



Kimberley School of the Air



School News

Important Dates

Term 2 2020

28 April - 3 July

KSOTA Freecall

1800 816 212

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Mr Noble's News

Dear all,

We are moving through this term and we have all been on bit of a ride with Covid-19 and travel restrictions!

There are lots of changes at KSOTA to discuss as well, so here goes!

- ◆ Sets next term will run for an absolute minimum of 3 weeks. As opposed to the approximate 2 week turn around we currently have.
- ◆ We are adding to the sets. The major additions being Science, Writing and HASS. (HASS = the old Social Studies). All of these additions are aligned with the current curriculum documents. HASS and Science are for the Home Tutors to present
- ◆ You will be receiving workbooks for Writing, HASS and Science. The intention is that the students will get to work longhand in their books to give them more "mainstream" experiences. The work is to be presented neatly, pages ruled up, dated etc. Class teachers will guide you.
- ◆ There will be some spelling additions.
- ◆ The Sets remain, updated and in some cases modified. This is to bring them up to date.

Writing

Concepts and skills will be treated on-air by the classroom teacher. A daily follow up activity will then be done off air with Home Tutor guidance and support. For the first four weeks of term three the whole school writing topic will be "Report writing". Activities are to be completed in the exercise book.

Spelling

In the years that run KSP spelling any spelling words in the existing sets will be taken out. There will be daily spelling practice using words from the KSP. The students may be asked to complete daily spelling tasks like "Look-say-cover-write-check". Teachers will direct these activities and they will be done in the "Writing book" that will be coming home. Students in years outside the KSP will have additions to their existing Spelling work.

Family Science

The science programme has been designed and resourced so that the activities can be done by all the students in the schoolroom together, regardless of year level. The programme outlines the expectations for younger and older students. Each child will receive an exercise book where they will record their experiments and findings. Science will be presented by the Home Tutor. It may be of value for Home Tutors to read through the programme and the activity sheets prior to undertaking the activities with their students. Teachers will be up to date with the new programmes and they will be ready to give advice, so please feel free to contact staff at KSOTA with any questions. Just think of Family Science as Set Work. The activity will be discussed at the assembly each week so that there will be a whole school lead in.

Mr Noble's News (continued)

HASS

Unlike Science, The HASS (Humanities and Social Sciences) programme is year level specific. This means that topic content will not align across year levels, but is built on and extended each year. Pre-Primary to Year Four students have a 16-week Geography programme. Students in years Five and Six will have a combination of Geography and Economics lasting 16 weeks. HASS will be presented by Home Tutors. Again, please contact your classroom teacher with any questions regarding this programme. Just think of this HASS as Set Work.

General considerations

Please be mindful that whilst the additions may look daunting, you will have an absolute minimum of 3 weeks to complete each set. The whole idea is to slow the sets down and include some explicit Science, Writing and HASS. The three weeks is a guide- **YOU MAY NEED LONGER AND THERE IS NO PROBLEM IF YOU DO!** The HASS and Science is not linked to the set work. The Writing and Spelling activities are linked to the treatment on air of the skills by the teacher.

We are still in the process of developing all the additions and amendments. Hence the next 3 Thursdays being air lesson free (School Development Days) so the teachers can make the changes. Resources for these programmes will be dispatched to you as they come to hand. Some people may have already received their science activities without the exercise books. Please note that all resources required will be with you ready for day one, term three.

- ◆ KSOTA students have a considerable amount of air-time with their teachers.
- ◆ Set work and these new additions make up the rest of the school day. Everyone's school day may look different to each other. What works for you may not work at another site.
- ◆ The new sets are designed to take an absolute minimum of three weeks.
- ◆ Miss Kerr and I will be happy to work with individual sites to discuss timetabling and fitting everything in.

When do I do these things?

Please remember every site needs to make it work **for them**. We suggest three weeks as a minimum for the sets, it may take four or more weeks at your site to complete the new sets. The intention of these sets is to broaden and deepen the student's off-air learning experiences. To that end, the quality of the work and the resonance of the learning experience is the paramount concern, not how long it takes to complete. **These sets are not to be rushed.**

One suggested way of tackling 'the crowded curriculum' is for set work, writing and Stepping Stones maths to be completed Monday – Thursday, leaving Fridays for assembly, Family Science and HASS.

These are exciting and real changes that are setting our school up for our next phase of development. Everyone is playing a role in this but I would like to acknowledge the work that Miss Kerr has carried out to bring the vast bulk of the curriculum additions and changes into fruition. Esther has been a great addition to our school and she follows in the footsteps of some other fine professionals that we have had in the STL role in recent years.

Any change is challenging and I would ask all the members of our school community to read the emails, newsletters and instructions closely. The new set work in HASS, Writing and Science is great and the activities will be of great benefit to our students. There may be times when there may seem to be a double up with the sets if a particular set has a distinct Science emphasis. It is the skills that the students are using which constitute the real learning. The topic is secondary. If a child is reading, thinking, writing, planning, organising, applying rules and laws, summarising, making lists, drawing diagrams, making guesses and sharing ideas is he/she doing Science, HASS or Maths or are they writing a story?

But, please ask questions, clarify the task. The results will be great.

In a nutshell

- ◆ The next three Thursdays are air lesson free. The Friday assembly will still run in these weeks. Your school days on these Thursdays will still run, just no Air Lessons.
- ◆ The new set work resources will be with you ready for a day I start next term.
- ◆ Nothing changes with the air lesson timetable next term.
- ◆ Please understand that each site will make it work for themselves.
- ◆ Please feel free to seek clarification re these additions.

P&C Merchandise

KSOTA polo shirt uniforms are available from P&C via Kerry Doust at School. Shirts are \$20 each and can be sent out in Red Mail Bags. Please deposit money direct into P&C bank account with your name and "uniform" as reference.

Please note we have new shirts in stock.

Account Name	KSOTA P&C
BSB	016 620
Account #	463336408

Other merchandise available via same method:

- ◆ KSOTA logo work shirts asst sizes: Men's green/navy, Women's blue/purple, Boy's green/blue, Girl's turquoise/pink \$45 each
- ◆ Stubby Holders \$10 each
- ◆ Bucket Hats/Trucker Caps \$20 each

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
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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 !