

Kelmscott Primary School



Principal's Message

I want to thank you again for your support throughout what has been a very unusual school semester. The COVID-19 pandemic is affecting our entire community and has presented us with extraordinary challenges in managing schooling during the first half of 2020. I am pleased that together, we have been able to make the best of this situation and ensure your child's safety and continuity of learning.

We are already half way through Term 2, and it has been an incredibly busy 5 weeks for the leadership team and teachers at Kelmscott Primary School. Entering Term 2, we had prepared for 10 weeks of online learning, however our teachers were quick to respond to the change back to 'face to face teaching' when we received notice from the Western Australian Government. I know I speak for all of the staff at Kelmscott that we were very happy to see so many students return in Week 1, and the gradual return of many others over the next 3 weeks.

Above, is a picture of our student leaders leading a virtual ANZAC Day Service in Week 1, Term 2. I would like to congratulate them on doing an amazing job, and acknowledge their agility to adapt so quickly to the new environment

In this Bulletin, I have included some important messages about the *Kelmscott Roadmap* for returning to the new normal. Please read the Bulletin carefully, as there are a few changes that will be in place until the end of this Term.



Phase 3 Western Australian Roadmap – COVID-19 Latest Easing of Restrictions

Entering School Grounds

The State Government will relax further restrictions and progress to Phase 3 of the WA Roadmap to recovery effective Saturday, 6 June 2020. For our schools, as part of the announcement parents/carers will be permitted to enter school grounds to drop off or pick up their children from Monday, 8 June.

However, there are a few small changes that will be in place from Monday 8 June, 2020, until further notice.

- School Gates will not open until 8.20am. Students should not arrive at school before this time.
- Both gates on Orlando Road will be open.
- The River Road entrance will be closed in the morning and afternoon until further notice. We will be doing some maintenance work in this area of the school, therefore pedestrian access from this gate will not be permitted. Students who usually use this exit can proceed out the gate on Orlando Road and walk around. Parents/caregivers who prefer this waiting area, will still be able to wait here and students can make their way to you.
- For the safety of students, all gates will be locked during the day except the front entrance on River Road. Visitors during school hours should make their way to the school entrance.
- Extra-curricular activities in the morning such as Jump Jam and Running Club will not resume yet.
- Choir will start again in Week 7, and String will continue to run as it has been in Term 2.

If your child is sick, they must stay home

Whilst restrictions are lifting in most areas, it is still important that we practise heightened hygiene routines and practices to keep everyone healthy.

This means if your child is sick (has a cough, runny nose, temperature or sore throat), they will need to stay at home. The school will call parents/caregivers to pick children up if they have any of the above symptoms, and they can only return to school if they have a medical certificate or their symptoms have disappeared.

Birthday Cakes/sharing of food from home

At the moment, we are operating in a different environment that errs on the side of caution in terms of interaction between groups of people. This means sharing of items brought from the home environment or between groups of people is monitored closely in the school environment (i.e. all schools now have full time cleaners who disinfect shared items such as chairs, desks, pencils, sports equipment, books etc.)

Unfortunately, sharing of food such as cakes/patty cakes/lolly bags to celebrate a child's birthday at school is prohibited for the time being. The school cannot distribute food items brought from home to children for consumption without their parent/caregiver supervision under the current circumstances. We apologise for the inconvenience, but the risk of spreading contagions is too high at this present time.

Reporting and Assessment

With the regular attendance of many students at public schools across WA being lower in the later part of Term 1 and early Term 2, the breadth and depth of the curriculum covered throughout Semester 1 has been reduced. For this reason, all schools are not required to include A to E grades on this year's Semester 1 student reports. It also means that your child's attendance will not be reported, and any written comments may provide less information on their progress than usual. Reporting and assessment will return to normal in Semester 2, 2020.

Parent Teacher Interviews and Early Close

At the end of Term 1, we had to cancel our planned Parent Teacher Interviews and early close scheduled for Thursday 2 April, 2020. **Parent Teacher Interviews and early close has been rescheduled for Thursday 30 July (Term 3)**. The school will close at 11.50am to enable teachers to meet with parents/caregivers to discuss the achievement and progress of students.

We are interested in hearing from you – Out of School Care Hours Services.

53 parents and caregivers replied to our survey about the provision of **on-site Out of School Care Hours Services** at Kelmscott Primary School. The survey showed that 95% of respondents would welcome the opportunity to have out of school hours' care services located on site. The survey results and a summary of possible providers were presented to the School Board on Thursday 28 May, 2020. The school will continue to move forward in exploring our options in this space.

Kindergarten Enrolments for Kelmscott Primary School are now being taken for 2021

If you have a child or any family friends/neighbours have children who turn four years old by 30 June 2021, you can apply to enrol them in Kindergarten for 2021. Please refer to our website for an [electronic application form](#). At the time of enrolment your child will need to have an 'up to date' AIR immunisation history statement.

Check out our [Kindergarten Brochure](#) for more information about our early childhood program.

School Uniform

With the onset of colder weather, we have noticed a large number of students wearing clothing items that are not part of our school uniform. Items such as grey/black jumpers, grey/black tracksuit pants/leggings are not part of the uniform. As per our uniform policy students wearing these items will be issued with a letter asking for an explanation.

We are very proud of our school and we want to raise the reputation of our school, and the great things we do, in the local community. Wearing our school uniform and matching coloured accessories (navy, cobalt blue and white) shows pride and passion for KPS.

Additional Funding Applications

I want to express, on behalf of the staff, students and the community, a huge thank you to both Mike Donohue and Sharon Saville, for their work on applying for grants to increase the access of resources and improve our facilities for our students.

This week we have been successful in gaining \$40 000 dollars (\$10 000 Schools Plus Sporting Equipment and shortlisted for \$30 000 for Shade Structures and Playground equipment) which will be a huge benefit to our little school.

Thank you Mike and Sharon for writing the proposals, and taking on this extra duty.

Kelmscott High School now taking enrolments

A reminder that Kelmscott Senior High School is currently taking enrolments for Year 7 students for the 2021 intake.

To assist Kelmscott HS to finalise student numbers for the 2021 school year, it would be appreciated if parents of Year 6 students would lodge their enrolment applications by the end of Term 2 – Friday 3rd July 2020. This can be done by sending them into the school directly or handing them in to our front office.

Those students wishing to be considered by entry into either Specialist Agriculture, Specialist Music or School Based Soccer are requested to submit their applications by no later than Friday 5th June 2020.

Applications will be assessed in the following order:

Should you require further information regarding enrolment processes please refer to the school's website www.kshs.wa.edu.au or email the school at kelmscott.shs@education.wa.edu.au and they will gladly follow up on your enquiry.

Reconciliation Action Plan for Kelmscott Primary School (RAP-KPS)

Kelmscott Primary School is proud to have 20 students who identify as Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people.

In 2020, we are looking at ways that we can acknowledge, respect, and support these students in their educational journey, as well as raising awareness in the school community of the national reconciliation movement and cultural understanding.

One way that we will be doing this is by developing a Reconciliation Action Plan Team (RAPT) to look at the five dimensions of reconciliation and what we can do as a school to continuously improve in this area. Mrs April Fleay will be coordinating this team.

We are currently looking parents/caregivers of Torres Strait Islander background to contribute to this process. If you or anyone you know might be interested in contributing to this team, we would love to hear from you?

Assessment

In lieu of not being able to participate in NAPLAN this year, last week our students in Years 2-6 completed the online Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT).

Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) are designed to provide objective, norm-referenced information to teachers about their students' skills and understandings in a range of key areas.

In adopting and using Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) to investigate and diagnose student learning and to monitor progress over time, teachers are able to measure achievement and growth of each individual student. This information is also used to assist in reporting.

The assessment results have shown that a number of students in Years 4-6 have demonstrated a strong capacity for Mathematics. These students have been selected to join a Maths club with Mr Hart where they will be completing extension activities each week. They will also be encouraged to join the STEM program.

Virtual Assembly

This Thursday 4 June, 2020 we will be holding our first Virtual Assembly.

Students will join the Assembly via video conference from their classrooms. A modified assembly program will be offered and students will receive awards.

The Virtual Assembly will be videoed and made available to the parents and the community via a web link.

Other

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](#)

[- Learning at Home Facebook Group](#)

[- P&C Facebook Group](#)

[- School Website](#)

