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Newsletter Term 2 Week 6

Attendance at Kinross PS

Principals Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the end of Week 6. Teachers have been very busy writing reports to communicate your child's progress for Semester One. Reports will be emailed home on Wednesday 3rd July. Congratulations to the Cross Country team who were a credit to our school last Friday. They all gave their absolute best and as a result our school finished second overall. A big thank you to Mrs Nat Kaminski for training the students and organising the day.

Waabiny Playground Artwork

An article was featured in the Joondalup Times recently to recognise the Aboriginal artwork that was done on our Waabiny Playground at the end of last term. I have included a copy of the article for your interest.

<https://www.communitynews.com.au/joondalup-times/news/indigenous-art-bringing-culture-to-kinross-primary-school/>

Last week, I included an article on attendance. Each term, every student's attendance will be audited and letters will be sent out to parents of students with an attendance rate below 90%. This letter is a form of communicating to parents when their child/children are identified in the at-risk category for attendance. Please see the attached document 'When is it OK to Miss School'.

https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/792/when_is_it_ok_to_miss_school.pdf

Aussie of the Month

Twice each term, I will be awarding one special student the Aussie of the Month Award. This prestigious award will be given to one student in the school who has been recognised as an outstanding Kinross student. The student will consistently demonstrate the Kinross values of CARE and be an active participant in the life of the school. The award will be presented at school assemblies and there will only be 8 awards given each year.

The first recipient to receive this award is Arya Christie Year One. Arya's citation read

'Arya is a beautiful person inside and out. She adds an energy to the classroom which is infectious. She is a fantastic friend. Arya attends Jump Jam and Jogging Club and is proud to be a member of Kinross Primary School. She always puts 100% into her school work. Arya is a worthy recipient of this award.'

Congratulations, Arya. Your parents must be very proud of you.



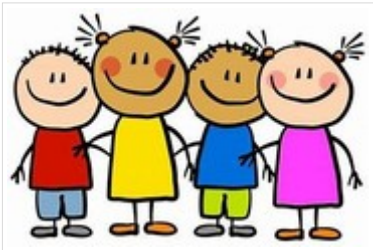
Mrs Bennier's News



Kindy Enrolments

If you have a child who will be commencing kindergarten in 2020, please make sure you enrol your child as soon as possible to secure a place for next year.

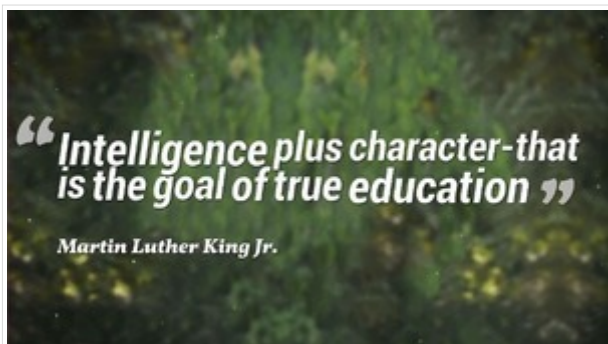
Enrol Now for 2020



Have a lovely fortnight.

Therese Gorton

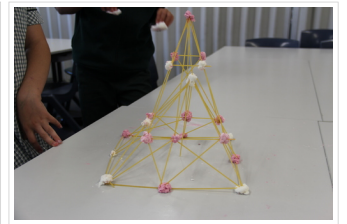
Principal



Technology in TA18

Students in year six are investigating natural disasters as part of their Science program this term. I spent a morning with TA18 as they designed and constructed earthquake proof buildings- only using pasta and marshmallows and tested on a wobbly table. The teams were given the brief that their buildings had to be cross braced, contain specific shapes within the bracing construction and withstand earth shaking. All teams designed their buildings and collaborated to produce amazing structures.

Photos can be seen below.



Pre Primary HASS- WA day celebrations.

As part of the History unit taught in Pre Primary, students took part in celebrations for WA day this week. The focus was on family celebrations and olden day artefacts. Students brought in old artefacts that were of significance to them and their family and showed them to the class. Literacy and indigenous studies were integrated with HASS lessons as they read the story 'The Runaway Dampier Man' and made damper and butter. They have also been learning olden day dancing and enjoyed the day thoroughly with their teachers and classmates.



Parent- teacher communication.

Parents and caregivers can contact teachers via their email addresses found on the school website. Please bear in mind

that teachers may not be able to respond on the day to any communication due to teaching commitments. However, they will do so within 24/48 hours. If a class teacher is away, they will attempt to contact the relief teacher and administration to notify them of their absence as early as possible. Parents are asked to support their child/children to be resilient with the changes in these cases as it is unreasonable to contact all parents beforehand.

Mrs Dodge's News



Year 3 Design Technology Activity

The Year 3's have been working on designing and building pirate ships over the last two weeks. Their design brief was to create a ship out of recycled materials that was strong enough to hold two 50 cent coins in a bucket of water. A lot of pirate ships were successful, but the ones that weren't needed to appraise their work taking into account floating and waterproofing. The students I saw participating in this activity had a brilliant time! Please see the photos attached.



TA18 Have Talent!

The Year 6 students of TA18, delivered a highly entertaining talent show for their assembly item this term. Filled with dancing, singing and instrumental musical performances, the audience was definitely impressed by each act. However, the tough on-stage judges 'Alesha Chickson, David Whaleiams, Amanda Owlden and Simon Cowbell' were harder to impress, maintaining their serious composure throughout each act. All of the students should be so proud of their participation in this assembly item. It was fantastic! I would also like to specifically acknowledge Polly Phillips, Lacy-Mae Toyne and Sam Martin for their efforts in creating the script for the whole-class performance. Well done to you all.



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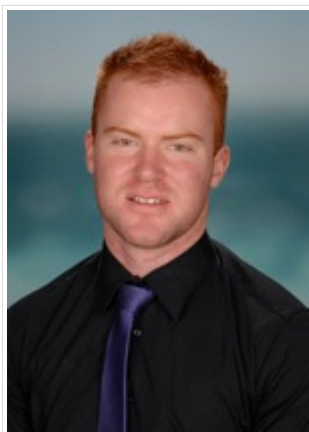
As NAPLAN is now over, I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of the students and teachers for their patience and hard work. I would also like to thank parents for making the testing period as stress-free as possible. It was a little late to finish with some Year 5s opting to re-sit the Writing assessment due to the technical issues we experienced. We now wait patiently for the results to come later in the year.

Safety Gear

Unfortunately, when I am walking around before and after school I notice a lot of students on bikes and scooters not wearing appropriate safety gear. Wearing a helmet is not only a law in Western Australia, but it could save a child from short term or permanent injuries as well as save their lives! Parents, please speak with your child about road safety and ensure they always leave the house with their helmets on. Also, the bike racks are for drop offs only, not socialising before and after school.

Mrs Smith's News

Carlisle's Corner



With the rise of social media, online bullying has become a significant issue across the world among school aged children. Did you know there is a federal agency set up to deal with cyber-bullying? To get more information, please visit the website of the **eSafety Commissioner**. (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>)

If something has happened and you need information about making a complaint, please follow the steps [here](https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying). (<https://www.esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting/cyberbullying-complaints/i-want-to-report-cyberbullying>)

Mrs Kaminski's News

Jogging Club

The cool, crisp mornings are ideal for exercising so don't forget Jogging Club runs every Tuesday morning on the school oval unless it is raining.

Congratulations to the following students who have recently been awarded the following badges.

Bronze

Lily Webb-Ramirez, Harleigh Oliver, Charles Patterson, Chloe Tilyard, Keegan Makwili, Zane Cooper, Jake Burns, Isabella Davis, Riley Larson, Sam Falkingham

Silver

Tane Haenga, Coby Spillman, Jack Bertram, Elijah Ithier, Bowie McLennan, Blake Falkingham, Hunter Hemsell, Bao Doan, Hezekiah Cruz, Chantelle Fathers, Isabelle Watson, Alex Heppard, Holly Kemp, Shillah Piggott, Emily Brandish, Nicole Lueng, George Bishop, Enda Callaghan, Ella Pinion Jones, Imani Liebig, Eden Samuel,

Gold

Drew Davies, Ben Shephard, Max Jarvis, Reece Hook, Hunter Goldman, Kayleigh Mangini, Travis Hook, Levi Hemsell, Bryce Bell, Jack Harris, MRS WILSON, Oscar Mulcrone, Nicholas Fathers, Connor Hook

Marathon

Talyn Evans, Leighton Toyne, Sonny White

Double Bronze

Caleb Fuentes, Ryder White

Faction Cross Country

Apologies to the Year 6 Boys who were accidentally left off the previous newsletter.

Year 6

1st Casey Spratling, 2nd Harry Hall, 3rd Kieran Makwili, 4th Aidan Poulton

Colour Run

Thankyou to everyone who took part in this fundraising event and what a great way it was to end the term one!

Due to very few Sponsorship cards or donations being returned yet the date has been extended to Friday 14th June.

All returned cards will be used to draw prizes to thank students for their participation.

The money will be used on the following projects-

Upgrade and replace some Phys Ed resources, football jumpers for our Interschool team, Jogging Club badges, large scale lunchtime equipment for Year 6 students and purchasing the license to another Jump Jam series.

Winter Carnival

Our senior students are busy preparing for the Winter carnival which will take place on Wednesday 26th June at Kingsway sporting complex.

We will be submitting teams in Netball, AFL, Soccer, Modcross and Flagbelt Rugby.

Parent volunteers are required as team managers for the day at each of the sports, so please email me or let your child's class teacher know if you are able to help with this.

Kinross is responsible for hosting the Netball round robin and I am in need of umpires for the day. If you are able to help with this, or know people I could contact, it would be very much appreciated.

WAGSMS

Our entry for this performance is beginning to take shape and our concert night has now been confirmed as Thursday 8th August.

Congratulations to all the students who are coming to every rehearsal and working hard to show what Kinross kids can do.

You are all AMAZING!!!

Interschool Cross Country

This event was held last Friday at Gumblossom Reserve in Quinns. The behaviour, sportsmanship and participation of our 30 students from Years 4-6 was outstanding and they were a credit to their parents and our school.

We were very successful and placed 2nd overall, only just being defeated by Beaumaris Primary School.

All our students did their very best and I was very proud of them all. Special mention and congratulations to

Billie Watkins-Brown – 1st Year 4 girls 1500m

Caleb Fuentes – 1st Year 4 boys 1500m

Casey Spratling – 2nd Year 6 boys 2000m

Thank you to our parents who came to cheer on all our runners.

Our challenge for the remaining weeks of term two is for classes to collect **plastic bread tags**. As plastic bread tags are made from hard plastic, they are unable to be put into our yellow lid recycling bins. At the end of this term we will send the collected bread tags to a special recycling centre in South Australia. Here the bread tags will be turned into useful items such as seedling containers and picture frames. The money raised from the sale of these items is used to purchase wheelchairs. At the end of this term we will see which class has collected the most bread tags in their mini bins!



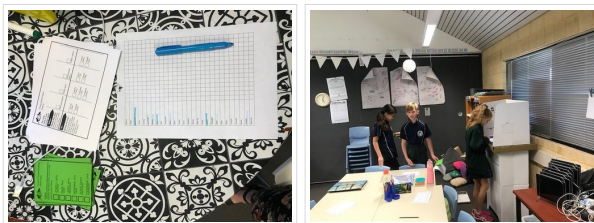
We require a donation of two large plastic rubbish bins with lids to hold hay. The hay helps us to make compost which feeds our vegetable gardens. If you have a clean bin that you no longer use, please let Mrs Davies or the office know.



Mrs Boylan's Class News

For civics and citizenship, we are learning about democracy and the election process. We did a mock election in our class.

I have included some photos for your viewing.



Waste Wise at KPS



Congratulations to TA1, Miss John's Year 1 class, for winning our first Waste Wise competition for this term. TA1 collected the most used batteries for recycling: nearly 200 batteries!

Waste Free Wednesdays

Don't forget to bring a waste free lunch to school on Wednesday, or every day if you can! Our Resource Rescuers give out a raffle ticket to those students who bring a waste free lunch to school on Wednesdays. Students write their TA number and name on the raffle ticket and place the ticket in the green letterbox located next to the canteen. Students can win a prize if their name is drawn out at Friday Muster.



REUSE BINS

Our two big Reuse Bins are located outside of the library. We are now collecting:

Small glass jars with lids (please place these carefully into the bin so that they don't break)

Paper towel cardboard rolls

REUSE BOXES (Located in the library)

Coles Stikees – we are collecting these for maths sorting games. Please make sure that they are clean and undamaged.

Woolworths Disney character tiles – we are collecting these for literacy games. Please make sure that they are clean and undamaged.

Don't forget our **RECYCLING PROGRAMS**:

***Battery recycling** – household batteries, including cell batteries, can be deposited in our battery bin which lives just inside the library door.

* **Aluminium cans** – clean, crushed cans can be deposited in the labelled bin outside the library.

* **Oral care products** – old toothbrushes, used toothpaste tubes, empty floss containers, toothpaste and toothbrush packaging can be deposited in the labelled bin outside the library.

Do you have passion for sustainability and for encouraging our community to be environmentally friendly? We need some parents to join our school's sustainability program so that we can broaden our recycling program. For example, we would love to restart our coffee pod recycling program, however we need a parent to assist with sorting pods and sending them to the relevant recycling centres. If you are interested in becoming involved, please contact Melanie Davies: melanie.davies@education.wa.edu.au



Hi everyone!

It was so lovely to be able to present the Golden Key Award to students at the assembly on Friday 24th May. Congratulations to these very caring, accepting, resilient, respectful and excellent students:

Kindy: Oliver Archer

Pre-Primary: Ava West

Year 1: Celeste Laurent

Year 2: Vanessa Von Koss

Year 3: Rani Newell

Year 4: Billie Watkins-Brown

Year 5: Bella Houghton

Year 6: Mitchell Orge

Laura B

School Chaplain

Pre-Primary & Kindy Gardening Club



The Pre Primary and Kindy children have been very busy this term in the Vegetable garden. In addition to using the funds from the Woolworths Landcare grant we received potato seeds from the Seeds for Schools WA Potatoes initiative. We were very excited to receive the potato seeds and planted them at the first opportunity. They have just started sprouting, we are looking forward to watching them grow. Once they are ready to harvest the children will decide what to do with them.

In other areas of the garden we harvested our carrot crop, the children thought it was fantastic to pick the carrots from the garden, give them a wash and eat them straight away. They were very proud of their gardening skills and thought some

of the carrots were very funny shapes. It was lovely to see how enthusiastic the children were about eating something they planted and cared for over the last few months.

We have also planted beans around a tee-pee, the children are looking forward to being able to play in a cubby they have grown, as an added benefit, if they get hungry they can pick a bean straight off the vine and munch away!

At the beginning of the term we planted some garlic, this has sprouted and is looking very healthy, the children are looking forward to making garlic bread with it when it is ready to harvest.



P&C News

Fundraising Update – our goals for 2019

You may remember back at our AGM in February we committed \$10,000 towards upgrading the current air conditioning in the library to reverse cycle. A much needed improvement which will benefit all of our children.

Disappointingly we were a little off target with our estimates and with quotes coming in around \$22,000 we had to put this to one side whilst we fundraised to meet the shortfall.

We don't like giving up and so approached a company who specializes in projects such as ours and we are delighted to announce the air-conditioning upgrade will be going ahead during the school holidays and ended up costing \$12,500 in total. We extend our thanks to AHI Carrier and Toshiba Air Conditioning for their support with this project!

This term we are also pleased to offer our support towards the purchase of some hand held walkie talkies which will be used by duty staff on the oval and other events during the year. We feel these are a valuable piece of equipment and a worthwhile investment for our school.

We are also pleased to support the schools literacy program with the much needed purchase of 1000 scholastics home readers for the junior years. The companies have generously included some education packs for our senior years for free. We hope to see these books at school very soon!

Throughout the year we approach the teaching staff to see if they need or want anything for their classrooms. If you feel there

are resources or areas within the school that the P&C could contribute to then please let us know!

We have a busy few months ahead with our next fundraising events being –

Movie night – 28th June – tickets will go on sale from Monday 17th June.

Bunnings Sausage Sizzle – 6th July – this especially is a great fundraiser for the wider community and takes the pressure off our parents. Please encourage your friends and family to visit Bunnings Mindarie on the 6th

Pizza Day

Pizza day was a great success! Thank you to all children who ordered and enjoyed their pizza last Monday (and Tuesday)

Keep your eyes peeled for our next canteen meal deal!

Uniform Shop

In Term 2 we will only be open on a Tuesday with Thursdays by appointment only. Second hand uniform will only be available on a Tuesday when a volunteer is available to help. If you are needing assistance outside of these hours please contact us directly – kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com attn Margaret and she will get back to you when she is free.

Our second hand stock is looking a little depleted after our sale at the end of last term. If you have uniform that no longer fits please consider donating it.



School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program:

Our banking numbers are a little low for term 2 – we'd love to see more of our regular bankers. Remember you can bank as little as 20c and every time you bank you get a silver token. Save 10 and you can swap them for a gold token and access the banking rewards!

Canteen News

The canteen will be open from 8.15 Tuesday - Friday. (Parents please note children should not be at school before this time). Please remember to utilize www.quickcliq.com.au for your online ordering and save time lining up or digging out change in the mornings.

We now have our very own EFTPOS available daily so no digging for change. Term 2 also sees the return of our new winter menu – attached. There are some great additions for the colder months ahead.

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. We will also be setting up an online roster for helpers in the coming week so keep a look out on the P&C facebook page for more information.

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.

P&C General Meeting

Thank you to all who came along to our recent meeting on 28th May.

Our next meeting will be Monday 29th July at 1.30pm in the staffroom. We invite all to attend.