

KARI NEWS

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Dear Friends,

This month saw the second running of the KARI Koori Cup. This rugby league initiative sees High Schools send a representative team along to play seven-a-side football in a knock-out style competition. This year we had fourteen teams enter the competition with the final being played prior to the West's Tigers vs. St George main game at the Sydney Football Stadium. This year's KARI Koori Cup winners were Sarah Redfern High School.

As mentioned in my last newsletter review, the KARI and School Education initiative "VIP" Vocal Identification Program was in progress and with a lot of hard work the finale took place on Friday the 19th August 2011.

What a great success and popular initiative this is and this year's spectacular finale was no exception. I would like to thank all of those who assisted in the success of this year's program in particular Coordinators Cheryl Ralph and Natalie Pierson, Consultants Wendy Tierney, Sarah Bertram and Blake Ralph, Support staff Ian Bertram and Glen Morgan, well done everybody.

Thank you to the team who helped re-establish the KARI Resources Centre. The Centre was severely affected by last month's torrential rain period. We have great expectations for how the Centre will be utilized in the future and under the leadership of Casey Walpole I am expecting some great results so stay tuned.

Congratulations to Dennis Thorne and Kylie Miller who have both crossed over to new roles within KARI. Dennis is now working exclusively in Foster Carer Recruitment and Kylie is now attached to our Cultural Unit and I am confident that they will both do great things in their new roles.

Yours sincerely,

Paul Ralph
CEO



"Red, Black and Yella – Help our little fellas" **Aboriginal Foster Carers Needed**

★ Do you have a loving, caring home and are willing to help a family in their time of need? ★ Are you or your partner Aboriginal? ★ Can you provide a safe environment where a child or young person can maintain connections to their Aboriginal culture?

If you answered yes, then we want to hear from you.

We are looking for Aboriginal carers to look after our children and young people for both short and long term placement. At KARI we ensure that Aboriginal children needing to be placed in care are placed with Aboriginal people so that they can maintain connections to their culture.

**Approved Foster Carers receive full training and support
as well as an on going allowance and much more.**

If you feel you can help, and wish to make a difference please contact the
Carer Recruitment Team on 8782 0300

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Community Programs News



Vacation Care Program Sept/Oct 2011

Vacation Care will run again in the September/October School holidays. While activities are yet to be confirmed they will begin on Monday 26th of September.

Contact KARI closer to the date to find out more details and make your bookings.

2011 Koori Cup

The 2011 Koori Cup was played again on Friday 5th August at Campbelltown Sports Stadium.

This annual event, which is run in partnership with NSW Rugby League and West Tigers, hosted 12 schools from the region in a round robin, 16 years and under knockout carnival. All teams played extremely well hoping to win the title for 2011.

In the final round, which was played at the Sydney Football Stadium, Sarah Redfern High School defeated Bonnyrigg High School 28-8.

The event was made even more significant as it was held during the NRL's Close The Gap Round. Congratulations to all teams who participated, we look forward to an even bigger turn out at next year's competition.

KARI Scholarships 2011 Assessments

Our scholarship holders for 2011 have undergone half yearly assessments to track their progress.

KARI Scholarship holders who have made great efforts towards their educational development will receive further funding to be put towards their schooling needs.

Holders who are granted an increase will be notified by mail.



Ongoing Applications for Community Grants

KARI Aboriginal Resources Inc provides select funding for initiatives and events within our community. We provide funding for sports initiatives, business initiatives and culturally appropriate community initiatives. The Community Grants application can be found on our website www.kari.org.au or if you would like any information on how to apply for a grant please call Lauren Drayton on (02) 8782 0300.

KARI Gala Dinner Dance 2011



Saturday 29th October 2011

6:30pm to 11:30pm

Venue: Liverpool Catholic Club

Cost: \$40.00 per ticket

Dress code: Strictly Evening Wear

For bookings please contact KARI

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Email: contactus@kari.org.au

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