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

**A Great 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.

**Classes**
Our school staffing is confirmed upon the enrolment numbers at the end of this week.

At this point, we need 2 extra students to keep our current staffing level. If we can pick up extra enrolments, this week, we will be able to maintain classes as they are.

If you are aware of anyone in our area who hasn’t yet started at school for 2015, or who will be moving to our area in the coming weeks, we need to make contact so that these enrolments can be taken into account. Thanks for your assistance.

Information will be communicated next week regarding our staffing situation and class arrangements.

**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 specific circumstances. Please see your teacher if you have any concerns to do with homework.

**After School Programs Change**
As of 2015, the Australian Sports Commission has ended the After School Communities Program and replaced it with the Sporting Schools Program. In Term 1 and 2 of this year, we will still continue to run one After School Program each term. After School ‘Games Fun’ will commence in Week 4 of this term, and will run for 5 weeks. Registration forms will be sent home, next week.

The program this term will be:
Mondays Games Fun 3.00—4.00 Prep to Year 6

**P&C Meeting**
Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held next Tuesday afternoon, 10 February, commencing at 5.00 pm in the library. The Annual General Meeting, and election of the Executive for 2015, will occur prior to the general meeting. Items for discussion include P&C activities for this year. All parents are welcome.

**New Play Structure**
In the area where the old fig tree was located, we will be replacing the old play fort (now removed) with an alternative covered play structure. Over the next few weeks, we will be discussing ideas for the area with staff, students and P&C. We are hoping to have the project completed by mid-year.

**Tuckshop Information**
We commence tuckshop next Wednesday, 11 February. Included with today’s newsletter is a menu and volunteer request form. Please consider helping out, as the service will only be possible if we have enough volunteers. Thanks again to our convenor, Leslie Mason, who has organised the menu and is our ‘go to’ person for tuckshop.

**Cake Stall Thanks**
A huge thank-you to parents who donated items for Saturday’s Election Cake Stall. We ended up running the stall till early afternoon due to the number of donations. It was a good little fundraiser to start the year.

Special thanks also to parents who were there to run the stall over the day, Sherry Wilson, Hitesh Prasad, Cathy Simpson, Tonia Stokes and Nicole Blackley.

Thanks everyone who supported the raffle. The winner was Melody Graham ($50 fuel voucher).

**SCHOOL CALENDAR**
Feb 10 (Tue) P&C AGM 5.00pm
Feb 11 (Wed) Tuckshop commences
Feb 16 (Mon) After School ‘Games Fun’ commences
Feb 20 (Fri) Year 1-3/4 Swimming commences
Mar 23-27 Parent / Teacher Meetings
April 2 (Thur) Last day of term

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

10 Lacey White, 13 Cody Richardson  
13 Elizabeth Humphreys, 14 Amber Blanch, Kaelin Hart  
15 Jayde Pampling, 17 Brayden Wilson, 22 Carlos Olsen  
23 Larissa Byron, 24 Indy Zimmermann, 27 Isobel Mann  
27 Laura Mann, 28 William Myer

**EVERY DAY COUNTS**

Tip of the Week

Children do as you do.

Your child watches you to get clues on how to behave in the world. You’re their role model, so use your own behaviour to guide them. What you do is often much more important than what you say. If you want your child to say ‘please’, say it yourself. If you don’t want your child to raise their voice, speak quietly and gently yourself.

**Tuckshop Volunteers Needed!**

Please refer to the Volunteer Request Form included with this newsletter.

**P&C NEWS**

P&C ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

The Annual General Meeting of the Kolan South State School Parents & Citizens Association will be held next Tuesday 10 February, at 5.00pm in the Library.

Following the AGM, our first general P&C Meeting for 2015 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.

**Election Cake Stall**

Thank-you to Nicole Blackley, Sherry Wilson, Hilesh Prasad, Cathy Simpson and Tonia Stokes who helped to run the cake stall on Saturday at school.

**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 6 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 6 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 6. 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.

**COMMUNITY NOTICES**

**BRENDA’S BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL CARE**

For enquiries phone 41577245 / 0427852056

**Ten Pin Bowling**

Get Active. Join a new Team Sport for 2015

SIGN-ON for Junior Tenpin Bowling  
Sat or Sun 7th and 8th February between 12 noon and 3pm.  
OR  
Sat or Sun 14th and 15th February between 12 noon and 3pm.  
Contact Barb @ bundy bowl on 41524334  
Or email barb@bundybowl.com.au

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