



Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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Calendar of Events

Mobile Library

Thursday 20th April

Thursday 4th May

10:00am – 12:00pm

Anzac Day

Tuesday 25th April

Sarina Cross Country

Thursday 27th April

Labour Day Weekend

Monday 1st May

School Photos

Thursday 4th May

School Disco

Friday 5th May

NAPLAN

Tuesday 9th May

Wednesday 10th May

Thursday 11th May

Mother's Day

Sunday 14th May

Under 8's Day

Friday 26th May

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Important Announcements
of interest to you.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 2

TERM 2 WEEK 2

At Koumala State School we:

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

Cyclone Debbie

The last week of school was quite a change from any well laid plans that we had put together. There was talk around closing the school during Monday but after we made that decision we found out that decisions had been made from higher up anyway. The cyclone itself was strong but the days afterwards will live long in the memory for many Koumala locals. It is during this time that it was great to have the community band together to support each other. I even opened up the school library for 12 RACQ workers to spend the night, and it seems like the sentiment was shared by many over the next couple of days.

I would like to make special mention of the Year 5/6 students who in the weeks leading up to the cyclone dug out the drain along the tennis court and around the transpiration put. This task, which was planned and executed by Riley, Michael and Cameron, meant that the water had somewhere to run off. I thank the students for the way they indirectly supported the school.

On the Monday before the cyclone we had many parents come to the school to help out and one of the jobs was removing a large blockage in the drain and dropping sand bags along the path. This job, in combination with the students, ensured a vast amount of water was directed away from the school. I thank all parents for the work that they did and the effort they put in when it was needed.

I thank the staff for the way they had to be flexible with the changing conditions. I also thank the staff who were honest enough to not come in or left early to prevent themselves being put into dangerous conditions.

"Believe, Strive, Achieve"



Cyclone Debbie *continued*

I would like to make a special mention of Mrs Hamilton for the work she put in during the cyclone (dragging new sandbags from the sandpit outside and lining them up in front of the Prep room to prevent the water from coming in in the middle of the storm), and the work she did after the cyclone (coordinating the work and clean-up of the school with Ed Qld). Debbie was my last point of contact when all contact at school had been lost.

The end result was, nine trees were knocked down or had to be pulled down, and there was a considerable amount of branches cracked off and fallen over the ground. We had the SES and other crews helping put the place right by the Thursday and the school was ready to be mowed the next week. We have had some water damage in some rooms and while we have come out of this really well, we could have had the Prep room underwater, and it was even lapping the library.

Thanks to everyone for your support of the school and we look forward to getting back to the process of teaching and learning again.

Cross Country

Because of the cyclone we had to run the Cross Country on the first day back, and I was surprised by the efforts of many students to be able to run like they did and finish the race. It was a great day of running and congratulations to Kelvin for winning by no less than 6 points! From the results we chose 11 students to represent Koumala on Thursday and we wish them all the best in Sarina.

Hub time

Last week and on Wednesday this week, teachers have been taken off class to work together in moderating last terms work, to ensure that across the classes that share year levels there is consistency. They have also been able to plan for this term as well as it is important to us that student progress is at the forefront of our thinking every day and in every lesson.

ANZAC Day

Students will be meeting outside the Post Office on Tuesday to march with the community and pay our respects. The student leaders will be making a short speech on the day as well. Cameron and Jayden will be laying a wreath as part of the program.

School Health

A reminder again about students who have health issues at the school. With the wind and the cooler weather we are conscious of students with Asthma. We also remind parents about our student who is anaphylaxis to nuts and I thank parents for choices they are making with foods.

School Photos

Don't forget to get your forms in for school photos taking place in Week 3. This is not only a great fundraising effort but the chance to get a great photo of your child to remember 2017. Thursday of Week 3 will be the date of the photo.

You Can Do It – Confidence

Thoughts like: "This is too hard" and "I can't do it" are two of the biggest ideas that can destroy your confidence. Instead think that the more I try to do something, the easier it gets. The most powerful ways of thinking is called "I Can Do It!" I Can Do It! means that you think, "I'm probably going to be successful rather than fail at doing this."

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Safe All Areas Keep Hands, feet and objects to yourself

"Difficult roads often lead to beautiful destinations"

Students of the Week

Prep - 1/2 - 3/4 - 4/5 - 5/6 -

Learner Awards

For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe

Stephanie & Cody P

25 Gotcha Bands

Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers for: Term 2 will be advised next week.



Anzac Day Times for Services:

Sarina

4:15am Parade assembly at Sarina RSL (34 Central Street) and March off to Cenotaph for Dawn Service.

4:28am Dawn Service at Broad Street Cenotaph.

6:30am Free Bus from RSL for Koumala parade.

10:15am Parade to march off from Sarina RSL for ceremony at Cenotaph.

10:30am Main Service at Broad Street Cenotaph and laying of wreaths.

Hay Point/ Half Tide

5:30am Dawn Service at Half Tide Esplanade.

Koumala

7:00am Parade Assemble at Koumala Post Office, ceremony at Cenotaph adjacent to Koumala Primary School, Bull Street.

Koumala netball update

On Thursday the 20th of April the Koumala Crushers played the Koumala Firebirds. It started raining during the game but the Firebirds won 9 to 1. Sadly Grace hurt her ankle in the third quarter. Annalise, Melanee, Isaak, and Kelsie are new people to the Crushers and they are improving. Melanee scored the Crushers first goal of the season. The players have learnt a lot from training over the past few weeks. Last year the Koumala team won no games but the training from last year is making a difference for the Firebirds this year. Thanks to Mr Gersch and Mrs Borg for their expert training. By Mikayla and Annalise

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