



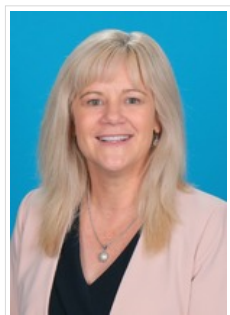
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Newsletter Term 4 Week 8

## Principal's Perspective



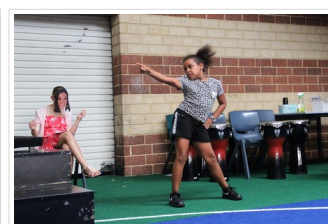
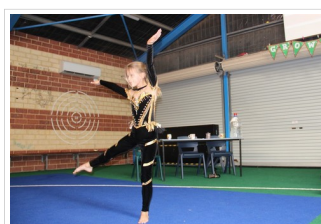
Dear Parents,

It is going to be a very busy fortnight leading up to the end of the 2019 school year. This week our junior students, in Pre-Primary and Year 1, have been busy participating in swimming lessons at Joondalup Arena. Student behaviour has been excellent and the students have

told me they are enjoying cooling off in the hot weather. I attended the pool on Tuesday and was pleased to observe the enthusiasm they displayed and willingness to strive for improvement.

### Kinross Has Got Talent

On Friday 15<sup>th</sup> November, our school celebrated our students' talents through watching 'Kinross Has Got Talent'. Students auditioned for a panel of Year 6 judges and Miss Mady Hawkins, School Officer. Finalists were chosen based on the quality of their auditions and were able to perform for the whole school. There was a vast array of acts including singing, dancing, playing piano and drums, rapping and self-composed song writing. The students enjoyed watching the performances and were a very support audience. A big thank you to the Year 6 students who organised the auditions and schedule, wrote the script and took on the roles of myself (Sam Martin), Mr Hood (Thomas Kelly), Mrs Locke (Lachlan Beaton) and Mrs Stravens (Meg Brierley) to run the event. They did a fantastic job and were very good at 'ad libbing' and making spontaneous, entertaining comments. Congratulations to all involved.



### Kinross Busy Bee

A busy bee was held on Saturday morning to prepare the K/P grounds for the next stage. Thank you to the 5 parents who came along to help our junior primary staff get this work done. A BIG THANK YOU to Gena and Toby Dyer, Luke and Kathryn Hansen and Ryan Bown for giving up your time to help us. The kindy and PP students will be so happy when the work is completed and we are hoping to have one of the best playgrounds in Perth by the end of this two to three year project. I would also like to mention Ritchie Newell who designed and constructed the new bike track. The kids absolutely love it! Thank you, Ritchie. You are amazing. Lastly, to my wonderful staff who always go the extra mile for the benefit of our kids, thank you for giving up time on your Saturday morning to get this work done. You are appreciated and our families are lucky to have such caring, dedicated teachers at Kinross PS.

### Congratulations Casey

Congratulations to Casey in Year 6 who has won 1st place at the ASA (Australian scooter association) regional competition in Margaret River. This is an outstanding achievement and we are all proud of your commitment and determination to achieve this result.



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13 & Under		QUINSHIP 2 Margaret River		DATE: 26th Nov 2019	
Competitors Name	Heat 1	Heat 2	Best Run	Points	Result
Casey Spradling	182	177	182	30	1st
Ilya Okunev	180	176	181	25	2nd
Casey Donohoe	176	166	176	23	3rd
Alex Sparkes	165	172	172	18	4th
Hamish O'Toole	155	172	172	16	5th
Tristan Sinclair	158	171	171	15	6th
Tait Mullan	169	169	169	14	7th
Sahel Bastani	167	157	167	13	8th

has been very busy preparing for this review and are looking forward to showcasing our wonderful school.

The findings of the School Review will be published on the school website.

## Kinross Business Plan

I have attached the new Kinross Business Plan for your information. This has been written by school staff and members of the Kinross PS Board. The Business Plan will be uploaded onto the school website. Strategies identified will be implemented over a three year period. I have attached the plan for your information.

[https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/\\_file/media/1539/kinross\\_business\\_plan\\_final.pdf](https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1539/kinross_business_plan_final.pdf)

## Drug Education

I am becomingly increasingly concerned by the prevalence of drugs within our community and the effect this has on our students and families. Please be aware of the importance of speaking to your children on this important topic and the dangers involved. SDERA (School Drug Education and Road Aware) is an organisation which has many available resources for teachers and parents. I have attached the website link and an example of one of their fact sheets. Mrs Leanne Dearle, Health Teacher, teaches the age appropriate material to our students according to the WA Curriculum. I hope you find this information helpful.

<https://www.sdera.wa.edu.au/>

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Have a terrific fortnight. I hope to see you at the annual Christmas Carols event.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal

## Carols at Connolly Community Centre

I attended the carols singing event at Connolly Community Centre on Monday. It was fantastic watching our students perform. A big thank you to Mrs Emma Brierley and Margaret Patullo for organising this fabulous experience for our students. Parents and staff were all so proud of our beautiful choir.

## Kinross School Review

The Public School Accountability unit is responsible for conducting a range of school review processes. These are cyclic reviews, conducted every three years to form a judgement about the school's performance. The process involves analysis of information provided in an electronic school assessment tool and school-based validation.

Cyclic reviews, as a single review process for Western Australian public schools, are a key strategy in the Department's broader quality assurance measures. They provide feedback to Principals and school staff that will assist in improving school performance.

Kinross PS will be having our School Review early next year on February 11<sup>th</sup>. The reviewers will meet with students, staff, P&C, School Board and external agencies. The leadership team



## Mrs Dodge's News



### Mathletics Gold Superstars

Congratulations to the following students for their achievement of gold status in Mathletics. Achieving gold requires students to earn 1000 points a week for twenty weeks this year.

- Oliver Paterson TA15

Well done!

### Year 5's Vote for 2020 Student Leadership Team

This week, a number of hopeful Year 5 students gave a speech to their peers and teachers to persuade them that they are a suitable candidate for the Student Leadership Team next year. I wish to congratulate all students who put their name forward and conducted a speech. All applicants conducted themselves extremely well and gave convincing reasons to be selected for a leadership position. The positions available include Student Councillors (Semester One) and Head Boy and Head Girl. Successful applicants for all positions will be announced at the Book Award Assembly on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December.

### Fun Fridays Has Arrived!

Last week KPS had it's first Fun Friday for students in Years 1-6. Using the points accrued from the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers collected earlier this year, we were able to purchase two trolleys packed full of sports equipment. Student Councillors organised our first Fun Friday and assisted students in borrowing this equipment at lunchtime. This event was a great success and we look forward to utilising this equipment more often in the upcoming years. Thank you to all families who collected the Woolworths Earn and Learn stickers in 2019. Your contributions have helped us to purchase this equipment for our students.



## Mrs Bennier's News



### Reports

Semester Two reports will be emailed to parents and caregivers on Monday 16th December.

Please take time to discuss with your child/ children and encourage them to reflect on their learning and the teacher comments. Parents must save the link,

otherwise it will expire after 10 weeks. Kinross College require these reports and NAPLAN reports when enrolling for Year 7.

### Kindy and Pre Primary parent information meetings

It was lovely to see so many of our future and current parents and caregivers attend the Kindy and Pre Primary information sessions over the last few weeks. I know the Kindy teachers enjoyed meeting their classes for next year and judging by the smiling faces, so did the children!

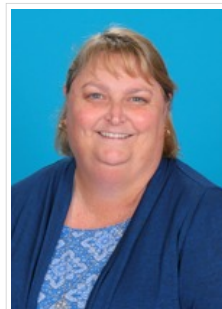


### Pre Primary- Year 2 swimming

A big congratulations to all our junior students for their behaviour at swimming lessons over the last two weeks. It was great to see how mature and organised they all were during lessons and whilst travelling to HBF Arena. Well done everyone!



## Mental Health in Schools Project



### What is the be you Action Team and the Sunshine Committee?

These are two committees that are devoted to ensuring that Health and Wellbeing is a priority focus at Kinross Primary School. The BE YOU ACTION TEAM consists of members from all areas of the school community that have

a vested interest in mental health to facilitate and streamline programs and communication. The current action team consists of:

Principal – Mrs Gorton

Mental Health Coordinator – Mrs Bell

School Chaplain – Mrs Rensburg

School Psychologist – Mr McIntyre

Health Specialist – Mrs Dearle

Leader of the Sunshine Committee – Mrs Stravens

Early Childhood representative – Mrs Borrell

Parent representative – Wendy Pinion-Jones

The SUNSHINE COMMITTEE is comprised of teachers representing all year levels in the school and many of the specialist teachers. This committee completes a lot of the leg work to ensure that the goals of the BE YOU ACTION TEAM can be carried out. It is essentially a “Wellbeing” Committee.

### Families Survey

A big thank you to the 44 families that recently completed the BE YOU Families Survey.

The online survey was conducted to gather perspectives from parents and carers about the actions the school currently has in place to support a mentally healthy learning community. Your responses will help us identify areas we can target for further improvement.

The BE YOU Action Team and the Sunshine Committee will be analysing the responses to assist us in the formulation of targets and goals we can pursue as a school in 2020 and beyond. I will be sharing the results in a future newsletter when the analysis has been completed.

### Make-A-Wish Australia send their Thanks!

In response to the Money Trail held by our school during our Wellbeing Week activities, a certificate of thanks has been received from Make-A-Wish Australia. Our contribution of \$526.65 will contribute to granting life-changing wishes and make a lasting difference for the physical, mental and emotional health of children with life-threatening medical conditions.



Once again, thank you for your support.

Mrs Michelle Bell

Mental Health Co-ordinator

## Health News



### Boys night!

A big thank you to the year 5 boys and Dads/caregivers for coming to our annual Puberty talk. We had a great time! The evening began with a talk about the year 5 puberty curriculum and a video. This was followed by a Boys versus Dads/caregivers soccer match – the Dads won! Then we had a sausage sizzle.

It was a great opportunity for me to meet some of our Dads/caregivers and for the boys to spend time together in a safe environment to break the ice about the puberty topic which can be a little embarrassing and awkward to broach.

A big thanks to the Kinross IGA for donating the sausages and to our wonderful volunteer staff – Mr Kirkby, Mr Evans, Mr Carlisle and Mrs Davies. It was a great team effort.

Mrs Dearle



## Mr D's News



Last Thursday Kinross Primary School had a 2009 Lamborghini Gallardo and a 2015 Porsche visit. Each year group from kindergarten to Year 6 had an opportunity to see the cars and listen to some words of wisdom which included working hard, having resilience, listening to your teachers and spending less than you earn.



## Waste Wise at KPS



## Used writing Instruments Recycling Challenge

Our recycling challenge for this term was collecting used writing instruments. Congratulations to the following classes for collecting the most items for this term:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mrs Bell TA7 – 175

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Mrs Leuzzi TA2A - 160

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Mrs Tapper TA11 - 109

## KPS Recycling Programs

Our recycling programs will continue right up until the end of the year. Please drop off your recycling items to the following places:

**Batteries:** The battery recycling bin is just inside the library door.

**Writing instruments:** Large bin outside the library.

**Plastic lids:** 5cm diameter or less. Large bin outside the library.

**Bread tags:** Mini recycling bins in each classroom.

**Mobile phones:** Drop off to the library.

**Soft plastic:** Purple bins located in eating areas.

## Resource Rescuer Shop

Some of the wonderful students from TA13 ran the Resource Rescuer shop at the Car Boot Sale on the weekend. The students sold batteries and herbs, helping to raise money for the school's sustainability program. Thank you to the students who gave up their own time to help out.

Batteries are available to purchase from the front office, the uniform shop or from TA13. The batteries are sent to us from the Joondalup Health Campus and have at least 90% charge.

**AA batteries:** \$1 for 4 batteries OR \$2 for 10 batteries

**C batteries:** \$1 for 3 batteries

Remember to give your used batteries back to us for recycling!



## Thankyou

Thank you to all of the students who volunteered to be Resource Rescuers this year. Sustainability education allows students to take responsibility for their actions and to contribute their vision for a sustainable future. We look forward to another exciting year of our sustainability program in 2020!

Melanie Davies ([melanie.davies@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:melanie.davies@education.wa.edu.au))

## Music News



## Connolly Carols Performance

The KPS Choir performed in their first Christmas concert of the year on Monday, 2nd December at Connolly Carols in Connolly Community Centre. We joined together with the very talented Circle of Friends choir, directed by Margaret Patullo, to sing carols, pop

songs and traditional songs. Yet again, our choir did an incredible job of captivating the audience with their beautiful, loud singing and their happy smiles and fun actions! Well done to all those students involved, you continue to make me the proudest music teacher in WA!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Margaret Patullo and her choir for inviting us along to the event. It is always wonderful for our students to watch and listen to live music. We were truly inspired by the professionalism of the Circle of Friends choir and their incredible harmonies and vocal pitch range. We look forward to singing with you again at our Carols Night. And thank you to all those parents and carers who came along to support us.



## Chaplain's News



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.

Due to unforeseen issues with our oven the following changes have been made to the menu with immediate effect:

Pizza will not be available on Thursdays ( either individually or as a meal deal)

A pastry meal deal will be offered on Thursdays

NO hot packs ( aside from meal deals) will be available

Lasagne has been swapped to Mac Cheese for Wednesdays meal deal.

Claire has made a selection of festive recess treats for the rest of term. Only 50c an item.

She has also been busy making sweet treats for our parents. Grab yourself a jar of tasty homemade jam or some festive biscuits for \$4. Available in the canteen daily and at the Christmas Carols.



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

Our last School Banking Wednesday for term 4 was Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> December. We will resume banking in week 2 of term 1 on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> February! Any rewards received before the end of term will be sent to pigeon holes.

Thank you to all our regular bankers for supporting us this year!

## P&C upcoming Events

### Christmas Carols

We have joined forces with the wonderful Mrs Brierley again for our annual Christmas Carols night. There will be a sausage sizzle, drinks and festive donuts for sale. We are also organizing a coffee van and icecream truck.

As we did last year, we would love to invite local businesses from our community to have a stall. Spots are \$5 each and spaces are limited. Please contact Margaret via email – [kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com) if you'd like some more information.

## P&C News

### Uniform Shop \*\*\* CHANGE TO OPENING HOURS \*\*\*

Our last day of opening was this THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2019. Parents please note we will not be open week 9 or 10. We encourage you to email us with your orders and collect them in January.

We will be open on Weds 29<sup>th</sup> Jan 11am – 4pm and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> January 8am – 2pm to size new uniform or collect orders. Please email [kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com](mailto:kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com) with any queries.

We would like to thank you all for your support this year!

### Canteen News

The canteen will be open from 8.15 Tuesday - Friday. (Parents please note children should not be at school before this time).



Look for the event through our Facebook page or if you have any questions please contact via email [kinrossplaygroup@hotmail.com.au](mailto:kinrossplaygroup@hotmail.com.au) or Savannah Mackay on 0439 928 149. We look forward to seeing you soon!



## Summer Disco

Our Summer Disco will be on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2020 as we celebrate the start of another school year. More information will follow before the end of term.

## Other News

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Kinross Playgroup invites you to last play-date for families starting Kindergarten at Kinross Primary School in 2020.

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 – 11.30am

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 child's snacks as we will be meeting over morning tea.