



Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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Calendar of Events

Mobile Library

Thursday 24th August
10:00am – 12:00pm

School Opinion Survey

Finishes on Friday 24th August

Year 1 Late Afternoon

Friday 18th August

Year 2 Late Night

Friday 18th August

Year 3 Sleepover

Friday 18th August

Father's Day Stall

Thursday 24th August
First Break
Friday 25th August
Second Break if we have items left to sell

Anglican Parish Family Fun Day

Saturday 26th August
9:00 – 3:00

Year 4/5/6 Camp

Monday 28th August -
Friday 1st September

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 6

Four Year Strategic Plan

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

Student Progress

On the P&C Meeting I mentioned about some of the work that we have been doing regarding tracking student's progress. I have some individual progress sheets available for parents of students in year 1 – 4 who may be interested. This will show the progress of students for the last 2 ½ years at Koumala. I have already shown some parents this information about their child and if you would like to see how your child is progressing please come and see me about it. I would love to have the conversation with you about progress and how we can support your child. The question we are asking ourselves is what does a student on a 'C' have to do to get to a 'B'?

NAPLAN

The results for the NAPLAN tests are back. Individual student reports arrived late Friday afternoon and were sent home. We are quite proud of our results and the Year 3 students deserve special mention for the fact that they were rated highly enough from all the Mackay Schools to make the paper. As for the year 5 student's we were able to show considerable growth, or Relative Gain, for all the students. Numeracy was the concept that demonstrated the greatest growth. Numeracy has traditionally been our weakness so it is very exciting to show the movement in student's results. Well done for all students and especially teachers for the work. Now it is time to continue that growth, not for the Year 3 and 5 students, but for every student at Koumala State School.

Pine Rivers Band

On Friday we have the pleasure of hosting the Pine Rivers High School Band as they perform for us. This concert is a free concert and will be taking place at 12:00. All students will be listening and parents are also welcome to attend as well.

"Believe, Strive, Achieve"



Great state. Great opportunity.



School Opinion Survey

School Opinion survey information has been sent home this week. Staff and students have also been given the login details. All surveys need to finish by the 25th August. That gives you two weeks. I believe there has been some great progress made in the school in how we support each other, how we focus and discuss student improvement, how we are using the curriculum. I look forward to your response.

School Camp

On Friday the first school camp experiences takes place when the Year 1 students have their late afternoon, The Year 2 have their late night and the Year 3 have their sleepover. This should be a fun experience and the students always enjoy seeing the school in a different 'light'! This takes a considerable effort and commitment from the teaching staff to organise and spend time away from their families to look after the students. Thanks to all the staff for the effort they have put into ensuring the students have a great night of fun and activity.

Baking Store & Sausage Sizzle

There will be a bake store on Saturday as part of the quilt show. All parents are invited to provide some goodies and send them in with a list of ingredients. See Tash Ross for more details. We are also running a sausage sizzle on Oct 7th and 21st outside the South Mackay Newsagency in Evan Street. All parents are asked to provide a box of drinks to sell on the day. Please contact Ruth Brown for more details and possible involvement. Money will go towards end of year school events.

You Can Do It – Confidence

Point out that if we worry too much about something, we will lose confidence and will not perform as well as we would like. For example, if we worry too much about a test, we may panic, forget everything we have studied and, therefore, perform poorly on the actual test. Or, if we worry too much about who we're going to play with at recess, we might be distracted in class, not learn, and end up not having a fun recess break either.

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Responsible All Areas Follow instructions right away

*“No matter what your ability is,
effort is what ignites that ability and turns it into accomplishment”
- Carol Dweck*

Student Council Fundraisers

Father's Day

Due to School Camp the Father's Day stall will be held next Thursday 24th August, at first break. We will also open on Friday at second break if we have any items left to sell.

Students of the Week

Prep - Boati 1/2 - Kayne 2/3 - Taeya 4/5 - Breanna 5/6 - Cameron

Learner Awards

Lainey & Indy

25 Gotcha Bands

Chelsea, Nate, Taeya, Matthew, James, Cooper

Tuckshop News

Friday 18th August: Janine B, Vicki C & Kristy T

Monday 21st August: *Helpers Needed*

Friday 25th August: *Helpers Needed*

Monday 28th August: *Helpers Needed*

Friday 1st September: Anna N & Brooke G

Monday 4th September: Janine B & *Helpers Needed*

Friday 8th September: *Helpers Needed*

Monday 11th September: *Helpers Needed*

Friday 15th September: **NO TUCKSHOP Last Day of Term**

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

Spell-a-thon

Spell-a-thon **forms** are due back this **Friday 18th August** (Not Money) this is in preparation for testing next week. The scores will be written on the sheets and returned for sponsorship collections. These will then be returned to the school before the end of term.

5 cent coin Fundraiser

There has been a great response from the children with this fundraiser.

This competition will run till the end of this term.

Year 2/3 have nearly filled their jar and are currently running in first place.

We would appreciate parents sending in 5 cent coins for this competition to help the student council.



Dear Parents

The P & C is having a **BAKE STALL** at the **QUILT & CRAFT** show in the Koumala Hall this Saturday 19th August. (9am – 4pm)

We are asking families if they would like to donate an item to help raise funds to reduce the cost of this year's swimming program.

We do ask that all donations have the ingredients listed on the item for sale.

Any donations can be delivered to the Tuckshop Friday afternoon or directly to the stall in the hall on Saturday Morning from 7am. If you have any questions please call Natasha on 0413003083.



QUILT & CRAFT SHOW

Held by Ilbilbie Craft Group

Koumala Community Hall

Saturday 19th August - 9am - 4pm

Entry \$5 - Lucky Door Prize

2pm Cent Sale

Morning Tea & Lunch Available

Stall Holders - (Bookings Essential)

All Enquiries Phone

Dianne - 49503653

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