

# Kimberley School of the Air



## Important Dates

### 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**— cancelled

**Online HTS**— 9-19 May

**T4 camp**—7-11 Nov 2022

### **KSOTA Free call**

1800 816 212

(Only available from land  
line)

### **NEW PHONE NUMBER**

**9193 3070**

## School News



Term 1, Issue 2

Monday 28th March 2022

It is hard to believe that we are almost at the end of Term One! The students have consistently met teacher's high expectations and should be incredibly proud of themselves.

Miss Kerry and I are in the process of organising **Home Visits**. We will be contacting sites individually to discuss dates and accommodation (where necessary). With the current 'Covid climate', Home Tutors and families are under no obligation to accept a home visit. Please be reassured that teachers are required to wear masks when in your school room and homes. Teachers can remove their masks outside. All teachers have received 3 Covid vaccinations, and will need to present a negative RAT test prior to attending a home visit. If you have any concerns about home visits, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me.

On a number of occasions this term, I have emailed all sites with very important information and have asked for a **Read Receipt** to be returned. I understand that this is not an automatic option from phones and tablets, in the way that it is on a computer. When an email arrives stating that a read receipt needs to be returned, please take the time to do so. The last urgent email that required a read receipt was information around Home Tutors Seminar and mask wearing; I received only 3 receipts from our 22 sites. Returning a read receipt allows me to know who has received and read the updates. These emails should be few and far between and, if replying from a phone/tablet, a quick reply of "read" will be sufficient.

It was with a heavy heart that we had to cancel **Home Tutor's Seminar** this year. However, the staff have been collaborating to bring HTS online. During Week 3 Term 2, we will run a modified timetable of activities. These activities will have the students working together in large on-air groups and aim to deliver a fun and interactive experience to 'soften the blow' of not being at camp. I will be sending out a timetable for the students closer to the time. For the Home Tutors, seminar sessions will run from 1-2pm Mon-Thurs for two weeks. Seminar sessions will be 'opt-in', so that Tutors can make the informed decision about which sessions they want to attend. If you want to attend a session but can't make it, don't worry! All sessions will be recorded and we can email you a link to watch it at a more convenient time. Seminars will be present by teachers and friends of KSOTA. I urge you to contact me if there is something specific that you feel should be offered at our online HTS, and I will endeavour to make it happen.

I trust that you have all been enjoying your new **sports kits**, and the students have been working up a sweat getting used to all the equipment. It would be wonderful if sites could upload some photos and/or videos of the students playing with their new sports kits so that we can see the fun they are having. Next term, I will start a weekly sports challenge (and I will think of a punny name to go with it!). Each student in PP-Yr 6 who is not travelling (although, extra points to the travelling families who do join in with the challenge!) will need to participate, as part of the Health and Physical Education curriculum. Now, as my Mum will attest, I am not an athlete. She tells the story of a 'laminated note' that I would pull out for PE at high school. I remember no such note, as the detentions I got for forging her signature will support! Anyway... my hope is that each of our students find enjoyment in physical exercise, and gain skills that they can build on and use throughout their lives. My weekly challenge will be posted on seesaw via the announcements, and I will pop a special folder in each classroom where photos and videos can be uploaded. Who knows, maybe the teachers and I will join in too?

As Term Two approaches, we are welcoming 3 new families to the KSOTA community and are excited for the return of Maddie and Digby Hayes, as they return to El Questro for the dry season. However, we are very sad to be saying goodbye to Oliver Pratt and his family at El Questro. We will miss you all, and hope that your memories of KSOTA are happy ones; be sure to keep in touch!

Finally, as the term winds down, Miss Kerry asks that you return any resources you no longer need and contact your classroom teacher/s if you need more reading books to keep your student going over the holidays.

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

Next Assembly:  
Friday 8th April

Hi to all Kimberley School of the Air families.

My name is Paul White and this year I'm hoping to fly in and catch up with most families over the next three months. I've been operating a flying ministry carrying chaplaincy in schools up here for over 21 years now, I am happily married with 4 adult children and 13 Grandchildren.



At this stage we have two Jabiru J230 aircraft and one 172 Cessna, I am a pilot and also carry out our own engineering and servicing of our planes, I have another pilot that also helps carry out chaplaincy with me called Paul Marais, we are both registered & trained chaplains with the education department through YouthCARE W.A. and over the next few years he will join in and help to carry on this work.

The last two years have been very difficult to carry out our chaplaincy visitation with Covid in 2020 then in 2021 I had a serious illness that stopped me from flying for most of the year, however I'm all clear now and looking forward to meeting some of the new and old students.



I'm planning on commencing flights next week weather permitting.

When I receive the list from KSOTA of stations and communities with students, I will then give you a call, if you would like a visit from me I'll work out a list of dates to visit you and send it on to KSOTA so that they also know where I'm going and if you need anything taken out on those days you just need to contact me on 0419952464 or email [plbapderby@bigpond.com](mailto:plbapderby@bigpond.com).

God bless,  
Paul White  
Chaplain

### 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.**

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| 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

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

### **CAMP FEES**

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| <b>Home Tutors Seminar</b> | \$20 per Student K-6 |
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| <b>Cancelled</b> | \$35 per Adult |
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| <b>Term 4 Camp Whole School</b> | \$20 per Student K-6 |
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| December 7th - 11th 2022 | \$35 per Adult |
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### **Muster**

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| Years 4-6 | \$650 per Student |
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### **Civics Camp (Perth)**

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| Years 5-6 | \$650 per Student (payable to the P&C) |
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| August 1st - 5th 2022 |  |
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