



# Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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## Calendar of Events

### Mobile Library

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> February  
10:00am – 12:00pm

### P&C AGM

Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> January  
9:00am Library

### Leadership Parade

Monday 6<sup>th</sup> February  
9:00am

### Book Club

Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> February  
Orders close

### GRIP Leadership

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 6 Leaders

### Safety Circus

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> February  
Year 3 Students

**WATCH  
THIS  
SPACE**  
Important Announcements  
~ of interest to you. ~

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

### Welcome to Week 2

## TERM 1 WEEK 2

### At Koumala State School we:

- Are purposeful in what we do
- Always AIM for improvement

### Welcome to Week 2

The wet days continue but not only does the grass grow but so do the students enrolments. We have reached 119 this week and that is great. Every class is full of happy students who are all excited to learn and to go on a learning journey with their teacher.

### Healthy students

Thanks to those parents who have made the effort to ensure the school is up to date with the latest medical condition of their child. This information is coming together in an easy to read book that all staff members will have access to. This will mean all staff will be better prepared throughout the year. As more information comes to hand regarding your child please make sure you inform the school so we also have access to the latest developments.

### Leaders Parade

Next Monday there will be a Parade to announce the school leaders for 2017. This will be an exciting, nervous and auspicious occasion as the Year 6 students find out what role they will be playing at the school for the next 12 months. Parents are all welcome to attend the parade taking place at 9:00am on Monday morning. There will be a morning tea for those leaders and their family immediately after the parade. Leadership is an important part of the school and we look forward to seeing these young men and women believe, strive, and achieve both for themselves and for the school.

*"Believe, Strive, Achieve"*



## **P&C AGM**

On Tuesday the P&C AGM took place. We hope that there were many parents wanting to be involved in the P&C and the exciting challenges that are coming our way in 2017. The P&C is playing an increasingly important role in assisting students and the school to be able to improve upon resources. The school photos was a great start last year and we look forward to that being improved this year and even more exciting ideas coming from the parents who wish to see their children working and learning in the best environment. All parents are invited to attend and we look forward to your contribution over the year.

## **After School**

The change in times have worked really well especially as it relates to afternoon pick-ups. The first bus is here pretty much in time with the bell and students are spending less time waiting for the bus. Parents are again reminded to ensure they come into the school grounds to pick up their children. Students are going to be stopped from going out the front gate unless they are accompanied by an adult. This is just to ensure that the students are moving safely especially while cars are travelling back and forth along the road.

## **Homework**

Homework will be starting this week. Students should be able to achieve what has been asked of them and it is the discipline of completing the task that is most important. Students need to gain a sense of ownership of what they need/can do, and they also need to organise their time so that they are able to complete the set tasks. Homework should be challenging but achievable and students should ask their teacher for assistance if they are unable or unsure what to do. Learn to solve the problem, and then ask for help is the plan for students at Koumala. If parents are able to follow that method there could be great long term gains.

## **Old Wooden Fort**

Thanks to The Wrights for successfully completing the tender process and removing the old wooden fort from the school grounds. No doubt the Wright children will have a great playground to play on soon. It is most appreciated that the fort was removed before school had begun. It was a sad day as I know the fort was very popular with the students and it is hoped that a new one can be bought as soon as possible.

## **Shade cover**

On Tuesday Kirsty and Lori, Deslee and John managed to get the shade cover back over the Spider playground. Thanks for that considerable effort and for providing more shade for the students. We are very thankful that the students can be sun-safe when they play. Thanks a lot!!

## **You Can Do It – Ready Set You Can Do It**

Students will understand what success means for them.

## **Weekly Behaviour Focus**

Be Safe – Classroom – Respect School Property – Make sure all chairs are pushed in.

*“If Plan A doesn’t work, the alphabet still has 25 more letters.  
Stay cool!”*

## **Students of the Week**

**Prep - 1 - 2/3 - 3/4 - 5/6 -**

**Learner Awards**

*For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe*

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**25 Gotcha Bands**

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## **Tuckshop News**

Tuckshop is on this Friday 3rd Feb – Janine B & Kristy T are on.  
Monday 6th Feb – **HELP REQUIRED**

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8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



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6. Click "Open" when installed.
7. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup".
8. Toggle on the Push Categories that are applicable for you by tapping the on/off switch.



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6. Click the "More" button on the bottom right of the App, then "Setup"
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