

Kelmscott Primary School



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2020 school year. It has been lovely to meet all our families and students.

My name is Ms Sheri Evans and I am the Principal of Kelmscott Primary School. This is my first year at KPS; previously I was at Aspiri Primary School, a new school located in Piara Waters. I consider myself very lucky to be joining the KPS community, and I am loving the beautiful environment we have to learn and play in.

This is a special bulletin to welcome our existing families back to Kelmscott Primary School and to acknowledge all the new families who have joined us in 2020. In this bulletin, I have included some important information that should support you and your child with the transition back to school. In addition to occasional bulletins, our school has a variety of communication methods. These include:

[- SeeSaw](#)

[- School Facebook Group](#)

[- P&C Facebook Group](#)

[- School Website](#)

We strongly encourage you to access these e-sources regularly to stay up to date with upcoming school events and news.

Staffing

It has been a busy start to the year with lots of new faces. In addition to myself, we have two amazing Deputy Principals: Mr Hart who joined the team in Term 4, 2019 and Mrs Oldfield who joined the team in January, 2020. We also have Ms Sims who is teaching Year 2, and Mrs Pongratz who has taken on the role of Special Needs Education Assistant. Mrs Long and Mr Donuhue have also returned to KPS after taking some leave in 2019.

It is also with great sadness that we have said goodbye to two of our Team. We congratulate Catherine Maxwell on her permanent appointment to Beeyup Primary School. We also congratulate Liesl Theaart who was successful winning a position as a Chaplain for a local private school. We are currently in the process of interviewing for a new Chaplain.

Incident Notification

We would like to alert parents that we have been notified of an incident in the nearby community. A female student from Kelmscott High School was approached by a person in a white/grey vehicle acting suspiciously. The male occupant offered the student a lift on Third Ave in front of the school. The incident has been reported to the police.

In light of the incident I urge all children to take care when going to and from the school, and to report anything suspicious to their parents, the school or police. I have attached a letter with more details to this bulletin.

Morning Routine

For the past week we have had a morning routine to allow extra time for students to transition into the classroom. As of Week 2, we will be introducing a new routine with some exciting before school activities, as follows;

- 8.20am - Supervision provided in the undercover area
- 8.40am - Students move to classrooms to unpack and get ready for the start of the day
- 8.50am - Classes begin

Jump Jam Tuesdays 8.20 – 8.35am

Jump Jam is a high energy dance program which will run in the undercover area.

Running Club 8.05 – 8.35am

Running Club is a fitness program where students can earn points for the running around a course in the school grounds.



Classroom Information Sessions

Shortly, your classroom teachers will be providing you with information about our classroom information sessions. These sessions are opportunities to get to know the classroom routines and procedures, and to learn a little about what your child might be learning during the course of the year. Please keep an eye out for information in regards to these sessions.

On Entry Assessment Pre Primary, Yr 1 and Yr 2

As part of the process of getting to know students, Pre Primary, Year 1 and Year 2 teachers will be holding 'interviews' with your child to find out what they already know and can do in literacy and numeracy. During this time, they will be completing the *WA On Entry Assessment*. This assessment gives teachers information so that they can plan their teaching to specifically target your child's needs. To enable teachers to conduct this assessment, they may be released from class. Once the assessment is completed you will receive a summary of what they can do and how you can support them.

Voluntary Contributions Reminder

We would appreciate payment of voluntary contributions \$60.00 as soon as possible.

Voluntary Contributions help the school to buy much needed resources to support student learning, and to provide a quality environment for students to learn and play in. You can pay your contributions using either of the following methods:

In person using cash or EFTPOS

Direct Deposit - BSB: 066 156 Account: 00900109

Please contact the office if you would like to arrange a payment plan or require further information on 9496 9300.

Kelmscott Primary School is an Allergy Aware School

Kelmscott Primary School is an allergy aware school as are all other public schools in the state.

Allergy aware means we put in place the following processes to reduce the risk of exposure for people with food allergy:

1. All staff are trained to recognise anaphylaxis symptoms, to respond quickly with an EpiPen.
2. Adults supervise young children who are eating.
3. Individuals with food allergy don't trade or share food, food utensils, or food containers.
4. Young children with food allergies may eat in a designated area while at school to help minimize the risk of cross contamination.
5. Food-allergic children should only eat food which parents have approved.
6. The use of food in crafts and cooking classes are modified or restricted depending on the allergies of the children.
7. Ingredients of food brought in for special events by the school community, served in school cafeterias, or provided by catering companies should be clearly identified.
8. All children wash their hands with soap and water before and after eating.
9. Surfaces such as tables, toys, etc. are carefully cleaned of contaminating foods.
10. The entire student population is educated regarding the seriousness of anaphylaxis and taught how to help their peers.
11. Parents are discouraged from packing food with common food allergens include peanuts, tree nuts, fish and crustaceans, or eggs.

For further information please see

<http://www.allergy.org.au>

Every day counts!

We all want our students to get a great education, and the building blocks for a great education begin with students coming to school each and every day. If students miss school regularly, they miss out on learning the fundamental skills that will set them up for success in the later years of school. There is no safe number of days for missing school – each day a student misses puts them behind, and can affect their educational outcomes. Each missed day is associated with progressively lower achievement in numeracy, writing and reading.