



# 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

## TERM 1 WEEK 9

### Welcome to Week 9

*At Koumala State School we:*

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

### Start with Why

I am currently reading a book by Simon Sinek which demonstrates that successful organisations are the ones that know why they are doing what they are doing. Apple is a company that is very clear about why they are involved in the business they are in. As a school we should also be able to clearly express why the students are at school. What we do is Reading, Writing and Maths. Why we do it is because we want to provide students with the best education to enable them to succeed. Parents and students can also ask why they are coming to school. If everyone knows why they are coming, it will help in knowing what we all have to do, and how we can achieve. It has been a fascinating read, there is also a highly viewed TED talk that you can watch online as well.

### Why do we read?

As I read more and learn about what works in schools, reading continues to be a story of easy success. Evidence now shows that 20 minutes of reading a day can result in students reading 1,800,000 words a year. This puts them in a great position to improve in all areas of school, especially if that reading is for enjoyment. Students who read 5 minutes a day only read 282,000 words a year, whereas students who read 1 minute a day are only exposed to 8,000 words a year. Students need more words as it helps in writing, comprehending, problem solving and enables them to be able to progress at the end of the year.

### Age Appropriate Pedagogy

We have been chosen to be part of a project involving Age Appropriate Pedagogy. This will enable Ms Cole and Mrs Parchert the opportunity to work with other schools in developing a program of instruction for the Prep students. This program looks at developing different aspects of children's learning and development, and discovering how we can support their progress. This will take place during the year and we look forward to seeing how it can be implemented into the classroom.

*"Believe, Strive, Achieve"*



Great state. Great opportunity.



## **P&C Meeting**

Final P&C Meeting for the term will be taking place on Tuesday. There are many things to discuss but the length of the meeting will be nowhere near as long this time. This will be a great opportunity to catch up and have a coffee and be involved in some positive, robust discussions around supporting Koumala State School children.

## **School Photos**

Forms for School photos will be heading out this week. We are looking at taking school, class, siblings and individual photos on Thursday May 4<sup>th</sup>. After this date, and any other suggestions, are brought up in the P&C Meeting, we will be able to confirm process and options next week. Any last minute ideas can be presented to myself or Nattasha for planning.

## **Shave for a Cure**

Don't forget that Kayne will be shaving his hair for a cure for the organisation (Without a Ribbon.org) at the Pub on the 25<sup>th</sup> March. This is a great cause and any sponsorships, raffle tickets and participation on the day will be greatly appreciated. See the Koumala Pub for more details.

## **Cross Country**

Cross Country is one week away and the weather continues to either bear down on us, either with rain or hot sun. The conditions for running will be difficult and we encourage all students to drink as much water as they can the day before and the morning off the run so they are hydrated. We will have people on the course to look after students who are struggling, and if students are not able to complete the course they can stop but they need to stop near a teacher on the course. Students in the older years can be chosen to run next term at Sarina but they are not allowed to stop for the whole course. Water will not be available on the course as there will be no water on the course in Sarina. Training for the run is recommended.

## **From the Netball Courts**

Koumala State School has 2 teams participating in the Sarina Netball Competition in 2017.

The Koumala Firebirds – Sienna W, Zali, Renelle, Anna, Mikayla, Brooke, Lainey, Tayla, Jade, Kaitlyn. Team coached by Paul Gersch; and

The Koumala Crushers – Grace, Tebani, Kelsie, Analise, Sophie, Jorja, Melanee, Isaac, Ella & Summah (Homebush State School). Team coached by Janine Borg.

The first game of the season was on the 16<sup>th</sup> March with the Koumala Firebirds winning 7 points to 0 over the St Annes Sapphires. Sienna W scored 3 goals, Mikayla 2, Zali 1 and Brooke 1. Sienna W took out Best & Fairest for the Firebirds. The Koumala Crushers had a bye for the first round. Training has been on a Friday afternoon. Stay tuned for weekly updates!

## **You Can Do It – Persistence**

Point out that if we exaggerate how difficult something is, we will tend to find it harder to be persistent. This is because we tend to under-estimate our own ability to complete this task (e.g., “This is too hard. I’m not smart enough to do it.”). Ask the following questions:

1. Have you ever exaggerated or “blown up” how hard something was to do? What was it?
2. Have you ever thought that an extremely hard task was “impossible”? How did you feel about doing the task?

## **Weekly Behaviour Focus**

Be Responsible    Playground    Return equipment to the appropriate place

*“If you’re not prepared to be wrong  
you’ll never come up with anything original”*

- Ken Robinson

## **Students of the Week**

**Prep** KELSIE **1/2** NFP **3/4** JAMES **4/5** RENELLE **5/6** MITCHELL

### **Learner Awards**

*For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe*

*Melanee & Emily*

**25 Gotcha Bands**

**- Isaak, Lainey O, Jake, Tebani, Anna**

## Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers for:

Friday 24th March – Brodee Gordon

Monday 27th March – Amanda B & Brodee Gordon

Friday 31<sup>st</sup> March – Cindi P



### School Disco

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> March is our School Disco.

This event will be from 5:30pm to 7:30pm



## EASTER RAFFLE

Raffle tickets (sold and unsold) and monies are due back to school **THIS FRIDAY**.

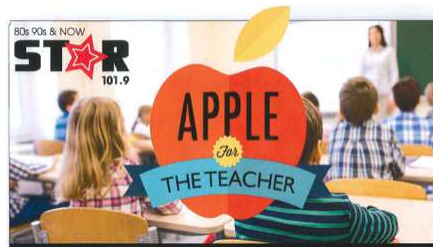
Donations are also due **THIS FRIDAY** so we can put the prizes together ready for drawing next Tuesday on parade.

The P&C thanks you for your support



**VOTING HAS OPENED!!**

**REMEMBER UNLIMITED VOTING FOR YOUR TEACHER!**



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 opened 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](http://www.star1019.com.au). Click "Win" and "Apple for Teacher" for competition webpage. Full Terms and Conditions available at website.

## Prep News

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