

Koumala Parent Notices

Term 1 Week 7

School Philosophy

At Koumala State School we:

- Are Purposeful in what we do
- Always AIM for Improvement.

Four Year Strategic Plan

- Teacher Quality
- Data Analysis
- Early Years/Early Start
- School Community

*“Education is not the learning of facts,
but the training of the mind to think”*
- Albert Einstein

Week 7

We have the data, we have the classes organised, we have the goals for the students and the hubs are beginning to talk and compare 'A' standard work. Now we need to get involved in using this information (data) and collaboration for student improvement. Keep up the good work.

Research Article

“Aristotle’s perspective on the nature of expertise was identified as three main intellectual virtues: epistme, techne, and pronesis. This perspective is fruitful when we are thinking about the nature of exertise in teaching because governments, and agencies employed by governments, are often engaged in a search for “*what works*”. However, in education, “*what works*” is not a particularly useful question to ask because almost everything works somewhere, and nothing works everywhere! The important question is ‘under what conditions does a particular intiative work?’” **pg 14-15: Dylan Wiliam, Assessment for Learning: Why, What and How?**
Another question that could be asked is ‘*under what conditions does a particular child work?*’

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NAPLAN Plan

<https://youtu.be/rogUjmOPmKk>

The above link will provide you with further information regarding NAPLAN Online and what it will involve for the students. Have a watch as it only goes for 8 mins. The consideration to do NAPLAN over the 4 days has been confirmed and so the plan will be Year 3 in the morning and Year 5 in the middle session. The tests will be in the order of Typing (Writing – Year 3), Reading, Language Conventions and then Numeracy. We can catch up with students who missed it next week. I will run the NAPLAN sessions. Come and see me about practice sessions for those students.

We will CQ3S the Numeracy for Year 2 and Year 4 students on the Friday for 12 month comparison.

Cross Country

Cross Country training started last week. There may be a few wet shoes but Debbie Hamilton is not worried about them in the classroom. House Captains are going to be organising the daily run.

Sporting Trials

Soccer will be taking place on Monday 6th at 4:00 @ Alligator Creek, and Netball will be trialling on Wednesday 8th of March after school. I will be taking the Sarina District team to the trials on Friday 10th March so I will be away that day as well.

You Can Do It – Getting Along

Discuss with students the meaning of “friendship.” Ask students whether they believe it is possible to form a friendship with someone who doesn’t like them. Ask them to explain their answers. Remind them that even though we may not like everyone we still need to use getting along behaviours. Point out that for us to have “true blue” (good) friendships, we must treat others the way we want to be treated.

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Respectful – All Areas – Wait your Turn – Patience

This week:

- Monday – Soccer trials – Alligator Creek – 4:00pm
- Tuesday – Parade
- Tuesday – Staff meeting
- Tuesday – Chaplaincy Meeting – Sarina State High School – 7:00pm
- Wednesday – Speech Therapist visit – Jodie and Cameron replacing Judy and Wendy middle session for PD.
- Wednesday – Netball Trials
- Friday – Mackay and District Soccer Trials – Lions ground – Cameron away
- Friday – Netball training – 3:00pm