Welcome everyone...to The Kooralbyn International School’s Primary School. We’re very happy that you’ve joined us. This year, we’ve worked hard to keep our primary class sizes down to 18 or less students per class so that our students can have more individual attention from their teachers. They will also have the benefit of specialised Art, Japanese, Music and Swimming teachers, as well as an optional Dance Elective Program for Grades 3 to 7 during Sports on Fridays.

I have been impressed by the enthusiasm and good behaviour that our Primary School have shown so far in the first two weeks of the school year. Parade on Tuesday (pictured above) was a proud moment for us all here at TKIS.

Welcome to TKIS Primary School

Geoff Mills
Principal

Upcoming Events, Notices and Reminders

For current updates on upcoming school events, please visit our website at www.tkis.qld.edu.au

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Welcome back to students and families in Prep and Year 1. I hope you had a happy and safe Christmas and New Year’s break. This week our students have jumped straight into their literacy rotations by completing lots of reading, writing, spelling, sight word and handwriting activities. During Mathematics, students have also been working hard to revise numbers up to 16, as well as measurement activities. They have measured and recorded their heights on our class height chart, which we will continue to update throughout the year.

Congratulations to Prep student Logan Bolt, for receiving our “Student of the Week” award. Logan has settled quickly into Prep and is always trying his best in all our class activities.

A little reminder to parents that homework is due back to school on Monday for marking.

Charmaine Jefferson
Prep-1 Teacher

Our Classes...

Prep - 1 with Ms Jefferson

Welcome to another year of fun and learning. In the 1-2 class we have been busy settling into our routines and becoming familiar with the layout of our new classroom. The students have all been given a special class job which we will rotate each week so that everyone has a turn at the different roles.

This week has seen the start of our homework, which our students have shown great enthusiasm for. Unfortunately the Year Two homework textbook is on back order and isn’t expected to arrive until late March - early April. I have been able to purchase a copy myself so I will photocopy the appropriate pages for the Year Two students to work on each week until their books arrive.

We have also begun our history unit this week, which will link closely with Geography, where we look at our local community and our place in Australia and the world. This will lead us to the comparison of life for the first Australians and present day life. The students enjoyed marking their house, my house and their friends’ houses on a map of our local area.

Mrs Baldwin
Year 1-2 Teacher

Year 1-2 with Mrs Baldwin

Year three have made an excellent start to the year. They are busy writing narratives and exploring Australia. A lot of fun was had when the students had to reassemble a map of Australia and then decide where each state was and what the capital city of that state was.

Their next adventure will see them exploring the school environment to discover the man made features and the natural features of this environment. They will then extend their research out to the far reaches of Australia.

Congratulations, Year 3 students, on your focus and commitment to getting back into the routines of school and embracing the changes of Year 2 to Year 3.

Mrs Johns
Year 3 Teacher
Welcome to Week 2 in Year 4-5. As the newest class here at Kooralbyn International School, we are looking forward to an exciting year ahead.

We would like to congratulate Tomy Johnston for being our Student of the Week and thank all the Year 4’s and 5’s who participated in our School Swimming Carnival. Our class would also like to congratulate Noah Clark-Tomlinson and Dakota Norbury who have qualified for District Swimming Trials. Good luck, we know you will both swim really well!

Speaking of swimming, Primary School swimming lessons began this week. We have two new swimming instructors and we really enjoyed our first swimming lesson.

As their teacher, I am looking forward to working with Year 4-5 over the next week, as we begin to investigate writing Narratives in English and reviewing and exploring new concepts in Maths. In science we look forward to discovering the biology and structure of the desert.

Ms Close
Year 4-5 Teacher

The start to the term has been fast paced, with many changes. We have now settled in and are working hard. This term we will be working towards a class newspaper and publishing it ourselves.

We have a few talented swimmers who have qualified for the Beaudesert District Swimming Trials on Tuesday night. They are Claudia Munday, Khan Haidley, Patrick Hartney, Abbey Baldwin, Rebekah Love and Cheyvonne Sauer. Good luck to you all.

Next week, we will be moving towards understanding the inner workings of a Newspaper. We will also be improving our times table recall through practice.

Mrs Fanning
Year 5-6 Teacher

The first two weeks of term have seen Year 7 complete a number of short assessments aimed at providing an overview of each students ability in areas of comprehension, spelling and mathematics.

The Primary Swimming Carnival was held in Week One and resulted in a number of Year 7 students performing well and qualifying to represent TKIS at a district level.

A reminder to Year 7 parents/carers that formal uniform is to be worn Mondays to Thursdays, and sports uniform on Fridays. Students will also need to bring their swimming gear on Tuesdays. If students are unable to participate in swimming for any reason, they must bring a note with them to school.

Mr Herbert
Year 7 Teacher

Congratulations to our Primary School Captains

Mackenzie Andrew Captain
Thomas Sydney-Smith Captain
Holly Johnson Vice Captain
Adam Bailey Vice Captain

... and Primary School Captains
What a great carnival we had! Kids, [both swimmers and cheerers] staff and parents all had a very enjoyable morning. It was so encouraging to see most of the children having a go! The weather was not too hot, and not too cold!

Of course, TKIS Primary does have some very capable swimmers and they swam some very good times. However, it was also very heartening to see some of the students who knew that they were not such strong swimmers and yet were undeterred and put their names down for the events. They tried so hard and fifty metres is a long way for little ones. One name [amongst others] that comes to mind is Connor Johnson, who was so determined and battled through every event, but he completed all his races, and we are so proud of him, and all the others like him who tried their very best. Agib managed to swim in the wrong age grouping, but he hopped straight out of the pool to swim in the very next race, his age group, and still came first - an excellent effort.

Thank you to all the parents, teachers, and all others who helped to make our day so successful and run so smoothly.

Valerie O’Brien
Swimming Carnival Co-ordinator
And Congratulations to All Who Qualified in the 2014 Beaudesert & District Primary School Selection Trials!

Freestyle
- Daniel Callaghan
- Noah Clark-Tomlinson
- Billie Cooper
- Patrick Hartney
- Khan Haidley
- Holly Johnson
- Rebekah Love
- Claudia Munday
- Dakota Norbury
- Cheyvonne Sauer
- Thomas Sydney-Smith

Backstroke
- Abbey Baldwin
- Khan Haidley
- Holly Johnson
- Rebekah Love
- Claudia Munday
- Dakota Norbury
- Cheyvonne Sauer
- Thomas Sydney-Smith

Breaststroke
- Holly Johnson
- Claudia Munday
- Dakota Norbury

Butterfly
- Holly Johnson
- Claudia Munday
- Dakota Norbury

Under 9 Years:
Serenity Aitchison
Laa-Teisha Atkins
Joshua Griffiths

Under 10 Years:
Lachlan Herbert
Aiden Hegarty

Under 11 Years:
Connor Johnston
Agib Hughes

Under 12 Years:
Sahas Nazareno
Matthew Hogan

Under 13 Years:
Aiden Plain
Lorna-May Johns

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Our First Day Back At School
The Houses of TKIS

Last, But Not Least

In TKIS, we have Specialist Teachers who teach Art, Dance, Music, Japanese (LOTE) and Swimming in Primary School, as well as a Diagnostic Reading Program Co-ordinator. We will be introducing them to you over several newsletters.

**Specialist Teacher Classes : Swimming**

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Please remember to bring underwear, a towel, and a bag for wet clothes on Swimming Days.

**Do we have your current email address?**

We hope that you have enjoyed this bumper 8 page first edition of “Primary School News”. This newsletter will be published fortnightly, and as TKIS is committed to reducing our carbon footprint whenever possible, future editions will be will be emailed to you. If you do not received the next edition in your email inbox, or wish to request a printed Newsletter, please write to us at admin@tkis.qld.edu.au, or call Admin at 5544 5500 during school hours. All TKIS newsletters are available for download at www.tkis.qld.edu.au.

There are 3 Houses at TKIS, and every student from Prep to Year 12 has been assigned a house that they will be in during their time at the school.

There will be Inter-House competitions run throughout the year (including the Swimming Carnival just past). The inter-house competitions are designed to develop a friendly competitive spirit within the school, as well as provide activities to keep students busy and engaged during lunch breaks. With the competitions, we aim to foster a spirit of helpfulness within the community and caring towards the environment, and to give every student an opportunity to believe in themselves and to develop a wide range of skills and abilities.

House Shirts should be worn during Inter-House Events and are available for sale at the TKIS Uniform Shop at Admin.

The 3 houses of TKIS are:

**Citius :** (pronounced Keetz-ee-ooos)
- Meaning: Faster
- Colour: Gold
- Symbol: Cheetah

A person of this house is called a Citor (Keetz-or)

**Altius: (pronounced Altz-ee-ooos)**
- Meaning: Higher
- Colour: Sky Blue
- Symbol: Eagle

A person of this house is called a Altor (Altz-or)

**Fortius: (pronounced Fortz-ee-ooos)**
- Meaning: Stronger
- Colour: Red
- Symbol: Elephant or Bull

A person of this house is called a Fortor (Fortz-or)

**Students of The Week**

Congratulations to our Students of the Week for Week 1

Logan Bolt Prep - 1
Stella Dellaquaglia Year 1 - 2
Zac Lesslie Year 3
Tomy Johnston Year 4 - 5
Daniel Callaghan Year 7

**Pre-Prep Class of 2014**

Our little TKIS Students are now having their Pre-Prep Class on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9am to 12pm with Mrs Lauren Hertherington.

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