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Kolan South Established in 1878



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

*Principal's Messages ~ Best wishes to everyone for a successful final term of the 2013 school year.*

### Welcome Back

Welcome back everyone for our final term of 2013. Best wishes for a positive and productive finish to the school year. Great to have Helen Donald and Carmel Rowe back after stints of long service leave (and travel).

### NAPLAN

In May, students in Year 3, 5 and 7 participated in the national tests in literacy and numeracy (NAPLAN). Our school has once again performed very well overall on these tests.

It is important to remember the results represent a point-in-time testing over a few hours each May. The NAPLAN results are important but are just one of the many pieces of information our school uses to improve learning outcomes for our students. Some highlights from this year's NAPLAN:

- This year, our Year 7 class has **exceeded the National average in every area.**
- Our Year 3 class has **exceeded the National mean in Numeracy and Grammar/Punctuation, and the State mean in Writing.**
- Our Year 5 class has performed at close to or around the State average in most areas, **exceeding the National mean in Grammar/Punctuation.**

Congratulations to all staff, students and parents for the continued hard work to achieve great results! Individual student reports for NAPLAN and certificates for the Science, English and Maths Competitions will be sent home soon.

### Australasian Maths Competition Awards

Last term, Year 2 to 7 students participated in the Australasian Maths Competition. Well done to all students who participated. Congratulations to these student high achievers:



#### School Achievement Awards

Seth D, Summer Z, Jacob D, Lewis D, Byron G, Ethan R, Zahli S, Lucy S, Bailee T, Lara B, Samuel K, Leah B, Billie-Jo P, Emily R, Tarleah R, Tyler Wilson, Joel W

#### Credit Awards

Sophie B, Travis B, Lily M, Ella M, Ethan P, Lachlan S, Chloe G, Amber B, Billy A, Kimberley D, Nicole J, Damon W, Kobe W

#### Distinction Awards

Tahnaya D, McKenzie F, Brayden W, Rydar W, Luke W, Jane A, Shannon S, Rick W

### School Photos

School photo orders have been sent home today. Please contact the school if you have any concerns or discrepancies.

### Year 4-7 Swimming

The Year 4/5/6 and 6/7 classes will participate in swimming lessons this term for 6 weeks (\$3 per week), commencing next Thursday, 17 October. Details, next week.

### After School Programs

After school programs commence next week. Soccer will be held on Mondays and Table Tennis (Year 4 to 7 only) will be held on Wednesdays. Programs run from 3.00—4.00pm.

### Tuckshop commences next week

Tuckshop returns next Wednesday, 16 October. Thank-you again, in advance, to our team of tuckshop volunteers who will make tuckshop happen, this term.

### School Excursions

We have a very busy schedule of excursions in Term 4. In the next two weeks, information will be sent home regarding all of the excursions.



Parents, please don't send any excursion payments to school until you receive the excursion letters and invoices. Costs are still being confirmed. Below is a reminder of the three major excursions planned for this term

Group	Destination
Yr 1&2	Mon Repos - 2 days 14 & 15 Nov (\$40)
Yr 3&4	Capricorn Caves - 2 days 31 Oct & 1 Nov (\$120)
Yr 5,6&7	Chaverim - 3 days 6-8 Nov (\$150)

### 2014 School Calendar

Included in this newsletter is the 2014 School Calendar. If you are planning holidays or trips for next year, this may be useful information.

Jeff Searle

#### School Calendar

Oct 8 (Tue)	School recommences
Oct 16 (Wed)	North High Enrolment Meetings (Yr 8—2014)
Oct 22 (Tue)	P&C Meeting 5.00pm
Oct 25 (Fri)	Word Teachers Day / Day for Daniel
Oct 31 / Nov 1	Yr 3&4 Excursion to Capricorn Caves
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 3 (Tue)	North High Yr 7/8 Transition Day
Dec 4 (Wed)	Family Night
Dec 13 (Fri)	Last day of the school year

**Assembly is on Thursday mornings at 9.00am in the Library.  
All parents are welcome to join us for Assembly.**

### October Birthdays

9 Lily M, 11 Meka B, 12 Dylan R  
13 Eloise R, 16 Ryder L-W  
18 Alison D, 20 Jack B, 26 Rydar W

### November Birthdays

2 Nikita M, 3 Lee M, 6 Bailee T, 7 Todd M  
9 Zane P, 14 Brooklyn T, 18 Dalton B  
22 Ella M, Lewis D, 25 Tyler W  
28 Therese C



**ICE CUPS on sale each Friday 50c each**

### CLASS AWARDS

**Olivia M:** Getting all her sight words right all term.

**Nicholas G:** Getting his sight words right all term.

**Riley P:** Getting his sight words right all term.

**Kaelin H:** Getting his sight words right all term.

**Jesse B:** Getting his sight words right all term.

**Zoe W:** Getting all her sight words right all term.

**Savannah D:** Working really hard all week with confidence. Well done!

**Paige M:** Improved attendance.

**Baelie W:** Excellent improvement in reading groups.

**Kody O:** Showing great patience and working hard to improve his reading.

**Brodi B:** Trying her best to improve her schoolwork and being a helpful classroom member.

**McKenzie F:** Creating a fantastic portrait of herself using oil pastels.

**Chloe G:** Fantastic efforts in reading groups and writing tasks.

**Nick W:** Fantastic improvement in written tasks.

**Corban B:** Excellent focus during writing activities.

**Leah B:** Outstanding efforts during Reading Smart.

**Meka B:** Outstanding efforts during Reading Smart.



## Looking For Volunteer Host Families

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting you to experience another culture in your own home by becoming a volunteer host family to an international student arriving in January 2014. Our students from Italy, Belgium, Brazil, France, Japan, the Netherlands, Norway, Thailand, Canada and South America are looking forward to experiencing life in Australia, making new friends and becoming a member of an Australian family soon.

### Hosting Is Fun! Find Out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. To help you make this important decision, contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family.

Sylvia Kelly

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**Get your red shirt or colours ready for Day for Daniel on Friday, 25 October.**

**Day for Daniel**

Crimes against children have no place in modern Australia. Please support our National Day of Action by wearing something Red and help empower our children to 'Recognise, React and Report' if they feel something is not right.

### Information Session Parenting Teenagers

*Aimed to assist parents balance their time, promote good communication and provide strategies to deal with concerns and risky behaviour in their teenagers.*

**When: Monday 4th November, 9 to 10.30am**

**Where: 14 Tantitha Street, Bundaberg**

**Cost: \$10 per person**

**Please book in by calling 1300 364 277**  
**Confirmation of bookings will be Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October.**

# 2014 school calendar

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There are 194 school days in 2014. Semester 1 2014 commences for teachers on January 23 and for students on January 28.

#### STAFF PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS

Staff professional development days (student free days) for teachers are January 23 and 24, and October 20. Schools are able to decide when their three flexible staff professional development days will be held, as long as they are in the school holidays or out-of-school hours.

#### PUBLIC HOLIDAYS

Public holidays are set by the Industrial Relations Minister. Public holidays for a local show are not shown due to diversity of dates across the state.

#### FINAL DATES FOR STUDENT ATTENDANCE

November 21 is the final date for Year 12 attendance for receipt of a Senior Statement. November 28 is the final date for student attendance in Years 10 and 11.

Some schools in regional, rural and remote areas will close for the Summer holidays on December 5.

All other state primary, secondary and special schools will close on December 12.

In 2015, all state schools will re-open for students on January 27.

The information in this calendar was correct at the time of publication (July 2013) but may be subject to change.

For more information and the latest version of this calendar, visit [www.education.qld.gov.au](http://www.education.qld.gov.au)

Great state. Great opportunity.

