



Kororo Public School

'Act Responsibly - Be Respectful - Think Smart'

Dear Parents,

Week 3 - Term 1, 8th February 2012

According to the 2006 **Adult Literacy and Life Skills Survey**, nearly half of all Australians (46%) don't have the literacy skills they need to cope with the complex demands of everyday life and work in the emerging knowledge-based economy. A survey by the Australian Industry Group in May 2010 of major employers found that more than 75% felt their businesses were affected by low levels of literacy and numeracy in the workforce.

The **National Year of Reading** is about Australians discovering and rediscovering the joy of reading. There are already many fantastic organisations and inspirational programs about reading in Australia. The most active period of brain growth and development is from birth to three and it is widely recognised that sharing books with young children before they go to school greatly improves their chances of developing good literacy skills.

About reading

Reading is an important life skill as well as a pleasurable pastime. Reading can make you feel good about yourself and it can enable you to see the world through someone else's eyes. If you create a home with books, your family is more likely to be a reading family, with all the benefits that brings to children and adults.

Reading with children - Sharing a book for just 10 minutes a day, an hour or so a week, can instill in a child a lifelong love of reading.

Reading for pleasure - It doesn't matter what you read – romance and comics are just as relevant as a classic novel. The story can be in any format – books, e-books, novellas, magazines or screen games. It doesn't have to be a story. Non-fiction is fine too, and then there's poetry, graphic novels, newspapers and song lyrics.



Literacy

Literacy skills are the foundation for lifelong learning. They help people make the most of education and employment opportunities. The ability to read has never been so important as in this ICT dominated society, with the emphasis on knowledge-based economies.



Our school will be celebrating the National Year of Reading and each term there will be a couple of activities to highlight the importance that we place on reading and engendering a love of reading in our students. The NSW DEC is supporting the year of reading. Visit the website cllc.det.nsw.edu.au/nyr/ and discover a world of resources and practical ideas for helping your child to read.

National Year of Reading Website: www.love2read.org.au

THIS WEEK'S QUOTE

"The more you read, the more things you will know. The more that you learn, the more places you'll go."
Dr Seuss, "I Can Read With My Eyes Shut!"

ROUGH WATERS

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Early Stage 1: Kindergarten

- KA – Carolyn Burns (AP)
- KB – Leanne Bourke
- KR – Leonie Randall
- KG – Shari Genoli

Stage 1: Years 1 and 2

- 1AN – Anja Neal
- 1RP – Ruth Powley
- 1DD – Denise Dodd
- 1CD – Hayley Dodd/Abby Campbell
- 1/2GB – Gemma Bell
- 2DB – Diane Blevin (AP)
- 2SC – Sharon Cameron
- 2JB – Jane Bridgman

Stage 2 : Years 3 and 4

- 3BY – Belinda Yeomans
- 3LM – Lynda Martyn
- 3/4VW – Vickie Wood
- 4LS – Leanne Stacey (AP)
- 4MS – Melissa Stevens/Gurleen Sangha

Stage 3: Years 5 and 6

- 5LF – Louis Fredericks
- 5HG – Heidi Gough
- 5/6DH – Dianne Hartmann
- 6CA – Carissa Attwood (AP)
- 6BT – Bev Tristram

Support Teachers:

- Teacher Librarian – Monique O’Shea
- RFF - Kaye Campbell, Vicki Horton, Gurleen Sangha, Nicole O’Brien.
- Reading Recovery – Mary White, Corinne Williams
- School Counsellor – Debbie McFadden

Support Staff

- Office – Annette Campbell, Leonie Wright, Nydean Kelly
- Support Officers – Julie Aleman, Barb Williams, Julie Howarth, Jenny Campbell, Josh Chapman, Karen Stoker, Tandy Arnold, Maria Sisson, Shelly Crawley, Emma Leman
- General Assistant: Greg Allen

Have a wonderful Week
Sue Mackay
Principal



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**National Year of Reading
From the Library Desk**

Kororo Public School will be involved in a number of activities and events to celebrate and promote reading throughout the year. We will kick off on 14th February, which is National Library Lovers Day with a display in the library of Kororo students’ thoughts about what makes libraries great places to visit.

Most classes have begun their library borrowing this week. Kindergarten children will commence library within the next couple of weeks. Students will need to bring a library bag to school on their borrowing day. There are a small number of library bags on sale in the library if you need one - \$3.50 each. Class borrowing days are listed below.

Monday - 2JB, 2SC, 5LF

Tuesday - 3BY

Wednesday - KB, 1RP, 5HG, 5/6DH, 6BT

Thursday - KA, KG, 2DB, 3/4VW, 4MS, 6CA

Friday - KR, 1CD, 1AN, 1DD, 1/2GB, 3LM, 4LS

Monique O’Shea
Teacher Librarian



HOUSE CAPTAINS FOR THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

BRELSFORD - Lachlan Jenkins & Ruby Roddenby Captains. Harry Turner & Sophie Madigan Vice Captains.

COOK - Sage Parkinson & Amy Gibbins Captains. Thornton McNeill & Nikoma Jordan Vice Captains.

FLINDERS - Joel White & Isobel Large Captains. Julian Stocks & Bree Heiler Vice Captains.

OXLEY - Dominic Slaviero & Abigail Henderson Captains. Blake Hall & Steffaney Treadwell Vice Captains.

STAGE 1 Years 1 and 2

All parents are welcome to attend a parent information session to meet their child's class teacher and learn about the routine of their classroom. This is being held on Wednesday, 15th February from 6pm to 6.30pm in the child's room. Please note, this is not a time for parents to discuss their child's needs and progress.

Kororo Litter-Free Lunchbox Competition STARTS THIS WEEK!

Each class is part of an environmentally-friendly competition where they are encouraged to pack a litter-free lunchbox. Every day students who have a lunchbox that is free from packaging (such as plastic and foil), will receive a point. If they are litter-free for the entire week, their teacher will reward them somehow. Classes with the most points in the Kindergarten, Infants and Primary section each term will win a trophy. A litter-free lunchbox is not only good for the environment, but it is good for their health! There are plenty of different lunchboxes and containers available to pack almost anything. Sandwich paper is fine to use (as it is biodegradable), as are zip-lock bags (if they are put back in lunchboxes to be re-used). Lunch-orders are not considered 'litter-free', as many of them contain foil packaging and sticky tape for change (it is too hard to monitor). Every class has a tub for students to put their containers in at recess and lunch, which makes it even easier!

Some pointers:

1. If they want crackers, etc. pour them from a larger packet into a container rather than using lots of individual packets.
2. The clear 'Nude' lunchboxes with the different compartments are fantastic and save washing lots of smaller containers. 'Smash' containers are also handy.
3. It is ok if they have a lunch-order from time-to-time; we understand.
4. 'Nude' (or raw) foods are the best option!
5. Make sure you pack a drink bottle with water.

Good luck and I look forward to seeing students being more proactive in reducing the amount of rubbish in our school this year!

Thank you,
Miss Bell



SWIMMING CARNIVAL

What a great day! The weather was fine if not a little hot. Ribbons will be given out later this week and district carnival notes for the children progressing to the next level. Our age champions were:

Junior Boy – Ethan Stocks
Junior Girl – Taryn Arnold
11yrs Boy – Sid Smythe
11yrs Girl – Bella Grace
Senior Boy – Regan Arnold
Senior Girl – Matilda Potter
The wining house was Flinders



There were many records broken, congratulations to these swimmers:

Jorja Welch 50m freestyle 44:60, Matilda Potter Senior 50m Breaststroke 47:90, Taryn Arnold Junior Medley 4:10:08, Oscar Churchwell 11years 50m Breaststroke 52:31, Ethan Stocks Junior Butterfly 3:55:93 and Senior Girls Relay - Cook 2:46:42.

A huge thank you to the wonderful parents who time kept throughout the day, without you the carnival would have ground to a halt. Also thank you to the staff and students who help make the day run smoothly and as always we were complemented on

UNIFORM SHOP NEWS

THANK YOU TO THE TWO PEOPLE WHO HAVE OFFERED TO HELP IN THE UNIFORM SHOP ON FRIDAY. SADLY WE HAVE NO ONE TO WORK ON THE OTHER DAYS THEREFORE WE WILL HAVE TO CLOSE THE SHOP ON MONDAY AND WEDNESDAY UNLESS SOMEONE COMES FORWARD THIS WEEK TO HELP.

PLEASE, PLEASE PHONE SHARYN ON 0448 922 649 FOR FURTHER INFORMATION.

WE ONLY NEED YOUR HELP FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES AS YOU DROP OFF YOUR CHILDREN.

CANTEEN NEWS

Please return your slips in last week's newsletter to help in the canteen. So far Linda has only 5 people to help her.



If you didn't receive a newsletter you may see it online or phone Linda here at school on 6653 6201.

We would hate the canteen to close because of the lack of volunteers! Once again it is a great way to meet other parents and your child/ren love to see mum, dad, grandparents, uncles or aunts.

SCHOOL BANKING

Another way you can help at school is to volunteer to do school banking. Kathy Eagles will be holding a training session on Thursday, 16th February at 9am in the hall.

P&C NEWS

The Kororo P&C would like to invite members of all school families to the first P&C Meeting for 2012. The meeting will be held on **Monday, February 20th at 7.30pm** in the Staffroom (the demountable to the right of the main gates.) Attending these meetings gives you the chance to meet other families and contribute to making a wonderful school community. We hope to see some new faces.

PARK BEACH PLAZA SHOP FOR SCHOOLS PROMOTION

A \$10,000 cash prize is on offer to the school who presents the most receipts to the customer service desk at Park Beach Plaza. What a great prize to win! As a school all we have to do is ensure our purchases are counted. To make this easy a box will be on the veranda and dockets from any Park Beach Plaza store can be dropped in. These will be taken to the Plaza by the P&C. Alternatively you can present your own dockets at the customer service desk (located outside Target). Here they are tallied and stamped, you can then retain them for refunds or tax purposes. All you need to remember is to tell the assistant you are supporting Kororo Public School. All dockets from January 21st to March 21st are eligible.



Included in the promoting are both Woolworths Petrol and ALDI. Stores offering triple points for purchases include Woolworths, PBP Newsagency, Dymocks, Coopers, Terry White Chemist, Red Rooster, Athletes Foot, Just Cuts and Spec Savers. Tell your family and friends, the more people we have supporting our school the more chance of winning this fabulous prize!!!!

BIG BANANA WATERSLIDE EVENING - FRIDAY, 2ND MARCH

Keep this evening free! It's a great way for new families to get to know or catch up with other Kororo families. This is a great social night. More information will be available soon through the newsletter.





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