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Kolan South Established in 1878



*Kolan South State School strives for a Quality Education for All Students ~ Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Safety*

*Principal's Messages ~ Looking forward to another great year for our school community. Best wishes to everyone.*

## Welcome 2015

Welcome back to everyone for the new school year, and a special welcome to new families and staff.

Parents, please discuss any issues with your teachers so that we can assist in any way possible to ensure a positive start to the school year for your child / children.

## 2015 Classes

We will commence 2015 with 6 classes, as listed below. Be aware that this is a preliminary arrangement until our staffing levels are confirmed. There could well be changes to the composition of classes depending on enrolments.

Our classes start as:

*Prep Karen White*

*Yr 1/2 Helen Donald*

*Yr 2/3 Kelley Nathan / Sally Houghton (Fridays)*

*Yr 3/4 Tanya Zielke*

*Yr 4/5 Shona Philp*

*Yr 5/6 Jeff Searle / Debbie Romans*

Welcome to Karen White and Shona Philp, our new teachers for the start of 2015.

## Specialist Staff

Strings instrumental teacher Christine Buwalda will again be here on Thursdays. PE teacher Nichole Russell will visit on Fridays. LOTE (Japanese) with Susan Alexander for Year 5 and 6 will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings. Our Music teacher is yet to be confirmed.

## Uniforms and Book Requirements

Thank-you to families for your efforts in outfitting students in uniform, and preparing booklist needs. Your efforts are appreciated. Please make contact if you need any advice or assistance in these areas.

## Contact Information

Parents, please contact the school office if you have any change to contact details, address, phone numbers, etc.

## Swimming

This term, students in Years 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing in a few weeks. Cost this year will again be \$3 per week (for 6 weeks). Parents, please keep an eye out for information regarding swimming.

## Toys and Valuables

Parents, please ensure students are not taking toys, sports gear or valuables to school. These items are best kept at home. As well, mobile phones or ipods should not be brought to school. If there are special circumstances, please contact the school. Thank-you.

## Tuckshop

Please keep an eye on the Informer for Tuckshop information. There will be a request form for volunteers included with the newsletter, next week.

## Parent/Teacher Communications

Parent/teacher meetings will be held towards the end of Term One. In the meantime, please feel free to communicate with your teachers at any time if you have concerns or queries regarding student progress.

Teachers will send home a letter this week regarding homework routines and other class information. Thank-you, teachers.

## School Calendar

Included in this newsletter is the school calendar for 2015. The calendar provides information on school holiday breaks, etc. It was also sent home towards the end of last year.

*Thank-you to students, parents, and staff for back-to-school preparations. Please stay in touch regarding any concerns you may have. Looking forward to a positive start to school, this week. I hope it goes well for everyone.*

*Jeff Searle*

## Election Cake Stall — Please Help!

With the State Election Polling Booth operating this Saturday at school, we will be holding a Cake Stall and raffle.

We are asking families to bake some goodies, which could be delivered to the school tuckshop on Friday afternoon 2-3pm or on Saturday morning 8-10am. Any contributions will be very much appreciated.

## SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan 26 (Mon)	Australia Day Public Holiday
Jan 27 (Tues)	School commences
Jan 30 (Fri)	School and House Captains elections
Jan 31 (Sat)	State Election Cake Stall
Feb 10 (Tue)	P&C AGM 5.00pm
Feb 16 (Mon)	After School Sport commences
Feb 20 (Fri)	Yr 1-3/4 Swimming commences
Mar 23 —27	Parent / Teacher Meetings
April 2 (Thur)	Last day of term

## Weekly Assembly

*Our weekly Assembly is on Thursdays from 9.00 to 9.30 in the library. All parents are very welcome to attend our first assembly, this Thursday, 29 January.*

# BIRTHDAYS



## January

12 Jan Kate S

## February

1 Mason A, Haylee W, 13 Cody R  
14 Amber B, Kaelin H, 17 Brayden W  
22 Carlos O, 23 Larissa B, 24 Indy Z, 27 Isobel M, Laura M,  
28 William M

# ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS

Frozen cordial cups will be on sale each Friday for 50 cents, starting this week. Funds raised go towards end of year excursions. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank-you.



# Important Rules for Car Park Safety

## School Arrival Time

Please ensure your children are not arriving at school before 8.00am. In special circumstances, contact the school. Thank-you.

## Morning Drop Off

If you are dropping off students in the morning by car or private transport, please either use the parking area in front of St George Hall or drop off at one of the gates. Drop off at the front gate is allowable, however it is not a parking area.

## Car Park Safety—Drive Slowly

At all times, drivers should maintain a slow speed in the car park and turn-around area. It is also a pedestrian area. Between 8.00am and 3.15pm, cars should follow the direction of the arrows in a clockwise direction.

*Hopefully, no-one will be injured if drivers act with absolute caution and vigilance. It could be a young child who suddenly runs off from a parent or changes direction unexpectedly that creates a dangerous situation.*

## Afternoon Pickup

In the afternoon, students who are going home by car or private transport must assemble at the collection area (inside the first gate).

Parents are requested to collect students from this area if your child is in Prep to Year 3. Students in older year levels may walk over to cars (with younger siblings).

**THANK-YOU TO ALL  
STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS  
FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR  
SCHOOL AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.**

# EVERY DAY COUNTS

If your child misses .....	That equals .....	Which is .....	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

# 2015 school calendar Queensland state schools

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- School holidays
- Public holidays
- Staff professional development days
- School terms

There are 195 school days in 2015. Semester 1 2015 commences for teachers on January 22 and for students on January 27.

### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days for teachers are January 22 and 23, and October 19, with three additional flexible days. Schools are able to decide when their flexible days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

### FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

November 20 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 27 is the final date for student attendance in years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 4.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 11.

In 2016, all state schools will re-open for students on January 25.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (August 2014) but may be subject to change.