



Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Week 4 Term 4, 29th October 2014

A huge congratulations to the students and staff at this week's Lighthouse Community Performing Arts Festival – you all represented Kororo to the highest degree! Thank you!

The Year 6 students are still buzzing after their five day adventure to Canberra and Sydney. From all reports the students and teachers had a fabulous time and spent the weekend reacquainting themselves with their families and having a couple of well deserved nights of 'good sleep'. The Year 6 excursion is the last of the major excursions for this school year, with plans and dates already being put on the calendar for the coming year.

Students attending this invaluable experience were given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australian history, culture, heritage and democracy. The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education. The Australian Government under the PACER scheme, provides financial support directly to the school upon completion of the excursion. The highly educational experiences offered during the excursion are supportive of the work covered throughout Stage 3 on Australia, The Federation and Democracy.

School excursions, particularly when they involve overnight stays, are milestones in students' school lives. They form part of the footprint that students look forward to as they undertake the journey through the primary grades. Overnight school excursions can only occur when dedicated staff give of their own family time to organise and attend. In thanking the Year 6 staff who attended last week's excursion – Mrs Stacey, Mrs Dodd, Mr Chapman and Mrs McConnell – I would like also to acknowledge the staff who attended other overnight ventures in Terms 1 and 3:

Year 5 - Lake Ainsworth – Mr Fredericks, Mrs Gough, Mrs Tristram and Mrs Willimas.

Year 4 - Port Macquarie – Mrs Attwood, Mrs Bowen, Mrs Martyn and Mrs Williams.

Year 3 - Yarrhapinni – Ms Yeomans, Mrs Hartmann, Mrs Levey, Mrs Arnold, Mrs Howarth, Mrs Aleman and Ms Stoker.

A huge thank you from your school community. Your time really is appreciated.

Over the last few weeks the school has been inundated with new enrolments to the point where we are on the brink of establishing the 23rd class teacher position in the school. In order to be well prepared for the new year, is most important that the school is made aware of any pending departures. If you know your child will not be returning to Kororo after the Christmas break, please notify the office as soon as possible. Likewise, if you have yet to inform the school of a new enrolment, please let us know.

Lots of exciting dates are coming up on the school calendar as the term gets into full swing. We hope to see you in the school enjoying highlights of a very busy term.

Quote for the week:

'One way to get the most out of life is to look upon it as an adventure'
William Feather

Sue Mackay
Principal

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Disabled Parking

Just a reminder to parents about the two disabled parking spaces allocated at the front of the school. These spaces are reserved for community members and parents displaying a valid sticker on their windshields. Not only are you likely to be fined if you do park illegally, it is highly discourteous to those who validly require the parks. It is also extremely rude to abuse staff when they ask you to move your illegally parked car. Manners cost very little.



Important Dates



Friday, 7th November	✳ Assembly 2VW at 11.45am
	✳ Assembly 5LF at 1.50pm
Monday, 10th November	✳ Swim School commences
Monday, 17th November	✳ Footsteps Dance Program commences
Friday, 21st November	✳ Last day of Swimming School

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Botanical Gardens and Art Gallery performance
Last Thursday, the 23rd October, Year 5 had the opportunity to go to the wonderful Coffs Harbour Art and Cultural Festival held at the Botanical Gardens. We were guided around the scenic gardens by Coffs Harbour High School students.

On the walk we stopped by fascinating flora to either taste, feel or touch the plants and hear about how the plants were used by Indigenous Australians.

Then we visited the Coffs Harbour Art Gallery and saw a range of paintings using different styles of artwork. Mrs MacEntyre spoke about the paintings and artists. We also looked at the large painting by Tony Hart which depicted the way of life for indigenous Australians in the Coffs Harbour area.



After a picnic lunch we were entertained by an Indigenous artist and then Year 5 presented an Aboriginal song, 'Koolori', which was stunning. It was a very interesting and informative day.

— Kalani P & Bindy I

DEPUTY'S REPORT CONTINUED

2014 Lighthouse Community of Schools Concert

On Monday 27th October, six performing groups from Kororo took the stage at the Lighthouse Community of Schools Concert. The night showcased a variety of acts from Kororo PS, Narranga PS, Tyalla PS, Coffs PS, Orara HS and Coffs HS. Our talented groups included "Thriller", "Abba" and "Black or White" from the Stage 3 Showcase, the Year 2 Dance Group and a Year 6 Experimental Dance Group. This dance was made up of four Year 6 girls who were guided through a process of student-directed choreography. It was a trial of technique that encourages input from students and follows a "story". They all did a fabulous job and it was another great opportunity for our students to perform. A huge thank you to all the teachers and parents who supported this event!



Year 2 Dance Group



Year 6 Dance Group

Mrs Hogan

Congratulations and thank you to all the students and teacher's involved in the planning and preparation, leading up to the spectacular Lighthouse Community of Schools Concert last night (LCOPS).

Digital Citizenship

We're the first generation of parents responsible for equipping our children with digital citizenship skills – how to use technology safely and responsibly, and how to evaluate, manage and use the information and tools they find online. Here are some tips to get you started:

<http://www.schoolatoz.nsw.edu.au/technology/using-technology/raising-good-digital-citizens>

CANBERRA EXCURSION

Welcome back Year 6 students and teachers after the Canberra excursion last week.



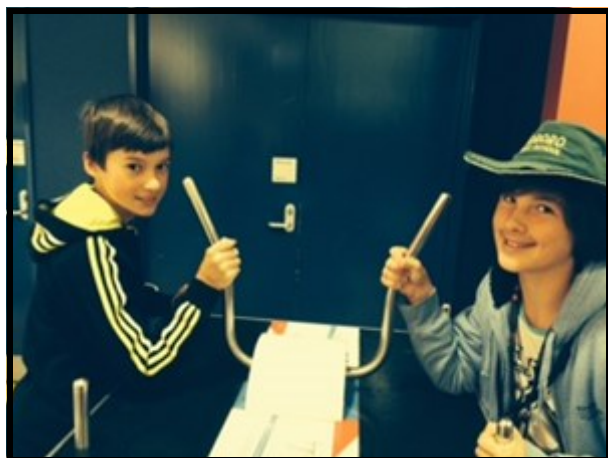
DEPUTY'S REPORT CONTINUED

Here are a few recounts of events written by students:

Last week the Year 6's went on an excursion to the Nation's Capital, Canberra. The excursion was amazing and the places we went to were so interesting, like the National Museum of Australia, Parliament House, Questacon, National Art Gallery of Australia and many, many, more. We got to stay at the Australian Institute of Sport (AIS), it was soooo cool. We saw heaps of athletes training and got to see all the facilities too. My favourite part was Questacon. It had cool stuff like, a giant fan, lightening creator, robot hockey and heaps more. Overall I rate the excursion a 9½ out of 10. !!! - **Cooper H.**

Canberra is an amazing place to visit, full of fun activities and places including the War Memorial, Questacon, Parliament House and Old Parliament House. They were all so cool!!! Thanks to the teachers for putting in all that hard work! - **Zac C.**

Last week Year 6's went to an excursion to Canberra. The places we visited were AMAZING. We went to Parliament House, the Australian War Memorial, National Museum, Questacon and many more. My favourite place was Questacon. Questacon is all about science and they have heaps of good stuff. We learnt a lot, one thing was, the first Prime Minister was Sir Edmund Barton in 1901. I think the Canberra excursion was really fun and rate it 9½ out of 10. - **Jimmy D**



AUTISM WORKSHOPS

Free autism workshop for Coffs Harbour families.

Like all school-age students, children with autism spectrum disorder benefit from strong, positive relationships between the home and school. Positive Partnerships uses evidence based materials and practical resources to help support these relationships by facilitating workshops for parents and carers in your local community. Sessions will include understanding behaviour and sensory processing as well as strategies that can be applied in home and school settings. For more information please view the workshop flyer or go on line at

www.positivepartnerships.com.au to register for the workshop.

The details for the upcoming 2 day workshop are:

Dates: 12th & 13th November 2014

Venue: Australis Sanctuary Resort

250 Pacific Hwy (South) Coffs Harbour



Starworkers



KC	Will M, Scarlett L, Brock M, Callan H.
KG	Enya V, Lucia G, Alicia C.
KR	Lachlan N, Callum O, Chanice C, Chantelle C.
KS	Jenna J, Drayton M, Jackson F, Lilah S.
K/1MW	Kaylee W, Hannah W, Korben H, Oliver V.
1JB	Lachlan I, Ty M, Shanaya P, Isaac M.
1RP	Shae M, Elisa H, Nicholas D, Jairon P.
1/2CB	Lily M, Jake W, Loga S, Ashton W.
2GH	Breia C, Heath S, Lillie A, Dylan R.
2LB	Noah L, Kaspas N, Cohen T, Kristian M.
2VW	Gurkirit D, Charlotte C, Lachlan C, Ethan H.
3BY	WEEK 2: Kane P, Montarna C, Will V-S, Jack P, Eimile O. WEEK 3: Lachlan H, Breah F, Zoe M, Kane P, Tahliya S.
3DH	WEEK 2: Pierra G, Darcy H, Allora L, Alex S. SCIENCE: Jakk L, Kye B. WEEK 3: Leon B, Tayne O, Emily S, Jessie C, Luke M.
3SL	WEEK 2: Billy H, Keidis G, Lilli C, Ava P, Jazmyn A. WEEK 3: Ruby G, Phoebe T, Sebastian L, Lilli C.
3/4LM	WEEK 2: Jayden M, Tahlia F, Chanel A, Mitchell H, Yashar C. WEEK 3: Asher F, Sophie Z, Christa D, Mackenzie H, Lily B.
4CA	WEEK 2: Baxter C, Abby K, Austyn B, Charlie M, Lily J. WEEK 3: Adele A-A, Mason D, Olivia T,
4LB	WEEK 2: Rachael E, Fin D, Cloe N, Byron V, Saxon S. WEEK 3: Indigo L-W, Skye M, Lindsay S, Slade H, Kate S.
5BT	Olissa O, Olivia S-C, Meika H, Diavi Y, Gemma B.
5LF	Lilly H, Sydney S, Ashley S, Grace P, Van M.
5/6LS	Ebony W, Ben S, Hunter C, Tayla L, Lauren L, Kalindi I.

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