



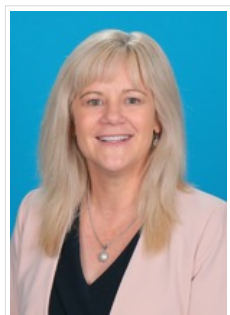
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Newsletter Term 3 Week 5

## Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our Week 5 newsletter. We are already half way through Term 3. The year seems to be flying. Our new Kinross Family Centre has been completed and handover is only a week or so away.

Please remember if you would like a space in the OSHC program, give your name to the front office. We are very lucky to have this modern facility available for our community and we are hoping to run important services from here including Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy and Playgroup in 2021. Information will come available as services become up and running.



## COVID-19 Update (Important Reminder)

I would like to remind all parents and visitors on the school grounds that you are required to maintain **physical distancing of one person per two square metres**. This is a requirement of the Department of Education for you to be on site or attend events. Family members who are together are not included if you live in the same house.

At the last assembly chairs were set up to ensure this physical distancing is maintained. Many schools are not having assemblies yet or are filming them. I require everyone's cooperation to ensure that we can continue inviting community

members to school events. **Please do not move the chairs at assemblies.** Sit young children on your lap and leave the chairs as they have been set up.

I understand we are very lucky in WA to have no community spread at this stage. However; we only have to look at Victoria to see how things can change very quickly. We are maintaining and keeping up good habits for everyone's safety. Please do not enter school grounds if you are sick.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation.

## Athletics Carnival and Sporting Events

The school Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> September and the 200m trials and finals will also be held that week on Monday 31<sup>st</sup> August. I hope to see many of you come along and enjoy being spectators and cheer on the children. It is important that all parents follow our Parent Code of Conduct while attending school events. Last year, the staff and I were very disappointed to hear that offensive language was used by adults on the school grounds in front of our students. **Under no circumstances is this appropriate and anyone who engages in this type of behaviour will be asked to leave the school grounds.** I would hate to be put in this position, as it is a fun day and we want all our community to enjoy it, particularly our students. Healthy competition is fine; however, we are also about participation and showing good sportpersonship at Kinross PS. Our values of CARE (Care and Compassion, Acceptance, Respect and Resilience and Excellence) should be modelled by everyone.

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

A special event will be held to celebrate Kinross PS's 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. An Open Night and Music Concert will be held on Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> September. All parents are invited to attend the Open Night from 4.30pm-5.45pm. The Kinross P&C will be selling snacks and drinks during this time. There will be a special concert commencing at 6pm in the undercover area. This will finish at 7.30pm. Parents of children involved are invited to attend. Once again, social distancing should be observed at these events. See the attached link for invitation.

Have a lovely weekend.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal



## Mrs Dodge's News



### Mathletics Awards

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

Oscar Mulcrone, Max B (TA7), Dean J (TA9), Owen G (TA6), Emily B (TA20), George B(TA20) & Luke C (TA20).

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

### Early Childhood Learning

The delightful students of Kindy 3 came to the office recently dressed in their finest onesies. They explained that they had lots of fun activities planned to reinforce their Numeracy lessons inside the classroom. On this particular day, they were focused on a range of learning around the number 1. They looked very excited (and very comfortable) for their day of Mathematics learning. Well done, Kindy 3!



## Information from the School Nurse: Stephanie Kneale

### Colour Blindness

Colour blindness means that a person cannot distinguish some colours or see the colours differently to other people. Very few people who are colour blind are 'blind' to all colours. Commonly, the colours seen differently are greens, yellows, oranges and reds.

An information leaflet on colour blindness will be distributed to all year Pre-Primary students this term. Please take the time to read the pamphlet. The information is also included in this newsletter for all age groups.

If you have any concerns, colour vision testing can be performed by some general practitioners, eye specialists or optometrists. You can also contact your local Community Health Nurse, Stephanie Kneale on 9400 9500.

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## Mrs Smith's News



### TA18 and TA20 Assembly

On Friday 31 July, we were treated to a 'dance-off' to celebrate the return of assemblies. The assembly was a showcase of Jump Jam routines and was presented as a Girls V Boys competition. I think it's fair to say it was a draw! It was great to see so many

families back to see their children get awards. Thanks Mrs Stravens, Mrs Cavanagh, Mrs Arundel and Ms Kaminski for putting this together.



### Wellbeing Census

Over the fortnight 10 August – 21 August, students in Years 4-6 will be completing a survey that focuses on mental health and general wellbeing. As communicated in Connect, student details are confidential and the data we receive is a whole school collection. All schools in our network are participating and will use the data to target areas of need both in primary school and onto high school. It is hoped that it will give us several areas to focus on and set goals for over the next few



years. More information about this will be provided later in the year.

### Jordan and Mia 'Take on AQWA'

For Science Week, the school went to AQWA for an excursion. Pre-primary to Year 2 went last Friday and Years 3-6 went on Monday. At AQWA, we learned about many great things. The Year 6s learned about turtles and sharks and how they use their sensors differently to us underwater. We also learned that turtles never really get lost as they always find their way back home. I think we all enjoyed touching and observing a wide variety of cool sea creatures like a pineapple fish, moon jellyfish, baby salt water crocodiles and many, many more animals that you've probably never seen. We would like to thank everyone involved in organising this wonderful excursion.

## Miss Short's News



### AQWA Excursions

Last Friday and Monday, Students from Pre-Primary – Year 6 went to AQWA to celebrate National Science Week. This year's theme is 'The Deep Blue: Innovation for the future of our oceans' and our students embarked on a day of discovery and investigation.

Students got to explore the amazing exhibits as well as participate in Science Week activities. Pre-Primary - Year 2 investigated if there are rainbows underwater. They explored prisms and mirrors, and discovered that there are some things that our eyes can't see. Year 3-4 students applied their knowledge of design to plan an expedition and discovered if the Megalodon does really exist. Year 5-6 students investigated shark and turtle navigation and explored how sea creatures use their physical environment to find their way.

I was lucky enough to join the junior classes on Friday and I was very impressed with our students. They were engaged, very well behaved and of course, very excited! Our Kinross CARE values were on show and I received some great feedback regarding our students, from the AQWA staff.

A big thank you goes to all of our staff and parents who assisted with excursion preparation, as well as on the day. These excursions were a large undertaking and they were made all the easier thanks to our staff and parent helpers.

All students who attended have now received a free return visit discovery pass to AQWA so our families may enjoy an AQWA visit in the future.



## Inaugural Kinross Chess Tournament

This week Mr Dombrowsky kicked off our Inaugural Kinross chess tournament. At our last assembly, Mr Dombrowsky unveiled his chess tournament plan to our students and after his inspiring speech, we had 134 students sign up for the competition. Students are competing against each other during recess and lunch tournaments this term. Every student receives faction tokens for joining the competition, with the final winner and runner up receiving an amazing trophy and medallion, respectively.

Playing chess can help to develop children's critical thinking and reasoning and also encourages problem-solving, sportsmanship and patience. Thank you to Mr Dombrowsky for bring chess to our school and organising this fabulous competition. Winners and finalists will be announced in an upcoming newsletter. Check mate!



## Year 5 TA13 - Economics and Business

In HaSS this term, the Year 5 students are studying Economics and Business. Each class is running their own mini economy. TA13's project is called Shop in a Box. The students designed and created a good or a service from reuseable items and sell their product or service to the other students in the class. Each student started their business with ten class dollars. Who will make the largest profit and who will spend all of their money? The students are learning about resources, supply, demand, scarcity, profit, loss and advertising in a creative and hands on way.



## 200m SPRINTS



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 first program of Garden Gurus has only one more session to go! Starting Week 6, a new Garden Guru from each Year 1 to 6 class will commence the program. The first program has been terrific. Here are some photos from our first three sessions. We will conclude the first program on Friday – learning all about worms! This Friday, the Garden Gurus will need to bring a clean 2L plastic soft drink bottle to school to make their own worm farm. 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. Thank you to Muriel Davies for coming along every Friday afternoon to assist with running the program.

Week 1 – Planting seeds and seedlings, learning about soil health and how to grow vegetables

## Waste Wise at KPS

### REMINDER: SCHOOL RECYCLING PROGRAMS

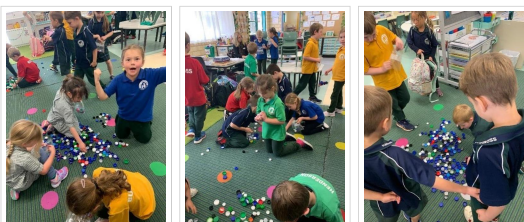
**BREAD TAGS** – Each classroom has a mini bin with a yellow lid for the collection of bread tags.

**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. The top 3 classes will be announced this week! Plastic lids can now be placed in the large recycling bin located outside of the library.

Many of our junior classes have been counting their plastic lids during maths lessons. The students determined the best way to count their plastic lids – grouping into tens and then counting by tens to one hundred. What a fantastic way to visualise large numbers! Here are TAP1 in action, counting their plastic lids:



**WRITING INSTRUMENTS** – *Term 3 Week 6 to Week 10 Class Competition.* Please deposit used writing instruments in the





Week 2 – Making mini compost bins, learning why we compost and how to compost and decorating a crunch n sip compost collection container



Week 3 – Using compost to ready garden beds for the next planting session



## Kitchen Garden

Students in Year 5 have made Beetroot Hommus and Rosemary flat bread. A big thank you Miss Edwards for running the cooking side of our Kitchen Garden.



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

## Chaplain's Corner

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## P&C News

### Fundraising Update Term 3

On behalf of all of us on the P&C we wanted to thank all of the parents who have so far paid their annual \$25 contribution. We'd also like to give you all an overview of what your contributions pay for.

So far this year we have paid:

- \$2500 to our wonderful Chaplain, Ilanie
- \$403 for a refurb in the Chaplain's office
- \$2000 to book awards
- \$1089.16 for Art supplies
- \$989.51 for Maths supplies
- \$1500 for new percussion instruments for music
- \$1000 for Year 3 home readers
- \$1000 towards the AQWA excursion
- \$1700 to the Year 6 camp bus
- \$5690.87 to hand dryers in each block
- \$490 to running Metafit in Term 1
- \$1605.73 for Jogging Club badges
- \$576.43 Sensory Room iPad
- \$950 to the Mucky Duck bush band
- \$500 to a top up of Kindy basics

And we are happy to announce that a new awning will be going up to run the length of the building where the canteen is, at a cost of almost \$10,000, to create more shaded areas for the kids, and hopefully some seating outside of the canteen down the track.

Lastly we have also ear marked a further \$10,000 for the school to use for building purposes.

Every cent is appreciated, we do understand the extenuating circumstances that COVID-19 has left many of us facing; so we wanted to thank each and every family for helping us to make our school community a great one.

## Upcoming Events

**Faction Carnival** is just around the corner and we are looking forward to coming together with the school community for another fantastic day with our children.

Notes will be sent home in the next week with details for faction hair spray and face painting. Organised by Celeste Gibson, a post will also go up on the mums and dads facebook page looking for helpers closer to the day. Its a really fun morning and the more helpers the quicker the queues go down. Please consider helping out.

We will be also be doing a sausage sizzle and notes will also be sent home with information for preorders. We encourage our families to preorder their lunch for the day to ensure adequate food for all.

A roster will go online shortly - please help out if you can even if its only an hour. That way we all get to see our children throughout the day!

Finally, each year we sell raffle tickets for \$1 and we'd love the support of our KPS families and community to source some great gift and service donations. If you'd like to support our raffle please contact Emma either via facebook or 0434 492 814. Thank you to our wonderful parents who have already been in touch to donate something!

### **Fathers Day**

The earlier donation to the Art Department this year will allow Mrs Wilson and the children to make something special for Fathers Day in class. In addition to this, the lovely Ilanie has donated a box of credit card sized multi tools with a money clip on the back. They come in a little black wallet and make a lovely little gift. At just \$5 each they are super affordable. We will have these available in the week leading up to Fathers Day via the office and at Faction Carnival. All monies raised will go back to the Chaplaincy service.

### **Save the Date 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 BUT as restrictions have started to be lifted we in turn have turned our attentions to the events we had put on hold. Please SAVE THE DATE - Saturday 12th September 7pm - midnight for an event not to be missed! Official invitations will be sent home this week - parents please keep an eye out for these and more importantly please COME ALONG! Numbers will be limited and you won't want to miss out!

### **Uniform Shop**

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

We encourage parents to email orders to [kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto: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 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**

Our next P&C meeting is Monday 24th August at 1.30pm in the staff room. All are welcome to attend.

Thank you for your continued support this year.

Kinross Primary P&C