Dear Parents,

Term 3! Half way through the school year! Hardly believable but it is upon us. I hope everyone had a great couple of weeks enjoying their children and some precious family time. Now it’s fine to breathe a sigh of relief as the routine of school kicks back in for us all.

Over the last few years parents are continually reading about our school work in the seven habits and our intention to assist each of our children to become 21st century learners. We talk continually about being proactive, about self awareness and an understanding that each of us is powerful when we focus our energies on our circle of influence.

Any time we think the problem is “out there”, that thought is the problem. We empower what is out there to control us. This paradigm approach is from the outside-in, and a perspective “that external things must change before I can...” The proactive approach is to generate change from the inside out. Focussing our time and energy on things that we have control over and can influence, through our attitudes and actions.

We talk about beginning with the end in mind - starting with a clear understanding of your destination, what you wish to achieve. This habit is based on the principle that all things are created twice. There’s a mental or first creation and a physical or second creation to all things. There is an idea before there is an action.

Over the recent holidays, a group of Kororo students demonstrated the power of being proactive and having a plan as they took to the local markets to raise funds for the Opera House Choir trip. A huge thank you to Ms Weekes for assisting the students and to parents in their support of the ingenuity displayed. The students turned up on two weekends, sold tickets in the choir raffle, and entertained the crowds with their busking. They raised over $500 towards their trip to the Opera House in the first week of August.

Well done to our team of leaders. You really do make us very proud.

Hope it’s a great term for everyone. The term calendar will be out next week and is packed with activities and experiences – a Stage 2 and a Stage 3 Showcase is enough to keep us all on our toes!

Enjoy your week,
Sue Mackay
Principal
Important Dates
Friday, 18th July   All school Cross Country - Eastern Creek - Good luck Kids!
Monday, 21st July   Lorraine Lea Linen Party - 7pm in the Library
                     P&C Meeting at 8pm
Thursday, 24th July   Essential Conversations - 4LB

DEPUTY’S REPORT - KORORO ATHLETICS CARNIVAL
Congratulations to all the children who took part in our school athletics carnival at the end of last term. It was wonderful to see so many students having fun while also giving their best. I have included a photo of our age champions. Many of the scores were very close. There is a selection of photos on the Kororo website.

Senior Girl Champion - Tandy A, 11 Yr Girl – Casey W, 11 Yr Boy – Hunter C.

MULTI SPORTS DAY FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES
At the end of last term nine of our students were invited to take part in a wonderful sports day with students from across the area. They had a wonderful day and played golf, wheelchair basketball, AFL and soccer to name a few. I would like to thank our Student Support Learning Officer (SLSO) Mrs Tracy Grace who organised the inclusion of our students. All the reports were very positive from the students, parents, teacher and SLSOs who also went along.

Flu season is here!
Influenza is spread from person-to-person through the coughing or sneezing of infected people. Remind your child about these good hygiene practices to minimise the spread of infection:

😊 Anyone who is sick with influenza symptoms should stay home until their symptoms are gone.
😊 Cover the nose and mouth with a tissue when coughing or sneezing. Throw the tissue in the garbage bin after use.
😊 Wash hands often with soap and water, especially after coughing or sneezing. Alcohol-based hand cleaners are also effective. Avoid touching eyes, nose or mouth. Germs spread that way.

If you or your child develops influenza-like illness, seek the advice of your family doctor as you would with any other illness. The seasonal influenza vaccine, which protects against the pandemic influenza strain as well as two other influenza strains, is now available free to eligible people.

More information about the vaccine is available from the NSW Health Immunisation Unit's vaccination page.
**OPERA HOUSE RAFFLE**

The year 5/6 kids need to return their RAFFLE books back to school (preferably sold) as soon as possible. The cost of the trip depends on the amount of tickets sold, as this is used as a subsidy.

**Tickets are $2 each or 3 tickets for $5 and will be drawn Thursday, 24th July.**

We have a great selection of prizes with something for everyone amongst them.

They include the following.

- IPod touch
- A large cake of the winner’s choice from Kpane Bakery
- I nights accommodation at Novotel Pacific Bay (including breakfast)
- $20 iTunes card
- Gourmet Food Hamper
- Kids Outdoors Activity Hamper
- Kids Indoors Activity Hamper
- Kids Wheelbarrow with Herbs
- Foosball table
- Portable soccer goals and Fifa World Cup match ball replica
- Wahu Beach Fun Pack
- Basketball ring with Electronic Scoring and sounds
- Electronic Dart Board
- Pro Scooter and Safety Helmet
- Boys Puma Sports bag and bottle

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**NATIONAL SWIMMING COMPETITION**

Congratulations to Jorja Welch who will be travelling to Melbourne to compete in the National Championships for all of next week. We wish her the very best of luck and we are all so proud of her efforts.

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**PLEASE LABEL YOUR CHILD’S CLOTHING**

There is a mountain of jumpers left over from last term without names on them.

Please, please make sure that your child’s name is clearly marked so that we can return the item to them.

This includes hats!