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Newsletter Term 2 Week 4

Country which will take place on Friday 31st June. Thank you to Mrs Kaminski for her terrific organisation on the day.

Principal's Perspective

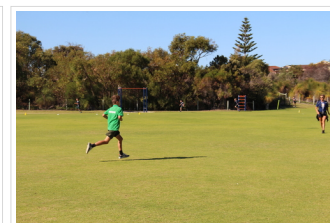


Dear Parents,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. It has been a busy fortnight for our Year 3 and 5 students who participated in completing the NAPLAN On-Line tests. They all worked hard during the test sessions. I would like to thank all the staff who administered and supervised the testing to ensure it ran as smoothly as possible. In particular, I would like to congratulate Mrs Brioney Smith, Mr Sam Carlisle and Mr Nicholas Hood for their outstanding organisation and diligence over the past two weeks.

Cross Country

I was impressed by the effort and attitude displayed by all students when participating in the Faction Cross Country Carnival on Friday 10th May. Every student completed the course and showed persistence in not giving up. I also witnessed many children supporting and cheering on each other, including students who finished in the last positions. I was very proud of students for displaying this good sportspersonship. Congratulations to all students who placed in the top 5 positions. They will train for the Interschool Cross



School Board Meeting

The Kinross PS Board met for the first time this year on Monday 13th May. I would like to welcome the following new members to the School Board.

Staff

Mrs Melissa Hills-Teacher

Parents

Mr Mark Roemmerman

Mr Steve Massey

Mrs Nicolene Van der Bank: Chairperson

Mrs Greer Prebble

Mrs Louise Bennier (Associate Principal) is also a continuing member of the School Board and Janeen Thomsett (ECU) is our community representative.

The Kinross School Board meets once or twice each term to discuss and make recommendations regarding school programs or policy and evaluate progress of students, particularly in relation to the Kinross PS Business Plan. This year we will be focusing on the development of the new Kinross PS Business Plan 2019-2021. At this stage, a draft has been written by staff and is now being considered by the Kinross School Board. We are hoping to finalise the Business Plan by the end of this term. A copy of the final document will

be published on the school website and posted in a future newsletter. I would like to thank all members of the Kinross PS Board for their commitment and time in volunteering to be on the School Board. I have attached the latest minutes for your interest. On Friday 24th May, at the school assembly, I will be acknowledging Mrs Kerry Hollywood (Councillor, City of Joondalup) for her contributions on the Kinross PS Board for the past 6 years.

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Public Holiday

A reminder there is a public holiday on Monday 3rd June.

Student Behaviour

There has been a decrease in office referrals for poor behaviour choices, particularly where students are choosing to react physically when they are upset or angry. I am pleased with this improvement and I hope this continues throughout the year. There is a zero tolerance to violence at Kinross PS. Students displaying aggressive behaviours will be provided with support and we will work closely with parents to improve on this behaviour, for their own and others' benefit. It is important as a community we teach our children how to react when faced with conflicts or difficult situations. The Zones of Regulation is taught to every student across the school and reviewed every year.

I have attached the policy for your interest.

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Attendance at Kinross Primary School

At Kinross PS, our attendance rate is above the WA and like school average. Kinross parents make it a priority to ensure their child attends school unless sick. Attendance is a big factor that affects a child's learning and performance at school.

Attendance Overall Primary

	Non-Aboriginal			Aboriginal			Total		
	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools	School	Like Schools	WA Public Schools
2016	95%	94%	93.7%	88%	87.7%	80.7%	94.9%	93.9%	92.6%
2017	94.2%	93.8%	93.8%	88.4%	86.9%	81.2%	94.2%	93.6%	92.7%
2018	94.4%	93.9%	93.7%	94.2%	88.3%	80.8%	94.4%	93.8%	92.6%

Attendance Requirements

As a parent, you are required by the School Education Act 1999 to ensure your child attends school every day that the school is open for instruction (Section 23). Principals are

responsible for monitoring and accurately recording the attendance of every student enrolled at their school in accordance with Section 28 of the School Education Act 1999. If a student is absent, a responsible person, usually the parent, must notify the school of the reason for the student's absence as soon as practical. If a student is prevented from attending school due to illness, the principal is authorised by the School Education Act 1999 to request a medical certificate from a registered medical practitioner. **All students who are absent for more than two days require a medical certificate.** Lesson attendance codes are used by all Western Australian public schools to record the reason for every half-day absence. The use of these codes is determined by the principal. Accurate record-keeping ensures principals can identify patterns of absence at both a school and individual student level and implement appropriate measures to restore attendance where there is cause for concern.

Absences are grouped as either 'authorised' or 'unauthorised' according to whether they meet the requirements of excusing a student from attendance pursuant to Section 25 of the School Education Act 1999. The total half-day absences are displayed on your child's school report each semester.

Restoring Attendance

When a student's absences are identified as a concern, schools will work collaboratively with students and parents to develop and implement strategies for improved attendance.

This will usually include the principal, teacher or other relevant staff meeting with the student and parents to:

- Investigate the reasons for the absences
- Identify issues concerning the absences
- Develop strategies to improve attendance.

Several meetings or phone calls may be required in order to review and amend strategies to restore attendance. A principal may seek to draw on the advice and expertise of external services, agencies or community members to assist in developing strategies, or to facilitate additional support for the student or their parents. In some cases, the principal may offer parents an Attendance Advisory Panel or a Responsible Parenting Agreement.

Effects of Absences on Learning

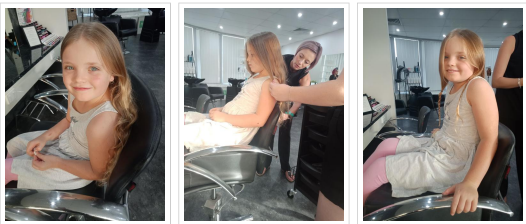
Attendance matters for achievement, and every day counts. The nature of the relationship between absence from school and achievement, across all sub-groups of students strongly suggests that every day of attendance in school contributes towards a child's learning, and that academic outcomes are enhanced by maximising attendance in school. There is no "safe" threshold. The effects of absence also accumulate over time. *We found that absence from school was related to academic achievement in numeracy, reading and writing not only in the current year, but in future years as well.* Parents need to be aware of these relationships, and understand that when their child misses school it can have an ongoing impact on their learning

I encourage parents to use school holidays wherever possible when booking family vacations. This guarantees students do not miss out on key concepts when they are absent for

extended periods. I understand that sometimes there are extenuating circumstances that require time to be taken outside of the normal vacation period (eg funeral overseas/interstate). If this is the case, permission must be sought in writing and directed to the Principal for approval. The Department of Education encourages Principals to use the code 'Unauthorised Vacation' when families take vacation during term time.

Student Seren Marshall Donates Hair for Good Cause

Seren Marshall (TA5) donated her beautiful long hair last week on Thursday 16th May for charity. Seren has never had her hair cut since she was born, and as she got older she decided she wanted to grow her hair like Rapunzel. Recently, Seren decided that she wanted to help children who have lost their hair due to Cancer or Alopecia. She wanted to help put the smiles back on their faces again by donating her hair for a wig. Her friend in class, Cerys O'Connell, also did the same a few months back and Seren was inspired. After having her hair cut into a short bob, she donated 10 inches of her hair which will help tremendously with making a wig for someone. Seren received a certificate that she can treasure and keep as a reminder of what she did for years to come. Seren is happy with her new look and we all agree she looks gorgeous! Her Mum tells me she is so proud of the compassion and bravery she has shown in donating the hair she loves. I am very proud of her too.



Have a lovely fortnight.

Therese Gorton
Principal



Mrs Bennier's News



Kindy Mother's day pamper afternoon.

Our lovely Kindy mums were treated to a pamper afternoon for Mother's day last week. The children were very excited and had prepared a song to perform to their mums followed by lots of fun activities. They included a nail bar; make up station, cake decorating, jewellery making and a photo booth! The children had also painted beautiful portraits of their special people and answered questions. I enjoyed reading them and it was so lovely to read their descriptions of mum including 'my mum is 22 and has big blue eyes', "my mum likes to wear her PJs all day and gives me hugs" and "my mum likes to tickle and hug me all the time" I hope all our special mums had a great Mother's day.



The farm comes to visit Kindy and Pre Primary!

Our students in Kindergarten and Pre Primary were very fortunate to have the animal farm visit them last week from Barn Babes. The visit was incorporated as part of their Science and Talk for Writing programs and students were able to get up close to alpacas, roosters, guinea pigs and rabbits! Thank you to all the teachers for helping organise this, especially Mrs Mather.



Mrs Dodge's News



TA20 Enlighten us with Their Electricity Knowledge

The bright students of TA20 delivered a shockingly fantastic assembly all about their current studies surrounding electricity. Their brains were wired to the task, they conducted themselves well on the microphone and their jokes left the audience feeling ecstatic. Congratulations on your delightful assembly item, TA20.



a diorama or model stage set to match a descriptive piece of writing from their writing lessons. The students also explained that they have created a model character in their art lessons that can go into their diorama. Each classroom looked very engaged in this task and also looked like they were having lots of fun too. It is wonderful to see such interesting, rich, cross-curricula links between learning occurring in our classrooms.



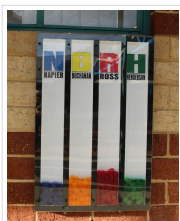
Mrs Smith's News



Faction Point Winners for Term 1

Congratulations to Napier for achieving the most faction points for Term 1. These points are awarded to students who demonstrate excellent behaviour and effort. As the winning faction, all Napier students were treated to an ice-cream and an extended play on the oval.

The staff and students love our new faction point system, which was kindly built by Mr Les Brigden (Gardner) and Mrs Denise Chadbund (Library Officer). It is a great motivator for our students to be able to track their faction's progress by looking at the amounts of coloured counters in each section. This recent photo shows that Ross are currently in the lead for this term. Can the other factions overtake them, or will Ross be our next faction winners for the term? Time will tell...



NAPLAN

By the time this newsletter is sent out, most of the NAPLAN tests will have been completed. NAPLAN is a nation-wide assessment which gives us an opportunity to not only track the progress of our students, but also gives us a chance to look at detailed results within our own school. This is a very valuable process which helps us make decisions at a whole school level, and assess the outcome of the teaching and learning programs we use. NAPLAN is one test at one point in time and at Kinross, our staff adopt a wide variety of assessments at this school, which when combined, give an overall snapshot of a child's ability.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 3 and 5 students who, over the last two weeks, have sat these assessments with confidence and were willing to give it their best shot. Thank you also to their teachers for administering the assessment, and a special thank you to Mr Hood and Mr Carlisle for offering their technical support during this time.

Giant Chess

Thanks to the success of the Movie Night in Term 1, we were able to purchase a giant chess set to accompany the lines-marking we had done outside the staff room. I think it's

Technology in the Year 6 Block

The Year 6 students have been hard at work in their classrooms to complete a technology project. The task involved creating

safe to say it's been a hit with our students! Here's a photo of some having a blast.



RAC Incursion

In Week 9, all classes from PP-6 will participate in a free incursion from the RAC aimed to teach students about bicycle, pedestrian and road safety. This will mostly take place during their scheduled Health lessons with the exception of a few classes. If you do not wish for your child to participate, please let their classroom teacher know.

Keeping Active with Mrs K



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

Levi Oosthurzen, Bonnie Bennett, Lincoln Watson, Tahi Justin, Jake Innes, Chloe Campbell, Harry Eason, Jye Martin, Marley Stringer, Chase Cairns, Hara Adams, Noah Worts, Teia Parker, Sam Falkingham.

SILVER

Casey Spratling, Kai Foureux, Cameron Harfield, Azaria Hadley, Ethan Smith, Jacob Toole, Maddie Hannigan, Melahti Monyping, Farron Linney, Mitchell Orge, Will Brandish

GOLD

Blake Eamus, Rhys Bell, Jacob McLennan, Alexander Joynt

Cross Country

With perfect weather conditions for running, it was fantastic to see every able student participating in what can seem quite daunting to many children. The fact that our students had a go and did their best was admirable. The encouragement of each other and sportsmanship amongst our competitors was a pleasure to witness. Well done Kinross kids!

On the day the placings went to the following students.

Pre-Primary

1st Lily Bertram, 2nd Amelie Hardy, 3rd Brooke Davies, 4th Ava West

1st William Flemming, 2nd Liam Jackson, 3rd Callum Haseldine, 4th Hyrum Flourie

Year 1

1st Claudia Cooper, 2nd Kirby Rains, 3rd Willow Sawyer 4th Melati Monyping

1st Nicholas Fathers, 2nd Max Campos, 3rd Will Brandish, 4th Lewis Green

Year 2

1st Melanie Stephens, 2nd Tahlia Westlund, 3rd Leah McIntosh, 4th Eden Samuel

1st Hara Adams, 2nd Reece Hook, 3rd Hunter Goldman, 4th Zac Heppard

Year 3

1st Heidi Harris, 2nd Emily Kerr, 3rd Hannah McIntosh, 4th Summer Cavanagh

1st Drew Davies, 2nd Coen Goldman, 3rd Ben Martin, 4th Danish Zaid

Year 4

1st Billie Watkins Brown, 2nd Liliana Hannigan, 3rd Lily Conroy. 4th Lily Evans

1st Caleb Fuentes, 2nd Cameron Sweeney, 3rd Ryder White, 4th Cameron Harfield

Year 5

1st Kayleigh Mangini, 2nd Sophia Kerr, 3rd Mia Stappenbelt, 4th Ella Borrell

1st Jensen Tarman, 2nd Alex Joynt, 3rd Blake Eamus, 4th (Tie) Oliver Patterson, Jacob Toole

Year 6

1st Holly Kemp, 2nd Meg Brierley, 3rd Polly Phillips, 4th Mia Apostolovski

Our next exciting event is the Interschool Invitational cross country to be held at Gumblossom Reserve on Friday 31st May, where our Year 4-6 runners will be competing against 9 other schools.

Colour Run

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

Due to very few Sponsorship cards or donations being returned yet the date has been extended to Friday 7th 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.

Faction Carnival Change of Date

Please note in your diaries that there has been a major change in the date of the Faction Athletics carnival for 2019. The new dates are as follows-

Monday 12th August- 200m sprints. Heats (am) Finals (pm)

Thursday 15th August- long jump and shot put finals

Friday 16th August- Athletics carnival. (sprints and team games)

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!!!

Art News



So many cute cushions!

Year 5 students have put in a huge effort to create these wonderful cushions for their buddies. For many students, this was their first time sewing and they've done an amazing job. I can't wait for the last few to be completed and then we'll present them to their Pre-Primary buddies. Great job everyone!



Music News



New carpet

I would like to extend another huge 'thank you' to the P&C for our new music room carpet. We all love it! The carpet makes our music room look so much brighter and fresher. The students have all tested it out and give it the big thumbs up!!



One Big Voice Auditions

Recently, I conducted auditions for students who would like to be soloists, comperes or instrumentalists in the One Big Voice concert this August. I would like to congratulate all students who were brave enough to audition – I had 27 students try out! They all came fully prepared and sounded great! I would love to have been able to put each and every one through. Unfortunately, I could only choose 2 students from each category to go through to the next round of auditions. A special 'congratulations and well done' to the following students who made it through to the final auditions in Wanneroo in June: Sam Martin and Charlie Lavery for Soloists; Lacy-Mae Toyne and Ashlyn Roermann for Comperes; Evie O'Leary for instrumentalist. We wish these five students the best of luck!



P&C News

Election Day – 18th May

We had an early start on Saturday morning cooking bacon and egg rolls and sausage sizzles for the voters. Whilst it started off slowly we sold out of everything by 1pm which is a great result. Together we raised nearly \$1800 – a tremendous effort.

We would like to thank all the parents who donated baked goodies for the bake sale. We received so many compliments! We would also like to thank all of our amazing volunteers who helped in the run up to Saturday and on the day itself. From cutting the rolls on Friday afternoon, endless trips to the supermarkets, setting up, serving and packing away. We couldn't have done it without you! (There are still some plates and containers from the bake sale and these are outside the canteen awaiting collection)

Pizza Day

Pizza day is next Monday (and Tuesday for K2), A reminder that orders must be placed no later than 9am on Friday. Unfortunately orders placed after this time will be returned. Orders can be left at the canteen or placed online – www.quickcliq.com.au

Uniform Shop – a message from Margaret

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!



P&C Contributions – Tax Receipt

At the end of term 1 notes were sent home to the families who have paid their \$25 contribution thanking them for the payment and with a tax receipt as we are DGR registered meaning you can claim this at tax time. A few parents have gotten confused and thought this was an invoice for payment. We'd like to apologise for any confusion and thank you again for your payment this year.

Our main target for 2019 is upgrading the air-conditioning to the library. This is a huge task but one which we are committed to

making happen. Whilst our focus is on hitting this goal we have also tried to assist in smaller areas around the school.

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

Our next General meeting will be held on Tuesday 28th May at 2.15pm in the staffroom. We invite all to attend.