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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 ~ Tuckshop started well, last week. Thank-you to convenor Leslie Mason and parent volunteers.

P&C Committee

The P&C Annual General Meeting for 2015, and the first general meeting for the year, was held last Tuesday. Thank-you to those who attended. There were the usual productive and positive discussions, with the P&C keen to continue the excellent support for our school.

Thank-you to our committee and regular members who supported the P&C throughout 2014.

Thank-you to our 2015 executive for accepting their nominations:

President ~ Sherry Wilson **Vice-President ~ Tonia Stokes**
Secretary ~ Cathy Simpson **Treasurer ~ Nicole Blackley**

Our next meeting will be held on Tuesday, 3 March, when we will have more discussion about major fundraisers and activities for 2015.

Student Leaders Investiture

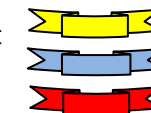
Congratulations to newly-elected student leaders for 2015, Amber Blanch and Zahli Schrader (School Captains), Lily Pannowitz and Taygan Schulze (School Vice-Captains), and House Captains Emily Dunn (Beatty), Jazmyn Palmer-Smith (Gibson), and Taleah Jarvis (Thompson).

Our Student Leaders investiture will be held this coming Thursday morning at our weekly assembly. All parents are welcome to attend.

Interhouse Cross Country

Training starts this week for our interhouse cross country event which will be held on the last day of term. All students, Prep to Year 6, compete in age-appropriate distances. House teams have been listed in today's newsletter.

Students wear a t-shirt in their house colours at the interhouse cross country (Thurs 2 April) and on Sports Day, which is held in June.



After School Program

This term's After School Program commenced this afternoon. Students can still be registered for 'Games Fun' if you send along the completed registration form which was sent home last week.

Swimming

This Friday, 20 Feb, students in Year 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will commence their swimming program. A note has been sent home today with these students regarding arrangements.

Excursions

Early in the year, we normally let families know about end-of-year excursions and camps, particularly to do with the tentative estimate of costs. These are listed below.

Group	Destination
Prep	Maryborough Tilt Train Trip - Day Trip (\$30)
Yr 1&2	Mon Repos - 2 days (\$40)
Yr 3&4	Capricorn Caves / Rockhampton - 2 days (\$130)
Yr 5&6	Brisbane - 4 days (\$160)

Anaphylaxis and Food Allergies

Parents, please refer to this information included in this week's newsletter (over the page) regarding this very important issue. We will be discussing this safety matter with the students this week.

Bus Committee Meeting this afternoon

A reminder that this meeting (including Annual General Meeting) is being held this afternoon at 4.15 in the library. All parents are welcome to attend particularly if you have any queries about bus routes or arrangements.

Jeff Searle

Well done to ...

Flynn P — Recently selected in the Bundaberg Junior Rugby League Training Academy

**Please let us know if your child has a noteworthy effort or achievement. We would love to celebrate these achievements in the Informer.*

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb 16 (Mon) After School 'Games Fun' commences
Bus Committee Meeting 4.15pm

Feb 18 (Wed) Prep Photo for Newsmail

Feb 19 (Thur) Student Leaders' Investiture 9.00 — 9.45am

Feb 20 (Fri) Year 1-3/4 Swimming commences

Mar 23-27 Parent / Teacher Meetings

April 1 (Wed) Student Disco

April 2 (Thur) Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country

Assembly

Our weekly Assembly is on Thursday mornings from 9.00 to 9.30 in the library. All parents are very welcome to attend this Thursday's Student Leaders' Investiture.

Kolan South Billboard

Class Awards



- Kate S:** Great work learning her sounds.
Luke W: Great counting in Maths.
Eliza P: Great work in 'Kid Writing'.
Savannah D: Always works quickly and quietly.
Baelie W: Actively participating in all class activities.
Mia L: Trying hard to complete all set tasks.
Finn M: Always giving 100% effort in the classroom.
Billie-Jo P: Being a positive role model to others.
Carlos O: Great use of manners, and a great effort to complete tasks.
Sophie B: Great descriptive writing in our 5 minute writing time.
Kane O: Showing great progress in Maths.
Emily D: Striving for a High Standard in English and Maths.



Class Awards

P&C NEWS

Thanks very much to all parents who attended last week's Annual General Meeting of the P&C Association. We look forward to our next meeting on 3 March when we will be discussing this year's major fundraising activities, events and initiatives to support our school.

Admin News & Info

A reminder to families to return the medical and permission forms to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Tuckshop Notice

When ordering your child's lunch, please write on the bag whether the order is required for 1st or 2nd lunch. Please also write the class, eg if your child is in Year 2, please write whether it is 1/2 or 2/3. Thank you.

Tip of the Week

If your child misbehaves, stay calm and give them a clear instruction to stop and tell them what you would like them to do instead. If they do not stop, follow through with an appropriate consequence.

ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS

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



February



17 Brayden W, 22 Carlos O 23 Larissa B
 24 Indy Z, 27 Isobel M 27 Laura M
 28 William M

HOUSE TEAMS 2015

BEATTY

GIBSON

THOMPSON

B, Hudson
 C
 D, Emily
 D, Jasmine
 F, McKenzie
 G, Chloe
 G, Byron
 G, Jaeken
 H, Ethan
 H, Zach
 H, Kaelin
 H, Tane
 H, Wyatt
 L, Mia
 L, Lexi
 M, Byron
 M, Blake
 M, Finn
 M, Isobel
 M, Laura
 M, Rielly
 M, Marley
 M, Ella
 O, Hailee
 O, Carlos
 O, Kameron
 O, Kane
 O, Kody
 P, Cooper
 P, Jayde
 P, Logan
 P, Riley
 P, Ethan
 P, Billie-Jo
 P, Eliza
 P, Emerson
 P, Flynn
 R, Sheryce
 R, Sumarh
 T, Brooklyn
 W, Luke
 W, Matthew

A, Mason
 B, Brodi
 B, Aimee
 B, Jack
 B, Sophie
 B, Jordon
 C, Therese
 C, Braxton
 C, Lawson
 C, Isaac
 D, Abby
 D, Seth
 D, Katie
 D, Alison
 D, Lewis
 H, Danzel
 H, Brooke
 H, Elizabeth
 H, Zoe
 K, Demee
 L, Cooper
 L, Nate
 L, Hannah
 L, Kelly
 L-W, Destinee
 L-W, Ryder
 M, Adrian
 M, Liam
 M, Paige
 M, Mason
 P-S, Jazmyn
 P, Lily
 P, Kyla
 P, Zeke
 P, Thea
 R, Isaiah
 R, Zaree
 R, Cody
 S, Zac
 S, Jaxx
 W, Brandon
 W, Ned

A, Anthony
 A, April
 B, Matthew-Riley
 B, Ryer
 B, Amber
 B, Travis
 B, Arlea
 B, Larissa
 D, Jacob
 D, Savannah
 D
 D, Tyson
 G, Joshua
 G, Nicholas
 J, Georgia
 J, Taleah
 J, Jaxon
 M, Liam
 M, Tyler
 M, Lee
 M, Samuel
 M, William
 M, Beau
 M, Holly
 M, Nish
 M, Will
 M, Zahli
 M, Keaton
 S, Taygan
 S, Kate
 S, Lachlan
 W, Ambah
 W, Baelie
 W, Tamrin
 W, Haylee
 W, Lacey
 W, Teanna
 W, Brayden
 W, Rydar
 Z, Indyelle
 Z, Summer



IMPORTANT FOR PARENTS REGARDING ANAPHYLAXIS – FOOD ALLERGIES

Research indicates that 1 in 10 babies born in Australia today will develop a food allergy.

Anaphylaxis is the most severe form of allergic reaction and is potentially life threatening. It must be treated as a medical emergency, requiring immediate treatment and urgent medical attention.

Anaphylaxis is a generalised allergic reaction, which often involves more than one body system (e.g. skin, respiratory, gastro-intestinal and cardiovascular).

Parents advise us of children at our school who suffer from allergic reactions to different foods. In some cases, the level of reaction has been classified as anaphylaxis.

We've also been advised of cases, in other schools, where parents discover that their child suffers from a food allergy from an incident at school. The biggest contributor to these incidents is **food sharing**.

As a school, we've sought advice on the most effective way to keep children, (including those who don't yet know they have an allergy), safe at school. The message has been clear, simple and consistent from different sources.

1. Don't Share Food Sharing food can expose known *and unknown* food allergy sufferers to foods they might have a reaction to. Food that their parents have assumed they did not touch – let alone eat. Children, fearing they might "get into trouble", are sometimes reluctant to inform teachers, parents and/or medical help that they have shared food with the sufferer after the reaction takes place.

2. Wash Hands After Eating Minute particles of food can remain on hands after eating time. Physical contact with a food allergy sufferer is enough to cause a reaction. Washing hands will significantly reduce this risk.

Can't we just ban all foods that cause a reaction?

No, we can't. It simply isn't practical. Eggs and nuts are but two examples of the many foods that can cause allergic reactions.

"Allergy & Anaphylaxis Australia" encourage people with young children to minimise the allergen as part of an overall management plan. However they also advise us to:

"Beware of 'banning' of food from a school environment. Implementing this may not be realistic. Can we say peanut is 'banned' if so much food 'May contain traces of peanut'? Some schools state they have 'banned' egg. Is this real or is it creating a false sense of security? Can we ever really completely remove nuts or egg or wheat from a school or childcare environment? There is no such thing as 'allergen free'.

How often do places that have a ban find the allergen has inadvertently 'slipped' in?

We certainly promote minimisation of allergens in primary schools and childcare facilities but we must not assume that a food has ever really been eradicated."

Thus, the advice is **not to share food** and to **wash hands after eating**. Please help us by taking the time to discuss and explain these rules with your children. Thank-you for your support in the interests of our students' well-being.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

BRENDA'S BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE

For enquiries phone 41577245 / 0427852056

Why reading stories matters

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books, will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a valuable skill and an excellent way to spend free time.