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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 ~ Thanks to all of the parents who have been attending our weekly assembly on Thursdays.

Good News

Thankfully, we have passed the Day 8 student count with sufficient enrolments to keep all of our teachers. This is a huge relief for us. We can now get on with our work, and focus on the task of teaching and learning, without further disruption. Thank-you to all families for your support for our school. We are looking forward to another terrific year of growth and achievement at Kolan South.

Student Leaders

Congratulations to newly-elected student leaders for 2014, Lara Benecke and Simran Prasad (School Captains), Jane Arnott and Dane Myers (School Vice-Captains), and House Captains Mitchell Duffy and Riley Hammelswang (Beatty), Bailee Taylor and Kai Edwards (Gibson), and Desiree Christen and Britani Jones (Thompson).

The presentation of student leaders will occur at Assembly in the next couple of weeks. More information, soon.

Tuckshop Commences

Tuckshop commences this Wednesday, 12 February. A tuckshop menu is included with this Informer. Please also refer to the information on the back of the menu page regarding ordering procedure.

Tuckshop Volunteers needed

Included with this week's newsletter is a request form for volunteers. Please consider helping out with Tuckshop. It is a terrific highlight for the students and a steady fundraiser for our school, however we need volunteers to make it viable. Many thanks again to Janelle Duffy, who does a brilliant job as our convenor, and those parents who have already expressed interest in volunteering in 2014.

Absence Notes

Included with today's newsletter are some absence notes that you can use to notify the school of the reason for a student's absence.

Late Arrival or Early Departure

Parents, if a student is arriving late or departing early, you are requested to pop in to the office to sign the register and notify the admin staff. Your assistance here is appreciated.

After School Programs

After School Programs will commence, next week. The registration form, which is being sent home today, must be returned to school for participation in the program.

P&C Meeting

Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held tomorrow 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 invited to attend, and most welcome.

Swimming

This term, students in Year 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing next Friday, 21 Feb. Cost this year will again be \$3 per week (for 6 weeks). Next week there will be some information regarding swimming arrangements.

Extra Funding

A recent announcement indicated that State schools will be receiving a special grant – for the lower school, to improve outcomes. Our grant for Kolan South will be approximately \$30 000. This will be very welcome. We will be submitting a plan in the next couple of weeks for the use of these funds. More information in coming weeks.

SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

At Kolan South, the 2013 Student School Opinion Survey produced very positive results, as shown below:

- ◆ 100% of students who completed the survey said Kolan South is a 'good school'.
- ◆ 100% of students who completed the survey said they were getting a 'good education' at Kolan South.
- ◆ 100% of students who completed the survey said their teachers motivated them to learn.
- ◆ 100% of students who completed the survey said that student behaviour was well-managed at Kolan South.

Jeff Searle

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb 11 (Tue) P&C AGM 5.00pm
Feb 17 (Mon) After School Sport commences
Feb 21 (Fri) Swimming for Year 1/2, 2/3 & 3/4 starts
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.

EVERY DAY COUNTS

BIRTHDAYS

February

11 Riley H, 13 Cody R 14 Amber B, Kaelin H
17 Brayden W, 22 Carlos O, 23 Larissa B
24 Indyelle Z 27 Isobel M, Laura M
28 William M



CLASS AWARDS

Cooper P: Trying hard to follow classroom rules and instructions.

Aimee B: Being a good role model in the classroom. Well done!

Riley P: Always staying on task and working effectively.

Isobel M: Great listening skills.

Billie-Jo P: Always working to the best of her ability.

Ryder L-W: Always being a polite and courteous class member.

Bethany P: Being a hard worker and a consistent contributor.

Braxton C: A cheerful, hardworking class member.

Lee M: Working well in all activities.

Lily P: Always participating in classroom discussions.

Mitchell D: Accurate efforts in Maths Mentals.

Ryan W: A brilliant effort in "Problem of the Day"

Kai E: A splendid effort in "Problem of the Day"



ICE CUPS ON FRIDAYS

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



P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kolan South State School Parents & Citizens Association will be held tomorrow, Tuesday 11 February, at 5.00pm in the library.

Following the AGM, our first general P&C Meeting for 2014 will be held.

We encourage all parents to consider attending our first meeting of the year. More interest from parents means a better working P&C, including new ideas and more support for the school. All welcome.

ARTSLINK PERFORMANCE Monday 17 March St George Hall 'THE BOX'

For these two clowns, moving a box has never been so complicated!

Two clowns have a job; to move a box across a room. It sounds simple, but nothing is ever simple when clowns are involved! Chaos, comic creativity and fantastic situations play out as these two clowns show us how extraordinary the ordinary can become, and how funny we all are at heart.

A hilarious physical comedy about human relationships, overcoming difference and working together, *The Box* is a heart-warming production that inspires play, creativity and contagious laughter in students and teachers alike.

Admission Price \$6 per student or \$15 family rate

*Payment envelopes coming home in a couple of weeks.



THE BOX



RULE OF THE WEEK

BE RESPECTFUL

- Use appropriate, polite and courteous language
- Respect others
- Respect all property, including your own

MORE HIGHLIGHTS FROM 2013 STUDENT OPINION SURVEY

- ◆ 100% of students say their schoolwork challenges them
- ◆ 100% of students say they can access computers and other technologies for learning
- ◆ 100% of students say their teachers encourage them to do their best
- ◆ 100% of students say the school gives them opportunities to do interesting things
- ◆ 100% of students say their teachers motivate them to learn
- ◆ 100% of students say their teachers care about them

What is the evidence that your child is attending a high achieving school?

These are Kolan South's Year 7 NAPLAN results for the last 3 years.

NAPLAN	2011			2012			2013		
	STATE	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH	STATE	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH	STATE	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH
Year 7 Reading	526	540	560	524	541	541	533	540	554
Year 7 Writing	526	529	561	504	518	525	515	517	525
Year 7 Spelling	522	538	551	527	543	539	542	549	572
Year 7 G&P	517	533	562	532	546	550	532	535	556
Year 7 Numeracy	532	545	582	526	538	569	539	542	605

Information Session Parenting Teenagers

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

When: Tuesday 25th February, 5 to 6.30pm

Where: 14 Tantitha Street, Bundaberg

Cost: \$10 per person

Please book in by calling 1300 364 277

Confirmation of bookings will be Thursday 20th February.

Collectamania

On Display: 13 September – 9 November 2014
Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery & Childers Arts Space 2014

Got a passion for objects, or know someone who does?

Bundaberg Regional Galleries are looking to tell the stories of the passionate and obsessive collectors of our region. The gallery is curating an exhibition that will showcase all the wonderfully weird, unique and beautiful objects that people collect. This may include; antiques, toys, memorabilia, clothing, farm equipment, cars, motorbikes, household items, art, natural objects or ANYTHING!

The exhibition will not only showcase the amazing objects people collect but also the unique stories of the collectors themselves and what got them started on the collecting path.

The exhibitions open in September 2014 and will be displayed at Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery (BRAG) and Childers Arts Space (CHARTS). We are currently on the hunt for collections and collectors to feature. If you know an interesting collection, or a collector, please contact:

Trudie Leigo, Bundaberg Regional Art Gallery
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BMX Skills Clinics
with **Zac May**

Want to get more out of the local skate park on your BMX? We have 5 Clinics of learning the tricks & skills you want know

Walla Street Skate Park
Bundaberg

Dates: Clinic 1... 15th February 2014
Clinic 2... 22nd February 2014
Clinic 3... 1st March 2014
Clinic 4... 15th March 2014
Clinic 5... 22nd March 2014

Time: 4pm to 5pm

What to bring:
Bike, Helmet (NO helmet NO ride)
Comfortable riding clothes
water bottle

Best in BMX brought to you by:

\$25 a clinic OR All 5 clinics for \$110
Discount only if paid in advance
Bookings Essential
Numbers limited to ensure quality coaching

For more Information & to book your spot Contact
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25 GREAT PARENTING IDEAS

Focus on one idea a day to transform your parenting in less than a month (Cut out and put on fridge)

1. Do more things **with** kids than **for** them
2. If you want happy, resilient kids **you go first**
3. Raise your small family with a **big family mindset**
4. Invest in the **opportunity years** (before teens)
5. Focus on positive **relationships with your children**
6. Expect kids to **behave well**
7. Catch kids being **resilient and persistent**
8. Attend to your kids' **mental health**
9. Don't be a family that's always **'on the go'**
10. Make sure kids help at home **without being paid**
11. Build scaffolds to **independence**
12. **Reward responsibility** with greater freedom
13. Build **self-knowledge** in kids
14. Move kids down the road from **'me' to 'we'**
15. Teach your kids to **do what's right**, not what's **easy**
16. **Strengthen your family** by creating a strong food culture
17. Create a culture where there's **nothing so bad that 'we' can't talk ABOUT it**
18. Parent from the **same script**, even if you're not together
19. **Do things** with your kids
20. Don't let kids **drop out of the family**
21. **Connect** with other parents
22. Every child needs someone in their life who says **'You can do this'**
23. Make the most of **teachable moments**
24. **Avoid your first impulse** when kids misbehave