



Kowanyama

STATE SCHOOL

"Ready to Learn"



NEWSLETTER

Date Claimers

- **Term 1 End Date—**
Thursday the 24 March
- **Parade— Weekly Monday**
Morning 9:20am
- **Cross Country—23 March**
- **Term 2 Start Date— 11**
April
- **Weekly Meat Tray Draws**
for our 100% Attendance
students on Monday Pa-
rade



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 ac-

P&C Meeting

27 April—3:30pm

Venue: School Library
Tea and Coffee available.

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

Principal's Note

We have had a great start to the term with excellent attendance across our school. The first 4 weeks of school our Primary School attendance was above 90%. Well done to our students and their families for making 'Every Day Count'.

Our students have been busy with improving their reading and this has been evident in our PM Benchmark testing this week. Many of our students have reached their Term 1 Reading goal. Great work to our reading coaches Miss Kate and Miss Louise with the wonderful support of Miss Gwen and Miss Maria ensuring our students get reading mileage everyday.

Our students and staff have been participating in AFL and Cross Country training each week with a large number of students attending each training session on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

Our school has also had our first visit for the year

by our Allied Health Team. The team consist of a Speech Therapist, Occupational Therapist and a Psychologist. We welcome the Allied Health team into our school every three weeks to work with our students and teachers to ensure improved learning outcomes. Apunipima Health Council have also come into the school to perform hearing tests on our students and are returning before the end of Term 1.

Our Assistant Regional Director Ken Schumberg also visited our school in Week 3. Ken assists our school in ensuring that our students are given every opportunity to achieve in all learning outcomes. Ken is very proud of our school and our wonderful students.. Transition Support Services Sandy Russo and Amelia Berlin have also been working in the school this term to ensure our Year 6's are getting ready for boarding school and our current secondary students are given the opportunity to re-engage with boarding school.

Every Day Counts

Missing	Equals	Which is	Over 13 years of school-
1 day per fort- night	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

School Leaders Parade

Our whole school will celebrate our 2015 school leaders with a presentation parade and BBQ. Dates will be placed up around the community to advise of the celebration time and day. All Welcome

Year 1/2

Hi families and friends,

The year 1/2's have had a great start to the term. 5 weeks in and we have been working very hard. In L4L we have been gaining confidence by speaking in front of the class. We have been talking about the book 'I'm the Best' by Lucy Cousins. The kids are loving it! They use my teacher microphone and stand before all their peers. We are very strong and proud. In Maths, we have been learning about addition and subtraction. We just completed an assessment for addition and our kids did great. We've moved onto subtraction now. In Science this term, we are looking at animals and their habitats. We have had heaps of fun drawing and labelling our animals and even working outside studying some animal's habitats. Our attendance has been over 90% for the entire term, so keep up the great work of coming to school every day. Every day counts.



Year 2/3A Miss Ash

As week 5 draws to a close, year 2/3A have worked hard to complete their first set of assessment pieces for L4L and maths. In L4L students had to rewrite their own poem about the cats in Kowie Town. The kids really got into the beat of the poem and it was great to read so many inventive poems! Now they will be learning about the journey of a goose called *Lucy Goosey* in order to develop a timeline of her life. In maths students have been working on addition and subtraction problems, using materials, pictures and the part-part whole model to help them find an answer. Some students have been using the strategy of drawing pictures (without being prompted!) to help them understand what happened in the problem, which is really pleasing to see. Lastly, year 2, and I would like to thank our fantastic teacher aides, for helping us and taking charge of groups of students in maths and reading rotations. Thanks Miss Madeline, Miss Celestine, Miss Adryanna and Miss Noradelle!!!

