

Kelmscott Primary School



Principal's Message

Wednesday of Week 5 was hump day of hump week; we are already over half way through the Term! Time has gone so quickly and we have achieved an enormous amount at Kelmscott PS already. To begin this year we have had three aims:

- a) lifting behaviour expectations to promote our four school values of Respect, Pride, Responsibility and Safety, and maintain regular, timely and effective contact with parents and carers when issues arise;
- b) encouraging coherence and high expectations in our learning programs and providing opportunities to our teaching team to continue to build their capacity; and
- c) improving our communication and engagement with families and carers.

A huge thank you to both our Deputy Principals – Ben Hart and Kristyn Oldfield who have been instrumental in working towards these aims, and all the teachers and support staff who have engaged with these priorities. I would also like to acknowledge our parents, carers and community who have been so supportive and have also taken the time to give us positive feedback about our progress in these areas.



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](#)

Voluntary Contributions and Priority Parking

You may be thinking what do these two things have in common?

By paying your Voluntary Contributions by **Thursday 30 April 2020** you will be in the running to win a **VIP parking space for an entire term** whilst helping us raise funds for our school. The lucky family will win their very own reserved carpark space located in the staff carpark next to Room 1 for term 2 (Monday 4 May 2020 - Friday 3 July 2020). The dedicated parking space will provide you with a guaranteed off-street parking space that is easily accessible and convenient.

The Term 2 winner will be drawn and notified on Friday 1 May 2020 and presented with a special VIP parking ticket to display in their car. For your chance to be in the draw please pay your Voluntary Contributions in the office by cash or EFTPOS or by direct deposit BSB: 06 156 Account: 00900109.

The VIP parking ticket is not transferrable and if no longer required must be returned to the office for reallocation to another family.

Good luck and thank you for supporting your children and school.



School Hours and Supervision

Please note that our school hours are from 8.40am to 3.00pm and we provide supervision from 8.20am to 3.15pm.

We are noticing a large number of older students arriving at school before the supervision time (in some cases up to 20-30 mins).

We are in the process of speaking to these students to ask why they are at school so early. In the next few weeks, we will be contacting the parents / carers of these students to inform them that it is not appropriate to be at school before 8.20am.

We ask for your assistance in keeping our children safe by ensuring that they are not in the school grounds before school times.

PP – Year 6 Parent Teacher Interviews Thursday 2 April (Early Close)

On Thursday 2 April we will be holding Parent Teacher Interviews. The purpose of these interviews is for you to have the opportunity to have a one to one discussion with the teacher about the progress your child is making both academically and socially. Each interview will run for approximately 15 – 20 minutes. We strongly advise you to take advantage of this opportunity as positive relationships and effective communication between the home and school have many benefits for your child/children. Your teachers will soon be in contact with further information and a booking schedule.

Please note on this day we will have an 'early close' to facilitate these meetings. Students will need to be collected at 11.30am. If you can't collect your child, care will be provided at school.

Kindergarten Parent Teacher Interviews Wednesday 1 April and Thursday 2 April (Early Close)

Kindergarten parents will also have the opportunity to participate in Parent Teacher Interviews. The Cockatoos and the Possums will have their Parent Teacher Interviews on Wednesday 1 April and Thursday 2 April. This will mean that Kindergarten will have an early close on both of these days and parents are advised to pick up their children at 11.30am. If you can't collect your child, care will be provided at school.

We are interested in hearing from you.

As a school, we are interested in gauging the interest of parents, carers and the community in providing **Out of School Hours (OoSH)** Services onsite at Kelmscott Primary School. We are aware that a large number of our students attend offsite out of school hours services provided by other organisations and we are wondering if you would prefer this service to be offered at the school. Shortly, a survey link will be emailed to all families asking for feedback in this area.

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.

Student Leadership Presentation

On Thursday 12 March, our student leadership body was announced. Although I was not able to attend the presentation due to a Principal Briefing, I would like to congratulate the student leaders and wish them the best of luck throughout the year as they take on these important roles. Our student leadership team is as follows:

Year 6 Student Councillors: Cade Clarkson, Michael Agius, Grace Buchanan-Hughes, & Deliliah Kroll

Year 5 Student Councillors: Elie Nyamuli, Hannah Tjerkstra, Ebony Tomlin & Saakyaa Mendis

Faction Captains: Tanachai Prasong, Tahlia Witheridge, Michael Agius, Ashley Kroll, Diesel Wojtyra. Kiana Wills, Jaxon Noblett & Naomi Williamson

ICT Leaders: Isaac Turner, Kaiden Alford, Vaughn Tomanic & Aparna Sachithran

School Photographers: Phoenix Costa & Jordan Watkins

Library Leaders: Devank Kaushik, Bodhi Burges, Donavine Ahimana.

Choir Leaders: Jasmin Ware & Cade Clarkson

Sustainability Leaders: Jamie Friar, Riley Bolton & Mia Hodges

Parents and Community Association (P&C)

On Tuesday 10 March, we held the P&C AGM where new executive members were elected. I would like to show my appreciation to the outgoing executive members Catherine Stewart, Gemma Attewell, Victoria Cartlidge and Janine Tjerkstra for their many years of dedication and service to the school, and wish our incoming executive the best of luck in 2020. I look forward to working with you all to advocate for the school, build a sense of community and fundraise for much needed resources.