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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 ~ Thank-you to families for your cooperation and assistance on Friday. Luckily, no wild weather.

Medications

Parents, included with this week's newsletter is the new medication form (pink). This form is to be used for all medications including antibiotics, analgesics, cough mixture, ongoing medications, such as Ventolin. Medications should be delivered to the office, preferably by parents. The form can be filled out there with the assistance of staff.

Medication cannot be administered unless accompanied by a form.

Parents should ensure that:

- Medication is provided in the original labelled container
- Medication is not out of date and has an original pharmacy label with the student's name, dosage, and time to be taken
- The school is notified in writing when a change of dosage is required. This instruction must be accompanied by a letter from a medical practitioner

** Please understand that schools are not allowed to administer Panadol or similar medications to students without permission from a medical practitioner. If required and appropriate, parents may administer Panadol to their own children, at school, as long as the school has been informed.*

Student Leaders

It was a very nice assembly of students, staff and parents for last week's leaders' investiture. Thank-you to all parents who attended to make it another memorable event in the lives of our students.

As well, many thanks to all our mums who prepared and served the lovely morning tea for the occasion, and to Jan Foster for taking photos.

Interhouse Cross Country

Our interhouse cross country will be held on Thursday 2 April, the last day of term. This is a great morning for students, with the support of parents and families who come along to cheer.

Parents, could you highlight that day on your calendars. If you are able to make it along to school, it makes for a terrific cheer squad for the runners. A reminder regarding the program and arrangements will be conveyed, soon.

Approximate starting times for the cross country events are:

9.00am	5 Years	9.50am	9 Years
9.10am	6 Years	10.10am	10 Years
9.20am	7 Years	10.30am	11 Years
9.35am	8 Years	10.50am	12 Years



*The age divisions above refer to age at the end of 2015.

After School Program

Our After School 'Games Fun' program commenced last Monday. Students can still be registered for 'Games Fun'.

Swimming

This Friday, 27 Feb, students in Year 1/2, 2/3 and 3/4 will hopefully now commence their swimming program. It will now be five weeks of swimming (total \$15) A note was sent home last week with students regarding arrangements.

Interhouse Sports Competition

Students in Years 4 to 6 are participating in an interhouse sports competition at lunchtimes on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Teams are competing in T-ball and cricket. There will also be a district T-ball competition on Friday, 27 March.

Bus Committee 2015

Thank-you to parents who attended last week's Conveyance Committee Annual General Meeting. Contact our committee executive of Mirjam Willis or Vanessa Hart or talk to bus drivers or the bus operator if you have any bus route issues.

Religious Instruction Year 1-3

Mrs Dot Soppa will take Religious Instruction with Year 1-3 students (who have permission) commencing this Wednesday afternoon, 25 February. Thank-you, Dot.

Jeff Searle

What a Difference a Day Makes ...

Missing One Day a Week for a Term = 2 weeks
 Missing One Day a Week for a Year = 8 weeks
 Missing One Day a Week for 10 Years = 4 00 days
= 2 years of school!!

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb 25 (Wed) Religious Instruction commences (Year 1-3)
 Feb 27 (Fri) Year 1-3/4 Swimming commences
 Mar 3 (Tue) P&C Meeting 5.30pm
 Mar 12 (Thur) Life Education Van arrives
 Mar 16 (Mon) Last After School Sport
 Mar 23-27 Parent / Teacher Meetings
 Mar 27 (Fri) District T-Ball Carnival (Yr 4-6)
 Mar 27 (Fri) Last Swimming Day Yr 1/2, 2/3 & 3/4
 April 1 (Wed) Student Disco
 April 2 (Thur) Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country

Assembly

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

Kolan South Billboard

Class Awards



- Beau M:** Working well to learn his sight words.
Marley M: Being responsible and taking care of our Prep puzzles.
Ryer B: Fantastic listener.
Nate L: Always participating well in class.
Isobel M: Great retells and recalls of facts in morning reading.
Keaton S: Excellent mapping skills in Geography.
Ryder L-W: Displaying an enthusiasm for learning (especially Science).
Braxton C: Always being an enthusiastic participant in class discussions.
Brodi B: Trying hard during Maths.
Jaxon J: Good effort to catch up on missed work.
Therese C: Great efforts in Maths.
Tyson D: Being an excellent role model; trying hard in all areas.



Class Awards

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-you.



February



23 Larissa B, 24 Indy Z, 27 Isobel M
 27 Laura M, 28 William M

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Students who wish to do well in our interhouse cross country event in April, or have aspirations to compete at District or Zone level, need to be participating in at least 6 to 8 weeks of training to develop the required fitness levels. If you are 10 to 12 years old this year, you could also be selected to compete at a representative level. Each year, we have had a number of students compete at Zone level, and even some go on to represent Bundaberg Zone. Kolan South holds the Gin Gin District Cross Country 'A Schools' trophy.

Kolan South students are currently commencing training at school, however students with ability are encouraged to do regular further training in out-of-school time, particularly in the cooler hours. After school training on the school oval can be negotiated if you contact Jeff Searle. Good luck with training. Run every day, if you can.

Interhouse Cross Country—Approximate Distances

5 & 6 Years— $\frac{3}{4}$ km 9 & 10 Years—2 km
 7 & 8 Years— $1\frac{1}{2}$ km 11 & 12 Years—3 km

EVERY LAP COUNTS

2014 SCHOOL OPINION SURVEY

What did Parents say?

- 100% of parents said their child likes being at Kolan South
- 100% of parents said Kolan South is a good school
- 100% of parents said their child feels safe at Kolan South
- 100% of parents said their child is getting a good education at Kolan South
- 100% of parents said they would recommend Kolan South to others

What did Students say?

- 98.2% of students said they like being at Kolan South
- 100% of students said our school looks for ways to improve
- 98.2% of students said their schoolwork challenges them
- 100% of students said their teachers encourage them to do their best
- 100% of students said they feel safe at Kolan South
- 98.2% of students said Kolan South is a good school
- 100% of students said they are encouraged to participate in school activities

Admin News & Info

Student Absence Notes

Enclosed with this newsletter is a sheet of Student Absence Notes for you to keep at home. If your child is absent from school, please complete one of the Notes and return to school as soon as possible.

Request to Administer Medication Form

Parents, please find this form (pink) included with this newsletter. This form must be used for all medications your child requires during school hours. These forms are also available from the office.

Tuckshop Reminder

When ordering your child's lunch, please write on the bag whether the order is required for 1st or 2nd lunch. Please also write the class, eg if your child is in Year 2, please write whether it is 1/2 or 2/3. Thank you.

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)

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

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

NAPLAN	2011		2012		2013		2014 (Invalid Average-7 Students)	
	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH
Year 7 Reading	540	560	541	541	540	554	546	524
Year 7 Writing	529	561	518	525	517	525	511	486
Year 7 Spelling	538	551	543	539	549	572	545	525
Year 7 G&P	533	562	546	550	535	556	543	535
Year 7 Numeracy	545	582	538	569	542	605	545	538

BUNDABERG MATHS TEAMS CHALLENGE RESULTS

- 2007 KOLAN SOUTH 2nd 'B' Schools (100-300 Students)
- 2008 KOLAN SOUTH 2nd 'B' Schools
- 2009 KOLAN SOUTH 2nd 'B' Schools
- 2010 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'B' Schools Champion
- 2011 KOLAN SOUTH 2nd 'B' Schools
- 2012 KOLAN SOUTH 2nd 'B' Schools
- 2013 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'B' Schools Champion
- 2014 KOLAN SOUTH 4th 'B' Schools



- 2013 8 Bundaberg, 3 Wide Bay Sports Representatives
- 2014 Regional Equestrian Average Points Winner
- 2014 18 Gin Gin District Athletics Representatives
- 2014 8 Gin Gin District Cross Country Representatives
- 2014 3 Bundaberg Sports Representatives

GIN GIN DISTRICT SPORTS RESULTS

- 2009 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2010 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2011 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2012 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2013 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2014 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion



GIN GIN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY RESULTS

- 2009 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2010 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2011 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2012 KOLAN SOUTH Runner Up
- 2013 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion
- 2014 KOLAN SOUTH 1st 'A' Schools Champion