



# Newsletter

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Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 11 Term 1, 9th April 2014**

This week our term has culminated in a week of student activities which has left everyone with a real buzz of excitement and exhausted! Monday started with our Year 6 students undertaking Peer Support Training in preparation for Term 2's program.

Leadership training for peer support leaders will enable all students to develop the ability to communicate confidently in a variety of situations. Students in peer support experience the sharing of ideas, feelings and opinions with others. They learn to utilise negotiation skills in group activities. The students experience opportunities to explore their roles and responsibilities in the development and maintenance of positive relationships and to model behaviours that reflects sensitivity to the needs, rights and feelings of others. The students described the day as synergy in action.

Tuesday was Harmony Day and WOW was that an amazing day! From student performances to an inspiring range of tasting food, the day was a testimony to planning, preparation, teamwork and community. A huge thank you to our parent community for their input and support, to our staff for their vision and commitment and to our students for their enthusiasm and participation. A perfect example of being proactive and beginning with the end in mind.



Wednesday has seen our senior students working on their knowledge and understandings of the 7 habits, in preparation for leading peer support next term. It is heartening to listen to this group of students talk and demonstrate their knowledge of the timeless principles of the habits.



The school ANZAC Ceremony will be held on Thursday at 10.40am. Parents are most welcome to attend. Please remember that we would love to see a large contingent of students at the Coffs Harbour ANZAC Service on Friday 25<sup>th</sup> April. Students should assemble in Park Ave at 8.45am ready for a 9am march to the Cenotaph. Full school uniform and hats please.

Our week will culminate in the Easter Hat Parade on Friday at 9.30am after the morning assembly. All tickets should be returned please for the Easter egg raffle which will occur at the end of the parade. Parents and guests are most welcome to attend. What a great way to end a very busy and productive term.

Whilst the week at school has been full to overflowing with activity and energy, a team of Kororo swimmers has been representing the North Coast in style at the State Swimming Championships at Homebush. We look forward to hearing of their participation this week.



Have a wonderful Easter break with family and friends. Stay safe.  
Sue Mackay  
Principal.

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### School Staffing Term 2

Many parents may be aware that Mrs O'dell has been on leave since Week 2 of this term. She will continue to be on leave from the commencement of Term 2. At the same time, this absence is compounded by Long Service Leave which I will be taking for the first six weeks of Term 2. The relieving executive will be Mrs Carissa Attwood and Mrs Leanne Stacey. Mrs Burns and Mrs Spoehr will be returning to fulltime classroom and Assistant Principal duties at the beginning of Term 2. I would like to thank the Executive team for their work in the Deputy's role this term. Many thanks to our parents for their understanding and patience. It has not been an easy time.



### BUS 48 Problems.

The completion of the highway is fast approaching. The difficulties with bus times and students being late is a difficult one as it is not a problem that is easily solved. In the interim, the school will be monitoring the attendance of students on this bus and will ensure that absences are not recorded against students for buses being held up on the highway.

### Stay safe these holidays - Keep our kids safe near roads

School holiday time is a great opportunity for families to have conversations with their children about road safety. Here are some important tips for families to talk about.

Hold your child's hand while in the car park, on the footpath and when crossing the road. Children should hold an adult's hand up until they are eight years old.

### Stop, Look, Listen, Think!

Always buckle up in your seatbelt and follow the National Child Restraint Laws for 0-7 year olds.

Help your child exit the car using the rear passenger door on the footpath side.

Ensure your child wears a helmet and rides in a safe place away from the road while on a bike, scooter or skateboard.

Thousands of families will be on the roads setting off on road trips these holidays. As more people use our roads, it increases the risk of road trauma!

Here are some useful road safety tips to make sure your family's journey is a safe one:

- ◆ Set off on a long trip feeling refreshed. Sleep well before travelling.
- ◆ Drive at times you'd normally be awake. Take a 15 minute break outside your car every two hours.
- ◆ Observe the speed limit and drive to the conditions. Take your time and enjoy the scenery.
- ◆ Eat well balanced meals at regular times. You need the energy for brain activity and concentration while driving.
- ◆ Secure your mobile in a fixed cradle mount and operate hands free or via Bluetooth only.
- ◆ Pack some quiet activities for the children such as portable DVD players, books, small computer games, portable music player with headphones.

<http://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/children/index.html>

**THANK YOU TO BRAY STREET BUTCHERY WHO ARE SPONSORING OUR CHOIR WHICH WILL BE PERFORMING AT THE OPERA HOUSE LATER IN THE YEAR.** The butchery is holding a monthly raffle with the prize being \$100 worth of meat. Pop in to purchase your meat and buy some raffle tickets while you are there. Thanks for your support!

## Important Dates



**Thursday, 10th April** ✳ ANZAC Ceremony - 10.40am

**Friday, 11th April**

- ✳ Easter Hat Parade - 9.15am
- ✳ Easter Raffle
- ✳ Stage 1 Disco 11.40am
- ✳ **LAST DAY OF TERM 1**

**Tuesday, 29th April** ✳ **SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS TERM 2**

## Harmony Day 2014



Some of the activities at this week's Harmony Day Celebration.....yes, even the teachers joined in with their Zorba Dance! A great time was had by all! A huge thank you to Mrs Gough who organised this most fun event.

Thank you also to the many parents who prepared food for the children's multi cultural lunch.



Last Wednesday 2nd April, Mr Muma came in to talk to Stage 3 students about his life in Zambia, Africa as part of our Harmony Day Celebrations. He showed us pictures and talked to us about his culture and the way of life on the banks of the Zambezi. It was very interesting. We enjoyed it and we learnt a lot.

Thank you Mr Muma!! By Monessa, Megan, Lochie and Will.

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## YEAR 5 LAKE AINSWORTH REPORT

In week 8, Year 5 attended an excursion to Lake Ainsworth. The week was filled with fun-packed action and new experiences. Here are some comments from the students:

*I liked the rope course the best because it was really challenging - Douglas*

*I enjoyed the sailing and archery the most. I really loved the damper, which we cooked on our own fires, it was delicious! - Hayden*

*I enjoyed Lake Ainsworth, particularly the canoeing and archery because I got to learn team work and different skills for the different activities. -Yesinah*

*The food was amazing and the activities were awesome. - Ashley*

*I enjoyed the sailing the most because I got to be captain of the boat for some of the way. - Ali-Rose*

*The people at Lake Ainsworth were very kind and caring. -Natalie*

*Lake Ainsworth was the ultimate excursion. I personally loved the activities, all of them were excellent in their own way. -Van*

### STATE SWIMMING

This week a group of students from Kororo Public School are in Sydney for PSSA State Swimming. The students have had an outstanding swimming season with them competing at the Regional Carnival in Lismore and winning the school of the Carnival trophy. There were outstanding performance by relay teams and individuals. Jorja Welch was the Junior Girl champion at the Regional Carnival.



Kororo Girls with the trophy from the Regional Carnival.

The Awesome Foursome



## Starworkers



KC	Caleb C-F, Caleb P, Callan H, Leo F.
KG	Oceana B, Noah O, Olivia B, Charlize S.
KR	Jack C, Zali Mc, Callum O, Isaac R.
KS	Riley H, Leilani B, Jenna J, Archie T.
1JB	Koby R, Hudson G, Paige D, Lachlan I.
1RP	Jackson F, George C, Hayden M, Zoe M.
1/2CB	Bethany B, Daxin M, Oliver K, Krystal E.
2GH	Amarnee M, Destanee L, William C, Mark M.
2LB	Cameron B, Tasman O, Flynn T, Kaspa N.
2VW	Alex W, Paul M, Nicole K-E, Paige H.
3BY	Braydon P, Yana B.
3DH	Marni C, Luke M.
3SL	Kaitlyn W, Lilli C.
3/4LM	Sophie Z, Scarlett H.
4CA	Georgia L, Cody F.
4LB	Casey A, Logan D.
5BT	Montanna H, Grace R.
5LF	Siane T, Lilly H.
5/6 LS	Montahna L, Jimmy D.
6DD	David M, Hunter P.
6HG	Will G, Emily C.

### EASTER BAG COMPETITION



The canteen will be running an Easter Lunch Bag Competition this FRIDAY for all classes.

Decorate your bag with an Easter theme. 2 prize winners per class.

Muffin Madness. Try one of our yummy decorated muffins for only 50cents

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