CAR PARKING AND SCHOOL DROP OFF AND PICK UP
For safety reasons it is important that during school drop off and pick up times to be mindful of students and parents crossing the road. Please drive slowly at all times when entering and leaving the school parking area. Parents MUST park in the car park area (parking bays) and collect their children from the front gate by walking them across the road. Students cannot cross the road by themselves. PLEASE DO NOT walk in between buses at any time.

WALKING AND RIDING TO AND FROM SCHOOL
Walking and riding to school is lots of fun and a great way for students to be active. As parents it is important to speak with your child/children about walking, riding to school safely. I have noticed some students riding bikes at times in an unsafe manner. We have spoken to them. As parents it is your duty of care to ensure your child/children know how to cross the road when walking and riding to and from school. Your assistance here in talking with your child/children is appreciated, as we all want students to be safe going to and from school.

Department of Education Policy states: Parents/carers are responsible for children riding bicycles to and from school. Generally speaking, children under the age of twelve do not have the neuro-physiological and psychological development to cope with complex traffic situations on their own. Road safety authorities recommend that before the age of nine or ten years children should not ride a bicycle in traffic without adult supervision. Depending on their cycling skills and experience, some children over this age may still require supervision. Ref: http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/safety/pages/ridingandwalking.aspx

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES
As previously mentioned in the newsletter, in term 1 each year we offer parents an opportunity early in the year to meet with their child’s teacher in the form of a Parent Teacher Conference. The Parent Teacher Conference is less formal than the traditional parent teacher interview. Research clearly shows that students thrive when parents and teachers work together to support students learning. The parent teacher conference is an opportunity to have a conversation about your child’s strengths, interests and focuses for improvement. Appointment forms will be coming home soon. As always if you have any questions or concerns please contact your child’s teacher.

Teachers will be available for Parent Teacher Conference appointments.

Week of
Types of events
FEBRUARY
FRI 26th Student Leaders Congress
MON 29th Whole School House Sports Practise - Students are welcome to wear their sneakers to school.

MARCH
THU 3rd House Sports @ Brauerander Park
TUE 8th School Photos
MON 14th Labour Day Holiday
TUE 15th School Council AGM, 7:30pm
WED 16th Moyne Sports
MON 21st Parent Teacher Conference Week
THU 24th Last Day Term 1 PFA Lunch

Add these dates to your calendar!
HOUSE SPORTS – ATHLETICS -
Brauerander Park Thursday
March 3rd
We encourage everyone to come
along on the day and join in on
the fun. **Dress in your child's
house colours!** Our family
welcome BBQ is on this day. The
BBQ, along with salads will be
provided by the Parent & Friends
Association (PFA). The PFA are
looking for parents to help cook the
BBQ and prepare lunch on the day please.

*No buses will run on the House Sports Day, parents will need to
make arrangements for students to be at Brauerander Park by
8.45am.*

Marshalling and events will start at **9.00am** any parents who can
help on the day, please let Mr Miller know. The day finishes
between **2.30 - 3.00pm.**

**TIQBIZ**
Tiqbiz is used as a messaging system for all sorts of
communications. Parents must have Tiqbiz access on their phones.
Please make sure Tiqbiz notifications are turned on in your phone
to get all messages and updates. Contact Suzi if you need help.

*If your contact details or email have changed lately please ensure
these are changed at school. We must have up to date information
and phone numbers in case of an emergency.*

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**KGP**

Huge Thanks to Tori and
Danielle for our Kitchen
Garden Project program on
Tuesday - Zucchini & Chocolate Chip Muffins & planting
Parsley, Sage, Oregano, Chives & Nasturtiums in the
Veggie Patch.
Education Minister and Deputy Premier  

Mr James Merlino

visited our school on Wednesday 17th February. This was very exciting for the students and a chance to showcase our wonderful school and learning programs. We were honoured to be chosen to host this visit, and a testament, I believe, to the innovative work our staff and school are doing. Mr Merlino met with staff and students and was given a guided tour around our facilities. We had the opportunity to share with him our Kitchen Garden and Discovery Learning Program whilst showcasing our dynamic learning environment.

The junior members of the GROUND FORCE team presented the Minister with a Quamby Red Heritage Apple Tree. The Apple was grafted from the original orchard at Quamby Homestead.

Our Learning Process and Discovery Learning is a big focus again this year, with some exciting changes and new features. We will be involving parents, where possible, in our Discovery Learning day, by inviting parents/grandparents/community members in to share their own talents, passions and interests. This will ignite further Discoveries and interests in students’ thinking and build connections in our community.

Happy Students, Happy Parents, Happy Staff
Congratulations to
Hayley Nicolson
for her sensational efforts at the Macarthur Gymkhana on the weekend.
She won
6 Firsts, 2 Seconds, 5 Thirds and won
Champion Child’s Pony
Well done Hayley and Bindi!

Congratulations to
Josh & Ash Keen
on their outstanding performance in the Naracoorte Basketball Tournament on the weekend. 4 teams from the Koroit & District Association played extremely well, earning a well deserved rest!
Great job Josh & Ash!

Please send along photos of your children’s achievements - we would love to share them here in our weekly newsletter!

Congratulations to
Cameron Brian
on receiving you orange belt in martial arts.
Well done Cameron!

Congratulations to
Tadgh & Dougal for their superb efforts at the Tennis in Port Fairy.
It was getting a bit hot at one stage and the boys cooled off under the sprinkler.

LIBRARY
We have students looking to read the Andy Griffiths Treehouse Series from the library - but we can’t seem to find the first few books.
We are looking for:
THE 13 STOREY TREEHOUSE
THE 26 STOREY TREEHOUSE
THE 39 STOREY TREEHOUSE
THE 52 STOREY TREEHOUSE
The Library will be open Tuesday and Thursday lunchtimes for the students to come in and return/borrow books.
Thank you to Kathryn O’Connor who has donated some of her time to get the last few books into the computer system.

Thank you.

Items for the Newsletter can be directly emailed to ttaylor2601@gmail.com by 11 am Wednesdays.
Thank You.
CARARAMUT & DISTRICT GARDEN CLUB NOTES

It’s so hot and dry now and the heat goes on and on.
Gardens are ablaze with the brilliance of cannas, petunias, nasturtiums and hibiscus.
Days are long and hot and gardens are thirsty.
Conserve water by watering in the cool of early morning or the evening. If a plant is wilting, water it at once anytime of day. It’s a myth that the water will boil and damage the leaves.

Now is the time to take cuttings of camellias, geraniums, and native plants. Look for new growth that has been produced over the past few months. Wash pots in household bleach or pool chlorine. Use a commercial potting mix, dip ends of cuttings in cutting powder to increase the rate which roots form. Water cuttings with a diluted application of seaweed fertiliser. Also try a few cuttings of your favourite roses, taking cuttings where there has been a bloom and set them in seed raising mix. You can put a few in a pot and remember to water well.

You still have time to plant some beans, beetroot, brussels sprouts, silver beet, spinach and beetroot seedlings of broccoli and cauliflower.

In the flower garden try some seeds of Iceland poppies and larkspur.

If you are having trouble with Harlequin bugs (soldier beetles) try spraying with soapy water. Use any dishwashing detergent, make it as strong as will spray out of spray bottle. Keep bottle handy and let them have it full blast, especially where they are breeding. I have had great success with this and it is safe to spray on vegetables.

Competition Winners For February…
Blooom: 1st Margaret Lehman 2nd Janet Shalders
Special: 1st Lorraine Schefferle 2nd Janet Shalders
Produce: 1st Margaret Lehman 2nd Marita Smith

Next meeting Tuesday March 8th 2016 at 10am at Penshurst Senior Citizen Clubrooms. Competition “Dahila” Final arrangements will be made for the the Western Regional Garden Club Conference to be held in Penshurst, Saturday, April 16th 2016. Please bring any promised items for raffles, door prizes or goody bags to this meeting.
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Bric-a-brac - Car boot sale
Fully catered canteen - BBQ - Coffee

HORSE VAULTING EXHIBITION
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$20 each
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Koroit news agency

SUNDAY 28th FEB
10 am - 2pm
QUEEN STREET, KOROIT
### Parents & Friends Association

Please take the time to check out the shifts we still have available. If you can help out please add your name to the roster in the office or contact Emma or Melissa. Please note we have an extra shift at the Koroit Irish Festival on the Sunday.

Thank you.

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**NEW SHIFT**

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**PFA - KOROIT IRISH FESTIVAL**

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**PFA - Port Fairy Folk Festival 2016**

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**Parents & Friends Association**

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