

# Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

## TERM 3 WEEK 3

### Welcome to Week 3

#### *Four Year Strategic Plan*

- Quality Teaching
  - Data Analysis
  - Early Years/Early Start
  - School Community
- #### **Video Feedback**

This week and last week we have employed the use of iPads to record lessons. This is to provide feedback to teachers in what they are doing. We are continually seeking to learn more about effective teaching practices and what they look like in lessons. Teachers are being encouraged to be the 'mad scientist' of learning in the classroom and try different ways of teaching and planning that will create the greatest effect size in learning for all students.

#### **Podcasts**

I recently read a great book called Tools of Titans by Tim Ferriss. Apart from the eclectic range of people he spoke to that was of interesting reading, it also introduced me to the world of podcasts and the great range of entertainment and information that is out there. I encourage parents to have a play in this space and find some topics that interest them.

#### **Sports Day**

Last week a high number of students attended and competed in the Sarina Sports Day trials. They all worked hard and put in the effort to do their best. Some students were happy with their contribution. Due to the results 4 students have been invited to represent Koumala at the Mackay Sports Days. Congratulations to Zali, Alesha, Jorja and Jayden for competing and being rewarded for your great effort. We wish those four students the best of luck in the competition in Mackay.

#### **Camp**

In six weeks' time the Year 4/5/6 students are going to be heading to camp. We are looking for the payment to be in by next Tuesday. At this stage we only have 12 students who have paid in full and we need to increase that number. Camp looks very exciting and we are creating a plan that will allow the students to learn about leadership and teamwork. I encourage all parents who have not paid to be in contact with the school to ensure their child is able to attend.

*"Believe, Strive, Achieve"*



### **Calendar of Events**

#### **Mobile Library**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> July  
Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> August  
**10:00am – 12:00pm**

#### **Earn and Learn Starts**

Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> July

#### **Camp Payment DUE**

Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> August

#### **Year 1 Late Afternoon**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Details TBA next week

#### **Year 2 Late Night**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Details TBA next week

#### **Year 3 Sleepover**

Friday 18<sup>th</sup> August  
Details TBA next week

#### **Year 4/5/6 Camp**

Monday 28<sup>th</sup> August -  
Friday 1<sup>st</sup> September



## Grounds

The space between the Prep room and the undercover area is a point of focus at the moment. We are exploring a number of options and Mrs Hamilton has been in contact with some people who are able to provide some excellent play space tools. The thought is around creating a bridge with pretend water made out of little rocks and which consists of interactive and creative tools and games. If any parents have any ideas about what they could add to the space, you are encouraged to speak to myself or Mrs Hamilton

## Community Space

People's lives are becoming busy especially with the crushing taking place at the moment. We have had some difficulties in finding people to help out with morning munchies and tuckshop. We have also had two P&C Meetings where we did not have enough members arrive for the meeting to go ahead. Parent involvement in the school is essential and it would be great to have a think around how we can get more people involved in assisting the students. Support is available to anyone who would like to learn about how the tuckshop works, and if you are not a 'meeting' person it would be great for you to provide some ideas about how you can be more involved in the school.

## Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Respectful All Areas Respect others personal space and property

## You Can Do It – Organised

Discuss the meaning of the word "goal." Indicate to students that a goal is something a person decides to do that cannot be done all at once, but can be done in steps. Give several examples of goals as follows:

1. Your school is having a canned food collection. The student who collects the most cans wins a handheld computer game. You know that last year the winning student collected 96 cans. Your goal might be to collect 100 cans.
2. You have a 10-word spelling test on Friday. You missed two words on the last test. Your goal might be to get them all right this week.

*Ask children "What do you want to create?"  
rather than "What do you want to be?"*

### Broadsound Shirt Hire Fees

Monies for the refund of Broadsound Shirt Hire Fees are not held at the Tuckshop or Uniform Shop on a daily basis.

Could we please ask where possible if shirts could be returned this Monday or Friday at the Tuckshop. The Register can be filled out for the return of the shirt & hire fees can be refunded to you promptly.

Could you please ensure if your child or yourself are not personally returning the shirt on these days to the Tuckshop you clearly mark your name on a piece of paper & pop it in the bag with the shirt so the correct hire fee can be returned to the correct student.

Thanks so much  
Hayley

## Students of the Week

**Prep** AVA **1/2** JESSE & SETH D **2/3** RORY **4/5** DAKOTA C **5/6** CALEB C

### Learner Awards

*For Being Responsible, Respectful & Safe*

Sienna W & Kayne

### 25 Gotcha Bands

*Riley P, Kaitlyn, Kaydence, Rory, Elsie, Sienna W, Logan & Emily*

### 50 Gotcha Bands

## Tuckshop News

Friday 28<sup>th</sup> July: Ruth B & Nattasha R

Monday 31<sup>st</sup> July: Vicki C & Deslee S

Friday 4<sup>th</sup> August: Brooke G & Alexis B

Monday 7<sup>th</sup> August: Lisa M & Brooke G

Friday 11<sup>th</sup> August: Ruth B & Nattasha R

If you are available to volunteer for Morning Munchies or Tuckshop please contact Alexis Bella on 0407144977.

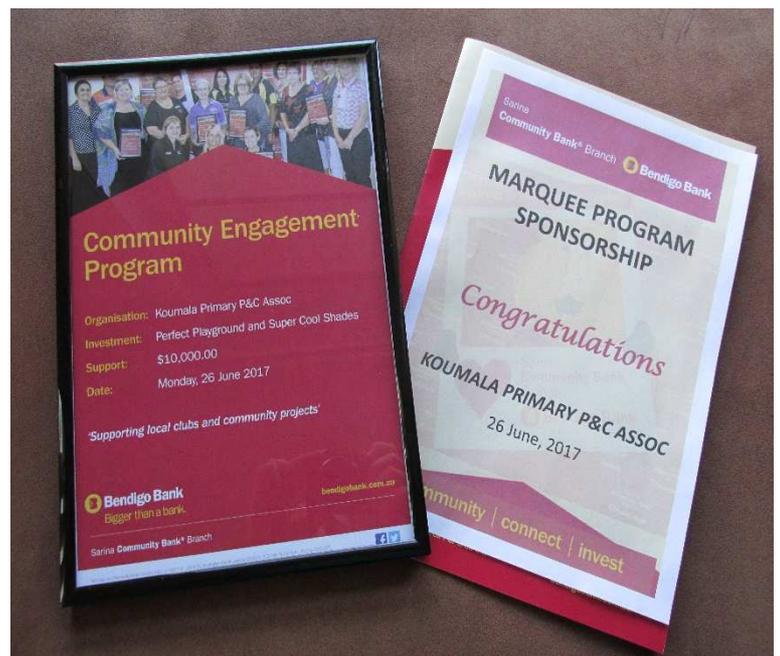
We will be sending out the next five weeks roster soon.



## SARINA COMMUNITY BANK WE THANK YOU!

Over the holidays it was our pleasure to attend the Sarina Community Bank (Bendigo Bank) Community Engagement Presentations, where Koumala P&C Association was the recipient of a 3m x 3m marquee, as well as the considerable grant of \$10 000 towards our plans for a new playground and shade structures.

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