Well Done
The rain has been terrific but we’re definitely ready for some drying out. Students have done an excellent job over the last two weeks staying away from the wet areas and being patient in the heat and rainy conditions. Well done.

Class Arrangements
At this point, we will continue now with our current class arrangements. Thank-you to teachers, students and parents for helping to make the first two weeks of school a very smooth and positive start to the school year. We are looking forward to an excellent year full of achievements, and with a keen focus on learning and success for all students, whether it be in academic, musical, sporting or cultural areas.

Student Leaders
Congratulations to newly-elected student leaders for 2016, Destinee Lythall-Webb and Jacob Donald (School Captains), Chloe Gathercole and Lewis Douglas (School Vice-Captains), and House Captains, Carlos Olsen (Bea3y), Kelly Lowe (Gibson), and Holly Myers (Thompson). Thank-you to all students who nominated for leadership positions. A large number of Year 6 students spoke very well on assembly.

As we have reminded all students, even though we do have some official leadership positions for the seniors, all students are encouraged to engage in leadership and participation opportunities that are encouraged on a daily basis.

The investiture for student leaders will occur at Assembly in a couple of weeks. More information, soon.

Volunteers for TUCKSHOP
A reminder to parents to return the Request for Volunteers form if you are able to help out. We appreciate any offers of assistance.

P&C Meeting
Our first P&C meeting for this year will be held this 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 invited to attend, and most welcome.

Swimming
This term, students in Year 1, 2/3 and 3/4 will participate in the swimming program commencing next Friday, 19 Feb. Cost this year will be $4 per week (for 5 weeks). Next week there will be some information regarding swimming arrangements.

After School Program
Our after school program will commence next Monday. The registration form, which is being sent home today, must be returned to school for participation in the program.

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

Prep Information Session
Karen White will be holding an information session for Prep parents, tomorrow afternoon after school. It will be great if parents can attend to discuss how we can work together to deliver the best outcomes for our Prep students.

Class Information Letters
This week, teachers will be sending home an information letter regarding class routines to do with homework and other relevant topics.

Interhouse Cross Country
Training starts soon for our interhouse cross country event which will be held on the last day of term. All students, Prep to Year 6, compete in age-appropriate distances. House teams and colours are listed, this week.

Class News
A regular page again this year will be the Class News...
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, e.g. if your child is in Year 3, please write whether it is 2/3 or 3/4. Thank you.

The Annual General Meeting of the Kolan South State School Parents & Citizens Association will be held this Wednesday, February 10th. The meeting will commence at 7:00 pm in the school hall. All parents and guardians are welcome to attend. The meeting will include the presentation of the annual financial report, the election of new Committee members, and a discussion of ways to improve the role of the P&C.

In English, this term, we are doing a unit on 'Short Stories'. We have looked at books by Jackie French including 'Glady's' and 'Josephine Loves to Dance'. Our favourite thing in English is the short story technique of how the story commences. Our reading groups use literacy circles to develop our comprehension skills.

In Maths, we do warm-ups every morning. These include mental computations. Our class goals for this term are:
- Develop our thinking and problem-solving skills
- Understand and apply fractions
- Work on factors, multiples and divisibility rules
- Every day, we are doing problem-solving. We have been playing a maths card game called ‘Numero’.

This week, we have been learning about latitude and longitude in geography. We learnt that latitude are the imaginary horizontal lines that go around the world. We have been using latitude and longitude to locate places in the atlas and label a map.

Some of the Year 5/6 students playing ‘Numero’.

Our unit this term is called ‘Making Changes’. It is all about reversible and irreversible changes.

Our first investigation was ‘Does an ice cube melt faster in freshwater or saltwater?’ It is very complicated why this happens but it is to do with the fact that the cool water melting in salt water remains at the top, keeping the ice cube cooler. Salt water is more dense than freshwater and remains below it.