



Kimberley School of the Air

School News



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Important Dates

Term 1 2019 Begins

Monday February 4th

Last day Term 1

Friday 12 April

Home Tutors Seminar

Monday 13 May—Friday 17
May

FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Yes, we are in week 4 of the term already!

May I congratulate everyone for their efforts to get along with WebEx.

I am probably the person in the KSOTA extended family that is bringing up the rear! I will get there!

Friday Assembly

This Friday 8:00 am in the Muster Room. See you there!

Bandwidth

Please remember that your allocation from the Department is for school use. If you find that you are running out before the end of the month it may mean that somewhere in the near past there may have been some use outside of school parameters.

If I get a request from a site regarding their internet and I take it to the department the first thing that they do is do a survey of the usage. They can pinpoint the usage and when it occurred.

I don't have a leg to stand on if the internet is being used at 8.30pm at night.

NAPLAN

All year 3 and 5 students in our school are due to do NAPLAN at HTS during the week of 13-17 May.

There is a huge investment in the NAPLAN process and for us at KSOTA there is significant systemic preparation that needs to happen this year as we will be doing our testing online for the first time.

Please be advised that the NAPLAN process is voluntary.

Parents can ask for their child to be withdrawn.

If you want your Yr 3 or Yr 5 student to be withdrawn from the NAPLAN testing please let me know by 3 pm this Friday 1-3-2019.

I am happy to discuss this with you as part of your deliberations on the issue.

Paul Noble 0429931203

Home Tutors Seminar

13 – 17 May Broome Camp School.

Paperwork will be out soon.

Please remember that NAPLAN testing happens in this week.

Dental Screening at HTS

Dental Screening will be available for those who choose during HTS. An informative note will be included in the HTS Registration and Information pack.

P&C MEETING

P&C Meeting Thursday (today) at 4pm in WebEx Muster room .

Paul N

Re-imaging existing computers

Please note that as Laptops are returned they will be re-imaged to Windows 10.

Please save anything that you want to keep before the Laptops come back as the reimaging process wipes any documents that may be stored.

In the future it is probably a good idea that families back up before the Laptop “shuts down” and needs to be sent back to KSOTA. Families might buy an external hard drive for that purpose. It is also a good idea to do regular backups, perhaps weekly, so you do not lose any saved documents or photos.

LAP TOPS

Each family should have at least one laptop and a clip on webcam. For families with more than one student they will receive a good quality headset that enables interactive conversation and sound. This can be shared for air lessons as they allow the necessary 2 way conversation. Due to the cost of these we limit one per family. If required we can supply extra headsets that are a cheaper quality that are suitable for mathematics, spellodrome etc and anything that does not require 2 way conversation.

FEES and CHARGES 2019

Please note the following:

Voluntary Fees and charges

1. Single child \$60
2. Family of 2 or more children \$120 per year

Camp Contributions

1. SOTA Muster 2019 \$650
2. Home Tutors Seminar \$20 per student K-6 \$35 per Adult
3. Term Camp (same as Home Tutor cost)

Please note these fees and charges were ratified by the School Council and by law have to be stated by the end of the school year.

Our Yearly Consent forms have been sent out in the mail today. A pre paid addressed envelope has been included for you to return filled in and signed forms. If you have any queries regarding these please do not hesitate to contact me (Kerry.Doust@education.wa.edu.au). Thank you to all those families who have promptly returned forms... This makes life so much easier!

Help desk numbers

Education Department WA – It Helpdesk 1800 012 828

Clear Networks help desk – connectivity – Satellite services – 1300 855 215

Please don't hesitate to use these services – they are for you to use !