



Kimberley School of the Air



School News

Important Dates

Term 1 2020

Students

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Noble's News

Dear everyone,

Welcome back to school for 2020.

We are all systems go at KSOTA and despite some glitches with Technology we are looking good.

We have quite a bit of news and I suppose that we should start two Saturdays ago when a huge and healthy white gumtree on the DDHS oval, right behind KSOTA was obliterated by a lightning strike.

KSOTA suffered significant damage as a result. Our electronic security was damaged, our phones were gone, the force of the strike blew out our surge protectors in our main power frame and as a result the server was affected and we had significant IT problems. By the end of the last week of the school holidays things were looking a little better but we are still waiting on some finishing touches to complete our repairs.

The main problem was the time that was lost and we are working on getting things up and running asap.



MONDAY 3rd Feb

I would like to hold a whole school assembly at 9.00 am on Monday. I believe that there may be a lot of computer issues around our School so I think it is wise to simply run an Assembly in the Muster Room. **There will be no Air Lessons on Monday.** By the end of Monday Week I we hope to have everything ironed out and we are aiming to commence Air Lessons on Tuesday.

There will be an Air Timetable attached to this newsletter. **Please note that individual air lessons will begin week 2.**

Reading Eggs and Mathletics will be ready to go by the start of week 2. I will advise if they are available any earlier. I apologise for the delay but the events surrounding the lightning strike were beyond our control.

STL

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce our new Support Teacher Learning (STL).

Esther Kerr has come to us from Narrogin region where she has lived and worked for the past 12 years.

Esther, along with her partner Beau and son Reggie have been in Derby for several weeks now and I am certain that she will be a great addition to our team here at KSOTA.

Playgroup

As I mentioned last year we intend to introduce a playgroup this year. Esther has had experience with this programme in mainstream school and I am sure that she will do a great job at KSOTA. We will commence our playgroup as soon as Esther has had some time to master the technology that comes with our world of distance education and spoken with the other SO-TA's as to how the group can look in our setting. I fully intend that we should be ready to go by the middle of this term at the very latest.

As always with distance education we are at the mercy of the elements. I hope you have been getting some rain and that 2020 will be a great year for us all.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me or your child's teacher if you have any queries.

Laptops

It may be wise to blow the cobwebs off the laptop before Monday's assembly.

One of the difficulties that we face is the need for Department Computers to be "updated". That is when you can't use the laptop and it has to be sent back to KSOTA. This is inconvenient and regrettable. The explanation is that all Ed Department computers need to be updated periodically. The laptops at the District High School go through the same process, but the teachers involved leave them plugged in and turned on overnight and the situation that we face is averted!

There has been talk about trying to avoid the "shutting down" of our laptops and the need for sending them back in. The only way you could achieve this would be to use computers that were outside the Department network. This of course would mean computers that were outside the network protections afforded by the Ed Department. The possible risks would not sit well with "the powers to be."

Webex

Webex is the platform that the Department supplies to us to run our air lessons through.

I personally find Webex a bit convoluted and I will be looking at ZOOM as a possible replacement.

Please stay tuned.

New families

I would like to welcome some new students to our school.

Cooper and Willow Mitchell-Green are at Lake Argyle Resort and William and Joshua Knight will be moving to Napier Downs.

I am happy to welcome these students and their families to our school.

We have another possible new enrolment but it has not been completed at the time of writing.

Please don't hesitate to contact me.

Regards,

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FEES AND CHARGES 2020

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS

Voluntary Contributions are funds used towards the cost of materials, services and resources used by the students in the education program

Single Child	\$60 per year
Family of 2 or more children	\$120 per year

CAMP CONTRIBUTIONS

SOTA Muster	\$650
Canberra Camp	\$650 (Payable to P&C)
Home Tutors Seminar	\$20 per Student K-6 \$35 per Adult
Term 4 Camp	\$20 per Student K-6 \$35 per Adult

TIPS FOR LAPTOPS

- ♦ Ensure you save all your work onto a USB thumb drive
- ♦ Empty recycle bin on desktop regularly
- ♦ Wipe clean with a slightly damp cloth
- ♦ A small paint brush is handy to remove any dust on keyboard

Help desk numbers

Education Department WA – It Helpdesk 1800 012 828

**Clear Networks help desk – connectivity – Satellite services – 1300 855 215
(DoE Customer Number 14052)**

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