



Newsletter



Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

Week 2 Term 1, 4th February 2015

Welcome back to the 2015 school year. It's been an exceptionally tumultuous beginning to the year with a level of student mobility that I have never seen before. Every time the executive thought we had the class plan in place, a new family walked through the door or we discovered a non returning student. Our class planning has been so tight, with full classes across the grades and one across stage composites. On Monday we finally had the student numbers to declare a 25th class. This time last year the school enrolment was 560 students – we are now sitting at 627 students!

A huge Kororo Public School welcome to our many new students and their families! Our 98 kinders have taken to school with style and are old hands at this 'school thing' already. Not so sure about the parents though! We hope that a large number of our parents take the opportunity to become a part of our P & C and attend the meetings which are held on the third Monday of each month. Hope to see you on 16th Feb at 7.30pm in the staffroom.

Our Newsletter is distributed each Wednesday to the eldest child in the school so please look out for this each week. If for some unforeseen reason your newsletter bypasses a school bag, you can always check online for the latest information and dates. The school encourages our families to use the internet to reduce our footprint, so if you would like the Newsletter emailed, please forward your email address to the office and this will be arranged. The office is attended by our lovely office ladies, from 8.30am until 3.30pm each school day, for any questions and queries.

All students have been placed in their new classes and by the end of this week it is hoped that everyone is settled into their class routines. The student composition of our classes is given a great deal of thought and conversation, balancing a range of considerations to ensure the best placement for each child. Many thanks for your patience in this, what has been a drawn out process, keenly intent on getting it right for your child.

Welcome to a great year at Kororo Public School,
Sue Mackay
Principal

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Important Dates



Thursday, 5th February	* Swimming Carnival - parents are welcome to attend
Friday, 6th February	* SRC Induction - 1.50pm
Monday, 16th February	* P&C Meeting 7.30pm in the staffroom - All welcome

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE COUNCIL

Induction Ceremony

The induction ceremony for our 2015 SRC will be held on **Friday 6th Feb at 1.50pm**. The families of the SRC are invited to attend and to join us for afternoon tea in the staffroom.

The SRC for the new year are:

Captains – Aisha Grace, Addison Tyas

Vice Captains – Hayley Fischer, Zane Pike

Prefects – Natalie Smith, Jorja Welch, Hunter Churchwell and Jacob Hennessy

STUDENT BOOK PACKS

The Student Book Packs are ready for purchase. Each child will need to purchase one of these. They contain all the supplies that are needed for the year e.g. pens, pencils, etc.

Payment would be appreciated by the end of next week so the children can have use of the contents.

The cost for the packs are:

Kindergarten - \$ 29

Year 1 - \$30.50

Year 2 - \$29

Year 3 - \$30

Year 4 - \$20

Year 5 - \$33

Year 6 - \$33



A HUGE thank you to the wonderful ladies who volunteer at the uniform

shop. Over the past few hectic days, with the influx of new students and those who had a summer growth spurt, they have sold an enormous amount of clothing.

The poor ladies were under a lot of pressure! We appreciate your help.

DEPUTY'S REPORT

During the first week of school all students took part in an environmental programme focusing on the three Rs: reduce, reuse, recycle. The students watched video clips, read reports and held discussions about how they could make a difference. By far the most effective activity was the rubbish audit when they saw first hand just how much packaging is used in a school in one day. The older students could quickly see the impact of this over a school year, by doing some mathematical calculations. It is hoped the students will now use this information in a practical way and understand that they can make a real difference.

Student Report:

On the first day back at school all classes conducted a rubbish audit. The children sorted their rubbish into five categories. After lunch all the classes combined their rubbish and we found that soft plastic like glad wrap and snap lock bags was the largest pile!

In classes students discussed the best ways to reduce our waste by rethinking what we use in our lunch boxes each day. We are focusing on learning to be good earth citizens for the sustainability of our planet.

(Adeline & Courtney)



2015 HOUSE CAPTAINS

Congratulations to the students below who have been elected as this year's house captains.

Brelsford - Tyson Hall & Olissa Onley (Captains)
Van Mellitas & Alyssa Jenkins (Vice Captains)
Cook - Levi Bannerman & Sydney Stroud (Captains)
Amelia Kriss & Troy Stuart (Vice Captains)
Flinders - Marshal Bye & Sophie Chapman-Cole (Captains)
Sophie Walsh & Isaac Johnson (Vice Captains)
Oxley - Hayden Chivers & Lilly Haynes (Captains)
Douglas C & Zoe J (Vice Captains)



OFFICE NEWS

Wow what a very busy start to the year for us with all of the new enrolments, we still haven't come up for air!

Contacts - While we have been on holidays some of you may have moved. If you are one of these people please let us know your new address and contact numbers. Remember, if your emergency contact person has left Coffs Harbour or you would like to change who they are, please let us know that too.

Medication - On some occasions we are asked to administer medication. This is ok but it is not our responsibility to chase your child to administer their medication therefore they may miss out.

Late arrivals/early departure - If you are running late or you have to pick up your child early you will need to come to the office to sign your child in or out. You **must** come into the school yourself to sign them in, please do not drop them at the gate. It is a legal requirement that an adult accompany an under age child into the school when they are running late or they will

COMMUNITY NEWS

BCU COFFS TRI: 7th-8th March 2015

Come and enjoy a swim in our beautiful harbour, a ride on closed roads and a run or walk around the picturesque jetty foreshores in the BCU Coffs Tri on 7th & 8th March. Open to all ages and abilities, it is a fun weekend of events where everyone receives a t-shirt, visor and finisher's medal just for taking part. Visit www.villagesports.com.au for more information and to enter.

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

We are desperately in need of good quality second hand school shirts especially size 6. At the moment we are out of stock in this size new and used. Please help if you can.

If you would like to become a volunteer to help in the uniform shop we would be most grateful. Don't worry it's not as hectic as it has been over the past few days. We just need about half an hour of your time once a week on a Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Please let the office ladies know if you can help.

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