

The Kumbari Avenue School – Gold Coast An Education Queensland State School Date: 19th September 2008



Vision Statement

“To provide all students with an educational program that will assist them to develop the required skills and independence to optimize their quality of life.”

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SCHOOL TERMS 2008

Term 3: Commences: 15/07/2008
Concludes: 19/09/2008

Term 4: Commences: 06/10/2008
Concludes: 12/12/2008

STUDENT FREE DAYS 2008

20th October 2008

GRADUATION EVENING

To be held on
1st December 2008

2009 SCHOOL YEAR

Commences on
Tuesday, 27th January 2009

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

Sports Day & Camp

What a great time was had by all. Thanks to staff who coordinated these events.

At camp I felt so proud watching our children 'shine' during physical and mental challenges. We learnt about catapults, canoeing and that I don't usually wear a tie whilst at camp. It also surprised one of the girls that I actually ate food too. Surprising what a Principal can do!

Sports Day certainly highlighted the tenacity of our children. The highlight for me was standing at the finish line cheering our children along. You should be very proud of them.

Communicating with your child's teacher

It is important that you continue to communicate with your child's teacher in whichever manner is best between yourself and the teacher. This may be through the communication book, notes, telephone, or face to face meetings etc.

While teachers are happy to speak to you during the school day, it is important for you to be aware that unless it is an emergency, the office staff will take the message that you wish to speak with them and get it to the teacher at the earliest moment.

In this way, the teachers and aides will be able to speak with you without interrupting their teaching sessions. Thanks for your assistance in this regard.

Farewell

Wendy Murphy is leaving the school at the end of the Term. She has had a long association with the school and will be missed.

Jodi Rochford (School Nurse) will be finishing her contract at the end of the Term and will be replaced by Ms Karen Glew. We wish Jodi well for the future and welcome Karen.

End of Term

The School Term finishes this Friday and commences again on Monday, 6th October. I trust all families will enjoy the holidays and come back for a great last Term. The pupil free day in Term 4 is Monday, 20th October.

David Rogers

Please contact the office if your child is going into respite. We do require a few days to arrange the transport details

SENIOR 5 & 6 CLASS GROUPS

Dear Parents,

Wow, how fast has this Term gone and we have had so much to do. Everyone had a fabulous time at camp and those of us left at school had a great day at our interschool athletics carnival.

Our gymnastics classes have concluded for the year and all students have shown fantastic improvement in their skills. Baseball also finishes this week and we have had great fun using our skills and having baseball as our inspiration for our eisteddford number.

Athletics and shopping are continuing into next Term and we are also adding library visits and swimming pool activities.

Have a great holiday.

Regards, Trasia, Rosie, Antoinette & Jenny

MIDDLE SCHOOL 2 CLASS GROUPS

All is going well in Middle School 2. The students are making GREAT progress in so many areas. We are very proud of Dan (and his Mum). Kate Dineen applied for funding for a walking frame for Dan and was successful. The walker came in last week and we tried it out on Friday for size. Unfortunately, it is too small so it was returned to the manufacturers. Story is we wont get a bigger one for about 12 weeks. But, we must tell you how well Dan accepted the walker and he did his very best to walk in it. Brock also tried it out, though he wasn't quite so impressed.

Tiffin is doing some amazing standing outside our classroom while she holds onto the rails. She is getting so strong and confident. Rosie has had a haircut and looks quite grown up. Her Nan, Judith, has done a great job and we are most impressed.

Josiah is making good progress in all areas. He spent a couple of hours up in Middle School 1 and impressed everyone with his skills. He enjoys doing signing when we sing songs and his speech is also improving.

Tameka's operation has been postponed until later this year. She is so well and happy at the moment—it is great to see her eating as well as she does.

Have a happy and safe holiday to all our families.
Kay, Barb and the Super Six

JUNIOR 1 CLASS GROUP

After splitting the old Junior 1 group to form another class (Junior 4), our group has bonded well over the course of this Term. Our work has revolved around the "All About Me" theme which the children have taken to well.

Kayne has been busily improving his speech by using his BIG voice in helping to sing our songs at morning circle. Wasi has been sampling healthy foods that he enjoys. Watermelon is one of his favourite choices. He has been away lately and we are all very glad to have him back at school. Mason has settled well this Term in a smaller class and is learning to build connections with others around him. Hannah has shown herself to be quite the dancing queen and loves to rock along with our music CD's. She certainly has some interesting moves. Tyler is our latest enrolment and he is busy establishing himself into our routines.

The big people in Junior 1 (Linna, Shirley and Delvene) are very pleased with all our little people and their Attitudes. A special thanks to all the extra helpers who come to visit and work with our group of lovelies. We all appreciate your time and input.

Bye for now from the big and little people of Junior 1.

SENIOR 2 CLASS GROUP

We are very busy this Term on our theme The Olympics. We have had an Opening Ceremony, a softball and bowling event and a cross country race and very soon we will be putting the torch out at the Closing Ceremony. The students have really enjoyed "The Games" and love the medals and listening to their chosen country anthem.

Our normal routine is going well and the students are really benefiting from out hydrotherapy, physiotherapy, MOVE and communication programs.

All the best from
Ben, Viv, Karen & Thelma

Please inform the office if your child's daily transport details change. We need to know if they are not catching the bus and who will be picking them up.

SENIOR 3 CLASS GROUP

Dear Parents

Time is fast approaching for a well deserved rest for all our students.

Our work on the farm has been progressing well and everybody is making a good effort helping each other and carrying out the task whilst practicing language and maths skills. We also use our knowledge of the numbers to score our games at bowling, while enjoying the game.

We all hope that you will have a happy and safe holiday.

Alain & Yumiko

MIDDLE SCHOOL 5 CLASS GROUP

What a great Term we have had. The students have worked really hard and accomplished so much.

I would like to thank you all for your assistance with homework and especially the spelling program that has been introduced this Term. I am very proud of the progress the students have made.

The 'A' Team in Middle School 5 have also shown a willingness to participate in a variety of activities, from the weekly excursion to Musgrave Lawn Bowls Club and of course the wonderful experience of our end of Term excursion to Tallebudgera Beach School, the 'A' Team were magic. Sports Day was a great success with everybody participating and having a wonderful time.

A big HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Elizabeth who this week turned 13, the students had a great time at her party.

Have a wonderful, happy and safe holiday and we look forward to seeing you all in Term 4.

Remember it's always nice to be nice and keep smiling and stay happy.

The 'A' Team, Jessie, Jakob, Brayden, Jake, Kayla, Elizabeth, Slade, Donna and Merv

MIDDLE SCHOOL 4 CLASS GROUP

Well, where has the Term gone? It has been a very busy Term and the students have learnt a lot.

Our 'Spring' theme has gone well with lots of art work, reading, maths and discussions happening around the subject.

Through the Term we have had birthdays for Matthew and Zac

while Douglas and Terry are having their birthdays over the holidays. Happy birthday boys!!!!

Sports day was a great success with our school gaining mention for participating in the Good Will Games.

Please have a wonderful break and be safe and we look forward to seeing everyone next Term.

Cheers,
Guy, Eveline & Stephanie

JUNIOR 3 CLASS GROUP

The year is racing by and our children in Junior 3 are growing taller. They have achieved some wonderful things this Term such as Haelee standing holding onto a ladder without any assistance for up to 30 minutes. Well done Haelee. Junior 2 report that Ethan is doing wonderful work in their group times - thank you Chris, Phillippa and Kerry. Sophie has been working hard at pulling herself into a sitting position in hydrotherapy and Tobi has been bringing her head up and activating the Big Mac with group time activities. Izyah is pulling himself up into a sitting position with horse riding and walking well in his leg braces. Junior 3 children and teaching staff wish everyone a safe and restful holiday and look forward to Term 4.

Denise, Pam, Loris and the Students

SENIOR 7 CLASS GROUP

Another Term is just about over and what a Term it has been. Senior 7 have been busy with our weekly mini Olympics, our hydrotherapy sessions and our in class activities. Thank you to our regular volunteers Debbie and Dot - we could not do it without you.

What a wonderful day we all had at our end of Term excursion to Paradise Country. Still to come is our end of Term whole school assembly and our end of Term social afternoon which we are all looking forward to.

This week we have celebrated two special birthdays, Kurt's 18th and Jade's 14th. What a fantastic day that was. Over the holidays two more of our students will celebrate their birthdays. A big Happy Birthday to Ilhana and Jasmin.

We look forward to seeing everyone return for a very exciting Term 4.

Brodie & Tash

CHANGING ADDRESS OR TELEPHONE NUMBER? PLEASE CONTACT THE FRONT OFFICE AND SUPPLY ALL NEW DETAILS SO THAT WE CAN MAINTAIN AN ACCURATE AND CURRENT DATABASE

SECONDARY INCLUSION & SENIOR 1 CLASS GROUPS

Well it is the end of Term 3 and what a Term it has been. We have participated in the Darling Point Fun Run, The Life Be In It Athletics Carnival and, of course, the Maroon Dam Camp.

The students have all been very well behaved so on Thursday, whilst travel training, we went to ten pin bowling.

Congratulations to both Jeffrey and Allan for working so well at Work Experience. Meals on Wheels have now offered Allan some work during the holidays and Jeffrey is extremely close to starting paid work at Bunnings.

We hope you have a lovely break and we will see you all next Term.

Janine, Narelle, Marikka and Janelle

MAROOON DAM CAMP

Wow, what a camp. It was the best camp I have ever organized and participated in. We fitted in so many fun things, starting with games, low ropes, Aikido with Merv, canoeing, catapult building, screenprinting, possum gliding, bush walking, BBQ, abseiling, rock climbing, discoing, with Ben, photo treasure hunt and finally the bus trips.

I would like to thank Ben, Merv, Janelle, Zina, Lisa and David for the fantastic support and effort they gave throughout the week. I could not have done it without you all.

Congratulations to all the students who accomplished things they thought they couldn't do. I am so proud of you all and I look forward to repeating the experience with you all next year.

Thanks again everyone.
Narelle Smithers

MY CAMP MAROOON DAM CAMP By Brianna Duffy

Day 1: We arrived at Maroon Camp and Narelle took us to our rooms. After we unpacked we did outdoor games. We did the Mohawk walk where we had to balance on wooden beams and heaps more outdoor games. We had showers then played more games and had some yummy food. After dinner Merv taught us a little bit of Aikido.

Day 2: Today we did catapults, which was great. We went canoeing and played games to see the best paddlers.. Then we screenprinted it was heaps of fun we made pink and blue t-shirts to wear on the way home.

Day 3: We did the possum glider it was really fun, I was the first one up. After lunch all of the class went on the bus to Moogerah Dam and bushwalked. We had a BBQ dinner and a cup of hot milo and yummy delicious marshmallows.

Day 4: We did abseiling today and then had lunch at the park. We didn't do the waterfall because the water was too cold, some of us rock climbed but it isn't for the faint hearted. At night we went to the disco.

Day 5: We did the photo treasure hunt. We had to break into two groups to look for clues. We had morning tea with nice biscuits. Then we hopped on the bus and went to BOONAH. Janelle cleaned the windows and Ben got a bottle of coke. Later we went to CANUNGRA for lunch. Then all of the people got on the buses which took us back to school.

I thought the Maroon Dam Camp of 2008 was really, really, really fun. I liked it a lot. I want to do it next year.

Brianna Duffy

FROM THE P & C

As a parent/carer of a special needs child we sometimes need to look "outside the box:" when it comes to caring for our children. I have a website that I look up if ever I have a question regarding the health of my loved ones, and I have grabbed a small article for your information. I hope you enjoy it.

Treat Your Child's Fever the Right Way **(www.mercola.com)**

Along with immune system development, your child's nervous system continues to develop well into their seventh year of life. With the recent epidemic increase in the rates of autism, attention deficit, and hyperactivity disorders, it would seem prudent to nurture and protect your child's health in every way possible and avoid giving them drugs like Motrin (iboprufen), unless absolutely necessary.

Many do not realize this, but a fever is actually a good thing. High fevers are especially good as they are far better than any immunization at building an authentic, life-long immune response. When you suppress these fevers with medication, you can cause far more harm than good.

We wish you all a happy and healthy holiday. Stay safe and we will see you in October.

Stephanie Nelson
President

COMPUTER NEWS

Hello again from Mr Giles. As Term 3 draws to a close I'd like to share with you some highlights from a busy and productive Term. We now have 13 interactive Whiteboards (IWB's) installed, throughout the school. We have managed to cover all areas of the school and all students have access to an Interactive whiteboard. Teachers will be attending another IWB Inservice early next Term. Already many staff are taking advantage of this great technology with lots of productive feedback.

With the implementation of OneSchool (our school management software) all teachers have now been trained in incident reporting and academic reporting. Teacher Aides should be trained during Term 4.

We have a very busy Term 4 approaching. Our school Graduation is not too far away and staff are busy submitting photos for inclusion into the graduation presentation.

If you have a graduating student. I'd be happy for you to provide some home pictures for inclusion into the presentation. You can send in the original picture for us to scan, or send in an electronic copy on disk. I will ensure that the originals are returned.

Staff are also eagerly awaiting their Computers for Teachers laptops. We do not have a definite date as yet, but are hoping that it will be in Term 4.

Best wishes until next time
Peter Giles