

Kimberley School of the Air

Important Dates

School News



KSOTA 2022

Staff will be onsite from Monday 24th January 2022.

Term One 2022

Monday 31st January — Friday 8th April

Term Two 2022

Tuesday 26th April—Friday 1st July

Term Three 2022

Monday 18th July—Friday 23rd September

Term Four 2022

Monday 10th October— Thursday 15th December

HTS—9-13 May 2022

T4 camp—7-11 Nov 2022

KSOTA Free call

1800 816 212

(Only available from land line)

NEW PHONE NUMBER

9193 3070

Term 4, Issue 3

Friday 17th December 2021

As I sit here in my office, on the last day of term, I can't help but think about what an incredible year we have had! I have been busy putting the finishing touches to the KOSTA magazine, and had such a wonderful walk down memory lane as I went through all our old photos from camps and visits this year. We have all grown so much this year, and I find myself excited about what 2022 has in store for us as a school and as a community.

I am always so proud to be the principal of KSOTA, and I very nearly burst with pride at SOTA Muster last week. Watching our upper primary students participate and cheer on their new friends at the SOTA Sports Carnival was absolutely wonderful. You guys stepped out of your comfort zones, and dived into the whole Muster experience. I can only hope you had as much fun as I did.

It was sad to say goodbye to Mrs Stacey and Miss Jacqui at our last assembly. We can't thank them enough for all the amazing things they have done for our school and wish them all the best as they return home. We are sure that they will have plenty of stories to share with the children in their classrooms next year. Stories of children who live miles away from anywhere and come to school on a computer. Stories of boys who wrestle crocodiles and bring them into the lounge room. Stories of girls with giggles so contagious you can't help but join in. Stories of children who come to school every single day with a smile on their faces, with unwavering motivation to learn and an eagerness to teach their teachers! Stories of our school.

We also had to say goodbye to William, Joshua, Rainver and Winston. William and Joshua are returning home to Queensland with their family; we hope you keep in touch with all of us here at KSOTA. Rainver and Winston have graduated Year Six, and are heading to High School. We wish them both the very best as they continue their learning journeys. We will miss you all.

I would like to thank you all for making my first year as principal of KSOTA so memorable. Please look after yourselves over the holidays, and I hope you all find time for some rest and relaxation. I look forward to seeing you all back at school on Monday 31st January 2022.

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

Please Return...

All HASS and Science folders -

Returning these folders helps our sustainability practices as they will be updated and used again for incoming students.

• All maths resources -

New maths kits will be sent to each site in early 2022. We need to do an audit of what equipment we have, and purchase the necessary replacements.

Don't Forget...

2022 Despatch -

All students enrolled with KSOTA for the 2022 school year will soon be receiving their 2022 despatches. Each of these boxes has been clearly labelled with the student's name. When the time comes to open these boxes, you will find a despatch checklist inside. Please take the time to double check the contents of the box against the packing checklist. If you find that something is missing, please do not hesitate to contact Esther and/or Kerry.



2022 -

On Friday 28th January 2022, Home Tutors will receive student timetables and a letter from each of their student's classroom teachers. The letter will introduce new staff and outline how their classroom program will run. We will be easing back into the school year with specialist programs not starting for a couple of weeks, and teachers using the first week to set on/off air expectations. This will also give us all the opportunity to iron out any problems with the timetable and laptops.

Miss Stack

We have all missed Miss Stack terribly this semester while she has been working as Aboriginal Education Coordinator at Broome Senior High School. This was an incredible opportunity for Clare, and an absolute credit to her passion for improving educational outcomes for all children.

In her short time at BSHS, Clare received the Reconciliation Award from State School Teachers Union of Western Australia in Perth in November. She has also been nominated for the national Australian Education Union Arthur Hamilton Award. This award is presented to an educator who demonstrates a commitment to the provision of high quality education to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. The winner of this award will be announced next year.

Clair also developed a Cultural Leadership Program at BSHS, and proudly had her first graduates from the initiative.

I am very pleased to announce that Clare has permanently secured this teaching and leadership position at BSHS. Although this means that she will not be returning to KSOTA, she will always been a valuable part of our community. We will miss her very much, and wish her all the best in her new role.



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 Work wear, 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 2022

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

Home Tutors Seminar \$20 per Student K-6

May 9th - 13th 2022 \$35 per Adult

Term 4 Camp Whole School \$20 per Student K-6

December 7th - 11th 2022 \$35 per Adult

Muster

Years 4-6 \$650 per Student

Civics Camp (Perth)

Years 5-6 \$650 per Student (payable to the P&C)

August 1st - 5th 2022