



Newsletter

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Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

Week 5 Term 3, 13th August 2014

Bullying is a difficulty that many children may experience. It can happen at school, in sporting groups, at home or online. Bullying is an important issue that needs to be addressed by parents, carers, the community and schools.

What is bullying?

I'm sure we've all heard children say –

"I was only teasing..." "I didn't really mean to..." "He made me do it..." "She did it first..." "It was only a bit of fun".

We've all made these kinds of excuses at times. Very often we end up saying "sorry" to someone for hurting them, hurting their feelings, or doing something without thinking of what might happen. Some people seem to be making these kinds of excuses all the time, especially when they've been caught out by an adult or a teacher. These are the people who are more likely than others to develop bullying habits.



What makes a bully?

Bullies can be boys or girls, big kids or little kids, the smart kid or the sports person. Some bullies use words to hurt the feelings of their victim and some like to hurt others physically.

What you should know about bullies?

- They like embarrassing or hurting people.
- They are often not confident people themselves, which is why they pick on others. They often are not happy people and have more problems than the people they pick on!
- They feel better about themselves if they can make others feel worse.

Many experts believe that bullies have learned to bully because they have been bullied themselves in the past. Even if you are bullied, you have a choice about actions - you don't have to turn into a bully. Some people join in or go along with the bullying of others to save themselves from being a victim. Bullies often work in groups, because it is easy for them to make excuses when they are caught eg. "I didn't start it..." "I was just there..." "He (the victim) started it and I was just helping my friend". Bullying is only successful if people don't do anything about it.

Being bullied

Harassment/Bullying is a big problem in and out of schools nowadays.

People who have studied these things tell us that 1 out of 6 young people are harassed or bullied at least once a week in schools. So if you are being bullied, you are not the only one - and most of all - it is NOT your fault.

Who gets picked on?



Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart



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Sometimes it's hard to work out why bullies pick on some people but one thing is for sure, it's not the fault of the person who is being picked on (although there are sometimes things that can be learned to help avoid being bullied). Bullies may target others for no apparent reason – you were just in the wrong place at the wrong time. They seem very skilled at seeking out others who may be different from themselves, who are vulnerable due to age or size or people who are emotional and sensitive. Being different in any way does not make it Ok to be picked on – it's what makes the world so interesting!

Our school does not tolerate bullies and bullying behaviours. It is most important that concerns are raised with a teacher at school so that we can work together in our endeavour to stop the bully!

Enjoy your week,
Sue Mackay
Principal

QUOTE OF
THE WEEK

"Never be bullied into silence.
Never allow yourself to be made a victim.
Accept no one's definition of your life,
but define yourself." – *Tim Fields*



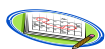
DESIGN A BRICK

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.



Important Dates



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| Friday, 15th August | ✳ Assembly 1/2CB at 11.50 |
| Friday, 22nd August | ✳ Assembly KG at 11.50 |
| Tuesday, 26th August | ✳ Stage 3 Showcase at the C.EX Club - Tickets available at the school office. \$10 each |

DEPUTY'S REPORT - Stage 2 Showcase

What an amazing performance! The Stage 2 Showcase was a credit to all the students and their teachers who worked so hard to present this wonderful play. There were some very proud parents and teachers at the performance. I have included some photos in this week's newsletter but there are many more which I will post on the website once I have all the permission notes returned.



CONGRATULATIONS BROOKLYN

Hot on the heels of her win at the Sport Aerobic National Championships, Brooklyn L from 6DD competed last week in the National School Aerobics Championship with outstanding success. Brooklyn won the National Championship in her age division. She won the Trio Championships section with her partners and had the highest score at the competition out of 1500 competitors. As a result of her outstanding performances, Brooklyn has been invited to compete at the Asian Games in Japan in November but will be competing in Prague at this time.....**GO BROOKLYN!**



REQUEST FOR WITNESSES - Car Accident

On 23/10/2012 at 8.40am a silver Honda Jazz was hit from behind whilst stopped at the southern intersection of the Pacific Highway and James Small Drive. The male driver of the maroon Daewoo Nubera failed to stop at the intersection and was at fault. Anyone who remembers witnessing the accident and/or the driving behaviour of the at fault driver prior to the scene, are asked to contact 0408 475 758.

ATTENDANCE

Please keep an eye on the number of days that your child is away for the family long weekend. It seems to be a frequent excursion for many families and does interrupt the learning sequence for students. 'Missing just one day of school has negative consequences for a student's academic achievement, the first major study linking poor attendance to lower NAPLAN results has found. School attendance patterns established as early as Year 1 can predict how often a student will show up to class right through high school, according to the research.'

Sydney Morning Herald 3rd August 2014.

Read more: <http://www.smh.com.au/nsw/skipping-school-for-just-one-day-affects-naplan-results-study-finds-20140802-zzjmr.html#ixzz3A8AInYOD>

Stage 3 Showcase Turning the Pages of Time

Where: Coffs Ex Services Club
When: Tuesday, 26th August 6.30pm
Cost: \$10 per person

**TICKETS ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FROM THE
SCHOOL OFFICE**

OPERA HOUSE CHOIR

Congratulations to the students who were part of the Sydney Opera House Choir on Tuesday of last week. The children joined approx 800 other students from Public Schools around the state to entertain an audience of 2000 people. The children have worked very hard in the lead up to the concert, learning 11 songs in parts and performing at a high level.

The trip was very exciting for the kids as most had never been inside the Opera House main concert hall, let alone have the opportunity to perform there.

Their behaviour was at all times exemplary and they were fantastic ambassadors for our school. I was very proud of all of the children and I do believe "Kororo Kids really are Kool!!!!"

I hope this experience will be etched in their minds for a long time.

I would like to thank Libby McConnell, Di Weekes and Dimitri Young for all your efforts with fundraising at the markets and with the Pie Drive.

Thank you also to the P&C for your donation of financial assistance for the children and to all who purchased raffle tickets.

A big thank you to those people and businesses who volunteered prizes and cash donations to assist the children with the cost of this excursion.

They include: ***Novotel Pacific Bay Resort, Wynne Partners Financial Planning, PRDnationwide Real Estate, Bray Street Butchery, KPane Bakery and Amart All Sports.***

Please support these businesses as they have generously supported your school.

Kaye Campbell
Choir Teacher



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WEEK!**



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