



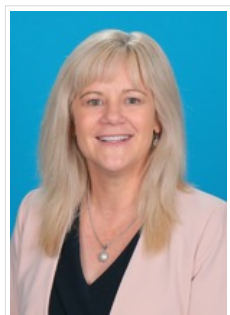
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Newsletter Term 1 Week 5

Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to our latest newsletter. All students have now settled in well at school and are working hard in classrooms. We have some very exciting things coming up in the next few weeks which we are looking forward to.

Mucky Duck Bush Band

Next week, on **Monday March 9th**, commencing at 12.45pm we will be hosting a family picnic lunch on the school oval. The Mucky Duck Bush Band will perform while everyone is enjoying their picnic.

All students from K-6 will come to the oval for lunch. Children in Kindy who do not attend on a Monday are invited to attend with parents. Please bring a packed picnic lunch to enjoy. Students may also order a sausage sizzle through the school canteen either by dropping the order into the canteen drop box or ordering online through QuickCliq.

<https://quickcliq.com.au/>

There will be an ice-cream truck and coffee van available for families.

In addition, students will participate in country dancing. The times have been allocated for each group as outlined below.

Years K-2 1.15-1.45pm (Back to class at 1.45pm)

Years 3-6 1.45-2.45pm (Back in class for 1.15-1.45pm)

This is a free event for our families to celebrate Harmony Week and begin the celebrations of our 25th Anniversary. I hope to see many families there!

Students are invited to wear free dress and dress in brightly coloured clothes with a country flavour!



25th Anniversary Bricks

A special brick path will be constructed in the playground to commemorate our 25th Anniversary. Parents are able to order a brick and place their family name or student names on the brick. The cost of the brick will be \$25 for each brick. A note will go home with an order form where families can print the text they would like placed on their brick. Up to 3 lines can be placed on the brick. Staff may also order a brick. Money can be paid in cash to the office with the order form or paid online.



Year 5/6 Swimming

Students in Years 5 and 6 will be commencing swimming lessons in two weeks. They will be attending Mullaloo Beach for their lessons. I encourage all students to attend, as learning to swim safely at the beach is very important, especially as we live in a coastal suburb. The first lesson is on Monday March 16th. Lessons will take place in the afternoons. Parents are invited to come along and watch if interested.

Maths Week 2020 Incursion

Maths Week will take place in Week 9 commencing from March 30th. There will be a Professor Maths Incursion where all classes will participate in Maths problem solving activities using a variety of engaging materials. Maths is a focus of the Kinross Business Plan. We are working hard to improve numeracy across the school and engage our students to develop a love of mathematics. We are also trying to create students who are problem solvers and are not afraid to tackle problems and take risks. If you would like to look at the website the link is below.

<http://www.professormaths.com/>



25th Anniversary Drone

On Friday March 20th all students will be participating in forming the letters and numbers KPS 25 on the school oval. Aerial video footage will be taken using a Drone. Fotoworks will be organising this event. Students are required to wear their Kinross uniform on this day. We do not want faction t-shirts worn. The video footage will be played at assemblies and in the school office throughout the year. We will also place this on our school website. The following link is an example of what our finished product may look like.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-PoVDgR2GMU&feature=youtu.be>

Social Media and the Kinross Community

At Kinross PS, we teach our students how to be safe and how to behave online. Cybersafety is a big focus, particularly in Years 3-6. Paul Litherland attends our school in Term 4 to meet with our students and carry out workshops for students in Years 5 and 6. This year, he will also conduct a parent workshop.

It is important that parents monitor their child's use of the internet and teach them about using the appropriate language online. This is particularly important for boys and girls using programs like Fortnite. It is important to note the ability to communicate online whilst playing these games is leading to moments of online bullying, the use of inappropriate language and abuse. The most important thing to be wary of is that there is an opportunity for your children to connect with strangers in the game, and there is minimal monitoring of who is online and what is being said in the chat.

Please ensure you speak to your child about the behaviour you expect from them when they are using the internet. Often issues that happen on the internet at home, work their way into school the next day and can be damaging to friendships and relationships.

In addition, it is extremely important that our whole community models the appropriate behaviour online. Parents are requested to abide by our Parent Code of Conduct in supporting our community to be a safe one for all, including staff, parents and students.

Parents are encouraged to speak to a staff member at school when they have a concern, so we have the opportunity to assist, rather than making negative, inaccurate comments on social media. Please see the following points on this topic. I have also attached the Parent Code of Conduct for your information. This is also available on the school website.

Times have changed

A few years ago parents discussed concerns or issues with friends at the school gate. Today, with the internet, mobile phones and social media, discussions between you and your friends can reach a far wider audience than ever before.

Social media can provide an enjoyable way to socialise online and keep you connected with what is going on in your school community. While these technologies can be great for sharing ideas and keeping in touch, don't forget that comments about your school community can have greater impact than expected and can have very real consequences for the reputations of individuals including teachers, principals, other parents, students and yourself.

As a parent and carer, you are your child's first role model when it comes to online behaviour. Make sure your online conduct demonstrates how they can use social media respectfully and safely. There are also legal implications around what people are able to post and share about others. The idea of privacy in the online world can be confusing but essentially posting or sharing personal information about another person online requires consent.

Top tips for positive and respectful online communication with your school community

- Feedback from the school community is important for schools and the department. Each WA Government school has a complaints process for raising concerns. If you have a concern, rather than go online, speak directly to your child's teacher, Assistant Principal or Principal.
- Remember: serious instances of inappropriate online behaviour may constitute a criminal offence and become a police matter. School staff may obtain personal legal advice if they feel that online content seriously impacts their reputation.
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- Before you post something online about your child's school ask yourself:
- Am I being a good role model for my child?
- Will this information reflect badly on me?
- Does the school community or individual really need to know this information?
- Is this information relevant, helpful and positive?
- Will this information upset or embarrass the school community or an individual?
- Am I making situation worse?

If things do get heated online consider logging out and taking time to relax.

Be aware of what you are sharing and with whom

Remember that the legal implications around sharing personal information applies to images and video presented online. As the parent/carer of your child, you have the right to choose who sees your child's personal information, including their image online.

You also have a responsibility to not share the personal details of other children. If you upload photos on social media of school events, be aware of who is in the background. Some parents and caregivers do not want themselves or their children on social media.

It is recommended that you never tag a child's image with any personal information. If your child's personal information or image has been shared on social media without your consent you can request its removal by the social network hosting it. If you share pictures of your children publicly through online photo-sharing sites and hashtags, remember that once it is shared, you have no control over how it is used or by whom.

To avoid these photos being shared by others or used for purposes without your consent, make sure you set up your account security settings to share images only with close family and friends.

Address inappropriate content

If you encounter inappropriate content online, there are a number of steps you can take:

- Refrain from responding.

- Take a screen capture or print a copy of the concerning online content.
- If you think the content is explicit, pornographic or exploitative of minors, contact the eSafety Commission <https://esafety.gov.au/complaints-and-reporting>
- Block the offending user.
- If the inappropriate or negative comments are in regards to your child's school or members of the school community you should also contact the school Principal.
- Report the content to the social media provider (e.g. Facebook). Providers can remove content that contravenes their Terms of Use.



https://kinrossps.schoolzineplus.com/_file/media/1651/maths.jpg

I look forward to your support in keeping the Kinross community safe for all.

Kind regards,

Therese Gorton

Principal



Mrs Dodge's News



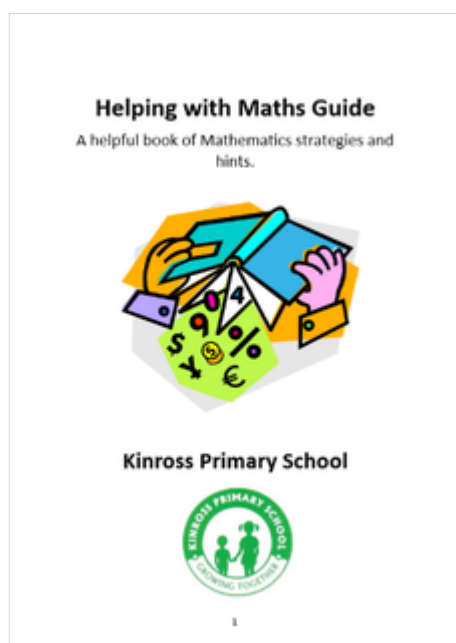
Mathletics Technical Issue

Unfortunately, there has been a technical glitch with the Mathletics accounts for Kinross Primary School. As a result, student accounts have needed to be reset and new usernames/passwords have been issued. Please be assured that we have records of student

participation for the current year up to the time of the reset, so students' long-term achievement of 'Silver' or 'Gold' certificates will not be affected. For example, if your child had already earned 2 certificates before the reset, and has 38 certificates at the end of the year, they can still be awarded with their Double Gold award (normally 40 certificates).

Helping with Maths Guide

KPS has developed a helpful guide to assist parents and families in supporting students' Mathematics learning at home. This has previously been distributed via paper copies in previous years. We have since moved this guide booklet into a digital format, which can be found on Connect (Within 'Library'- 'Useful guides').



Early Childhood Students at Work

Our students from Kindergarten to Year 1 have been working very hard in their classrooms to learn a range of important skills. They have all settled into the year well and were thoroughly enjoying their learning when I popped in to visit them last week. Some of the activities included learning to pack away in Kindy, dye paintings to match nursery rhymes in PP2, sound bingo in TAP1, writing words with a long 'a' sound in TA2 and ruling up to prepare for Spelling lessons in TA1. We even had a Kindy class come to the office to teach Mrs Gorton about their whole body listening book. Well done students! Have a look at our Kindy-Year 1 classroom photos below.



MAWA Maths & Career Expo

The MAWA Maths & Career Expo is a free event aimed to provide support to parents and students with mathematics, learning at home and career pathways.

The maths aspect of the expo will showcase interactive resources that can be used to support learning at home. The Careers aspect of the expo will see a variety of training providers that support the journey of students beyond secondary school.

It will be a fun, interactive day with lots of opportunity to see a variety of resources that make learning fun. There are also prizes to be won on the day!

Sunday 15 March 2020

AM Session: 9.30am – 11.30am

PM Session: 12.30pm – 2.30pm

Venue: Astral 2 & 3, Crown Convention Centre Perth

Although this is a free event, registration is required. Please register your interest and select which session you wish to attend.

Register

Mrs Smith's News



Asthma Medication

As mentioned on the Asthma WA website (www.asthmawa.org.au);

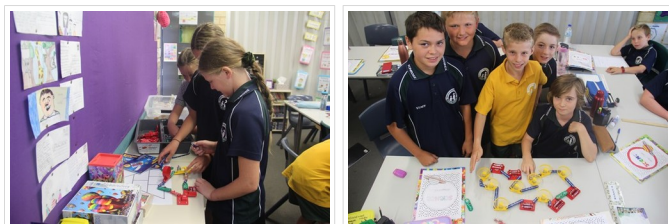
Asthma is a long-term lung condition. People with asthma have sensitive airways in their lungs which react to triggers, causing a 'flare-up'. In a flare-up, the muscles around the airway

squeeze tight, the airways swell and become narrow and there is more mucus. These things make it harder to breathe.

At Kinross PS, we follow Asthma WA's First Aid procedures when dealing with an Asthma Emergency, however, it is vital that we have each affected student's asthma plans up to date. If you haven't already, please complete Form 8 – Asthma Management and Emergency Response Plan (available in the front office) and return an Asthma Plan completed by a GP to the office as soon as possible. Please also make the classroom teacher aware of where your child's asthma puffer and spacer will be stored. All teachers have locked cupboard where these can be stored, especially for junior students.

Year 6 Circuitry

This term in Science, the Year 6s are learning about electricity and circuits. They are having a great time exploring parallel and series circuits and what is needed to create them. Here are some photos of TA20 building them during a Science lesson.



TA13 Assembly

On Friday of Week 3 we were treated to an assembly with two very important messages. Firstly, a visitor from Mindarie Regional Council Waste Education Centre and her friend 'Brody the Battery' came to talk about the importance of recycling batteries (more on that in the Waste Wise section of the newsletter). Secondly, TA13 provided us with a spectacular performance about our CARE Values. Four lightning fast friendship warriors used their powers to reverse negative social situations and replay them in a more positive light. The audience gained a lot from this performance and we will be on the lookout for students displaying these values throughout the school.



Mrs Hedge's News



eSafety Commissioner

At Kinross Primary School we take online safety very seriously. As part of the curriculum, we teach our students how to stay safe online, how to report any suspicious behaviours and appropriate online 'netiquette'. A major resource that we use is the eSafety Commissioner

website. This is a fantastic resource for everyone to use, including parents who would like to learn more about how to keep their children's safe online. Here you will find information on how to report cyberbullying, skills and advice and tips on managing screen time.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/>

Waste Wise at KPS



It is the start of a new school year and it is time to get Waste Wise at KPS once again! We are all looking forward to continuing to make Kinross Primary School as waste wise as possible. We will be continuing on with existing programs. Earlier this term, each Year 1 to Year 6 class selected a student representative as their Resource Rescuer

for Term 1. To be a Resource Rescuer you must:

- Attend Thursday lunchtime meetings with the class paper recycling tub
- Be an advocate for sustainability in the school by encouraging other students to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Be creative in helping our Waste Wise team come up with new ways to Reduce, Reuse and Recycle
- Collect and count items for our recycling challenges

Our wonderful Term 1 Resource Rescuers are:

| TA | Teacher | Resource Rescuer |
|------|--------------------------------|------------------|
| TAP1 | Lynette Muller | Brooke Davies |
| TA1 | Vanessa Leuzzi | Lily Bertram |
| TA2 | Liz Armitage | Jason Hansen |
| TA3 | Michelle Bell | Emmy Webb |
| TA5 | Jacqui Brandish/Dana Colgan | Max Davies |
| TA6 | Melissa Hills/Dana Colgan | Ella Yang |
| TA7 | Jarryd Evans | Will Brandish |
| TA8 | Louise Bennier/Jess Jones | Zephyr Davis |
| TA9 | Darren Shaw | Tianna Van Vyver |
| TA10 | Nicole Nelson | Eve Barnes |
| TA11 | Kira Sheehan | Cole Waller |
| TA12 | Rebecca Quirke | Haniya Mahmood |
| TA15 | Alastair Kirkby | George Armitage |
| TA16 | Kristin Tapper/Hannah Snowball | Kai Foureur |
| TA13 | Mel Davies/Geoff Havel | Cooper Croft |
| TA14 | Ian Stockley | Liliana Hannigan |

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| TA17 | Tess Boylan | Ella Pinion Jones |
| TA18 | Bree Short/Emma Cavanagh | Maison Robertson |
| TA19 | Sam Carlisle | Ruby Phelps |
| TA20 | Lina Stravens | Hayden McDonald |



February/March Recycling Challenge

The first Recycling Challenge for 2020 is used batteries. Each classroom has a blue box with a picture of batteries on the front. Please put used batteries into this box. At the end of March, the Resource Rescuers will count their class batteries and a certificate will be given to the top three classes at Muster.

Each year, our school competes in the Mindarie Regional Council's Waste Education battery collection competition. Of the 161 schools that competed, Kinross Primary School came second! We collected an amazing 280 kilograms of batteries. Steffi and Brodie from the Waste Education program came to the first school assembly to present our school with a certificate and prizes. Steffi discussed the importance of the battery recycling program and reminded our students about the types of batteries that can be recycled:

- AA and AAA cells (single use & rechargeable batteries)
- C and D sized batteries
- Button batteries (e.g. from watches)
- 9V batteries
- 6V batteries (e.g. lantern/torch batteries)



What Items Can I Recycle at Kinross Primary School?

BATTERIES – Blue competition boxes in the classrooms or the battery bin located just inside the library door.

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

PLASTIC LIDS – Plastic lids can be placed in the large recycling bin outside of the school library or dropped off to the office or to TA13. Lids must be no bigger than 5cm in diameter, washed and the white plastic insert found in some milk container lids removed.

WRITING INSTRUMENTS – Please deposit used writing instruments in the large recycling bin located outside of the library.



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 voting!

<https://www.terracycle.com/en-AU/contests/colgategardenvoting-au>

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

The Chaplain's News

Welcome back to another school year! My role here at Kinross Primary is to provide Chaplaincy services in the form of pastoral care. I work for the organisation YouthCare. YouthCARE is one of Western Australia's largest not-for-profit organisations. With the combined commitment of staff, volunteers, schools and our partner organisations we provide the best possible pastoral care and values education programs to improve the lives of young people, their families and school communities across WA. In many schools a second generation is benefiting from having a YouthCARE presence. While our programs and services are continuously refreshed and improved to remain relevant, the heart of what we do - and why we do it - remains the same. As a Christian organisation, we exist to express God's love and presence in educational communities throughout WA. YouthCARE uphold and promote Child Safe policies and procedures.

I work at KPS on Mondays and Thursdays to serve the school community, thus students, teachers and parents & carers. If anything significant comes up and you need support, please contact our front office to arrange a time to meet.

Blessings for prosperous 2020!

P&C News

Welcome back to Term 1, it's hard to believe we are already half way through term 1 and although we've been relatively quiet across social media your P&C has been busy behind the scenes planning for the year ahead.

We have some big plans for 2020 and an equally big wish list from our teachers. Our main focus this year is working together with the school for the Fete (term 4) celebrating 25 years of KPS. Mrs Gorton has lots planned throughout the year to celebrate this huge milestone and the P&C look forward to working with her to help wherever is needed.

We achieved A LOT last year and we thank all our parents and carers for making that happen. A hot topic in term 3 and 4 was the lack of drying facilities in the toilets and the impact that could have on hygiene. It took a little longer than hoped but during the summer holidays we were able to install 8 hand dryers across the year blocks ensuring that all children have access to dry their hands. This in turn eliminates the need for paper towel (saving the trees) and helps to keep the toilets much cleaner. We hope you all agree it was a worthwhile investment.

We kicked off the year with a Valentines day disco celebrating friendship. We would like to thank all our parent and high school student volunteers for giving up your evening to help out. We had a few grumbles after our last disco and we are pleased to say with some small changes this disco ran much smoother and the children stayed in the designated area. We hope they all had a great time.

We always take on board parent feedback and note for next year that Valentines day might not work best for everyone and look to change the date.

Our first General Meeting was held on Monday 24th February where we discussed our plans for the year. With the change in Constitution last year there is some extra work required in reporting and how we run the P&C and information about these changes have been circulated to members. In advance of the AGM an email has gone out to 2019 members and we ask that you provide any feedback or objections ahead of the AGM.

AGM Date: Tuesday 10th March 2020 – 8.45am in the staffroom

Please note – if you wish to continue your membership of the P&C please fill out a membership form and return via the office or at the meeting. Only 2020 registered members will be allowed to vote so this is very important. Membership costs \$1.

Upcoming Events Term 1

Mucky Duck Bush Band – Sausage Sizzle

Harmony week Monday 9th March starts with a whole school picnic and entertainment from the Mucky Duck Band. The P&C will be running a sausage sizzle for lunch – preorders are encouraged and notes were distributed early this week. Orders can be made via the green dropbox in the canteen or online at <https://quickcliq.com.au/>. For those parents who can't attend please rest assured we will make sure all preorders get to the child. All monies raised for this event will go towards the cost of the Bush Dance.

Easter Raffle

With so many big events happening this year we are trying not to overwhelm parents too much with additional costs. Rather than do a full scale Easter raffle we are putting together something pretty special for one lucky winner. What's the catch? You have to have paid your annual P&C contribution to be in with a chance. Set at \$25 this amount is tax deductible and goes towards building improvements around the school. If every family paid their contribution that would amount to \$12,000. We hope to finalize details in the next week or so.

Canteen Meal Deal – Wednesday week 9 – Sushi Special!!

Notes to be sent out in week 7 and of course orders online via quickcliq.com.au. All orders due Friday week 8 to allow for ordering.

Quiz Night – Term 2

After the huge success of our quiz night last year we are coming back bigger and better in term 2. Keep your eyes peeled for more information soon!

Mothers Day Stall – Term 2 – more info to follow

Recycle Ball – Term 3 – more info to follow

Uniform Shop Update

We have plenty of uniform in stock. We are open every Wednesday from 8-9am. If you need uniform outside of this day please email Margaret at kinrossprimarypandc@gmail.com. We have a new range of hair accessories in stock – prices vary from \$3 and \$6

We always appreciate second hand uniform – please consider donating anything that no longer fits. All proceeds go towards the running of the EFTPOS machine and allows us to keep our costs down.

Canteen News

Much of our canteen food is made from scratch and Claire makes a selection of healthy but tasty treats for recess each week.

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 really need a helper on a Tuesday. If you can spare any time between 830 and 1200 on Tuesdays then please see Claire.



School Banking with the Commonwealth Bank School Banking Program:

Every time a new child registers for school banking the school gets money. We also earn money from our regular bankers each term.!

Our banking numbers are a little lower than usual. Remember you can bank as little as 10c and every time your child banks they receive a silver token. The purpose of banking is to show our children that saving is positive regardless of the amount.

Other News

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