Dear Parents,

It’s great to be back! Thanks to everyone for their interest in my holiday and yes, the wedding in New Orleans was everything we hoped it would be! Back to the real world with a thud though as nothing in schools nor education seems to slow down just because someone has leave. A huge thank to Mrs O’dell, Mrs Attwood and the school executive for the very competent manner in which they took over the reins. It certainly makes a huge difference to leave when the school is in such capable hands.

Today parents have had the opportunity to witness first hand the high standard of education at Kororo Public School. The standard of our learning environments and the aesthetics of the classrooms was something to be proud of. Education Week in NSW is historically a time when schools showcase their talents and open the doors to parents. We hope you enjoyed the opportunity! Congratulations to our staff and students for their efforts in making the morning such a great success.

Over the last few days, school principals in our area have revisited the Gonski Review and the recommendations that were forthcoming at the end of 2011. The review recommended that schools be funded according to the needs of their students and what was required to educate each of them to a high standard. The former federal government negotiated with NSW, Victoria, SA, Tasmania and WA to fund the Gonski proposal for six years. State governments agreed to maintain their own funding levels.

With the funding that has already arrived in school across our area, a range of new programs are making a big difference to the learning and welfare of students. In our school alone the following programs have been enhanced through budgets made available under the Gonski funding.

- Collaborative program development and professional learning for staff.
- Additional Minililt and Multililt programs for students to meet grade literacy expectations.
- Classroom support during key learning sessions in literacy and numeracy.
- Welfare programs including Cool Kids sport and Kinesiology sessions.

Over the 2016-2018 school years, our school could be receiving in excess of $1,000,000 in funding. With the Federal Government stating that it will not honour these final years of funding the programs we could have offered our students and teachers will not occur.

As parents and community members, if you get the chance to support the ongoing funding of the Gonski review, please raise the awareness level. Public schools need your support as an investment in our children’s future.

Have a wonderful week – thank you for your support!

Sue Mackay
Principal

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**Quote for the week:**

“Education should be one of our top funding priorities; talking about it does not help the teachers and students who desperately need promises fulfilled.”

Solomon Ortiz
**Coffs Harbour Race Day**

On **Thursday 8th August** there is a local half day public holiday for the Coffs Harbour Cup. The school will be closed at 12 noon. Normal bus runs will operate in the morning but will not be available at 12 noon. Parents will need to make arrangements for their children to be collected from school. Please be aware that there will not be staff on duty after 12 noon. Parents wishing to utilise OOSH facilities will need to book in. Parents will need to collect students from OOSH. Please note - No buses will be available. School closes at 12 noon.

**Deputy's Report**

All parents and family of Indigenous students are invited to the school next Friday for a “Yarn Up”. Please see the details below.

June O’dell

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**Kororo School will be CLOSED THURSDAY, 6TH AUGUST from 12 NOON due to the Coffs Cup**

**Jeans for Genes Day!**

**FRIDAY 7TH AUGUST**

Wear your Jeans to school and Bring a gold coin donation!

Jeans for Genes is the iconic fundraising campaign of Children’s Medical Research Institute.

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**Important Dates**

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**EDUCATION WEEK “YARN UP”**

**WHEN:** This Friday, 31st July 10.15am  
**WHERE:** Staffroom (Meet Rikki Shipman at the front office)  
**WHO:** All Indigenous parents and friends  
**WHY:** To meet our new Indigenous teacher, Miss Rikki Shipman  
**PURPOSE:** An informal get together over a cuppa. Ask questions or make suggestions.  

Looking forward to meeting you!

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**KINDERGARTEN 2016**

DO WE KNOW YOUR CHILD IS ATTENDING KORORO NEXT YEAR FOR KINDERGARTEN?

HAVE YOU CALLED US TO PUT THEIR NAME ON OUR LIST?

Invitations will be sent later next week for our Kindergarten Expo which will be held on Thursday, 3rd September.

It would be very disappointing for your child to miss out this very important event in the enrolment process of starting school.

If you have a friend who is living in our zone and has a child starting Kindergarten next year, please ask them to give us a call as well. Thanks.
SUSHI FRIDAY
Don’t forget to pre-order sushi on Thursday for Friday’s lunch – $2.50 per roll.

Flavours are Chicken Teriyaki, Tuna and Mayo and the Kororo Roll – (Carrot, Cucumber, Cream Cheese) 10c for soy sauce.

The FRIED RICE is popular and is available every day for $3.00.

Both of these foods are made fresh in the Canteen.

WANTED for the Fair
2CB need pretty small jars, bowls, glasses, teacups/saucers etc to make soy candles for the “Trash and Treasure” Stall. Please send them to the classroom.

3/4BY will happily take your 2nd hand books for their ‘2nd hand book” stall. Please take them to the classroom.

Thanks in anticipation!!

CANTENE NEWS
An apology from the Office

The Fruit Salad that was advertised in the newsletter is not available at the canteen in Winter. Sorry for the confusion.

TWILIGHT FAIR
13TH NOVEMBER
2015
SAVE THE DATE!!!!

Twilight Fair
13th November 2015
Save the Date!!!!