



# Kimberley School of the Air

## School News



### Important Dates

Term 1, Issue 4

5th March 2020

#### Term 1 2020

##### Students

3 February– 9 April

#### Term 2 2020

##### Home Tutors Seminar

11th—15th May

**PLEASE RETURN  
ANNUAL  
CONSENT FORMS  
AS SOON AS  
POSSIBLE**

### Noble's News

I hope the rain found everyone over the weekend. My prediction is that there will be more rain to come before the end of March.

#### **New Timetable**

Please find attached the new Air timetable that will commence Week 6 , Monday 9th March.

The increased on air time will mean that the Math concepts each week will be able to be addressed explicitly by the classroom teacher.

The teachers will work from the Stepping Stones book. The starting point that each teacher uses may not be where you are up to, but the whole idea is to get the students back together and to work through concepts with their class teacher.

Increased air times will mean that there will be less time available for set work. It is all about communicating with your teacher as to how much you need to get through and if there are difficulties that you may face. Five hours a day of contact is the rule of thumb that you should be working to, PP-6.

With the introduction of the new timetable there will be a couple of sites where more than one student will be on air at a time. This may be a challenge but the benefits outweigh the problems that may occur. We have worked hard to minimise the clashes. Headsets are advised.

## **Harmony Week**

We will be celebrating Harmony Week at our Assembly next Friday, 13th March. Harmony Week 2020 runs from 15th to 21st March. Miss Kerr has attached a PDF with information and some activities for you to share at home.

## **Hockey**

I hope that the Hockey project was of some use. I guess the game does perhaps need some bigger numbers than what you may have available to you but a little research and a few activities may give everyone bit of a glimpse at what the game may be like.

## **ICPA Conference 2020**

The ICPA Conference is being held on Friday 13th March in Perth.

I will be attending this event along with the other SOTA Principals.

## **'Where We Live' presentations**

I believe the "Where We Live" presentations at our assemblies have been fantastic so far. I intend for the school to publish the complete set once we have been on our trip around the Kimberley region. Each site can be working on their presentation in advance so you don't have a rush when it is your turn. I have received lots of positive comments about the initiative so far.

## **NAPLAN**

KSOTA is preparing for NAPLAN 2020. Don't forget that we conduct our NAPLAN at the Home Tutor's Camp Term 2; 11-15th May 2020. If your child is in Year 3 or 5 in 2020 they will be due to sit NAPLAN.

We do our NAPLAN online at the camp school in Broome.

If you wish for your child not to sit NAPLAN, please let me know as we will have to fill in an exemption form. It is your right as a Parent to request that your child not sit NAPLAN.

If you want your child to sit NAPLAN and you won't be attending camp, please also let me know as we will have to organise the process. To do the test we have to install a lock down browser on the laptop you will be using. I will need some notice if this is the case.

## **Playgroup**

We are really excited to be launching Playgroup on Friday 13th March. Sessions will be on-air from 10am, in the STL room, for approximately 30 minutes. KSOTA playgroup will be run in conjunction with Kimberley Schools Project (KSP) KindiLink—with focus on developing literacy, numeracy and oral language skills. Families will receive activities for their little learner each week, a library box, and a kit filled with art and craft materials. Families who would like to be a part of KSOTA playgroup are asked to email [esther.kerr@education.wa.edu.au](mailto:esther.kerr@education.wa.edu.au) so that our handbook and air-link can be sent. We would really appreciate you spreading the word of our playgroup far and wide! Many thanks, Miss Kerr.

*Mr Noble*

## **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 Years 4-6

DEC 2020 Dates TBA \$650

Canberra Camp Years 5 and 6 \$650 (Payable to P&C)

Term 3 Dates TBA

Home Tutors Seminar Whole School

May 11-15 2020 \$20 per Student K-6

\$35 per Adult

Term 4 Camp Whole School

Nov 9-13 2020 \$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 !**