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Calendar of Events

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

Landcare
Friday 3rd March
Years 4-6

P&C Meeting
Tuesday 21st March
9:00am Library

Cross Country
Tuesday 28th March

Last day of Term 1
Friday 31st March

Good Friday
Friday 14th April

Easter
Sunday 16th April
Monday 17th April

Start of Term 2
Tuesday 18th April

WATCH THIS SPACE
Important Annoucements of interest to you.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE TERM 1 WEEK 6

Welcome to Week 6

At Koumala State School we:

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

Professional Leaning Communities

As part of the Four Year Strategic plan we are endeavouring to improve teacher quality as we recognise it is the only way to improve student outcomes across the school. To do that the research is telling me that teachers need to be challenged by each other and should be provided with opportunities to work with their peers. This environment of co-learning and peer feedback is crucial to the intrinsic motivation to improving what happens in the classroom. Last week's staff meeting was the first time this year where we were able to sit and talk as part of the hubs. These learning hubs consist of Year 1, 2 and 3 teachers working together, and Year 4, 5 and 6 teachers sharing as part of a team. It was great to be able to watch conversations about student improvement take place. More opportunities will be provided to the staff in both staff meetings and planning days during school time.

P&C Meeting outcome

Apologies for the extra-long P&C Meeting last week. It was important that we cover a number of issues before the year begins in earnest. It was great to be able to show the journey we have been on and the data that is demonstrating what we are trying to achieve. There could have been more academic data there and that will be a focus next year. It is expected that this year will be an exciting year and will finish in a positive way. I look forward to many P&C members seeing me about new ideas and ways that we can support the school. Information regarding possible fundraising and working bee ideas have been sent out.

Weekly emails

Last year I sent out a Principals Report to parents every week in the Skoolbag app. I shall be doing that again this year. Stay tuned.

School Camp
Information regarding the school Camp taking place at the end of August has been sent home to the Year 4 – 6 students. It is important that those camp forms are returned so we can put an exact number on the cost of camp. The cost of camp is based on the number of students who attend. We look forward to all forms being returned by Friday so that the exact amount can be calculated and the deposits for camp can be organised.

Reading eggs
Having students read every day for fun and information is an important part of the learning journey for all students. At Koumala we recognise that for reading to improve there needs to be a whole community approach. Whilst home readers and library books are available we would also like to invite students to access the reading eggs program from their home. Students should have their log in cards and passwords from school and we can provide them for all students to enable them to access the program at home. We encourage all students to participate and use the program so we can get value for money.

Typing tournament online
Typing skills are a fundamental skill that all students need to learn to be able to operate in this ICT world. One of the many tools we subscribe to is Typing Tournament. This program teaches students which fingers go with which letters, and it will enable them to work quicker and focus more on the content that they are typing rather than the act of typing. This typing program is available to all students at school and at home. It is available on any device, anywhere, anytime. Each student has a personal login and password. This is listed on their individual letters being sent home.

Student Banking
Bendigo Bank forms will be sent home to Prep students this week. They should be able to open an account and money can be deposited. There is an opportunity for student banking to go through Bendigo Bank as well but there may be learning to do with that process. Commonwealth Bank also offer student banking through Koumala and so parents and students have the option. Wendy is the best person to talk to about the procedures and steps involved.

Cross Country
On Tuesday of Week 10 we are planning on running our school Cross Country. This will be the first competition between Kelvin and Carlisle for the year. All students will be running different distances and we start with the older year levels first as they run the furthest while the temperature is somewhat cooler. Students will run the following distances: Students born 2006 and 2005 will run 3km (3 laps of the whole course). Students born in 2008 and 2007 will run 2km (2 laps whole course). Students born in 2010 and 2009 will run 800m (1 lap inside school). Finally students born in 2012 and 2011 will run 500m (1 lap of the oval). Students born 2007 and older will have the opportunity to run at the Sarina Cross Country next term based on the run at school. To be eligible the students need to be able to run the course without stopping as the course in Sarina is much harder. Practice at school will begin this week, but practice at home will enable fitness levels to be improved. Start running!!

You Can Do It – Resilience
Students will explain what Resilience looks like and feels like for them. They can describe when they would need Resilience.

Weekly Behaviour Focus
Be Responsible – Classroom – Keep your work space tidy – the curse of the pencil shavings

"Test scores and measures of achievement tell you where a student is,
but they don't tell you where the student could end up"
- Carol Dweck

Students of the Week

Prep EMERSEN **1** MADDELYN **2/3** SAM B **4/5** SHANE **5/6** NICHOLAS

Learner Awards

For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe

Lacee & NFP

25 Gotcha Bands

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Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers for:
Friday 3rd March – Alexis B & Kristy
Monday 6th March – Cindy P & Lisa M

Easter Raffle

It's nearly Easter time, which means the annual Koumala State School P&C **Easter Raffle** is nearly upon us. The response last year was so great from our school community that the P&C were able to create 15 prizes that were won.

Notes will be going home this week in KIT books with details of the raffle.

Dr Martha Nessler Presents

ESSENTIAL OILS WORKSHOP

MONDAY 6th MARCH

6:30pm

KOUMALA HALL

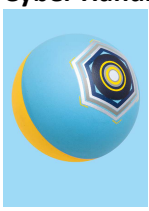
FOR MORE INFO
Ph. Carolyn Argent 0429 841 505
This is a FREE workshop. Everyone is WELCOME!

Commonwealth Bank

New School Banking rewards now available!

Exciting new Term 1 rewards with a Future Savers theme are now available, while stocks last!

Cyber Handball



Colour Change Markers

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 exclusive School Banking reward items in recognition of their regular savings habits.

Thank you for supporting the School Banking program and remember, School Banking day is every Thursday.

write4fun.net

OVER $3000 IN CASH AND PRIZES TO BE WON!

The 2017 School Writing Competition is NOW OPEN! Write4fun encourages students to read and write through these FUN competitions that are EASY to enter!

School students across Australia will battle it out for the great cash and prizes on offer. Including a $1,000 CASH first prize with $500 awarded **to their school** and $500 to the winning student
The quickest and easiest way to enter is online at www.write4fun.net
The competition is designed to encourage creativity with literacy and many school and libraries use it as a 'project' to inspire students to write. We hope you will too!
To assist with this there is NO THEME! Entries ca be on any topic and in any style.
Entry is **FREE** and the closing date is **Friday 31st March 2017.**
Happy writing!

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