



# Kowanyama

STATE SCHOOL

"Ready to Learn"



# NEWSLETTER

## Date Claimers

- **Term 3 End Date**—Friday 18 September 2015
- **Parade**— Weekly Monday Morning 9:20am
- **Transition Support Services**— Mon-Thurs 9:20-11:20am
- **Annual Sports Carnival**— 216 September 2015
- **NAIDOC Celebration**— 17 September 2015
- **Annual School Fete**—18 September 2015



## Spotlight

### Reading

Reading to your child, reading with your child, and listening to your child read every day is one of the greatest investments of your time that you can make. Every child has access to our wonderful Re-

## P&C Meeting

**1 September 2015—5pm**  
**Venue: School Library**  
**Tea and Coffee available.**

We welcome new members and can't wait to see you there.

## Principal's Note

Our Year 6—Secondary students are off to a great week in South East QLD. They are enduring the cold morning starts of under 5 degrees and enjoying action packed days in a variety of events and challenges. First stop was a school visit to Ipswich SHS where our students enjoyed a day of alternative subjects such as Dance, Hair and Beauty and Football Studies. This school visit has formed a partnership between our schools and Ipswich SHS students and staff will visit Kowanyama SS in Week 9 for a cultural exchange and experience.

This week we had some important visitors to our school: Deb Dunstone—Regional Director FNQ, Ken Schumberg—Assistant Regional Director, Dr George Otero—Community Connections Advisor, Torres Webb—Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander Education Initiatives and Gail Mitchell - Director ISSU. I am very proud of our community and staff's commitment to the education of our

students at Kowanyama State School and this was highlighted by our visitors.

As the Principal of Kowanyama SS, I am excited as we are seeing some really great improvements across the school including this weeks release of NAPLAN results. Last week all of our students were undertaking their reading level testing and we are seeing amazing results in our junior school reading including Chanteria David reaching a outstanding Level 28 in Year 2. Well Done to all our teachers and students for improving the reading of Kowanyama Kids.



## Every Day Counts

Missing	Equals	Which is	Over 13 years of schooling your child is missing
1 day per fortnight	20 days per year	4 weeks per year	Nearly 1.5 years of schooling
1 day per week	40 days per year	8 weeks per year	Nearly 2.5 years of schooling
2 days per week	80 days per year	16 weeks per year	Nearly 5 years of schooling
3 days per week	120 days per year	24 weeks per year	Nearly 8 years of schooling

## Regular attendance

Regular attendance at school is very important for each child. However from time to time students become ill. When your child is ill could we remind parents to call the school so that we can correctly record the absences. The school phone number is **4083 7333**.

## Daily Timetable

**Session 1 - 9:20 – 11:20am**

40 min Lunch break – students may leave school grounds to purchase lunch

**Session 2 – 12 – 2pm**

20 min play – students are not permitted to leave school grounds

**Session 3 – 2:20 – 3:10pm**

## Annual Athletics Carnival

The Kowanyama State School Annual Athletics carnival will take place at the school on 16 September 2015. All Welcome.

## Transition Support Services

A reminder that Shannon is available for Transition Support Mon—Thurs—9:20 – 11:20am ONLY. During the term Shannon will be visiting and working with all our Year 6 families to ensure a smooth transition from primary school to boarding high school.

## Secondary Students Cultural Studies

The Secondary Students began learning about the cultural use and importance of fire with the help of Rangers Garth, Louie and Taron. Chook and Chrissy showed the students a Firestick Tree and talked about the use and proper care when handling a firestick. It's great to have the community passing on knowledge.

