Dear Parents,

Safety around schools is always problematic, however we are all very aware that Kororo Public School has its very own set of traffic difficulties. The school works closely with our Assets Department and the local Council to quickly address issues as they arise and to try to pre-empt problems so as to avoid any form of accident.

Whilst we recognise parking is at a premium, we have locked the back access road gate as vehicles in this area have proven to be dangerous for little pedestrians using the road to access James Small Drive. With the gate locked, bikes and prams are now unable to enter the school from this direction. We have removed a panel of fencing for temporary access and the Council will be cutting an access path into the area in the next few weeks.

The gap in the fence in the far northern corner backing onto James Small Drive will be officially blocked off in the next few days as the incline to the new footpath is far too dangerous for safe pedestrian access. Please encourage your children to follow safe pedestrian practices around the school and set the very best of examples for your children to model.

I have outlined below a few of the key safety issues that are witnessed around the school every week.

- Children need to be in appropriate child car seats that are fitted and used correctly.
- Respect the 40km/h speed limit in a school zone as children are usually about when you are.
- Always park and turn legally around schools and avoid dangerous manoeuvres like U-turns and three-point turns.
- Giving way to pedestrians, especially when entering and leaving driveways.
- Drop the kids off and pick them up on the school side of the road in our designated drop-off and pick-up areas.
- Do not call out to students from across the road. Children are very likely to run in your direction without first checking the traffic.
- Use the pedestrian crossings around the school particularly in James Small Drive.

The school has submitted an application for an upgrade in infrastructure to improve student safety around the school. We are hoping that our application will result in an upgrade to the James Small Drive pedestrian access to include speed inhibitors around the crossing. Fingers crossed!

Hope you week is a great one!
Sue Mackay
Important Dates

- Friday, 4th March
  - 1/2LB Assembly at 11.40am
  - 6LS Assembly at 2.30pm

- Monday, 7th March
  - YEC student induction 9.10am
  - Life Education

- Tuesday, 8th March
  - Life Education parent session at 11.40am

- Wednesday, 9th March
  - North Coast Swimming at Kempsey

- Friday, 11th March
  - 2VW Assembly at 11.40am
  - 3MW Assembly at 2.30pm

Easter Raffle – Can you help?
Our Easter raffle needs to get started. Each year the school holds a raffle at the end of Term 1 for the Easter holiday. We would like to ask all families to send in a contribution to the raffle – some form of Easter egg or chocolate. All donations should be left at the office. Each donation will receive a lucky ticket in our raffle to be drawn at the Easter Hat Parade on Thursday 24th March. Raffle tickets will be distributed at the end of the week.

HINT - The Easter Hat Parade for K – 2 is on the same day – GET THAT CREATIVE ENERGY FLOWING!

READER COVERING
WE WOULD LIKE HELP TO COVER READING BOOKS FOR STAGE 1. IF YOU CAN HELP PLEASE SEE MRS BURNS IN HER CLASSROOM.

MANY THANKS

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Deputy’s Report

YEC Representatives
Twenty children from years three to six have joined YEC (Youth Environmental Council) coordinated by Mrs Spoehr. They will be receiving their badges at our Monday morning assembly. Parents are welcome to attend.

I have included a photo of Alex Y the SRC rep for 5AM and Ziggy B who is the 5LF rep who were absent when the group photo was taken.

ICAS Competition
If your child is very competent in Science, Writing, English, Mathematics or Digital technologies this testing programme may interest you. ICAS is an independent skill-based assessment programme which recognises and rewards student achievement. It gives high achieving students the opportunity to perform against their peers nationally. It is part of the University of NSW Assessment Program. The results can be used to help identify gifted and talented students who may need extension.

Last Thursday Stage 3 students and parents were informed about the latest trends in Social Media. A huge thank you to Senior Constable Jo, who delivered an informative presentation and led discussion around social media issues.

Also a huge thank you to Ange Russell who presented an evening for Year 5 mothers and daughters.

CLEAN UP KORORO DAY THIS FRIDAY
PLEASE SUPPLY GLOVES TO YOUR CHILD IF THEY WOULD LIKE TO USE THEM.
THERE ARE NONE AVAILABLE AT THE SCHOOL.
Mid North Coast Zone Swimming

On Thursday the swimmers form KPS participated in the Mid North Coast Zone Swimming Carnival. A thank you to the students and parents who attended. It was wonderful to see the team spirit and support of the KPS school community. Kororo was the winning school on the day, which was an outstanding achievement. We have several swimmers who will now travel to the regional carnival to be held in Kempsey. Three of our four relay teams placed first.

- Senior boys relay: Tom Y, Jalen F, Jordan D, Riley G
- Senior girls relay: Tayah H, Georgie K, Cloe N, Summer W
- Junior girls relay: Ava P, Joey K, Charlize M, Nissiah K

Individuals competing will be:
- Riley G and Jordan D: 11yrs freestyle, backstroke and butterfly.
- Charlize M: 9yrs freestyle
- Joey K: 10yrs freestyle, junior backstroke, butterfly and individual medley.
- Georgie K and Cloe N: Open 100m freestyle, 12yrs freestyle, senior backstroke, breaststroke, butterfly and individual medley.
- Summer W: 11yrs backstroke, breaststroke, freestyle and butterfly.

We wish these swimmers the best of luck!!
Leanne Stacey (Swimming Coordinator)
A huge thank you to our sponsors. They support us, please support them.