

Koondoola Klarion

1 March 2018 Newsletter #2

Unity and Achievement

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Manager Corporate Services: Laura D'Monte-Goder **School Board Chairperson:** Councillor Hugh Nguyen

Dear Parents, Carers and Community Members

The year is well underway. I am pleased to say our long-awaited playground is nearing completion. The students are getting more excited by the day.

Staff have been participating in some fantastic professional learning over the past few weeks. We have formed a partnership with Rawlinson Primary School and the combined staff have been focusing on Guided Reading. With over 60 teachers involved, this project will allow our staff to discuss practice and help deliver the very best reading instruction to your children.

In another exciting partnership, Dr Paul Swan one of the leading experts in Numeracy instruction in Australia will be working with our staff throughout the year to improve our Numeracy teaching practice. Staff are extremely excited about this professional learning and the impact it will have in their classrooms.

Thank You

A BIG thank you to parents who attended teacher-parent meetings in the past few weeks. 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.

Regards

Ian Ralph – Principal

GUITAR PROGRAM



Congratulations to the five students pictured left that have been chosen to participate in the guitar program.

We are very excited because this is the first time Koondoola Primary School has offered an instrumental music program for our students.

We welcome our guitar teacher Miss Amy Nordsvan who teaches guitar at other schools in our area. Thank you to Ms Drieberg for helping to set up the guitar program at our school.

Pictured left with their new guitars are;
Jordan, Nah Na, Ali Sina, Tyson and Think

Our School Board has two (2) vacant positions available. Please see page 4 for Nomination form

SCHOOL PHOTOS



Our school photos for 2018 will be held on Wednesday 14th and Thursday 15th March.

- ❖ Wednesday 14th March - **Kindy Red group**, Pre-Primary from EC1 (mainstream) and students in Years 1 to 6. Family photos will be taken at lunch time on Wednesday.
- ❖ Thursday 15th March – **Kindy Blue group** and Pre-Primary from EC4 (IEC).

The children have been given their **personalised envelope** with their name on the front. It is important children bring along their personalised envelope with the correct money inside the envelope to give to the photographer on their photo day. PLEASE NOTE, the office cannot give children change so it is very important the children bring along the correct money. Every child will be photographed as part of their class group. If you would like your children to be photographed together in a **family group**, please collect a **Family envelope** from the office. **Please note, parents are not obligated and do not have to buy the school photos if they do not want them.**

HIGHWAY HEROS



Highway Heroes is a Health program that is being taught at Koondoola Primary School by the teachers in year 1 to year 6.

Highway Heroes teaches the students social and emotional skills and strategies.

This term the focus is on friendships. Students will be learning skills and strategies in making friends and what to do when difficulties occur in friendships.

A friendly strategy is to say hello to people at school. Here are some different ways you can say hello.

Ways to say "Hello" and Praise

"You right?"

"G'day!"

"Good morning."

"Hey there."

"Hello."

"Hi!"

"Hey!"

"How are you?"

"What's happening?"

"Hello there!"

"What's up?"

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS AND PAYMENTS



We ask parents to pay \$40.00 voluntary contributions for each of their children. The voluntary contributions help us buy extra supplies for the children like paint, craft materials, reading books and sports equipment. Thank you to the parents that have already paid their child's voluntary contribution. We would like parents to pay their child's voluntary contributions before the end of the term if possible or make a payment plan.

DONATIONS WANTED FOR THE ART PROGRAM

Our art teacher Ms Baker has requested families save recyclable items suitable for the children to create art work. We ask families to save clean newspapers and magazines, milk bottle lids (all colours), cardboard egg cartons, cereal boxes (flattened), metal ring pull tops from cool drink cans, fishing line, old things etc. Please put your items into a plastic bag and your children can take them to the art room.

STUDENT UPDATE SHEET, COMPUTER PERMISSION and CONSENT FORM

Recently all children except the kindergarten and new students should have received an envelope containing a **Student Update Sheet**, a **Student Participation Agreement** (computer use) and **Attachment 2 - Consent Form** with four (4) questions. Please sign all of these documents and send them back to school. It is very important we have the correct phone numbers for parents if children are sick or injured at school.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS

Congratulations to the students listed below who received a Merit Award at our first assembly for this year that was held on **Friday 9 February**. Parents, relatives and friends are invited to come along and join us at our assemblies. Our next assembly will be held on Friday 23 February in the undercover area commencing at 8.55am.

A2	A3	A5	A6	B1
Fatima	David	David	Scott	Kyawilea
B2	B5	B6	C1	C3
Nooria	Billy	Fatima	Jarvis	Jawad
C4	C5	C6	EC1	Physical Educ.
Bogdan	Attila	Sen Ler Der	Hanadi	-
Music	Drama	Spanish	Art	
Ni Ku	Shoshana	Jazzleen	Lily – B2	

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A2	A3	A5	A6	B1
Criстал	Grace	Ernalaine	Chase	Selber Moo
B2	B5	B6	C1	C3
Cameron	Ly Sunny & Sui Bor	Mint	Rahail	Bill
C4	C5	C6	EC1	Physical Educ.
Joel	Jayson	Chanelle	Margaret	-
Music	Drama	Spanish	Art	
Nah Na – B5	Joel – C4	Angel – B5	Ruos – C5	

BEE-BOTS ACTIVITY – A6

The students in the A6 class are learning how to “de-code” (that means learning how computers work) using bee-bot robots. The students give their Bee-Bot robot instructions to tell it how to move by pressing the buttons to get the robot to move from one place to another. The students worked in pairs or small groups during this fun activity. Bee-Bots are colourful and friendly and encourage students to be innovative when they are learning about computers. They can also help the students learn about sequencing, estimation, problem-solving and just to have fun! Many of the jobs our students will do in the future will include working with robots and getting them to help us.



Pictured above are Renas and Semhar giving their bee-bot instructions by pressing the buttons



Moo Pla, Ali and Scott have successfully given their bee-bot instructions to move forwards

Term Planner - Term 1, 2018

Wk	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
4	19 February	20 February	21 February	22 February Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am	23 February Assembly 8.55am - Choir hosting
5	26 February	27 February	28 February AQWA excursion A2, A3, & A5	1 March Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am	2 March Asazu drumming 9.00am - 9.50am
6	5 March Labour Day <i>Public holiday</i> no school	6 March P&C Meeting 1.30pm-2.30pm	7 March	8 March Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am	9 March Assembly 8.55am - B2 class hosting
7	12 March	13 March	14 March School photos Kindy Red, EC1 & Years 1-6	15 March Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am School photos Kindy Blue & EC4	16 March Asazu drumming 9.00am - 9.50am
8	19 March Warwick SHS Open Day	20 March	21 March Excursion B1 Flotsam and Jetsom at Hillarys	22 March Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am	23 March Assembly 8.55am - Harmony Week Cultural Dress Day
9	26 March	27 March	28 March	29 March Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am Dental hygiene Pre-Prim - year 6	30 March Good Friday Public holiday - no school
10	2 April Easter Monday Public holiday - no school	3 April Easter Tuesday (school holiday) - no school	4 April C3 & B6 Caversham Wildlife Park	5 April Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am	6 April Interschool Basketball Competition
11	9 April	10 April Classroom Behaviour Reward movie	11 April ANZAC practice whole-school	12 April Playgroup 9.00am-11.00am ANZAC Assembly	13 April Asazu drumming 9.00am - 9.50am

PUBLIC HOLIDAYS AND EASTER BREAK

The Term 1 planner above will help families keep track of what is happening at school and when the holidays are scheduled. Please note, government schools will also be closed on Tuesday 3rd April after Easter. This means students do not come to school on Friday 30th March, Monday 2nd April and Tuesday 3rd April. School starts again on Wednesday 4th April.



NOMINATION FORM FOR VACANT SCHOOL BOARD POSITION

Our School Board has two (2) vacant Parent Representative positions. These positions are two (2) year positions. If you are interested in joining our School Board, please complete the slip below and return it to the front office.

We are very keen to have a **cross-section of the different cultural groups** represented on the School Board. The School Board meets once (1) per term and discusses school planning, student data and a range of other operational matters.

I would encourage parents to nominate for the vacant positions. If we receive more than two nominations for the vacant positions, a vote will be held.

_____ (parent's [nominee's] name - please print)

_____, _____ mobile number/s