order payments). CHEQUES ARE NO LONGER ACCEPTED DUE TO A CHANGE IN BANK POLICY.

For ALL STUDENT PHOTO ORDER ENQUIRIES

Email – enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au or

Call: (02) 9674 9824

CALENDAR OF EVENTS – TERM 1

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Week 1 31 January	1 February	2 February	3 February Newsletter	4 February PBS Rewards 2:00pm
Week 2 7 February	8 February	9 February	10 February	11 February Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 3 14 February	15 February	16 February	17 February Newsletter	18 February PBS Rewards 2:00pm
Week 4 21 February	22 February	23 February	24 February	25 February Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 5 28 February	1 March	2 March	3 March Newsletter	4 March PBS Rewards 2:00pm
Week 6 7 March PLP – 3/4W & 4/5L	8 March PLP – 5/6B & 5/6G	9 March PLP – 2/3C & 2/3KC PLP Interviews 3.00p.m. – 6.00p.m.	10 March PLP – T/1M & T/1S	11 March Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 7 14 March	15 March	16 March	17 March Newsletter	18 March National Day of Action against Bullying PBS Rewards 2:00pm
Week 8 21 March	22 March	23 March	24 March	25 March Harmony Day Assembly 2.00p.m
Week 9 28 March	29 March	30 March	31 March Newsletter	1 April PBS Rewards 2:00pm
Week 10 4 April	5 April	6 April	7 April	8 April End of Term Awards Assembly 8.30a.m.