Welcome Back

I trust everyone had a sensational break. I know I did. A big welcome to any new families. It was a busy time over the holidays. We had the painters in painting classrooms and outside of the main building on the south side. Any rotted windows were also replaced.

Last year one of our flag poles broke. To repair it was nearly as expensive as a new one. School Council decided to purchase two new ones and we have had them placed at the front of the school. We also had the PE shed and other shed “bombed’ to get rid of any unwanted insects. Last Friday we had an asbestos audit of the main building and I am pleased to tell you we passed with flying colours. Alan, our cleaner was in most of the holidays and the school has never looked better. Starting tomorrow two grades from the SDS will be joining us for the year. Scott, the SDS Principal spoke to our staff yesterday and could not thank us enough for allowing them to use two of our vacant rooms while they have major building works on their site this year.

4/5 C

During the break Mrs Carr phoned me to say that she has a serious family situation back home in England and needed to return to assist the family. As a result Mrs Carr will be absent for all of term one. I have been fortunate to have Larissa Scarlett fill in for the term. Larissa has previously worked at Somerville Rise PS and I am sure will do a great job. Parents of the 4/5C children please make your selves known to Larissa.

Breakfast Program

This morning we launched the State Government Schools Funded Breakfast Program. Our Local Member for Frankston, Paul Edbrook joined us and helped me with the cooking of our pancakes. He was ably assisted by Peta Murphy who has the pre selection for the Labour Party at the next federal election. Thanks to those students who managed to make the 8 o’clock start. Normal breakfast starts next Monday and is held Monday, Wednesday and Friday. We start at 8:15 and aim to finish at 8:45. All welcome.

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February 1 Breakfast program begins
February 9 School Banking begins
February 15 Open Afternoon
March 11 Grandparents and Special Friends Morning
March 14 Labour Day
March 16 No Bullying Day
March 17 Whole School Briars Excursion
March 24 Last Day of Term 1
We have Twins

Congrats to Hayley and Kade Turner on the arrival of Jack and Elora. After an earlier than expected arrival, Hayley and the bubs are now doing well.

We are going paperless/ Our web site/ Tiq Biz

Shortly the newsletter will only go out via the school web site www.karingalheightspsvic.edu.au and there will be no paper copies sent home. It can be emailed to you if we have your email address. We will be sending a request for your email address later in the term. We will no longer be using Tiq Biz. Once we finish the final details on the new web site all information will be regularly updated. We are aiming to have any forms on the new web site such as excursion forms if you need them.

Hats

As part of the Sunsmart Program, students are required to wear hats in terms one and four. Please assist us by providing your child with a hat.

The new school polo shirts

When I started as principal in September 2012 one of the first things I did in conjunction with our then uniform committee was change the design of our polo shirts to the current design which is the navy panel on the right hand side. Over 3 years on and we still have students using the old design with navy sleeves on both sides of the polo shirt. We are aiming to phase out the old shirts by the end of term two this year. Your assistance with this would be greatly appreciated.

School Camp for year 4 to 6

The date for our school camp has been changed to July 25th to the 27th. This is the first Monday of the 3rd week in term 3. Details about camp will go out very shortly.

School Banking

School Banking will start on Tuesday the 9th February. If you are a new banker (maybe filling out information on one of our Transition Days last year) you should have received your bank account number by now. Please bring these details to the office to obtain a bank book and wallet before February 9th

Consent Forms

Included with this newsletter are the 2016 consent forms for cooking and treats. Could you please fill out these forms and return to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.