



Thursday 06 March 2014

Kowanyama

STATE SCHOOL

“Ready to Learn”



NEWSLETTER

Date Claimers

Friday 06 March

Family / School BBQ

18-20 March

Jimmy Little Foundation Music Workshops

31 March—04 April

Miss Sarah (Guidance Officer)

Friday 04 April

Last day of school Term One

Tuesday 22 April

First day of school Term Two

Everyday counts

\$20

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Kowanyama State School &
Out There Kowanyama

Is your child
at school
today?



Focus of the Week

Be fair and
friendly.

School Attendance

Every day, we work together as a group, making sure our students are attending school. This year, our attendance rates have been above 80% and some classes have even been as high as 100%. This is fantastic news for everyone—especially the students! Above everything else, students must be at school every day for them to become better readers, writers and workers of the future. Thank you to the many families that are working hard to support us in getting their children to school every day.

For a number of reasons though, some students are not coming to school. This week, I have spoken directly to families about this and sadly, the students are not being honest about why they are not attending school. Unless a student is sick or on suspension, they must be at school.

Most of our students have very good attendance and they work hard in class. I would be very happy to see good attendance from every student in the school. Even though Kowanyama State School has good attendance rates, I would like it to be even better. With your help, we can make this happen. Remember—please contact the school if you are having trouble getting your child to school. We are always happy to help families get their child to school.

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Family BBQ

A reminder that the Family BBQ will be held this Friday at 2.00pm. This will be a great opportunity for families to meet the new teachers and to visit their child's classroom. It will be wonderful to see everyone at school this Friday afternoon.

Sickness

Families are asked to check with the Clinic regarding treatment for various conditions such as scabies, colds and flus as well as cuts and sores. As these conditions are around the community at the moment, it would be wise for everyone to be sure to check on the correct treatment if they are being affected.

Year Two News:

This Term, Year Two have been working hard, studying characters and their emotions in the book, 'I'm the Best' By Lucy Cousins. Next week, they will be delivering an oral presentation to their classmates. Below is some deadly work from two Year Two students:



Ladybird and Donkey are feeling sad because you feel sad when you are not playing happily together.

By Ivarne Tommy

I am going to talk about the part where Mole digs deeper holes. I like the part where they are friends again.

By Toshianna Adams



“Year One Learning Wall”

Year One:

This is one of Netta's sentences:

Ladybird's dress is pretty.

(Notice the apostrophe!)

And Laken's:

I think that Dog feels happy because he beat Donkey.

Regards

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Attendance Power Cards

School attendance is not just important to the future of every child but also to the future of the entire Kowanyama community. If ever you need assistance in getting your children to school, please contact us.



Congratulations

Year 2

Deadly Attendance again!

Healthy Ears—Australian Hearing

Healthy Ears and Good Hearing are important tools for classroom learning. Mareeba State School supports such services provided by Mulungu Medical Centre (Mareeba) and Australian Hearing (Cairns). Both agencies conduct clinics within the school context. If you have concerns for your child, please discuss with the class teacher.



Thumbs Up!
Good Tucker - Long Life!
www.jlf.org.au



The Jimmy Little Foundation's 'Thumbs Up! Healthy Tucker' program aims to improve the health and wellbeing of Aboriginal children by promoting the importance of nutritious foods. The 'Thumbs up! Healthy Tucker' program uses music and new media to help promote the message of "Good Tucker - Long Life" to children and community members in remote communities.

The "Good Tucker – Long Life" signage has been in the Kowanyama Retail Store since 2012 and the Jimmy Little Foundation has planned to deliver the music workshops at the Kowanyama School between 18th – 20th March 2014. During this time we will write, record a song and make a video for it with the children. There will also be nutrition promotion and cook-ups at the school and the store, supported by the Apunipima Healthy Lifestyles team.

Respect Learning — Respect Community — Respect Culture

Be fair and friendly



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