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Principal's Perspective



Dear Parents,

Welcome to the Week 6 newsletter. I hope you all had a terrific long weekend. WA day is a public holiday. It's a day for each of us to reflect and celebrate all the great things about our people, our lifestyle, our culture and our potential. I certainly enjoyed the weekend spending time with my family on a picnic at The Maze. It is great to take time out and spend quality time with your family. We are very lucky to live in such a beautiful state.

Dockers Award Year 2 Winners

Congratulations to Drew Davies and Adam Luplau for being awarded the Dockers Award at the last assembly for displaying the Kinross values of CARE. They had a terrific time at the game!



<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2Z0Ktwec4TU>

New School Website

There were some technical difficulties and delay with the new school website going live. These have now been sorted out and you should be able to view the website. Please click on the link below.

<https://kinrossps.wa.edu.au/>

RUMA Network Conference

Last Monday, the Kinross staff attended the RUMA Network conference at the Crown Burswood. The theme of the conference was Resilience and Mental Health. The main speaker was Judith Locke, the author of 'The Bonsai Child'. She had many interesting ideas and I would thoroughly recommend the book to parents. She spoke about the concept of over-parenting and the negative effect it can have on a child developing resilience (the ability to bounce back from difficult situations) and positive mental health. Resilience is one of the Kinross values (along with Respect) and one we are trying to promote and develop within our students. I will be including some parenting tips and articles in future newsletters that I think will be helpful to our parents. The first one is an article discussing Judith Locke's book and research. I hope you enjoy them!

<https://www.smh.com.au/national/why-so-many-children-are-ending-up-in-therapy-20150807-giu0zv.html>

Winter Carnival

A group of Year 5/6 students will be representing the school this Friday participating in the Winter Carnival. They will be playing at Kingsway. Students will compete in Football, Soccer, Modcrosse, Netball and Flag Belt Rugby. We would not be able to participate in this carnival without the help of our parent volunteers to coach and supervise teams. A big thank you to all the parents who have volunteered to assist staff and students on the day.

Australian Early Development Census (AEDC)

Between May and August this year, our school will be taking part in the Australian Early Development Census (AEDC), which

is a nationwide census of early childhood development and helps our school and community understand how children are developing before they start school, what is being done well, and what can be improved. The AEDC is an Australian Government initiative run by the Department of Education and Training.

Children do not need to do anything to be included in the census and will attend class as usual. During the census, Pre-Primary teachers record information (including children's names and dates of birth) based on their knowledge and observations of each child in their class. The questions to be used by the AEDC in the upcoming collection are available at www.aedc.gov.au/instrument.

Once all schools participating in the AEDC have provided their information, and the AEDC is completed, some of the data collected is compiled and made available publicly as de-identified data, i.e., data that does not include any children's names, ages, addresses or schools.

This data can be very useful for a wide variety of policy, analysis, and statistical and research purposes, so it is provided to a number of bodies, including government and non-government education departments and organisations, independent school systems and researchers. Some of these organisations may also link AEDC data with information from other organisations (such as health departments) to improve programs and policies for young children. When the data is linked with other data, extreme care is taken to ensure individual children cannot be identified.

As so much can be learned about children's development through the AEDC, the privacy of children participating in it is of paramount importance. To ensure that all of the information collected is handled properly, the AEDC is managed in accordance with the Australian Privacy Principles (APPs). The APPs regulate the collection, use, disclosure and storage of personal information by Australian government agencies, and some private sector organisations, and is part of the Privacy Act 1998 (Cth). APPs also form part of applicable state and territory privacy legislation and policies.

New Playground

Work will commence on the new nature playground in the next couple of weeks. The area will be fenced off throughout construction. No one will be permitted in this area. There will be a special opening early next term. More details to come at a later date.

Wet Weather Policy

Winter has well and truly arrived. On extremely wet, stormy days our students are kept inside during recess and lunch time. However, we endeavour to release them outside to the verandahs if the weather is wet, but not too extreme. This gives them a chance to obtain some fresh air and to stretch their legs! The Kinross Wet Weather Policy is below for your information. It is suggested that students wear raincoats or use umbrellas if they travel to school by foot or bike. If they arrive at school wet, it can be rather unpleasant sitting in wet clothes.



School Uniform Policy

The Kinross PS Uniform Policy has been revised and updated and endorsed by the Kinross PS Board. Please be aware all students are expected to abide by this policy. Commencing from 2019, all kindergarten students will be expected to wear the full Kinross school uniform. Students in Years 1-6 will also be expected to wear enclosed sport shoes at all times. No sandals or slip on shoes. This is for student safety and as most classes do some form of fitness activity each day. Your support is appreciated. The updated policy is attached below and can be found on the school website. We are very lucky to have our own on-site uniform shop which is run by Margaret Patullo. This helps to keep the prices down, as the uniform shop is not run to make a profit. Second hand uniforms are available for purchase. Additionally, the school is willing to assist any families experiencing financial hardship.

Road Safety Policy

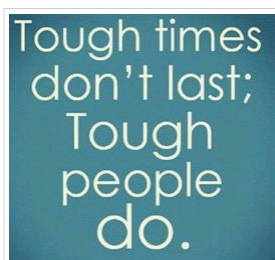
I have prepared a draft of a Road Safety Policy for your comment. I would like feedback and any ideas from parents before I take the policy to the Kinross PS Board and staff. If you would like to provide feedback or any suggestions please email the school. The idea of the new policy is to alleviate pressure at peak times and spread the traffic out more around the school. The new electronic gate has been a big success in keeping the carpark safe for our students. I am hoping to extend the K/P Carpark when the new Early Childhood Centre is constructed in 2020. A Road Safety Competition will be held for students to produce artwork for the front cover. For now I have included pictures from the internet. The City of Joondalup provided advice on the by-laws to be followed.

Winner Winner Movie and Dinner!

We will be holding a raffle to win a Gold class movie voucher for all students that have paid their school contributions. To be in the running the \$60 contribution will need to be paid before the raffle is drawn at the final assembly for Term 3.



***Have a lovely fortnight!
Kind regards,
Therese Gorton
Principal***



Mrs Hedges News



STEM

As part of their technology program this term, the Year Ones have enjoyed developing their STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Maths) skills by becoming inventors. Based on the story, 'The Most Magnificent Thing' by Ashley Spires, the students were encouraged to

develop their ability to design, create and problem-solve as they created their own Most Magnificent Thing (something of value to them) using repurposed and recycled materials. Inventions were as varied as Guinea Pig castles to robots. It was clear to see that the students enjoyed the task and I think we may have a few future scientists and inventors in our midst.



Hands-on Maths

At Kinross PS, we believe that maths should be fun. Our teachers and students love to use hands-on activities to develop their understanding of mathematical concepts. Hands-on learning is not only a fun and engaging way for our students to learn and apply their skills and understanding, but

research shows that it can help foster connections to the real world and help develop critical problem-solving skills.



Mrs Benniers News



Pre Primary Talk for Writing

Things were a little strange in Pre Primary this week- a mouse was seen disappearing from the classrooms.....What was that noise we all heard on the way to school today? Who was on the telephone to Mrs Newman and told her there was a commotion in the bushes? Why were

purple prickles in the trees?!

These were some of the questions that were being asked by all the Pre Primary students as they headed off down onto the oval on Tuesday there was something happening near the tress...

As they got closer they saw what they thought were footprints but they weren't human ones- they were enormous! A little deeper into the forest and they came across a little house with a strange looking creature in the bed- a Gruffalo. Further searching in the bushes and trees they found what looked like purple prickles and then some children saw claws that were lying on the ground.

All in all a mystery! This was the "hook" for the narrative writing unit the students will be completing this term. The Talk for writing process begins with a hook to capture the writers' imagination and introduces the language and narrative structure the students will learn. I cannot wait to see their story writing in a few weeks after studying narratives!



Chaplains News



Throughout Term 2 Kinross Primary is focusing on acceptance, which is the second key value in our C A R E motto. At our assembly on Friday 25th May, the following very deserving students received a Golden Key Award for their outstanding demonstration of C A R E, and particularly acceptance:

- Kindy:** Caleb Newbigging (K3)
- Pre-Primary:** Maxwell Avery (PP3)
- Year 1:** Holly Rowland (TA3)
- Year 2:** Kaia Houghton (TA5)
- Year 4:** Scarlett Pitulej (TA13)
- Year 5:** Ella Porter (TA15)
- Year 6:** Toby Bryson (TA19)

Please note that due to swimming lessons, there was no Year 3 Golden Key awarded at this assembly. There will however be two announced at our next assembly.

Well done to each of you – you're all amazing!

Laura B

School Chaplain

Art News

A huge congratulations to our wonderful students who entered this year's City of Joondalup, Banners in the Terrace competition. This is an annual, state wide art competition that involves designing a banner which represents the City of Joondalup. Our highly motivated students gave up their lunchtimes to work on their entries this term and have created dynamic designs that look amazing!

The competition offers students the chance to exhibit their artwork to the wider community. Entries will be on display in

Joondalup Library from 5th of June until 9th July. The winning design will be on display in St Georges Terrace, Perth from 29th July until 3rd August. Good luck students!

"All the puzzle pieces in my design represent the great features that can be found in Joondalup. Altogether they show how incredible Joondalup is." Kaylee Jesnoewski (TA17)

"I really enjoyed creating this artwork which I've named, 'Spotlight on Joondalup'. My poster shows how amazing the city of Joondalup is. In the light you can see suburb names and some of Joondalup's great features." Lucy Dickenson (TA17)

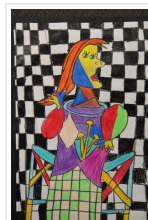
"I had an idea about using hills. Each hill represents something different in the city of Joondalup. The first hill represents the shops and schools, the second represents Lake Joondalup and its connection to the Noongar people and the third represents Joondalup's transport system." Bethany McGlone (TA17)

"I really enjoyed creating my poster. My design is based on a movie theatre idea. I've included the Aboriginal flag and all the great places to visit in the city of Joondalup such as Hillarys Boat Harbour, Lake Joondalup and Lakeside Shopping Centre." Janayah Gillett (TA17)

"My poster shows some of the important place in the City of Joondalup and some of the popular places that people enjoy visiting." Cerys Sandham (TA18)

"I really enjoyed creating my poster for the City of Joondalup. I've included a skyline and all of the things I think are important in the area." Camm O'Connell (TA18)

"I had great fun creating my poster. It shows the sun shining down on the City of Joondalup, lighting up all the great features and things to do." Sophie Bishop (TA18)



Music News



Choir information - a letter is going home with the choir students on Thursday this week. Please ensure that you receive the letter as it has very important information regarding the One Big Voice concert. Thank you!

Drumbeat - Group 2 workshops have now started and the new students are already enjoying learning to play the Djembe drums. Group 1 will be performing in the Muster on 15th June at around 8.40am.

A huge 'thank you' goes out to Emma and Evie O'Leary, who kindly donated a beautiful violin and a Yamaha guitar to our Music department. These instruments have taken pride of place in the Music room and will be used by many students over the next few years!

Being Waste Wise at Kinross Primary School



Our June monthly challenge is underway. This month, we will be collecting coloured drink bottle lids, such as those from milk bottles, soft drink bottles etc. We are working with Mindarie Senior College to develop a bottle top mural for their school. Any colour lid can be dropped off and will be added to our design. Please clean the lids prior to sending into school.

Remember, our previous challenge items can still be brought into school for recycling. These items include batteries and oral care products. We also collect coffee pods and aluminium cans. All these items can be dropped off with your child, at the front office or to TA 5. Don't forget to cast your vote in the recycled community garden challenge. We have a chance to a great prize valued at over \$7000! Follow the link to the TerraCycle website to cast your vote. Don't forget to spread the word.

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

DID YOU KNOW that from 20th June, major supermarkets will be phasing our lightweight single-use plastic bags in Western Australia. 'Each year billions of single-use plastic shopping bags are supplied nationally, with around five million littered in WA alone' (Department of Water and Environmental Regulation). You can help by swapping your plastic shopping bags for reusable ones. Carrying a reusable bag with a comfortable, cloth or canvas handle is much easier on the hands and you can also make less trips to your car when unloading the shopping. You can also take your used plastic shopping bags to Coles to be recycled. Look for the Redcycle bin at the front of the store and your plastic bags will be turned into something amazing. Have a look at what products plastic shopping bags are being turned into by Replas.

<http://www.replas.com.au/>

Thank you for your continued support and remember to reduce, reuse and recycle. If you have any ideas or suggestions for our program, we would love to hear from you.

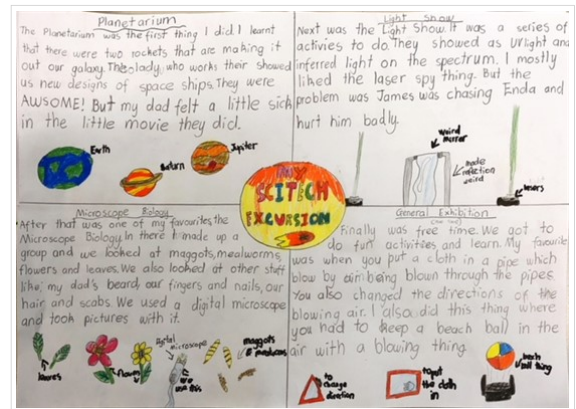
Mrs Victoria Bordas and Mrs Natalie Blewitt
(Natalie.blewitt@education.wa.edu.au)
(Sustainability Coordinators)

The year 5's at SciTech

On the Tuesday 22nd of May, the year 5's went to SciTech. We went to the feature exhibit: "The Light Show". There were fun, interactive activities that we enjoyed very much that focused on light and space. Some of the activities were a laser dodge,

a kaleidoscope, and much more. We used microscopes to explore flowers, maggots, and mealworms (they were dead and preserved) we made a slideshow and labelled their findings. We ate our lunch overlooking the city and then had free time and explored many things including; a mars land rover challenge, where we had to get to a building without crashing or running out of battery, a computer that guesses your desire and a science quiz. Finally we went into the planetarium. We watched a special video about how humans need to make a special aircraft so we can progress through the universe. Overall SciTech was a fun day. Everybody enjoyed it and it was a great experience as well as being educational.

By Heather Savery



School News

KINDY ENROLMENTS FOR 2019

Kindy enrolments for 2019 are open now.

If you or someone you know has a child whose birthdate falls between the 1st July 2014 to 30th June 2015 then please drop into our office to complete a kindy application.

Please bring your child's birth certificate and immunisation records with you.

P&C News

Pizza Day

Pizza Day orders are being taken this week in the undercover area. There is also a drop box available in the canteen if you have the correct money. Orders can also be placed online (for Monday only) until 9am Friday morning.

(We cannot accept any late orders due to ordering times) Please contact Greer if there are any problems.



Uniform Shop

Please see our latest uniform price list attached. Please note we have had a small price increase and thank you all for your understanding.

We have plenty of great quality second hand uniform for sale too starting from \$2 an item.

Did you know the uniform shop does layby? Simply fill out an order form and speak to Margaret. This is a great way to get organized for next year or the summer season.

P&C Meeting

Our next P&C meeting has been scheduled for 21st June, 6.30pm in the staff room. We hope to see you all there. Everyone is welcome.

P&C Members

If you are interested in joining the P&C as a paid member please complete the registration form (attached) and return to either the office or the uniform shop with you \$1. As a paid member you receive emailed minutes of all meetings, invitations to p&c events and much more. Your time is always voluntary and any time you are able to give is always appreciated. *** Members from last year will need to resubmit their form with \$1 if they wish to continue their membership ***

Canteen

Please note the new website for online ordering:

Online canteen -

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

EFTpos machine will be available every Friday for all orders.

Glee bubbly drinks will be on sale every Friday in the canteen for \$2

Claire is always grateful for helpers in the canteen but especially on a Thursday if anyone can spare an hour or 2. If you volunteer 1 hour or more your child can get a free recess item on that day. Please see Claire in the Canteen if you are able to help!

Merit Award Photos / Assembly filming

If anyone is free fortnightly on a Friday to help Margaret with the Merit Award photos that would be a huge help. A gold coin donation is always appreciated. Photos are normally available from the uniform shop the following Tuesday for collection. Any uncollected pictures are sent to the classroom the following week. Please speak to Margaret in the Uniform Shop if you'd like to help.

Social Media

We share all our events and updates through our face book page -- follow the link below to find out more.

<https://www.facebook.com/KinrossprimaryPandC/>

Fundraising

This year we are raising funds for new air-conditioning in the classrooms. This is a huge goal but one which will benefit our children and teachers year round so it is really important that we reach our target! We see so many ideas and opinions via

the social media pages and we would welcome anyone who has an idea to please come along and put it forward. The more support we get the more successful we will be!

**Thank you
P&C**

The following attachments are for your information

