



Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Week 5 Term 4, 5th November 2014

The NSW Public Education system is introducing a new approach to school planning, bringing together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities. These reforms aim to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. In leading a highly effective school, a quality planning process helps to drive and direct the main strategic business of the school.

The importance of working with students, staff, parents and community members is recognised in building the shared understanding, knowledge and skills required to achieve the educational practices necessary to bring about sustained growth. It is essential that the directions for our strategic plan for the next three years, reflects the aspirations of our staff, our students and our parents.

The model for planning has been informed by the international research into what makes a high performing education system. We are seeking input from our broad school community into the information gathering and planning process. An activity based parent and community meeting will be held at school next week on Tuesday evening at 6pm. It is anticipated that the meeting will last for about an hour, and will provide parents with an opportunity to participate in the data gathering process and provide input into the direction for our school in the coming years. This is big picture thinking and far more than a survey. What is it we want for our students – your children – and how do we make that happen? Remember this plan is for three years. We need to get it right!

Something to think about – you are about to hop in an elevator. You have one minute in which to convince the people in the elevator of the merits of attending Kororo Public School. What would you like to be able to say....what are your aspirations for our school?

Ideas like these are what will help to decide the direction of our school over the next few years. Please be a part of the discussion so that you are a part of the plan.

School Planning Meeting Tuesday 11th November at 6pm in our Library.
Hope to see you there.

Enjoy a wonderful week,
Sue Mackay
Principal

Quote for the week:

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops”
- Henry Adams

Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart

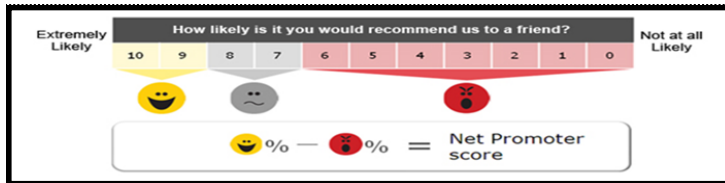


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School Satisfaction Survey

In today's Newsletter a survey has been included which we have been advertising through Survey Monkey. Due to the low number of parent responses, the survey is being distributed on paper with the hope being that many more parents return their feedback.

An integral part of our school review process each year also involves ascertaining parent satisfaction with the school. The survey in gathering of information uses a very simple tool called the Net Promoter Index. This is a calculation we have used for the last four years. The graphic below is a visual representation of the scores calculation.



Please return your surveys to school in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks for your time and comments.

Leader in Me – Celebration Week

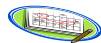
This week sees the last peer Support lesson for 2014 being conducted on Thursday. It has been very rewarding to be able to observe our senior students undertake their leadership roles with such flair, empathy and skill. This week's activity is a celebration of the 25 weeks of this week's program and the culmination of learning about the seven habits in action. In thanking the Year 6 students for their efforts, thanks also needs to be extended to Mrs Gough for her inspired direction of the program this year. You've done an amazing job!



Bus Travel Variations

The bus company does not mind if students need to travel to a friend's house of an afternoon provided that the arrangements are prearranged and not just the whim of students organising social activities at school. The bus drivers have asked us to remind parents that variations to travel require a note from a parent, preferably signed off by the school. Students who are travelling home on a bus which is not their normal route or normal means of travel, must pay for the bus journey - \$2 a trip.

Important Dates



Friday, 7th November	✳ Assembly 2VW at 11.45am
	✳ Assembly 5LF at 1.50pm
Monday, 10th November	✳ Swim School commences
Tuesday, 11th November	✳ School Planning Meeting in our Library at 6 pm
Monday, 17th November	✳ Footsteps Dance Program commences
Friday, 21st November	✳ Last day of Swimming School

DEPUTY'S REPORT

Vintage Cars at Kororo

A big thank you the Lansley family from the Coffs Harbour Vintage Car Club. On Monday morning they drove a 1928 Ford Ute, a 1970 Mini Cooper and a 2013 Mini Cooper GP into the school yard so that Stage 1 students could see first hand how things change over time. Year 1 are studying the unit Transport and Year 2 have been learning about Families Past and Present. The children were surprised that the older cars had no seat belts and wondered where the radio or CD players were. One student commented that he was actually taller than the Mini Cooper and asked how everyone fitted into such a small car. Cayden from Year 1 (pictured with his great grandfather) was delighted to have so many of his family visit his school. His aunty, grandfather and great grandparents all drove a car and shared their expertise by answering all the students' questions.



SUSHI FRIDAY

Don't forget to pre-order sushi on Thursday for Friday's lunch - \$2.50 per roll.



Flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Mayo and the Kororo Roll - (Carrot, Cucumber, Cream Cheese)
10c for soy sauce.

The fried rice is popular and is available every day for \$3.00. Both of these foods are made fresh in the Canteen.

FRESH FRUIT SALAD TUBS
are available for only \$4.00
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FRUIT SALAD CUPS are \$1.00.

Both must be ordered on the day.

Don't forget if you have any time to spare at all we are always looking for helpers, particularly on Thursday and Friday. Please call Linda at the Canteen if you would like to help.

The simplest way

...to food shop on a budget

Here are our 5 top tips for saving money at the checkout:

1. Create a weekly menu plan
2. Write a shopping list according to the menu plan + stick to it!
3. Compare unit pricing - often you will be able to save a lot of money this way
4. Buy fruit and vegetables that are in season- this can save you up to 35% than other times of the year- or buy canned/frozen where fresh is not available
5. Limit your purchases of processed snacks/meals - these are often unhealthy and expensive



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Starworkers



K/1MW	Ben S, Max M, Mersadies M, Olivia M.
1JB	Alannah P, Finn M, Tiffany J, Beau G.
1RP	Thomas R, Sienna M, Levi F, Zoe M.
1/2CB	Alex D, Abbey P, Thalia W, Oliver R.
2GH	Destanee L, Payton E, Adrian I, Dorian G.
2LB	Evie R, Cameron B, Oscar H, Deisha M-S.
2VW	Riley L, Nicole K-E, Zavannah B, James D.
3BY	Flynn C, Isla D, Rylan J, Kiyarna P, Gurtaj D.
3DH	Ava G, Darcy H, Mia G, Leon B, Marni C.
3SL	Jessy G, Connor B, Mekayla W, Jack C, Bella M.
3/4LM	Riley G, Lucy H, Imogen T, Sophie Z, Angus O.
4CA	Beau P, Mel V, Jaymie A, Emily F, Sam G.
4LB	Will G, Julia B, Cloe N, Georgie K, Jade W, Jalen F.
5BT	Natalie S, Jason P, D-Jay R, Asha G, Meika H, Sophie W.
5LF	Paityn D, Zoe J, Bailey S, Casey W, Jay H.
5/6LS	Cooper H, Alyssa J, Matilda O, Cohen D, Zac C, Jimmy D.
6DD	Chloe R, Hunter P, Ella K, Allana R.
6HG	Emily C, Lachlan G, Zahra F, Jenna-Lee G, Jaden H, Natasha S, Monessa W.

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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

DON'T FORGET DESIGN A BRICK

Our school is undertaking a rejuvenation project in the Memorial Garden area on the eastern side of the Library.

We would love as many families as possible to contribute and to be a part of this initiative. Please contact the school for details or drop in at the office to get an order form. Details are also available on the KPS website.



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