Dear Parents,

The Education Act 1990 requires that ‘in every government school, time is to be allowed for the religious education of children of any religious persuasion’. An amendment approved in 2010 provides the option of special education in ethics for parents/caregivers who do not wish their children to attend Special Religious Education (SRE).

Special Religious Education is education in the beliefs and practices of an approved religious persuasion by authorised representatives of that persuasion. SRE is known at Kororo Public School as ‘Scripture’.

Special Education in Ethics is education in ethical decision making, action and reflection within a secular framework, based on a branch of philosophy.

General Religious Education (GRE) is education about the world’s major religions, what people believe and how that belief affects their lives. It is taught mainly through the school curriculum.

At Kororo Public School, SRE classes occur once each week in one allocated 30 min lesson per class. The organisation of the SRE timetable allows for the effective supervision arrangements for students who are not attending SRE lessons. Students who do not attend SRE lessons have the option of attending Ethics classes when an approved representative is available to teach the group. Students who do not attend either class during SRE time or where a provider is not available, are supervised in the nearest classroom of a similar age cohort of students.

Information relating to school policy is available on the school website as well as the exemption form for students in cases where parents do not want their child to participate in SRE. Schools are required to regularly provide information to parents around the organisation of this time slot in our weekly calendar. The table over the page outlines the time slot for Scripture or Ethics for each respective class in the school.

Have a fantastic week!

Sue Mackay
Principal

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Quote for the week:
‘Learning is a treasure that will follow the owner everywhere’

Chinese Proverb
Scripture and Ethics Classes Timetable

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Important Dates

- Friday 12th September
  - Assembly KC at 11.45am
- Monday 15th September
  - Years 1 & 2 Grandparents Day at 9.30am
  - P&C AGM at 7pm & P&C Meeting at 7.30pm in the Staffroom. All welcome
- Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September
  - Year 4 Port Macquarie Excursion
- Thursday 18th & Friday 19th September
  - Year 3 Excursion to Yarrahapinni
- Friday 19th September
  - Early Stage 1 / Stage 1 Disco
  - LAST DAY OF TERM 3

TERM 4 - SCHOOL RESUMES FOR STUDENTS AND STAFF ON TUESDAY 7TH OCTOBER.

P & C Annual General Meeting
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 P&C Annual General meeting will be held on Monday 15th September at 7pm in the staffroom. 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 next Monday.

Annual School Surveys
An integral part of our school review process each year involves ascertaining parent satisfaction with elements of the school’s operations. The survey link, if you have five minutes to provide valuable feedback is:
https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPB77C5

If you would like to participate in our annual anti bullying review, please use the same process as above and use the link below - the responses to ten short questions will assist the school in our future work to ensure our school continues to be proactive in our work with anti bullying processes. https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/TPT63WN

NAPLAN TEST RESULTS – Years 3 and 5
The 2014 Naplan results are available for parents. The envelopes will be sent home with each child on Friday of this week unless we hear otherwise or you call at the office to collect them yourself. Please contact the office if you wish for the envelope to be held at school for collection.

OFF TO STATE ATHLETICS
Last week thirteen students from Kororo competed at the North Coast Athletics Carnival. They had a very successful day which resulted in ten students making it to state level and the other three students being placed on the reserve list. Congratulations on a great effort! A special thank you to Mrs Grace who has been training our relay teams at school. Below are the events the students will be competing in.

Aisha G: senior girls relay, Tarryn A: senior girls relay, Kirra M: senior girls relay, Hayley F: senior girls relay, 100 and 200m sprint, Olissa O: 800 metres, Maddison G: junior girls relay & junior long jump, Alyssa J: junior girls relay & 100m sprint, Bella M: junior relay, Jorja W: junior relay, junior long jump & 200m sprint, Georgie K: junior high jump.

Reserves: Hunter C: 800 metres, Matthew L: senior shotput, Casey W: discus, senior relay.

DEPUTY’S REPORT

SCHOOL DEBATING TEAM
Our school debating programme in year 6 culminated in four students being chosen to represent our school at The Great Debate. This is a competition held each year between Mullaway, Sandy Beach, Corindi, Woolgoolga and Kororo Public Schools. Each team takes part in four debates and has only half an hour preparation time after they receive their topic. Our team which included Allana R-S, Ella K, Monessa W and Matilda O’B was very confident and put forward a lot of strong arguments. They came second on the point score and should be very proud of their efforts.
QUIKSILVER VEGEMITE SURFGROMS SPRING/SUMMER PROGRAMS!

Lee Winkler’s Surf School is celebrating the opening of Coffs’ new Skate Park!!!

Book in a surfgrom course before 12th September and go in the draw to win a brand new Element (Hatched) skateboard!

- Sept School holiday programs start Sept 22nd
- Term 4 programs start 25th Oct
- BONUS! Book into both programs and double your chance to win the skateboard!
- Ages 5yrs to 12 yrs – beginners & intermediate
- Weekends and weekdays after school and school holidays during the day
- All registrations receive a free surfgrom quiksilver pack
  - Book with........
  - www.surfgroms.com/surf_schools/lee-winkler-s-surf-school
- Further enquiries ph 66 500 050 or lwss@bigpond.com
- Learn to surf with the best surfing program on offer!

PASS THE PARCEL

Great excitement is building for our Pass the Parcel Challenge being held next week. Children have been purchasing tickets from our SRC for an opportunity to participate in this event. The last day to purchase a ticket, $1.00 each, is this Friday 12th September.

On Monday, the class Pass the Parcel will be held throughout the classes with the winner of the ‘gold ticket’ participating in the Pass the Parcel Championships being held after recess on Tuesday. There will be an Infants challenge and a Primary challenge.

There are great prizes to be won from A Mart Sports.

Thanks to all who have purchased a ticket, the money raised is to help Casey O’Brien participate in the National Cross Country Championships.

2015 KINDERGARTEN

Last week we had over 80 2015 Kindergarten children and their parents visit the school for Expo. We had lots of information to pass on to parents and it was wonderful to see the little ones getting excited about starting school next year.

If your child missed out on this event please call us. The next event will be Orientation in November. It is amazing how many last minute calls we get advising us that their child will be enrolling next year! We need time to prepare so please call us now!