

Koondoola Klarion

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Unity and Achievement

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Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

The year is well underway. I am pleased to outline to parents some exciting new whole school approaches being implemented this year.

Talk4Writing

Talk4Writing is a highly effective whole school approach to teach writing. Talk4Writing enables children to imitate the key language they need for a particular topic orally before they try reading and analysing it. Through fun activities that help them rehearse the tune of the language they need, followed by shared writing to show them how to craft their writing, children are helped to write in the same style. Schools that have adopted the approach have not only increased their children's progress but have found that children and teachers alike love it. I encourage parents to discuss this new approach with your child's teacher.

Highway Heroes

Another new whole school strategy being adopted this year is the Highway Heroes program. The program aims to develop children's proactive skills (forming friendships, gaining inclusion, thought/mood management) and reactive skills (dealing with play refusals, friendship difficulties, teasing and bullying) by using tools, resources and activities. The program uses an overarching metaphor of travelling along the 'Highway of Life' and becoming a 'Highway Hero'. By acquiring and learning 'Highway Tools', children are encouraged to successfully deal with the inevitable 'Bumps and Hazards' they may encounter along the way.

The staff are excited about the positive impact these new approaches will have on the writing skills and the socio emotional development of our children. Please see your child's teacher for more information.

A big thank you to parents who have attended teacher-parent meetings this week. Being involved in your child's educational journey is important and I encourage parents to use every opportunity to participate. Educating your children is a joint effort between home and school and greater gains can be made if we work together. Simple things like spending 5 minutes listening to your children read each night go a long way to support language development. I urge parents to take the time now to provide the best foundation for your children's future learning.

A special welcome to our new students Day Eh Paw, January, Kyu China, Ree S'Nar, and their families. We hope you have settled well into your new school and community.

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend.

Principal – Ian Ralph

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the students listed below who received a Merit Award at our assembly on Friday, 17th February.

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
Tha Len Sui	Mohamed	Mostafa	Wanuto	Samir
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
Abdulwahid	Angel	Keisha	Chris	Almozamel
B6	C4	C5	C6	EC1
Sandra	Sen Ler Dar	Kieran	Rochelle	Naw Rita
Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Drama	Art
Eh Mu – B5	Joel – B2	Charlotte – B2	Mohamed – A2	Iya – B4

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.



ASSEMBLY

Our next assembly will take place tomorrow, Friday 3rd March 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.

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

CLEAN UP AUSTRALIA DAY

Each year, Clean Up Australia Day inspires thousands of people to head on down to their local parks, beaches, bushlands and streets to clean up their local environment. This year, the event will be held on Sunday 5th March. Our school will be participating in a school and local park clean up on Tuesday 7th March. If you are interested in finding a local event near you to participate, visit www.cleanupaustaliaday.org.au

TIPS FOR PREVENTING HEAD LICE

Check your child's hair regularly for head lice and eggs ('nits'). Use a metal fine tooth 'nit' comb and plenty of hair conditioner applied to the dry hair, to make the task easier and more effective. To help children sit still for this, offer distracting activities, e.g. play a favourite video, provide games, encourage reading, offer a head massage

Tie long hair back. Braid long hair and/or put it up if possible.

Consider applying hair gel or mousse. These do not prevent or repel lice but may help to keep stray hair strands from contact with other heads.

Avoid sharing combs or brushes.

Remind your child to avoid head-to-head contact with other children, e.g. when working at the computer with others, or when playing, or hugging.

For more information:

- The Head lice Fact Sheet available from the school
- Visit www.public.health.wa.gov.au/2/261/2/head_lice_fact_sheet.pm

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.



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.

KINDY VACANCIES

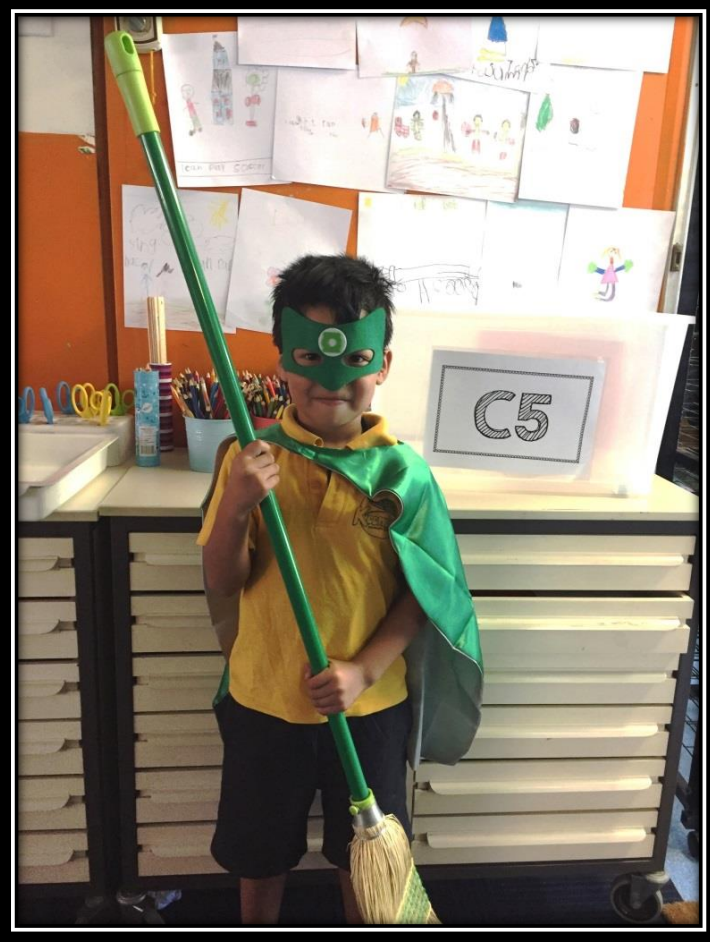
There are still spaces available in our Kindy program. Unfortunately red group is full, but we still have vacancies for blue group, which runs Thursdays and Fridays and alternate Wednesdays. If you are interested in enrolling your child, please contact us on **9343 1044** or visit us in the front office.

PLAYGROUP

The Child and Parent Centre Roseworth is again running Playgroup at Koondoola Primary. This year it will be held every Thursday between 9.00am and 11.00am in EC3, the old pre-primary classroom. Playgroup is for parents who have a child aged from birth to 4 years old. Any queries, contact the Child and Parent Centre Roseworth on 9342 6363.

GREEN LANTERN MISSION

Last year the Health Committee started up the Green Lantern Mission to help keep our school clean. We will be continuing this mission in 2017. The Green Lantern Award is presented to the class / classes at each assembly who have the least rubbish in the areas surrounding their classroom. Well done to C5 and C6 who were presented this award at our first assembly for the year.



*Above: Students from C5 and C6, the first winners of the Green Lantern Award for 2017.
Below: Students from B6 helping keep our school and community clean.*



LOCAL PARKS PROGRAM

Local Parks Program is part of the North West Metro Inclusion Project. This project is funded to conduct programs in the City of Stirling and the City of Wanneroo. The program targets youth aged 5 to 18 years with Cultural and Linguistically Diversity (CaLD), Aboriginal and Low Socio Economic backgrounds.

The Local Parks Program was initiated in 2012, a model influenced by the Multi-cultural and Aboriginal Sports and Leadership program. The main aim was to enable children and youth to increase participation in sport, develop leadership and provide possible career pathways.

The vision was to conduct an after-school program in the local area in order to have young people walking down to the park to participate and become engaged in the program. The Local Park's vision was also to decrease such barriers as exclusion, transport, finance and antisocial behaviour.

The program helps to connect participants to different pathways such as joining clubs, leadership programs, academic coaching, high performance sports programs, education, employment and much more. Furthermore, it provides information regarding Kidsport vouchers, such as who is eligible and how to apply for one.

2017 TERM 1 LOCAL PARKS PROGRAM

MONDAY	TUESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
Netball	Soccer	Cricket	Rugby League
Hainsworth Park	Butterworth Park	Des Penman Reserve	Joseph Banks SC
GIRRAWHEEN	KOONDOOLA	NOLLAMARA	BANKSIA GROVE

All programs start at 4.00pm and finish at 5.30pm.

SAVERPLUS



Does back to school costs stress you out? Would \$500 help pay for uniforms, books, excursions, tutoring, a laptop or tablet?

Saver Plus matches your savings for school costs, dollar for dollar, up to \$500 over a ten month saving period.

You may be eligible if:

- You have a Health Care or a Pensioner Concession card and,
- You or your partner have some regular income from work such as full time, part-time, casual or seasonal work.

Contact Meagan Parry, your local Saver Plus Coordinator:

08 9338 4802 / 0438 518 603 or

Meagan.parry@thesmithfamily.com.au

Saver Plus was developed by ANZ and the Brotherhood of St Laurence and is delivered in the Mirrabooka area by The Smith Family. The program is funded by ANZ and the Australian Government. Find more information at saverplus.org.au.

1-2-3 MAGIC AND EMOTION COACHING

For parents and carers of children aged 3 – 12 years

This free 3 session workshop is a straight forward program that aims to;

- Help parents and carers manage their child's behaviour
- Provide parents and carers with strategies to promote positive behaviour in their children
- Encourage the development of children's ability to manage their emotional reactions to parental boundaries

FREE COMMUNITY COURSE

22nd, 29th March and 5th April
11.45am – 2.30pm
Lunch provided

VENUE

Roseworth Child Parent Centre
1 Stoke Court, GIRRAWHEEN

BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL

To reserve your free place, please register through

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