



# Newsletter



Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

**Week 6 Term 1, 4th March 2015**

Can you believe it's Week 6 already and we are well and truly up and running. Exceptionally busy and juggling lots of different elements to school life, we are enjoying watching each of our new classes develop their individual personalities.

A huge congratulations this week to our swimmers who performed magnificently at the Mid North Coast Carnival last week. Three of our relay teams are off to the North Coast Carnival in Lismore today! There are a large number of swimmers making the trek as individual competitors and a number of whom are in the running for some record breaking swims. Make sure you check out our champions photos further into the newsletter. Good luck to our swimmers - Go Kororo!

Schools in the New South Wales public system are required to provide parents with information around the social, emotional, academic and physical development of each student. At the end of Semester 1 and 2, we will provide you with a written report which primarily addresses the academic progress of your child. This is a point of time report which identifies areas of strength and development across six key learning areas of the curriculum.

As the end of Term 1 approaches, we would like to provide parents with the opportunity to meet with their child's teacher in a timetabled, two-way conversation focused on student **effort and application**. Teachers will not have grade assessments at these meetings, however they will be able to share information around academic progress relating to class based assessments including weekly spelling tests, homework records, bookwork, classroom effort and work application.

All class teachers will be available for 10 minute meetings with parents. If you wish to take this opportunity, please complete the note being sent home today and return it to your child's teacher as soon as possible. All parent teacher conversations will take place during Week 9 and the Monday of Week 10. If you are unable to make an appointment during the allocated time, please make this known to your child's teacher and they will assist you with finding a mutually convenient time outside of the conversation schedule. All teachers will confirm their bookings with parents by way of a return note.

Hope it's a great week,  
Sue Mackay  
Principal

**Quote of the week**

**LEARNING**  
IS A TREASURE THAT WILL  
FOLLOW ITS OWNER  
EVERYWHERE.

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



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## 2015 Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI)

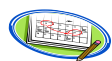
One of our funding loadings each year is based on a combination of student and school needs using the Family Occupation and Education Index (FOEI). The FOEI measure was developed following research undertaken by the Department that identified parental education attainment as a strong predictor of student and school performance.

Schools work with their parent community to ensure that this data is updated annually. It is critical for determining the level of funding schools will receive for our 2016 funding. If you receive a letter this week asking for additional information than that provided on your enrolment form, please assist the school by returning the information within the next few weeks. The information can directly impact the funding that the school receives in 2016. Many thanks.

## Celebrating Birthdays

Everyone loves to celebrate a birthday! Parents often find it a nice idea to bring a cake to school for students to share with their class. Please be aware that in some classes there are students who have severe nut and egg allergies, so please avoid using any nut products. Staff also find it far easier to distribute cupcakes rather than tackling a loaves and fishes situation in dividing up a small cake amongst classmates. Just for clarification as well, it is not appropriate for students to supply lolly bags for their friends on their birthday. These need to be saved for the home celebrations.

### Important Dates



Friday, 6th March	✱ Assemblies - 2VW at 11.40am - 6DD at 2.30pm ✱ School's Clean up day
Tuesday 10th & Wednesday 11th March	✱ School Photos taken over 2 days. Make up day for those absent - Monday, 16th March.
Thursday, 12th March	✱ <b>SRC CRAZY HAIR DAY</b>
Friday, 13th March	✱ Assemblies - 2CB at 11.40am - 3MW at 2.30pm

## WHOOPIING COUGH

**A case of Whooping Cough has been diagnosed at our school. A separate flyer from the Dept of Health will be send home as a hand out in this newsletter.**

**If you are at all concerned about any symptoms that your child might have please see your doctor as soon as possible.**

## DEPUTY'S REPORT

### Kororo Forest Makeover – Thanks to Alec Atkinson

Congratulations to Alec Atkinson from Yr 4 who won this week's Park Beach Plaza Competition and became their student of the week. Not only did he win a \$50 voucher for himself but the school forest will receive a makeover. Students had to email two paragraphs describing something their school really needed. Alec emailed:



*"I am in Year 4 and would like to suggest a make over of our frog pond which is in our forest area; it is a very popular place for playing."*

*Our frog pond has no water in it. We need a water tank for collecting the water. A water feature which we could put a pump that recirculated the water from the tank. Rocks and plants to make a natural habitat for fish, frogs and our water dragons. In science we could study our natural habitat."*

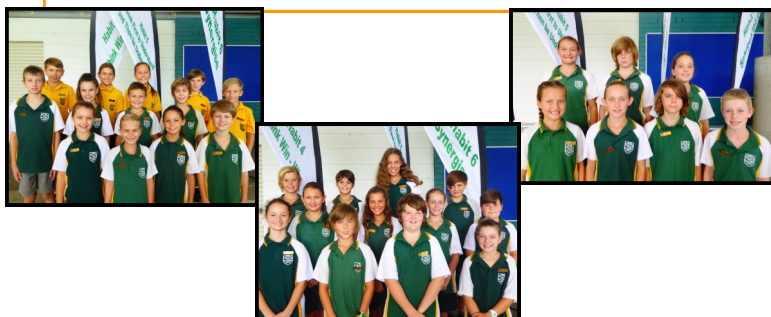
His email also mentioned that *"The Kororo kids are busy with lots of projects trying to make our school look nice and tidy"* and *"that the school community is selling pavers to make a paved area in the school's indigenous native garden."*

Work will commence as soon as weather conditions improve. Although a new pond may not be included, due to WHS issues, the forest will certainly receive a wonderful upgrade from the Park Beach Plaza gardening team. A big thank you to Alec.

### House Captains and SRC Induction Assembly

Congratulations to our eight house captains for 2015 who received their badges last week. These students have been elected by their peers, to lead and encourage, the students in their house, in all sporting events.

At our induction assembly the SRC members were also presented with their badges. Each class from Yr 3 to Yr 6 elects two students each semester to represent their class at SRC meetings. At these meetings they may take along suggestions, requests and concerns. This is a very important part of the decision making process at our school.



## SWIMMING

We have many swimmers heading to the North Coast carnival this week. Kororo had 3 convincing relay wins at the district carnival and many individuals also qualified. We wish all our swimmers luck.



## SCHOOL PHOTOS

Payment envelopes will be sent home shortly for this year's school photos. All of the children will have their photo taken individually and in class. If you wish to purchase these photos you will need to send the envelope in with your payment option. Please remember that this is not payable online to school. Please read the envelope clearly as to avoid any confusion. The payment does not have to be made prior to the photos being taken.

## YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

These have been distributed to the Year 6 children. Please fill them in and return them ASAP. We have only a couple of spares and are unable to get any more, so please don't lose them. Thanks.



**SRC**

# CRAZY HAIR DAY

**THURSDAY, 12TH MARCH**

**COIN DONATION TOWARDS SHAVE FOR A CURE!**

**WEAR MUFT! HAVE FUN!**




## A P&C THANKYOU

Thank you to all the families old and new who came along to the Big Banana Waterslide Night. The bad weather held off and a great night of sliding, tobogganing and golfing was had by all. A special thank you to all the volunteers on the night, it was fantastic to see so many new faces and without volunteers these events just wouldn't happen. We hope to see you all at the next P&C fundraiser, the Election Day Stall on the 28th March outside the Kororo School Hall.



## Starworkers



<b>KC</b>	Akaya E, Zac C, Callum F, Maya B.
<b>KG</b>	Martha R, Makenna B, Peter S, Xander H.
<b>KL</b>	Mikaelah J, Mitchell R, Jake B, Shianne S.
<b>KM</b>	Tara S, Jack W, Isobel M, Brock H.
<b>KS</b>	Tia S, Tehani B, Jordan H, Clare P.
<b>1JB</b>	Caleb P, Mia J, Hannah C, Charli C.
<b>1NL</b>	Olivia B, Cody R, Caleb C-F, Sienna R.
<b>1RC</b>	Annalise C, Lilah S, Jarvis S, Noah T.
<b>1TZ</b>	Lydia K, Chantelle C, Billy W, Samuel C.
<b>2CB</b>	Bayleigh K, William C, George C, Daniel W.
<b>2LB</b>	Finley R, Tahlia W, Ashton W, Sienna V.
<b>2VW</b>	Alex D, Korben H, Brandon M, Mersadies M.
<b>2/3GH</b>	Mia P, Finn M, Riley N, Bronte P.
<b>3DH</b>	Ebony G, Kyan P, Deisha M-S, Flynn T, Rhiana C.
<b>3MW</b>	Tadhg Y, Connor M, Ruby D, Alexandra W.
<b>3/4BY</b>	Adrian I, Lillie A, Bec H, Destanee L, Brodie W.
<b>4CA</b>	Allora L, Ruby G, Lilli C, Precy C, Jessie C.
<b>4LB</b>	Jack L, Jack P, Tyson F, Mekayla W, Gurtaj D.
<b>4LM</b>	Yana B, Ziggy B, Kaitlyn W, Phoebe T, Will V-S.
<b>5AM</b>	Asher F, Charlotte B, Katie P, Peter J, Mikayla H, Ty M, Casey A, Emily F, Skye M, Jack L.
<b>5HG</b>	Fin D, Jahmali M, Jayden M, Bryce S, Olivia T, Axel S, Jaymie A, Fletcher K, Georgia L, Grace M.
<b>5LF</b>	Chanel A, Jalen F, Jade W, Lucy H, Jasper C.
<b>6DD</b>	Ben S, Samantha A, Hayden C, Lucy G, Liam B.
<b>6JC</b>	Bindi I, Nina H, Ashley S, Tynarra T, Ashley C.
<b>6LS</b>	Zayn P, Grace R, Sophie W, Tibby H, D-Jay R.



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