

Koumala Parent Notices

Term 1 Week 9

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

*“If you’re not prepared to be wrong
you’ll never come up with anything original”*
- Ken Robinson

Week 8

Start with why. Schools that start with why they are doing things find that the ‘what’ and the ‘how’ follow along. When we were told that C2C was the ‘what’ we have to teach in schools did we know ‘why’? It would be great to have teacher’s comments as to why they teach, and have them on posters around the school so students and parents are very clear about why we come to school every day.

Challenging thought

“People don’t buy WHAT you do, they buy WHY you do it.

‘WHY’ is just a belief, ‘HOW’ are the actions and ‘WHAT’ is the results.

We do better in cultures in which we are good fits. We do better in places that reflect our own values and beliefs. A [school] is a culture. A group of people brought together around a common set of values and beliefs. It’s the culture – the strong sense of beliefs and values that everyone shares.

Two teachers working in two classrooms can be doing exactly the same thing, the difference is the sense of purpose one has over the other, or the belief of WHY they are there.

People who work with a clear sense of WHY are less prone to giving up after a few failures because they understand the higher cause.” ***Sinek, Simon; Start with Why***

Four Year Strategic Plan

Teacher Quality

Data Analysis

From the State Schooling Strategy 2017 - 2021:

Successful learners - Know our learners • Analyse student data regularly to monitor progress, guide teaching practices, transitions and prompt early intervention.

Early Years/Early Start

We have made the Age Appropriate Pedagogy course. The first step will be a PD on Friday 12 May in Mackay. More information available.

School Community

School Photo date – Term 2, Week 3, Thursday – confirmed after the P&C Meeting on Tuesday.

School Camp

14 out of 43 students have provided the \$50 deposit to confirm their participation in the school camp. This money needs to be in by **Friday**. Thanks to those parents who have paid for camp in full. Can this be a priority this week so we can confirm that we will be going to camp? Any concerns over payment please come and see Gail as soon as possible. Remember all money needs to be in by the 1st of August.

You Can Do It – Persistence

Point out that if we exaggerate how difficult something is, we will tend to find it harder to be persistent. This is because we tend to under-estimate our own ability to complete this task (e.g., “This is too hard. I’m not smart enough to do it.”). Ask the following questions:

1. Have you ever exaggerated or “blown up” how hard something was to do? What was it?
2. Have you ever thought that an extremely hard task was “impossible”? How did you feel about doing the task when you thought this way?

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Responsible Playground Return equipment to the appropriate place

This week:

- Tuesday – Brendan (ICT) visit
- Tuesday – Linda Vella (ECEC) visit
- Tuesday – P&C Meeting
- Tuesday – Parade
- Tuesday – Staff meeting – Melissa and Lisa away at Parent meetings, everyone else discussing school organisation
- Wednesday – NAPLAN Online training – Cameron away
- Friday – Noel (Organisational Health) visit – 12:00
- Friday – Netball training – 3:00pm
- Friday – School Disco from 5:30 – 7:30