

Newsletter

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Principal's Message

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

Hope you are healthy and happy. Term 3 is already well underway and we have lots still to come. This week we have Deb, Kristen and Veronika in working with children and staff around critical and creative thinking. Students have been doing 'Communities of Inquiries' to encourage deeper learning. Students talk about their thinking and share ideas around specific topics to help them better understand concepts in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths). We are working on improving students Self-Regulation. We are focused on getting children to hold their ideas, listen to others and then respond. We are steadily improving and we thank Martin Westwell's team and Veronika for all there hard work.



Yesterday we had Port Power coming to school. They will again be running the Will Power program with the upper primary class and in the afternoon they will have a light training run with the whole school until the end on the school day.

We have put up the pictures painted by Winston Hubert Senior, Sherrie Jones and Elizabeth Gray in the preschool. They look fantastic and have really brightened up our new preschool play area. Please come and have a look.

I would like to remind families how improtant a good night sleep is for children's learning. Children aged between 5 and 13 need to be getting a minimum of 10 hours sleep a night. Having a good night sleep helps children learn, control their emotions and ensure they have a good day at school. Tired children have trouble focusing and controlling their behaviour. Please ensure your children are getting enough sleep so they can make the most out of their school day. I am out of the school for the next 3 days attending the SAPPA conference. If you have any concerns during the next few days please speak with Bradley Bowman who will be acting in charge. I will also be away Monday and Tuesday at Quick Smart maths training. Quick Smart is proving to be an excellent program at Koonibba. The upper primary class students enjoy the activities and are showing improvement in their ability to add numbers in their heads and not rely on counters. Keep up the good work guys.

Just quickly, congratulations to Koonibba for making the grand final in the A and B grade.

Regards,

Wade Branford

School Calendar

Week 4

Wednesday 16th Aug- Port Power 12-3

Wednesday 16th- Friday 18th Aug- Mr Branford SAPPA conference Adelaide

Friday 18th Aug- Mis Van Senden Transforming Tasks PD Streaky Bay Area School

Week 5

Monday 21st- Tuesday 22nd Aug- Mr Branford, Amy Lee and Therese at Quick Smart Maths training Adelaide.

Wednesday 23rd Aug- JP excursion Rockhole.

Thursday 24th Aug- Mr B Partnership Streaky.

Week 6

Monday 28th Aug- School closure.

Dental Clinic

Monday 28th August – 1st September

Please call 0434601394

between 8.30-4.30pm during this week only for an appointment.

This is a completely free service school aged children!



School Uniforms for Sale



T-shirts
\$10
Jumpers
\$15

Students with 100% attendance
(including absent notes from families)

Week 2 Term 3

Latavia Doolan	Emily Dudley
Glen Edwards	George Mastrosavas
Jadell Milera	Winston Hubert
Alvin Austin	Canessa Doolan
Kevin Milera	Reshawn Milera
Kloeisha Miller	Gerald Peel-Williams
Tathan Wanganeen	Ernest Ware
Tamika Edwards	Terrance Gray-Treloar
Kayshayla Gray-Peters	Eric Peel
Mollena Peel-Coombes	Travis Wanganeen
Jahmarri Ware	Taesharne Ware

Week 3 Term 3

Emily Dudley	Glen Edwards
Hayden Edwards	George Mastrosavas
Jadell Milera	Winston Newchurch
Alvin Austin	Canessa Doolan
Kevin Milera	Reshawn Milera
Kloeisha Miller	Gerald Peel-Williams
Tathan Wanganeen	Tamika Edwards
Kayshayla Gray-Peters	Eric Peel
Mollena Peel-Coombes	Travis Wanganeen
Jahmarri Ware	Taesharne Ware