Dear Parents,

From the stories and the photographs, the Swimming Carnival on Monday was a great success. Days such as these can only be a success when everyone works together and the Kororo spirit was alive and well. A huge thank you to the students for their participation and to the staff for their hard work in having the day organised. As the newsletter is published the Coffs Harbour District Swimming is occurring with an eager contingent of Kororo Kids competing at this next level. Great work!

Each school in NSW is required to publish annually for the parent community, the school’s Anti Bullying Policy. Public schools are inclusive environments, where diversity is affirmed and individual differences are respected. Schools exist in a society where intimidation and harassment occur. Bullying must be taken seriously and is not acceptable in any form. Students have the right to expect that they will spend the school day free from the fear of bullying, harassment and intimidation.

Bullying:
- devalues, isolates and frightens
- affects an individual’s ability to achieve
- has long-term effects on those engaging in bullying behaviour, those who are the subjects of bullying behaviour and the onlookers or bystanders.

Teachers, students, parents, caregivers and members of the wider community have a responsibility to work together to address bullying. It is important for the school community to reflect our expectations around behaviour and to be assured that as a community we do not tolerate bullying. Reported concerns will be responded to in a serious manner. It is also vital to the general understanding of the issue that the language around behaviour is used appropriately. Bullying is defined as intentional and repeated behaviour by an individual or group of individuals that causes distress, hurt or undue pressure.

Whether we are talking about an isolated instance of poor behaviour or repeated intentional behaviour that can be tagged as bullying, at Kororo we expect students to rise to a standard at all times that reflects our code of behaviour – Think Smart, Act Responsibly and Be Respectful.

A copy of the school Policy and Plan is available on the school web site. Please take a few minutes to have a read and of course, any questions or queries, I am happy to answer.

Enjoy the week!

Sue Mackay
Principal

QUOTE FOR THE WEEK: Habit 2:

“If the ladder is not leaning against the right wall, every step we take just gets us to the wrong place faster.”

Stephen R. Covey

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Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind
What it Means
To begin with the end in mind is to begin with the image of the end of your life as the frame of reference by which everything else is measured. We may be busy, we may be efficient, but we will only be effective if we begin with the end in mind.

All Things are Created Twice
Habit 2 is based on the principle that all things are created twice:
- a mental or first creation
- a physical or second creation

Most endeavours that do not succeed, fail with the first creation.

EXCURSION MONEY AND NOTES
An age old problem for schools is the payment of excursions on the actual day of the activity. It is a reality as with any business, that the school needs to ensure excursions and extracurricular activities do not run at a loss financially.

Costs and notes for excursions will be expected by the advertised closing day. Unless there are extenuating circumstances e.g. an absence from school, students will unfortunately have to remain at school if they have not paid and returned notes in time. We apologise for any inconvenience this may cause but financially and for the safety of each child, we need to adhere to rules around this practice. Many thanks for your cooperation.

With the introduction of the Online Payments through our web address, parents will need to be aware that online payments will have a return date one day earlier than over the counter payments. This is to allow for clearing of funds and for the online payment list to be be generated through our system.

Teacher – Parent Conversations
As in any workplace, time is precious. It is particularly so in a school where that time is about teaching students. Teachers are more than happy to talk to parents. In order to give your conversation the importance it deserves, please ensure that you ring or send a note to your child’s teacher and make an appointment for a teacher conversation. Discussing important issues at the classroom door is not best practice.

What’s happening with Ethics Classes at Kororo?
Some of you may have heard about ‘Primary Ethics’ at Kororo, or perhaps your child was attending ‘Ethics Classes’ in 2012. Primary Ethics Classes may be offered at Kororo Public School to any students who have been exempted from Special Religious Education (Scripture) by their parents/caregivers. In 2012, exempted students in Stage 3 participated in Ethics Classes as an option to attending Scripture. Primary Ethics is taught in NSW schools by specially trained and selected Volunteer Ethics Teachers.

Unfortunately, our volunteer teachers who facilitated Ethics Classes in 2012 are not currently available, and so the school is unable to offer Ethics Classes at this stage. We are hopeful of being able to offer Ethics Classes by Term 2, and will provide an up-date closer to that time.

In the meantime, included in the newsletter is an information sheet about Primary Ethics and a flyer about becoming a Volunteer Ethics Teacher. If Ethics Classes are to continue at Kororo, we need more people to become involved.

To find out more about Primary Ethics or enquire about becoming a volunteer ethics teacher at Kororo, you can visit www.primaryethics.com.au, or contact your volunteer Kororo Public School Ethics Coordinator: Melissa Giese 6653 6436, or 0428 516 830.

Dates Coming Up
Wednesday 20th Feb: Coffs Harbour District Swimming Carnival
Friday 22nd Feb: Assembly 2GH at 11.40am
Monday 25th Feb: Mid North Coast Swimming
Tuesday, 26th Feb: NRMA Bus Safety for Kinders
Friday, 1st March: Big Banana Waterslide

DEPUTY’S REPORT
CLASS SRC REPRESENTATIVES
Congratulations to all those students who were elected by their peers as their class representatives on the Student Council for Semester 1. Last Wednesday they were presented with their badges and yesterday they attended their first meeting with Mrs Tristram and the SRC body. I am sure they will do a wonderful job and I wish them all the best.

3BY Sophie Z, Jack L
3LM Sebastian L, Maddison G
4VW Jacob H, Tibby H
4LS Charlie P, Aisha G
3/4MS Tyson H, Olissa O
5HG Tess Z, Jakson G
5LF Cooper H, Jaide-Ebony K
5/6 BT Charlie H, Chelsea P
6DH Cody P, Addison K
6CA Ben B, Nikki L

SCHOOL ASSEMBLY
This week’s Infants Assembly will be hosted by 2GH at 11.40 am. Parents are most welcome to attend.
**UNIFORM SHOP NEWS**

We have been supplied with PART of your order for school shirts so we have some size 6, 8 and 10’s in stock now.

For those who have already pre-paid, your shirts are ready to collect from the Uniform shop on Monday, Wednesday or Friday morning.

Thankyou

Rachel George

Uniform Shop Coordinator

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**BIG BANANA WATERSLIDE**

**FRIDAY, 1ST MARCH**

**4.30pm-7.30pm**

Tickets can be purchased at the gate from 4.30pm and start sliding from 5pm.

Only sliders pay.

**GREAT FAMILY FUN NIGHT, SLIDING, BBQ, & MAKING NEW FRIENDS - All students must be accompanied by an adult.**

Please fill in the form attached to volunteer...thanks! See you there!!!!!

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**P&C FUNDRAISER**

Kororo Public School is holding a Laura Jean Portrait Fundraiser on 6th April 2013. For $15.00 your family will have a three pose photographic sitting and receive a 10 x 13 inch framed family portrait. Appointments will be scheduled at 15 minute intervals. Payment of the $15 fee will secure your appointment. Testimonials and photo gallery are available at www.laurajean.com.au

Please see the attached flyer for your booking voucher.

Any further questions can be directed to Fi Sodeau 0424 44 88 97

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**SCHOOL BANKING - TOMORROW!!!!!**

If you haven’t had the chance to get to a Commonwealth Bank Branch to open your child/ren a Dollarmite Account, Laura from the Commonwealth Bank will be coming to Kororo Public School Hall on Thursday 21st February from 8.30am – 9.30am and 2.30am – 3.15pm (approx.) to open one for your child/ren. You will need 10 minutes of your time and your photo I.D. From Monday 25th February you will be able to go into Commonwealth Bank Park Beach Plaza branch to pick up your child’s yellow bankbook and free moneybox. The person who completes the paperwork on account opening day is the person who must collect the book from the bank. I hope to see a large number of ‘new bankers’ next week. EVERY ACCOUNT OPENED ON THIS DAY EARN $5.00.

Prizes will be awarded to students of the class that has the most deposits, or maybe the most new bankers, etc.

Last year school banking raised $986.91 for our school!