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## Principal's Perspective



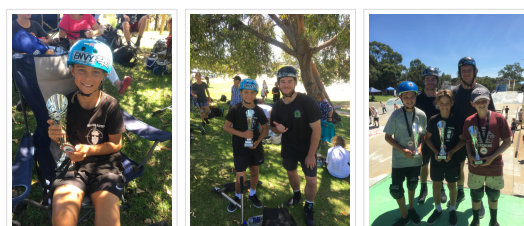
Dear Parents,

Welcome to our second newsletter for 2019. I am excited to be back at school after recovering from surgery. I visited classes throughout the week and was happy to observe students are working hard and have settled in to their new routines. I wish to thank Mrs Jill Dodge, Mrs Louise Bennier and Mrs Briony Smith for doing an amazing job in my absence. The school year has commenced smoothly and productively. I observed our senior students at Mullaloo Beach during the week and enjoyed watching them participate actively in their swimming lessons. By participating in beach lessons, students get the opportunity to learn how to swim in the ocean, which is a great experience to have.

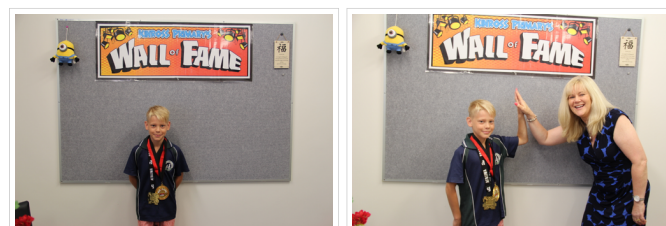
## Congratulations!

Two of our senior students have achieved state championships in their chosen sports.

Casey Spratling (Year 6) won the STATE title for the ASA (Australian Scooter Association) for U12 at Bayswater and has been invited to compete nationally to represent WA.



Jude McGuinness (Year 6) won the State Championship for Jui Jitsu and will compete nationally later in the year.



Congratulations to both boys. They must put in a lot of time and effort to achieve this success. Well done!

## Parent Meetings

Last week our class teachers allocated time to hold parent meetings to discuss their classroom procedures and routines and to explain key policies. It was disappointing that parent numbers were very low in attendance at these meetings. This communication between the school and home is vital in establishing positive connections with your child's teacher. I am hoping to gain some feedback from parents to discover why attendance was low and possibly act on this feedback for next year. For example, working parents unable to get to school straight after school. Please click on the link below to complete a simple survey and provide feedback that we may be able to act on.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/5T222XL>

I encourage you to be fully involved in your child's education and communicate with your child's teacher and aim to attend some school events including assemblies, sport carnivals,

excursions, parent roster or special events. Your child will love seeing you involved with the school.

It is fantastic to be back at school and I am looking forward to a great year ahead in 2019.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal



## Mrs Louise Bennier



Wow, what a busy few weeks it has been in the early childhood classes!

Kindy 1, Kindy 2 and Kindy 3 have been so busy since starting school only a couple of weeks ago. All the students have settled in well and have made friendships already and have had lots of fun exploring and learning new things. There are smiling faces everywhere! Everyone has been learning about colours and exploring Art, creating their very first Kindy paintings, they look fantastic! All the classes have begun their Talk for Writing unit for this term. Mrs Amiguet and Mrs Borrell use a text to stimulate the children's writing skills, create story maps and act out parts of story. The play re-enactment element of the story is important as it stimulates the imagination and students work in groups to share, communicate and collaborate. In Maths the students have learned about numbers and their order to 10. Kindy kids are very busy bees!

Pre Primary have also been busy learning the new routines of school, every day, and enjoying making new friendships and learning exciting things. They are making family trees in their HASS lessons and using these to tell the class about their family. This is a great introduction to speaking and listening

in front of an audience. I have enjoyed visiting all the Year 1 classes and seeing the students and familiar faces from last year. They were especially excited to start their year and have settled quickly into the routines and expectations of being 'big' Year 1s.

It is wonderful to have seen such a smooth start to the year by all students and thank you parents for letting organise themselves in the mornings - an important skill to learn!

## School Disco

The P&C School Disco "Candyland" was held on Friday 22nd February was a huge success. I was impressed with the behaviour of students and the large attendance of both students and parents. It was wonderful to meet many of you and observe the wonderful level of community spirit that exists at Kinross PS. Thank you to the P&C and all parent helpers for organising such a fun, enjoyable event for our students.

## P&C AGM

I attended the P&C AGM last week and it was great to see so many new parents join and help our students through this voluntary parent body. The P&C are a big part of the school and do a great job supporting students and teachers through fundraising and organising events throughout the year. Last year was a huge success and through their efforts the school and our students benefitted greatly. If you are interested in joining the P&C and being involved, at any level, please see the newsletter for contact details and more information.

## Mrs Brioney Smith

### Naplan 2019

Once again this year, Kinross Primary School will be completing NAPLAN online with the exception of Year 3 Writing which will be done on paper. There are four tests to be completed over a 2 week timeframe from 14-24 May.

Parents of years 3 and 5 students will receive information handouts in the near future including all relevant information. There is also a Public Demonstration Site for parents to familiarise their children with the styles of testing: <https://www.nap.edu.au/online-assessment/public-demonstration-site>. Teachers will be carrying out practice testing in class to familiarise the students with the format.

If any parents have specific questions, you can contact me at the school or at [brioney.smith@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:brioney.smith@education.wa.edu.au)

## Before School

The vast majority of students are waiting in their designated areas before school which is great to see. Remember, if you arrive before 8.30 you **must** wait in either the area outside the admin block and staffroom or near the junior cluster. Areas outside of school gates such as outside TA6 and TA7 are out of bounds, as is the undercover area.

Unfortunately, despite numerous reminders there are still students and sometimes toddlers using the playground in the pre-primary area. This is **strictly out of bounds** at this time even if there is a parent supervising. We thank you for your understanding in this matter.

## Connect

The online *Connect* platform is the primary means of communication with parents at Kinross Primary School. If you do not have a P number to access *Connect*, please contact the office to obtain one as soon as possible. The platform can be accessed via the *Connect* website <https://connect.det.wa.edu.au/> or parents can also receive notifications using the app, *Connect Now* which is available in the app store. We are looking forward to building on our use of *Connect* in 2019.

## Keeping Active with Mrs K



## Jump Jam

We are delighted with the number of students taking up the opportunity to join Jump Jam every Monday morning at 8am in the undercover area. We have had around 40 students from Kindy through to Year 6 coming each week to learn the routines and burn off some morning energy ready to settle into their classwork. This program is for anyone and can be joined at any time. Come and give it a try, it's heaps of fun and we will be purchasing some new and exciting routines very soon!

## Jogging Club

Jogging Club is up and running with an average of 200 students participating every Tuesday morning. It's never too late to

join and new members to the club are always welcome. The new tee shirts will be previewed at this week's assembly and available very shortly. The award badges are on the way also.

Congratulations to the following students who have already reached the first bronze award.

Alexander Joynt, Ryder White, Leighton Toyne, Caleb Fuentes, Talyn Evans, Meg Brierley, Nakarin Brown, Blake Eamus, Max Jarvis, Kayleigh Mangini, Lucas Nauta, Jacob McLennan, Hunter Gooldman, Rhys Bell, Sonny White and Travis Hook

A huge THANK YOU to all the parents who continue to support the program each week.

## Cross Country

Cross Country training on Friday mornings for any interested Year 3-6 students has also started off well. This also can be joined at any time and I would especially like to see some more Year 5 girls come down and start training for this event so that we have an awesome team ready to run at the Interschool event next term.

The Year 5 and 6 students have now selected their preferred sport for the Summer Carnival and weekly training will commence as of next week. The sports are Cricket, TeeBall, Basketball, Volleyball and Speedball. Training is held every Thursday from 1.50-2.55. Any parents who are free at this time and have valuable experience in coaching or playing these sports would be most appreciated. You don't have to be a parent of a Year 5/6 student!

## WAGSM

A reminder that WAGSM rehearsals have also commenced for students in Years 4-6 each Thursday from 3-4.15 in the undercover area. A troupe of 80 performers who would like to take part in a concert to be held at Crown Theatre in Term 3 are required. Open to all students who have an interest in acting, singing and dancing.

Lastly, congratulations to the following students who have been appointed as Faction captains for this year.

Maddie Hannigan, Megan Brierley, Casey Spratling, Holly Kemp, Noah Allison, Polly Phillips, Jude McGuinness, Mia Apostolovski and Kieron Makwili

## Health News





All year levels are starting Health lessons with "Food for life." We are focusing on the Australian food plate, looking at the food groups and serves, as well as nutritional information. It's very useful to discuss healthy eating at home, particularly when preparing food at home. Try and get your children involved in food preparation – it's a great way to start conversations and the children enjoy it.

Year 5 and 6 students are required to have a "My Wellbeing Journal." This is an essential teaching and learning resource that students need for Health Education this year. Please ensure your child has one of these. They were on the booklist and are readily available.

Mrs Leanne Dearle  
Health Teacher

## Waste Wise News



It is the start of a new school year and it is time to get Waste Wise at KPS once again! This year our Sustainability program will be led by Mrs Davies, Ms Nelson, Miss Sheehan and Mrs Mather. We are all looking forward to continuing to make Kinross Primary School as waste wise as possible. We will be continuing on with existing programs within the school and

introducing some new programs throughout the year. Last week each class selected a student representative as their Resource Rescuer for Term 1. To be a Resource Rescuer you must:

- Attend Thursday lunchtime meetings with the class paper recycling tub
- Be an advocate for sustainability in the school by encouraging other students to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Be creative in helping our Waste Wise team come up with new ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Collect and count items for our Monthly Challenges

Our wonderful Term 1 Resource Rescuers are:

## RESOURCE RESCUERS – 2019 Term One

Year	TA	Teacher	Resource Rescuer
1	TA2A	Vanessa Connor	Zac Brown
1	TA2B	Liz Armitage	Jordan Berry
1	TA3	Rebecca Quirke	Hunter Mackie
1/2	TA1	Bec Johns	Maxwell Avery
2	TA5	Jacqui Brandish	Imogen Bown
2	TA6	Melissa Hills	Hannah Lahtz and Isabella Smith
2	TA7	Michelle Bell	Sadie Fannon
3	TA8	Kira Sheehan	Ruby Coupar
2/3	TA4	Caitlyn Douglas	Thomas O'Keefe
3	TA9	Darren Shaw	Blake McDonald
3	TA10	Nicole Nelson	Lena Waller
3/4	TA11	Liz Underwood	Tarzan Stallwood
4	TA13	Melanie Davies	Leighton Toyne
4/5	TA14	Ian Stockley	Lily Couper
5	TA15	Jarryd Evans	Sophia Kerr
6	TA17	Alistair Kirkby	Lexie Mullaly
6	TA18	Jess Locke	Amara Simpson
6	TA20	Lina Stravens	Jai Newell

The **March Challenge** is to reduce paper waste in the classroom. We can do this by using both sides of a piece of paper, using scrap paper to make drawing books and the

teachers are trying hard to reduce the number of photocopies that they make.

Soon you will see some big bins just outside the undercover area. Three of the bins are **RECYCLE BINS**. In these bins we will be collecting aluminium cans, oral care products (old toothbrushes, used toothpaste tubes and toothpaste boxes) and batteries. Two of the bins are **REUSE BINS**. In these bins we will be collecting clean egg cartons and clean 1L plastic drink bottles for use in the art room. The items that we will collect in our **REUSE BINS** will change regularly so look out for information in the newsletter as to what we are collecting for the fortnight. Each bin will be clearly labelled as to the item that goes inside it.

Melanie Davies

Teacher

## Chaplain's News

A warm hello to everyone,

My name is Milda Nortje and I have the privilege to serve as the Chaplain while Laura Butshiire is on study leave for Term 1. As always, we know she will be a great inspiration to many during her practical placement.

Sometimes new experiences and changes can be very exciting but also a very challenging and overwhelming feeling.

Although we might not be able to control every situation and its outcome, we can control our attitude and how we deal with it.

The way we think determines the way we feel, and the way we feel determines the way we act.



## P&C News

It has been a busy start to 2019 for the P&C. First and foremost our AGM was held last Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February and it was wonderful to see so many new faces to the P&C this year. As always we thank our returning members for their ongoing support and assistance. It speaks volumes that so many come back year after year.

With our AGM saw a few changes to our Executive Committee. Nicolene Van Der Bank and Clare Dodds stepped down as President and Vice President respectively although remain on the Committee this year. Thank you to both for all achieved last year. Fiona McIntosh stepped down as Assistant Treasurer and we recognize and thank her for all her assistance in 2018.

All positions were filled at the AGM with a full list below.

**PRESIDENT – EMMA OLIVER**

Seconded by MARGARET PATULLO

**VICE PRESIDENT – GREER PREBBLE**

Seconded by WENDY PINION-JONES

**SECRETARY – WINI MASSEY**

Seconded by MARGARET PATULLO

**TREASURER – WENDY PINION-JONES**

Seconded by MARGARET PATULLO

ASSISTANT TREASURER – AI SHIN CRUZ

Seconded by WINI MASSEY

UNIFORM SHOP COORDINATOR – MARGARET PATULLO

Seconded by WENDY PINION-JONES

2ND HAND UNIFORM COORDINATOR – CARLI COOPER

Seconded by MARGARET PATULLO

CANTEEN COORDINATOR – NICOLENE VAN DER BANK

Seconded by WINI MASSEY

NEWS LETTER COORDINATOR – EMMA OLIVER

Seconded by GREER PREBBLE

FUNDRAISING COORDINATORS – CARIS SMITH, CLARE DODDS

Seconded by GREER PREBBLE

SCHOOL BANKING COORDINATOR – GREER PREBBLE

Seconded by WENDY PINION-JONES

PROJECTS/GROUNDS COORDINATOR – CAMILLA DI CONZA

Seconded by GREER PREBBLE

It is during the AGM that our ongoing annual contributions to our school are confirmed and we advise that the remainder of our \$21,000 contribution to the school for 2018 will be distributed as follows:

### 2018 residual spend agreed at the AGM

Library air con (subject to quote)	\$10,000
Lexile books	\$ 2,000

### 2019 contributions agreed at the AGM (payable now)

Chaplain	\$2,500
Book awards	\$2,000
Year 6 camp bus	up to \$1,700
Year 5 camp bus	\$1,500

We hope that all will agree the upgrading of the evaporative air-conditioning to reverse cycle split systems in the Library is a necessary and valuable improvement for the school and one which will benefit all the children who use it. Further the funds allocated towards lexile books (focusing on texts appropriate for the older years) are extremely appreciated by the library.

Quotes for the air-conditioning are being obtained as we speak and we hope works will commence in the coming weeks.

## P&C 'schools back' Morning Tea

Thank you to all who came along to our Morning Tea on 15<sup>th</sup> February. It was a lovely way to start the new term off and we look forward to hosting many more this year.

## Uniform Shop

A reminder that the uniform shop is open every Tuesday and Thursday from 8.10am –9am .

We rely on our second hand donations to cover the cost of the EFTPOS machine. If your child has grown out of uniform please consider us when you pass it on.

**Jogging Club Shirts** – Our first shipment of shirts has arrived. You may spot Mrs Kaminski wearing hers around the school! We are busy sorting and allocating shirts to orders. They will be ready to collect from next Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> March from the Uniform Shop. The confirmed cost of the shirt is \$15 each. *(please note not all preorders will be covered in the first shipment. However our second shipment of shirts is on its way so no one will miss out. )*

The Uniform Shop has generously agreed to pay the \$1,000 cost for school basketball tops ready for our Summer Carnival. These shirts have been ordered and will be personalized with the school team name and logo. We look forward to seeing our interschool basketball team wearing them in the near future.

Further the Uniform shop has agreed to subsidise the cost of the jogging club patches and we are working with Mrs Kaminski in ordering these too.

**Term 4 Competition!** You may remember last term we ran a little incentive to get your uniforms for 2019 ordered in plenty of time. Any layby or order placed in term 4 over \$100 went into the draw and we are pleased to announce Marley Stringer is our lucky winner! Congratulations Marley you've won a \$20 Roma Sparita voucher and 2 bottles of wine to enjoy! Please see Margaret to get your prize.

## School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program:

The School Banking Program not only promotes saving to our children, but in doing so each and every deposit helps add \$\$\$ to the contributions that the Commonwealth Bank send to us every Quarter. In total for the 2018 we received \$1,835.00 this is made up of an Annual Contribution of \$200 and then a Regular savers contribution. This money is then put back into the school in a number of ways.

This year we are looking at putting this money towards the Maths program and hoping we can help with funding a support group for those children that might need a little extra help in this area. Remember anyone can come along and join in with

School Banking, please come and see us in the Undercover area every Wednesday morning from 8:10am-8:40am.



## Candyland Disco

What an absolutely fantastic event to start our school year! We hope that the parents and children enjoyed it as much as we did! Feedback for our discos is always valued good or bad; If there is anything you think we could do better please get in touch.

Together we raised just under \$4,000 – a phenomenal effort for week 3 of term 1. A HUGE thank you to every parent who purchased a ticket and supported us on the night purchasing food and drinks.

Thank you to all parents and P&C members who helped out in the setting up, running and packing away of the disco. We couldn't have done it without you!

## Fundraising for 2019 – our Targets

At the beginning of term the P&C approached our specialist teachers and asked for their wish lists. Things they would love but couldn't justify perhaps.

Mrs Brierley expressed her wish to purchase a set of Samba instruments to introduce to the year 6 curriculum this year. She also mentioned the need for new tuned percussion - xylophones, metallaphones, chime bars. The existing instruments in the Music room are in poor condition and needed replacing. We are thrilled that we are able to give Mrs Brierly \$3,000 to cover the full cost of the above and we very much look forward to seeing these instruments put to use in Term 2.

We also raised enough money from the Candyland Disco to support Mrs Wilson purchase some much needed gel printing plates to enhance the Visual Arts program at our school. These sound like they will bring a lot of fun to Art and we look forward to seeing the children's art work on display soon. The cost of these plates were \$800 in total.

Both Mrs Brierly and Mrs Wilson are extremely appreciative of all the parents support in fundraising.

We held a Fundraising Meeting on Monday 25<sup>th</sup> February and brainstormed a lot of ideas for the year ahead. We will also continue to work with Mrs Gorton and the associate principals with adding further improvements to our school. We hope to set small targets throughout the year and then fundraise to reach our goals. Some of the improvements include upgrades to the year 6 block air-conditioning and the preprimary /kindy play area. If you have a fundraising idea or if you'd like an opinion of where your money is spent then please consider becoming a member of the P&C for 2019 and have your say.

## Canteen News

The canteen will be open from 8.15am Tuesday to Friday. (Parents please note children should not be at school before this time). Please remember to utilize [www.quickcliq.com.au](http://www.quickcliq.com.au) for your online ordering and save time lining up or digging out change in the mornings. Remember we have EFTPOS available on a Friday and you can preload a card with money to be kept in the canteen .

If you can spare any free time either in the morning or at lunch time Claire is always very grateful for extra hands. Please pop in and see her if you can help out.

## P&C Noticeboard

SO we can be sure to reach everyone in our school community we have installed our very own noticeboard outside the gates to the main entrance. All our upcoming events / important information / notes will be posted there as well as through the newsletter and on our social media pages.

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