NAIDOC Celebrations 2014
Please be advised that because of Sorry Business, the planned NAIDOC Celebrations as well as the School Fete for next week have been cancelled. We plan on reorganising these events at a suitable time in Term 4. A reminder that we are still looking for community members who would like to assist us with these celebrations. Please contact the school for more information.

Child Protection Week

With the aim of making sure we create a child safe community in Kowanyama, our students were invited to participate in a range of activities at the Sport and Recreation Centre yesterday. Thank you to a wide variety of agencies that worked so hard to make this event happen. We especially appreciate the efforts of Jatinder Kaur (Clinical Counsellor, RFDS) for organising the Child Protection Week activities on behalf of the community.

- Kowanyama Shire Council - Women’s shelter staff and Sport and Recreation staff
- RAATSIC
- Act for Kids
- Child Safety
- Qld Police
- Apunipima
- Qld Health
- Qld Indigenous Family Violence Legal Service
- Royal Flying Doctor Service

Do you want to join the Army Reserve?

51 FNQR is recruiting now!
What: Army Information Brief
Where: Kowanyama State School
When: Wednesday 17th of September at 10am
Who: Males and Females aged 17-55

School Banners
Next time you are at school, check out the great posters that are on display. Along with word lists and tables, there are many posters reminding us about important things such as attendance, hygiene, respect and being ready to learn. We are very proud of our school and we look forward to having even more posters on display in Term 4.

Regards
Ross McHutcheon
Principal

Focus of the Week

Be a good role model.
Thank you—Out There Kowanyama
Thank you again to Dr Lara and the team from Out There Kowanyama for the generous donation of some beautiful books for school. Already, the students have been busily checking out the fantastic books! Thanks again for your support Out There Kowanyama! We think you are awesome!

Regional AFL Competition—Bamaga
Congratulations to our students and Sir Jason on their successful trip to Bamaga for the Regional AFL Competition. All students performed brilliantly and we are hoping that some may even be selected for the Far North Queensland in Brisbane. Well done everyone!

School Dental Van
I am happy to let families know that the School Dental Van will be visiting Kowanyama early next Term. In preparation for their visit, families will need to sign a form for each child, giving permission for students to visit the Dental Van and to receive treatment, if necessary. Next week, I will be asking the School Attendance Officers to check in with families to sign the necessary forms.

The holiday programs.....Once again the OTK team of volunteers came to run a fun program for Kowanyama kids in the July school holidays. The kids had a great time and were happy to see some of the regular volunteers who have been coming here for ten years! Yes! July was the ten year anniversary for our volunteer run holiday programs and Lara and Liz were two of the members who were on team who had been on the first programs ten years ago! Half of our members have been with us from the start. We hope there will be many more years to come and that we will see more of the Kowie mob get involved. We’ve had Kowie leaders on our camps, Kowie teens helping with programs, we’ve even had elders like Alma come and get involved with the kids. Most exciting however was that this July we had our first ever OFFICIAL live-in team member from Kowie! Wendell Luke who first came as a tiny little kid to our programs came along as an official team member who was involved in all aspects of planning and the program. He made his nanna and family proud and his community should be very proud of him. He has a real passion to help his community and to be a role model for kids in the community. He did this well on the team and you could see how the kids really looked up to him and loved to see a Kowie leader! We are hoping for more Kowie leaders into the future. Contact Lara if you are interested in being involved.

And don’t forget – TARZALI LEADERSHIP CAMP FOR GRADE 6/7 HAPPENING 29TH SEPTEMBER!! ONLY A FEW PLACES LEFT SO PLEASE HURRY TO HAND IN YOUR FORMS AND $70 TO THE SCHOOL OR TO DAVID JACK AT THE BANK.