

The Karratha Key Term 3 Week 5

Unlocking Key Messages for our School Community: Issue 5 2026



At Karratha Primary School we have high expectations.

We value care, personal best and responsibility.

We embrace diversity and inclusivity.

Our school community nurtures a sense of belonging.



A Note from Mrs Austin

What a busy end to Term 2 and start to Term 3 we have had as a school community. Please read the rest of our newsletter to see all of the incredible events that we have participated in.

As we have many events that require a permission slip to be returned, please ensure that these notes are returned promptly when they are sent home. Unfortunately, children are unable to participate if notes are not returned as office staff do not have the capacity to call home for each event.

We are going to begin using Compass to provide families with messages, moving away from Connect. Please keep an eye on your email inbox for instructions.

If you need to speak with me regarding school issues, please ensure you make an appointment through the front office. When I am on duty in the morning and afternoon is not the appropriate time as I am chatting with students and checking in with them.

WA Student Assistance Payment

You can claim \$250 for each secondary student and \$150 for students attending primary school or Kindergarten.

The fastest and most convenient way to claim is through the ServiceWA app. More information on how to claim through the ServiceWA app is available at

[WA.gov.au/WASAP2026](https://www.wa.gov.au/WASAP2026)

All claims must be received by Friday 25 September 2026.

Reminder of School Closure

Tuesday 25 August, schools across the Karratha Region will be closing to hold Reporting to Parent meetings. Parents will be given the opportunity to book a 15-minute appointment with their child's classroom teacher. If you have not already done so this must be completed immediately as no bookings will be taken on the day of closure.

If parents need to bring their child/ren with them, they will be supervised during the 15 minutes slot. Please note non-school aged children will be required to remain with the parent during the interview.

Family Muster

On Thursday 6 August we had another successful Family Muster. Many families and students enjoyed the banana bread/muffins, followed up by yoghurts and fruit cups. It was so fantastic to see our families join us, and to meet a lot of our student's grandparents as well. We hope they are enjoying their stay. Thank you to our Wellbeing Team for organising another great event.





Student Leadership Alliance - Debating

Young Voices Shine at Inaugural Karratha Interschool Debating Tournament Final

Dampier Community Hall was alive with thoughtful discussion, confident public speaking, respectful differing of opinion and friendly competition on Thursday 25 June in the evening as six primary schools came together for the grand final of the 2026 Interschool Debating Tournament.

Hosted by the Student Leadership Alliance (SLA), the event celebrated the outstanding debating skills of students from across the Karratha region, with more than 100 students, families, educators and community members in attendance.

The evening featured two demonstration debates, allowing students to showcase their persuasive speaking skills on contemporary topics. Karratha PS debated Tambrey PS on the topic *"School Uniforms Should Be Optional,"* while Millars Well PS and Dampier PS tackled the thought-provoking issue *"Zoos Should Not Exist."*

A special highlight was presentation from guest speaker, KSHS student **Ka-el Calxto**, who showcased KSHS public speaking talent.

The highly anticipated championship debate saw Pegs Creek Primary School and Tambrey Primary School face off in the adjudicated grand final, debating the topic:

"Should the State Government Prohibit Private Shacks on the Dampier Archipelago?"

Both teams impressed the audience with their confidence, well-researched arguments and outstanding teamwork.

Following a closely contested debate, **Pegs Creek Primary School** was crowned champion debating team, taking home the perpetual trophy, while **Tambrey Primary School** were recognised as worthy runners-up.

Congratulations to the individual winners:

Champion Debater: **Georgia McCarthy** *Peg's Creek Primary School*

Runner-Up Champion Debater: **Georgia Farrell** *Karratha Primary School*

Audience Choice Award: **Summer East** *Pegs Creek Primary School*

Special Commendations: Sadie Bywaters, Ysabella Powell *Dampier Primary School* and Feruk Abdulrazak *Tambrey Primary School*, each coming close to receiving Audience Favourite in their rounds.

Student Leadership Alliance Coordinator and event organiser, Ms Danielle Watson thanked everyone involved in making the inaugural event such a memorable success. "We are incredibly proud of all the students who stepped up to the microphone and made their voices heard."

The success of the tournament would not have been possible without the dedication of the school debating coordinators, volunteer adjudicators: Catherine Hall, Jessica Ford and CoK Councillor Tony Simpson, school admin, student volunteers and the many families who supported competitors throughout the competition.

The Debating Tournament was made possible through the Student Leadership Alliance(SLA), a program of the Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative (KREI). The KREI aims to strengthen education opportunities and positive outcomes for students and educators and is supported by @WoodsideNorthWest and its joint venture partners.





Student Leadership Alliance - Yaburara Heritage Trail Walk



Our Year 6 School Leaders recently completed the Yaburara Heritage Trail a 7.8 kilometre grade 4 walk highlighting the Karratha district's natural history and cultural heritage and in particular the heritage of the Traditional Owners of the land, the Ngarluma people, in honour of the Yaburara people.

It covers rugged country with some steep climbs and descents and features a number of Aboriginal sites including rock engravings and artefact scatters.

The event was made possible through the Karratha and Roebourne Education Initiative (KREI), and a huge thank you to Mr Duggan for taking our students.



Karratha Primary School Cross Country Event

On Friday 26 June, Karratha Primary School held their Cross-Country event with students running a new course due to bridge closures by the City of Karratha. Thanks to Mr Duggan who had trained our students to know the new route and prepare them for the run.

It was great to see lots of resilience and personal best happening across the event with students cheering on everyone as they came past the bays.

Our students who came in the first three positions competed at the Interschool Cross Country with Dane Ningella taking out the Senior Boys first place. Congratulations Dane and to all of our students who competed and displayed their personal best.









Dockers Cultural Immersion Day

Our students recently had the wonderful opportunity to attend the NAIDOC Cultural Immersion Experience, where they deepened their understanding and appreciation of the cultural significance of the lands on which we live and learn. Through a collaboration between the Fremantle Dockers and local Indigenous organisations, students participated in a range of engaging cultural and football activities.

Throughout the day, students enjoyed a variety of interactive stations, including traditional dancing, artwork, weaving, food tasting and many other hands-on experiences. It was fantastic to see our students embracing every opportunity to learn, participate and connect with Indigenous culture. They represented our school with pride, enthusiasm and respect, and most importantly, had a wonderful time.





Looking Ahead

Our Twilight Learning Journey will be held on Thursday 20 August, along with our Bookfair in the school library. This year ECE classrooms and up to Year 3 will be open 4.30 pm - 5.30pm, Specialist classes 4.45pm - 5.45pm and Year 4-5 open from 5.00pm - 6.00pm. We will also have computers set up for you to complete our School Culture Survey along with hard copies being available.

Friday night P&C Fundraiser with a Movie in the Bowl. I hope you all have your tickets and best of luck at winning the VIP seating.



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