Dear Parents,

It is very hard to believe that we are just about to finish our third term for the year. I was always under the assumption that as you got older, time seemed to speed up – and this year has gone so quickly, I must be fast approaching a senior’s card! When I look back over the term and see what has been packed in, I know why everyone is welcoming a couple of weeks recuperation.

On Monday evening, the Annual General meeting of our P & C was held. The P & C is invaluable to our school and cannot function without the full support of the school community.

Congratulations to the Office Bearers for the 2014 – 15 school year.

President: Anita Smith
Vice President: Karina Allen
Secretary: Matt Holmes
Treasurer: Carlie Shaw
Uniform Shop: Rachel George
Publicity: Libby McConnell

The P & C play a significant role in school decision making and policy direction. Their input into school based decisions is invaluable. As well as that they play a major fund raising role in the school, enabling the school to purchase equipment and resources which we could not normally bear the cost of. Thank you so much to our hard working team.

The School Executive team are right in the thick of planning the school class structure for the 2015 school year. In order to be as accurate as is possible with our organisation, we need to know if you have plans for the new year which involve your child leaving Kororo. If your child will not be returning to KPS after the Christmas holidays, please forward a note to your child’s teacher as soon as possible.

Have a great two week break! We’ll see you for Term 4 on Tuesday 7th October when students and staff will return.

Sue Mackay
Principal

“Our ability to reach unity in diversity will be the beauty and test of our civilization.”

Mahatma Gandhi

Week 10 Term 3, 17th September 2014
Important Dates

Thursday 18th & Friday 19th September
❖ Year 3 Excursion to Yarrahapinni

Friday 19th September
❖ Early Stage 1 / Stage 1 Disco
❖ LAST DAY OF TERM 3

Tuesday 7th October
❖ FIRST DAY OF TERM 4 for STAFF AND STUDENTS

DEPUTY’S REPORT

ICAS ENGLISH COMPETITION (International Competitions and Assessment for Schools)

We have had some more very good results in the ICAS Competitions; this time for English. The students were awarded their certificates on Thursday at Assembly last week. Two students, Will G and Mikkel A were absent from the photo. Congratulations to all the following students.

Results:

Merit: Yr5 - Hannah M, Olissa O, Kalani P, Diavi Y. Yr6 - Megan D.

Credit: Yr 4 - Georgie K Yr 5 Bailey C, Zayn P.

Distinction: Yr3 - Mikkel A, April H. Yr4 - Indigo-Lilly W. Yr5 - Isobel H, Ashley S. Yr 6 - Will G.

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PREMIERS SPELLING BEE

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How do you think you would go if you participated with challenging words like chromosome, souvenir and obsidian?

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.

National Bike Week – Bike Safety Tips

Did you know that your bicycle must have:
❖ At least one working brake; and
❖ A bell or horn to help sound a warning to other cyclists or pedestrians

If riding at night, your bicycle must also have:
❖ A steady or flashing white light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres;
❖ A flashing or steady red light that is clearly visible for at least 200 metres from the rear of the bike; and
❖ A red rear reflector that is clearly visible for 50 metres when light is projected onto it by a vehicle’s headlight on low beam.

OFF WITH THE PONYTAIL!

On the pink & white day last week, Jaymie Atkinson went the extra mile and had 30cm snipped off her locks! Jaymie is donating her hair to a charity that makes wigs for cancer patients.

Congratulations Jaymie on a wonderful effort.

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LIBRARY NEWS

Thanks to all the families who have located overdue books and sent them back to the school library in the past two weeks. It is great to have the books back for other students to borrow.

In case you haven't heard this exciting news, **Graeme Base is coming to Coffs Harbour during the holidays!** Graeme is the author of many well-known children's books, including Animalia, Truck Dogs and Uno's Garden. He will be at the Coffs Harbour Library on September 23rd from 11am to meet his fans, and to sign their books. The Book Warehouse will be there at the library with all of Graeme's books on sale, including his new book, 'The Last King of Angkor Wat'. Some of our students have been entered in the colouring competition being run by The Book Warehouse and have the chance to win a copy of Graeme’s latest book. For more information contact the Coffs Harbour library on 6648 4900 or follow this link http://tinyurl.com/klk7ek4

**CAN YOU HELP?**

We would like the help of any parents who would be interested in covering some new home readers for Stage 1. It would be really great if we could get them done over the holidays ready for next term. Please see Mrs Burns in 1/2CB if you can help.

**K-2 SPORTS DAY**

The weather was just perfect for the K-2 Sports carnival and all the children had a wonderful time. There were lots of fun activities such as the egg and spoon race, bowl the hoop and ‘knock it down.’ The emphasis was on fun and participation. Of course the running races were very popular and we have some very good up and coming talent. Days like this don't just happen and a lot of work went into the organisation. A special thank you to all involved.

**SCHOOL PHOTOS**

School photos for this year will be taken on Tuesday, 14th October which is in Week 2, Term 4.

Please make sure your child/ren are dressed in their full school uniform for this day (not sports uniform). Any students who are absent on this day will have their individual photo taken on Friday, 17th October.

Individual photo order envelopes will be sent home week one next term, please look out for them in school bags.