Welcome to Week 4

At Koumala State School we:

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

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Feedback
Our core focus this year is to focus on what happens in the classrooms. Our focus on feedback is on the feedback a student gives to a teacher. The only way a teacher can truly know how a student is progressing in the classroom is through the conversation, ideas and questions that students provide during learning times. It is our goal this year for teachers to provide opportunities for all students to talk and demonstrate their understanding of concepts.

Our other feedback focus will be on teachers talking to other teachers for support, moderation and ideas. We are planning on providing teachers with days off class across the year to allow time to meet. We have created year level groups so that teachers who are teaching across similar year levels will be able to speak, moderate and share with their follow professionals. This hub of learning shall provide greater teaching and learning for the students.

Driving the ship of learning
This year are using any and all money provided by the Government under the name Investing for Success (I4S) to provide time and opportunities for teachers to improve their practice. We look at the engines of the ship which are Curriculum Delivery, Effective Pedagogy and Teams across the school as the core drivers that will turn this ship around towards student achievement. At Koumala we want to use data to make a difference and create a culture that promotes learning. All these are found in the School Improvement Hierarchy which is the essential element for Education Queensland schools.
Teacher Aides
We greatly value our teacher aides for the work that they do every day. Timetables have been established that start this week to ensure students, and teachers, are supported throughout the day. We have looked at the data to see where the gaps are across the school and where the needs may be. The synergy of teacher and teacher aides is crucial to long term success of the student.

Parents and Guardians
Teachers and teacher aides play an important role, but every day students come home to parents and guardians. I would like to remind all parents and guardians of the important role you play in your child achieving at school. Reading the home readers with them, checking sight words, hearing spelling words, rote learning times tables are all ways that you can assist your child in progressing. There is continual data available about how your child is progressing and I encourage you to learn more about it. Parents and/or guardians are also very welcome in classrooms for volunteering and helping students. I encourage any parent and/or guardian, who has the time, to assist in the classroom. That community involvement is important for any school.

Early Start
Prep students took part in a program called Early Start. It enabled the school to see what was in the students ‘mental backpack’ with regards to numeracy and literacy. These hands on activities provided enormous information to Miss Cole and Mrs Parchert, and when combined with observations in the classroom, enabled conversations about differentiation and where to begin with regards to supporting students. I encourage you to come and see your child’s data and to see how you can assist the teachers in furthering your child’s education.

P&C Meeting
Next Tuesday will be the first P&C Meeting for 2018. It is important that parents can attend and be involved in the conversation. There are many important things that need to be discussed as we start the year. I look forward to seeing you all there.

Sports Teams
Students have the opportunity to try out for representative teams. The students involved have to be 10 years or older to participate in the trials. AFL is on Monday 20th Feb and Soccer is on Monday 6th Mar. If you require any more information come and see Mr Campbell or myself.

You Can Do It – Persistence
Students will be able to state the meaning of Persistence.

Weekly Behaviour Focus
Be Safe – Classrooms – Enter and Exit a room in an orderly fashion

“Do not judge me by my successes.
Judge me by how many times I fell down
and got back up again”
- Nelson Mandela

Students of the Week
Prep LUCAS 1 ISAAK 2/3 ANALISE 4/5 STEPHANIE 5/6 BLAKE

Learner Awards
For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe
Isaak & Grace B
25 Gotcha Bands
Student Council News
Snow Cones will be available this Thursday, First Break
Small $1.00 Large $2.00

Tuckshop News
Tuckshop Volunteers for:
Friday 17th Feb – Mavill Hooper & Help Needed
Monday 20th Feb – Janine & Lisa M

Bus Notice
Bus Conveyancing Meeting for Small White Bus (Koumal West) and the Yellow Bus. (KBS Pty Ltd Bus Service)
Meetings will be held in Koumal 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.

Ilbilbie / Greenhill / Mt Christian Bus
Bus Meeting Monday 20th February 2017, 9:00am in the School Library
All parents with children on this bus are encouraged to 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.