



# Kimberley School of the Air

## Important Dates

### Term 3 2021

Monday 19th July —  
Friday 24th September

### Postponed 2020 ParaOlympics

24th August—3rd September

### Friday Assembly

20th August (book week)  
10th September  
24th September

### KSOTA Freecall

1800 816 212  
(Only available from land line)

### NEW PHONE NUMBER

**91933070**

(old number 91931006 will be diverted indefinitely)

## School News



Term 3, Issue 1

Wednesday 11th August 2021

Wow! Term Three—hard to believe we are more than half way through the school year! We have had lots of changes over the last three terms, but our little KSOTA ship has stayed strong and steady on its course. The journey of improvement is not a quick and easy one. It's filled with ups and downs, doubts and celebrations, "what are we doing?!" and "we got this!".

The teaching staff at KSOTA have been fantastic at adopting evidence-based practice, and adapting it to fit our unique context. We need to remind ourselves that we are forging ahead on a journey that many other distance education schools have been to afraid to even start. I am so proud of the staff at KSOTA and their dedication to provide high quality education to our learners. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank parents, carers and home tutors for their immeasurable patience, understanding and flexibility while KSOTA continues on this improvement journey. You have all been incredibly understanding when teachers have attended courses, or when new teachers have lead air-lessons. I honestly cannot thank you all enough.

Next week (week 5), KSOTA teachers will be heading to Derby District High School to observe some high quality literacy blocks. The aim of these observations is to celebrate what we are currently doing well, and to see where we need to focus our attentions next. Due to the differences in school timetables, air lessons will be cancelled when teachers are at observations. I understand that this is an inconvenience, but off-air activities will be provided. Teachers will contact Home Tutors directly with more information on the days they will be off-air due to DDHS observations, and this will be reflected in weekly plans also.

On a completely different note, the Notre Dame doctors will be joining us for a Q&A on Thursday 19th August, from 8:00-9:00 in the Muster Room. The doctors joined the students last year, and it was a great success with the both the students and doctors learning so much. I look forward to finding out what insights the doctors will share with us this time, and am excited to see all students in the muster room for this event.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please reach out.  
Esther Kerr  
Principal

# Awesome Achievements

## MacqLit Masters

Joshua Knight  
Scotty Martin



## Birthdays

Sana Harris  
Tai Albert  
Kingsley Phillips



## Merit Certificates

Isabelle Taylor—Science, HASS and Arts  
Beau Hokianga-Baker—Science, HASS and Arts  
Rory Elezovich—Science, HASS and Arts  
Bidge Mahony-Coppin— Reading  
Sunny Cordwell—Settling in to KSOTA  
Noah Kraneis—Quick work returns  
Lulu Kraneis—always trying her best  
Beau Hokianga-Baker— excellent maths  
Isabelle Taylor—Olympic presentation  
Beau Hokianga-Baker—Olympic presentation



You guys are blowing me away with the amazing work you keep producing! You should all be so very proud of yourselves. ♥

Next Assembly: 20th August  
**Book Week Dress-Up**

## *From Miss Kerry:*

Hello All,

Unfortunately I have recently found that the Lap tops are being returned in a condition that is not acceptable. Thank you to all of you who do take care of their Lap Tops but there is a small cohort that maybe need reminding of a few things. Might I also remind you that Lap Tops are the property of the school and are not a cheap asset. We are lucky that our funding allows us to supply Lap Tops and if they are looked after they will last the necessary time before upgrade.

If you can remind students the following it will help keep them in working order

- Please do not eat or drink while at your Lap Top
- If you are doing an art activity please ensure Lap Top is closed and well out of the way of glue, glitter, paint etc.
- You can gently wipe your Lap Tops down with a bit of spray and Wipe sprayed onto a soft cloth. (Do not spray directly onto screen or keyboard please).

Another thing to check is if Edge is the default browser as many sites now are not compatible with Explorer. Go to Settings

Type in search "default apps"

Scroll down and find web browser and if it is not set to Edge click on the icon and choose Edge then click cross at top right to exit. Do not click Reset as that will revert back to Explorer.

If you have any issues please just contact me.

### 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 !

## **P&C Merchandise**

*Uniforms help to bring our remote students together.*

*We thank Rod and Dee at Totally Workwear, Derby for their support.*

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

*KSOTA Parents and Citizens Association: Going that extra mile for our remote kids and their education.*

## **FEES AND CHARGES 2021**

### **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 FEES**

<b>Home Tutors Seminar</b>	\$20 per Student K-6
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May 10th –14th 2021	\$35 per Adult
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<b>Term 4 Camp Whole School</b>	\$20 per Student K-6
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Nov 8-12 2021	\$35 per Adult
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### **Muster (Date TBA)**

Years 4-6	\$650 per Student
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