

# Koondoola Klarion

16<sup>th</sup> May 2017 Newsletter # 5



## Unity and Achievement

**Principal:** Ian Ralph    **Deputy Principals:** Janet Anthony, Graham Pearce and Marinus Potter  
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Term two has started smoothly with students coming back to school happy and excited to learn. I would like to welcome all our new families to our wonderful school and I trust you enjoy the learning journey with your children.

Recently I had the pleasure to join our year 5 and 6 students while they undertook an exciting STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) challenge. This full day event was organised by Mrs Best, our technologies guru. Students were tasked with designing a water collection device for a village in Kenya. The wonderful way our students collaborated to solve problems, create designs, negotiate tasks, share materials and manage a budget was fantastic to see. It was a wonderful day of learning for the students and teachers! Special thanks to all staff who were involved.



During the last school holidays a covered walkway from the school to the Undercover Area was constructed. Finally students won't have to dash through the rain to get to assemblies, Art or Music. This is the first of several infrastructure projects to be undertaken this year. The construction of our long awaited Naturescape and playground is coming closer. The planning for these projects commenced in 2016 and we are now in the final design phase. I invite parents to view the proposed designs displayed around the school. Feel free to make suggestions to Mr Potter our project manager.

Nature play areas provide important play based learning opportunities for students. Some key benefits of Naturescapes are:

- Children who play in natural settings are more resistant to stress; have lower incidence of behavioural disorders, anxiety and depression; and have a higher measure of self-worth.
- Children who play in natural settings play in more diverse, imaginative and creative ways and show improved language and collaboration skills. Single use, repetitive play equipment becomes boring quickly.
- Natural, irregular and challenging spaces help kids learn to recognise, assess and negotiate risk and build confidence and competence.
- Children who play in nature have more positive feelings about each other.

Taken from Nature Play WA - See more at: <http://www.natureplaywa.org.au/programs/nature-playgrounds>

This week students have sat the annual NAPLAN assessments. Students were assessed in literacy and numeracy. NAPLAN provides useful data on student performance and assists teachers to develop targeted teaching programs to support students. While NAPLAN data is useful in allowing teachers to plan appropriate programs, it will always be taken in the context of other assessment information gained throughout the year as a result of classroom based work.

*Principal – Ian Ralph*

## DISCOUNTED UNIFORMS

The P&C have decided to sell old uniform stock at a discounted price to clear remaining items. There are limited sizes left, and a limited number of each size. Get in quick before the size you need no longer is available. Uniforms can be purchased from the front office. Below is an indicator of which sizes are left. The sizes greyed out are no longer available.

			2	3	4	6	7	8	10	12	14	16	18
Jackets	<del>\$25.00</del>	\$15.00											
Polo Shirts	<del>\$15.00</del>	\$10.00											
Track pants	<del>\$15.00</del>	\$10.00											
Shorts	<del>\$15.00</del>	\$10.00											
Skirts	<del>\$15.00</del>	\$10.00											
Skorts	<del>\$15.00</del>	\$10.00											
Bike Shorts	<del>\$10.00</del>	\$5.00											
Leggings	<del>\$10.00</del>	\$5.00											
Hat	<del>\$6.00</del>	\$3.00	57 cm										

## MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the students listed below who received a Merit Award at our assembly on Friday, 5<sup>th</sup> May.

A1	A2	A3	A4	A5
-	-	<b>Dinh</b>	<b>Muayad</b>	<b>Amir</b>
B1	B2	B3	B4	B5
<b>Mark</b>	<b>Nay Thaw Paw</b>	<b>Riley</b>	<b>Amani</b>	<b>Van Cung</b>
B6	C4	C5	C6	EC1
<b>Day Eh Paw</b>	<b>Hatim</b>	<b>Semhar</b>	<b>Jazzleen</b>	<b>Annas</b>
Physical Education	Music	Spanish	Drama	Art
<b>Lucien – C4</b>	<b>Kyawilea – B6</b>	<b>Lucien – C4</b>	<b>Hser Nay Kler Doh Wah – A3</b>	<b>Hayat – B2</b>

## INTERSCHOOL SPORT

The Interschool Winter Sports program for senior students will commence next Friday. Senior students have been selected to compete in football (Australian Rules), netball and soccer against Dryandra, Hudson Park, Mirrabooka and Roseworth Primary Schools. Mr Mews will be sending home information and permission notes for parents to sign.

We are always keen to have parental support at the Interschool Sport and we encourage parents and family members to come along and support our teams. It is a privilege for students to be chosen to represent our school in the Interschool Sports program and we wish our teams good luck in their games.

Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 26 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Friday 9 <sup>th</sup> June	Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> June
Roseworth PS vs Koondoola PS	Koondoola PS vs Hudson Park PS	Dianella PC vs Koondoola PS	Dryandra PS vs Koondoola PS	Lightning Carnival  Held at Dianella PC
Held at Roseworth PS	Held at Koondoola PS	Held at Dianella PC	Held at Dryandra PS	Laythorne St, Dianella

## KIDSPORT PROGRAM

Kidsport will provide assistance up to the value of \$200.00 per child to eligible families. The money goes towards fees to join a sport or recreation club.

More information can be found at the [Clubs online website](#) or contact your local government.