

Koondoola Klarion

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Unity and Achievement

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

Welcome to the 2017 school year. It has been a wonderful start to the year with many smiling and enthusiastic students. I'm pleased to say the children have settled in well and class routines are being established. I would like to extend a very warm welcome to all our new families who are joining the school community for the first time.

I would like to thank all of our staff who have done a wonderful job being so prepared for the commencement of the school year. Their level of professionalism and commitment to your children is outstanding.

A special welcome to Miss Amy Yeung who has joined us this year and will be teaching in C5. We trust you enjoy your time in the year 1 class.

We are excited about several big upgrades to the school which will be occurring in semester 1. Work has commenced on a new administration building to replace our current cramped admin area. This is due for completion mid-year. During term 1 a covered walkway will be built between the school and the undercover area. This will enable students to move to Art and Music without getting wet. Finally our new playground projects will get underway during term 2. The nature playground committee will be meeting soon and I would encourage any parents who might like to be involved to see Mr Potter. Your input to the playground design would be welcomed.

Your child's learning success begins at home. Having positive conversations about school is important to build confidence in your child that they can achieve. Children will have disagreements amongst themselves in the playground; this is just a perfectly normal part of developing their social and interpersonal skills. It is important you, as parents, encourage your children to try and work through these little hiccups without taking ownership of the problem. Children will develop their resilience and social skills much quicker if they are empowered to solve problems themselves. They should not always rely on mum and dad to "fix" everything.

I ask parents to read to your children as often as you can. Students who are good readers become good writers. Building a love of reading in the home is very easy and just costs a little of your time. Your children will love spending the one on one time with mum or dad with the added bonus of developing their good literacy habits.

There are always a few matters that cause problems in and around the schools and we remind parents about;

Dealing with Concerns

There will be times when you have issues regarding your child/children at school. In these times I ask that you make contact with your child's teacher in the first instance. This may be done informally before or after school or by making an appointment through our reception. If such issues are not clarified or resolved then I encourage you to make an appointment with me to discuss further.

Parking

A significant number of our students travel to and from the school on buses. The bus bays need to be kept clear for the safe drop off and pick up of students. The City of Wanneroo rangers will patrol the school boundaries on a regular basis and infringements will be issued to those parking illegally. In the interests of students and safety, please abide by the School and Public parking restrictions.

Pick up
Parents are reminded to be prompt in picking up students at the end of the day. Children can become very distressed if you arrive late. School finishes at 3.00pm on Monday, Wednesday Thursday and Friday, and 2.30pm Tuesday.

Early Arrivals
School commences at 8.45am. Students should arrive no earlier than 8.30am when classrooms are opened. Students can then prepare for the school day.

I encourage all parents to be active in your child's school life from helping in classrooms, attending excursions or joining the P&C. Being actively involved with your children and the school is very rewarding.

I look forward to a productive and successful year for students, parents and staff at Koondoola Primary.

Principal – Ian Ralph

SCHOOL PHOTOS

Our school photos for 2017 will be held on Wednesday 15th and Thursday 16th March. Kindy Red will have their photos taken on the Wednesday, as well as one of the pre-primary classes, while Kindy Blue will have theirs taken on the Thursday along with the other pre-primary class and the rest of the school. More information will be given to families in the coming weeks.



NEW SCHOOL UNIFORMS

This year we have new school uniforms for the students. The new uniforms will be sold by Eclipse Universal. Unfortunately the school will not be holding stock and you will need to purchase the new uniform from Eclipse Universal, located at Unit 2/10 Stanford Way, Malaga.

There are order forms for the new school uniform in the front office with a map on the back to show where Eclipse Universal is for you to purchase the new uniform.

ASSEMBLY

Our first assembly for the year will take place on Friday 17th February and will commence at 8.55am. We encourage as many family members and friends to come along and attend our assemblies throughout the year. The students are very talented and would enjoy having you present to show their art displays and wonderful performances.



The old school uniform will be phased out over the next two years. There is stock still available to purchase at the school, however all sizes are not available. Once we have sold out of the remaining stock of the yellow shirts and various other uniform items we have remaining, we will not be ordering any more to sell at the school.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

It is important parents understand we are able to purchase extra reading books, library books, sporting equipment and educational resources from the money paid through the voluntary contributions. All children from Kindergarten to Year 6 are asked to pay the following amount:-

1st child in the family - \$25.00

All other children in the family \$15.00

KINDY VACANCIES

There are still spaces available in our Kindy program. Unfortunately red group is full, but we still have 10 vacancies for blue group, which runs Thursdays and Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact us on **9343 1044** or visit us in the front office.

SCHOOL APP

The school has recently purchased a communication app called Tiqbiz. The app will help us better communicate with families and will be used to send notifications such as upcoming event reminders. You will also be able to download publications that are on the app, such as booklists and newsletters. Follow the below instructions to set up tiqbiz.

How to set up tiqbiz

Phone and tablet

Search tiqbiz in your app store.



Android



Windows
Phone



iPad &
iPhone

For Apple:
Select 'allow'
notifications.

Computer Access the web version of tiqbiz.
Go to web.tiqbiz.com then register/log-in



Add us

Log-in
Open tiqbiz and register/log-in.



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Select the 'Search' icon and type in our name.
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