Welcome to Week 3

At Koumala State School we:
- Are purposeful in what we do
- Always AIM for improvement

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Congratulations to our new Student Leaders
Leadership is an important part of our school. Students need to set the example for others and demonstrate effort and resilience to the entire school. This year we welcome Cameron and Jayden H as our School Captains. Tia and Allie will be the Kelvin House captains and Jayden M and Cody will be the Carlisle House Captains. Michael, Caleb, Mitchell, Aloha, Riley and Charlee-Jade will be joining them as part of the Student Council. They already have ideas of what they want to do and achieve this year. Congratulations to these fine students for their effort to be considered and we look forward to seeing what you can achieve, how you can lead, the legacy you will leave behind and the students who wish to follow you in the future.

GRIP Leadership
Next Tuesday our Year 6 students will be meeting me at the MECC in Mackay to attend a Leadership conference for students around Mackay. This is a fantastic event as it teaches the students more about leadership, how to be a leader and the opportunities that are available to students for learning to work as a team.

Safety Circus
Next Wednesday the Year 3 students will be heading to Sarina to attend the Safety Circus. This is organised by the Queensland Police and teaches students about bike safety, bullying and many other relevant age appropriate ideas. Thanks to Mrs McKewen and Mrs Mason for ensuring all the students are able to participate in this event.

Calendar of Events

Mobile Library
Thursday 9th February
Thursday 23rd February
10:00am – 12:00pm

Snow Cones
Thursday 9th February
First Break

Book Club
Thursday 9th February
Orders close

GRIP Leadership
Tuesday 14th February
Year 6 Leaders

Safety Circus
Wednesday 15th February
Year 3 Students

KBS Bus Meeting
Friday 17th February
Starting from 8:40 am

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 21st February
9:00am Library
Day 8 Numbers
Last Thursday was Day 8. This is an important day as the number of students who have enrolled at the school on that
day is counted and sent to Education Queensland. This school number is then used to calculate how many teachers
we are allowed to have at the school, how many hours Teacher Aides are allowed to work at the school, how much
extra money we are given from the government through the Investing for Schools (I4S) program, and many other
entitlements. Having 119 students at Koumala is the biggest we have had in a while and we wish to maintain and
grow those numbers over the next few years. Thanks to all parents for ensuring their children turned up on time and
ready to learn.

Fire Drill
Today we held our first Fire Drill. This enables all students, teachers and visitors to be aware of the procedure if ever
there is a fire in the school. We run this twice a year to take any uncertainty away in the event that it takes place.
The Fire Drill is held on different days and at different times so students can learn how they have to react. We will
also have a Lock down in Term 2 so we can be aware of the procedures involved if we ever have to lock the school
down.

Fridges
With the increase number of students at school it also means that there is a decrease in the amount of space in
fridges. If parents are able to consider whether lunches need to go in the fridge, or able to pack lunches so that only
what needs to be cold is put in the fridge it would help in the Tetris like game that teachers are playing every
morning and every break time trying to fit lunch boxes into a rapidly decreasing space. Cold packs can be used to
keep food cool especially in the insulated lunch boxes that most students are using. The verandas near the 2/3 class
and 5/6 class are also cooler as well.

BBQ and Compost bin
There is a BBQ and a compost bin at the front gate that is available to any parent who would like it and is able to pick
it up. First in first served.

Sports Teams
Students have the opportunity to try out for representative teams. The students involved have to be 10 years or
older to try out. Basketball is taking place soon as well as touch football, netball, soccer. If you are interested please
come and see me.

You Can Do It – Organised
Students will explain what it means to be organised and give examples

Weekly Behaviour Focus
Be Safe – Stairwells and Verandas - Walk quietly and orderly so that others are not disturbed.

“He stood in the storm
and when the wind did not blow his way
he adjusted his sails”
- Elizabeth Edwards

Students of the Week
Prep THOMAS 1 TEBANI 2/3 KAITLYN 3/4 SERENITY 5/6 BLAKE

Learner Awards
For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe
Serenity & Alesha
25 Gotcha Bands

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**Student Council News**

Snow Cones will be available this Thursday, First Break
Small $1.00 Large $2.00

**Thank You Mr and Mrs Simonsen**

Year 2/3 would like to shout out a huge ‘Thank You’ to the Simonsen family for kindly making a new shelf for our class fridge. We will now be able to keep our water bottles cool in this very hot weather.

Thank You From:
Mrs McKewen, Mrs Mason and all of the year 2/3 students

**Tuckshop News**

*Tuckshop Volunteers for:*
Friday 10th Feb – Cindy P & Mavill Hooper
Monday 13th Feb – Amanda, Deslee & Emily

**P&C News**

Thank you to all those parents who attended the P&C AGM last Tuesday.

The new committee elected by those present were:
Executive Committee: President - Deslee Stevens, Vice President - Kristy Thomsett, Treasurer - Cindi Patroni, Secretary - (ACTING) Amanda Box, Committee members: Tuckshop Convenors - (Stock) Brooke Gordon, (Staff) - Alexis Bella, Uniforms - Hayley Ewart, Raffle Tickets - Janine Borg

Due to nominations not being accepted for the 'Secretary' position we have a short term 'ACTING' secretary to enable the P&C to function and allow the tuckshop to operate. Thank you Amanda Box. Amanda has indicated she will be resigning from this position before the next meeting and therefore a special meeting will be held before the next general meeting 21/02/17 to call for nominations. If you are interested/able to fill this position please contact one of the executive committee for more information. I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all parents to join: - Koumala State School P&C Facebook page, Koumala community Noticeboard FB page, Koumala State School 'Skool Bag App', All fantastic forms of communication within and around our school community.

Congratulations to the new committee members. I look forward to working with you all this year.

Kind regards
Deslee Stevens

**Bus Notice**

Bus Conveyancing Meeting for Small White Bus (Koumala West) and the Yellow Bus. (KBS Pty Ltd Bus Service)

Meetings will be held in Koumala State School Library on Friday 17th February. White Bus is 8.40am followed by the Yellow bus at approximately 9am. If your children use these bus services it would appreciated if you could attend.

**School Banking day is Thursday.**

Remember, Thursday is School Banking day and students should bring in their weekly deposit.

For every deposit made at school, students will receive a silver Dollarmites token. Once students have individually collected 10 tokens they can redeem them for an exclusive School Banking reward item in recognition of their regular savings habits.

School Banking is also a great fundraiser for our school, raising 5% on every deposit made through the school (to a maximum of $10 per individual deposit).

If your child has lost their book, they can bring their money to school in a sealed envelope with a note on the next School Banking day. We will issue them with a replacement.