WELCOME TO 2013

A huge welcome to everyone for the 2013 school year. A special welcome to all the new members of the Kinross School community. I am very confident that you will enjoy your time with us at Kinross Primary School.

Thank you to all parents, students and staff for a very smooth start to the school year. The hard work put in by all staff members prior to the students returning paid off as every student was actively engaged in their learning from the moment they walked into the classrooms.

STAFFING CHANGES FOR 2013

We have been fortunate to gain the services of a number of new teachers for the 2013 school year. Holly Gudsell and Alicia Amonini are working in the Early Childhood Area, Victoria Price has welcomed students into the Year 1 class, Libby Anderson has slotted into the Year 4 area and Emma Hewitt has taken on the Art area and supporting Sue Gazzard teaching Music. We are fortunate in welcoming back Marie Peters as a member of the Year 2 team. Renae Bedells will also be doing one day of Physical Education in the school.

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Office hours: 8.00am—3.00pm
School Start time—8.40am
School Finish time—2.55pm
Wednesday Early Close 8.30am—2.30pm
SCHOOL BOARD

Kinross Primary School is now officially an Independent Public School (IPS) meaning that the School Council takes on the new guise of a School Board. The School Council of 2012 determined that there should be a full round of elections early in 2013 so that the School Board had an opportunity to come into existence at the same time as the school gained IPS status. This means that all positions are up for nomination and possible election if there are more nominations than positions available.

All information relating to the roles and responsibilities of a school board have been uploaded to the school website www.kinrossps@.wa.edu.au. Should you be interested in nominating for a position on the Kinross Primary School Board please go to the website, read the information and complete a nomination form. I urge all parents to consider this opportunity.

BEFORE SCHOOL POLICY

The staff at Kinross Primary School are well aware that many parents work and therefore need to find alternative arrangements for their children before school. To assist in this area we have agreed to allow students onto the school site from 8.15 a.m. and will provide supervision from this time until 8.30 a.m. when they are able to access their classrooms. However, in order to provide this supervision, it is vital that students are in set areas as follows:

- Kindergarten and Pre-Primary students are to be within the safety fences provided around their area
- Year 1 students and students from Rooms 8, 9 and 10 are to seated on the verandah facing the Undercover Area or in the Junior Primary Alcove area
- All other students are to be seated in the area between the Office block and the staffroom including the alcove areas either side of the main seating area.

Parents are welcome to sit with their children at these times.

*Please remember that this is a service we are providing to assist parents and that we have responsibility for the students once they enter the school grounds. We ask that no student be in the school grounds prior to 8.15 a.m.*

PARKING ON STREET VERGES

Kinross Primary School is similar to many schools in the area in that we experience difficulties with parking at the beginning and end of the school day. We continue to work with the City of Joondalup to address this situation. While we understand the frustrations associated with parking it is important to consider the needs of the residents who live over the road from the school. They work hard to maintain their gardens and verges and these are damaged when other people park on them.

Please do not park on the verges of local residents. It is a major inconvenience for them, it results in them getting upset and then lodging a complaint with the school. Consider whether you would like strangers parking on your lawns, leaving their cars and not returning for some time. This is the position you place the local residents in when you park on their lawns.

Thank you for being understanding on this issue.
P&C NEWS

Meeting Dates

The next General Meeting - Thursday 14th February - 2pm - Location to be confirmed

Annual General Meeting - Thursday 14th March - 2pm - Location to be confirmed

Please consider any points you might like to include on the agenda and advise ASAP.

Any apologies can be emailed to the P&C email address

School Shirt Orders

The new school shirts should be available for collection from 25th February 2013. The P&C appreciates your patience in the supply of the new shirts and would like to be able to get the new shirts out as soon as possible after their arrival.

In order to do this we require the balance of payment paid as soon as possible so that we can deliver the shirts directly to classrooms when they arrive. We cannot deliver the shirt if there is still some money outstanding.

Again, thank you for your patience and cooperation.

Ed de Ruiter
Principal