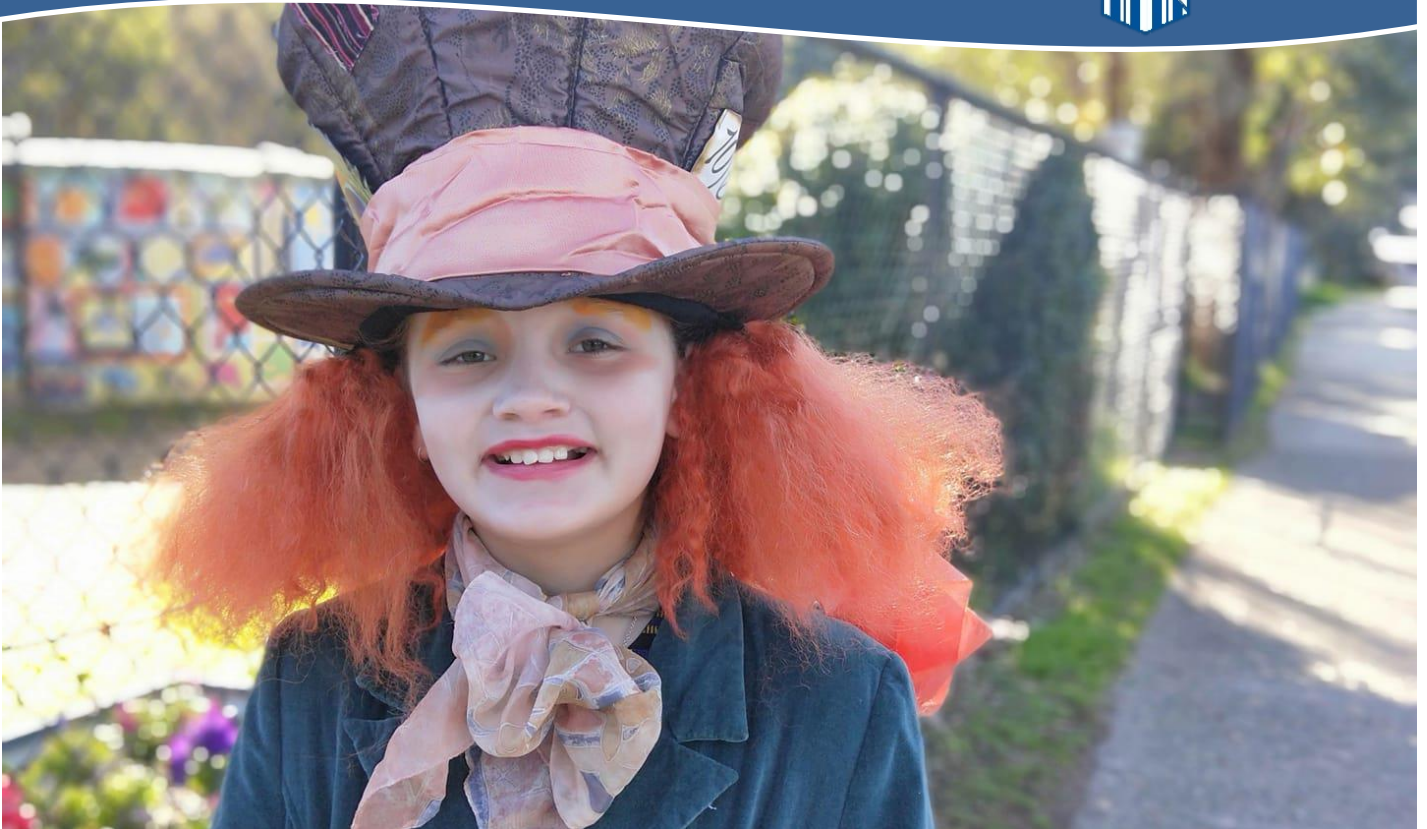


# Kelmscott Primary School



## Principal's Message

We have had a very busy start to Term 3 with a large number of special events and extra-curricular activities.

We started the term with our Kindergarten and Pre Primary students participating in a weekly dance program called Energize. The **Energize Program** is part of an ongoing partnership with Energetic Kids Dance and Fitness, Kelmscott, and a generous gift of time and expertise from Janine Tjerkstra (parent of four girls at KPS). On Wednesday 23 September, the students will be sharing their learning in a special Energize Performance. Parents and carers are welcome to attend (as long as we comply with the Phase 4 social distancing requirements).

We have also held our school and district **Cross Country Carnivals**. This year was the first year that all students participated in the Cross Country Carnival, including our Pre Primary students. This is part of our commitment to the fitness and well-being of students. Our students made us very proud with their efforts, and I would like to congratulate all of the students who represented us at the DDSA Carnival on the 21 August (see following page). I would also like to congratulate Ashley Kroll and Lincoln Wilson who won their age division and will now represent Kelmscott Primary at the next level.

On September 11, we will be holding our **Athletics Carnival**. Our students have been training for the activities on this event and I wish them all the best of luck. Parents and carers are welcome to join us on this day.

A big thank you to Mr Donohue who has been coordinating this busy sports itinerary.



### Students selected to Represent KPS at the Interschool Cross Country

Year 3 - Girls	Year 3 - Boys	Year 4 - Girls	Year 4 - Boys
Ruby Nilandra	Lincoln Wilson	Charlotte Winterburn	Nelson Sherriff
Mila Clarkson	Harry Carpio	Autumn Burnlar-White	Caleb Turner
Emily Agius	Max Ware	Lyla Whitehead	Charlie Sutherland
Year 5 - Girls	Year 5 – Boys	Year 6 – Girls	Year 6 – Boys
Hannah Tjerkstra	Eli Nyamuli	Naomi Williamson	Leighton Higgins
Ebony Tomlin	Thomas Greatorex	Ashley Kroll	Michael Agius
Ayla Stewart	Mason Christian	Kiana Feteroll	Tanachai Prsong

In addition to the above programs we have also celebrated **National Science Week**. During this week Mrs Maxwell and our Year 6 students ran a number of in class and lunchtime activities to promote Science Inquiry.

Finally, we also celebrated **Book Week** with our Book Fair and annual **Dress Up Parade**. Thank you and congratulations to all of our school community for your support. The students looked amazing in their costumes, and we thank all the parents and carers who came to see the parade. We raised an amazing \$4600 which will go towards creating an outdoor library for students to use at break time.

#### Updates to school facilities and resources

I am very pleased to announce that we will shortly be commencing work on our new Early Childhood Education Playground. A playground committee has been working tirelessly since 2019 to design, and submit plans to upgrade these facilities. Mrs Saville successfully applied for a playground/shade structure grant and the P&C has contributed \$10 000. This money combined with funds from our school budget, will see work commence in October this year, with the playground opening late Term 4.

I am also happy to announce that we will shortly be commencing upgrades and refurbishments of our classrooms. This will include removing the old blackboards, pin boards and jarrah cupboards, and replacing them with brand new cabinetry and whiteboards. This work will really improve the look and function of our classrooms, and is the result of a grant from the Department of Education.

#### In Real Life: Real Friends, Real Friendships

We are excited to announce that we will be introducing a new program to support positive friendships for our female students. The program is designed for girls in Years 4-6 and Years 7-8, and covers healthy friendships, dealing with gossip, communication styles, resolving conflict, managing emotions, safe use of technology and social media, and support networks. The program is adjusted depending on year level, and implemented in a small group of 6-10 girls over eight 45 minute sessions. The program is visual, interactive, and designed to get students talking and learning in-real-life situations to support their social wellbeing. We will be selecting girls to participate in the first round of sessions shortly, and the parents or carers of these students will receive a note with all the information next week – thank you Mrs M for organising this.

## Senior Play Equipment

I have had queries about when we will reopen the senior play equipment behind the Science Room. There are a couple of different reasons why this area of the school has not been used in 2020, these include:

- Reduced enrolment numbers – in the last couple of years we have seen a reduction in our enrolment numbers. This means that there are less students and less teachers. At playtimes we need to ensure the appropriate ratio of students and teachers to cover duty of care. This means that we can only have a certain number of play areas open at any given time.
- Safety concerns – this area of the school is sloping and has compacted clay soil. When it rains it becomes slippery and there is a lot of run off. In recent years, we have had many teachers, and students slip and fall. For this reason, it is logical to close this area rather than other areas around the school.

In 2021, we will be forming another playground committee with a focus on landscaping and tiering this area, creating a dry creek bed, bush paths and a nature play area. In doing this, we will address the safety issues and create a number of different spaces to engage a larger number of students. Thank you for your ongoing patience, and we look forward to your support with reopening this area in the near future.

## Denny Avenue Level Crossing Removal

The Denny Avenue Level Crossing in Kelmscott is the first crossing to be removed under the [METRONET Level Crossing Removal program](#).

Removing this crossing will increase the safety of pedestrians, cyclists and motorists in the area, as well as reduce road congestion and revitalise the local area. If the crossing remains open, the total down time is expected to increase to three hours and 34 minutes per day by 2031.

Ahead of permanently closing the level crossing, a rail-over-road underpass will be built at Davis Road, 170m south of the existing location. Building the new underpass will involve gradually raising the rail and associated infrastructure and lowering the surrounding road network. Extending and widening Davis Road to accommodate up to four lanes of traffic will maintain the important east/west connection for motorists, cyclists and pedestrians in Kelmscott and the surrounding area.

We have been advised that as part of this work, traffic heading south on Albany Highway will be diverted to River Road from the 8 September. This means traffic around the school will increase during this period. We are working closely with MetroNet and Armadale City Council to minimise the impact during school drop off and pick up times.

If you would like any further information or need to report any issues, please contact [info@metronet.wa.gov.au](mailto:info@metronet.wa.gov.au)



## Year 1 and Year 2 Playground Programs

We are excited to reintroduce our Loose Parts Program. Loose Parts are materials that can be moved, lined up, built on/with, carried, redesigned, taken apart and put back together in multiple ways. Loose Parts can be natural or synthetic (Let the children play, 2010). It is helpful to think of Loose Parts as something that will inspire children's imagination and creativity on their own terms and in their own unique way (Penn State Extension, n.d). Children won't always use the equipment in a way the adult world expects them to, which is actually where the *magic* happens. It is designed to encourage children to explore, create and experiment with household items to allow them to gain confidence in creative thinking, acceptable risk taking and trying new things. There is no 'Right' or 'Wrong' in Loose Parts Play! We will be extending this program to Year 3 and 4 in the near future.

New sandpit toys have also been introduced. The sandpit toys were purchased by the P&C in 2019, and are now being utilised in the sandpit in the Year 1 and 2 playgrounds.



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

If you have a child or any family, friends or neighbours, who have school aged children, we are now taking enrolments for 2021. Please encourage them to contact the school as soon as possible to ensure they do not miss out on a place. You can find an [electronic application form](#) on our website.

You can also check out our [website](#) for more information about the school, including our Early Childhood Education Brochure and K-6 Handbook.

### Are you moving or leaving our school at the end of the year?

We are in the process of planning our classes for 2021. As part of this process, we need to hear from you if you are planning on moving or leaving our school at the end of the year.

If this applies to your family, can you please contact the school as soon as possible to tell us your intentions.

## Every Minute Counts

The amount of time a child spends reading is one of the strongest predictors of academic achievement and quality of life. For this reason, we have started a new routine every morning of reading before school. It's a great way to start the day and a lovely, calm routine to get ready for the classroom activities.



## Upcoming Events

**Thursday 10 September**

**Are U OK Day. Wear Yellow Accessories.**

**Friday 11 September**

**Athletics Carnival**

**Monday 14 September – Wednesday 16 September** Year 6 Camp

**Friday 18 September**

**Crazy Hair Day – Gold Coin Donation**

**Wednesday 23 September**

**Energize Concert K and PP**

**Thursday 24 September**

**Brilliant Kids Morning Tea**

**Friday 25 September**

**Last day of Term 3**

**Monday 12 October**

**First day of Term 4 (students return)**

**Friday 16 October**

**Staff Development Day – No students**

**Friday 23 October**

**Colour Run**

## 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](#)