



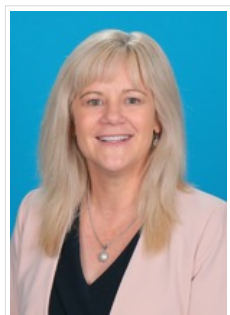
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Newsletter Term 4 Week 2

Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the beginning of Term 4. It has been an exciting start to the term with Book Week and School Camp taking place this week. School photos were done last week and will be available before the end of the year.

School Camp

I witnessed our Year 6 students leave for camp on Monday morning. There were lots of happy and excited faces (including parents) before school. Students arrived punctually and commenced their first activities after morning tea. Students were involved in a variety of activities and the weather was beautiful for us. I attended on Tuesday and was impressed with student behaviour and participation. Many challenged themselves to achieve various goals and demonstrated success. The students enjoyed Spotlight in the evening and attempting the 'Minute to win it' challenges. I would like to thank the following staff for their hard work in preparing for the camp and for giving up their valuable time to supervise students over the 3 days: Mr Sam Carlisle, Mrs Lina Stravens, Mrs Julie Arundell, Miss Mady Hawkins, Mrs Emma Brierley, Mr Alastair Kirkby and Mr Nick Hood. The Associate Principals, Mrs Brioney Smith, Mrs Jill Dodge and Ms Short also attended for a day each to join in the fun with our students.

Kinross PS Mentally Healthy Education Award Finalist

It is with excitement I announce that Kinross PS is a finalist in the WA Mental Health Awards for 2020. Our school has been named, along with SMYL Community College, North Albany

Senior High School and Ocean Road Primary School, as a state finalist. The winner will be announced at the award ceremony taking place on Wednesday 25th November at the Hyatt Perth. I am thrilled that the hard work of the Kinross 'Be You' Committee and Sunshine Committee has been acknowledged through this achievement and I am proud of what we have achieved over the past five years. I would like to thank Mrs Michelle Bell, Level 3 Teacher and Mental Health Coordinator, for her leadership and dedication in this area. She has played an instrumental part in implementing many of our school strategies and initiatives. I would also like to thank Mrs Lina Stravens for her leadership of the Sunshine Committee and all members of this group. I would like to thank the Kinross P&C, in particular Wendy Pinion-Jones for her passion and support in the mental health area. Finally, a big thank you to all our staff, students and families who make Kinross such a fantastic community to be a part of. I will attend the award ceremony along with Mrs Bell, Mrs Stravens and Mrs Pinion-Jones.



Classroom Placements for 2021

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 \[Therese.Gorton@education.wa.edu.au\]\(mailto:Therese.Gorton@education.wa.edu.au\)](#)

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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Kinross Family Centre Update

Atlantis has commenced before and after school care this term. It has been a positive start to the service and numbers are very healthy for after school. A reminder that vacation programs will be run by Atlantis through the school holidays and places will be available for 2021.

Respectful Relationships Teacher Support Project

Kinross PS is participating in the WA Respectful Relationships Teacher Support Project. By participating in this professional learning program, we will be provided with the knowledge, tools and strategies to build on existing respectful relationships initiatives within our school, embedding tailored strategies for the prevention of violence, and strengthen our school's culture of respect. At Kinross PS, there is a zero tolerance to the use of violence or aggression in any of its forms.

Program Aims

The Program is open to public primary and secondary schools across Western Australia, including regional and remote schools. The Program aims to build on the formal curriculum by supporting school staff to:

- teach students about respectful relationships
- implement a whole school approach to violence prevention
- sustain respectful relationships education within their school beyond this Program.

Purpose

The purpose of the Program is to support teachers and school staff to develop the knowledge, skills, confidence and community partnerships to achieve the following outcomes:

- A whole school approach to respectful relationships.
- Inclusion of content that addresses family and domestic violence in respectful relationships education (where appropriate).
- Teaching of gender equality and respect across all areas of learning and curriculum.
- Responses to disclosures of experiences and/or perpetration of violence are safe.
- The whole school community and relevant community providers partner in, and champion intervention and prevention.
- Schools are safe spaces for students to learn, explore and disclose without fear of judgement or silencing.
- Norms, cultures and attitudes that support, condone and/or excuse family, domestic and gender-based violence are changed at the school community level.

Members of the Be You and Sunshine Committee will be involved in this project and we will be working alongside Kinross College throughout this journey.

Kinross School Board Open Meeting

The next Kinross School Board meeting will be held on Monday 26th October. The meeting will be held in the staffroom commencing at 6pm. This will be an open meeting and any members of our school community are invited to attend.

Outdoor Classroom Day

Outdoor Classroom day will be held on Thursday 5th November. Our students will participate in a variety of activities utilising outside spaces on this day. Students love working outdoors and enjoy a change of scenery for completing learning tasks.

Swimming Year P-4 Cancelled

Unfortunately, we have been informed by HBF arena that our booked swimming lessons will need to be cancelled this term. HBF Arena has been undergoing renovations of the competition pool and these will take longer than expected. The pool will not be ready until mid-December which is when we will be breaking for school holidays (17th December). I apologise to all our families who rely on swimming lessons each year to teach your children to swim. You may be able to book into vacation swimming as an alternative. I have placed the link here for your interest.

<https://www.education.wa.edu.au/vacswim>

Christmas Concert and Fun Day

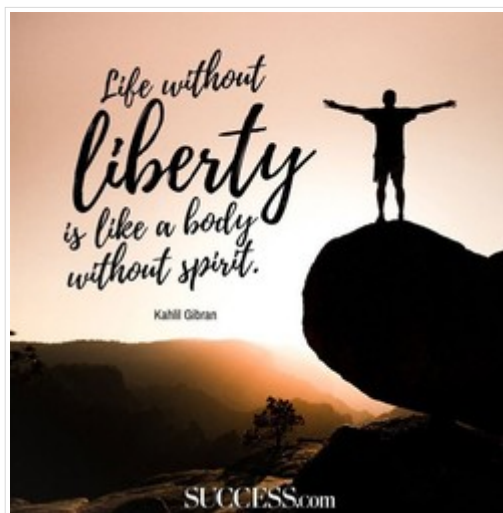
Unfortunately, there will be no end of year Christmas Concert this year due to COVID restrictions. An informal sing along will be held in the undercover area for students during the last week of school.

It has been an unusual and difficult year in many ways, as we have had to make changes and adjustments to meet the requirements of the Education Department and government and keep our community safe. I am sure you will all agree how lucky we all are though, compared to our neighbours in the eastern states who have been in lock down for weeks. My own sister lives in Melbourne and she has explained to me how difficult it has been having many liberties taken away that we all take for granted. I am hoping the world emerges from this pandemic as soon as possible and we appreciate all the greater freedom this will bring.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal



Mrs Smith's News



Year 6 Camp

I arrived at Woodman Point on Monday morning to a bus filled with eager faces and excitement. I joined several groups in rock climbing, surf lifesaving and my favourite – a search and rescue mission. The student's behaviour was brilliant. Everyone listened, followed instructions

and put their comfort zones to the test. The Year 6s are a credit to our school, and I hope they enjoyed their time away.

Year 4 Extension

Mr Havel's Year 4 extension group invited me to look at their work. It has been a project spanning several weeks which focuses on the 'mathematics of music'. The students have built their own panpipes (to tune!) and have written their own notations. They were able to play a piece for me accompanied by a glockenspiel, panpipes and bongo drums. Keep up the great work!



Year 5 News

It is going to be an exciting term for Year 5s! As well as the Cyber Safety incursion mentioned by Ms Short, the following will be occurring in the next couple of weeks.

Year 5 Stargazing Night

This Friday we are very excited to be hosting our second Stargazing Evening for Year 5s. Students must be dropped at school by their nominated adult at 5pm and picked up again at 8.30pm. They will be treated to an evening of movies,

pizza, snacks and stargazing through professional telescopes courtesy of Richard Tonello from Astronomy Education Services.

We are looking forward to clear skies and a fun evening! Parents, please make sure the correct adult is sent to pick up your child to avoid unnecessary delays at the end of the night.

Kinross College Science Day

Year 5 students have been invited to Kinross College for a Science Open Day on Tuesday 10 November. They will take part in rotational activities around the College assisted by a College science teacher. It was a great day last year, and we look forward to further strengthening our ties with the college in 2020. More information to come on Connect.

Growth and Development

As part of the Health program, Year 5 boys and girls will be participating in separate events hosted by Mrs Dearle later in the term. More information to follow.

Mrs Dodge's News



Mathletics Awards

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

Denim P (TA20), Abbygail O (TA20), Kaitlynn G (TA20), Mark A (TA16) & Jonathan H (TA14).

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

Early Childhood Learning

The Circus Came to Kindy Town!

Ladies and Gentleman, boys and girls, step right up to the magnificent Kinross Kindy Circus!

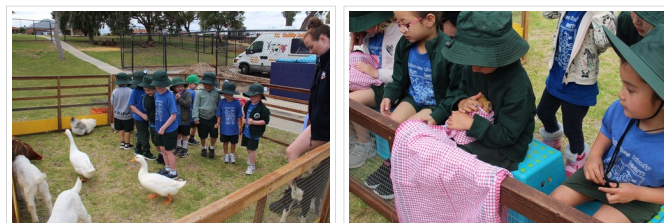
What a treat we had at the end of Term 3, when the talented students in Kindergarten presented an engaging and highly entertaining circus show for their parents. We saw animals, dancing, balancing and even students with super-human strength! What an incredible performance, Kindy students. You should be very proud of yourselves!



Cuddly Animal Farm

The students in Kindergarten had a fantastic start to their term, with a visit from the Cuddly Animal Farm. Students were

allowed to get up close and personal with a range of super-cute animals such as goats, geese, chickens and guinea pigs. The students looked so excited to be with the animals and have a cuddle.



Miss Short's News



Welcome back to school for a very busy Term 4. There is a great number of events happening over this term and I am looking forward to a productive and fun filled term.

Paul Litherland Cyber Safety Parent Information Session

We are proud to announce that Paul Litherland, from Surf Online Safe will be visiting Kinross Primary School on the 29th of October, to conduct an evening parent presentation on the subject of cyber safety.

Paul is an expert in his field and his presentation is very informative and vital, with technology being such an integral part of our lives.

Please see the flyer further on in the newsletter for more information.

Bebras Challenge

Last term our Year 3-6 students again participated in the Bebras Computational Thinking Challenge.

The goal of the Bebras Challenge is to promote computational thinking skills in a way that highlights student abilities.

Computational thinking involves using a set of problem-solving skills and techniques that software engineers use to write programs and apps. The *Bebras* challenge promotes problem solving skills and Informatics concepts including the ability to break down complex tasks into simpler components, algorithm design, pattern recognition, pattern generalisation and abstraction.

It was very exciting to see so many of our students improve on their results from semester 1. Special mention must go to Briana Wright from TA 20. Briana achieved a place on the national Bebras Honour Roll.

Loose Parts Playground

We are excited to rejuvenate our Junior Loose Parts Play Area this term.

Loose parts are basically any loose materials and found objects that children can move about during play and exploration. They're versatile, open-ended and can be added to any

environment for children to adapt and to turn into anything their imagination allows.

Children can use loose parts to make, build, experiment and invent. Loose parts also invite children to explore and discover, imagine and create, enquire and experiment, play and tinker about as they build on their developmental skills in a supportive learning environment.

To complement our existing loose parts, we are on the hunt for some more materials to bring life to our play. We are searching for the following materials;

- Milk Crates
- Large pebbles or river stones
- Old pool noodles
- Bamboo poles (No cracks)
- Long Cardboard tubes
- Wooden clothes pins
- Old saucepans/mixing bowls (clean and in good condition)
- Wooden spoons or other used kitchen utensils (nothing sharp)
- Offcut plumbing pipes and fixings (must be off cuts, we cannot accept used pipes)
- Clean textiles (sheets, shower curtains, blankets or towels)
- Cable drums or reels (any size)
- Steering wheels
- Computer keyboards
- Old costumes or dress ups
- Any weird and wonderful bits and pieces you may have

If you have any donations, please drop them off at the front office.

Regards,

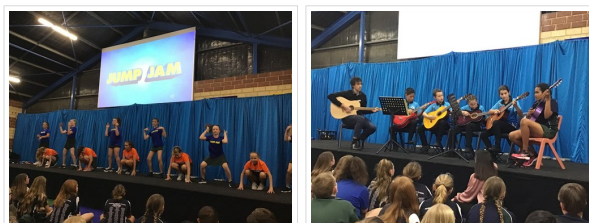
Bree Short

Associate Principal

like to say a huge 'congratulations and well done' to all who were brave enough to perform that night. It took a huge amount of courage for many of those performers to get up there on stage but every single one of you DID IT!! I truly could not be prouder of you wonderful students for showcasing your incredible musical talents.

I feel it important to give a special mention of thanks to Harry Smith and Vernice Soon who not only helped me to write the script and produce the Powerpoint, but who also helped backstage and with the preparations leading up to the concert. Special thanks also go to Evie O'Leary, Emma Holyday and Sarah Zulkernain who designed and produced the wonderful programs for our audience.

Once again, the very wonderful Margaret Patullo gave up her spare time to film to the whole concert so I would like to extend our thanks to Margaret for this. The DVD is now available, if you would like to order a copy please hand in \$3 in an envelope to the front office with students name and TA.



Kindy/Pre Primary Gardening Team

In term 3 the Kindy and Pre Primary children harvested the potato and garlic and rosemary crops.

Nora came in to help chop up the potatoes and herbs so the children could make garlic and rosemary wedges. The children shared the wedges out at lunch time, they thought they were delicious!

This term we are growing sugar snap peas, sunflowers, strawberries, blueberries and our first passion fruits have started to grow. The Kindy children have looked at the wheat we have been growing. They harvested some of it and have ground it up to see how flour is made.



Music News



Following the performances from some of our students during the recent 25th Anniversary Music Concert, I feel like the proudest and luckiest music teacher in WA! That evening, we had a total of 151 students, from Years 4, 5 and 6, who performed on stage. Every single one of them sang, danced or played their little hearts out! We had performances from

solo singers, Ukulele players, the KPS Choir, Recorder players, Jump Jam, Samba Band, DRUMBEAT, solo Piano, Guitar and Flute players, Guitar ensemble and our Brass band. I would

Term 4 Resource Rescuers and Garden Gurus



Chaplain's News

Dear KPS Community,

I recently came across this article. Maybe more relevant for our younger members of school, but the idea is beautiful! The best gift you can ever give your child is your time and a listening ear. Many blessings!

https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1956/chaplain_newsletter.pdf

Book Club



Book Club orders close on Friday 23rd October 2020. All orders are made and paid online or via phone to Scholastic. NO CASH OR CHEQUES accepted at Kinross Primary School.

Thanking you,

Library Staff

Other News

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