Dear Parents,

As the school approaches the end of the academic year, school staff will be undertaking the difficult process around class placements for the coming year. It is a process which takes considered thought and discussion as we work to make the best decisions for each child in each of the school grades.

The school has a published enrolment and class placement policy which assists in decision making. A part of this policy outlines the understandings around placement in composite classes. The school makes every effort to avoid students being in composite classes for two consecutive school years due to the fact that most parents do not prefer this type of class organisation. In reality, the range of student needs and abilities in a straight class can actually be equally as diverse as in the mixed grade class. Unless there is a specific placement reason, the school also avoids students being with the same teacher for two years running. These two aspects combined with teachers moving grades can certainly add to the complexity of the puzzle.

Teachers do gather information and data for every student and in making a class placement, we consider such things as academic profile, behaviour and social combinations. The school will listen very carefully to parent concerns or preferences in the decision making process though class placement changes are not taken lightly. When they do occur on the very rare occasion, they are always due to an educational reason which had not been taken into the equation.

Our Thank You Morning Tea will be held on Thursday 4th December at 11.15am. Invitations have been distributed through classrooms. If your invite has not made it home please let the office know. An RSVP is essential for catering purposes – please let us know if you can attend.

Two weeks today until the end of the school year! That means the Christmas shopping really does need to start in earnest!

Enjoy your week,
Sue Mackay
Principal

Quote for the week:
"It came without ribbons! It came without tags! It came without packages, boxes or bags!... Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! Maybe Christmas, he thought, doesn't come from a store. Maybe Christmas... perhaps... means a little bit more!" ~ Dr. Seuss, How the Grinch Stole Christmas!

Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart

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PRESENTATION DAY
Just a reminder that our Presentation Day Ceremony is next Tuesday 9th, December at 10:00am and all parents are most welcome. Parents of students receiving a Class Award, a Sporting Award or a Major Award will have been notified by mail. Students receiving a Gold Award, Premiers Reading Award or a Distinction/High Distinction in the ICAS Competitions will be notified at school that they are an award recipient. This occasion is the culmination of the school year and as such deserves to be treated with a great deal of respect. We ask that young children are not to roam the formal assembly, that mobile phones be switched to silent and that all parents appropriately acknowledge recipients by only clapping. No whistling or yelling please.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL
Parents are reminded that supervision before school does not commence prior to 8.40am. Students should not be arriving at school prior to this time. We understand that buses often drop students off much earlier than this and students know that they are to sit and wait in the Little Coca-Cola until the morning bell rings. Under no circumstances should students be at school prior to 8.10am. This is an hour before school commences and half an hour before supervision. Parents need to make arrangements for their children prior to this time, which may include paying for OOSH. Many thanks for your cooperation in this matter.

2015 ORGANISATION
In the next fortnight, students will be receiving a note outlining the school organisation for student book packs next year. These packs will contain almost everything your child needs for the new school year outside of their own pencil case. Individual teachers may have additional requests which they will communicate to parents next year. The content of the packs have been organised by teachers to reflect grade appropriate needs and costs have been kept to a minimum. Parents will be able to pay for these packs at the commencement of the school year.

CHRISTMAS CARD REMINDER
We love that children get so much pleasure in the giving and in the receiving of a simple card. Please, candy canes or sweets are not to be included in the Christmas card envelopes. Sadly we end up with very unsettled sugar laden students and an army of ants marching in and out of school bags with big grins on their faces. Please keep it simple – cards only. Thanks.

DEPUTY’S REPORT
SUPER SIX FUNDRAISER
Last Tuesday Year 6 held a ‘Super Six Day’ to raise money for their farewell present to the school. Students were asked to come dressed as a character or super hero starting with ‘S’ and make a gold coin donation.

The highlight of the day was the raffle. Students were able to buy a ticket beforehand for a dollar and the prize was to have a Year 6 super hero to work for them in class, carry their bag, get their recess from the canteen and do any jobs required in the classroom. Thirty lucky students had their name drawn out of the box and had their own Personal Assistant for the morning.

Cupcakes were also on sale for $1 each at recess and we would like to thank Lynda in the canteen for making them, Mrs Louis and Ms Kachel for organising the icing. All the cakes had a large ‘S’ in keeping with the theme.

The total amount raised was $980. A great effort Year 6! We will find out at Presentation Day what Year 6 are buying for the school.

For Sale – Rabbits
Baby lop-eared Rabbits
$30 each
Very tame, very beautiful
Tan and white or Tan and grey.
Available early December.
Coffs Harbour Phone: 0437 974 009
DON’T FORGET to DESIGN A BRICK

We are still taking orders for these bricks. We would love as many families as possible to contribute and to be a part of this initiative.

If you know of any ex Kororo families that might be interested please let them know.

Details are available on the KPS website.

Library News

Stocktake is underway. If your child still has library books to be returned, please do so this week. So far we have lost $2100 worth of books. That is a lot of books missing!

Carols by Kororolight

Monday, 15th December
6pm - 8.30pm

Don’t forget to send your Sausage Sizzle orders in by next Wednesday, 10th December. Order forms were sent home last week with the newsletter and can be downloaded from last week’s newsletter on our website.

LOST

One of our students bought his dad’s wedding ring to school and inadvertently lost it. If you find this ring (white gold and diamonds) please call the school on 6653 6201. Of course it has great sentimental value. The family would be most grateful for it’s return.

SCHOOL BANKING

School Banking will continue until the last week of school though the last week to redeem prizes for school banking will be Friday 5th December as the Commonwealth Bank need time to process and post the redemption requests. School Banking will resume on Friday, 30th January 2015.

The penguin keyring and swimming bags are no longer available, and the and dollarmites money box is low on stock while the projector cup is now out of stock.

Thank you to all students and parents who have supported school banking this year. We hope to see you all again next year, with hopefully some more parent volunteers that can assist with processing over 100 deposits each week.

Fi Sodeau
School Banking Co-ordinator

Congratulations to the girls of the Division 1 basketball teams who were both runners up on Saturday.
Carols by Kororolight
Monday, 15th December
SAUSAGE SIZZLE!

Sausage sandwiches and drinks will be available at Carols by Kororolight by pre-ordering.
Please fill in your order below and return with payment by Wednesday, 10th December. Tickets will be issued to your child at school for redemption on Carols night.

Sausage sandwich (with/without onion) $2
Water, soft drinks and Poppas - $1 each

Carols by KororoLight will go ahead regardless of the weather. Please note Sausage sandwiches and drinks will not be available unless pre-ordered.

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Class: (Eldest Child)

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