



Kimberley School of the Air

School News



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Important Dates

Term 2

29 April-5th July

Term 4 Camp

Broome Camp School

Monday 11 Nov—Friday 15
May

The Week after Camp

Thank you everyone for your efforts last week at camp. I think that the week was fantastic and I believe that the efforts of everyone to get to and to host the camp ensured that the students had a great time.

We talk a lot at School of the Air about the importance of the students simply having time with their classmates and teachers. I guess we talk about it a lot simply because it is so important! The Home Tutor Seminar is also about the Home Tutors. Networking and socializing is also very important for these very important people. Working in isolation is difficult and I am always gratified to see our Home Tutors being able to network and enjoy their time in Broome.

I believe that we were able to source some fine Professional Development for our Home Tutors this year. The very nature of Professional Development is to make us more knowledgeable and to bring new ideas to our people at the coal face.

I would like to acknowledge and thank Sam Price, Stephanie Le lievre and Maxwell Swaney for their input into our Seminar.

I would also like to thank our teachers for their efforts across the week. I know that the students enjoyed their time and I hope that the time the teachers had with Home Tutors and Parents was useful and edifying for all concerned.

Amanda George in her role as the STL at our school did a great job co-ordinating the Home Tutor programme.

I think that the balance between work and play was right. The beach carnival, the astro tour, the disco and inimitable "SOTA's got Talent" all are great examples of good quality events that included all the children.

NAPLAN

I think that the presence of the Port Hedland School of the Air students only added good things to our camp. I personally hope that this co-sharing of the NAPLAN week at Broome Camp School continues into the future.

The NAPLAN component of our camp is very important and I have spoken before about the level of co-ordination that the move to NAPLAN online has meant for myself, Katherine Mills and Amanda George to ensure that our students were able to access the online test.

By now everyone will have seen and heard about the difficulties that some sights have encountered with the NAPLAN platform. Our students suffered minor interference but this pales into insignificance next to the issues that some sights suffered. It will be interesting to see how the issue plays out.

NEW LAPTOPS

Some of you will have noticed that we are sending out some new laptops as our old Dells are finished. The school has purchased 20 new HP laptops at approximately \$1500 each. This of course is a significant capital investment for our school. We hope to purchase another 10 before the end of this year.

These Laptops run the Windows 10 system. This fact has brought some logging on issues and I have to acknowledge the efforts of Kerry Doust in her efforts to get them all sorted out.

The Department have introduced a better way for us to manage our Laptop logins and we will be transitioning to using student login details for front login page of Laptop. This means we will be able to reset password when lockout occurs from here and not need you to return Laptop.

Please continue to use the Login details attached to your laptop. If you are still on the [.ksota](#) login this will be the same until your Laptop needs upgrading and is sent in to us or if you lock yourselves out!. When your Laptop is returned you will be advised of new Login details.

TIPS FOR LAPTOP USE

WAIT, be patient and let laptop process your request. It may seem to take a bit of time but it does not help to continually press the enter key for example. This only makes matters worse and may cause it to freeze.

CHECK your login details.

TAKE CARE of your laptop. They are an expensive item of equipment.

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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 !