Term 3 News
Without a photocopier for the last 8 weeks, it hasn’t been possible to do a regular newsletter every fortnight. As such, it’s a late welcome back to the new Term to all returning students, families and staff members. A special welcome to Miss Bec who is our new teacher for Year 5. I am sure everyone has had the chance to welcome Miss Bec to the community and I am certain she will enjoy her time in Kowanyama.

NAIDOC Celebrations 2014
Every year, NAIDOC Week across Australia is celebrated during the Queensland School Holidays. Because of this, we are planning on organising our NAIDOC celebrations in the last week of the Term from 15-19 September. To start the planning process, I would like to call a meeting for all interested community members on Tuesday 12 August at 2.00pm in the school Library. I’m sure everyone will remember the great celebrations in 2012. It would be wonderful to see the same success again in 2014. I look forward to your ideas and support of this planned event.

School Fete
As I’ve mentioned previously, we are planning on holding a School Fete this Term. I am going to propose at the NAIDOC planning, for this to be considered as part of those celebrations on the last day of school this Term. Once again, your advice and consideration of this would be appreciated.

Year 6/7 Camp
On Monday 06 October (the start of Term 4), students in Years 6 and 7 will be going to Cairns for their boarding school transition camp. As a general rule, in order to participate, your child needs to have 85% attendance or above and must demonstrate good behaviour. Students will be travelling by bus on the Monday morning and returning by bus on Friday evening. Students will visit several boarding schools and also have a chance to do fun activities at the Daradgee Environmental Education Centre. The camp will cost $200 per student. The school will be covering all transport costs for this activity. Centrepay can be arranged through the office. Centrepay or cash payments for the camp must be paid up by the end of week 8 (05 September). Students will also need to bring their own spending money for shopping and snacks.

End of Semester 1 Prep Celebration
On Thursday 26 June, the Prep students invited their families into their classroom to share the learning they have experienced so far in the year, and to collect their child’s report card. We had most of our families attend and the students were very proud to show their parents their work books and how we do consolidations. Thank you to all those families who attended. We all appreciated spending time with you.

Sport
It has been a busy start to the Term with visits from both NRL Development and AFL Cape York. Students from Prep to Year 7 attended the Backyard League Program, which gives students the opportunity to develop necessary skills for playing the greatest game on earth—Rugby League. Karl from the NRL development team will be back 2 more times throughout the year, to continue with the program.

We have also had AFL Cape York come into school, teaching students about the basic concepts of the game. They are also running a competition every Tuesday with student teams versus each other over the next 5 weeks. The students are really loving this opportunity and it’s great to see so many smiles. Feel free to come down to the footy grounds and watch the children play.

Congratulations to the 8 students chosen to represent our school and community in the under 13 Western/ Central Cape Crusaders Cup in Weipa. I would like to wish Juan, Shane, Louis, Ty, Zian, Ralika, Sheneeva and Zera—all the best and hope that they enjoy themselves.

Year 3 News
In Year 3, students have been working hard in Maths. This week, we are doing the 6X tables and yesterday, we were using our Maths blocks to help us make groups of 6.
Power Cards—Attendance Rewards
As a way of thanking the families who have greater than 95% attendance, we will soon organise an event where you will be presented with $20 Power Cards. Thanks to the support of Out There Kowanyama and the school, this is our way of recognising you for getting your children to school on time, every day.

School Signs
Very soon, families and community members will notice a large number of new signs appearing around the school. These signs are designed to promote our school’s positive image and to remind everyone of our goals and beliefs at Kowanyama State School. A couple of these signs have been included as part of this Newsletter.

Positions Vacant - Apply Today
Are you interested in the following positions? If you are, contact the school for more information and make an appointment for an interview:

- Office Reception
  This position is full-time and you will be required to work five days every week. Computer skills required.
- School Attendance Supervisors (2 positions)
  These two positions are full time and you will be required to work five days every week.
- School Attendance Officers
- Teachers Aides
- Cleaners

All applicants will need to be eligible to apply for a Blue Card. If you are unsure of this, please call in to the school to discuss this further.