



# Newsletter

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Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 9 Term 2, 25th June 2014**

It is very hard to believe that we are already half way through the school year and that holidays are just about upon us. The end of Term 2 also means that student reports will be distributed tomorrow to all parents. Student reporting is the process of communicating information to parents and carers about student learning - including a student's level of attainment and the progress that they have made. The fundamental purpose of assessment and reporting is to improve student learning.

The level of attainment for your child is point in time. Parents are encouraged to discuss queries or concerns with the classroom teacher. This is an important conversation and needs to be given the appropriate time to discuss. The classroom door is rarely the place for this to occur. Please contact your child's teacher to arrange an appointment time if there are any questions which need answering.

School holidays commence at the end of this week. With the cold weather upon us, this is the perfect time to ensure that all jumpers and jackets are clearly labelled with your child's name. At Kororo Public School, part of our reputation has been built around pride in school uniform. The uniform policy has plenty of options for students needing to keep warm and price options are also available through the uniform pool. Students are expected to be in school uniform.

Students will return to school on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> July. Have a wonderful break and see you for a busy Term 3, including Showcases for Stage 2 and 3.

Have a lovely holiday,  
Sue Mackay  
Principal

## QUOTE OF THE WEEK

"To change ourselves effectively, we first had to change our perceptions."  
Stephen Covey

Habit 2  
Begin With the End in Mind

**FINISH**



I plan ahead and set goals. I do things that have meaning and make a difference. I am an important part of my classroom. I look for ways to be a good citizen.

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



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## School Excursions

The end of the term has been a busy time for school sports, excursions and cultural activities. As predicted, there has been some confusion over which activity has been paid for and which has not. The Athletics Carnival was the perfect case in point with up to a dozen students expecting to be able to pay on the morning of the excursion. Please, I need to reiterate this very clearly. **Unless there are extenuating circumstances, which do include the student being absent prior to the cut-off date, students will not be permitted to pay on the day.** I have tried to list some of the reasons below in an attempt to explain our position.

- ✓ The school needs to give the bus companies a confirmed number 48 hours prior to the excursion. When we cancel a bus due to numbers, and then are expected to provide a seat for late payers, we risk safety issues around bus seat ratios.
- ✓ Rolls for activities are made up prior to the excursion day. Late payers are not on a roll. Teacher supervisors do not have an accurate record of the class they are responsible for. On occasions this is not their class so they are unfamiliar with the children and do not know who they are marking on and off for attendance. Sounds simple to just pencil them in, but this is not always the case.
- ✓ Medical supplies are made up prior to the excursion day. Students with medical needs including asthma or anaphylaxis do not have their supplies packed. This is in itself a significant risk. Students with medical needs all have a risk assessment for each excursion. If we don't know they are going, this is not completed.
- ✓ Teams for sports days are confirmed with the payment lists. Late payers are not in teams and their attendance can actually impact the teacher supervision ratios at specific sports.
- ✓ The school organises supervision back at school for students not attending. Often a teacher stays back from a grade to supervise if the numbers warrant. When students pay late, we don't have the logical teacher ratios to students, either back at school or on the excursion.
- ✓ Bottom line – **please pay on time.** The morning of an excursion is chaotic enough ensuring that everything is in place without students upset because they have not paid. Our very worst nightmare is something going wrong because we are not fully prepared. Thank you so much for your understanding.

## Student Bus Travel

Bus travel and the inherent safety of our students whilst travelling to and from school is of significant concern to schools and our parents. One of the major difficulties the school faces is the issue of



behaviour at bus stops. Schools work closely with bus companies to follow up concerns raised as we both have a duty of care to students on their way to and from school. It is not an easy task as there is no supervision at bus stops.

Our school encourages students to be proactive and to report problems as they occur, directly as students arrive at school. An easier and safer way to manage behaviour is for all students to do the right thing in the first instance. Please have a talk about bus stop behaviour at home and remind all children of the behaviour which is needed to keep everyone safe at bus stops. Simple things such as games of tag and kicking balls come under the heading of not safe. All basketballs and soccer balls must either be in a student's school bag or carried in a separate carry bag.

## Coffs Cup Gazetted Holiday – 7th August

A reminder re the Coffs Cup half day local area holiday. **KPS will be closed at 12 noon on Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August.** All students must be collected from school. Buses will not be operational. There is no school from 12 noon onwards. Parents must book into OOSH for their services.

## PRESENTATION DAY AWARD CERTIFICATES

At the end of year Presentation Award Ceremony selected students from each class are awarded a certificate for their achievements throughout the year.

These certificates have a value from \$15.00 for class awards to \$40.00 for our special awards and the Dux has a value of \$70.00. These are redeemable at Dymocks Bookshop in the Plaza.

Our awards are sponsored by various businesses in Coffs Harbour in the way of a donation.



The use by date to redeem these certificates is fast approaching. They are to be used by the end of this term, **Friday June 27th.**

Dymocks Bookshop have a list of students and the value of their certificate. If you have misplaced or forgotten about the certificate please go and see them immediately so that your child can purchase a book.

Dymocks have sent us a list of students who won awards last year and there is a total of 53 students out of 103 awards who have not yet collected their prize.

If you are unsure please either go into Dymocks or give us a call at school. Certificates will not be reissued next term.

## KINDERGARTEN 2015

**DO YOU HAVE A CHILD STARTING  
KINDERGARTEN NEXT YEAR? NOW IS  
THE TIME TO CALL THE SCHOOL TO PUT THEIR  
NAME ON OUR LIST.**

**PREPERATIONS ARE BEING MADE FOR THE EXPO -  
3RD SEPTEMBER. DON'T BE LATE AND MISS OUT.**





# LUNCH BAG COMPETITION

## FRIDAY, 27TH JUNE

Design your lunch order bag with a World Cup Soccer theme in mind.

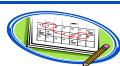


Decorate your bags with your favourite team, players or colours! There will be 2 prizes per class for the best designed bag.

ICED MUFFIN MADDNESS 50cents each  
HOT (warm) CHOCOLATE \$1.00

Don't forget Sushi is available on Friday, remember to order on Thursday!

### Important Dates



Wednesday, 25th June	* Stage 3 Disco 6pm - 7.30pm
Thursday, 26th June	* Basketball Gala Day * Reports distributed * Stage 2 Disco 6pm - 7.30pm
Friday, 27th June	* Last Day of Term 2
Monday, 14th July	* First day of Term 3 for Staff
Tuesday, 15th July	* First day of Term 3 for Students

### END OF SEMESTER DISCOS

The disco season is upon us this week starting off with the **Stage 3** Disco tonight from 6pm to 7.30pm, it's a Winter theme!

Thursday night is the **Stage 2** Disco with a Pyjama theme which starts at 6pm and finishes and 7.30pm.



The **Infant's** Disco is on Friday between recess and lunch. The theme is Winter Wonderland.



## Starworkers



KC	Scarlett L, Leo F, Gabriel T, Addison M.
KG	Jethro M, Ava D, Lucia G, Mahleah T.
KR	Ruby K, Tyson S, Finn P, James G.
KS	Riley H, Jiya F, Evie R, Lydia K.
K/1MW	Jarvis S, Madelyn V, Korben H, Brandon M.
1JB	Lachlan H, Lachlan I, Finn M, Bailey T.
1RP	Tyelor P, Amelia C, William C, Daniel W.
1/2CB	Ben K, Barton F, Krystal E, Vincent C, Alex D.
2GH	Kynan S, Payton E, Ruby A, Cooper L.
2LB	Kristian Mc, Evie R, Noah L, Kaspa N.
2VW	Nicole K-E, Ethan H, Jasnoor B, Charlotte C.
3BY	Rocco S, Eimile O.
3DH	Bec H, Trinity B.
3SL	Fletcher S, Abigail S.
3/4LM	Delta W, Sam K.
4LB	Skye M, Saxon S.
4CA	Sam G, Austin B.
5BT	Ruby H, Hannah M.
5LF	Zoe J, Sydney S.
5/6LS	Montahna L, Jacob H, Matilda O.
6DD	Calm C, Grace H.
6HG	Lachlan M, Monessa W.

### CAN YOU HELP?

Libby McConnell is asking for photos for the year 6 Farewell this year. She is looking for photos from the 2008 cohort of Kids.

If you are able to help please email them to [yearsixfarewell@gmail.com](mailto:yearsixfarewell@gmail.com)

Thanks!







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