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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 ~ Enjoy the Show Holiday on Thursday, and we'll see you back at school on Friday.

Improvement Agenda ✓

Our school has a planned improvement agenda. Parents, even though our school is achieving excellent results in many areas including academic, sporting, musical and cultural pursuits, at Kolan South we are looking to enhance the opportunities for our students and the quality of our educational service.

Our literacy and numeracy results in 2013 ranked Kolan South in the top 5 schools in the Bundaberg district, including State and private schools.

In literacy and numeracy, on the average from 2011 to 2013, more than 37% of Year 3, 5 and 7 students performed in the Top Two bands in national testing.

In every year from 2010 to 2013, 100% of students in Year 3 have achieved above the National Benchmark in Reading and Numeracy.

This statistic is a credit to the work of teachers, teacher aides, volunteers and parents who work with our students in the lower year levels, Prep to Year 3. They do an amazing job giving our students the best start possible in literacy and numeracy.

Our Year 7 results from 2011 to 2013 are:

- Reading 37% Top 2 Bands 2011-2013 (28% in 2013)
- Spelling 42% Top 2 Bands 2011-2013 (44% in 2013)
- G & P 39% Top 2 Bands 2011-2013 (40% in 2013)
- Numeracy 57% Top 2 Bands 2011-2013 (58% in 2013)

Congratulations to staff, students and parents for the great efforts. We are proud of our school, and striving to do even better in the future. Well done, Kolan South!

BEATTY, GIBSON, THOMPSON

You might be interested in the origins of our sports house names—Beatty, Gibson and Thompson.

Benjamin Beatty was the first Principal (or Headmaster in those days) of Kolan South back in 1878.

In 1883 **William Gibson**, a sugar grower, purchased some land on the north side of the Burnett River. His sons were partners in the venture, and John Howes and Bros, contributed financial backing. The Bingera Plantation was established, and a large crushing mill was operational by 1885. 'Bingera' is thought to be derived from an Aboriginal word indicating bream (fish).

John Thompson was a surveyor explorer who surveyed the site for the settlement of Bundaberg in 1868.

Premier's Reading Challenge

Students were issued with a Premier's Reading Challenge record card, today.

Class News

Thank-you to Debbie Romans and the 4/5 class for this week's class news feature.

North High Day of Excellence

A number of students from Year 5 to 7 have been selected again to participate in the Term 2 Day of Excellence program being conducted by Bundaberg North High. Best wishes to our students participating in the program.

Well Done, Chandler

Congratulations to Chandler Daniel who achieved success at a recent boxing competition in Brisbane.



School Uniform Jackets and Jumpers

Parents, please ensure that students are wearing jackets or jumpers in line with the school uniform colours. Royal Blue to navy blue colours are best. Zip jackets and fleecy jumpers are available from the office. Please contact the school if you need any help with uniforms. Thank-you for your support of the school uniform code.

Did You Know....

It is not surprising that maroon – the colour many people associate with Queensland sporting teams – is also the official state colour. But it was only approved officially as Queensland's state colour by the Governor in Council on 13 November, 2003. Hard to believe. There will be more on Queensland's emblems in a coming newsletter.

Enjoy the Show Holiday on Thursday, everyone. We'll see students back at school on Friday for important

At this stage of the year, overall attendance of students is good. Thank-you to families for making school a priority. Please keep it up.

Students are welcome to wear their maroon colours this Wednesday to support the Mighty Maroons.



SCHOOL CALENDAR

May 29 (Thur)	Bundaberg Show Holiday
June 4 (Wed)	Science Competition
June 6 (Fri)	Queensland Day—Free Dress
June 9 (Mon)	Queen's Birthday Holiday
June 10 (Tues)	P&C Meeting 5.00pm
June 13 (Fri)	Interhouse 400 & 800 metres
June 20 (Fri)	Interhouse Sports Day
June 26 (Thur)	Semester 1 Reports / Disco
June 27 (Fri)	Last day of term



No Assembly this week due to Show Holiday on Thursday

BIRTHDAYS

May

30 Max V, 31 Mitchell D, Zaree R

June

5 Taj S, Kane O, 8 Teanna W, 15 Tyler M



Bundaberg Careers Expo
Tuesday 27th May,
Civic Centre 4:00–6:00pm
Admission is Free



All parents, students and the general public welcome.



CLASS AWARDS

- Brooke H:** Always listening and following instructions. Well done!
- Mason M:** Trying hard to demonstrate good behaviour in the classroom.
- William M:** Learning 200 sight words.
- Kaelin H:** Learning 200 sight words.
- Indy Z:** Vast improvement in story writing.
- Baelie W:** The 'King' of Mad Minute number facts.
- Jaeken G:** Making great contributions to all class discussions.
- Ryder L-W:** Fantastic participation and effort in all areas.
- Travis B:** Fantastic results in weekly Maths tests.
- Holly M:** Amazing results in Mad Minute Maths and hard work in all areas!
- Jon K:** Great improvements in Maths. Well done.
- Connor W:** Trying hard in Maths. Well done.



Students are having a great time at After School Dance on Wednesdays with dance instructor, Janet Bright.



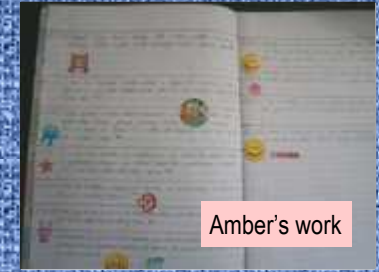
More photos from the Corps of Drums outing to the Child and Family Expo at the PCYC in Bundaberg.

Year 4/5 Class News

Handwriting

To make our handwriting perfect, we turn our book on an angle to make our writing have good shape. We have to do cursive and have wedges to get great compliments from the fussiest hand writer, Ms Romans. When we get ten smiley stickers we will be able to use a pen instead of a pencil.

Zahli, Emily, Tamrin and Amber



Zahli

Amber's work



Lewis



Lewis, Byron, Braydon and Jacob

Geography

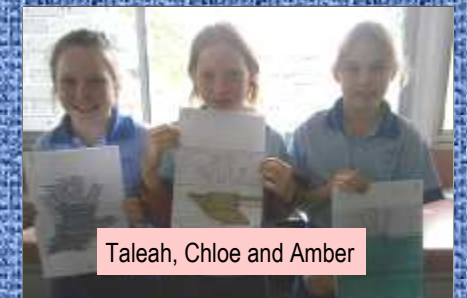
In geography we have been looking at maps and using BOLTSS. It has helped us understand the features of maps. We have been looking at the different types of maps. We have been focusing on the continent of Europe and how it connects to Australia.

Jacob, Brayden, Byron and Lily

Art

We have been doing 3D hands in our art. At the start everyone one was saying, "I can't do it", but we got the hang of it. First we had to draw around our hand, next we drew some lines and last we added colour to make our hand 3D.

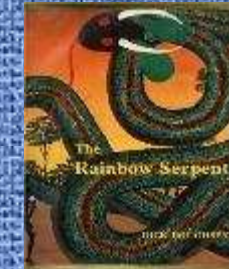
Jazmyn, Mia and Taleah



Taleah, Chloe and Amber



Sheryce



ENGLISH

In English, we have been learning about Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander languages. There are over 250 Aboriginal languages. We have also been looking at Aboriginal Dreamtime stories such as the Rainbow Serpent. The Rainbow Serpent created the rivers, valleys and trees.



Flynn



Kai

SCIENCE

In science we have been learning about the needs of living things. We have made a seed head and are photographing them every day so that we can create a time-lapse film.



We had lots of fun making a Mother's Day card and present for our mothers. We hope our mums liked them.



Byron and Lucy

MATHS

In Maths we have been learning about symmetry as well as looking at rotation, reflection and translation. We have been working hard on our number facts. We play dice games with our whiteboards and a game called Challenge / Climb which involves times tables. We have been practising addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

Flynn, Kai, Tyson and Bryce