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Newsletter Term 3 Week 2

## Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to our first newsletter for Term 3. We have an exciting term ahead with many events planned on the calendar. Last week, our Year 6 students participated in an energising workshop, which engaged them and made them

think and reflect carefully on their own self. I had some great conversations with students afterwards. Sophia Kerr wrote a lovely piece as a result of this workshop that she shared with me. I would like to include it here. Wouldn't it be wonderful if all our students thought like this? I hope to continue these workshops into the future, as I believe it helps our Year 6 students prepare for high school and the teenage years. We all know this can be a challenging time for our children.

#### YOU ARE ENOUGH!

"You are beautiful in every way, you're loved, you are good enough and have a reason to be here. You have family, friends and people you love, who will always support you. We all go through ups and downs but you will never do it alone. You are a human being, you are not perfect. Love yourself for who you are. You're strong, beautiful and brave. You will make mistakes but they dont define you they help grow you. What ever bad thoughts you have about yourself, wash them away you have nothing to judge about you. The only flaw about you is that you are talking negative to yourself. Dont change yourself for others because you feel insecure or think they wont like you for who you are. You are enough and that will never change."

Written by Sophia Kerr

#### Assemblies

Assemblies are recommencing this week. I am looking forward to watching TA18 and TA20 run the assembly tomorrow. It is very important that when parents/visitors are on site that you are all practising social distancing. The seats will be spread out to keep the 1.5m distance. I would like to request only the parents/relatives of the children in TA18 and TA20 attend the assembly, along with any parents whose children are receiving an award or merit certificate. This will help to keep the numbers down, which will make social distancing of 1.5m easier to achieve. It is vital we practise social distancing effectively, if we are to continue with whole school events. Thank you for your co-operation.



#### Sport Events

We will also be running our sporting events this term, due to the ease of restrictions. The students are very excited that these events will go ahead (all being well!). I hope to see many of you there.

#### Key Dates

6<sup>th</sup> Aug Cross Country

31<sup>st</sup> Aug 200m trials and finals 200m

1<sup>st</sup> Sept Jumps and Throws Years 4-6

4<sup>th</sup> Sept Athletics Carnival

9th Sept Interschool Carnival

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## Open Night and 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Music Concert

This term we will be holding an Open Night and special Kinross Music Concert in the last week of this term, Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. Classrooms will be open for all parents/guardians. Grandparents to visit. This will be followed by a music concert organised by Mrs Brierley to showcase our Kinross Music Program. This will be a lovely way to promote our 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary this year. More information to come. Keep the date free.



## Kinross Family Centre

The Kinross Family Centre is coming along nicely and will be finished ahead of time. It will be a wonderful asset for our school. Atlantis will be running OSHC and Vacation Care for the Christmas holidays from the centre. Please let the office know if you are interested in a place for your child/children. More information to come.

A big thank you to all our parents who are supporting 'The Independence Initiative'. It is terrific to see our students making a quick, smooth start to the day. We are now allowing the students in Years 1-6 to have more freedom before school from 8.15am-8.30am and we do not have designated areas to wait for the rooms to open. The children have accepted this responsibility well and the leadership team have identified no behavioural issues.

Have a lovely week.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

#### Principal



## Mrs Dodge's News



#### Mathetics Awards

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement of gold status in Mathletics:

Nathaniel Lacase Hitie, Will Brandish and Vernice Soon.

To achieve gold, these students have earnt 1000 points a week for twenty weeks this year. Well done!

#### Early Childhood Learning

The Year One students from TA1 were spotted out and about this week as they took their Science studies into the school environment. Students were exploring what sounds they could hear around them and discussed the volume and pitch of these sounds. Some of the sounds that were heard in their travels included; birds, cars driving past and voices talking.

Keep up the great work, TA1.





## Mrs Smith's News



Welcome back to Term 3. It is great to see the students back on site looking refreshed and ready to learn. On our Staff Development Day, teaching and non-teaching staff took part in a COVID-19 response activity and outlined several changes that occurred during Term 1 and 2 as a result of the pandemic. When we saw it summarised,

we were quite surprised by just how adaptable we all became. We noticed there have been several changes that we want to see amplified around the school (similar to the Independence Initiative) such as relaxing playground restrictions in the morning. We no longer have our three 'areas' for gathering, instead, students from Years 1-6 are able to spread out and even play small ball games such as Four Square. We have noticed there have been less behaviour incidents before school due to less congestion and students are running off some energy before going to class. Please note that students are still not allowed outside of the gates, on the oval, on playground equipment or on the grass to the right of the Year 4 building. We also ask that students in TA5, 6 AND 7 wait inside the gates (with parents if required) as some are getting a bit close to the carpark.

#### Semester Two Student Councillors

Our new Student Councillors have had a great start to the semester. They are very efficient and have worked out clever ways to minimise their time out of class. The have communicated extremely well with each other and have already problem solved some issues. Well done, on such a successful start!



Of course our Head Boy (Luke) and Head Girl (Scarlett) will remain working with this team until the end of this year.



### Year 6 Incursion.

In Week 1, the Year 6s participated in a workshop with Life Coach, Sue Raffan. The students spoke about life after primary school and how to manage their anxiety and fears. Vernice and Harry have written about the program and would like to share it with you.

Last week, the Year 6 students attended an incursion by Sue Raffan. The incursion was about self-care, mental health and preparing for Year 7. Sue talked about how everyone is different and how to accept yourself. She taught students about the importance of confidence and having a growth mindset through self-talk and reframing our thoughts. Sue also taught us how nothing is achieved without resilience. Overall, the Year 6 students thoroughly enjoyed the experience.

#### Nails, Hair and Uniform

Unfortunately, we have had several students return from their break with acrylic nails, nail polish and brightly coloured hair. Long acrylic nails are a relatively new trend in primary schools that can pose several problems. This includes impeding writing and typing ability, lack of participation in sporting events and unintended scratches to other people. Bright coloured hair dyes are strongly discouraged and not recommended, however, students can use coloured hairspray on special dress up days or faction carnivals.

While on the topic of uniforms, it is important to note that we continue to see several students in jackets and hoodies which are not school colours. These must be removed as soon as students arrive on grounds. We also see a lot of students in black leggings and baseball caps.

I have attached the Uniform Policy for you to review if you are unsure.

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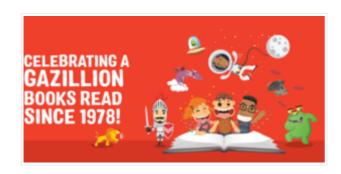
## Mrs Bennier's News



MS Readathon is happening across Australia in the month of August. Kinross Primary School has registered for students to read as many books as possible, and hopefully raise some funds. Parents can register their child/ren by following the link below and searching for Kinross Primary School under the schools tab.

Happy reading everyone!

https://www.msreadathon.org.au/students/schools



## Miss Short's News



Welcome to Term Three. I am excited to be an Associate Principal whilst Mrs Hedges is on leave. As you may know, I taught our Year 6s in TA18 last semester. Prior to that I held a principal role in a number of wheat belt schools. It's great to be back in a big, bustling, exciting school like Kinross. In my role, I am looking after our Year 2 and 3

students and also working with our Technologies and Science Committees. To celebrate Science Week we have planned an exciting excursion to AQWA for our PP-6 students with permission forms coming home soon. I'm looking forward to meeting Year 2 and 3 parents and students as the term progresses.

## TA17 - Job Interviews

TA17 held job interviews for kids to get a classroom job. They dressed up for the interviews. Students had a great time! We got a few photos for you to view.





## Mental Health in School's Project



It has been very exciting to see the reinstatement of many activities around the school such as Jogging Club, Jump Jam, Choir and Assemblies. Given the necessity of lockdown measures in other Australian states right now, I'm sure that we are all feeling extremely fortunate to be able to enjoy these little freedoms once again.

Now is a great time to ACT, BELONG and COMMIT.

With a focus on "belonging", staff viewed a critically acclaimed documentary called, "In My Blood It Runs" as part of Naidoc Week at the end of Term 2. The documentary is told through the eyes of a ten-year-old Arrernte/Garrwa boy called Dujuan. The film reveals the daily challenges faced by Dujuan and his family. Of particular interest to staff was to hear about the difficulties and barriers he faces in the education system.

Prior to the release of the film in 2019, Dujuan (now twelve) travelled to the 42<sup>nd</sup> session of the United Nations Human Rights Council to share his experiences with the youth justice system and build support for Aboriginal-led education models.

https://www.hrlc.org.au/news/2019/9/11/ the-speech-12-year-old-dujuan-delivered-at-the-un-human-rig hts-council

The documentary has prompted some very interesting reflections and discussions in the staff room. The film was recently screened on the ABC and is currently still available to view on ABC iview.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Michelle Bell

Mental Health Co-ordinator





## Music News: 25 Years Music Concert



Our wonderful choir is very happy to be all singing together again on a Friday afternoon. We are very excited to finally be able to rehearse for a concert! This concert is part of our School's 25th Anniversary celebrations and will be held in the *Undercover Area* on *Wednesday*, 23rd September between 6 and 7.30pm. I sincerely hope that all choir members

will attend as this will be our first concert of the year and has been very long-awaited! At the moment, this is the only scheduled concert we have for the year but I am hoping we will be able to add more to our diaries as the year progresses. Watch this space!

This concert does not just involve the choir. We will be showcasing many of our musical talents throughout the school - and we have A LOT of musical abilities in Kinross Primary School! Our Groovy Guitar group will be performing, along with our Brilliant Brass Band. There will be solo singers, pianists, flautists, a samba band, Drumbeat and recorder players. We cannot wait to show you all how musical we all are at KPS!

I will be holding auditions for solos/instrumental players/ ensemble groups in the next few weeks so, students, please sign up if you are interested.

### Waste Wise at KPS



Reminder: School Recycling Programs

BREAD TAGS – Each classroom has a mini bin with a yellow lid for the collection of bread tags.

BATTERIES – Our battery bin is located just inside the library door.

PLASTIC LIDS – Term 3 Week 1 to Week 5 Class Competition! Lids must be no wider than 5cm in diameter, washed and the white plastic insert found in some milk container lids removed. Please place these in your blue class recycling box.

WRITING INSTRUMENTS – Please deposit used writing instruments in the large recycling bin located outside of the library. Empty highlighters, markers, pens and correction fluid pots are accepted.

ORAL CARE PRODUCTS – Term 3 Week 6 to Week 10 Class Competition. Please deposit oral care products in the large recycling bin located outside of the library. We want to collect as many oral care products as possible as we are competing in the Colgate Community Garden Challenge. Colgate and Chemist Warehouse are giving away seven community garden sets. Each garden set includes a garden bed, a bench with planter boxes, a picnic table and a \$200 Bunnings voucher. The 3 schools which accrue the most Garden points will win. We accrue Garden points by sending in our oral care products and voting on the website.

Click on the link below to start vote!

https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting-au





### Waste Free Wednesday

Don't forget that students are encouraged to bring a waste free lunch to school each Wednesday. Resource Rescuers give out raffle tickets to students with a waste free lunch. Students write their name and TA on their raffle ticket and post the ticket in the mailbox next to the canteen. They then have the opportunity to win a \$5 canteen youcher!

This term is PLASTIC FREE TERM 3! Let's try to bring a waste free lunch to school every day and eliminate single use plastic from our school.

#### Term 3 Resource Rescuers

Here are our wonderful Resource Rescuers for Term 3! These students have volunteered to help our school Reduce, Reuse and Recycle. They meet with Mrs Davies once a week to discuss sustainability projects, empty their paper recycling tub and are responsible for counting the recycling challenge item. Great work team!



#### Garden Gurus

Exciting news – we have a new Sustainability project beginning this week! Each class, from Year 1 to Year 6, has nominated a student to attend Garden Gurus for the next four Friday afternoons. The Garden Gurus will learn about soil health, choosing vegetables to plant, non-toxic insect management, composting, worm farms and more! Two four week programs will run each term with new students joining each program. Some of the funds from last term's cookie dough fundraiser are being used to support this new program. Look out for photos of our first Garden Gurus in action in the next newsletter!



Please contact Melanie Davies if you would like to assist with the school's Sustainability Program. melanie.davies@education.wa.edu.au

Chaplain's News

https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/\_file/media/1815/7\_helpful\_tips\_on\_sharing\_feedback\_with\_your\_child\_big\_life\_journal.pdf

## Library News



# NEW LIBRARY MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE

We are very excited to announce that we have updated our library management software to "Oliver v5".

This will enable the Kinross Primary School community to be able to log in to

our Library system to check which books

your child has on loan, their history of books borrowed, search our whole library for books they may be interested in,

we also have a free year subscription to online eBooks from "OverDrive" where they can read anywhere.

Our home page will also have useful Kinross Primary School links on our News page to online programs our students use.

In the coming weeks your child's teacher will hand out usernames and passwords to be able to log into our site.

In the mean time you are quite welcome to visit us and save our site to your favourites or a shortcut to your desktop at:

# https://kinrossps.softlinkhosting.com.au/ oliver/

If you would like to know your child's log in details before hand please email:

mailto:Denise.Chadbund@education.wa.edu.au?subject=User name and password required.

Don't forget to state your child's name.

We are also connectable through apps for our library system and Overdrive eBooks:

Library Link (KPS Library):

Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=net.softlink.android&hl=en\_AU or

Apple: https://apps.apple.com/au/app/library-link/

id505052286

Sora (OverDrive eBooks):

https://soraapp.com Enter the setup code <u>nswprimaryau</u> find our school and sign in with your school credentials.

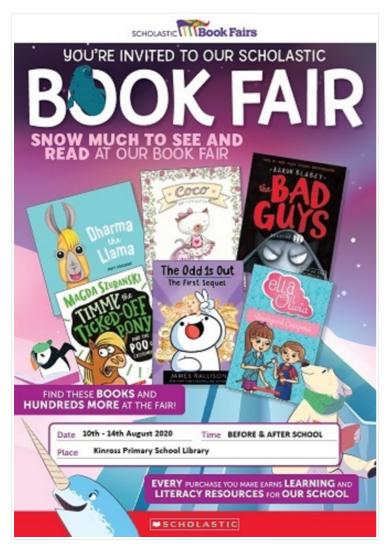
Android: https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.overdrive.mobile.android.sora&hl=en\_us

Apple: https://apps.apple.com/au/app/sora-by-overdrive/id1376592326

We hope you are just excited as we are to use our new program!

#### SAVE THE DATE

Our second and final Scholastic Book Fair for 2020 "Arctic Adventure" will be held in the Library Week  $4-10^{th}$  August to  $14^{th}$  August. This is a perfect opportunity to purchase books and stationery for your children at a reasonable price. Brochures on our event will be coming home shortly. A percentage of all sales enables the Library to purchase new books for student borrowing. Hope to see you there.



## P&C News

## 2019/2020 P&C \$25 Family Contribution

Thank you to the 270 families who have already paid this contribution this year. This payment can be claimed as a tax deduction and all money goes into our building fund where it is in turn invested in areas around the school – specifically building / maintenance.

(If you have made a contribution and would like your receipt for tax purposes please email us and we can send you a copy. To save paper we won't be issuing them unless on request.)

Last year we were able to install reverse cycle air conditioning to our Library and hand driers to the toilet blocks. This year we have committed \$10,000 to install a verandah outside the canteen, extending down to the year 3/4 demountable buildings. Planning is underway and it should be in ready for term 4.

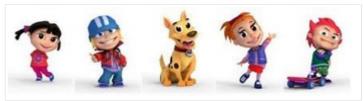
#### **Uniform Shop**

As of Term 3 the Uniform Shop will open on site from 8am – 9am each Thursday.

We encourage parents to email orders to kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com and Margaret is coming on site almost daily to pick orders almost daily.

#### Canteen News .... WE NEED VOLUNTEERS!!!

As things go back to normal we would LOVE some more regular helpers. If you are available to help on either a Tuesday or Wednesday then please speak to Camilla or Claire at the Canteen. Volunteering in the canteen is a great way to meet new people and be involved around the school.



# School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program:

School Banking is back!!!! We would love to see all our regular bankers again this term! Parents remember you can bank as little as 10c each week and it's a great way of teaching the children about saving money.

Term 1 school bankers –all children who banked in term 1 will receive a special rewards pack from the Commonwealth Bank in the coming weeks. This is to recognize the weeks they missed due to Covid.

Please contact Emma or Camilla if you'd like more information about starting school banking with your child.

### P&C Meeting

We held a P&C meeting this morning (Thursday) and it was great to sit down with our members and Mrs Gorton. Lots of exciting plans have been made and we look forward to sharing more in our next newsletter.

Be sure to follow our Facebook page for regular updates

Our next P&C meeting will be Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 1.30pm and we invite all to attend.

Thank you for your continued support.

### Other News





