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Class Awards

Sarah: Fantastic listening and recall of a topic.
Kellie: Awesome morning reading.
Kate: Working independently on a procedure.
Jayde: A very detailed procedure.
Mason: Displaying a great attitude towards Maths lessons.
Savannah: Always displaying a positive attitude towards school.
Kalani: Excellent contributions during Science.
Brooklyn: Excellent efforts in all areas.
Elia: Excellent contributions in classwork.
Wyatt: Excellent contributions in classwork.

Chinese New Year Activities

Do your youngsters wake you up at the crack of dawn ready to be entertained? The region’s youngest residents will have plenty to crow about at this year’s Chinese New Year Celebrations to welcome in the Year of the Rooster!
The celebrations, being held in the Bundaberg CBD from 3pm to 5pm on Saturday, February 11, will feature a range of free rooster-themed children’s activities as part of the Chinese Animal Zodiac Trail. Participants work their way through the trail completing 12 activities for each sign of the zodiac and collecting stamps in their passport as they go. Activities will include Chinese featherball workshops and rooster-themed craft activities hosted by Bundaberg Regional Galleries and craft activities and story telling hosted by Bundaberg Regional Libraries. All participants who complete the trail receive a prize!
A lantern parade will light up the night from approximately 8.30pm followed by the evening’s grand finale - a fireworks display! For more information head to bundaberg.qld.gov.au or call 1300 883 699.

CROSS COUNTRY TRAINING

Students who wish to do well in our interhouse cross country event in April 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—3/4 km 9 & 10 Years—2 km
7 & 8 Years—1½ km 11 & 12 Years—3 km

ADMIN NEWS

PARENT/GUARDIAN PERMISSION FORM
Thank you to the families who have returned the 2017 Parent/Guardian Permission Form included in last week’s newsletter. If you have not yet returned this form, would you kindly complete on both sides, including signature and date, and return to school as soon as possible.

STUDENT DETAILS UPDATE
Included in the newsletter today is a form to update your child/ren’s details. If any of these details have changed, please complete the form where relevant and return to school as soon as possible.

If you have any questions regarding any of the above documents, please do not hesitate to contact either Cheryl O’Donnell or Gail Lavender in Administration. Thank you.

Year 5/6 Class News

ENGLISH by Abby, Georgia & Billie-Jo
In English, this term, we are doing a unit on ‘Short Stories’. We have learnt about many types of short stories eg Aboriginal Dreaming stories, tall tales and fables.
We have also been studying procedures. We had to read a procedure and create our own.

‘The Tiger, the Rabbit and Chung Ho’ is a folk tale we have enjoyed in English.

MATHS by Lachie & Zeke
In Maths, we have been focusing on why it is important to be able to know and work out factors of numbers. Also reviewing different types of fractions. We are doing a partner investigation called ‘Is it Fair?’ where we find the difference between numbers on a spinner. We play games to help our thinking in Maths.

SCIENCE by Tahnaya, Ella and Morgan
Our unit this term is called ‘Changes’. It is all about reversible and irreversible changes. Our first investigation was ‘Why do some liquids form Layers?’

Setting Goals by Travis and Finn
We have chosen academic, social and behavioural goals. An example of an academic goal is ‘achieving higher than 20 in spelling’.

THE ARTS by Ethan, Hayden and Will
In Visual Arts, we have started a textiles activity which involves paper weaving. We are considering colour and line in these decorative pieces.

Tahnaya shows off her work in paper weaving.

Music by Sophie and Summer
In Music, we are learning recorder notes and songs. We have also learnt about African drum beats and tunes.

LOTE by Tiki, Hannah and Seth
In LOTE, we are learning to write and say our name. These are our names written in Japanese writing - Hirogana.

Physe by Jaeken, James and Xavier
This week, we have been doing a fitness test. Here are some students testing their flexibility.

Humanities and Social Sciences by Wyatt and Kody
In HASS, we have been learning about the social, economic and political events that lead up to Federation.