

## PRINCIPALS MESSAGE

### Dear Parents and Carers

#### WHAT AN AMAZING TERM!

What an amazing term it has been for our Karama School community despite the COVID-19 restrictions that were in place earlier in the term. In recent weeks, we have witnessed a rise in the number of COVID 19 cases in Darwin. We appreciate all those parents/carers who are keeping symptomatic children at home, who are informing the school and letting us know their child's COVID test results. If your child is not at school because they are a close contact or because they have tested positive please inform the front office either by phone or email. If your child is a close contact or a positive case and you would like some learning materials for them please contact the school and request a home learning pack. If your child is not a close household contact or a positive case then we encourage them to come to school. School is safe and open and we are continuing to follow all CHO directives.

#### THE END OF TERM IS THIS FRIDAY! PUPIL FREE DAY 19 APRIL, 2022.

Just a reminder that tomorrow Friday, **8 April 2022** is the last day of term as we head into a week's break. For Karama School, students return to school on **Wednesday 20 April, 2022**, not Tuesday, 19 April. On the Tuesday while the students have an extra day at home, our teachers will have a day at school learning about 'Daily Reviews'. Daily Reviews will become an important part of our explicit teaching model at Karama School. The Daily Review **consolidates students' understanding and develops their fluency in essential understandings for literacy and numeracy sessions**. Reviewing previously learned content daily strengthens the neural connections over time that are necessary for developing expertise, supporting retention in Short-term

and Long-term Memories.

## SCHOOL COUNCIL

We are still looking for some amazing parents/carers in our school community to join our vibrant School Council Team. Your commitment is only 6 meetings for the entire year plus assisting with some fundraising activities and school events. Work is shared between the members but you can seek out the support of other parents/carers that may not be formally in the Council to help you with any activities. Meetings in the last two years have been held during school time between 8.30 am to 9.30 am. However, we will schedule these meetings, mornings or afternoons, depending on the majority of the group. These meetings are parent friendly and low-keyed. Parents' and, carers' voices are important and valued, and being part of the School Council is one way you can influence what is happening at school or be informed on what is happening at the school. If you are interested please reach out to Tracey Worrigan-Magee, the School Council Chairperson via email [karama.schoolcouncil@education.nt.gov.au](mailto:karama.schoolcouncil@education.nt.gov.au) or myself at the school on 8983 7700.



## CONGRATULATIONS!

A big advanced congratulations to all the students who will be receiving awards at our last assembly for term 1. You have done yourself proud, your teachers, and your families. Keep up the great work. Thank you also, to all Karama School staff for their continued efforts to ensure that we provide the best education possible for our Karama students. I am constantly in awe of the staff we have, from the hard-working Administration officers and grounds staff to our support and teaching staff members. Every one pitches in, everyone works very hard. Most importantly, our staff are truly blessed to be working with such an amazing bunch of Karama School students that care about their learning and each other.

Finally, I would like to wish Mr Grosser a wonderful term of Long Service Leave. Mr. Grosser will be away all term 2. Taking over his 5/6 class are two teachers, Mrs. Melbourne and Mrs Chellow who will job share the teaching and learning responsibilities. Mrs. Melbourne will teach this class from Monday to Wednesday and Mrs Chellow on Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Chellow will continue to also teach Drama/Health on Tuesdays and Wednesdays across the school.

I wish everyone a wonderful Easter Break and see you back on 20 April for another exciting term of school. Happy Easter everyone!

Kind regards

Maria Albion

## FROM THE WELLBEING CORNER

As our first term for 2022 comes to a close, I would like to commend all members of our school community for their efforts in what started as some interesting times back in the first few weeks.



Our Karama students have shown that they are very **RESILIENT** throughout the term. Adapting to different teachers, split classes, changes in routine and for some, learning from home experiences. Our students have bounced back to continue to engage in their learning and make the most of each day of school. Currently sitting at 81%, we would love to see our whole school attendance improve. We all know the importance of attendance for our students and if it is just 1 more day a week of schooling for some students we want to really encourage everyone to make attendance their priority. I have enjoyed meeting many families throughout the term. I love a good chat so feel free to say hello as we welcome families into the school more into Term 2 and beyond. Building strong **RELATIONSHIPS** is important for staff and families to create support networks for our students. Our staff have been **RESPONSIBLE** for maintaining safe and supportive learning environments for our students, where every child is encouraged to achieve to their own individual levels. We continue to build strong

research driven programs to work towards our learning and academic goals. Finally I'd like to highlight the **RESPECT** shown by all members of our community. Respect for differences, respect of cultures, respect of each other. It is a 2-way street and Karama Primary School is lucky to have such a respectful community. I hope everyone has a good holiday and Easter. Looking forward to seeing everyone back next term!

Tim East

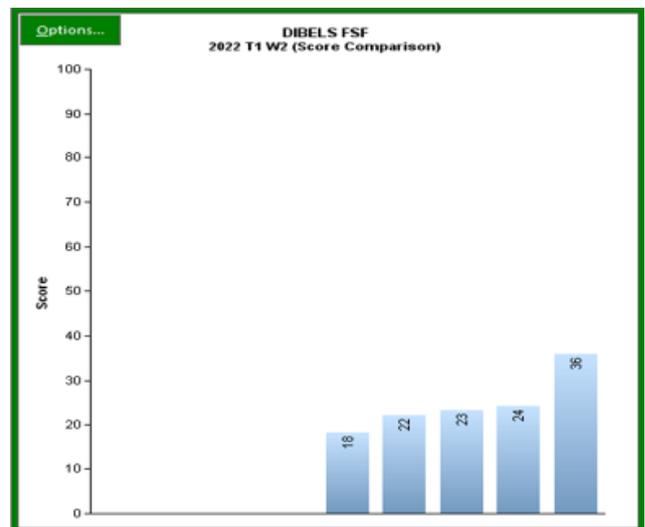
Assistant Principal

## FROM THE LITERACY CORNER

What a wonderful first term in terms of learning. Early indications show that our reading program and interventions are having a small early impact on reading. Many teachers are reporting positive changes for their students in this space. The recent collection of DIBELS is showing improvements in both fluency and accuracy of reading.

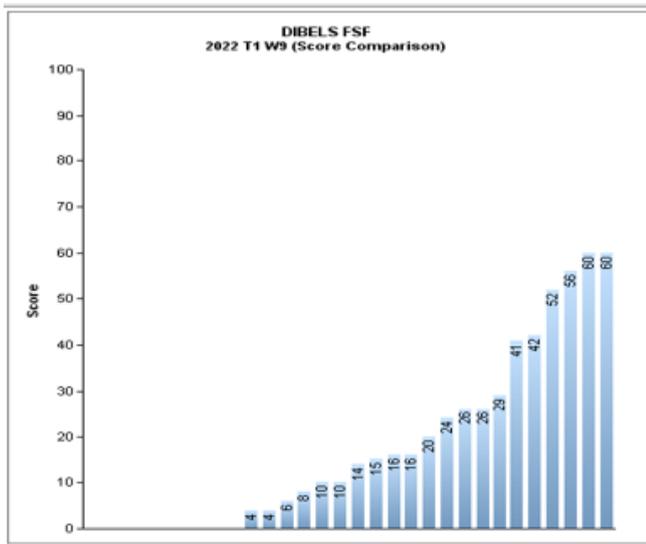


The graphs for transition stu-



dents below show that many students who started the year without the background knowledge required for learning to read, have now gained or are steadily gaining that knowledge, giving them the best chance to be decoding readers by the end of the year. There are many other small celebrations across the school but this one is one I particularly wanted to highlight.

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I would like to include some writing this week from 4/5L who have been writing persuasive texts. Kaitum has had a real sustained attempt at writing to convince us that children should be banned from watching TV using hyperbole and good reasoning skills. Deishiya on the other hand felt that movies are better than books and used effective rhetorical questions and ensuring that her audience feels included by her writing.

Kaitum

Introduction  
children should be banned  
for watching tv.  
I think children should be  
banned for watching tv.  
Watching too much tv.  
children will get addicted and  
it will damage their  
brain.  
If children get addicted  
they won't do full activities  
like football basketball  
and soccer  
there are lots more fun  
activities out there like

Imagine if at school you could watch movies instead of reading books! wouldn't that just be perfect.

While I strongly disagree I can acknowledge well written arguments. Great use of rhetorical questions & relational language. Well done Deishiya!

Deishiya

Hi I'm here to tell you that Movies are better than books! I know you might disagree with me but it is true and you must be wondering why? I will tell you some reasons to convince you.

Movies can be educational and you can see new things you have never seen before! Don't get me wrong books are good but these books are so old. Books are just a waste of paper these days wouldn't you agree?

Books take too long to read and Movies are shorter to watch. Like who needs books when you have movies? If you really want to read turn on the subtitles.

Books can break easily with fire, water children scribbling on them, ripping out pages, etc. Technology can't be broken like a book.

Swimming Shopping and Music should be banned by the community watching the children. I will stop them!

Excellent writing Kaitum! I love your simile reasons! - DJ

**Carley Melbourne**  
Senior Teacher

## SRC MESSAGE



It has been a great week of action packed learning. What a term it has been. The past ten weeks rushed by super quick. We would like to thank everyone for their support this term. Our favourite parts of the term were seeing parents, carers and students and friends at the Harmony Day Breakfast. We hope everyone enjoyed that day as much as we did. This has been a great first term to reflect on what has happened and what we can improve on for next term. At the SRC meetings we have been discussing new choices for the PBS rewards every second Friday. We have also been talking about an elective program. Thank you to those kids who gave us a few ideas. If you have any more please come and see us in the yard during recess and lunch. We would like to appreciate our 5/6 teachers especially Mr Grosser who is sadly going on a long service break for the whole of term 2. Can you believe that he has been working for the NT school department for 10 years with only 4 days off. We cant wait to see everyone back in term 2 for another great one. Enjoy your holidays

**Sophie Tyack School Captain**

**Iman Ababor Vice School Captain**

**Pupil Dree Day**

**Week 1 Term 2**

**Tuesday 19th April**

### KARAMA SCHOOL PHOTOS – TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> MAY 2022

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](http://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

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 dor your class/portraits, online orders are open via the website for you to make payment.

Email – [enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au](mailto:enquiries@theschoolphotographer.com.au) or

Call: (02) 9674 9824