Dear Parents,

The NSW Public Education system is introducing a new approach to school planning, bringing together a number of reforms to give NSW public schools greater authority to meet the needs of their communities. These reforms aim to improve the quality of teaching in schools and to improve outcomes for all students. In leading a highly effective school, a quality planning process helps to drive and direct the main strategic business of the school.

The importance of working with students, staff, parents and community members is recognised in building the shared understanding, knowledge and skills required to achieve the educational practices necessary to bring about sustained growth. It is essential that the directions for our strategic plan for the next three years, reflects the aspirations of our staff, our students and our parents.

The model for planning has been informed by the international research into what makes a high performing education system. We are seeking input from our broad school community into the information gathering and planning process. An activity based parent and community meeting will be held at school next week on Tuesday evening at 6pm. It is anticipated that the meeting will last for about an hour, and will provide parents with an opportunity to participate in the data gathering process and provide input into the direction for our school in the coming years. This is big picture thinking and far more than a survey. What is it we want for our students – your children – and how do we make that happen? Remember this plan is for three years. We need to get it right!

Something to think about – you are about to hop in an elevator. You have one minute in which to convince the people in the elevator of the merits of attending Kororo Public School. What would you like to be able to say....what are your aspirations for our school?
Ideas like these are what will help to decide the direction of our school over the next few years. Please be a part of the discussion so that you are a part of the plan.

School Planning Meeting Tuesday 11th November at 6pm in our Library.
Hope to see you there.

Enjoy a wonderful week,
Sue Mackay
Principal

“A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops”
- Henry Adams

Week 9 Term 3, 10th September 2014

Week 5 Term 4, 5th November 2014

“Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart”

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**School Satisfaction Survey**
In today's Newsletter a survey has been included which we have been advertising through Survey Monkey. Due to the low number of parent responses, the survey is being distributed on paper with the hope being that many more parents return their feedback.

An integral part of our school review process each year also involves ascertaining parent satisfaction with the school. The survey in gathering of information uses a very simple tool called the Net Promoter Index. This is a calculation we have used for the last four years. The graphic below is a visual representation of the scores calculation.

Please return your surveys to school in the next couple of weeks. Many thanks for your time and comments.

**Leader in Me – Celebration Week**
This week sees the last peer Support lesson for 2014 being conducted on Thursday. It has been very rewarding to be able to observe our senior students undertake their leadership roles with such flair, empathy and skill. This week’s activity is a celebration of the 25 weeks of this week’s program and the culmination of learning about the seven habits in action. In thanking the Year 6 students for their efforts, thanks also needs to be extended to Mrs Gough for her inspired direction of the program this year. You’ve done an amazing job!

**Bus Travel Variations**
The bus company does not mind if students need to travel to a friend’s house of an afternoon provided that the arrangements are prearranged and not just the whim of students organising social activities at school. The bus drivers have asked us to remind parents that variations to travel require a note from a parent, preferably signed off by the school. Students who are travelling home on a bus which is not their normal route or normal means of travel, must pay for the bus journey - $2 a trip.

**SUSHI FRIDAY**
Don't forget to pre-order sushi on Thursday for Friday's lunch – $2.50 per roll.

Flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Mayo and the Kororo Roll – (Carrot, Cucumber, Cream Cheese) 10c for soy sauce.

The fried rice is popular and is available every day for $3.00. Both of these foods are made fresh in the Canteen.

**FRESH FRUIT SALAD TUBS**
are available for only $4.00

**FRUIT SALAD CUPS** are $1.00.
Both must be ordered on the day.

Don’t forget if you have any time to spare at all we are always looking for helpers, particularly on Thursday and Friday. Please call Linda at the Canteen if you would like to help.
DON'T FORGET DESIGN A BRICK

Our school is undertaking a rejuvenation project in the Memorial Garden area on the eastern side of the Library.
We would love as many families as possible to contribute and to be a part of this initiative. Please contact the school for details or drop in at the office to get an order form. Details are also available on the KPS website.