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Newsletter Term 3 Week 8

Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our last newsletter for Term 3. It has been a very busy fortnight across the school with various sporting events being held, culminating in the Faction Athletics Carnival held last Friday. The weather turned out to be lovely. It was another highly successful

carnival organised by Mrs Nat Kaminski, PE Teacher, and run by the fabulous Kinross PS staff. I would like to thank Mrs Kaminski, all staff and the parent volunteers who helped out on the day. It was a terrific day thanks to everyone's hard work and effort. I would also like to thank the Kinross P&C for keeping us all fed and volunteering their time to cook sausages, work in the canteen or any other task assigned. Lastly, a big thank you to the parents who came along as spectators. You were all great sports and cheered all the students on during the events. Thank you for participating in the day and being positive role models for our students. It is really appreciated.

Classroom Placements for 2021

Next term, teachers will commence planning for 2021. This includes the task of allocating students to their new classes.

Excerpt from Class Placement Policy

All staff members of Kinross PS are committed to nurturing all aspects of every child to their full potential. Foundational to this is the trust that parents/carers hold that the school will do the very best for their child/ren. Only valid educational reasons will be taken into consideration by the school in decision making following any 'requests' made by parents for the following year's class placement. Parents/carers who present such reasons and translate these into 'requests' should do so on the understanding that the request will be listened to and discussed with the appropriate personnel, but not necessarily acted upon in the way requested.

Whilst the concerns of parents, based on valid educational reasons, are important, requests based solely on teacher preference will not be considered. Furthermore, no requests are guaranteed. All communication relating to class placement needs to be in writing and addressed, in the first instance, to the Principal.

Parents may write to "The Principal", Mrs Therese Gorton, outlining in detail the important and relevant information they believe should be considered in the placement of their child or children for the following year. The substance of the letter may be discussed confidentially with the class teacher making the next year class placement recommendation. The letter is to be received by the close of business (3.30pm) Friday Week 4, Term 4, which can be either handed into the administration or emailed to Therese.Gorton@education.wa.edu.au

It is important for parents to know:

- This is not an opportunity for them to choose a teacher by name or gender
- This is not an opportunity for them to request their child not be placed in a composite year level class (split year level class)
- They are to write to "The Principal" outlining in sufficient detail the placement reasons they would like considered by staff in the drafting process.

Student Input into the End of Year Draft Class Lists Process

This year, in early Term 4, students will be given an opportunity to name 5 -8 students/friends that they would like the opportunity to be in a class with for the following year. Teachers will collect these lists and use them in assisting them with decisions about class placements. It is important to note, that a teacher will have final say and may not agree with every choice made by a student for various reasons. However; we will endeavour to place the child with at least a couple of students they feel comfortable working with in the classroom. The lists will be kept and referred to the following year when required. This will ensure that every child has a friend or student they work well with in their new classroom, alleviating the stress felt by parents and some students at the beginning of next year.

Please find a copy of the Class Placement Procedures attached for your interest.

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Containers For Change at Kinross PS



On 1 October 2020, Containers for Change will launch in Western Australia. Containers for Change is our new state-wide container deposit scheme that lets you cash in eligible drink containers for 10 cents each.

In WA, we use more than 1.3 billion eligible drink containers each year; enough drink containers to circumnavigate WA six times every year.

By recycling through Containers for Change you help to:

- Reduce litter and landfill
- Increase recycling
- Create jobs
- Provide opportunities for social enterprise and benefits for community organisations

Containers for Change will be commencing at Kinross PS, starting in the first week of Term 4.

You will have the choice of donating your eligible drink containers to the Kinross Primary P&C or receiving the container refunds back into your own bank account.

To donate the refunds to the P&C you simply drop your drink containers to the school's donation point near the undercover area on one of our container collection mornings. This can be in a box or bag. The school will have bins to hold these items until our recycling provider collects them before the week is out.

To receive your refund amounts back into your own bank account you need to register for a Containers For Change Scheme ID. The Scheme ID can be for your family or an individual. Here is the link to register.

https://consumer.containersforchange.com.au/ create-account?scheme=WA

Or to see more information about how Containers For Change works you should visit

https://www.containersforchange.com.au/wa/how-it-works

ELIGIBLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

Most aluminium, glass, plastic, steel and liquid paperboard beverage containers between 150ml and 3L are eligible for a refund when returned to a refund point. To be eligible the beverage container must:

- Have contained a beverage product that is not excluded from the scheme. For example, cordials and plain milk are not included in the scheme so containers that have held these products are not eligible for a refund
- Display the refund mark. This is so that the refund point operator can see if the container is part of the scheme. Most containers will already have a refund mark for SA and NT and these containers are eligible under Containers for Change. Beverage manufacturers have 2 years from scheme commencement to display new refund mark.
- Be an approved container. Some containers are made from materials that cannot be recycled. These containers may not be approved (by the Western Australia Government) as an eligible container as the scheme requires that when a refund is paid on a container, that container must be recycled.



INELIGIBLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

There are some beverage containers that are not eligible for a refund. Generally, ineligible containers are those that are less than 150ml and greater than 3L. Other ineligible containers include:

- Any plain milk containers
- Any glass containers which have contained wine or pure spirits
- Containers 1L or more which have contained flavoured milk, pure fruit or vegetable juice, cask wine or cask water
- Concentrated/undiluted cordial or syrup containers
- Sachets above 250ml which have contained wine
- Registered health tonics

Most ineligible containers, such as plain milk bottles and glass wine bottles, can still be recycled through existing curb side collection or drop-off services.



How will it work at Kinross Primary School?

Bag it

Place your containers in your own bags. Make sure the bags are sturdy, so they don't break in transit – it's a good idea not to overfill them too.

Tag it

If you are collecting for a refund for your family you will need to label the bag clearly with your Scheme ID and name on the plastic bag. If you are donating the refund to the Kinross P&C, the bag does not need to be labelled. Funds will then automatically go towards the school.

Drop it

Bring the bag to school on a Tuesday or Thursday morning between 8.15am and 8.45am. Drop into the collection bins located in front of the undercover area. Resource Rescuers will collect the containers. The containers will be collected within 3 days.

By supporting Containers for Change at Kinross PS, as a community we can help the environment and promote sustainability. You will either be able to help the school in raising funds for future projects or make some extra money for your family. This is completely your choice. Thank you for your support with this program.

Open Afternoon and Music Concert



There will be an open afternoon held on Wednesday 23rd September commencing at 4.30pm, closing at 5.45pm. All parents are welcome to come along and visit classrooms. Please remember to practice social distancing and hand sanitise at the classroom door. The Kinross P&C will be hosting afternoon tea in the form of a bake sale and coffee van. Money made will go towards the Kinross P&C. In addition, Atlantis will be on site providing sausage sizzles, to launch their new service. A bouncy castle will be available for children at a cost of \$2 for 5 minutes. Funds from this will also go towards Kinross PS.

After the open afternoon there will be a Kinross Music Concert in the undercover area from 6pm-7.30pm. Tickets will need to be purchased from the school office (\$2 per ticket). We can only allow 200 seated due to COVID restrictions. Therefore, only two tickets can be given per family. Depending on demand, more tickets may be released for standing room at the back. Mrs Emma Brierley, Music Specialist, will be presenting the Kinross Choir, instrumentalists and soloists to showcase the various programs on offer. In addition, the Jump Jam Club will perform, under Mrs Kaminski's direction. Audience members will need to sit quietly during the performances.

I look forward to seeing you at the Kinross Open Afternoon.

Lego Clubs

This week, we have commenced Lego Club for students in Years 1-6. A big thankyou to Mrs Jacqui Brandish for organising the equipment and giving up her time to run the clubs. Mrs O'Brien and I attended the Junior Lego Club during recess and supervised. It was a delight to see the students enjoying themselves and working together to create, build and construct various models. I believe it will prove to be a very popular club.



Interschool Carnival

Yesterday, the Interschool Athletics were held at Mindarie PS. Kinross PS students did an amazing job and achieved second overall (only 50 points below the winners) and four students were awarded Champion Boy or Girl and we had one Runner-Up. The behaviour and sportsmanship displayed by our students was impressive and was noted by teachers and parents. I would like to thank Mrs Kaminski, Mrs Davies and Mr Kirkby for supervising and organising our students throughout the day.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal





Mrs Smith's News

Mrs Dodge's News



Mathletics Awards

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

Jemima C (TAP1), Isaiah C (TA6), Nicholas F (TA6), Noah J (TA8), Elijah I (TA8), James B (TA13), Hezekiah C (TA16), Chantelle F (TA17), Tom A (TA20)

and Mia S (TA20).

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

Early Childhood Learning

The students from Kindergarten to Year 1 have had a very busy past few weeks. TAP1 and PP3 took us on a virtual trip around the world with their assembly item in Week 5. They sang a lovely song which taught us all how to say hello in many different languages. In the next assembly, TA1 and TA2 showcased their fantastic efforts towards the Talk4Writing program as they recited a story called Owl Babies. They also finished with a song which certainly captured the audience's attention. Well done to all of these classrooms for your amazing assembly performances!



Kindy Father's Day Breakfast

The Kindergarten classrooms certainly made sure that all of our Kinross PS Dads were wished a very Happy Father's Day recently. Father's arriving at school were met with the amazing scent of sausages sizzling on the barbeque and hot croissants just waiting to be devoured. Both students and dads looked like they were having a fabulous morning together. Great job, Kindy classrooms!



School Photo Day is Coming

School photos have been booked with Kapture Photography and will take place in Week 1, Term 4 (Tuesday 13 – Thursday 15 October). Please see the attachment for all the information.

https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1915/ kapture_for_newseltter.pdf

GIFTED AND TALENTED: Primary Extension and Challenge (PEAC)

ASSESSMENT OF YEAR 4 STUDENTS FOR THE PEAC PROGRAM

The PEAC Program provides part time extension and enrichment for exceptionally able students in Years 5 and 6.

PEAC offers a range of courses that provide identified students with work that is intellectually challenging. All students in Year 4 will have the opportunity to be assessed for suitability for the PEAC Program. Testing at Kinross Primary School will occur between Monday 12 October to Wednesday 4 November 2020. We are aiming to have the testing completed on Thursday 15 October. Confirmation of this date will be provided on Connect for all Year 4 parents.

The scores from the test will be used in the selection of students for PEAC courses and extension programs during 2021 to 2022 and also to inform educational provision in schools.

If you do not wish your child to be included in the PEAC assessment, please notify the school in writing by Friday 25 September.

KEA Testing (Year 6): Change of date

As you may have noticed, the Kinross College Extension and Acceleration Program second round of testing clashes with our Year 6 Camp. The co-ordinator at the College has very kindly offered to change the date of the test for interested students to Friday 23 October. Please see the attachment for details on how to participate.

https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1917/ kinross_college_extension_newsletter.pdf

Kinross College Important Dates

Kinross College have advised us of the following special events;

Open Evening (College Tour) - Wednesday 28 October 6-8pm

Parent Information Night (for parents only of enrolled students in Year 7, 2021) - *Tuesday 24 November 6pm*

Year 7s in 2021 Transition/Orientation Day (for enrolled students only) – *Thursday 5 November.* More information to follow.



Year 6 Fundraiser: Sausage Sizzle

To support our Year 6s in camp and graduation, we will be holding a sausage sizzle fundraiser lunch on Monday 21 September. Please look out for the order forms which will be sent home in Week 9. Thank you for supporting us!



Miss Short's News



RU OK Day

This week we are celebrating RU OK Day at school. R U OK? Day is a national day of action dedicated to reminding everyone that every day is the day to ask, "Are you OK?" and support those struggling with life's ups and downs. A range of circumstances can

lead to a child feeling low, including:

- Big life changes like moving house or school
- Experiencing grief or loss
- Being around people going through tough times
- Being bullied
- Arguing with someone
- Problems with school work
- Being bored
- · Having a medical condition or chronic illness
- Not sleeping well
- Not exercising enough
- Hormonal changes

Children cannot be expected to fix someone's problems, nor know the best way to help and support. However, they can be encouraged to listen to what their friend is saying, let them know they care and tell a teacher, school chaplain or trusted adult if they are worried about their friend. By promoting an environment of positive peer support and accessing support channels via an adult, children can learn that asking, 'Are you OK?' is a key life skill. Students will be participating in RU OK Day activities in class and learning what it means to be a good friend.

Junior Loose Parts Play

We are reorganising and reinvigorating our junior loose parts play shed so we can reopen in time for Term Four. We will be looking for donations of loose parts in the coming weeks so please keep an eye on connect for further information.

BEBRAS

Our Year 3-6 students are again participating in the Bebras Australia Computational Thinking Challenge this semester. Bebras develops and assesses student's problem solving and computational thinking skills, highly sought after in the digital careers of the future. This competition is a great way to engage students in collaborative, creative and critical thinking in the classroom. At our last muster I had the pleasure of awarding our Semester One Bebras awards to students who received Merit, Credit, and Distinction awards. Special mention must go to Erica Massey for receiving a High Distinction.

Mrs Bennier's News



Book Week 2020

Book week will be held in Term 4, Week 2 from Monday 19th to Friday 23rd October.

The theme this year is 'Curious Creatures, Wild Minds'.

Students are encouraged to dress up on the Monday 19th to start Book Week. The link below offers some ideas to get creative.

https://cbca.org.au/



Mental Health in Schools Project



Wellbeing Week

This year we are celebrating Wellbeing week in the final week of this term. In response to the unprecedented challenges we have all been facing in 2020, we have decided to organise our wellbeing activities around the theme of "inclusivity". There has never been a

more critical need in our school community to be supportive of each other and enact the messages of ACT! BELONG! COMMIT! COVID has highlighted many examples of how important it is to feel a sense of belonging in our community to ensure positive mental health.

The students will be participating in a range of activities throughout Week 10 to celebrate and highlight the importance of inclusiveness and belonging. Parents and carers will be invited to attend an open night to come along onto the school grounds to view showcases of student work and have the opportunity to enjoy performances by our many talented students. It should be a fantastic week!

Families Survey

Last year we conducted a BE YOU Families Survey to seek feedback from our school community about mental health. This anonymous online survey has an average completion time of 6 to 9 minutes. It would be wonderful to have as many responses as possible from our parent and carers to ensure that this very important part of our community has a voice. Please consider taking a few minutes to complete the survey which will assist us to identify our strengths and weaknesses in the area of mental health so that we can set goals and directions that are the most relevant to our school community.

If completing the survey on a laptop or desktop computer

1. Follow the link below to the BE YOU Family Survey webpage and select COMMENCE.

https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/ survey.php?mid=uNo38ypjA1yd2cg3n16fskyl98qq1

- 2. Find your Learning Community. In the search bar type: Kinross. A drop down menu will appear.
- Select "Kinross Primary School, KINROSS, WA (School)" from the drop down menu and then click NEXT.
- 4. Complete the survey questions.

If completing the survey on a mobile device

1. Follow the link below to the BE YOU Family Survey webpage and select COMMENCE.

https://secure.peoplepulse.com.au/ survey.php?mid=uNo38ypjA1yd2cg3n16fskyl98qq1

- Find your Learning Community. In the search bar type:Kinross Primary School, KINROSS, WA (School) and then click NEXT. Please note that the details must be typed exactly as demonstrated.
- 3. Complete the survey questions.

The survey will remain until the end of term.

Act! Belong! Commit!

I would like to say a huge thank you to our wonderful P & C for organising the purchase of banners promoting the key messages of Act! Belong! Commit! You will begin to see these banners flying or situated outside many of the regular events and activities held on the school grounds. A great way to reinforce the importance of these messages and promote positive mental health.

Mrs Michelle Bell

Mental Health Co-ordinator

Waste Wise at KPS



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 – Lids must be no wider than 5cm in diameter, washed and the white plastic insert found in some milk container lids removed. Plastic lids can be placed in the large recycling bin located outside of the library. WRITING INSTRUMENTS – Term 3 Week 6 to Week 10 Class Competition. Please deposit used writing instruments in the blue recycling box inside the classroom. Empty highlighters, markers, pens and correction fluid pots are accepted.

ORAL CARE PRODUCTS – 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 voucher!

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. We now have a soft plastic recycling bin outside of the library. Parents are welcome to bring non-contaminated soft plastics from home and put them in the bin. Our soft plastics are delivered to Coles who send the plastic off to be recycled into useful items such as our school's buddy bench.

Garden Gurus



The second program for Garden Gurus has commenced! Our new Gurus have completed their first week of the program, planting seeds and vegetable seedlings in the garden. This week the Garden Gurus will be revitalising our worm farms and learning all about the fantastic recyclers that worms are. The Garden Gurus will need to bring a clean 2L plastic soft drink bottle to school next Friday. We will need ongoing donations of 2L plastic soft drink bottles and ice cream containers for the program. Please drop these items off to the office. Week 1 – Planting seeds and seedlings, learning about soil health and how to grow vegetables



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

Music News



Music Concert

We are all getting very excited about our upcoming Music Concert which will be held on 23rd September in the Undercover Area. A huge number of our wonderful students, from Years 4 to 6, will be performing in various items. There will be a ukulele and a recorder

ensemble, vocal and instrumental solos, Drumbeat and a samba band, brass band, guitar group and, of course, our fantastic choir. Please come along and support us, we look forward to welcoming you.

Could any students who will be performing please return their reply forms to Mrs Brierley by Friday, 11th September in order to secure their place in the concert.



Choir party lunch & rehearsal day

The choir will rehearse on Friday, 11th September, from 11am until the end of the day. We are very excited to be having a shared, 'party' lunch on that day, so could I please ask that choir parents/carers kindly provide a healthy plate for the students to share. A reminder that we are a nut free school and could I please ask that no sugary lollies are brought in. Thank you!

Years 4 - Savoury dish (e.g. quiche, sandwiches, dips, raw veggie sticks, healthy sausage rolls)

Year 5 & 6 - Sweet platter (e.g. dark chocolate strawberries, fruits, banana bread, healthy muffins)

Chaplain's News

7 Reasons Why It's Important to Let Your Kids Struggle

1. Struggle leads to growth

Struggle is an essential component of growth. If we only engage in activities that come easily to us, we're not stretching ourselves. And if we don't stretch ourselves, we will never reach our full potential.

3. Builds problem-solving skills /

Through the process of struggling, children develop creative problem-solving skills. Without struggle, children never encounter problems to work through.



Struggle results in emotions like frustration, sadness, disappointment, and sometimes anger. We should accept feelings without judging them and we should learn strategieble strategies that help them manage frustration, that help us work through difficult emotions.

7. Struggle builds superheroes Through safe and developmentaly appropriate struggle, we help children build the mindset and skills they need for a happy and successful Ife.

READ THE FULL ARTICLE HERE

P&C News

Fundraising Update - where your money has been spent!

The new patio / awning went up last week outside the canteen. It runs the whole length of that wall giving cover for students in the demountables behind it in bad weather. Wanneroo Patios did a fantastic job over 2 days and were extremely well priced. Thank you to Madison for coordinating this!

Mrs Bennier has also spent a little over \$1000 in new reading books for the year 3s. We hope they will arrive soon and that the children enjoy them.

We have allocated \$10,000 to the school which will go towards building upgrades. We hope to have the details of where this money is going finalised for term 4.

Faction Carnival

Thank you to each and every person who volunteered their time last Friday - you all helped make the day run smoothly. From the lovely ladies in the canteen, to those who helped to BBQ, serve sausage sizzles, spray paint hair and sell raffle tickets. WE APPRECIATE YOU!

We sold 500 sausage sizzles. All the students were well mannered and queued for their food beautifully! We also sold out of our popular faction cupcakes and had a handful of brownies left! Thank you to all our wonderful local businesses who donated a prize for our raffle. Your generosity does not go unnoticed! Well done to all our lucky winners.

Lastly thank you to all parents and families who supported us by purchasing food, drink and raffle tickets. We are yet to do a final count but we anticipate a fundraising total of over \$2000.

** CANCELLED ** Recycle Reception Saturday 12th September

As you all know this year was supposed to be celebrating 25 years of our wonderful school. Unfortunately Covid19 means it will be remembered for all the wrong reasons. We had the best intentions that our Recycle Reception this Saturday would be a fantastic event to celebrate our parents and community. Unfortunately due to poor ticket sales we have made the decision to cancel this event for the time being. We apologise to all who were looking forward to this and ask that you please email kinrossprimarypandg@gmail.com to organise a refund.

Uniform Shop

Uniform Shop will open on site from 8am - 9am each Thursday.

We encourage parents to email orders to kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com if they are unable to visit us. We are always happy to send items to class.

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 reward 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.

4. Struggling fosters growth mindset

2. Struggling enough vs.

struggling too much

Teach children that asking for help is not

me a big obstacle.

"giving up." Instead, it's another strategy that children can use to solve a tough problem or

Big life Journal



O. Now to teach self-regulation Help children find strategies that keep them colm. Next time the child becomes frustrated, remind them of Thank you for your continued support this year. Kinross Primary P&C

Other News



Kinross Playgroup invites you to the second playdate for families starting Kindergarten at Kinross Primary School in 2021.

Thursday 24th September 1130am-130pm

Please join us at MacNaughton Hall for a cuppa while the kids free play and we all have an opportunity to meet some friends before starting kindy next year.

Siblings are welcome and please bring your lunch as we will be meeting over lunchtime.

Look for the event through our Facebook page or if you have any questions please contact via email

kinrossplaygroup@hotmail.com.au or Savannah Mackay on 0439 928 149. We look forward to seeing you soon!

