



Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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Calendar of Events

Mobile Library

Thursday 23rd March
Thursday 6th April
10:00am – 12:00pm

P&C Meeting

Tuesday 21st March
9:00am Library

School Disco

Friday March 24th
5:30pm – 7:30pm

Cross Country

Tuesday 28th March

Science Museum

Open Classrooms
Friday 31st March from 2pm

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 Announcements

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 8

TERM 1 WEEK 8

At Koumala State School we:

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

State Schools Strategy 2017 – 2021

At the Principal conference it was made abundantly clear that we, as a bunch of Queenslanders are making a difference in education, but that we also had a long way to go. With the state school strategy it looks at a number of areas under the focus of Collaborative empowerment and at the top of that focus was teaching quality. At the core of everything we do as a system it is about teaching quality and one of the most important factors involved is the use of data to monitor progress and guide students development. This links smoothly with our own school focus.

What does progress look like?

The question we are asking ourselves as teachers and learners of student development is what does progress look like in our class this year? What are we trying to achieve, do we know what students need to do to achieve and how do we know when they have achieved. These are the questions that we are asking ourselves. We have also been identifying what works according to the studies by John Hattie.

John Hattie's Research

John Hattie is a researcher who has been looking at the differences that are made in education and the results have been fascinating. An effect size is something that makes an 'effect' on students learning. Some things like class sizes and television have a very low or even negative 'effect' on students learning. Whilst others things like feedback, teacher student relationships or teaching problem solving can have a greater 'effect' on students educational growth. Some of these greater effects can actually increase the amount of learning that is achieved in one year. The key ingredient to all of this is the quality of the teacher and the capacity of the teacher to include others, especially parents, into the development of all children in the classroom. You can make a difference as the home environment is also a positive effect size. This is very exciting!

"Believe, Strive, Achieve"



Great state. Great opportunity.



Art Council

This Tuesday there was a great production entitled it's a Mad World. The performer came to the school to bring a show that included circus tricks and activities. Some students were involved in the production to help bring it to life. It was great to have a show at school and introduce the students to something very different.

Shave for a Cure

Don't forget Kayne will be shaving for a cure in two weekend's time. Make sure you are involved and have purchased tickets to the great prizes on offer at the pub

NAPLAN Online

Next week I will be away at a NAPLAN Online training session to remind and reinforce the processes involved in NAPLAN this year. The students in Year 3 and Year 5 will be participating in the online version, except for the writing task which will be completed using handwriting by the Year 3 students. This is a very exciting time for the school as we will be one of few schools in Queensland who will be partaking in this little adventure. I will be able to present more information in more detail at a later date, in the meantime there is a great you tube video that can provide you with more information about the process and the type of questions the students will be asked: <https://youtube/rogUjmOPmKk>

Cross Country

The weather has been warm and I expect it to be that way when we run the Cross Country in Week 10. Students need to be practising and building up their fitness for this run. This event can be physically challenging for a lot of students. Training is happening before school every day but students should also be working out at home and on weekends to be able to handle the tough conditions. Students who can run the course and not stop will be considered for the Sarina Districts Cross Country trials.

School Facilities

The tree was cut down this weekend to ensure the students remain safe from falling branches. The tree being removed also means that that another popular shady area has been removed from the school grounds. We want students to be safe and play safe and that also means sun safe. Until grants can be provided to build more covered play areas students will have to make do with the play spaces they have, which are generous but just uncovered. The students have also been playing on handball courts under the school with chalk lines. It would be great to have those handball court lines drawn so that the students can participate in games. We have received some quotes for possible space management around the back of the Prep room. When those quotes come in with the ideas it would be great to have a small committee look over them and see what we can afford, or what we could do ourselves. A working bee to tidy up the grounds before the end of Term would also be a great idea.

You Can Do It – Organised

'We Strive to Progress'. What does that mean? How do we have to be organised to progress forward and what are we striving for. We cannot move forward without being organised.

Consider the harder I practise, the luckier I get!

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Respectful – All Areas – Clean up after yourself

**"Every student deserves a great teacher,
not by chance, but by design"**

- Doug Fisher

Students of the Week

Prep HAYDEN 1 LAINY 2/3 GRACE 4/5 DAKOTA S & MATTHEW

5/6 RILEY

Learner Awards

For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe

Roman & Shaelah

25 Gotcha Bands

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers for:

Friday 17th March – Help Needed

Monday 20th March – Janine B & Amanda B

Prep News

The Prep students are urgently requiring for this Friday cardboard boxes from cereal, muesli bars, Jatz etc. They are needing them to make a model of an animal for science. All donations can be sent to the Prep room.

School Disco

Friday 24th March is our School Disco. This event will be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm

EASTER RAFFLE TICKETS

Raffle tickets are going home today. All monies raised from the sale of tickets go towards the cost of the school camp, late afternoon, late night and sleep over for the students. All sold and unsold tickets and monies should be returned to the school by Friday 24th March.

EASTER RAFFLE PRIZE DONATIONS

All prize donations for the Easter Raffle can be left at the school office or tuckshop. Prizes should be in by Friday 24th March. Anything you can offer will be appreciated. The more donations we receive, the more prizes we can create. Last year there were about 15 prizes given out.

School Logo Design Meeting

* Anyone wishing to have input into the new School Logo a discussion will be held on Wednesday 15 March 2017 at 8:30am in the Library.

* The next P&C Meeting will be held on Wednesday 22 March 2017 at 9:00am in the school Library.



Who is your favourite school teacher?

Star 101.9 is searching for Mackay and the Whitsunday's favourite primary school teacher, as voted by the community.

Voting opens this Friday 17th March and closes Thursday 30th March at

5:00pm for those teachers who have already been nominated. All voting is done online via the Star 101.9 website. Voting is unlimited.

The Star 101.9 website for voting is www.star1019.com.au. Click "Win" and "Apple for Teacher" for competition webpage. Full Terms and Conditions available at website.

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