



# Newsletter



Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 4 Term 1, 18th February 2015**

Teaching handwriting continues to occupy an important place in the new NSW English K-10 Syllabus and contrary to recent media reports, is a mandatory element of our teaching programs at Kororo.

Writing by hand is an essential skill for supporting learning. Through the physical act of writing, children learn about letters, their shapes and sounds. The act of writing has clear links to enhanced, lifelong learning and memory retention across all learning areas. Reading, saying and writing is part of a trilogy of strategies and expectations that are used when teaching the development of literacy skills.

Handwriting provides benefits beyond communicating and expressing thought. The teaching of handwriting develops in children fine motor skills that they use throughout their lives. It also develops what is termed proprioception (the ability to control minute pressure and fine muscle contractions in the hand). This enhances body awareness and muscle control and it is this skill that enables users of digital technologies to control touch and apply fine soft movements.

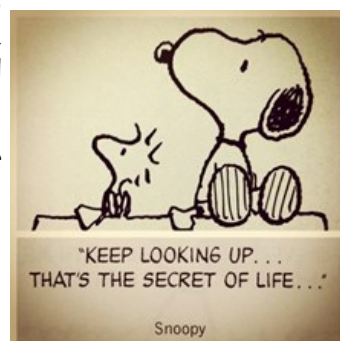
The act of learning to write promotes patience, perseverance and skill. The writing itself can also be viewed as an art form. In 21<sup>st</sup> century classrooms, children need to be exposed to both handwriting skills and using digital technologies as set out in the Syllabus for English K-6. Students continue to use the written word in and beyond the school. It remains a vital and significant skill and means of communication across all societies throughout the world.

Whilst our students have now settled into their 2015 classes, we are hoping that information provided to our parents has eased any trepidation and nervousness in the community. It is important to remember that we place students in classes after carefully analysing a variety of academic and social criteria for each of our 624 students. This may mean that students are not with the same classmates as in 2014, although we do try to ensure that they have one or two familiar faces in their class.

Classrooms are first and foremost about learning and getting along with the teacher/s and peers in their class and of course students are encouraged to meet up with all their friends in the playground. Being able to form a wide range of happy, productive and polite relationships, with a number of people of all ages, assists students as they become older to get along with the many different individuals and personalities they will come across in their life.

We look forward to a great year with all our returning students and families and we also welcome our new families and students to the wonderful school community at Kororo Public School.

Have a great Kororo week,  
Sue Mackay  
Principal



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## Big Banana Waterslide, Tobogganing and Mini Golf!



The P&C would like to welcome all families to Kororo Public School in 2015. To encourage community spirit and give families the chance to get to know one another, an evening of fun will be offered.

**Date:** This Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> February

**Time:** Ticket sales from 4.30pm with slides starting at 5pm until 7pm

**Venue:** The Big Banana Waterslides

All welcome...pre-schoolers, school children, friends, adults, grandparents. If you are not sliding on the night entry is free.

**Please remember that the P&C do not have EFPTOS facilities at the venue. CASH ONLY**



The weather predictions are not positive. A call on the activity will be made at 2pm on Friday afternoon. A bulletin will be placed on the school website if the night is postponed. Parents are able to place the website icon on their phone by using the link on the school website. The message will be in the News Section and on the school calendar.

### School Parking

Please remember to do the right thing when parking and driving around the school. There will be a visible Police presence this week around KPS to ensure the safety of our students and community. Fines will be issued on the spot for traffic infringements. From next week, parking and traffic laws will be monitored by surveillance and a fine issued for infringements through the post. It has come to our attention that parking across the bridge outside the Rural Fire Station is problematic as well. Please be courteous to other drivers and obey the road rules no matter the environment.



### Important Dates



Wednesday, 18th Feb	✳ Parent Teacher Information Session. Early Stage 1 (Kinder) 5.30pm - 6.15pm Stage 1 (1-2) 6.15pm - 7pm
Friday, 20th Feb	✳ Big Banana Waterslide Evening
Monday, 23rd Feb	✳ Coffs Harbour District Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 25th Feb	✳ 9.10am Class SRC & House Captains Induction
Thursday, 26th Feb	✳ A Mother/Daughter Conversation for Stage 3 at 6pm
Friday, 27th Feb	✳ Assembly 2/3GH at 11.40am for Year 2 & at 2.30pm for Year 3.

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

### Welcome to New Students

This year apart from having five new Kindergarten classes (97 children) we have had just over forty new enrolments at our school. The students seem to be settling in very well and we would like to welcome them and their families to the Kororo community. I have included three photos of our new students. I will include photos of our Kindergarten classes next week.

Don't forget the P&C are running a special Family Fun Night at the waterslide section of the Big Banana. This is a great way for new families to meet other parents. Details in this newsletter.



### COMMUNITY NEWS

#### Coffs Harbour & District Baseball Association

Players of all ages and abilities are invited to come and try baseball at the annual sign on days.

New and returning players can register at the sign on days to be held at the Bray Street Sports Grounds on March 14th, 21st and 28<sup>th</sup> between 9am and 12pm. The season will commence on Saturday, 11th April.

For further information, please contact Bill Langler on 0421 553 093

#### Ethics Classes at Kororo

Primary Ethics classes are due to start in Week Five (from 23/2). Classes are available only to students who have been exempted from Special Religious Education (Scripture) by their parents/caregivers. Primary Ethics is taught in NSW schools by specially trained and selected Volunteer Ethics Teachers. At Kororo we have 6 such teachers providing age-appropriate classes for all students.



In Ethics classes children in the younger years examine issues such as being left out, sharing and bullying, while older children reflect on issues such as homelessness, fairness and teasing to help them consider the feelings of others – one important aspect of moral reasoning. Other aspects include understanding consequences, having empathy, appreciating differences and respecting disagreements.

To find out more about Primary Ethics or enquire about becoming a volunteer ethics teacher at Kororo, you can visit [www.primaryethics.com.au](http://www.primaryethics.com.au), or contact your volunteer Kororo Public School Ethics Coordinator: Nick Brooks (0451 827 550)

## CANTEEN NEWS



Attached to this week's newsletter is the new price list for 2015. We have added a few new exciting items for recess and lunch. Due to the cost increases from our suppliers we have had to adjust some of our prices. We are always trying new items and keeping them healthy and cheap.

New items - Mini Chicken Wraps \$2.00, delicious home made Banana Bread for recess only on Thursday and Friday - 50c a slice and depending on the supply from the school vegie patch, we will have spinach and cheese tri's and zucchini slice on offer at recess for only 50c. (Just purchase these over the counter).

Don't forget the Sushi - it can be ordered any day through the week for a Friday lunch order. This is made fresh at school on Friday morning.

Volunteers are a necessity at Kororo School Canteen so if you can help in some small way we would be most grateful. It really is a great way to meet other parents and your child/ren love to see you there. Please see Linda at the canteen to offer your time. Thanks!



### Safe Lunchboxes

In most cases, food is stored in lunch boxes for several hours, so the lunch box needs to stay cool.

#### Food safety suggestions include:

Choose an insulated lunch box or one with a freezer pack, or include a wrapped frozen water bottle to keep the lunch box cool.

Follow hygienic food preparation methods.

This is especially important when food will be stored in the lunch box for many hours before eating.

Perishable foods such as dairy products, eggs and sliced meats should be kept cool and eaten within four hours of preparation.

Don't pack these foods if just cooked. First cool in the refrigerator overnight.

For more information and ideas go to NSW Food Authority. Tips for safe kid's lunch boxes.

[www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au](http://www.foodauthority.nsw.gov.au)

**SCHOOL BANKING DAY - FRIDAY**  
**8.30AM - 9.30AM**  
**AT THE SCHOOL HALL**



## Starworkers



<b>KC</b>	Zac C, Amira K, Jack H, Indiah D.
<b>KG</b>	Isabel K, Ethan D, Sophie K, Cooper P.
<b>KL</b>	Alyssa S, Angus M, Lily J, Lilly T.
<b>KM</b>	Ryder P, Hardia H, Jada T, Connor K.
<b>KS</b>	Luca B, Zac S, Mexico C, Sarah G.
<b>1JB</b>	Elizabeth L, Liam W, Bailey C, Ruby K.
<b>1NL</b>	Aria B, Beau Mc, Indyanna M, Archie T.
<b>1RC</b>	Harry W, Eamon Y, Indy P, Reetpal K.
<b>1TZ</b>	Lalita P, Tyson S, Myamie T, Harry S.
<b>2CB</b>	Max G, Kyan R, Luca J, Zipporah M.
<b>2LB</b>	Barton F, Taylor H, Skye H, Bethany B.
<b>2VW</b>	Jack E, Eddie M, Hayley W, Shae M.
<b>2/3GH</b>	Oakley W, Chloe C, Jass B, Amelia P.
<b>3DH</b>	Jake S, Georgia K, Summer S, Charlie W, Ryan G.
<b>3MW</b>	Jayden W, Lachlan C, Joey K, Daniel L.
<b>3/4BY</b>	Ruby A, Luke M, Tayne O, Maria B, Amelie S.
<b>4CA</b>	Jasmyyn A, Tahliya S, Riley G, Emma G, Rahni O, Alec A.
<b>4LB</b>	Ethan R, Ava G, Alex Y, Tate C, Ella R.
<b>4LM</b>	Jordan D, Summer W, Aiden W, Bella H, Griff L.
<b>5AM</b>	Cloe N, Georgia K, Byron V, Delta W, Logan R.
<b>5HG</b>	Lily J, Jake W, Sally M, Cody F, Julia B, Will G.
<b>5LF</b>	Bailee O, Bethany S, Ellamina F, Mikayla Mc, Indee V.
<b>6DD</b>	Flynn T, Wil B, Troy S, Samantha A, Claudia L.
<b>6JC</b>	Jacob H, Lauren L, Darwin T, Siane T, Alex B.
<b>6LS</b>	Diavi Y, Olivia S, Natalie S, Jobe R, Oscar H.

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