What a Term!

This has been a term full of achievements for our school but also for many individual students. In sport his term, we have once again confirmed our school as Gin Gin District Sports champions and many of our students have represented at district level. At this point in the year, we have had 8 students represent Bundaberg in various sports and 5 students gain selection to participate in State championships—an amazing result!

In music, our Kolan South Corps of Drums has performed in a number of community festivals and events, and our strings students have performed in district workshops and orchestras.

In the academic arena, Kolan South won the Bundaberg Maths Teams Challenge for 2013 (‘B’ Schools — 100 to 300 students), and delivered some excellent academic results in the Australasian Science, English and Maths Competitions. We have staged successfully our major school event of the Twilight Fair, thanks to the hard work and commitment of our terrific P&C committee, staff and supporters.

Congratulations to staff, students and parents for an absolutely outstanding effort, this term.

NAPLAN

In May, students in Year 3, 5 and 7 participated in the national tests in literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN). Individual student reports will be issued after they arrive, early next term. We will provide a performance report in the newsletter after the holidays, as well.

Year 4-7 Swimming

The upper classes (Yr 4/5/6 and Yr 6/7) will participate in swimming lessons after the holidays, in the 2nd or 3rd week back. There will be about 6 weeks of swimming ($3 per week).

Details regarding swimming arrangements will be confirmed in the first newsletter after the holidays.

Good Luck, Tarleah

Damon W is currently representing Bundaberg Zone at the Wide Bay Cricket trials. Go, Damon!

Best wishes to Tarleah R who is representing Bundaberg in the Queensland Invitational Girls’ Rugby League Championships to be held in Hervey Bay commencing this coming weekend. Good luck, Tarleah!

Tuckshop is back this week

Tuckshop returns this Wednesday, 18 September. Thank-you to all Tuckshop volunteers who have supported us throughout the term. Special thanks to Janelle Duffy, our convenor.

Thank-you to our Relief Teachers

A sincere thank-you to Cindy Jennings and Shelley Greenhalgh who have been wonderful relief teachers, this term. Cindy has been travelling from Noosa each week for the whole term to fulfill the appointment, away from family. We have been fortunate to secure such caring and committed replacement staff.

Term 4

School recommences for students on Tuesday, 8 October. Thank-you to families and staff for your support throughout the term and well done to our students. Safe and happy holidays, when they arrive! See you back on Tuesday, 8 October.

Jeff Searle

School Calendar

- Sept 20 (Fri) Last day of Term 3
- Oct 7 (Mon) Labour Day Holiday
- Oct 8 (Tue) School recommences
- Oct 22 (Tue) P&C Meeting
- Oct 31 / Nov 1 Yr 3 & 4 Excursion to Mon Repos
- Nov 6-8 Yr 5, 6 & 7 Chaverim Camp
- Nov 14 & 15 Yr 1 & 2 Excursion to Mon Repos
- Nov 26 & 27 Life Education Centre visit
- Dec 4 (Wed) Family Night
- Dec 13 (Fri) Last day of the school year

Our final Assembly for Term 3 is on Thursday morning at 9.00am in the Library. All parents are welcome to join us for Assembly.
Year 1 Class News

English
One of our focuses this term was “Procedures” and the students had great fun making their own “Hairy Harry’s”.

“A Hairy Harry is a stocking with eyes and a mouth and it grows grass hair. It has a jar or cup at the bottom and you have to check (the water) every day.”

By Caitlin.

Maths
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Science
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SOSE
With the help of The Lorax, we have been learning about how fragile habitats and environments are and how to care for them. A few Year 1’s have taken it upon themselves to be the “Litter Squad”, picking up blown away litter during their playtime and the class as a whole are super-duper Recyclers.

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We tried our own indigenous artwork with Dot Paintings.

“In dot art we used ear buds to dot inside the picture.”

by Brooklyn.

Another favourite in Art this term has been our wonderful bright cats, which add colour and cheer to our classroom.

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Junior Strings played for the students, staff and parents on Assembly. It was a commendable performance.

Invitation to the Beginners League at the Gin Gin Golf Club
Have you ever thought about playing Golf?
Put the children into school, come along and have a go!
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With some basic equipment, lessons and practice you, too, can enjoy this popular sport.
This program is designed for a fun morning out of office or house enjoying 9 holes of golf with others. Equipment is available for use at the club.
Dress: Neat and Tidy, Shorts/Skirt/Sneakers, Water of Bottle, Hat and Sunscreen
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When: Wednesday Mornings 8.45am
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