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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 ~ Looking forward to another great year for our school community. Best wishes to everyone.

Welcome 2014

Welcome back to everyone for the new school year, and a special welcome to new families and staff.

Parents, please discuss any issues with your teachers so that we can assist in any way possible to ensure a positive start to the school year for your child / children.

2014 Classes

We will commence 2014 with 6 classes, as listed below. Be aware that this is a preliminary arrangement until our staffing levels are confirmed. There could well be changes to the composition of classes depending on enrolments.

Our classes start as:

Prep Tanya Zielke	Yr 3/4 Deane Drinnen
Yr 1/2 Helen Donald	Yr 4/5 Debra Romans
Yr 2/3 Kelley Nathan-Webster	Yr 6/7 Jeff S / Darren D

Welcome to Tanya Zielke and Kelley Nathan-Webster, our new teachers for 2014.

Specialist Staff

This year, it is also good that we have no major changes with our specialist teacher staff. Our Music teacher Shannon Brown will visit on Tuesdays while strings instrumental teacher Christine Buwalda will again be here on Thursdays. PE teacher Nichole Russell will visit on Fridays. LOTE (Japanese) with Susan Alexander for Year 6 and 7 will be on Monday and Wednesday mornings.

Uniforms and Book Requirements

Thank-you to families for your efforts in outfitting students in uniform, and preparing booklist needs. Your efforts are appreciated. Please make contact if you need any advice or assistance in these areas.

Contact Information

Parents, please contact the school office if you have any change to contact details, address, phone numbers, etc.

Swimming

This term, students Years 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing in a few weeks. Cost this year will again be \$3 per week (for 6 weeks). Parents, please keep an eye out for information regarding swimming arrangements. More information soon about swimming.

Toys and Valuables

Parents, please ensure students are not taking toys, sports gear or valuables to school. These items are best kept at home. As well, mobile phones or ipods should not be brought to school. If there are special circumstances, please contact the school. Thank-you.

Tuckshop

Tuckshop will likely again be on Wednesdays, commencing in a few weeks. There will be a request form for volunteers included with the newsletter, soon. Please keep an eye on the Informer for Tuckshop information.

Parent/Teacher Communications

We will be holding parent/teacher meetings towards the end of Term One. In the meantime, please feel free to communicate with your teachers at any time if you have concerns or queries regarding student progress.

Car Park Procedures

Parents, please refer to the information over the page regarding car park safety and guidelines for drop-off and pick-up of students. With new families joining us at Kolan South, and the start of a new school year, it is a good time to review the procedures. Thank-you for supporting these routines in the interests of safety.

School Calendar

Included in this newsletter is the school calendar for 2014. The calendar provides information on school holiday breaks, etc. It was also sent home in a previous Informer.

Thank-you to students, parents, and staff for back-to-school preparations. Please stay in touch regarding any concerns you may have. Looking forward to a positive start to school, this week. I hope it goes well for everyone.

Jeff Searle

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Jan 27(Mon)	Australia Day Public Holiday
Jan 28 (Tues)	School commences
Jan 31 (Fri)	School and House Captains elections
Feb 11 (Tue)	P&C AGM 5.00pm
Feb 17 (Mon)	After School Sport commences
Feb 21 (Fri)	Yr 1-3 Swimming commences
Mar 17 (Mon)	Artslink Performance
Mar 24—28	Parent / Teacher Meetings
April 4 (Fri)	Last day of term

Weekly Assembly

Our weekly Assembly is on Thursday mornings from 9.00 to 9.30 in the library. All parents are very welcome to attend assembly.

BIRTHDAYS



January

30 Nick W, Dane M

February

1 Mason A, Haylee W, 4 Simran P
11 Riley H, 13 Cody R
14 Amber B, Kaelin H, 17 Brayden W
22 Carlos O, 23 Larissa B, Ethan R
24 Indyelle Z, 27 Isobel M, Laura M
28 William M

ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS

Frozen cordial cups will be on sale each Friday for 50 cents, starting this week. Funds raised go towards end of year excursions. Your support is very much appreciated. Thank-



Important Rules for Car Park Safety

School Arrival Time

Please ensure your children are not arriving at school before 8.00am. In special circumstances, contact the school. Thank-you.

Morning Drop Off

If you are dropping off students in the morning by car or private transport, please either use the parking area in front of St George Hall or drop off at one of the gates. Drop off at the front gate is allowable, at this stage, until further notice.

Car Park Safety—Drive Slowly

At all times, drivers should maintain a slow speed in the car park and turn-around area. It is also a pedestrian area. Between 8.00am and 3.15pm, cars should follow the direction of the arrows in a clockwise direction.

Hopefully, no-one will be injured if drivers act with absolute caution and vigilance. It could be a young child who suddenly runs off from a parent or changes direction unexpectedly that creates a dangerous situation.

Afternoon Pickup

In the afternoon, students who are going home by car or private transport must assemble at the collection area (inside the first gate).

Parents are requested to collect students from this area if your child is in Prep to Year 3. Students in older year levels may walk over to cars (with younger siblings) when the duty teacher directs.

THANK-YOU TO ALL STUDENTS, STAFF AND PARENTS FOR HELPING TO MAKE OUR SCHOOL AS SAFE AS POSSIBLE.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

If your child misses	That equals	Which is	and over 13 years of schooling that's...	Which means the best your child might perform is ...
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 11
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Over 2.5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 10
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Over 5 years	Equal to finishing in grade 7
3 days per week	120 Days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years	Equal to finishing in grade 4

2014 school calendar



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.