Welcome

Karama and Malak schools are gearing up for their end of school year celebrations.

Our local schools have been excelling in their efforts to provide young Territorians with every opportunity for a bright future.

I welcome the efforts that our schools are making that go beyond the classic teaching and learning of literacy and numeracy. These efforts often embrace their important role in our community.

Special congratulations go to Karama Primary School who are finalists in a national award (they were chosen as Northern Territory finalists that recognises efforts to support students beyond traditional learning methods.

Karama Primary School’s partnership with The Smith Family charity has introduced a range of important programs to strengthen students’ skills.

I encourage all parents to attend their end of year school activities and express their thanks to the hard work undertaken by our teachers and school administrators.

Our community is strengthened by these efforts and I look forward to handing out my end of year literacy, numeracy and endeavour awards at local public primary schools.

School Literacy Awards

CAAPS celebrated their 25th anniversary

Henbury School shop opening “Opportunity Knocks”

I am pleased to announce that the Henbury School has opened one of its outreach programs “Opportunity Knocks” in the Karama Shopping Centre.

Henbury School plays an important role in our community, in the holistic development of people with special needs. It prides itself on providing students with the skills and knowledge necessary to engage in society.

“Opportunity Knocks” has grown from the energy and generosity of many people. Mr Peter La Pira has donated the shopfront, the Salvation Army their know-how, the Roper Bar Store a cash register and float, with many more contributing their efforts. It’s always pleasing to see that people in Darwin are quick to put their hands up to help others in need.

I look forward to watching the growth and success of “Opportunity Knocks”, and I congratulate the School on its endeavours and officially welcome them to the electorate.
**Manunda Terrace Primary School celebrate their 25th Anniversary**

“Celebrating 25 years of wonderful education service by Manunda Terrace Primary School opened in 1984 to the Karama community is a very special event. The 29 Manunda Life Members (school staff, parents or school council employees who have provided ten years service and now acknowledged on our new honour boards) are a testimony to this connection as are the families who are now Manunda second generation.”

QUOTED from current Principal Bill Armstrong.

There are many more stories about the school, if you wish to get a copy of the booklet that celebrates their 25th Birthday Celebrations, please contact the school directly.

**Karama Primary will also be receiving $2,000,000 for a Multi Purpose Learning Area which is part of the Federal Govt BER-21st Century Round 3 funding**

**From the Schools First Website (www.schoolfirst.edu.au)**

**Partner: The Smith Family**

**Summary:** The partnership with The Smith Family (TSF) began in 2006. The school is a low socio-economic status school with a significant proportion of disadvantaged students, including a large number of Indigenous and ESL students. It was experiencing high levels of behaviour incident reports and anti-social behaviour when The Smith Family approached the school with an offer to help create improved wellbeing and academic proficiency.

Among other things, the partnership aims to improve the social and emotional wellbeing of students by increasing their motivation and sense of achievement. It also aims to increase parents’ knowledge of and involvement in the school so they can support their children’s learning and efforts.

Three areas were identified as being likely to make a difference: sport, music and early learning. The impact of the partnership is observable across the school with a number of initiatives being implemented. Students have gained positive outcomes not just from one program but from two or three.

Benefits include improved literacy levels, confidence, self-esteem and satisfaction. There has been a noticeable change in school culture from a negative, non-achieving culture to one where students have pride in who they are and what they are able to do. The Indigenous sports trainees have been excellent role models; the swimming program has helped students become more confident in the water and music has become embedded in the school. The benefits are evident across a range of measures.

Serving the Community - Listening to You

**Delia Lawrie revealing the honour board**

**Paul Henderson at Manunda Terrace Primary School**

**Receiving their first cheque of $50,000.**

**Fireworks to end the celebrations held after the annual auction**

**Chantelle Ayres, winner of the Past Student Citizen Award**

**Celebrating the students win with a cake for everyone.**

“**When the school first opened it was known as Sanderson Primary School, and the name and location caused a lot of confusion. People thought there was a mistake in the name and thought it was Sanderson High School, so one year when a delivery was being made of school supplies it was dropped off to Sanderson High School.**”

QUOTED from David Green-Ass Principal 1986-1988, Principal 1997-2000