KORORO PUBLIC SCHOOL
UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COMMUNICATION

Newsletter

KPS Kororo Public School

Dear Parents,

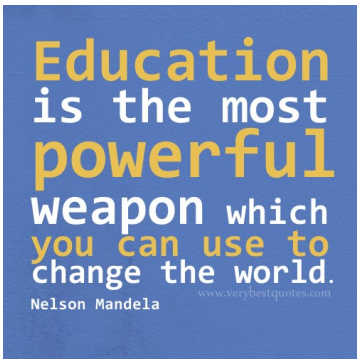
Week 7 Term 1, 11th March 2015

Regular attendance patterns at school are set from the first day that children commence school.

What are my legal responsibilities?

Education in New South Wales is compulsory for all children between the ages of six years and below the minimum school leaving age. The *Education Act 1990* requires that parents ensure their children of compulsory school age are enrolled at, and regularly attend school, or, are registered with the Board of Studies, Teaching and Educational Standards for homeschooling.

Once enrolled, children are required to attend school each day it is open for students.



The importance of arriving on time

Arriving at school and class on time:

- Ensures that students do not miss out on important learning activities scheduled early in the day
- Helps students learn the importance of punctuality and routine
- Gives students time to greet their friends before class
- Reduces classroom disruption

Lateness is recorded as a partial absence and must be explained by parents.

What if my child has to be away from school?

On occasion, your child may need to be absent from school. Justified reasons for student absences may include:

- being sick, or having an infectious disease
- having an unavoidable medical appointment
- being required to attend a recognised religious holiday
- exceptional or urgent family circumstance (e.g. attending a funeral)

Following an absence from school you must ensure that within 7 days, you provide your child's school with a verbal or written explanation for the absence. However, if the school has not received an explanation from you within 2 days, the school may contact you to discuss the absence. Principals may decline to accept an explanation that you have provided if they do not believe the absence is in the best interest of your child. In these circumstances your child's absence would be recorded as unjustified. When this happens the principal will discuss their decision with you and the reasons why.

Principals may request medical certificates or other documentation when frequent or long term absences are explained as being due to illness. Principals may also seek parental permission to speak with medical specialists to obtain information to collaboratively develop a health care plan to support your child. If the request is denied, the principal can record the absences as unjustified. (over)

Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart

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Travel

Families are encouraged to travel during school holidays. If travel during a school term is necessary, discuss this with your child's school principal. An *Application for Extended Leave* may need to be completed. Absences relating to travel will be marked as leave on the roll and therefore contribute to your child's total absences for the year.

It is vitally important that school attendance is taken very seriously by parents. Every day away from school is a day away from learning. Let's set our students up for the best possible learning outcomes.

Enjoy the last few weeks of the term,
Sue Mackay
Principal

Essential Conversations

Appointments for Essential Conversations have been distributed by classroom teachers. Please complete your appointment request form and send it back to your teacher as soon as you are able. A confirmation note with date and time will be sent home by each teacher. If you are unable to attend a scheduled appointment, please ring the office to leave a message for the teacher.

Easter Raffle – Can you help?

Our Easter raffle needs to get stared. Each year the school holds a raffle at the end of Term 1 for the Easter holiday. We would like to ask all families to send in a contribution to the raffle – some form of Easter egg or chocolate. All donations should be left at the office. Each donation will receive a lucky ticket in our raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on the last day of term – Thursday, 2nd April. Raffle tickets will be distributed at the end of the week.

HINT - The Easter Hat Parade for K – 2 is on the same day – GET THAT CREATIVE ENERGY FLOWING!

Important Dates

Friday, 13th March	☺ SRC CRAZY HAIR DAY ☺ Assemblies - 2CB at 11.40am - 3MW at 2.30pm
Monday, 16th March	☺ School Photo Make-Up Day ☺ P&C Meeting 7.30pm
Friday, 20th March	☺ Assemblies - 2LB at 11.40am - 6LS at 2.30pm
Monday, 23rd March	☺ Harmony Day
Tuesday, 24th to Friday 27th March	☺ Essential Conversations

2015 INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR SCHOOLS (ICAS)

The University of NSW has run the ICAS testing programme for over thirty years. It is an annual skills development assessment programme in the key learning areas of Mathematics, English, Writing, Science and Digital Technologies (Computer Skills).

ICAS provides an opportunity for students in Years 3 to 12 to gain a measure of their own achievement in an external testing situation. It is very different from NAPLAN which tests all students in Australia on the set curriculum. ICAS is above level testing to provide a bench mark for talented students in English, Mathematics, Science, Computers and/or Writing.

The testing takes place at school but at a cost. While it provides very valuable feedback it is important to think about whether it is a worthwhile experience for your child. As a guide he/she would need to be very capable in the areas they choose to sit for the test. You could look at past school reports talk to their class teacher or use your own knowledge of your child's ability. Students will be competing with the top bands of students from across Australia. The tests are quite challenging but very valuable to assess the actual level of talented students. All testing and marking is coordinated by NSW University.

Please read the details below regarding costs and payment dates. If you would like your child to enter any of these tests please complete the form below and return to school with the money by the dates below. Digital Technologies (Computer Skills) must be returned by **Thursday, 2nd April** and all other payments by the **6th May.**

Test dates are: ***Digital Technologies*** - Tuesday, 19th May, ***Science*** - Wednesday, 3rd June, ***Writing*** - Monday, 15th June, ***English*** - Tuesday, 28th July, ***Mathematics*** - Tuesday, 11th August.

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Please return with payment

I give permission for my child _____ to sit the selected tests. Please find enclosed _____ for entry fee. **Only select the tests you are paying for**.

SUBJECT	CLOSING DATE FOR PAYMENT	COST	
Digital Technologies	2nd April	$8.00	☐
Science	6th May	$8.00	☐
Writing	6th May	$17.00	☐
English	6th May	$8.00	☐
Mathematics	6th May	$8.00	☐

Name of Parent/Guardian _____
Date: _____

Signature of Parent/Guardian _____

Payments for these competitions CAN NOT BE PAID ONLINE

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CRAZY HAIR DAY

FRIDAY, 13TH MARCH

(NOT Thursday as in last week's newsletter)

COIN DONATION towards SHAVE FOR A CURE!

WEAR MUFTI!

HAVE FUN!

SCHOOL PHOTOS

School Photos were taken yesterday and today. All of the children had their photo taken individually and in class. If you would like to order a set please do so as soon as possible in the white envelope provided. There will be a make up day on Monday for the children who missed these days. It will only be their individual photo.

YEAR 6 TO YEAR 7 EXPRESSION OF INTEREST FORMS

Thanks to those who have already sent these forms in, we are still waiting on a few to return. Please do so as soon as possible as we need to have them sent to the ongoing high school by the 20th March. Thanks.

CROSS COUNTRY FUNDRAISER CAN YOU HELP?

We are holding our School Cross Country Fundraiser in Week 1 next term. If anyone is able to help out by donating prizes please contact the office or Mrs Hartmann.

SUSHI FRIDAY

Don't forget to pre-order sushi throughout the week for Friday's lunch – $2.50 per roll.

Flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Mayo and the Kororo Roll – (Carrot, Cucumber, Cream Cheese)

10c for soy sauce.

Starworkers

KC	Sam O, Mali M, Ashley J, Jack M.
KG	Heidi D, Rihanna C, Cody C, Ben W.
KL	Alyssa S, Nita M, Kayden B, Riley K.
KM	Gurjot C, Annika T, Ashley H, Oscar W.
KS	Samantha B, Fynlay W, Lachlan K, Tiki C.
1JB	Hunter O, Millie-Boo L, Cooper G, Summer M-S.
1NL	Santiago F, Keira W, Ollie C, Eva S.
1RC	Lily S, Madelyn V, Milla K, Leo F.
1TZ	Mahleah T, Will M, Finn P, Chanice C.
2CB	Olivia G, Elisa H, Hudson G, Sara S.
2LB	Jake W, Beau G, Paige D, Harry P.
2VW	Jack P, Sienna M, Cayden F, Ben K.
2/3GH	Zoe M, Salleh O, Bailey T, Ashlee G.
3DH	Charlotte C, Elle S-C, Gurkirit D, Tasman O, Nissiah K.
3MW	Charli M, Kynan S, Dylan R, Krystal E-F.
3/4BY	Adriana B, Lachlan M, Bailey G, Eva W, Oren T.
4CA	Jakk L, Abigail S, Emily S, Haraj A, Lily B.
4LB	Araken P, Rocco S, Ethan R, Kiyarna P, Alexsa S.
4LM	Luke G, Ryan G, Hayley C, Trinity B, Montarna C.
5AM	Adele A, Abby K, Yashar C, Jack T, Elise C.
5HG	Rhylee A, Charlie M, Kate S, Maddison G, Angus O.
5LF	Logan D, Mia S, Thomas Y, Lucy H, Slade H.
6DD	Emily W, Oscar M, Ebony W, Jack W, Ruby H, Jack W.
6JC	Marshal B, Kalani P, Charlie P, Ali-Rose S, Bailey S.
6LS	Ashley B, Zoe J, Yesinah S, Lilly H, Aisha G.

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