KOLAN SOUTH INFORMER

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Kolan South State School strives for a Quality Education for All Students ~ Respect ~ Responsibility ~ Safety

Principal’s Messages ~ Best wishes to all students for this week’s NAPLAN tests. Go Kolan South!

NAPLAN

Students in Year 3, 5 and 7 this week participate in the NAPLAN tests on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. NAPLAN Brochures have been included with the Informer for the information of all families. Best wishes to all of the students participating in the tests. It is a big week for them. Below is a summary of 2012 NAPLAN highlights.

2012 NAPLAN HIGHLIGHTS at KOLAN SOUTH
• 100% of students achieved above the National Benchmark in Reading
• Yr 3 students achieved substantially above the National mean in 4 out of 5 areas and above in the 5th
• Yr 5 students were comparable to the National mean in 4 out of 5 areas
• Yr 7 students achieved at or above the National mean in all areas
• Yr 3 & 7 were substantially above the National mean in Numeracy
• Spelling has been a big improver over the last few years - 50% of Yr 3 students and 40% of Yr 7 students achieved in the Top 2 Bands

Absence Notes

Included with this week’s Informer is a sheet with some Absence notes. Please feel free to use these to inform the school regarding the reason for an absence. Otherwise, a written note or a phone call would be appreciated. Many thanks.

After School Programs

It was unfortunate that last week’s programs had to be cancelled. Hopefully, from here on we will have a good run with After School programs. A reminder that Dance is happening on Mondays (Yr 3-7) and Athletics on Wednesdays. Students can still put their names down to participate.

P&C Meeting next week

Next Tuesday, 21 May, is our monthly P&C Meeting. Items for discussion include Twilight Fair, fundraising activities, sports day, disco, and school activities. It would be great to see some new faces. Hope to see you there.

Did you know?

The Kolan South P&C supports our school’s participation in the Science, English and Maths Competitions, instrumental music, and helps subsidise a range of school activities including excursions, Life Education visit and bus transport, as well as ribbons and trophies for Sports Day. The P&C also contributes support every year for our school library resources.

Corps of Drums Performs

This Friday morning, 17 May, the Corps of Drums travels to Bundaberg to perform at the Child & Family Community Expo being held at the Bundaberg PCYC. The band will perform at 11.00am for those who are able to make it along. Good luck to Deane Drinnen and Corps of Drums members and support crew.

Premier’s Reading Challenge

This year’s Reading Challenge commences next week. Every student will receive a reading record card and we hope that we will have a healthy percentage of students participating in 2013. More information, next week.

District Trophies Arrive

After a little wait, the District Cross Country trophies have arrived at their home for the next 12 months. If you visit the office, you will see the trophies on the counter.

A tremendous effort by our cross country team to capture both the A Schools and Average Points trophies for 2013. Super job!

Special Staff Efforts

The grounds look superb at the moment. Thank-you to Keith Johnson who continues to do a fantastic job as groundsman. As well, two other invaluable members of staff are our cleaners, Jan Foster and Pam Boyce. Thanks also to Jan and Pam for the wonderful effort they make every day keeping our school clean.

Jeff Searle

The cross country team finally have the chance to proudly display the A Schools trophy and the Average Points trophy from the District cross country, held recently. Well done, Kolan South!
May Birthdays
15 Shannon S, 22 Emerson P 22 Byron G, 25 Kelly L, 26 Ebony B 31 Mitchell D

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Jack B: Learning 200 sight words.
Jim C: Learning 200 sight words.
Ryder L-W: A wonderful talk about “My Memory”.
Elise R: Committed to learning.
Haylee W: Great efforts in persuasive writing.
Brodi B: Great efforts with home reading.
Faith B: Pushing herself to beat her “Personal Best” every day in Kilometre Club.
Jacob D: Pushing himself to beat his “Personal Best” every day in Kilometre Club.
Jon K: Excellent progress in Maths.
Kai S: Working well in all activities.
Nick P: A great effort in Numeracy practice. Well done, Nick!
Billy A: Greater concentration and effort in Maths is producing some much-improved results. Well done, Billy!

South Kolan Community Kindergarten Cent Sale
Come along to the monthly South Kolan Community Kindy continuous cent sale afternoon and win lots of prizes to pack your pantry.

To be held at the South Kolan Hotel this Saturday 18th of May at 1:30pm. Entry is free and afternoon tea is provided. Lunch is available and the fun and laughter, free.

ICE CUPS
ICE CUPS are on sale on Fridays for 50 cents each. Thanks for your supporting our excursions.

AIR LEAGUE
The Australian Air League is a youth organisation for boys and girls, aged 8 years and up which promotes and encourages an interest in aviation.

It is a rewarding opportunity to have fun and gain education about flying and aviation. Members will also develop life skills such as leadership, confidence and initiative, qualities which lead to success in any career but especially the in the aviation industry.

A wide range of activities are involved including drill, camps, model aircraft building, physical activities, specialised courses and training. For more info find us on Facebook at Australian Air League-Bundaberg Squadron or call Ceciley on 0400 958 366.

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