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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 ~ Well done to students, staff and parents for an excellent start to the school year.*

### A Fantastic Start

Thank-you to all families for helping to make the start of school as smooth as possible. Students settled in well last week, and we are quickly into school and learning routines.

### School Permissions Form

Included with this week's Informer are permission, consent and medical forms for completion and return to school. Many thanks.

### Classes

Our school staffing is confirmed upon the enrolment numbers at the end of this week. At this stage, we look good to retain our present staff, however we are just on the threshold and need everyone 'on deck' for the count. If we do keep all of our current teachers, class sizes will be very positive (not too large!). Thanks for your support.

### Homework Program

Parents, please refer over the page to the general information regarding homework at Kolan South. Individual teachers will communicate regarding specific class homework routines.

Homework is not meant to be an onerous task however we all know that it can be a source of difficulty for students or families depending on circumstances. Please see your teacher if you have any concerns to do with homework.

### Contact Information

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

### Instrumental Music Commences

Instrumental Music teacher, Christine Buwalda, commences with instrumental music students this Thursday, 6 February.

### After School Programs

After School programs commence in Week 4 of this term. Registration forms will be sent home, next week. The programs will be:

*Mondays Mod Cricket 3.00-4.00 Prep to 7*  
*Wednesdays Table Tennis 3.00-4.00 Year 4 to 7*

### P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held next Tuesday afternoon, 11 February, commencing at 5.00 pm in the library. The Annual General Meeting, and election of the Executive for 2014, will occur prior to the general meeting. Items for discussion include P&C activities for this year. All parents are welcome.

## EVERY DAY COUNTS

### CURRICULUM INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

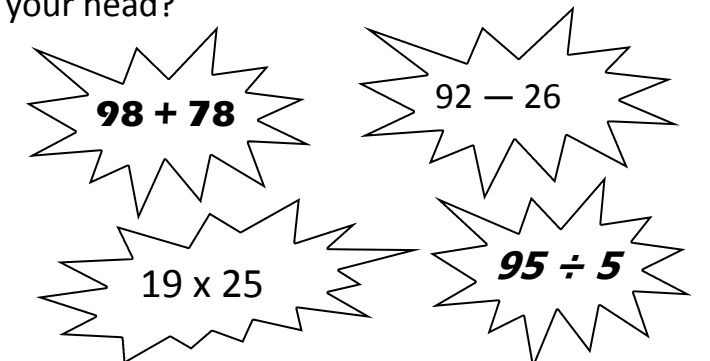
#### Spelling

Parents, included with the newsletter is a list of important words that children normally use in their writing. We are using this list at school to support classroom and individual spelling lists.

#### Number Facts and Mental Maths

Please encourage children to be using mental maths at every opportunity at home. Research is telling us that we use mental calculations more than 80% of the time.

How would you work these calculations out in your head?



#### Reading at Kolan South

Our teachers teach reading through a range of instructional methods. These include:

- Reading aloud to students
- Modelled reading lessons with the teacher
- Shared reading sessions
- Guided reading lessons with the teacher or teacher aide
- Independent reading



*A huge thank-you to Brian Terry and the Terry family for our new school signs. They look terrific. Thanks, Brian.*

*Jeff Searle*

#### SCHOOL CALENDAR

*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 ~ The Box*  
*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

## February

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



## CLASS AWARDS

- Ryer B:** A helpful member of the class.  
**Liam M:** Always using his manners.  
**Sumarh R:** Very detailed retell.  
**Teanna W:** Excellent writing skills.  
**Jaeken G:** Being an ENTHUSIASTIC class member.  
**Abby D:** A FANTASTIC start to 2014 school year.  
**Byron M:** Fantastic efforts in writing.  
**Mason A:** Great participation in class.  
**Therese C:** Making excellent choices in class.  
**Blake M:** An excellent first week.  
**Simran P:** A "SUPERB" start at Kolan South.  
**Paris B:** A "MAGNIFICENT" start at Kolan South.  
**Jon K:** An AWESOME effort in class and helping around the school.

# Welcome New Teachers

Mrs Kelley Nathan with the Year 2/3 Class



Ms Tanya Zielke with the Prep Class



# ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS

Frozen cordial cups will be on sale each Friday for 50 cents. Funds raised go towards end of year excursions. Your



## HOMEWORK AT KOLAN SOUTH

### PURPOSE OF HOMEWORK

At Kolan South, we believe that Homework is important for these reasons:

- The tasks provide practice and support for learning in the classroom
- Homework focuses on the essential basics of literacy and numeracy
- Homework encourages students to take responsibility for their own learning
- Students will be well-prepared for future homework and study expectations as they move through to high school

Kolan South is focused on developing **positive attitudes** to the completion of homework, with particular attention to reading in the younger year levels.

### WHEN?

Homework will be handed out on different days, depending on the classroom.

### Reading

Prep to Year 3 students will receive levelled home readers for them to complete as a part of set homework. Year 4 to 7 students will be expected to complete a reading log for recording their home reading which is usually their current novel or library book. Year 4 students may continue to have home readers in the transition to independent reading.

### Spelling and Vocabulary

Students will be provided with a weekly list which corresponds to the words practised in class, as well as personal words catering to individual needs.

### Writing and Language Conventions

Depending on the year level, students may have some brief language tasks that support their language development.

### Maths

Year 3 to 7 students will be placed on a maths homework level that corresponds to their ability. Younger year levels will have some simple activities that support their basic numeracy development. The instant recall of basic facts over the four operations (+, -, x, ÷) is an important goal by Year 7. Any practice at home will help school efforts.

### Other Reading

The school is not, and should not be, the only source of reading material for students. Reading books from home or libraries, magazines, newspapers, even information on the internet **is reading**. Parents, if you can make time to read to your children, the benefits are significant. Thank-you.

# BUNDABERG JUNIOR TENNIS



## TENNIS LESSONS

The Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg MLC Tennis Hot Shots Learning, commences week of 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2014 at with Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coaches, Murray Whitbread and Kevin Banner. All ages are catered for. Group & Private Lessons are available. "Super Sunday, Family Sign-on" will be held Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014.

For further information and to Register your child's name please contact either Murray 0407 639824 or Kevin 4152 0753 / 0409 520753. Come n- See what is on offer at the club!

## TENNIS

"Super Sunday, Family Sign-on" will be held Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2014 from 2pm to 5pm at the Bundaberg & District Junior Tennis Association Inc. Rotary Park Tennis complex, 69b George Street, South Bundaberg. Have a great day of tennis and sign-up for MLC Hot Shots Learning; MLC Hot Shots Games; All standards of Junior Learning; Junior competitions; Adult Day & Social Night Tennis; Ladies competition; Adult Cardio Tennis; Court Hire - all in a fun-filled environment.

For further information please contact Bundaberg Tennis Academy Professional Coaches, Kevin Banner 4152 0753 / 0409 520753 or Murray 0407 639824.

## Become A Volunteer Host Family

### Make Your Place Their Second Home

World Education Program (WEP) is inviting Australian families to experience another culture within their own homes by becoming volunteer host families. Choose a student from Italy, Belgium, France, Switzerland, The Netherlands or South America and get a glimpse into the life of another culture without having to leave the comfort of your home! Our exchange students are just as excited about sharing their own culture and life experiences as they are about becoming a member of an Australian family.

### Arriving in July:

**Pietro (17) from Italy** is sporty, representing his region in tennis. He is a member of the scouts and plays the guitar and drums.

**Cecile (15) from France** is a keen dancer, in both classical and jazz. She is also an excellent skier and enjoys the smaller, non-materialistic things in life. **+ MANY MORE**

### Find out more!

Getting to know your student before he or she arrives brings fun and joy to everyone involved. Take the next step and contact WEP today to receive a full information pack for your family, including student profiles.

### Contact:

**Sylvia Kelly**  
 Manager - Inbound Exchange Programs  
**Phone:** 1300 884 733  
**Email:** info@wep.org.au  
**Online:** www.wep.org.au



Open your home and hearts to an international exchange student!  
 It's easier than you think and a fantastic experience for all!



## Want to play netball in 2014??

### 5-6 Yrs (born 2008/2009)

Sign On 8<sup>th</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> March 9am-11am  
 Daph Geddes Netball Park

### 7-10 Years (born 2007/2002)

Sign On - Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> February 9am-11am OR  
 Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> February 2-4pm  
 Daph Geddes Netball Park  
 Contact Shelley Naumann - 0408881047  
 Or Karen Holloway 0427977105

### Club Contacts - 12 Years and over

- Alloway Netball Club - Lyn Newport 41528298
- ATW Netball Club - Sandy Baker 0401533222
- Blazers Netball Club - Debbie Corrigan 0428910691
- Brothers Netball Club - Jodie Brooks 432121791
- Natives Netball Club - Kellie Hansen 0419763796
- Western Suburbs Netball - Jo Downie 0419655514

For more details on the season check out our website  
[www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au](http://www.bundaberg.netball.asn.au)  
 or email us on [bundynetball@bigpond.com](mailto:bundynetball@bigpond.com)

# BEAT THE BACK TO SCHOOL BLUES

MAKE THIS YEAR YOUR CHILDS BEST EVER  
 BY GIVING THEM THE BULLY PROOF CONFIDENCE OF A



YOU and your family are invited to come and help us celebrate 44 years of being Australia's number one non tournament Art of Self Defence at our

**Annual Child Expo and Open Day!**

Join us for:

- Self Defence (anti school bullying) work shops
- Student & Black Belt Demonstrations
- Arts and Crafts with Wide Bay Kids
- Dunk a Black Belt
- Ten Pin Bowling with Bundy Bowl and Leisure
- Face painting with Frivolous Faces
- Safety and Information stalls from DNA Learn to Swim, Wall 2 Wall Cycles and MORE!

**FREE ENTRY**

**Ph: 4151 0288**  
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**W: www.rheetaekwondo.info**

Refreshments will be available through our friends at Rise the Bakehouse