



# Newsletter

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Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 3 Term 1, 12th February 2014**

It's been an exceptionally busy start to the beginning of the school year with new enrolments, including our kinder intake, very quickly becoming acclimatised to Kororo Public School. One of the strengths and features of our school and one aspect of our school which we try actively to ensure, is the value of home – school communication. If there are changed circumstances at home or concerns that may arise during the year, please contact your child's teacher for an appointment. The more we work together, the better the team around each student is able to assist.

At Kororo Public School we have array of students with a range of social, academic and medical needs. There is every likelihood that a student in your child's grade has a severe allergy to nuts, to all nut products and to any foods containing nuts. Whilst the school cannot legally claim to be nut free, we are seeking parent assistance in our very best efforts to eliminate nuts and nut products from the school. In the first instance, please do not use peanut butter and 'nutella' type products as sandwich fillers. Please also avoid packing nuts in your child's lunchbox.



As parents, we all understand the precious nature of each of our children. When a child's health and safety is compromised by such food products, as a school community, it is our responsibility to help ensure the health and well being of every student. Many thanks for your support in this matter. It is vitally important for the school to be fully aware of medical conditions that your child may suffer from. Please keep the school informed and keep onsite medication up to date.

In today's Newsletter, the term calendar has been published. Please remember to check each week on the website for any changes or additions. The website is a great source of information particularly if you have a misplaced paper version and can usually answer all your queries.

Have a great Kororo week,  
Sue Mackay  
Principal



## SAVE THE DATE

**BIG BANANA WATER SLIDE -  
FRIDAY, 28TH FEBRUARY from 4.30PM.**  
Come along for a BBQ and meet other KPS families. Lots of fun for everyone!

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK!

*'Diversity is the one true thing we all have in common. Celebrate it every day' – Author unknown.*

**Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart**



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## What's happening with Ethics Classes at Kororo?

Some of you may have heard about 'Primary Ethics' at Kororo, or perhaps your child was attending 'Ethics Classes' in 2013. Primary Ethics Classes are offered at Kororo Public School to any students who have been exempted from Special Religious Education (Scripture) by their parents/caregivers. In 2013, a number of children in Stages 1, 2 and 3 participated in Ethics Classes as an option to attending Scripture. Primary Ethics is taught in NSW schools by specially trained and selected Volunteer Ethics Teachers. To find out more about Primary Ethics, you can visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au), or contact the volunteer Ethics Coordinator for Kororo Public School: Melissa Giese (Pone: 6658 7552 or 0428 516 830).

Primary Ethics classes are again available at Kororo for children from Stages 1, 2 and 3 who have been exempted from Scripture Classes. Unfortunately, the school can not yet offer Primary Ethics to Kindergarten children, but these are expected to be available later in 2014.

## SRC 2014 INDUCTION CEREMONY

Last Friday the 2014 Student Representative Council members were formally introduced to the Kororo Public School community. Congratulations to:

School Captains - Kirra Masters and Cohen Dunlop

School Vice Captains - Tarryn Arnold and Jaden Herring

School Prefects - Rachael McConnell, Matthew Lang, Matilda O'Brien and Joey Donovan.

These students made their pledges to the school, its students, parents and teachers and promised to ensure the good name of Kororo PS at all times.



All of the Year 6 students pledged to be positive leaders and to act responsibly within the school community. Great work, Year 6! We know you will be fantastic leaders.

## HARMONY DAY RIBBONS....PLEASE HELP

The Harmony Day Committee is requesting assistance...we need a very kind person who can sew to overlock some material lengths. If you can help, please contact me as soon as possible.

*Heidi Gough SRC Coordinator*

## SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Last Wednesday, when the rain came down and the wind blew, was our school swimming carnival and despite the weather a great day was had by all! I would like to thank the parents who helped time keep and assisted the staff by supplying jackets and warm drinks. To the staff who worked hard all day in difficult conditions. Also the children who display excellent manners and sportsmanship. Another outstanding display of the combined community spirit of Kororo School.

Our Age Champions for 2014 are:

**Junior Boy – Levi B**

**Junior Girl – Jorja W**

**11yrs Boy – Hunter C**

**11yrs Girl – Aisha G**

**Senior Boy – Ethan S**

**Senior Girl – Tarryn A**

The winning house this year was **Cook**

It was also a record year for setting new records!!

**Levi B:** Junior boys Backstroke, Junior IM

**Jorja W:** 10years girls 50m Freestyle, Junior girls breaststroke, Junior girls backstroke, Junior girls butterfly, Junior IM

**Aisha G:** 11yrs girls breaststroke

**Summer W:** 9yrs girls 50m freestyle

**Tarryn A:** Open 100m freestyle, 12yrs girls 50m freestyle, Senior girls backstroke, Senior girls butterfly.

The Sporting House Captains for this year are:

**Brelsford:** Lochie A, Zahra F (Captains), Lachlan G & Grace H (Vice Captains)

**Cook:** Jade K, Jackson G (Captains), Tiana T & Fergus Mc (Vice Captains)

**Flinders:** Emily P, Ethan S (Captains), Ella D & Kade P (Vice Captains)

**Oxley:** Ella K, David Mc (Captains) Cooper H & Emily C (Vice Captains)

The children attending the District Carnival on the 24<sup>th</sup> February will be receiving a note with the relevant details. Another huge thanks to our school community for a great day, well done to all the children for a fantastic day!

Leanne Stacey  
Swimming Coordinator

## SATURDAY BASKETBALL COMPETITION

If your child is interested in playing basketball on Saturdays the Coffs Harbour Basketball Association will be holding a sign on day this Saturday, 15th February from 9am to 12 noon at Sportz Central in Bray Street.



The competition includes: Funball K-2, Year 3/4 comp and Year 5/6 comp.

## UNIFORM SHOP

The Uniform Shop is in need of a volunteer for Monday mornings. The shop is open from 8.45am til approx 9.10am. Please contact the school if you can help.

We would like to thank Grant Bremner very much for his time volunteering in the shop, he has spent many hours helping and it has been greatly appreciated. There are no size 12 sports shirts available at the moment, they should be back in stock early next week.



## FROM THE OFFICE

We would like to welcome Ms Jacqui Fogarty to the office to replace Mrs Annette Campbell as School Admin Manager, whilst she is on leave. Jacqui is the SAM at Nana Glen Public School and has taken on the challenge of being in charge of our school finances and managing a very busy office. We hope she enjoys her time with us.

At the moment we are a little behind with putting our new Kindergarten students onto our database. Because of this we are unable to invoice and receipt money for their backpacks. Hopefully we will be finished by the end of the week so you should be able to pay for them early next week. Thanks to those in other classes who have already paid.



Just a reminder that the banking process is done by early afternoon therefore we have no change after this time. The same applies for early morning until money folders come up from the classrooms.

We are happy to pass messages onto your child/ren if you have a change of afternoon routine. Please ensure they listen carefully to your instructions while they jump out of the car as we get quite a few children who are confused about what they are doing in the afternoon.

If you need us to get a message to your child please do so before 2.45pm as we have a messenger to deliver the messages. If you call after this we can't guarantee that the message will be passed on.

We look forward to another year of fun things happening at Kororo Public School!

## BASKETBALL – YEAR 2 BOYS

Hi, I am Matt Neal, a local primary school teacher (and Kaspas' dad) who is willing to coach a Yr2 Boys Basketball team on Wednesdays after school (at Kororo). I have about 25 years experience playing, coaching and refereeing basketball. If your child is in Year 2 and would like to play for Kororo School in the Primary Schools competition at Sportz Central on Saturdays, please contact me.

**Competition Begins:** Saturday 22nd February and runs throughout Terms 1 and 2 (14 games)

**Game Time:** 9am

**Cost:** \$130 game fees + \$65 (compulsory annual registration with Coffs Basketball)

Boys are welcome to train for 2 weeks and play 1 game prior to committing to play for the season.

Playing Uniform: shirts provided by school

Contact: Matt Neal on 0422 60 4243 or matt.neal.78@gmail.com

## CANTEEN NEWS

**We had hoped to have the new price list ready for this week's newsletter but unfortunately it hasn't happened. Please keep an eye out in your child/ren's bag for the new list with some exciting new food items!**

## LIBRARY NEWS

Most classes have begun borrowing from the library this week. Kindergarten children will begin borrowing in Week 4 or 5. Class borrowing days are listed below. Your child will need to bring a library bag to school on their borrowing day. We have a small number of library bags for sale in the library (\$3.50) if you need a new one.

**KR, 3DH** Monday

**KS, K/1W, 2GH, 2VW, 3BY** Tuesday

**KG, 1JB** Wednesday

**KC, 1/2CB, 2LB** Thursday

**1RP, 3/4LM, 5BT, 5LF, 5/6LS, 6DD, 6HG** Friday



We are always looking for parent volunteers to help with book covering for the library. At the moment we have some new readers and a number of new resources for student borrowing that need covers. We are happy to send the books and the contact home, and you can send the books back when they are done. If you are able to assist with book covering please contact the school and let us know.

Monique O'Shea - Teacher/Librarian

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Or come along to our info days at the Moonee Tavern, Saturday 8th & 15th February 2pm-4pm.

**Flippaball** – Kids water polo starts 4pm this Sunday, 16th February in the shallow end of the Olympic pool in Coffs Harbour.



Call Claire on 0415 495 010 to learn more or come this Sunday from 4pm.

## NEW DAY FOR SCHOOL BANKING



Due to work and personal commitments of our volunteers, the day for school banking has been changed to Fridays commencing this Friday, 14th February 2014. Children drop their Dollarmite Bankbooks into the box outside the hall before assembly Friday morning, and the bankbooks will be returned to them in the class lunch order box. It is the child's responsibility to retrieve their book from the class lunch order box.

If your child would like to participate in school banking, drop in to your nearest Commonwealth Bank to open an account & receive a book. If you have any other questions, please feel free to contact Fi Sodeau on 0424 448 897.





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