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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 ~ Parents, please check with teachers if you have any worries about any aspect of school routines.

Well Done

The rain has been terrific but we're definitely ready for some drying out. Students have done an excellent job over the last two weeks staying away from the wet areas and being patient in the heat and rainy conditions. Well done.

Class Arrangements

At this point, we will continue now with our current class arrangements. Thank-you to teachers, students and parents for helping to make the first two weeks of school a very smooth and positive start to the school year. We are looking forward to an excellent year full of achievements, and with a keen focus on learning and success for all students, whether it be in academic, musical, sporting or cultural areas.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to newly-elected student leaders for 2016, Destinee Lythall-Webb and Jacob Donald (School Captains), Chloe Gathercole and Lewis Douglas (School Vice-Captains), and House Captains, Carlos Olsen (Beatty), Kelly Lowe (Gibson), and Holly Myers (Thompson). Thank-you to all students who nominated for leadership positions. A large number of Year 6 students spoke very well on assembly.

As we have reminded all students, even though we do have some official leadership positions for the seniors, all students are encouraged to engage in leadership and participation opportunities that are encouraged on a daily basis.

The investiture for student leaders will occur at Assembly in a couple of weeks. More information, soon.

Volunteers for TUCKSHOP

A reminder to parents to return the Request for Volunteers form if you are able to help out. We appreciate any offers of assistance.



P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held this Wednesday afternoon, 10 February, commencing at 5.30 pm in the library. The Annual General Meeting, and election of the Executive for 2016, will occur prior to the general meeting. Items for discussion include P&C activities for this year. All parents are invited to attend, and most welcome.

Swimming

This term, students in Year 1, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing next Friday, 19 Feb. Cost this year will be \$4 per week (for 5 weeks). Next week

there will be some information regarding swimming arrangements.

After School Program

Our after school program will commence next Monday. The registration form, which is being sent home today, must be returned to school for participation in the program.



Bus Committee Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the conveyance committee will be held next Monday 15 February, in the library. Start time is 4.15pm. All parents with children who go on one of the buses are welcome to attend.

Prep Information Session

Karen White will be holding an information session for Prep parents, tomorrow afternoon after school. It will be great if parents can attend to discuss how we can work together to deliver the best outcomes for our Prep students.

Class Information Letters

This week, teachers will be sending home an information letter regarding class routines to do with homework and other relevant topics.



Interhouse Cross Country

Training starts soon 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 and colours are listed, this week.

Class News

A regular page again this year will be the Class News

SCHOOL CALENDAR

- Feb 9 (Tue) Prep Information Session
- Feb 10 (Wed) P&C AGM and General Meeting
- Feb 15 (Mon) After School Program begins 3.00-4.00pm
Bus Committee Meeting 4.15pm
- Feb 18 (Thur) Prep Newsmail Photo
- Feb 19 (Fri) Swimming commences Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 3/4
- Mar 3 (Thur) Let's Stamp out Bullying — Arts Performance
- Mar 14 - 18 Parent / Teacher Meetings
- Mar 24 (Thur) Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country



Weekly Assembly

Assembly is on every Thursday at 9.00am in the library. All parents invited and welcome. See you there!

February



3 Hudson N-W, 10 Lacey W
 13 Elizabeth H, Cody R
 14 Kaelin H, 15 Jayde P, 17 Brayden W
 22 Carlos O, 23 Larissa B
 24 Indy Z, 27 Isobel M, Laura M

Class Awards



- Erin :** Great start to Prep
- Bailey :** Great start to Prep
- Cassie :** Learning 200 sight words
- Kohbi :** Great listening skills
- Aimee :** Great start to the year
- William :** Being a considerate student
- Indy :** Being a helpful member of the class
- Keaton :** Always being polite and friendly
- Tyler :** Great start to 2016!
- Ethan :** Consistent hard work and contributions
- McKenzie :** Commendable effort in Science
- Journal**
- Jaxon :** Great application in Art



HOUSE TEAMS 2016		
BEATTY	GIBSON	THOMPSON
B, Hudson	W, Matthew	W, Louis
B Ayling, Cooper	W, Laquita	W, Brandon
B Ayling, Jackson		W, Ned
B Ayling, James	B, Aimee	W, Luke
C, Jim	B, Jack	W, Zoe
C, Erin	B, Kellie	A, Anthony
C, Ben	B, Sophie	A, April
D, Cynthia	C, Braxton	B, Matthew-Riley
D, Jasmine	C, Lawson	B, Ryer
F, McKenzie	C, Ben	B, Travis
G, Chloe	D, Abby	B, Arlea
G, Byron	D, Seth	B, Larissa
G, Jaeken	D, Katie	C, Haydn
H, Kaelin	D, Alison	D, Jacob
H, Tane	D, Lewis	D, Savannah
H, Wyatt	H, Danzel	D, Shantelle
L, Mia	H, Bailey	D, Tahnaya
M, Byron	H, Brooke	F, Joshua
M, Finn	H, Elizabeth	F, Nicholas
M, Isobel	H, Zoe	J, Georgia
M, Laura	L, Hannah	J, Jaxon
M, Rielly	L, Kelly	K, Samantha
M, Marley	L-W, Destinee	M, Liam
M, Ella	L-Webb, Ryder	M, Tyler
O, Carlos	M, Adrian	M, Cassandra
O, Kameron	M, Liam	M, Lachlan
O, Kody	M, Paige	M, Samuel
P, Cooper	M, Jaxson	M, William
P, Jayde	M, Mason	M, Beau
P, Logan	N-W, Hudson	M, Holly
P, Riley	P, Kyla	P, Jakiah
P, Ethan	P, Zeke	R, Rage
P, Billie-Jo	R, Cody	R, Tiki
P, Eliza	R, Tyler	S, Will
R, Sumarh	T, Kash	S, Kate
T, Brooklyn	T, Kohbi	S, Lachlan
V, Lincon	T, Ruby	W, Haylee
W, Luke	W, Emily	W, Lacey

Tuckshop Orders

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 3, please write whether it is 2/3 or 3/4. Thank you. Tuckshop ordering bags are available in classrooms.

ADMIN INFORMATION

Late Arrivals / Early Departures

If your child/ren arrive late to school, after 9:00am, or leave early, before 3:00pm, parents are requested to sign the Student Register located in Administration. Thank you.

Enrolment Details Form

In the newsletter today, each family should receive an envelope containing Student Cards with each student's enrolment details. Would you kindly check through these details, make any corrections necessary, including any changes to medical conditions and return to school in the same envelope by Friday, 12 February. If there are no corrections to be made, please still return the Card. Thank you.

ENGLISH by Luke and Tahnaya

In English, this term, we are doing a unit on 'Short Stories'. We have looked at books by Jackie French including 'Gladys' and 'Josephine Loves to Dance'.



Our favourite thing in English is the short story technique of how the story commences. Our reading groups use literacy circles to develop our comprehension skills.

MATHS by Jacob and Byron M

In Maths, we do warm-ups every morning. These include mental computations. Our class goals for this term are:

- Develop our mental computation skills
- Identify and apply number families
- Develop our thinking and problem-solving skills
- Understand and apply fractions

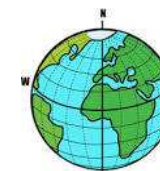
We are working on factors, multiples and divisibility rules. Every day, we are doing problem-solving. We have been playing a maths card game called 'Numero'.



Some of the Year 5/6 students playing 'Numero'.

GEOGRAPHY by Lewis and McKenzie

This week, we have been learning about latitude and longitude in geography. We learnt that latitude are the imaginary horizontal lines that go around the world. We have been using latitude and longitude to locate places in the atlas and label a map.



HISTORY by Sophie and Jaxon

In History, we have been reviewing Federation. We did an activity where we made up our own colonies and rules. We discussed defence, taxes, railways and flags.



We designed a flag for our colony.

SCIENCE by Chloe and Kelly

Our unit this term is called 'Making Changes'. It is all about reversible and irreversible changes.



Our first investigation was 'Does an ice cube melt faster in freshwater or saltwater?' Surprisingly, we found out that it melts faster in freshwater.

It is very complicated why this happens but it is to do with the fact that the cool water melting in salt water remains at the top, keeping the ice cube cooler. Salt water is more dense than freshwater and remains below it.



Lewis and Jacob are mixing bicarb of soda and vinegar to create carbon dioxide.

Carbon dioxide is heavier than air. It can be 'poured' on a burning candle to extinguish the flame.

We made our own fire extinguisher!

The students are investigating 'Does an ice cube melt faster in freshwater or saltwater?'



Science Vocabulary by Everyone

Our class brainstormed words which link to our learning in Science. Well done, everyone!

