Date Claimers

- 18 – 19 June — Australian Hearing Visit
- 19 – 21 June — Laura Dance Festival
- 26 June — Sports Day
- 26 June — Last Day of Term

Focus of the Week

Put rubbish in the bin.

Staffing News

At the end of this week, we say farewell to Miss Carmen who will be leaving Kowanyama after nearly five years. As we all know, Miss Carmen has contributed so much to our school and the wider community. Her passion for the job is widely recognised and we know these skills will be put to great use once again in another school. A replacement teacher will be found for Miss Carmen and families will be advised of this as soon as possible.

It is also with sadness that I announce to the community that I will be leaving Kowanyama at the end of this Term. I have been successful in my application for the role of Principal at Bwgcolman Community School (Palm Island) from the beginning of Term 3. I have enjoyed my time working in Kowanyama and getting to know so many people in the community who have always made me feel so welcome. Our school is something we can all be very proud of. Because of the commitment that we all share, Kowanyama is now seen as a school that is performing very well, with systems in place that are being shared across other schools.

Thank you to the staff at the school for helping me to achieve the goals we have set. The hard work will never end, but with your continued support and dedication, this school will continue to achieve even greater results.

To the friends, families, community members and students—thank you again for your support, friendship and guidance. You have made me feel so welcome in Kowanyama. I look forward to catching up with everyone again in the future.

Remote Controlled Cars

This week, we started using our new remote controlled cars. Every day in the second lunch break and in Period 5, students who have been working hard as well as having excellent attendance and behaviours will get the chance to play with these cars. Judging from the big crowd of students chasing after the cars at lunch time on Tuesday, these cars will be very popular with all of our students. (We may even need to get some more!)

100% Attendance

Every day, we talk about the importance of attendance in a child’s education. I am always pleased to see so many of our students and their families making a big commitment to EVERYDAY COUNTS! Last week, we had three classes achieve 88% attendance: Year 3, Year 5 and Year 6. Well done everyone.

I am especially proud of Rujame, Tijuana and Bianca for achieving 100% attendance for the last 7 weeks of school. Our three students were each presented with a 100% Attendance shirt in recognition of their efforts. Thanks to the Remote School Attendance Strategy and the Federal Government for their continued commitment to this important program. Keep up the great work everyone!

Laura Dance Festival

Students selected to attend, will need to ensure they have been participating in the practice sessions. The school will support this activity by sending teachers, providing transport for students as well as paying registration fees for the event. If you are travelling to Laura for this event in your own vehicle, please be sure to let the school know as we will need to know the exact numbers.

Senior Trip—Brisbane

A reminder that we are still planning on our trip to Brisbane in the fifth week of school in Term 3. This trip will be open to students in Years 6-10 who have good attendance as well as positive behaviours. The highlights of this trip will include:

- Queensland Museum / Science Centre
- South Stradbroke Island (Tour and Meeting with Elders)
- Brisbane Exhibition
- Parliament House
- Gold Coast Theme Park

During this time in Brisbane, we plan on visiting Parliament House, the Queensland Museum as well as Stradbroke Island. I am hoping there will be plenty of students available to attend. An information session for families will be held as soon as we are able to finalise costs and a final itinerary.

Some of our PrePrep students having fun with their new dress up costumes and play equipment!
Year 5 Excursion to Cairns

The Year 5 class at Kowanyama State School won the first School Attendance Rewards Trip with an average of 91.4% attendance over Weeks 1-4, Term 2. As a result, on Friday 22nd May, 21 students, 3 teachers, 1 teacher aide and a bus driver made the 9 hour journey to Cairns for a fun filled weekend. They spent the weekend at the amazing Cairns Coconut Holiday Resort where they thoroughly enjoyed all the activities the resort had to offer.

They went swimming in the Sun Lagoon Pool, dodged the bucket at the SPLASH Waterpark and raced around the park on pedal karts, just to name a few of the resort’s activities!

Cinquain Poetry

Thank you to Miss Olivia and the Secondary students for writing some great poetry last week.

**Crocodile**

Softly, swiftly
Slithering, sliding, swimming
Sunlight warms him up
Solar-powered.
(by the 7-9 students)

**Brolga**

Happy, joyful
Dancing, flying, standing
The eggs have hatched
Parent.
(by the seniors)

Reading Club

This week in Reading Club, we had a special guest, Professor Aaron, who conducted some experiments such as: Magic Milk, Making Gas and Teabag Rockets, to demonstrate literacy in Science.

The students spent a few hours at the local shopping centre on Saturday morning and went Tenpin Bowling in the evening. For some students it was their very first trip to Cairns. What an experience they had! The students were exceptionally well behaved and were great role models for the Kowanyama Community. After such a wonderful trip away, they are very much looking forward to working towards another Rewards Trip by coming to school every day.