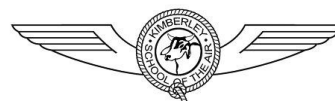




# Kimberley School of the Air



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## Important Dates

- 2nd March– Feedback Friday
- 5th March– Labour Day Public Holiday
- 16th March– Feedback Friday
- 19th March- PJ Day
- 23rd March— Assembly Mrs Paidra’s class
- 30th March- Good Friday Public holiday
- 2nd April– Easter Monday Public Holiday
- 3rd March– Easter Tuesday Public Holiday
- 6th April– final Feedback Friday of the term
- 13th April– ANZAC Ceremony
- Last day of term

## Mr Noble’s News

Here we are in Week 4 of the Term already! I must admit that I find that a little scary! However it has to be said that we have achieved lots of good things this term already.

**Please call the school with any questions you have.**

1. **P&C Meeting** 3.00 pm Muster Room Thursday. See you there. Everyone welcome!
2. **School Council** – we are looking for 2 School Community members who are willing to sit on our School Council. We have one meeting each term. Please contact me if you are interested or have any questions about the role.
3. **Home Tutors Seminar Term 2 2018** – The dates for this year are 14-18 May 2018
4. **ICPA Conference** – the ICPA conference is on Friday 16th March in Fremantle. I will be attending.
5. **IT helplines.** We have had some good results with the help lines lately, particularly the Clear Networks help line. Please ring me as your first port of call but the helplines are there with advanced assistance. Clear Networks helpline 1300 855 215.
6. **Feedback Friday** – We are starting Feedback Fridays as a formal way for Parents and Home Tutors to book times with teachers to discuss particular issues. I think it is a great initiative and Mrs Mills will elaborate on the concept elsewhere in the newsletter.
7. **Assembly dates for the rest of Term 1.** A) Friday 23 March – Mrs Paidra’s K&P B) ANZAC Ceremony Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. All assemblies are in the Muster Room at 8am

Paul Noble

### FEES & CHARGES 2018

#### **VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS:**

Voluntary Contribution funds are used towards the cost of materials, services and resources used by students in the educational program. The funds collected at this school contribute towards classroom resources, physical education and art equipment.

Single Child	\$ 60.00 per year
Family of 2 or more children	\$ 120.00 per year

Payment envelopes for voluntary contributions are sent out at the beginning of Term 1 and then followed up at the beginning of each term thereafter. An envelope and direct deposit details will be provided to families.

#### **CONTRIBUTION CAMPS:**

SOTA MUSTER 2018	\$ 500 per child
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## On Entry Assessment

Parents and careers of students in Pre-Primary to Year 2 should have received a letter explaining we will be undertaking On Entry testing during or Home Tutors Seminar (May 14<sup>th</sup>-May 18<sup>th</sup>). This is a Department of Education state-wide program that provides teachers with the opportunity to collect information on each child's literacy and numeracy understanding. This will assist teachers to develop targeted learning programs to support each student reach their full potential. If you would like further

### Some ways to support your child's literacy learning at home...

Your child is unique, and will continue to develop as an individual, at an individual rate. Every child is able to learn, and will learn best when they feel supported, encouraged, and have an adult who spends time talking, listening, playing, and reading with them.

Here are some fun, everyday activities that you can do at home to help your child develop essential early literacy skills:

- ★ play **word games** when you are out together – games such as "I spy...."
- ★ play simple **word games** at home – crosswords, board games...
- ★ have a special daily time at the dinner table where each person **takes turns** to share the best part of their day, while everyone else **listens**
- ★ make a collage using magazines, newspapers, junk mail, old drawings or paintings – collect pictures according to a theme – a beginning sound, a colour, an animal...
- ★ read with and to them every day. **Share** a special story at bedtime; make it something that you both look forward to at the end of the day! Sometimes, talk about the stories that you **read together**, and **sometimes just read for pleasure** – time spent together. Ask questions that require more than just a yes or no answer. "What was that your favourite part?" "Why was that your favourite part?" ...
- ★ encourage them to **retell** you an event or a story, or make up their own story – take turns to say what might happen next
- ★ have your child sort out the mail according to who it is addressed to
- ★ have some dress-up clothes available for your child to use – 'make believe' gives your child an opportunity to practice their language and communication skills
- ★ show that **writing serves a purpose** - make a shopping list together (your child could draw a picture of some items next to the words); let them do a simple drawing or card, and mail it!
- ★ **think out loud** – it is a great way to 'model' to your child how you solve problems.

Some informative and fun websites to share together include:

<http://det.wa.edu.au/schoolsandyou>

<http://www.abc.net.au/abcforkids/sites/playschool/>

<http://www.bbc.co.uk/cbeebies/>

<http://www.nickjr.com/games-activities/>

[http://www.aussiechildcarenetwork.com/children\\_activities\\_and\\_games.php](http://www.aussiechildcarenetwork.com/children_activities_and_games.php)

## Aussie of the Month

I am thrilled to announce that we are now an Aussie of the Month School. This program recognises primary school students who display the values of;

**Fair go** – not just how we apply ourselves but also in providing opportunity for all  
**Mateship** - a generosity of spirit and compassion for those in need

**Respect** – of self, of others, our community, and the environment

**Inclusion** – acceptance and respect of difference and the rights we are all entitled to

Over the course of the year we will be on the lookout for

students who display these values. These students will be recognised with a special certificate, an Aussie of the Month pin and a goodie pack.



## PJ Day

On Monday 19<sup>th</sup> March we will be hosting our first KSOTA PJ Day. Staff here will be coming to work in their pyjamas and we encourage you to spend the school day in your pjs too! We ask for a gold coin donation to be sent in to support our P&C.

This is the first of our theme days to be run this year, look out for Crazy Hair day in Term 2, Book Week dress up in Term 3 and Halloween in Term 4.

Thanks to one of our terrific home tutors, Hannah, for suggesting the idea.

## Website

If you haven't already, please check out our new school website! [www.ksota.wa.edu.au](http://www.ksota.wa.edu.au)

I am really hoping that the website becomes a useful resource for you, so if there is anything you would like to see added please let me know.

## Feedback Fridays

This term we will be running 'Feedback Fridays' on 2<sup>nd</sup> March, 23<sup>rd</sup> March and 6<sup>th</sup> April.

One of the things I keep hearing from parents and home tutors is that they would like more opportunity to talk to their child's class teacher about how their child is progressing. While your class teacher should be in regular contact with you in the course of their normal work, we think it could be beneficial to have some time set aside specifically for this to occur.

In the next few days teachers will be emailing out a roster with their available times for the above Fridays. If you as a parent or a home tutor (or both) would like to book a time to talk to your child's teacher, please call or email them to do so. It is our hope that by the end of this term each parent/home tutor will have had at least one session with their child's teacher.



Have a great week everyone!

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