



# Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## TERM 2 WEEK 5

### Welcome to Week 5

#### *Four Year Strategic Plan*

- Quality Teaching
  - Data Analysis
  - Early Years/Early Start
  - School Community
- #### NAPLAN

The annual testing period for the year has been completed. It was great to have so many students involved and having a go. The information from the tests will enable the teachers to identify how we can support students and celebrate the success with students who did very well. Thanks to all the teachers for adapting to the change of format for the week. Now we can get back to working on improving students in the lessons every day.

#### Data check week

In Week 5 of every term we have a Staff Meeting dedicated to checking the progress of all students. We will be looking at some Pre and Post Maths tests that took place in Term 1 and at the beginning of this term to recognise success in teaching and what concepts students are having difficulties with. This open conversation is important as it allows the school community of staff to be aware of what is happening in other classrooms and what role they may be able to play in supporting their peers.

#### Data Literacy

At the staff meeting on Tuesday we had Lisa Wayman come and speak to us. I presented how we look at data from the Education Queensland level all the way to the classroom. It was important to know that the vast amounts of information that is being collected and sent to me has to be prioritised into what is going to make a difference for teachers and learning. Assessment of Learning is all the assessments that make up the results found in the report cards. They are the finalisation of what students have learnt. Assessment as learning are the diagnostic tests like NAPLAN and PAT Maths that we use to assist in our teaching of students and identify concepts that students are still struggling with. Lisa was able to come in and speak about how we can use the data, when we can use the data and the impact that it can have on our planning.

*"Believe, Strive, Achieve"*

### **Calendar of Events**

#### Mobile Library

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May  
Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June  
10:00am – 12:00pm

#### Under 8's Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May

#### BOOK FAIR

May 29<sup>th</sup> – June 2<sup>nd</sup>

#### Life Education

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May  
Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> May  
Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May

#### Broadsound Sports

Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> June  
9 Year Olds and Older  
Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> June  
Whole School Event

**WATCH  
THIS  
SPACE**  
Important Announcements  
of interest to you.



## **Mother's Day**

*I hope all Mothers had a great weekend and received the adulation they deserve on Sunday.*

## **Age Appropriate Pedagogy**

Age Appropriate Pedagogy is a phrase that parents in the Early Years are going to be hearing about a lot this year. AAP stands for delivering a curriculum that is appropriate to the year levels and engages the students, and teachers, on many levels. Using age-appropriate pedagogies in the early years of schooling is important in supporting children to be actively engaged, creative and successful learners. AAP is a program that can make a difference across the whole school but for the moment it will be focused on the Prep students. Students and teachers who have participated in this pedagogy have spoken highly about the impact that this program has had on students.

On Monday May 22<sup>nd</sup> there will be an Age Appropriate Pedagogy meeting taking place at Swayneville. Mrs Parchert, Miss Cole and Mrs Wright will be participating in the program and learning as much as they can. We all look forward to knowing more about it and being taught how we can apply it in our classrooms.

## **P&C Meeting**

We haven't had a P&C Meeting for a while so next week will be a good time to catch up with all the programs running and events taking place. There will be a lot to cover and discuss so it would be great to have as many community members turn up to have their say.

## **School Grounds**

Some work has been put into the grounds behind the Principal Residence but the ground needs to be evened up with a bobcat so it is accessible for the mower. The tank also needs to be knocked in and filled up. It is not an ideal thing to have where children are around. If anyone has the equipment and the ideas it would be most appreciated. On the weekend the area in the old chook pen was mowed and more of that area was burnt to keep on top of the growing grass and weeds. Parent involvement would be greatly appreciated.

## **School clock**

On the weekend our School Clock arrived!! Thanks to the Townsend family for putting that up for us. It looks great and has enabled the ringing of the play bell to be a bit more consistent. I thank Mrs Hamilton for getting the board and painting it for us, and the Townsend family for putting it all together and placing it on the wall. We also have a new Office sign on the outside wall as well to direct visitors in the right direction. Thanks for that!!

## **Under 8's Day**

Miss Cole has been working very hard in putting together an awesome Under 8's day program. She has been contacting every organisation she can think of for prizes, participation and activities. It is shaping up to be a great day. All students and children under the age of 8 will be involved and parents are asked to come and be a part of the community as well.

## **You Can Do It –Resilience**

Resilience in NAPLAN week is what the focus should be on. Don't worry if you don't know, or don't think its correct, keep going and keep believing in yourself.

## **Weekly Behaviour Focus**

Be Respectful    Classroom    Be a good listener

*“There are two ways of spreading light.  
Be the candle, or be the mirror that reflects it”  
- Edith Wharton*

## **Students of the Week**

**Prep - 1/2 COOPER    2/3 SIENNA M    4/5 - 5/6 CHARLEE**

### **Learner Awards**

*For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe*

*Skyla & Thomas H*

**25 Gotcha Bands**

**Lacee R, Anna, Tae & Brodie**

## Tuckshop News

Tuckshop Volunteers for:

Friday 19<sup>th</sup> May: Brooke G & Anna N

Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May: Roz S & Ruth B

Under 8's Day

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May: Kristy T, Georgie T & Vicki C

Monday 29<sup>th</sup> May: Nattasha R & Ruth B



### Under 8s Day 2017

Children are playing Country to Coast –  
Inspiring learning in the early years  
through play.

**Date:** Friday May 26, 2017

**Time:** 9:00am – 11:00am

**Theme:** Come dressed in your best  
Country or Coast outfit!

**What to bring:** Hat and closed in shoes.  
Please bring a uniform to change in to.

**Activities:** Sand play, painting and much,  
much more!

If possible, please RSVP to Koumala S.S by  
Friday 19/05/2017 to ensure we have  
sufficient resources ready.

If your child would like tuckshop,  
please ensure their order and  
money are placed in the tuckshop  
boxes by 9am. Thank you



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29<sup>TH</sup>

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