



Kia Ora State School

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organising things beforehand and during the event.
Thanks to all the volunteers in the kitchen who

NEWSLETTER

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Dates to Remember

11 th Oct	P & C Meeting in staff room
17 th Oct	Pupil Free Day
18 th - 21 st Oct	Year 5/6 School Camp
21 st Oct	2016 Cooloola Schools Triathlon
24 th Oct	2017 Prep Open Day
15 th Nov	2017 Prep Open Day

PBL Focus of the week – Transitions around the school.

ENROLMENTS FOR 2017

Prep enrolments for 2017 are currently being taken and there will be an open day held this Term. We also welcome enrolments for all year levels. So if you know of anyone who would like their child/children to attend Kia Ora School, have them contact the school office for an information pack.

Dear Parents,

Here we are at the final term of the school year. Where has the year gone? This term is always a busy one with a pupil free day, year 5-6 camp, year 6 graduation excursion and year 6 graduation, whole school end of year excursion, report cards and the list goes on. Be prepared that it will go quickly!

Thanks to everyone who was involved in this years bike ride. As usual the event was another huge success which is a testament to the community effort that the event truly is. So many people to thank both behind the scenes and in the thick of it looking after all the riders. Firstly thank you to Marie, Vanessa, Denise and Charlie for all of your hard work in

ensured that all the riders were well fed and well looked after. Thanks to Fatty for organising another great course. Thanks to the sweeps for keeping everyone safe and thanks to Mel Powell for organising the fire brigades (both Kia Ora and Goomboorian) for ensuring both riders and motorists were kept safe this year. Finally thank you to their land holders for opening up your land to allow the ride to happen. My sincere apologies to anyone I may have missed.

Over the holidays we had our brand new Wi-Fi installed throughout the school. Each class has got two new high speed wireless access points installed, with one switch capable of running 15 laptops or wireless devices, so we are well and truly covered for future growth.

Qbuild also came through and refurbished the gardens near the blue room, which again has made a huge improvement to our already beautiful school grounds.

Over the holidays we purchased some free standing garden beds which arrived last week. We are really excited by the potential for so many learning opportunities that will evolve from the garden. Watch this space.

Next Monday the 17 of October is a student free day. Staff will be involved in a range of professional development activities on this day.

Kind regards,

Damian

Mrs P

P/1/2 Classroom News

Welcome back to our final term of 2016. Term 4 is always a busy time and that will certainly be the case in our class. Our class will be hosting two Prep Open Days for students who will be in prep in 2017. The Open Days will be on Monday 24 October and Tuesday 15 November. Current students will be engaged in a number of rotational activities on the Open Days.

In our first English unit this term, students are reading and writing procedures. This of course means that the students will be making lots of things, too. Last week students made (and ate) pikelets and followed instructions to create an artwork. Last week in maths, the preppies were practising matching number words, numerals and amounts to twenty. The year ones revised the concept of half, including times to half past. The year twos were also learning about time with times of quarter past and quarter to the hour practised. We will be continuing units of work in both history and science.

Homework starts again this week. All students (P/1/2) will have a homework sheet and a reading book. Some students will also have sight words to practise. Show and Tell is also part of the homework and is assessed each week. A laminated fridge magnet with this term's topics listed was sent home last week. A list of topics and explanation about Show and Tell is also taped inside the front cover of each child's homework book. Homework folders should be returned to school each day.

Last term a list of required supplies was sent home. Thank you to those parents who have sent in the articles such as books, glue and pencils. Some students still don't have the required equipment – could I ask each parent to check your child's homework book to see if there is a note about required school supplies.

Finally, I'd like to welcome a new student to our class. Tyler started last week in the year 2 section of our class and he has settled in well.

Regards,

Year 3/4 Classroom

What a lovely first week back the class has had. Everyone seemed ready to get started on our last term for 2016. It will be a busy one as we work towards assessment items in readiness for reporting. We have been fortunate to have Lisa Bull and Donna Heaton in our classroom filling in for Mrs Lally while she is on leave. Thanks for doing such a great job ladies! Homework this week will include spelling and tables as well as reading. Thank you for supporting your child by providing some routine time/opportunity to complete this. In English we continue with our Traditional Stories as children have been writing a retell from the perspective of one of the characters. We've talked about writing in the 1st person, using noun groups and evaluative language to enhance the story and provide a picture in the reader's mind. In maths we have warmed up slowly doing a little revision with number and time. This week we will begin our 3 part assessment on our Science topic 'Matter'. I think students will enjoy our hands on experiments which involve the use of Ochre. Our specialist lessons remain the same for Term 4 with PE and Music on Monday. Library too will be on Mondays in the middle session. Thank you for supporting your child/children. I look forward to another productive term.

Kind Regards

Mrs Mac

YEAR 5/6 CLASSROOM

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to term 4. This term is going to be flat out with a significant number of events happening. First big event is the 5-6 camp next week. We leave for Tallebudgera next Tuesday the 18th of October at approximately 8:45. We will arrive on the Gold Coast at approximately 1:00pm. Attached to this newsletter is the "what to bring list" as well as the menu for the time we are on camp. I have been emailing the teachers from the camp and we are looking forward to what should be a great camp. If you have any

questions in the meantime please feel free to contact either myself or Julie.

In English we are looking at letter writing, which is somewhat of a dying art. Our assessment task for this English unit is for students to write a letter to their future selves.

In maths the year 5's have been looking at addition and subtraction strategies. The year 6's have been looking at addition strategies and positive and negative numbers.

This term we will be looking at a new subject area called Civics and Citizenship. This subject is all about systems of government and rules and laws and how they are made.

Kind regards,

Damian

PARENTING IDEAS

Please find attached a copy of this fortnight's copy of Parenting Ideas and Insights. This week's article is focusing on *why effective learning starts with a good nights sleep*.

Prep Open Days

Parents of children eligible to enrol in prep in 2017 we invite you and your child to come and share a morning with us On Monday 24th October and/or Tuesday 15th of November from 9-11.30am. For more information, Please see the flyer attached.

Blue Light Disco

The remaining two discos for 2016 on 14th Oct and 2nd Dec have been cancelled.

GYMPIE REGION GARAGE SALE TRAIL

The school will participate with this. This event is being held at the Kia Ora Hall on Saturday 22nd October. If you want to donate any items for sale please have them at school by Friday 21st October or bring to the hall on Saturday morning by 7:30am.

P & C

The next P & C meeting will be held on 11th October at 5:30pm in the staff room.

2016 COOLOOLA SCHOOLS TRIATHLON

This year the Cooloola Schools Triathlon will be held on Friday 21st October at Tin Can Bay. Nominations MUST be received by Wednesday 12th Oct, cost is \$10 individual or \$15 per team. Start time is 7am and it will be the parent's/guardian's responsibility to have their child and equipment at Tin Can Bay before this time. Students born in 2004/2005 are able to compete. Individual competitors or team of 3 (each person doing one part) will need to be able to swim 175m (7 laps of the Tin Can Bay Pool); 7km cycle along the Esplanade followed by a 2km run also along the Esplanade. If your child would like to participate in this event, please contact the school for a nomination form and further information.

JAMES NASH STATE HIGH SCHOOL DATE REMINDERS

Tuesday 18th Oct – 3:30pm – Interviews for Programs of Excellence, Learning Support, Academy of Creativity.

Monday 28th Nov – Year 6 students' orientation day.

For further information call JNSHS on 5480 6333.

KIA ORA HALL

The Gympie Garage Trail Sale is on 22nd October from 8am across the region. The Kia Ora Hall is participating in this event and if you would like to clear out the shed/house and have a stall; contact Sandra on 54865673 to book a spot. The hall is accepting donations if you don't want to have your own stall.

2016 Summer Hockey

If you are interested in participating in hockey this summer there is a register/come and try day being held on Wednesday 12th October from 5pm.

For further information, please see flyer attached.

Guitar Lessons

Due to the Pupil Free Day on Monday 17th October, there will be no guitar lessons. Lessons will resume Monday the 24th October.