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KOLAN SOUTH INFORMER

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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 ~ Well done to students, staff and parents for an excellent start to the 2016 school year.

A Positive 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.



Payment envelopes will be sent home in a couple of weeks.

Information Booklet
The School Information Booklet has been sent home today with the newsletter.

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

Parents, if you are aware of anyone in our area who hasn't yet started at school for 2016, 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 confirming our staffing situation and class arrangements.

Permissions Form
Parents, also included with the Informer is a permissions form which is to be returned to school as soon as possible. Many thanks.

Student Leaders
Year 6 Students nominating as student leaders for 2016 will talk briefly at this Thursday's Assembly, and elections will be held on Friday. Best wishes to all nominees.



Homework Program
Parents, please refer over the page to the general information regarding homework at Kolan South. 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 Program
This year, we will continue to run one After School Program each term.

After School Games will commence in Week 4 of this term, and will only run for 4 weeks. Registration forms will be sent home, next week.



P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held next Wednesday afternoon, 10 February, commencing at 5.30 pm in the library. The Annual General Meeting, and election of the Executive for 2016, will occur prior to the general meeting. Items for discussion include P&C activities for this year. All parents are welcome.

Bus Committee Meeting
The Annual General Meeting of the conveyance committee will be held on Monday 15 February, in the library. Start time is 4.15pm. All parents with children who go on one of the



Tuckshop Information
We commence tuckshop this Wednesday, 3 February. Included with today's newsletter is a menu and volunteer request form.



Parents, please consider helping out because, as always, the service will only be possible if we have enough volunteers. You may only be needed once per term.

Thanks again to our convenor, Leslie Mason, who has organised the menu and is our 'go to' person for tuckshop.

Let's Stamp out Bullying
'Let's Stamp out Bullying' is an Arts production being presented at St George Hall on Thursday, 3 March. Cost for families is \$5 per student or family maximum of \$10.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

Feb 3 (Wed)	TUCKSHOP Commences
Feb 10 (Wed)	P&C AGM and General Meeting
Feb 15 (Mon)	Bus Committee Meeting 4.15pm
Feb 19 (Fri)	Swimming commences Year 1, Year 2/3, Year 3/4
Mar 3 (Thur)	Let's Stamp out Bullying — Arts Performance
Mar 14 - 18	Parent / Teacher Meetings
Mar 24 (Thur)	Last day of term / Interhouse Cross Country

TUCK SHOP

Weekly Assembly
Assembly will commence this Thursday at 9.00am in the library. See you there!



Kolan South Billboard

February



1 Haylee , 10 Lacey , 13 Elizabeth
13 Cody , 14 Kaelin , 15 Jayde
17 Brayden , 22 Carlos , 23 Larissa
24 Indy , 27 Isobel , Laura

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 3, please write whether it is 2/3 or 3/4. Thank you.

*Tuckshop ordering bags are available in classrooms.

Why reading stories matters

Books help to develop your child's language, knowledge and understanding, as they introduce young readers to a huge variety of new words and topics.

If your child is familiar with books and reading, they will be better prepared to take advantage of all learning.

Taking the time to read to your child, or introducing them to a number of different books, will make them more comfortable reading at school.

Reading is also a way for parents to spend quality time with their children and will help to build a stronger relationship between you and your child.

Children learn by example, so watching you read and talking together about reading will show your child that reading is a

Bingera Football Club

Junior and Senior information session is being held at the grounds on the first junior training afternoon - Thursday 4th February from 4 - 6 pm.

For further information regarding this season (contact after office hours): Bingera Junior Register - 0437 637 661

email jregister@bingerafootballclub.org.au

Bingera Senior Register and Director of Coaching - 0427 969 797



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 Wednesday 10 February, at 5.30pm in the library.

Following the AGM, our first general P&C Meeting for 2016 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.

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.



LOST and FOUND

An 'Allweather' Blanket left at Family Night 2015. Colour of bag is fawn colour. Please contact the

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Students who wish to do well in our interhouse cross country event in March 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 and Wide Bay. Kolan South holds the Gin Gin District Cross Country 'A Schools' trophy.

Kolan South students will soon be 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



Admin News & Info

In the newsletter today you should receive a 2016 Parent/Guardian Permission Form (eldest in the family only). Would you kindly complete the form, including signature and date, and return to school by this Friday, 5 February. Thank you.

Also included in the newsletter is the 2016 Information Booklet. Please read the document as some details have changed from previous years and keep on hand as a handy reference.

If you have any queries regarding any of the above matters, please do not hesitate to contact Cheryl or Gail in Administration.

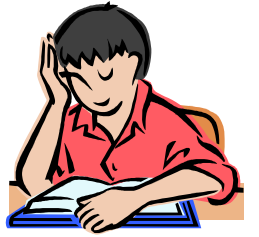
Thank-you for your assistance.

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

Why is Kolan South a high performing school? Because we aim high... Look below...

BUNDABERG MATHS TEAMS CHALLENGE

2007	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools
2008	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools
2009	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools
2010	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'B' Schools
2011	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools
2012	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools
2013	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'B' Schools
2014	KOLAN SOUTH	4th 'B' Schools
2015	KOLAN SOUTH	2nd 'B' Schools

Sports Representatives

2013	8 Bundaberg, 3 Wide Bay Sports Reps
2014	3 Bundaberg Sports Representatives
2015	10 Bundaberg, 3 Wide Bay Sports Representatives

NAPLAN	2015		
	STATE	NATION	KOLAN SOUTH
Year 3 Reading	418	426	429
Year 3 Writing	406	416	427
Year 3 Spelling	397	409	415
Year 3 G&P	430	433	469
Year 3 Numeracy	393	398	408
Year 5 Reading	495	498	518
Year 5 Writing	470	478	480
Year 5 Spelling	489	498	497
Year 5 G&P	500	504	527
Year 5 Numeracy	486	492	522

GIN GIN DISTRICT SPORTS

2009	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2010	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2011	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2012	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2013	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2014	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2015	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools

GIN GIN DISTRICT CROSS COUNTRY

2009	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2010	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2011	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2012	KOLAN SOUTH	Runner Up
2013	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2014	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools
2015	KOLAN SOUTH	1st 'A' Schools