Jimmy Little Foundation

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 “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.

This week, a number of our Year 4-7 students have been selected to write a song and make a video of their performance for presentation to an audience on Friday in the school Library at 12.00 this Friday.

It would be wonderful to have lots of families and community members here at school on Friday to join in this wonderful celebration.

Awin Udnum Project 2014

This week, Bernadette (Awin Udnum Project) will be working with our senior students in a number of activities at the Artharpuch (Mums and Bubs) building. Planned activities include:

1. Traditional arts activities lead by local Elders
2. Health Education Session - ‘Sexual Health’ lead by Danielle Weise and Robbie Corrie - Apunipima - Wednesday afternoon 19th (post-lunch - hometime).

The session will be broken up with an information session followed by men's and Women's discussion groups lead by Awin Project workers, supported by local adults and Allied Health workers.

2014 School Plan

Every year, decisions are made on what we need to do as a school, to improve student learning and success. Some of the priorities are made for us, as these are recognised as being important for all school across Queensland. Some of the priorities are also determined by the particular needs we have in Kowanyama. Listed below are the priorities we have for 2014. More detailed copies of these priorities are available from the school office, if you would like to have more detailed information.

Our focus for 2014 will be:

1. Improving Teaching
2. Refining and embedding data based decision making
3. Refining and embedding accountability systems at all leadership levels
4. Connecting parents and caregivers with their children’s learning
5. Maximising attendance
6. Literacy and numeracy improvement
7. School wide positive behaviour support

Sports Shirts

Families are reminded that school sports shirts are available for sale from the school office up until Thursday, 03 April. It will not be possible to sell them on the day of the Cross Country as all staff will be in town preparing for the event. Sports shirts cost $25.00 and are available in a wide range of sizes.

2013 School Shirts

We still have some of the fantastic 2013 shirts available for sale from the school office. I know these shirts are very popular, so please contact the school if you would like to purchase one.

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.

At the beginning of next Term, all students with 100% attendance will be taking home a $20.00 power card for their families. This is our way of saying “Thank you” for getting your children to school every day.

Every day counts!

Regards
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Kowanyama State School Senior boys visited the Community Nursery and Garden to learn about local bush food and medicine plants. They listened to stories about local plants and cultural practices and helped weed the garden.

Bush Apple, Turpentine, Monkey Nut and Turpentine trees were selected from the nursery and the boys were shown how to prepare and plant them out at the tourist camp as part of a revegetation project. The boys said, “It was good to do because in the future, the plants could help people.”

Thankyou to Viv, from the Kowanyama Lands Council, Boxhead for his stories, and the boys for working hard. Well Done!

Remember...
You’re invited to the school this Friday afternoon to watch the Jimmy Little Foundation performance.

We look forward to seeing you there.