To Parents & Friends of Koorlong Primary School
Welcome to the start of the 2014 school year. Everyone has settled in beautifully to the school and we are well on our way to a terrific term at Koorlong Primary School.

HELPERS WANTED
BEFORE SCHOOL READING—8.45 to 9am
Can you or a family member spare 15 minutes before school to listen to children read please?

Mrs Pain & Miss Driscoll would appreciate your help.

Parents, grandparents, big brothers & sisters are welcome in our school and the students will benefit greatly.

NO EXCEPTIONS.
NO EXCUSES.
On hot days, it is important to remember that children should never be left alone in a car.
The temperature inside a car on hot days begins to rise as soon as the door closes and within minutes the temperature inside can be double the temperature outside.
Leaving children in hot cars – even for a moment – can result in injury or death.
Young children’s smaller body size and underdeveloped nervous system places them at a much greater risk of life-threatening heatstroke, dehydration and other serious health risks.
Victorian legislation makes leaving a child unattended in a car a criminal offence, with penalties ranging from fines of $2165 or three months in prison.

If you are travelling with a child in a car and you need to get out, make sure you take your child with you.

No exceptions. No excuses.

40KM/H SCHOOL SPEED ZONE
Please be reminded that between 8am-9.30am and from 2.30-4pm the speed limit around our school is 40km/h. For the safety of all, (children and adults) please travel at or below the speed limit.

HOME READING
Children will continue to take books home they have read before and is known to them. Each time they have a guided reading session with their teacher, they will take that book home to consolidate their skills. This book will become familiar and easier for them to read.
Children move at different levels/speeds and with practice and encouragement from home and school, they will continue to improve.

ACTIVE AFTER SCHOOL CARE
This term we will be having ball sports and Karate. Active will commence next Wednesday 12th from 3.30-4.30pm. There are limited places so put your name down at the office if you are interested.
The program runs for 7 weeks each term.

SCHOOL LEVY
School levy payment is $200 per child for the year or $180 if you put your name on the mowing/working bee roster. The levy covers the cost of all the students supplies, eg pens pencils, internet, 4 excursions and the swimming program in August. Please finalise payments by the end of February.

GROUND AND GARDENS
Thankyou to Adam Campbell for mowing the school grounds this week.

SCHOOL COUNCIL 2014 ELECTIONS
The school council has 4 vacancies this year. Three current school councillors are coming up for re-election but anyone who is interested can nominate (see me at school for a nomination form).
School council meets 3rd Tuesday of every month to discuss issues around school maintenance, governance and organise activities for the school.
Nomination forms need to be returned to school on 12/2/14.

THONG FRIDAY
At assembly yesterday Lleyton ‘won the challenge’ and all students can wear their thongs to school this Friday ONLY.
LUNCH ORDERS
Please find attached a 2014 lunch order price list from the Koorlong Store.

HOMEWORK
Homework went home Monday and it involves spelling activities and reading. It is due back every Thursday. As in previous years the teachers have arranged a whole school reward for the children who complete and return their homework 7 out of 9 weeks on time! This term the reward is a movie, popcorn and drinks in the Multi-Purpose Room. Children who do not complete and return their homework will do any missed homework whilst the others are having their reward time. Please assist your child to establish a routine around homework and listen to them read then sign their home reading diary every school night.

EMA
If you are the holder of a valid centrelink concession card you may be eligible for EMA/Education Maintenance Allowance. Please collect a form from the office. It must be returned by 28th February. We also need to view your concession card.

COMPUTER LAPTOP LEASE 2014
Please see me at school if you are interested in leasing a laptop.

FRESH FRUIT FRIDAY
A big thankyou to Phyllis Rata for donating a watermelon and Nelson and Zoe Dicheria for grapes. The children enjoyed the delicious fruit at recess. If you can assist with donations please see me at school.

HOT LUNCHES
We will continue to heat up lunches for children on Tuesday and Thursday.
To make it easier for your child and us the food must be wrapped in tin foil and be named.
Also any day a child wants their normal lunch eg chicken or ham or salad sandwich put in the fridge we will have a basket go around to rooms to collect them, please make sure they too are named.

BIRTHDAYS
January—Charlie, Eryn & Mrs Pain.
February—Keegan, Katrina, Alex, Abby, Ben

WORKERS OF THE WEEK
Kobe—wonderful start to reading for 2014
Ebony—including preps in her class
Angel—for great reading
Oliver—settling in well to KPS
Grace—being organised every morning
Bridie—working well in class
Aydin—fantastic reading
Charlie—fitting in to new school

ATTENDANCE AWARDS
Cheyenne & Ruth—free lunch order
Mariah & Lavinia—lunch time DVD with friends
Kobe—choose a book
Lleyton—pick from the box

WHOLE SCHOOL
Lleyton—THONG FRIDAY