



# Newsletter

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Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 9 Term 1, 26th March 2014**

Regular attendance at school is essential to ensure students maximise their educational potential. All schools are required to monitor the attendance of each student and to work with parents to promote regular attendance. It is important for schools to provide clear information to parents regarding the legal requirements for attendance and the parents obligation to monitor and promote regular attendance.

Each term our school attendance register is audited by the Home School Liaison Officer (HSL0). These officers ensure that schools and parents are complying with the law. There are a number of key points with regard to student attendance which are useful to revisit:

- \* Parents are required to explain the absences of their children within seven days of the absence. The reason for an absence is best provided in writing.
- \* Schools do not approve leave simply because a written reason is provided. Leave is only approved for **valid reasons**. Valid reasons include medical, significant family event, misadventure and unforeseen events – fire, flood, religious ceremony, transport difficulty.
- \* Shopping, sleeping in, birthdays, hair appointments and minor family events are not acceptable reasons and will be marked **unjustified** on the roll.
- \* Parents and carers are encouraged not to withdraw their children from school for family holidays. Holidays regardless of the length, should be reported to the school prior to the event so that exemptions may be arranged.
- \* The school can only approve 15 days of Leave in a school year for any one student. After this length of time all leave absences are marked **unjustified**.
- \* Even though an absence from school to participate in a school sporting event is school business the absence comes up in our system and is recorded on report cards.

The HSL0 when they monitor students are checking on students who have an attendance rate of 80% or less. This would equate to 8 days or more of absence since school commenced this year. The HSL0 also monitors students who are habitually late to school. A number of parents have expressed concern with students arriving late simply due to the bus and highway difficulties. Never fear. When the school is aware of the valid reasons for late arrival by bus, there will not be questions raised for the parent.

Please remember to book your teacher conversation time.

Sue Mackay  
Principal

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

*There are only two lasting bequests we can hope to give our children. One of these is roots; the other is wings.*

Hodding Carter

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



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## Annual School Report

The ASR for 2013 has been uploaded onto the school website. The report sits in the news section of the webpage. I hope you enjoy catching up on all the activities of the previous year.

## Parent Teacher Conversations

As in any workplace, time is precious. It is particularly in a school where that precious time is about the education of children. In order to give you the opportunity to have a conversation with your child's teacher in an uninterrupted and planned environment, we offer appointments in **Week 10** for all parents. Please make an appointment as soon as possible. It is vital that parents contact the school if they are unable to make an appointment time.

## Parent Code of Conduct

Our P & C endorsed Code of Conduct for parents and visitors has been published on our website. The guidelines ensure that students, staff, parents, carers and visitors are able to enjoy a safe and harmonious environment when in the school. Behaviour which is aggressive, hostile or violent will not be tolerated.

## Parking – James Small Drive

On the school side of James Small Drive there is a bus zone which is only designated for this purpose between 3.30pm and 4.30pm. Outside of this hour it may be a good spot to use as a morning drop off point if you are attempting to avoid Korora School Road.

## Brain Gym / Kinesiology Workshop

Brain Gym® is the core program of Educational Kinesiology (Edu-K), the study and application of posture and movement to enhance academic, interpersonal and physical learning. On Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> April at 2pm, Mr Gary Runting a local Kinesiologist will be holding a parent meeting to talk about the benefits of Brain Gym and Kinesiology in the well being and health of children. Parents and



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**World Autism Awareness Day**

**Wednesday 2nd April 2014**

**From 4.30pm at Moonee Beach Tavern**

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- Steve's Reptile Show with Crocodiles & Snakes
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## Important Dates



Friday, 28th March	* Assembly - 1JB at 11.40am
Monday, 31st March	* Essential Conversations commence
Thursday, 3rd April	* Brain Gym/Kinesiology Workshop 2PM
Friday, 4th April	* School Cross Country * Assembly - 1/2CB at 11.40am * SRC Assembly at 2.30pm
Tuesday, 8th April	* Harmony Day

## SHAVE FOR A CURE

An exciting morning for us all on the 14th March when Mrs Tandy Arnold (one of our SLSO's) and Ali-Rose Sodeau (a student) shaved their heads for the Leukaemia Foundation, Shave for a Cure!

Both raised well over the \$1000 mark that they were aiming for and the SRC Crazy Hair Day raised \$829.85!

Thank you everyone who supported this worthy cause and a huge thank you to Jax from Turnstyles Sports Barbers who shaved their hair.



## HARMONY DAY - Tuesday, 8th April

Harmony Day is fast approaching at Kororo School with lots of activities planned. Please keep the morning free at assembly time as there will be a few short acts to entertain us.



A Taste of Harmony Luncheon will be held at lunchtime for the children. Thank you for the many offers of food for this luncheon. If you would still like to offer please let your child's class teacher know.

Many more details to come in next week's newsletter!



## Easter Raffle – Can you help?

Our Easter raffle already has a few eggs but we need many, many more.

Each year the school holds a raffle at the end of Term 1 for the Easter holiday. We would like to ask all families to send in a contribution to the raffle – some form of Easter egg or chocolate. All donations should be left at the office. Each donation will receive a lucky ticket in our raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term – Friday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

The Easter Hat Parade is on the same day – GET THAT CREATIVE ENERGY FLOWING!

**A note** - Thank you to the lady who donated a gift bag of goodies for the raffle, unfortunately we didn't get your child/ren's name for the draw. Could you please call us at the office so this can be rectified. Thank you.



## STEWART HOUSE

Recently we sent out envelopes for the 2014 Stewart House Donation Drive. There are many great prizes to win simply by donating to Stewart House. Details are written on the envelope that was sent to you. (It may now be in your pile of important papers). For a look at the wonderful work they do go to the website - <http://www.stewarthouse.org.au/>



## Deadly Factor 2014

The Deadly Factor Talent Show is all about the Indigenous Community and the chance to showcase their talents to Coffs Harbour on the Tuesday night of NAIDOC Week - 6th - 13th July.

Auditions are coming up soon. Aboriginal students who would like to audition can collect application forms from the front office.

## LIKE TO PLAY BASEBALL?

The Bluesox Baseball Club are looking for players to play at the Stadium Baseball Field every week.

Call Shirl 0401 516 235 for more information. It's a great game to play and a great way to make new friends!



## CANTEEN ROSTER



Thursday, 27th March	Belinda Lynch am
Friday, 28th March	Carly Shaw, Jenny Davis
Tuesday, 1st April	Donna Curry
Wednesday, 2nd April	Annie Kennett



## Starworkers



KC	Santiago F, Sam C, Erika N, Amaia A.
KG	Harry S, Ava D, Lucia G, Tyler C.
KR	Ruby K, Sienna R, Lachlan N, Sophie B.
KS	Jackson F, Lily S, Jiya F, Andrew M.
K/1MW	Koby D, Zar G, Cody R, Ben S.
1JB	Jacob P, Bronte P, Tiffany J, Cooper W.
1RP	Lucas M, William C, Melchor G, Jewel S.
1/2CB	Henry B, Maddelyn J, Vincent C, Oliver K.
2GH	Payton E, Dylan R, Tyler S, Kynan S.
2LB	Ajay A, Oscar H, Amelia P, Jackie W.
2VW	Cheyenne W, Gurkirit D, Ruby D, Ashlee G.
3BY	Lachlan H, Tyson F, Jake R, Laila S, Sam S.
3DH	Trinity B, Mia G, Luke M, Jakk L, Tadhg Y.
3SL	Mira P, Lachlan S, Sebastian L, Oren T, Billy H.
3/4LM	Angus O, Mia S, Scarlett H, Yashar C, Jake K.
4CA	Zane M, Adele A-A, Sam G, Peter J, Mason D.
4LB	Jade W, Blake N, Kate S, Saxon S, Rachael E.
5BT	Wk 7 - Isaac J, Wil B, Bailey C, Douglas C, Diavi Y, Jason P.
5LF	Wk 7 - Jex M, Van M, Levi B, Zoe J, Tynarra T.
5/6 LS	Wk 7 - Jacob H, Cooper H, Bindi I, Tayla L, Courtney S.
6DD	Wk 7 - Kade P, Jordan C, Tess Z, Matthew L, Kyah G.
6HG	Wk 7 - Malcolm N, Ella D, Tianna T, Imogen L, Fergus M, Tom O.

## 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.



# Kororo School P&C News!

Our wonderful P&C held its first meeting for 2014 after a well-deserved break following the mammoth effort with the Twilight Fair last year. This fabulous group of parents and citizens represent our school community and work tirelessly to raise funds, coordinate activities and entertainment for the school community, and above all, provide the necessary resources to give our children the best education they can get. The P&C are also involved in school based decision making. Such things as policy direction, uniforms and school grounds are regularly discussed for the benefit of the students and the community.

Getting involved in our P&C doesn't mean you are taking up a full-time job. We know you are busy and we value any amount of time you can spare. Attending meetings is just one part of the P&C but volunteering for the uniform shop, school banking, Mother's Day and Father's Day stalls and BBQs are equally important. The more people involved in our P&C the more exciting and successful it will be. Joining is as easy as coming along to the next meeting which is held in the staff room on the third Monday of the month at 7.30pm.

## The benefits of joining our P&C

*Actions speak louder than words – joining the P&C is one of the best ways to show your children how much you value their education; how committed you are to helping our students and the school community.*

## Granted Wishes

At our last meeting we were able to grant some wishes from your children's teachers. Money was spent purchasing microscopes and games for Stage 1 and the Reading Doctor for Stage 2. Stage 3 will soon be the recipient of a new reading program.

## Big Banana Water Slide

The Big Banana family night was a great success and in excess of \$1000 was raised! The BBQ crew managed to feed many very hungry sliders and parents. Thank you to all who helped to make the night a success – sliders included.



## Swimming Caps

A recent initiative of the P & C was the distribution of school swimming caps. At recent carnivals our swimmers looked fantastic and were easily identified in the water as they powered to the finish line.

## **Rewards Programs**

Some additional ways you can help are by supporting our school rewards programs such as IGA Supermarkets, A-Mart Sports, opening an account through our school banking, and the Shop-For-Schools promotions currently running at the Park Beach Plaza.

## **NAB School Offer**

Kororo Public School is an introducer for the National Australia Bank which means that if you or your friends and family need any funding, such as home loans, personal loans or business loans, the school will receive 0.4% of the loan. That works out at around \$1200 for a \$300,000 home loan. This comes out of bank funds and does not mean any extra costs for you or the school and is a great way of raising much needed funds for our children. Please call Gigs Peplow on 0435 065 349 or 6650 2300 for more information.

## **The School Road**

As you will be aware, Kororo School Road is in appalling condition with increasing pot holes, tree stumps in parking spaces and the clay bank for parking. The Coffs City Council has been made aware of the conditions although no action has been forthcoming. To reduce the dangers imposed by the state of the road, please email Anne Shearer at Coffs City Council to voice your concerns.

[anne.shearer@chcc.nsw.gov.au](mailto:anne.shearer@chcc.nsw.gov.au)

**Next P & C meeting –Monday, 19<sup>th</sup> May 7.30pm**







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