Building a Culture of Continued Improvement at Korumburra Primary School

I am proud to announce that we have employed Mrs Jacqui Rotthier as a full time Learning Coach at KPS. Jacqui’s role as our school Learning Coach is to expand and build individual teacher and learning team capacity that will provide quality, stimulating and engaging learning across the whole school that effectively caters for the needs of all students.

Jacqui will be part of each Department Learning Team to continue the development of responsive assessments to direct the teacher’s planning and teaching. Individual teachers will engage in classroom coaching observations, reflection and feedback together with professional development in the knowledge of curriculum and current best teaching practices.

This will be addressing the School Review recommendations of ‘providing professional learning, coaching and peer feedback, guiding assessment and differentiation in curriculum to build a culture of continued improvement’.

The school is very excited about having a Learning Coach with the experience and expertise that Jacqui brings to the role.

Congratulations on your new role and good luck in 2014.

House Swimming Sports last Friday

Congratulations to Blue House on their continuing success at our Annual House Swimming Sports. It was wonderful to see so many students, though maybe not experienced swimmers, doing such a great job supporting their team through their participation and enthusiasm. It made it a wonderful day. Congratulations to all the students who participated and to all those teachers who assisted in getting the teams ready. Congratulations also to Shelley Snooks for the organization of this event and also to all the teachers for their support of Shelley and for their work and organization in making the day such a success.

A special thanks to the House Captains who did a great job in organizing their respective teams. There were many positive comments received about their excellent leadership.

Thanks also to all the parents and spectators who attended and were either given some official duties or tasks, or who supported our students and their respective teams. We could not complete these events without such wonderful support.

It was also really pleasing to see the students demonstrating their enthusiasm but also being very well behaved.

Congratulations also to our Year 6 champions in Oliver McLean and Macie McNaughton on their achievement.

Thank you to the parents and teachers who swam in the final race of the day. I am still investigating what went wrong with the teachers’ team … I believe there may be photo evidence of a false start and also sabotage against the teachers that clearly were going to win the race.
I should also mention and thank Mr Shorty Alger and the school’s previous Principal Mr Bill Jeffs for their assistance. It was great to have both of them back at a school event helping out and interacting with the students and parents.

**Peer Mediators**

Last week Mr Gray made mention of the fantastic start our Year 6 Peer Mediators have made. I also want to congratulate and thank our Peer Mediators for the way they are fulfilling their duties in the yard. Keep up the good work. You are playing a very big role in ensuring our school yard is a safe and fun place to be.

**Updating information:**

Last week the eldest child in each family will have received an envelope from the school requesting families to give us any relevant updated information. It is very important that we have up to date contacts numbers, address, emails etc...

Thank you to all the families that have returned the relevant information. There are still some families that have not done so. Can you please try and see Betty as soon as you can. Thanks in advance.

If your child has any medical conditions which we need to be aware of, please inform the Office as soon as possible.

On special occasions children will share celebratory cakes in their classrooms. If your child has a low tolerance for certain food or any allergies please inform your child’s class teacher so they can make alternate arrangements for your child.

**Accident Insurance**

All Principals have been advised to inform parents that the Education Department (DEECD) does not provide personal accident insurance for students. Parents and guardians are responsible for paying the cost of medical treatment for injured students, including transport costs. Reasonably low cost accident policies are available from commercial insurers.

**Working with Children:**

If you wish to assist the class teachers in the classroom and on camps and excursions this year, it has now become mandatory for all volunteers to have a Working With Children Check. Forms can be collected at the Post Office. You are then required to make an appointment at the Post Office to show your 100 points of identification and have your photo taken.

**School Council 2014**

If you would like to nominate for school council please contact the school. **Nominations close on Monday 17th February 2014.**

Nathan Pirouet
Principal
House Swimming Sports

On Friday 7th February the Year 3-6 students had their 28th Annual House Swimming Sports. After a little concern that the weather was going to be too hot (for a change) it turned out to be a fantastic day for swimming, topped off by a pool temperature of a very comfortable 27 degrees! Once again a wonderful day was had by all down at the Swimming Pool.

It was great to see plenty of swimming talent on display, but it was also really pleasing to see those students having a great time participating in the relays and loving playing a part in earning points for their House. It demonstrated fantastic team spirit.

Congratulations to Blue House who had a very successful day by winning the Shield. The Participation Award also went to Blue House with 98% of their students swimming on the day.

Congratulations also go to our very talented Grade 6 Swimming Champions – Macie McNaughton and Oliver McLean.

There are many people who help make a successful Swimming Sports so thank-you:

- To all the parents who volunteered their time to help out with various jobs on the day, and those who came to support their child by watching at the sports.
- Shorty Alger who regularly volunteers his time to come along and help out by being our expert starter.
- Mr Bill Jeffs who we love to invite back to be our Chief Judge.
- Haley Anderson who was at the pool at 8.00am helping to set up.
- Haley Anderson and Gabi Smith for doing a fantastic job at marshalling the competitors.
- Nigel Kilpatrick for acting as Chief Timekeeper.
- David Gray for creating a terrific atmosphere and once again entertaining us with his commentary on the microphone all day.
- Helen Cripps and Annmarie Clark who worked tirelessly on the recording table.
- To the teachers for supervising their House Groups all day
- To the House Captains for doing a tremendous job of organising their House groups as one of their first official duties for 2014
- To all the students for participating and behaving so well and making the day an enjoyable experience for everyone!

The District Swimming Trials were held on Wednesday for those students who were invited to attend. Thank you to David Gray, Di Wilshaw and the parents who helped time the races. The team is being finalised and those students successful in making the KPS Swim team will compete at the Woorayl District Swimming Sports on Wednesday 19th February. Good luck team KPS!

Hockey Clinics

On Monday 17th February, the Year 5 & 6 classes are very lucky to be participating in free hockey clinics with a representative from Hockey Victoria. The first 40 minute session will begin at 9.40am and they will continue through to lunchtime.

Shelley Snooks
P E Coordinator
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## WELL DONE AWARDS

- Connor Swale
- Ben Fowler
- Calvin Lawrence
- Leilani Hall
- Savannah Lorkin
- Liam Wilson
- Brock Furness
- Haley Amor
- Lachlan Anthony
- Maddie Fletcher
- Ryan Gwin
- Hannah Elkins
- Thomas Walker
- Max Fowles
- Tommy Wyatt
- Haley Bell
- Max Crooke
- Jazmine Findlay
- Ethan Humphrey
- Braedyn Swain
- Isabel McNaughton