Dear Parents,

It is a common understanding that in situations where the school and parents continuously support and encourage a child’s learning and development, the impact cannot be understated. According to Henderson and Berla (1994), “the most accurate predictor of a student’s achievement in school is not income or social status but the extent to which that student’s family is able to:

1. Create a home environment that encourages learning;
2. Express high (but not unrealistic) expectations for their children’s achievement and future careers; and
3. Become involved in their children’s education at school and in the community”

The more parents participate in schooling, in a sustained way, at every level - in advocacy, decision-making and oversight roles, as fund-raisers and supporters, as volunteers and para-professionals, and as home teachers - the better for student achievement. One significant way in which parents can become involved in the school is through the P & C Association. For many of our parents, this is an ideal way to be involved because meetings are held at night and only ten times per year.

Our school enjoys a strong and active Parents and Citizens Association (P&C). The P&C successfully supports and enriches the quality education of our students and is only as successful as its executive team. The team includes:

**President**
The P&C President has the fundamental role of providing leadership to the parent community which includes having an awareness of parental expectations and leading the parent input into school decision making.

**Vice President**
The role of the Vice President is to support the President and other committee members as well as having key input into P&C discussion and priorities.

**Secretary**
The Secretary is the principal administrative officer of the Association. They contribute significantly to the smooth running of the P&C, and to maintaining transparent communications within the school community.

**Treasurer**
Key role on the P&C executive team. The P&C raises, manages and invests into the school a substantial amount of money each year. The Treasurer manages the planning and tracking of the financial results of the P&C.

The executive positions on the P&C are integral to the continued sustained running of the P&C. If you are considering being a part of the executive either at the present time or into the future, please attend the Annual General Meeting on Monday 15th September at 7pm in the Staffroom.

Many thanks for your ongoing support,
Enjoy your week,
Sue Mackay

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**QUOTE OF THE WEEK**

“Education...is painful, continual and difficult work to be done in kindness, by watching, by warning, by praise, but above all - by example.”

John Ruskin
Father’s Day Stall
The P&C require the help of willing parents to assist with the running of the Father’s Day stall. If you are able to help on the morning of Friday 5th September at school please contact Tracee Tyas on 0417 227 379.

Advice for a Bully
If you get into trouble for bullying and you want to have friends, ask an adult you trust to help you. You will need to get some help to learn to manage your feelings in ways that don’t hurt other people. There are always other things you can do when you are angry or stressed or frustrated, but you may need help to work out what they could be for you. You will also have to help other people ‘unlearn’ about you. You will have to help them learn about the good things you can do. It will be very hard and it might take a long time but it will be worth it in the end - then you will have made real friends, and earned the real respect of people, rather than have them fear you.

AN APOLOGY - C.ex Coffs
Our sincere apologies to C.ex Coffs for identifying their name incorrectly in our Stage 2 Showcase advertising. Unfortunately this error carried over to our Stage 3 Showcase before it was discovered and some of the tickets sold for the Showcase contain the error. This mistake has now been rectified on all publicity.

We greatly appreciate C.ex Coffs for their continued support of our school and we are most sincere in our apology.

Important Dates

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ICAS Science and Computer Competition
The results of these two competitions were published in the newsletter two weeks ago. Unfortunately a photo was unavailable at the time. We like to acknowledge the great results of our students in all the ICAS tests. The writing results will be out very soon.

REQUEST FOR WITNESSES - Car Accident
On 23/10/2012 at 8.40am a silver Honda Jazz was hit from behind whilst stopped at the southern intersection of the Pacific Highway and James Small Drive. The male driver of the maroon Daewoo Nubera failed to stop at the intersection and was at fault. Anyone who remembers witnessing the accident and/or the driving behaviour of the at fault driver prior to the scene, are asked to contact 0408 475 758.

DEPUTY’S REPORT - KORORO BASKETBALL CHAMPIONS
Yesterday our girls and boys basketball teams won Round 5 of the PSSA State Basketball Knockout Competition. This puts both teams one game away from the state finals. The girls played well against Kempsey East winning their game 56 to 8. The boys also had a great game defeating Kendall 59-40. Both teams now progress to Round 6 and play at Lismore next Thursday. We congratulate both teams and their coaches Mrs Martyn (girls’ coach) and Mrs Hartmann (boys’ coach) for all their hard work and training.
Invitations have been posted this week to our 2015 Kindergarten students for the upcoming EXPO which will be held on THURSDAY, 4TH SEPTEMBER. If your child didn’t receive an invitation in the mail this week it means that we haven’t got their name on our list.

*Please come into the office or call us immediately to register your child* so that they don’t miss this very important process in starting school.

If you know of a friend’s child who might be starting school next year please ask them to give us a call.

### SCHOLASTIC BOOKCLUB IS COMING!

**What is Scholastic Book club and how does it work?**

Scholastic is a company that sells and publishes books. It sells through schools and can offer some fantastic book offers. Some books are as cheap as $2. They offer a range of books which includes new and old favourites.

Brochures are sent home once or twice a term. To place an order fill in the form on the last page of the leaflet. Online payments are the preferred payment method although you can also use cash. When you pay online don’t forget to fill in the receipt number on the payment form. It is also necessary to select Kororo PS as your school, although it has incorrectly been spelt Korora on their data base. The order forms need to be returned by the due date on the leaflet and can be returned to the class teacher. The ordered books will be returned to the class in about two weeks.

**Is Scholastic Book club a fundraiser?**

Not as such, but 20% of all money spend can be used by the school to order free books and classroom materials. Over a year this can add up to a considerable amount of free items.

If you would like more information you can visit www.scholastic.com.au.

Regards

Rachel Connie
Parent volunteer

### 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.