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The beginning of the school year is an exciting time for students, staff and families and this year is certainly no exception. Our first parade on Monday morning was our first opportunity to see our prep students arrive in their new school uniforms all ready for the year ahead. Their first day of school is an unforgett able milestone and we trust that our young learners at Kumbia will be both rich and fulfilling and will place them on the path to opportunity.

Welcome

School Values
At Kumbia State School we use the acronym PRIDE to articulate what we stand for.

P - Pride in our Learning
R - Respect for ourselves and each other
I - Important relationships
D - Demonstrate safe and healthy choices
E - Exhibiting resilience, responsibility and honesty

When put into action, these values look and feel like a small school environment where children are well behaved and are respectful to others. We take pride in our country heritage where everyone knows everybody and everyone knows your name.

In the classroom this looks and sounds like kids learning and having fun together with teachers who know their children intimately and teach with enthusiasm and love. We value parents’ participation in the school through active participation in their child’s learning. Learning doesn’t just happen in the classroom. Children are learning and applying what they learn everyday and their skills and knowledge are valued by all that interact with them.

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Improvement focus for 2017

Last year our school participated in a schoolwide review as part of planning for the next four years. One of the clear findings of this review was the positive impact that the school’s whole school reading program had for our students. Reading was clearly our key improvement agenda in 2016 and in 2017 it will continue on with a focus now of Reading Comprehension.

As teachers we’ll be focusing on building our children’s ability to understand what they’ve read. Not only be able to read the words on the page, but to make sense of them. This is the next logical step for our school. Through the success of the reading room and Rainbow Reading structures in our school, our students are able read the words on the page. In 2017, we’ll help them understand the words, sentences, paragraphs, pictures and diagrams that make up the text on the page in front of them.

Melanoma Awareness

Parents are invited to attend a Melano ma awareness session at 2:30 on Friday afternoon in the parade area with Health Promotion Nurse Annette Montebello. Annette is from the Melanoma Awareness Foundation and has visited our school in the past providing information to our students on sun safety. Annette will also run a whole school session with all students.

From the principal...
From the Principal Continued...

Exciting news — Kumbia State School now has a Facebook Page. Keep up to date with the happenings of the school by liking the page.

BOOK CLUB

Issue 1 is due back on Tuesday 7 February 2017

BPoint School Payments

Parents are now able to use BPoint to pay for school related expenses. Parents simply follow the steps at the bottom of the invoice provided for the event or activity.

SWIMMING

Year 3-6: Tuesday 31st January, Thursday 2nd Feb & Tuesday 7th February
Year 1-2: Thursday 9th February, Tuesday 14th February & Thursday 16th February

The cost of the swimming will be $12.00 per day. An invoice will be sent home with the option to pay by B POINT. This saves students having to bring the money to school. Student swimming payments must be made before each lesson.

From the P & C ....

P&C News ....

The P&C would like to welcome you all to the 2017 school year. It is fantastic to see all the happy faces of our children and to see our teachers looking refreshed and ready to tackle another year.

Our first P&C meeting for the year will be advised in the coming weeks.

The Kumbia State School P&C has been nominated for Organisation of the Year at the South Burnett Australia Day Awards for our annual Brain Drain Trivia Night. This is a fantastic honour for our small P&C group. Members of the P&C committee will be present on Wednesday night to represent our organisation at the awards.

TUCKSHOP

Monday
30th January 2017
Lisa Cross, Alissa Parry, Karen Bradwell & Wendy Barbeler

Thank you for volunteering your time to work tuckshop.

School Banking will recommence on Monday 30th January.

TUCKSHOP NEWS ....

Tuckshop will recommence on Monday 30 January 2017. There is a copy of the Tuckshop Summer Menu in the Student PST Diary and instructions on how to fill out your tuckshop bag is on the back of the menu. Please note that the Tuckshop will have a small amount of brown paper bags for sale at 5c each for emergency cases for any households who have run out of their own.

Our Tuckshop can only operate because of the wonderful parents and grandparents who volunteer their time to come in and help on a regular roster basis. We welcome anyone who would like to join a team and would like to thank our three new volunteers who will be starting this term. We aim to have each of our teams rostered on once every 4 to 6 weeks. If you are unable to commit to a place on the roster perhaps you could help with spring cleaning or at special events such as Sports Day or Break Up Days. All funds raised at Tuckshop go directly to our P&C Association and are used towards resources to benefit your child’s education. Your children will love seeing you working in the Tuckshop and you will meet new friends and get to know all the staff and students.

If you would like to join the Tuckshop Team, or can help in any way, please phone Kellie on 41644178 or 0418 712665.

In an endeavour to cut printing costs and to ensure that you get the newsletter each week, we would encourage families to receive the newsletter by email. If you would like to receive it by email, please provide us with your email address

EMAIL: _____________________________________________________________  Yes  No

Remember that the newsletter is also uploaded onto the school website. We also have a facebook page where you can keep up to date with all the current news.

The school’s email address is: admin@kumbiass.eq.edu.au