Dear Parents,

In recent weeks there have been media reports on university studies comparing academic outcomes for public and private school students in Australia. Not really surprising, the data has shown very limited and even no difference between public and private schools, once student background has been taken into account. The things that did make a difference to student academic outcomes and to school success were indicators which included the age and gender of the child, their general health status, the initial stock of skills that the child has before commencing school, their parents’ level of education, the neighbourhood they grow up in, household income and the number of books in the home.

These recent media reports reinforced the findings of other studies, some of which have actually found advantages for public school students, in the level of social development and university performance. Congratulations Kororo parents – your children are receiving an excellent education, and you are saving thousands in school fees every year! If you missed the 60 Minutes report on this subject, go to www.9jumpin.com.au/show/60minutes/stories/2015/april/public-vs-private”.

The greater majority of our community would be aware that David Stevens, the dad of Deisha and Summer, is fighting a courageous battle against cancer. As a school community, we would like to support David, Jamaica and the three children through a school fund raising activity on Tuesday 26th May. We are planning a walk for students, staff and any community members who can join us. Please put the morning on your calendar – “A little bit of Magic” – a note will go out separately in the next few days. Hope to see you there.

Hope all our mums enjoyed Mothers’ Day!

Have a great week,
Sue Mackay
Principal
Important Dates
Friday 15/5: Assembly KS at 11.40am
Monday 18/5: P & C Meeting 7.30pm
Tuesday 19/5: Year 5 Lake Ainsworth
NSW Computer Test
Friday 22/5: Assembly KC at 11.40am

Twilight Fair – Donations Needed
The Twilight Fair organisation has started. If your business is willing to donate a prize to the Major Raffle for the Fair, please contact the office and your details will be passed on to the organisers. Don’t panic – there will be a lot more requests for assistance and contributions over the next few months.

Deputy’s Report
GRIP LEADERSHIP
Last Thursday, eighteen, year six students from our school participated in a GRIP leadership conference at the Coffs Harbour Racing Club. We learnt leadership skills and synergised with students from other schools. Ronan led us through the day, assisted by other team members from the organisation. We really enjoyed making friends with students from other schools.

Written by Bindi Izzard and Alyssa Jenkins

FUN RUN
Last Thursday Kindergarten and Year 1 students all took part in a fun run around the oval. It was lovely to see so many parents and grandparents come along to cheer on the children. This is great practice for the cross country that students take part in from Year 2 to Year 6. The children were all enthusiastic and had a great time. Some real talent there.

K-1 Fun Run Continued

Kororo Fun Run Fundraiser
The cut-off date for returning sponsorship money has been extended until this Thursday 14th May. All money must be returned to class teachers by this time. The prize draw and winners announcement will take place on Friday 15th May.

Thank you for your cooperation.

P&C News
The P&C are looking for vibrant people to learn the ropes for the School ‘Carols by Kororo-Light’ held every December here at school. It is a fun-filled evening with participation from students, parents and teachers. The organisation is relatively simple as we have a fine tuned format. Libby and Kath have children in Stage 3 and would like to pass the baton while there is still time. Please leave your name at the school office if you would like to help.

Mothers Day Stall
Many thanks to all those people who worked hard to make the Mothers Day Stall such a success. We sold over 250 gifts in under 2 hours to some very enthusiastic shoppers! Special thanks to Mr B for supplying a trailer full of lovely plants, Thank you!
**District Cross Country**

Last Friday, 74 students travelled to Woolgoolga to compete in the District Cross Country. It was a beautiful, sunny day which meant that as the day wore on, the temperature increased, making the run even more of a challenge. As usual our ‘Kororo Kids’ gave it their all and should be extremely proud of their efforts. They should also be congratulated for their exemplary behaviour. Once again they were great ambassadors for Kororo Public School.

It was wonderful to see so many parents there, not only supporting their own child, but cheering loudly for others running in the Kororo singlet.

Joey Kuchel, Olissa Onley and Hayley Fischer won their events and were presented with the Age District Champions’ trophies at the presentation ceremony. Kororo also proudly accepted the trophy for the best total point score. We have 17 students who qualified to compete in the Zone Cross Country at Sawtell on Friday 22nd of May.

**8/9 Year Boys**
Charlie W 7th

**8/9 Year Girls**
Joey K  1st
Charli M  5th
Hannah C  9th

**10 Year Boys**
Ryan G  7th

**10 Year Girls**
Breah F  2nd
Summer W  5th
Tahlia S  6th
Bella M  10th

**11 Year Boys**
Tom Y  2nd
Bryce S  7th
Finn D  8th

**11 Year Girls**
Olissa O  1st
Cloe N  4th
Georgia K  6th

**12/13 Year Boys**
Addison T  7th
Hunter C

**12/13 Girls**
Hayley F  1st

**Cross Country Coordinator**
Lynda Martin