

Kelmscott Primary School



Principal's Message

Can you believe it is already Week 3 of Term 1, the summer holidays seem like a distant memory!

It has been lovely to meet so many of you at the school gates, the 'kiss and drive' area and in the playground. I have also enjoyed learning about the many new and existing programs which have also started at Kelmscott PS in 2020. This morning I had the pleasure of joining the String Ensemble for their weekly lessons. It was fantastic to see their dedication and concentration during the lesson.

In this bulletin, I would like to provide some information about some exciting school events which will be coming up in the next few weeks. In addition to occasional bulletins, our school has a variety of other communication methods where you can find information about events and activities the school offers. These include:

[- SeeSaw](#)

[- School Facebook Group](#)

[- P&C Facebook Group](#)

[- School Website](#)

Classroom Information Sessions and Welcome BBQ – Tuesday 25 February 2020

Classroom Information Sessions

We are excited to be able to offer parents the opportunity to join us for *Classroom Information Sessions*. These sessions will give parents the opportunity to:

- meet the teacher/s;
- understand about how the classroom works and what students will be learning during the year;
- become familiar with key programs and policies that the school has in place to support your child to achieve their best; and
- get ideas to support your child throughout their education.

* Please note: These sessions are designed to give a general overview of the classroom program. If you have specific questions about your child and their learning, you will need to make an appointment at another time or attend the separate Parent/Teacher interviews held on the 2 April, 2020.

4:00pm - Kindergarten and Pre Primary Sessions (including class PP/1) (Rm 18, 14 & 12)

4:30pm - Year 1 – 3 Sessions (Rm 17, 16, 15, 1 & 2)

5:00pm - Year 4 – 6 Sessions (including class 3/4) (Rm 3, 4, 9, 10 & 11)

For more information, please refer to communication via SeeSaw from your classroom teachers.

If you are bringing your children to the *Classroom Information Sessions*, please ensure they are with you at all times. No children will be allowed in the playground whilst their parents attend the sessions.

5:00pm – 6:00pm – Welcome BBQ

Please join us at the conclusion of the Information Sessions for a BBQ run by the P&C. The BBQ will be held on the lawn in front of the hall. This will be an opportunity to meet other parents and all school staff. BYO camp chairs/picnic blankets. No alcohol please.

We are keen to foster positive relationships with the community and create a vibrant and connected learning environment where teachers and parents/carers work together to provide the best education for our students.

The benefits of effective communication and engagement between the school, parents and the community include;

- *increased student achievement*
- *enhanced self-esteem*
- *improved social skills*
- *enhanced understanding*
- *greater cohesion between what is expected at home, at school and in the community*



Staffing

We have a new Special Needs Education Assistant who has joined our team this week. Mrs Alison Cook has been working at the Gosnells Education Support Centre and specialises in supporting children with Autism to build their skills.

Mrs Cook is currently assessing some of our students who need extra support in reading in order to set up an intervention program. She will then move into classrooms to provide extra support to some of our students with additional learning needs.

Morning Routine

A reminder that as of Week 2, we have 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

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*. To enable teachers to conduct this assessment, they will be released from class.

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.

Future Events

- **20 Feb** **Assembly**
- **21 Feb** **Clean Up Day**
- **24 Feb** **School Councillor Speeches**
- **27 Feb** **School Board Meeting**
- **2 March** **Public Holiday**
- **3 March** **School Development Day**
- **12 March** **Assembly**
- **12 March** **Presentation of leader badges**
- **18 March** **Ride to School Day**
- **20 March** **Anti Bullying Day**
- **2 April** **Early close**
- **2 April** **Parent / Teacher Interviews**
- **3 April** **DDSA Summer Carnival**
- **7 April** **Incursion Rm 9, 10 & 11**
- **8 April** **Easter Hat Parade**
- **9 April** **Colour Run**
- **9 April** **Last day of Term 1**

* Events and dates are subject to change.

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.

