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NEWSLETTER TERM 2 WEEK 5

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FROM THE PRINCIPAL – Clare Roser

With this being the first newsletter since our ANZAC Ceremony, I would like to congratulate all of those involved in the organisation of the day. Unfortunately I was unable to attend but I have been told our students presented their readings with respect and showed exceptional leadership skills in assisting staff with the organisation. I would also like to thank the Kojonup RSL Sub-Branch for recognising the students who spoke at the town ceremony, Letitia Wallam and Piper Daly.

Year 3, 5, 7 and 9 students recently completed the annual NAPLAN assessments 'online', Year 3 Writing was completed as a paper and pencil assessment. As of next year, all schools will use the online method with the possibility of Year 3 Writing also being assessed in this manner.

Student performance data obtained from the NAPLAN assessments provide good information to the school as to the progress and achievement of students in a national standardised assessment. The data indicates areas of strengths and areas where student understanding is still to be developed which in turn, assists teachers and the school to prioritise and plan for improvement. The NAPLAN assessment data also enables the school to compare the performance of its students in schools both within WA and nationally.

Early feedback from students has been positive regarding the new format and we look forward to having our new desk top computers, purchased with the NAPLAN technology grant, installed and ready for next year's testing.

The school has recently undergone a safety audit of the grounds and over the next few months we will also review safe work practice and compliance on the school farm. As a result of the grounds audit we have been advised that the junior 'cubby' structures are unsafe in their present form and are to be removed. Students have assisted in dismantling the old structures and will be involved, through the Primary student councillors, in redesigning and constructing an alternative. This may take a few weeks as we would like to see the exercise become a rich learning experience in planning and design. The councillors will work with the Occupational Health and Safety representative and Admin to ensure the new structures are compliant with Education Department guidelines.

This term we have been fortunate in hosting a number of visitors who have delivered some amazing programs to students. The Stephen Michael Foundation staff continue to visit senior students on a fortnightly basis to run sports clinics and this week were also given the opportunity to learn the basics of umpiring. On Saturday 20 students from the Year 5 and 6 classes will travel to Perth to play in the Little League game against Meekatharra, during half time at the Eagles vs St Kilda game. We would like to personally acknowledge the wonderfully kind donation from the Renew Committee to enable us to significantly reduce the cost of travelling to Perth for this special opportunity.

Mr Ezzard Flowers, as part of the Noongar Kaartdijin in schools program worked with our Year 3, 4, 5 and 8 students, sharing his personal experiences growing up in Marribank Mission and his involvement in reclaiming the Carrolup Artworks. The students asked many well thought questions and found his presentations highly engaging. We hope to see Ezzard again, later in the year. As part of our implementation of the Aboriginal Cultural Standards Framework, we applied for a grant to promote reconciliation in our community. I received notification today that our application was successful and over the next five months we will be working with the local indigenous community to get our project completed at the school.

Have a safe and enjoyable long weekend break.

CONGRATULATIONS

Zach Baker has been named as a finalist in the High School division of the 2018 LambEx Young Guns Competition. The aim of the LambEx Young Guns Competition is to recognise and encourage young and upcoming industry professionals, producers and scientists to consider a future or ongoing career in the Australian Lamb Industry. The competition will support young people by providing training in relevant areas, as well as developing their communication and networking skills and industry contacts.

FREE DRESS DAY

The Student Council will be hosting a Free Dress Day on Friday 29th June 2018, \$2.00 donation. Money raised will be put towards next year's Leadership Conference.

INTER-HOUSE CROSS COUNTRY

A reminder that tomorrow, Friday 1st June, is our Inter-House Cross Country. Good luck to everyone.

MERIT AWARD WINNERS 13TH APRIL



Primary

Brayden Michael
Danielle Macfarlane
James Waldron
Chris Ferguson
Colby Wallam
Mia Draper
Terehia Potaka-Osborne

Rory Burt
Jesse Reid
William Hikairo
Eloise Plowman
Amy Williams
Georgia Williams
Maddison Manolini

Tilly Cartwright
Briteny Donaldson
Jacob Sullivan
Georgia Malady
Matilda Parker
Zoe Pexton
Kataraina Watene



Secondary

Tahlia Schinzig
Chantelle Evans
Letitia Wallam
Juliearna Williams
Mikaela Gibbons
Libby Hardingham
Riley McIlfree

Danielle Evans
Jayman Chesson
Claire Leusciatti
Josh Cussons
Hereina Tunui
Ryan Bellotti
Pania Watene

Tara Coole
Abby Rodda
William Sanchez
Trinity Hall
Jada Pedersen
Zach Baker

AUSSIE OF THE MONTH

Eden Morrison-Gianatti
and Sonny Radford
(Absent Pania Watene)



MERIT AWARD WINNERS 18TH MAY 2018



Primary

Fletcher Clifton
Marcus Gregory
Harvey Robinson
Ruby Clews
Tahnee Dalton
Savannah Gibson
Alexander Venn
Cheyenne Hallett

Zenith Hook
Lexi Zadow
Kameka Potaka-Osborne
Amelia McGeachy
Georgia Schinzig
Tamati Potaka
Lanii Brown
Lachlan Trezise

Daniel Du Plessis
Carissa Daw
Lachlan Bignell
Lacey Hallett
Bonnie Norrish
Brodie Hills
Matilda Clifton



Secondary

Sam Blewett
Zac Morrison-Gianatti
Zach Baker
Robin Macfarlane
Brooke Trethowan
Pania Watene

Reese Benn
Abby Rodda
Taj Ramsden
Abby O'Halloran
Libby Hardingham
Tayisha Campbell

Leah Hardingham
Claire Leusciatti
Niwhai Tioke
Josh Cussons
Mikaela Gibbons

ATTENDANCE

The Department of Education formally monitors attendance in schools. Although there has been a notable improvement, there are numerous students who are close to being, but not quite, 'regular' attenders. Parents are strongly urged to ensure that their children attend school, missing school only when a legitimate illness prevails. Parent/caregiver contact is required when an absence occurs.

As the cooler weather commences, keeping up good health is important – good food, regular exercise and adequate sleep are the fundamentals. Good health enables ongoing regular attendance and the best chance of success.

ECE MOTHERS DAY AFTERNOON

On Thursday 10th May we held our Mother's Day Afternoon Tea. There were many beautifully coloured nails and faces. We hope you all enjoyed being pampered. Thank you to everyone that joined us and made the afternoon special.



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME



Our Year 4 class participated in the National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 23rd May at 11:00am.

National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is an annual campaign that aims to encourage more young Australians to read and enjoy books. Now in its 18th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation. Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country. NSS2018's book is **Hickory**

Dickory Dash written by Tony Wilson, illustrated by Laura Wood and published by Scholastic. This year there were **1,062,230** participants from **8,255** locations registered.

KOJONUP SPEECH AND DRAMA FESTIVAL

The Kojonup Speech and Drama Festival will be held on Wednesday 13th June for Primary Students and Thursday 14th June for Secondary Students. I hope that everyone is practicing hard for their performance. We are looking for a judge, if you would like to help or know someone that might please contact Marcelle Howe, 9831 2300 or email marcelle.howe@education.wa.edu.au.

We have not had any Secondary entries as yet; please check with your child if they would like to participate. If they would like to, can they please see Mrs Howe in the office ASAP.

DONATIONS FOR HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics room is looking for donations of material pieces 10cm or bigger and old, clean denim jeans to be used in the high school textiles programs for Semester 2. All donations of materials/jeans can be dropped off to the high school teachers DOTT room. Miss Sharon Livingstone

YEAR 3 CHINESE NEW YEAR CELEBRATIONS

The Year 3 students are studying China this term and focusing on the different celebrations around the world, in particular Chinese New Year. We celebrated with our own Chinese Banquet.



INTER-SCHOOL CROSS COUNTRY

Kojonup will be hosting the Inter-School Cross Country Carnival on Friday 15th June at our school farm. Students aged 9-15+ are eligible to participate, the first four runners from each age group and gender from the Inter-House Cross Country will be invited to the event. However, students need to be aware that this is a "Good Standing Event"; therefore students will need to be in Good Standing to be able to participate in the carnival. If you would like to help at our Inter-School Cross Country, please contact the office, 9831 2300.

CALLING ALL ARTISTS

This year the KDHS P&C's major fundraising event will be an Art Show on Friday 17th August. We are looking for artists, sculptors or anything creative to auction on the night. If you have friends or family that would like to showcase their art and be a part of a successful fundraising event that promotes local and surrounding artistic talents please contact Emily Clifton for further details email: ejw3103@hotmail.com

Brainstorming Meeting for Art Show

Anyone interested in lending a hand/brainstorming ideas for our upcoming Art Show, the P&C will hold an informal meeting on Friday 8th June, at 3:00pm after the school assembly, in the undercover area. We would love to see new faces to help with this year's major fund raiser.

TERM 2 PLANNER

WEEK	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
WEEK 6	4 JUNE WESTERN AUSTRALIA DAY PUBLIC HOLIDAY	5 Kindy Day	6 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	7 Kindy Day	8 Year 2.1 Mrs Marsh/Mrs Kelly Assembly 2:15pm
WEEK 7	11 School Psychologist	12 Kindy Day	13 Primary Speech & Drama Festival Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	14 Kindy Day Secondary Speech & Drama Festival	15 Inter-School Cross Country
WEEK 8	18 Kindy Day School Psychologist	19 Kindy Day	20 Play Café 9:30am – 11:30am	21 Kindy Day	22 Primary Winter Carnival - Katanning
WEEK 9	25 School Psychologist	26 Kindy Day	27	28 Kindy Day	29 Dr Yes – Secondary Students Incursion Year 8 Whole School Assembly 2:15pm REPORTS SENT HOME