Dear Parents,

It’s been an exceptionally busy start to the beginning of the school year with new enrolments, including our Kinder intake, very quickly becoming a part of the school scenery. One of the strengths and features of our school and one aspect of our school which we try actively to ensure, is the value of home – school communication. If there are changed circumstances at home or concerns that may arise during the year, please contact your child’s teacher for an appointment. The more we work together, the better the team around each student is able to assist.

As the classes settle into their new school year, information around the organisation for your child’s grade will be forwarded in the next few days. Parents of students in Early Stage 1 (Kindergarten) and Stage 1 (Years 1 and 2) will be invited to parent teacher information evenings on Wednesday, 18th February. Meeting times for the respective grades are Kinder from 5.30pm until 6.15pm and Years 1 and 2 at 6.15pm until 7.00pm. These meetings will be held in your child’s classroom at the nominated time.

At our strategic planning meeting at the end of last year, many parents talked about communication and how it could be enhance through our website. We have taken this on board and from next week, we will have a staff member dedicated to keeping the website up to date each week. We hope to have notes and information regularly uploaded so that most queries out of hours can be answered on the site. If you have any ideas as to content which you would find helpful, please don’t hesitate to put your ideas down on paper and to send them in.

Big Banana Save the Date: Friday, 20th February

The P&C would like to welcome all families to Kororo Public School in 2015. To encourage community spirit and give families the chance to get to know one another an evening of fun will be offered.

Time: Ticket sales from 4.30pm with slides starting at 5pm until 7.30pm
Venue: The Big Banana Waterslides
All welcome...pre-schoolers, school children, friends, adults, grandparents.
If you are not sliding on the night entry is free.

Have a great Kororo week,
Sue Mackay
Principal

Quote for the week:
Teaching kids to count is fine, but teaching them what counts is best. - Bob Talbert
**Student Medical Alerts**

At Kororo Public School we have an array of students with a range of social, academic and medical needs. There is every likelihood that a student in your child’s grade has a severe allergy to nuts, to all nut products and to any foods containing nuts. Whilst the school cannot legally claim to be nut free, we are seeking parent assistance in our very best efforts to eliminate nuts and nut products from the school. In the first instance, please do not use peanut butter and ‘nutella’ type products as sandwich fillers. Please also avoid packing nuts in your child’s lunchbox.

As parents, we all understand the precious nature of each of our children. When a child’s health and safety is compromised by such food products, as a school community, it is our responsibility to help ensure the health and well being of every student. Many thanks for your support in this matter. It is vitally important for the school to be fully aware of medical conditions that your child may suffer from. Please keep the school informed and keep onsite medication up to date.

If your child is diagnosed at any time with asthma, allergies or anaphylaxis, it is necessary to have an ASCIA health plan completed and signed by your child’s doctor, to be filed with their medication at school. It is imperative that the school is properly informed of any health conditions as they arise.

**Park Beach Plaza Shopping Dockets**

Park Beach Plaza, The Coffs Coast Advocate and 2CS are generously offering Coffs Coast School’s the chance to share in a total of $20,000 worth of prizes. You simply need to shop at any store at Park Beach Plaza, present your docket to the Customer Service Desk located near Noni B and nominate Kororo Public School.

The value of the dockets will be added to our school’s point tally, for example if you spend $150 our school will receive 150 points. The school’s with the highest point tally (divided by the number of students enrolled at our school) will win 1st, 2nd and 3rd place and share in the fantastic prize pool of cash and goodies.

Be sure to look out for shops displaying a “Shop for Coffs Coast School’s Triple Point Poster” if you shop at these stores you will receive bonus triple points for our school’s tally to the value of your shopping docket!

The winning schools will be announced in the Coffs Coast Advocate towards the end of March.

**2014 PRESENTATION DAY AWARD VOUCHERS**

Sadly Dymocks closed over the school holidays and some of the students who received an award haven’t redeemed the award. We have made arrangements with the Book Warehouse on Harbour Drive to redeem these awards for us. If your child was one of these recipients please redeem your certificate as soon as possible. We have sent the Book Warehouse a list of winners. The vouchers have an expiry date so be quick!

A huge thank you to Book Warehouse for honouring these award vouchers.

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**COMMUNITY NEWS**

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**Important Dates**

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**Yr 1/2 Girls, Boys or Mixed Basketball Teams**

Calling for children in Yrs 1 & 2 wishing to play for Kororo School in the ‘Funball’ Primary Schools Saturday competition at Sportz Central.

**Competition Dates:** Played throughout school terms. First game Saturday 14th Feb 2015.

**Game Time:** 9am

**Cost:** $140 game fees bi-annual (works out to be approx. $8 per game) + $70 (compulsory annual registration)

**For further info & to register your interest contact Carlee Hardaker (Coffs Harbour Basketball Association) on 6651 1452 or email carlee@coffsharbourbasketball.com.au**

**Registrations for season 2015 now open!**

Registrations for all North Coast Football players is open this week. These days, registrations are taken online at [www.myfootballclub.com.au](http://www.myfootballclub.com.au), however, most clubs have sign on days at their local ground or a shopping centre so players can meet their coaches or buy socks etc.

No doubt, many of your school’s students will be wanting to know how they can register for a team this year, so I have put together a list of club sign on days for every club in North Coast Football zone. You can see that list at the link below.


**Korora Physical Culture Club**

Fun, Friends, Fitness, it’s dance with a difference! Classes held in Kororo School Hall every Tuesday afternoon from 3.30pm. Affordable classes suitable for girls aged 3 to 103. First two lessons FREE.

For more information contact Dawn on 66525362, join us in the hall or visit [www.epphysi.com.au](http://www.epphysi.com.au)

**Parking Issues Korora School Road**

Please remember that the area directly out front of the school is not zoned for parents to park and leave their cars. In Korora School Road, you have two minutes in the zone and must not be more than 3m from your car at any time.

A number of parents are ignoring this law and not only does it frustrate other drivers/parents, it results in phone calls of complaint to the school. Rest assured at some stage you will be fined.

Please also talk to your children about school crossings. It is important that students do not assume that cars and trucks are going to stop just because it is a school zone.
DEPUTY'S REPORT

SRC Induction
Congratulations to our new Student Council Executive who formally took up their positions at our Induction Ceremony last Friday. The students were presented to the school by Mrs Gough, our SRC co-ordinator and had their badges pinned on by their very proud parents. Mrs Gough will work closely with the SRC who play a very important role in our school. After the ceremony the eight SRC executive took their guests to afternoon tea with Mrs Mackay (Principal) and the SRC co-ordinator Mrs Gough.

Captains: Aisha Grace and Addison Tyas
Vice Captains: Hayley Fischer and Zane Pike
Prefects: Natalie Smith, Jorja Welch, Hunter Churchwell and Jacob Hennessy.

Student Learning Profiles
Last year our school trialled using Student Learning Profiles. Profile forms are completed by parents and give the teachers a better understanding of the whole child: their interests, strengths, background, learning style and any areas needing support. Parents are able to supply invaluable information.

Feedback from parents and staff was very positive. The staff said they got to know their students very quickly and were able to more readily make provision for student’s interests and needs. Parents won’t be expected to complete a student profile each year; probably only three times during the seven years your child attends primary school. The completed forms will be passed on each year to the following teacher.

Forms will be sent out to students this week. (If we have a copy of your form from last year you won’t need to complete another one this year.) Could you please return the form to your child’s teacher within the next week.

KORORO SWIMMING CARNIVAL

On Thursday Kororo School held our annual swimming carnival. It was a fantastic day and the weather was perfect! Many students participated in races and all students were in fine voice supporting their houses.

Congratulations to our age champions for 2015
Junior Boy: Riley George
Junior Girl: Summer Welch
11 Years Boy: Levi Bannerman
11 Years Girl: Jorja Welch
Senior Boys: Hunter Churchwell and Addison Tyas
Senior Girl: Aisha Grace

These students will receive their trophies on presentation evening. The winning house for 2015 was Brelsford.

New school records were set during the day and congratulations to:
Jorja Welch who set records in: 100m freestyle, 11 years Breast Stroke, Back Stroke, Butterfly and the Individual Medley.
Summer Welch who set a new record in: Junior Individual Medley.
Aisha Grace who set a record in : Senior Girls Breast Stroke
Brelsford Senior Girls Relay also set a new record.

Many of our student will now represent the school at the district carnival on the 23rd February at the Coffs Pool. Best of luck to all of our Kororo swimmers.

WANTED DESPERATELY

A BABYSITTER 2 –3 afternoons a week for two children aged 7 and 8 to be picked up from OOSH by 6pm as mum works until 6.30pm.
If you can help please call 0429 923 455.

SCHOOL BANKING ACCOUNT OPENING DAY FRIDAY
13TH FEBRUARY 8.30AM - 9.30AM
AT THE SCHOOL HALL.