



Koumala STATE SCHOOL

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Calendar of Events

Mobile Library

Thursday 5th October
10:00am – 12:00pm

Thursday 19th October
10:00am – 12:00pm

Prep Orientation Dates

Week 2 – Thursday 12th
October (8:50 – 10:00am)

Week 4 – Tuesday 24th
October (8:50 – 10:00am)

Week 6 – Wednesday 8th
November (8:50 – 10:30am)

Week 8 – Thursday 23rd
November (8:50 – 11:00am)

Student Free Day

Monday 16th October

Year 6 Graduation

Tuesday Dec 5th

Awards Evening

Wednesday Dec 6th



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome to Week 2

Four Year Strategic Plan

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

Parent Teacher Interviews

I encourage all parents to come and speak to their child's teacher about the improvement and progress they have made this term, and all year. It will give all parents a chance to see their child's work and effort they have put in. Please find a time that suits both yourself and the teacher in the weeks to come.

Prep Orientation

On Thursday we will have the first of four Prep Orientations. This will allow the 2018 Prep students the opportunity to work in the room and see the staff. It is important for them to become familiar with the environment. Miss Cole will be running these sessions for the Preps that start at 9:00. I encourage all parents and children to come along and begin the process of transitioning to Koumala.

Student numbers

Our numbers are decreasing for 2018. We are now planning on four classes as opposed to the five we have had the last two years. Because we are one or two students under the cut-off it is very close, but it also means that one student could result in five classes, *or four*. If you are certain that your child will not be at Koumala next year could you please let us know so we can plan for it?

I can't stress how important this is for the future planning of the school!

Staff numbers

Our staff numbers are also decreasing at the end of the year as we say farewell to Ms. Cole and Mrs Mason. They have both requested and received transfers. We will organise a time to thank them for their work and wish them all the best for 2018.

"Believe, Strive, Achieve"



Great state. Great opportunity.



Student free day

A reminder to all parents that next Monday there will be a Student Free Day. All teachers will be at school working but students will not be at school. During the day the staff will be looking at ways to ensure school performance is consistent, evidence based and of the highest quality for all the students.

Swimming

There has certainly been some confusion around the pool and this should be coming to a resolution soon. Our plan is to have all students swimming but we will need parents to help take swimming classes. We need at least 6 parents for each day to take lessons which will be prepared for them to follow. Teachers will also be assisting the students in these lessons as well. If it is done this way then we can get the price down to approximately \$45 per child. Parents need to contact the school to let us know what days they can help out. Please see the school bag app for more information.

Transition Days

In week 3 the Year 6 students will be participating in the Year 7 Transition day at the high school on both the Wednesday (18th Oct) and the Thursday (19th Oct). Mrs Murphy of Carmila will be looking after the students on the Wednesday and I will be supporting the students on the Thursday.

Graduation

Last Friday we had our first Year 6 Graduation meeting. It was great to get a start on planning and preparing the evening festivities and events. We will have more meetings in the next few weeks leading up to the 5th December. The next meeting will be held on Friday 20th October @ 3:00pm. All Year 6 parents are invited to be involved and have a say in the planning of their child's graduation. Thanks to those who turned up last week to begin discussions, it was actually a relaxing way to end the week!

You Can Do It – Confidence

Orient students to the lesson with a discussion about strong and weak personal qualities (traits). Explain that all people have both positive and negative (good and not-so-good) qualities. Ask students to discuss whether a few negative traits make a person totally bad or hopeless. Have students give reasons for the responses. Introduce the way of thinking called "Accepting Myself." Explain that it means not thinking badly of yourself when bad things happen.

Weekly Behaviour Focus

Be Responsible Playground Return equipment to the appropriate place at the bell

"If you fail to plan, you are planning to fail!"

- Benjamin Franklin

Students of the Week

Prep ZACH 1/2 TAE 2/3 LILY 4/5 AMY 5/6 - -

Learner Awards

Riley P & Alesha

50 Gotcha Bands

Sam B

Tuckshop News

Friday 13th October: Brooke G & Roz S

Monday 16th October: Student Free Day

Friday 20th October: Brooke G & Vicki C

Monday 23rd October: Janine B & **Helper Needed**

Friday 27th October: Roz S & **Helper Needed**

Monday 30th October: **Helpers Needed**

Friday 3rd November: **Helpers Needed**

Monday 6th November: **Helpers Needed**

Friday 10th November: Brooke G & Alexis B

Monday 13th November: Vicki C & Deslee S

Friday 17th November: Ruth B & Nattasha R

Monday 4th December: Janine B & **Helper Needed**

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

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