A Successful Term
This has been a term full of achievements for our school but also for many individual students.

In the academic area, NAPLAN results have given us valuable and positive feedback about our progress in literacy and numeracy. Students delivered some excellent academic results in the Australasian Science, English and Maths Competitions, and we took 2nd place in the Bundaberg Maths Teams Challenge for 2015.

In sport this term, we have once again confirmed our school as Gin Gin District Sports champions and many of our students have represented at district and zone level. At this point in the year, we have had 11 students selected to represent Bundaberg in various sports. Well done to Flynn Purkis (Rugby League), Haylee White (Cross Country and Athletics) and Ella Myers (Athletics) who have been selected to attend State championships.

In music, our Corps of Drums has performed in a number of community festivals and events, and our strings and recorder students have performed at our weekly assembly. Our choir sang at Assembly last week. These students are all doing a brilliant job.

Congratulations to staff, students and parents for a very wholehearted effort throughout the year to this stage.

Car Park Update
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Kolan Country Fair
Parents, please refer to the important information over the page and included with this newsletter regarding the Kolan Country Fair to be held on Sunday, 25 October. There will be more communications in the coming newsletters about Fair preparations. Stay tuned.

Student Folios
These go home on Thursday or Friday, this week. They may be returned after the holiday break. Well done to teachers and students for their efforts to organise folios, once again.

Excursion Program
We have a busy schedule of excursions in Term 4. Early next term, information will be sent home regarding these.

Parents, please don’t send any excursion payments to school until you receive the excursion letters and invoices. Final costs are still being confirmed. There are some changes to the last estimate. Below is an overview of excursions.

Best wishes to our Prep class for this Thursday’s day excursion to Bundaberg. The group will visit the Botanical gardens for a train ride, Bundy Bowl and Leisure for a tour and activities, and Alexandra Park Zoo.

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Swimming Lessons
The upper classes (Year 4/5 to 5/6) will participate in swimming lessons after the holidays, starting in the third week back. There will be 6 weeks of swimming ($3 per week for 6 weeks).

Details regarding swimming arrangements will be confirmed in the first newsletter after the holidays.

Term 4
Thank-you to families and staff for your support throughout the term and well done to our students. Safe and happy holidays when they arrive!

Monday, 5 October, is the Labour Day public holiday. School recommences for students on Tuesday, 6 October.

Jeff Searle

SCHOOL CALENDAR

**Sept 17 (Thur)** Prep Day Trip Excursion

**Sept 18 (Fri)** Last day of Term 3

**Term 4 Dates**

**Oct 5 (Mon)** Labour Day Public Holiday

**Oct 6 (Tues)** Term 4 Commences

**Oct 25 (Sun)** Kolan Country Fair 10.00—3.00

**Nov 17-20** Year 3&4 Capricorn Caves Excursion

**Nov 19-20** Year 4&5 Brisbane Excursion

**Nov 24-25** Year 1&2 Mon Repos Excursion

**Dec 2 (Wed)** Family Night

**Dec 11 (Fri)** Break-up Day

Weekly Assembly
All Parents are invited to join us for our weekly Assembly on Thursday at 9.00am. All welcome.
Kolan South Billboard

Class Awards

September
14 Hudson 14 Will, 20 Anthony
22 Luke, 22 Summer

Nevaeh M: Always trying her best in the classroom.
Zoe H: Trying her very best with her sounds.
Ryer B: An interesting narrative.
Mason M: Learning 200 sight words.
Brooke H: A well thought-out narrative.
Keaton S: Writing a great “Explanation”.
Abby D: Always being a thoughtful class member.
Georgia J: Always giving a 100% effort to work and showing continuous improvement!
Jaxon J: Making an effort to improve behaviour.
Tiki R: Making the effort to catch up on missed work.
Flynn P: Great leadership at the Touch Carnival.
Lily P: Great leadership at the Touch Carnival.
Taygan S: Great leadership at the Touch Carnival.
Zahli S: Great leadership at the Touch Carnival.

LOST PROPERTY
There are currently a large number of items in the Lost Property box, particularly jackets. These items will be displayed along the fence near the entrance to the school on Wednesday afternoon. If your child is missing an item of school clothing, please come and view the items displayed. If you are unable to come to the school Wednesday, the lost property box is located on the veranda outside Administration. Thank you.

CENT SALE
When: This Saturday 19th Sept starting at 1:30pm
Where: South Kolan Hotel Motel
In support of South Kolan Kindy & Sharon State School

KOLAN COUNTRY FAIR NEWS

Prepaid Amusements Offer
In a previous Informer we have sent out a flyer for Prepaid Unlimited Ride Tickets. We ask you to consider this offer. One idea is for your child/children to earn their ticket by helping out with some chores over the holidays, or for keeping their room tidy. These prepaid tickets are also available to children from other schools, if you have friends or relatives who may be interested. Please remember — This discount deal is only available if paid before 3.00pm on Friday 23 Oct, at the school office.

Student Competition
Attached to today’s Informer is a flyer for our student competition which is open to all primary school students in our district. Something to think about over the holidays. Could be hotly-contested. How creative can our students be?

Multidraw Raffle
Tickets for our multidraw raffle are now available. If you require tickets for yourself or to sell to others, please contact Cheryl or Gail at the admin. Tickets will be on sale at the Fair and winners drawn after 2.00pm on that day— no need to be present at the draw. Loads of terrific prizes to be won. More updates after the holidays. Thanks for your support.

KOLAN COUNTRY FAIR

SCIENCE
In Science we are learning all about light. So far, we have learnt many things. Here are a few:
• Light travels in a straight line.
• You can change the direction of light using reflection eg. Mirrors.
• Light will continue to travel until an object blocks its path.
• Opaque objects will not let light through.
• Translucent objects will let some light through.
• Transparent objects will let a lot of light through.
• A shadow is created when an opaque object blocks the light and a silhouette of the object is formed.

ENGLISH
In English this term, we have been focusing on poetry. We are currently examining some Banjo Patterson poems, ‘Waltzing Matilda’ and ‘The Man from Ironbark’. We are transforming these poems into narratives.

HISTORY
In History, we have been learning about colonial Australia in the 1800s. In particular, we are learning about the Gold Rush, the Eureka Stockade and what life was like for different groups of people in the colonial period.

ART
In art we are learning about a famous artist, Picasso, and his unique techniques. We are in the process of creating Picasso heads. First, we painted a wash background. We then used charcoal to outline the head and facial features. After that, we coloured in the face with different coloured oil pastels. We can’t wait for the finished product!